

Kim White finalizes plans for the 2009 Lone Star Billiards Tour

Kim White, WPBA touring professional, has finalized plans for the “Lone Star Billiards Tour,” which will hold six open tournaments this year in the Greater Houston Area. Kim ventured into independent tournament promotions in 2008, and the 2009 tour is an extension of her early success. She has also sanctioned the tour with the WPBA.

“The Houston area is a hotspot for pool,” the native Houstonian says. “My objective is to offer a low entry fee that will attract players of different calibers and provide nice payouts to one quarter of the field.”

A unique aspect of the Lone Star Billiards Tour is that the events will be divided among three types of tables: 7-foot bar tables, 8-foot standard tables, and 9-foot professional tables.

Kim now has the three poolrooms committed to her tour, and she has finalized the schedule for the remainder of 2009.



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The venues are:

- Rose Country Club – This poolroom has the atmosphere of an old-fashioned Texas roadhouse. It offers eighteen 7-foot Valley bar tables.
- Bogies Billiards and Games – This poolroom is urban in design and is considered to be one of the best in Houston. It offers eighteen 8-foot standard-size Gandy tables.
- Casper’s Billiards – This poolroom is located southeast of Houston in San Leon, and it overlooks Galveston Bay. A magazine poll in 2008 listed it among the Top 10 new poolrooms in the nation, and it offers fourteen professional-size Brunswick tables.

“I’m extremely pleased with the response so far,” Kim says. “The three poolroom owners have welcomed us, and they’ve supported this new tour by personally adding to the prize money. And I’m particularly appreciative of the participation by professionals, such as Charlie Bryant and Shawn Putnam, as well as the many local and regional players who’ve come out. In the three tournaments we’ve held this year, we’ve had no problem in filling out our 64-player brackets.”

After the first three stops on the Lone Star Billiards Tour, the Top 10 players are as follows:

1 st Stop	2 nd Stop	3 rd Stop
Bogies	Rose CC	Bogies

<u>Player Ranking</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>8-foot Jan 2009</u>	<u>7-foot Mar 2009</u>	<u>8-foot Apr 2009</u>
1. Charlie Bryant	600	250	100	250
2. Lanny Herrin	325	25	250	50
3. Nick Hood	275	75	200	0
4. Claude Marrier	200	200	0	0
Shane Van Boening	200	0	0	0
6. Doug Young	175	25	125	25
7. Manuel Ayala	150	150	0	0
Danny Tam	150	0	150	0
James Christopher	150	0	0	150
10. James Davis, Jr.	125	125	0	0
Bill Igel	125	75	50	0
Eric Olivio	125	50	75	0
Shawn Putnam	125	0	0	125

The next stop on the 2009 Lone Star Billiards Tour will be on June 6 and 7, at Casper's Billiards in San Leon, Texas.

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