



**WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL
BILLIARD ASSOCIATION**

For Immediate Release

Contact: Vicki Paski

517.627.8441

vpaski@aol.com

Harold Simonsen, Shari Stauch Inducted into WPBA Hall of Fame

Harold Simonsen and Shari Stauch were inducted into the Women's Professional Billiard Association Hall of Fame on November 7, 2007, at the WPBA annual awards banquet on the eve of the Cuetec Cues Tour Championship at Chinook Woods Casino in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Simonsen and Stauch are the founders and owners of *Pool & Billiard Magazine*.

“It is so fitting that these two people who were instrumental in forming Classic Tour be elected to join the illustrious list of prior inductees into the WPBA Hall of Fame,” said Belinda Calhoun, herself a Hall of Fame member. “So much of the success we see today is a direct result of their tireless efforts, sacrifice, and resolve for advancing our sport. The contributions made by Harold and Shari help provide us all the opportunity to pursue our goals and our passion.”

Shari Stauch served as Secretary to the WPBA for seven years from 1989 to 1995, launched the WPBA's PR program, assisted in the launch of the Classic Tour and negotiated the tour's first ESPN coverage. She was the Secretary General of the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) and in 1998 served as the Public Relations Manager for the World Confederation of Billiard.

From 1990 to 1995, Shari served on the board of directors of the Billiard Congress of America,

chaired the BCA's Long Range Planning Committee, and from 1994 to 1995 became the founding president of the BCA's Billiard Education Foundation. She is the co-author of both *Precision Pool* and *The Pool Player's Edge*, and the new and expanded color edition of *Precision Pool* released November 15, 2007 to rave reviews. She is currently promoting an event in Charleston (January 18-19) on the Chix With Stix Teal Tour to benefit Ovarian Cancer research (www.chixwithstix.net).

Harold Simonsen served as president of the National Pool Classic Association (NPCA) from 1977 to 1983 and created *Pool & Billiard Magazine* in 1983. In 1990 and 1991, he served as founding president of the Professional Billiard Tour Association (PBTA) From 1993 to 1995, He was the tour designer and served as a consultant for the development of the WPBA's Classic Billiard Tour, which has resulted in the sport's leading and most broadcast televised events.

Other members of the Hall of Fame include Ruth McGinnis, Dorothy Wise, Sy and Dolly Ekstadt, Joe Farhat, Masako Katsura, Jean Balukas, Palmer Byrd, Madelyn Whitlow and Vicki Paski.

For more information on the WPBA Hall of Fame, contact Vicki Paski, Hall of Fame Committee, at 517.627.8441. For more information on Harold and Shari, visit www.poolmag.com and www.sharitheshark.com

###