

## Press Release – 2007 PPPO European Tour

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Following the success of the first year, when the European Professional Pool Tour paid out over £50,000 in prize money and our professionals featured in 3 televised events, we are pleased to announce the full schedule for the 2007 season. Including 2 brand new events!

The European Tour welcomes Bronwen Ward who has been co-opted on to the Tour committee as acting tour secretary to aid communication. It is hoped this position will be ratified at this year's AGM. The European Tour committee have arranged the purchase of a new arena to surround the feature table. All being well this will be seen at the first event in Derby.

The format of the TV events has changed. Players playing in TV events will now be determined by the latter stages of the main tour events rather than the professional events, meaning even new amateurs have the chance of fame under the camera lights!

<b>Event One</b>	<b>Heritage Hotel</b>	<b>Derby</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> January</b>
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The Halmarc Masters returns to the Heritage Hotel for the first event. The hotel has now completed its refurbishment. Amateurs will play in the main tour and the amateur cup whilst the professionals will play in the main tour and the Hallmarc Masters.

Rooms will be around £30 per person per night based on two sharing or £35 for a single room – bed and breakfast basis.

Players should contact Terry Elliot on 07878 067525 to make booking arrangements.

**Venue Details:** Heritage Hotel, Macklin Street, Derby, De1 1LF,  
<http://www.eurhotels.co.uk/231784-Heritage-Hotel.aspx>

<b>Event Two</b>	<b>Ommaroo Hotel</b>	<b>Jersey</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February</b>
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The second event of the year will see us back at Jersey for the 24<sup>th</sup> successive year. The friendly surroundings and party atmosphere have ensured the success of the Jersey Festival of Pool over the years and mean that it is fully booked each and every year.

The tour event will take place on the weekend before the festival. Rooms are charged at £80 per person for all three nights including breakfast. The main Jersey festival begins on the Sunday and players can book on to that and compete for a further £16,000 of prize money by paying a further £159.00.

Players are encouraged to book early to avoid disappointment. Players should also get in early with flights. One player managed to book a Gatwick to Jersey flight a few days ago for £60 all inclusive return.

For further details, contact Howard Miller on 07976 945327 or visit the Jersey website at:  
[www.jersey.uk8ball.net](http://www.jersey.uk8ball.net)

**Event Three Pontin's Holiday Park Prestatyn 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May**

The third event is the first of the new events and will take place at Pontin's Holiday Park in Prestatyn. Pontin's Parks are putting up a superb £30,000 prize fund for a combined snooker and pool festival weekend. Accommodation starts at just £110 for a 1-bed apartment sleeping three for the whole week (ie, from £5.25 per person per night) from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and leaving Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June (its half term weekend).

Entry in to all tournaments is completely free of charge.

The European Tour event will be a feature of the first weekend but Players are encouraged to stay for the whole week's events!

Contact details will follow before the end of November.

Venue Details: Prestatyn Sands Holiday Centre, Central Beach, Barkby Avenue, Prestatyn, Denbighshire, North Wales LL19 7LA.  
<http://www.pontins.com/centres/prestatynsands/index.php>

**Event Four TBA Coventry 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> July**

As last year, the World Professional Masters will follow on from the Pub Pool Challenge. The date is confirmed in the diary with **Sky Sports**, so that is firm, however, the venue has not yet been confirmed but will be in the Coventry area.

We will keep all Players up to date with developments but anyone wishing clarification on this event should contact Tony Batch on 07808 912783.

**Event Five The Villa Marina Isle of Man Late September**

The fifth event of the year will be at the European Blackball Association European Championships on the Isle of Man, as it was for last season. Exact dates and details are still being finalised for this event, however, as last year, it will be at the end of September or early October.

Again, we will keep all Players up to date with developments but anyone wishing clarification on this event should contact Ross McInnes of International Sports Promotions on 07749 550440.

Venue Details: <http://www.gov.im/villagaiety>

**Event Six TBC England 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Professional Only Event**

The Chairman's Professional Cup will be held on the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2006. This event will be available to all current professionals and any amateurs achieving professional status in the 2007 season. The 2007 Annual General Meeting will be held the same weekend.

## How to Join the PPPO European Tour

New players should visit <http://www.pppo.net/join.php> and download an entry form. Terry Elliot, the tournament director will then contact you to make arrangements. Existing Players should also complete a form and send it to:

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