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## NEW WPBA REGIONAL TOUR TO DEBUT IN FLORIDA

West Palm Beach, Fla. – July 06, 2009 – Women in Florida have a new venue by which to qualify for the WPBA. It's the new Flamingo Billiards Tour, and it will host its premiere event on August 15, 2009 at Ultimate Billiards in Fort Pierce, Fla.

The Flamingo Billiards Tour is Florida's only WPBA qualifier, filling the void left by the Ladies Spirit Tour, co-founded by Heather Barkley and Bonnie Coats. Mimi McAndrews, a former Spirit Tour player, is the coordinator of the Flamingo Billiards Tour. "We were all sad to see the Spirit Tour close," McAndrews said. "It won't be easy to fill Heather's shoes, but I am going to do my best to keep women's 9-ball and the WPBA-qualifying process alive and well in Florida."

The Flamingo Billiards Tour will hold at least four events in 2009, with specific dates and locations to be confirmed. The August event is open to all professional and amateur players and is a one-day, \$500 added, modified double-elimination event.

The tournament marks the last opportunity for players to qualify directly to a 2009 WPBA event. The winner of the August tournament, or highest non-exempt finisher, will receive an automatic invitation and paid entry to the WPBA Colorado Classic in September.

For more information on the August 15<sup>th</sup> tournament, please visit [www.flamingobilliardstour.com](http://www.flamingobilliardstour.com).

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