

CHINOOK WINDS CASINO RESORT

Top Professional Female Billiards Players Return to Chinook Winds

National 9-Ball Championship Brings Renowned Players to Oregon

Allison Fisher, Karen Corr, Jennifer Barretta, and 60 more of the world's top female billiards players are scheduled to appear in Lincoln City on Nov. 9-13 when the ladies of the Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) compete in the Cuetec Cues National 9-Ball Championship at Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

The tension will be high and the playing will be tough. But for die-hard fans, recent admirers, and those who are just curious, this is an event that can't be missed. This opportunity provides those who watch the matches on ESPN the chance to see them live and in person.

Last year, audience members were on the edge of their seats as second-ranked Karen Corr from Ireland and sixth-ranked Gerda Hoffstatter from Austria battled it out to see who would end the year as the WPBA 9-ball champion. Corr sank six balls in row in the final game to become the champion and earn enough points to win the 2004 world title.

This year, Allison Fisher has moved to the No. 1 ranking in the world and Karen Corr is a close second. With Kelly Fisher currently ranked fourth and Gerda Hoffstatter in the No. 6 spot, who will get to the finals is anyone's guess.

Jeanette Lee, aka "The Black Widow," is the only top player not scheduled to compete this year as she continues to recover from back surgery in August. Lee will not return to the tour until February 2006. She currently is ranked No. 7.

On Nov. 9 at 7 p.m., the Pro-Am Celebrity Shootout will benefit My Sisters' Place, a local shelter for women and children. At this pay-to-play event, members of the public can bid to play against or with one of the ladies of the WPBA. All ticket and bid monies collected will be donated to My Sister's Place. Last year's shootout event raised almost \$6,000.



Above: Allison Fisher, currently ranked No. 1
Below: Karen Corr, defending champion

Schedule/Ticket Prices

Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

Pro-Am Celebrity Shootout

Proceeds benefit My Sisters' Place

VIP (includes reception) \$25
General Admission \$10

Nov. 10-11

Cuetec Cues WPBA National 9-Ball Tournament

Day Session 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$5
Evening Sess. 5:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. \$5

Nov. 12

Cuetec Cues WPBA National 9-Ball Tournament

Day Session 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$7
Evening Sess. 5:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. \$7

Nov. 13

Cuetec Cues WPBA National 9-Ball Tournament

Semi-Final #1 1 p.m.
Semi-Final #2 3 p.m.
Championship Finals 5 p.m.
One ticket good for all three matches \$25



Chinook Winds Donates \$10,000 to Katrina Relief for Mississippi Fire Station

Chinook Winds Casino Resort has adopted the small coastal city of Bay St. Louis, Miss., as part of the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts by donating a minimum of \$10,000 to its fire station.

It became apparent following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina that many small towns had been lost in the shuffle. Chinook Winds representatives set about to change all that.

An exhaustive search brought to light the small coastal town of Bay St. Louis. In that town of 8,209 (similar in size to Lincoln City), the Bay St. Louis Fire Department functions as one of the town's main sources of emergency help.

"I looked up Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, on the Internet and searched for the

fire department and called the number. Lieutenant Rusty Necaie answered the phone and that is where it all started," said casino publicist Heather Hatton.

The deputy chief and assistant chief set up a fund called the Bay St. Louis Firemen's Katrina Fund, where all the money raised will go. This is an opportunity for Chinook Winds and

Lincoln City to really make a difference for those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Of the 23 members of the fire department, 19 either suffered damage to their homes or lost them entirely. The firefighters who need help currently are living at the station or in trailers set up by FEMA so they can still work and help their community.

Examples of losses suffered by fire department members are: Deputy Chief Pam San Fillippo who, with no flood insurance, lost her home, all its contents, and one vehicle, with another vehicle damaged, and who is currently living at the station; Captain Stanley Necaie, who has flood damage with most contents and one vehicle lost, no flood insurance, and who also is living at the station; and part-time secretary/dispatch Gail Nami, whose home suffered flooding with most contents lost, one vehicle lost and one damaged, and who has no flood insurance.

"I don't know how you found out about us, but I'm glad you did. There aren't enough words to say thank you,"

said Bay St. Louis Fire Deputy Chief Pam San Fillippo.

Not only has Chinook Winds pledged a minimum of \$10,000 to this fund, but casino employees and guests are helping out as well. Employees can donate through payroll deductions and/or donate to the drum available to the public in the front lobby of the casino.

Many people are putting in their winning tickets in addition

to money and can continue to do so until mid-November, when the funds will be gathered and sent to Bay St. Louis.

Anyone interested in contributing to the relief effort for the Bay St. Louis Firemen's Katrina Fund can stop by the casino lobby and drop a donation into the bin.

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