

The rooms and months are set, but the exact dates are not as the WPBA has yet to set their schedule. Already three dates are qualifiers and others may be added. Keep checking NWPAtour.com for updates. Also, Tamre' announced that a formal Board of Directors would be reformed, and that anyone interested could apply by sending in a resume on line. The existing ad hoc committee of Tamre' as President and Chris Rogers, Ford, and Julie Valdez would stay, along with the great work of Carol Mellors as Financial Advisor, though whether as a board member or not is up to her. The number of members will be determined by the qualified and committed applicants, and while the benefits may be small, the work is extremely rewarding.

But enough of this, it's the tourney itself that's interesting, and both days were that. Any T.D. worth their salt will tell you that they have no favorite players, just favorite scores, and hill – hill matches or big comebacks rank very low on our scale. You see, we just want to write a name up and move along. But Saturday, it was nothing but all of the above, brutally so, which shows that the competition was at a very high level, and players were keeping an eye on the final rankings and the WPBA spot for 2009. Being second, third, etc can be very important later, you never know what may fall your way. On Sunday, however, play started with Suzanne Osborne over Janie Reckard 7-4 and Mikki Small squeaking past Tamre' Rogers 7-6 (another hill-hill) to play in the A side finals, and Suzanne got that one 7-3. This meant that on the B side, Janie played June Maiers from Minnesota, and June won 7-2, plus Mary Hopkin did the same to Tamre' 7-3. These two then played for the right go to the finals. June capitalized on several uncharacteristic misses by Mary, and won 7-4. The finals, one race to 9, was led by June early, and she got on the hill first at 8-6, but then a reprieve and a fortuitous bank on the nine got Suzanne to 8-7. Another opening led to her running out the rack to tie it up at 8-8 (did you have any doubt). Sometimes we forget how important the lag can be, but there is a big advantage since the winner breaks in tied matches, and Suzanne did what we all dream of doing by making the 9 on the break to win the finals and securing a paid entry to her first WPBA tournament. To see her jumping up and down for joy, or just the radiant happiness on her face, was a true pleasure, and makes all the hard work we do worth the while.

Congratulations also to June for a great tourney and even better playing. Also to Liz Cole, who qualified for the WPBA Classic Tour Stops in 2009 by finishing first in the 2008 standings. Thanks to all who helped this year (you know who you are), but especially to Darrell Schulden for his volunteer work on the shot clocking. We hope to get your help next year, it was invaluable. We encourage all of you to return next year with the goal of bringing at least one friend who has never been involved in the NWPA, whether as player or spectator.

Please visit our website regularly for more information concerning Board Members and dates for our 2009 Season.

See you in March!

Chris Rogers & Ford - Tournament Directors

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1 st	Suzanne Osborne	\$457 + 2009 WPBA Spot
2 nd	June Maiers	\$300
3 rd	Mikki Small	\$200
4 th	Mary Hopkin	\$160
5/6	Tamre Rogers	\$ 95
	Janie Reckard	\$ 95
7/8	Kit Dennis	\$ 75
	Liz Cole	\$ 75
9-12	Cindy Sliva	\$ 45
	Vikkie Knutson	\$ 45
	Shari Ross	\$ 45
	Linda Carter	\$ 45