

Eleanor Callado Wins Second Stop on WCWRT Tour



1st Eleanor Callado (\$480), Wayne Boucher, Broken Rack owner, 2nd Mary Rakin (\$315)

The second stop of the 2010 West Coast Women's Regional 9 Ball Tour (WCWRT) took place August 7 & 8 at The Broken Rack in Emeryville, CA—where they love women's pool. Forty-two women entered the main event, a new high for the Tour which is in just its second year. WCWRT expects to continue growing because it's clear that lots of women love playing competitive pool. Every WCWRT stop features a main event that is true double elimination, race to seven on both sides and a second chance tournament that is single elimination, race to five.

While WCWRT boasts several strong players, this tournament cemented the position of Eleanor Callado and Mary Rakin as the two playing best at this time. That is hardly surprising given that Eleanor won her WPBA tour exemption at the end of 2009 and Mary finished second at the WPBA Regional Tour Championship this February, losing only to the phenom from Taiwan, Shu-Han Chang. In a repeat of the first stop this year, Eleanor and Mary met in the hot seat match, with Eleanor prevailing 7-4. Over on the one-loss side, Mary faced Helen Gaughran. Helen was playing with lots of confidence; earlier that week she'd made her way through a field of 39 in The Broken Rack's First Tuesday, USPPA 9 Ball Tournament, ending just one game shy of the finals. In the women's event, Helen was in the final eight at the end of the first day and on Sunday morning, she beat Stacey Allsup of Las Vegas and Heather Pulford to meet Rakin for a chance to play in finals. But Mary seemed determined to get another shot at first place. Helen lost 1-7 ending her tournament run in third place.

Eleanor, as The Broken Rack's house pro, might be thought to have an advantage at this venue. But Mary is no stranger to the room, having played many events there over the years. San Francisco natives, both players had family, friends and fans in attendance—so a win by either player was bound to be popular. Mary got off to a fast start in the final match, building a lead of 5-2 before Eleanor reversed the momentum and closed to 5-5. Mary responded quickly by pocketing the 9 on the snap in the 11th game and then sinking a 3/9 combo in the 12th to take the match 7 – 5. In a repeat of the first stop finals, Eleanor had lost the hot seat advantage and had to face Mary a second time to determine the tournament winner. Maintaining her composure, Eleanor rose to the occasion with a 7-3 victory, her second first place finish in as many stops. The final eight players and their prize money were:

1	\$480	Eleanor Callado
2	\$315	Mary Rakin
3	\$235	Helen Gaughran
4	\$160	Heather Pulford
5/6	\$120	Linda Miyoshi
5/6	\$120	Stacy Allsup
7/8	\$80	Revelina Morales
7/8	\$80	Linda Carter

Twenty players returned Sunday for the Second Chance event. Holly Robinson met in the finals of that tournament, winning 5-1.

The top eight finishers were:

1	\$100	Holly Robinson
2	\$60	Emilyn Callado
3/4	\$35	Peggy Shen
3/4	\$35	Tracy Palma
5/8	\$10	A Aiem-Sa-Ard
5/8	\$10	Julie Baker
5/8	\$10	Bonnie Plowman
5/8	\$10	Jess Quinata



Emily Callado 2nd and Holly Robinson 1st

While Callado and Rakin have dominated at the top of the main event, the rest of the results tell a different story. Linda Carter is the only other player to make the final eight of the main event at both stops. None of the top four finishers in the second chance tournament at the first stop were in the final eight of the second chance tournament at this stop. At any WCWRT stop many players have a chance to hit the board in one of the two tournaments and take home some cash.

The WCWRT thanks The Broken Rack and additional sponsor Hugh Groman Catering—find out how they make catering eco-friendly at www.greenleafplatters.com. All 42 players appeared to have a great time. Next stop on the Tour will be at South First Billiards in San Jose, Sep. 11 & 12. Women can join the Tour at any stop and this year women can choose to pay a one-stop membership fee of just \$10. Entry fee is \$30 and includes entry in the Second Chance tournament for those players not in the final eight of the main event. For more information see our ad on page ____ or visit our website www.westcoastwomensregionaltour.com.