

J.Pechauer and Raxx Billiards

New York State Championships

Raxx Bar & Grill (www.raxxpoolroom.com) was the host for the J.Pechauer NorthEast Women's tour with 25 women coming from as far as Turkey to compete for the NY State 9-ball Championship title on May 2nd & 3rd.

Holden Chen, the proprietor of Raxx, was a very gracious host. His room features great food with a full menu and full bar. The fantastic food, the equipment, and the friendly wait staff and room management really made this event enjoyable. Raxx added \$1500 toward the prize fund, which included a paid qualifier spot for the 2009 United States 9-Ball Open being held in Oklahoma.

The competition proved to be challenging right from the start, in which some of the round one the match ups included My-Hanh Lac and Emily Duddy with My-Hanh losing on the hill 7-6, sending her to the one loss side earlier than she is used to. Emily had a great tournament and posted wins over Pam Ogarek, Caroline Pao and Erin McManus. Another round one upset was completed by Mindy Rodriguez (manager at Raxx) who sent Gail Glazebrook to the one loss side 7-6. This was Mindy's first competition and she finished 9-12th. Congratulations Mindy for a great event. I'm sure we will be seeing more of Mindy Rodriguez. There were many great matches throughout the two day event including Briana Miller with a victory over Linda Shea sending her to the 1-loss side.

The hot seat match saw Briana Miller taking on her friend and training partner Megan Smith. Megan took an early lead and Briana started to chip away at that as she learned that she earned the qualifying spot for the US Open when My-Hanh Lac defeated Emily Duddy on the adjoining table. Megan was able to hold off the challenge and won the set 7-4.

My-Hanh continued her winning streak on the B side of the chart by finishing off Briana 7-2. The final battled back and forth to 5-5 with both pros determined to become the NY State Champ. My-Hahn fought to extend the race and actually won the battle 9-6.

We also had a raffle with prizes awarded to Naomi Fingerhut, Colleen Shoop and Tony!

Our next stop will be Castle Billiards May 23th & 24st, but we will hope to return to Raxx Bar & Grill.

Come out and join us...See you there!!!!

Winner – My-Hahn Lac	\$700
Runner up – Megan Smith	\$480
3 rd – Briana Miller + Qualifier for US Open	\$340
4 th - Emily Duddy	\$240
5 th /6 th – Erin McManus, Linda Shea	\$130
7 th /8 th – Holly Sholes, Gail Glazebrook	\$80

