

IBA 2009 - 22-25 October, Hull, England

The IBA Committee is delighted to announce that the 2009 Championships will be held in Hustlers Pool Hall, Kingston Upon Hull which has been owned and operated for the last 6 years by Phill & Mag who are no strangers to staging pool events having already hosted two IPA ladies pro tour events, the Yorkshire grand prix and the Humberside Open, to name but a few. Having visited and played in the venue 2 or 3 times over the last 3 years I can assure you that Phill & Mag are wonderful hosts. They have 13 very-well-cared-for tables of an excellent standard which, they have advised, will be re-covered especially for our event and new pool balls will be provided. Hot food will be available throughout the event, there is a bar area with a great atmosphere which I'm sure will be well used, and Phill & Mags are happy to do whatever they can to help make our 3rd annual championship event a major success. With 13 tables, play should not be so hectic as it has been over the previous 2 years, so that will allow for more time to relax and/or socialise.

Accommodation has been secured for all players just over the road at the Express by Holiday Inn, Ferensway Road, Kingston Upon Hull. Again, having stayed there in April, I can vouch for the standard of the hotel. It has a lovely big bar area where I am sure we will while away the small hours catching up with old friends and forging new ones. The standard is the same as we had in Dunfermline last year with lovely rooms so you are assured of a comfortable stay in good quality surroundings. The train station is just along the road, as are all the shops, cafes, bars, and clubs that you could want.

I'm sure, like me, you are all looking forward to the 2009 Championships and to welcoming the representatives of our newest nation, Tenerife. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sandra Pearson
IBA President