



Here we go again..... The women of the WPRO are back at the University of Miami February 26th to March 1st, 2009!

The [*Great Balls of Fire*](#) tournament now in its tenth year continues to draw record numbers of competitors from all over the globe. The event continues to grow strong as it again has teamed up with "[The American Breast Cancer Foundation](#)" in support of an organization devoted to helping women and men fight breast cancer through education, research, and diagnostic testing assistance programs. A portion of the proceeds raised will be donated through "Racquetball for Life" a partnership campaign designed to raise breast cancer awareness, prevention and detection through the sport of racquetball.

The American Breast Cancer Foundation founded in 1997 is a national 501(c)3 tax exempt organization providing women and men in financial need, regardless of age or race, access to breast cancer early diagnosis, to assist patients and their families, and to support research. The organization has provided direct financial assistance to tens of thousands of woman and men in need of diagnostic testing to rule out or confirm breast cancer and begin treatment. We encourage you to attend this great event and join us in supporting this worthy cause.....

The tournament kicks off with the sponsor doubles competition on Thursday night. The Sponsor Doubles event on Thursday, February 26th is held for contributors to the event where sponsors are paired up with top players from the WPRO for a fun evening of doubles, photo ops and followed up by some *post game analysis*.... at the local bar and grill.

The South Florida racquetball community continues to welcome back the tour's top ranked stars as they compete at the 10th Annual Great Balls of Fire Tournament at the University of Miami's Wellness Center. The Great Balls of Fire Tournament is an amateur event featuring top competitors from the South Florida area and across the country. The tournament will feature rising stars such as [Paola Longoria](#) of Sa Luis Potosi, Mexico and 16 year old [Veronica Sotomayor](#) of Ecuador. Top-ranked veterans such as [Angela Grisar](#) of Santiago, Chile and last year's champion, [Rhonda Rajsich](#) of Phoenix, AZ, currently ranked number one will also be competing for the title. The [WPRO](#) event features players from all over the world including US, Canada, Mexico and Chile. Fans are in for some high-level fast pace racquetball played by both amateur and professional players in a variety of styles.

Lynne Olvey one of the founders of this event ten years ago and a current director continues to be very excited and proud of how the event has grown. The continued success of the tournament has contributed to the growth and development of the [UM Racquetball Club](#); Olvey's original purpose when she began the event 10 years ago. A portion of the proceeds raised at the event goes directly to the UM Racquetball Club to help fuel the collegiate program at the university. Olvey is also very excited that this year's event will continue to have a collegiate division where the UM players will get an opportunity to show their progress as they compete with various universities and colleges from Florida.

Co-director and player [Vivian Gomez](#), whose company [PROEDGE GROUP](#) is one of the main sponsors, along with a variety of local sponsors such as [La Cubanita](#) products, [Flagler Dog Track](#), [Arch & McMorris Wealth Management Group](#). Roman Brand Italian Sausage, share in the vision of promoting women's racquetball and supporting grass roots programs in the South Florida area.

The Women's Pro competition begins on Friday, February 27th with the round of 32 at Noon. The semifinals are set for 4PM and 6PM Saturday evening. The championship match will be held on Sunday at Noon. You can follow the tournament by visiting: greatballsoffireproam.com or view it live at Racquetballonline.tv. We again encourage you to attend this great event and join the South Florida racquetball community in supporting this worthy cause.....