

WPBA national tournament returns to Chinook Winds

The top 48 female billiards players in the world are scheduled to appear in Lincoln City, Ore., on Nov. 7-11 as the ladies of the Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) will compete in the WPBA Tour Championships 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 won't disappoint. This opportunity provides those who watch the matches on ESPN the chance to see these ladies of the felt live and in person.

On Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., the Pro-Am Celebrity Shootout will benefit the Taft High Booster Club, a local non-profit group benefitting high school athletics.

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 the Taft High School Booster Club.

The main event begins on Nov. 8, when all 48 competitors will complete

double-elimination rounds, playing toward the semi-final and final matches on Nov. 11. The semi-final and final matches will be taped by ESPN for three one-hour national broadcasts.

This championship is a major stop on the Women's Pro Billiard Tour, the culminating event of each tour season.

Slated to compete are the best-known names in the world of women's pro billiards, including European and world champion Jasmin Ouschan; famed "Black Widow" Jeanette Lee; reigning world 9-Ball champion "Kwikfire" Kelly Fisher; reigning world 10-Ball champion Ga-Young Kim, aka "Little Devil Girl;" BCA Hall of Famer and reigning U.S. Open champion Allison Fisher; and newly inducted BCA Hall of Famer, the "Irish Invader" Karen Corr; as well as local favorite Liz Cole of Portland, Ore.

About the WPBA

The WPBA was established in 1976 as the Women's Professional Billiard Alli-

ance and celebrated its 35th anniversary in 2011 as the oldest pro player organization in the sport.

The WPBA sanctions and produces the Women's Pro Billiard Tour, which features ESPN-televised events between the world's greatest women players. Visit wpba.com for more.

The WPBA Classic Tour is sponsored by the American Poolplayers Association (the world's largest pool league), Diamond Billiards (tables), Iwan Simonis (cloth), Delta 13 (racks), Pooldawg (online supplies) and Aramith (balls).

Courtesy photo

Ga-Young Kim, defending champion of the WPBA Tour Championships



Courtesy photos

Jasmin Ouschan (left) and Allison Fisher

Schedule and Ticket Prices

Nov. 7, 7 p.m.

Pro-Am Celebrity Shootout (proceeds benefit Taft High Booster Club)
General Admission (prices are viewing only) \$15

Nov. 8

WPBA Tour Championships
Day Session Competitions 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$10
Evening Session Competitions 6:30 p.m.-midnight \$15
All-Day Pass (save \$5) \$20

Nov. 9

WPBA Tour Championships
Day Session Competitions 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$10
Evening Session Competitions 6:30 p.m.-midnight \$15
All-Day Pass (save \$5) \$20

Nov. 10

WPBA Tour Championships, Quarterfinals
Day Session Competitions 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$10
Evening Session Competitions 6:30 p.m.-midnight \$15
All-Day Pass Only \$30

Nov. 11

WPBA Tour Championships, Championship Round, 1-7 p.m.; ESPN Taping
Semi-final #1 1 p.m.
Semi-final #2 3 p.m. (after Semi #1)
Championship Final 5 p.m. (after Semi #2)
All-day pass (good for all three matches) \$30
Four-Day Pass (Thurs - Sun) \$75

Vince Neil, Great White share stage

Enjoy two incredible shows in one when heavy metal superstars Vince Neil and Great White perform back-to-back each night at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Nov. 2-3.

An international superstar, accomplished businessman and philanthropist, Neil and his unmistakable voice lead some of the greatest rock songs of this generation, including *Shout at the Devil*, *Home Sweet Home*, *Girls Girls Girls*, *Dr. Feelgood*, *Kickstart My Heart*, *Same Ol Situation* and the newer *Saints of Los Angeles*, which was nominated for a Grammy Award in 2009 for Best Hard Rock Performance.

In addition to selling 80 million records worldwide as the frontman for Mötley Crüe, Neil began his career as a solo artist in 1993. His albums *Exposed* (which reached No. 13 on the Billboard 200 albums chart) and *Carved In Stone* have spurred the hits *You're Invited (But Your Friend Can't Come)*, *Can't Have Your Cake* and *Sister of Pain*.

Neil released his latest solo album, *Tattoos & Tequila*, in June 2010. This refreshed collection of classics consists of nine hand-picked influential covers, as well as two new tracks, *Tattoos & Tequila* and *Another Bad Day*.

The title song for the album captures Neil's signature sound with a contemporary feel that has been compared to such current acts as Cavo and Godsmack.

Great White's love and passion for its music has never faltered. Recharged and refocused, Great White channels its raw,

sweet and all-at-once dangerous sound into a newly released collection, *Elation*, the band's 12th studio album.

Elation thrives on Great White's signature grit and blues-hued sound marked with a new synergy. Featuring original members Mark Kendall (guitar), Michael Lardie (guitar, keyboards) and Audie Desbrow (drums), joined by lead singer Terry Ilous and bassist Scott Snyder, the group emerged unscathed from late 2011 band member changes.

Best known for the 1989 smash *Once Bitten*, *Twice Shy*, Great White's song arsenal also includes *Rock Me*, *Save Your Love*, *The Angel Song*, *Mistabone* and more.

Show time is 8 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$20 to \$35.



Courtesy photos

Vince Neil (above) and Great White

