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## **Capone's Billiard Lounge to host the WPBA Regional Tour Championships**

The Women's Professional Billiard Association (WPBA) is pleased to announce the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Tour Championships, to be held February 29 – March 2, 2008, at Capone's Billiard Lounge in Spring Hill, FL. Sixty-four women from across the country have earned a spot in this exciting event from their respective Regional Tour point standings. The battle will determine who will become the 2008 Regional Tour Champion...and win the benefits associated with this title.

The WPBA is globally recognized as the premier competitive tour for professional female players. Women come from all around the world to compete on the WPBA tour. Our "Top 10" currently includes players from England, Ireland, Korea, China, Sweden, and the USA.

In order to play in a WPBA event, players must "graduate" through a qualifying system. There are currently 10 WPBA-recognized Regional Tours across the country. These Regional Tours are the grass-roots program for the WPBA organization, providing up-and-coming female players with a competitive circuit to sharpen their skills and earn the right to play in WPBA events. Each Regional Tour holds qualifying tournaments throughout the year, with the winner of each qualifier securing a paid entry into a WPBA Classic Tour event. It is tough work to win a qualifier, and most players feel blessed if they can win more than one in a season.

In 2001, the WPBA created the Regional Tour Championships, a tournament where the best players from each regional tour come together to decide who the cream of the crop is. The idea behind the Regional Tour Championships was to recognize the importance of our Regional Tour system and to reward the winner for being the best of the bunch. The prize they are competing for? Paid entries into each WPBA Classic event for an entire year...giving the winner an opportunity to earn points and secure her Exempt status on the WPBA tour.

Capone's Billiard Lounge hosted the event in 2007, and the owner, Rocky, is looking forward to having the players back again this year. Capone's is located at 10463 County Line Rd., Spring Hill, FL 34609. (352) 688-9965

For additional information about the Regional Tour Championships, please contact the WPBA office at 615-859-WPBA (9722).