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Annual Texas Open 2005 "Labor Day" - A Great Success

September 1-5, 2005, Taz Country Sports Bar, Pflugerville/Austin, Texas

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Austin/Pflugerville, Texas (September 1-5, 2005):

The Annual Texas Open 2005 tournament was held again this year at Taz Country Sports Bar in Pflugerville (Austin area). Play was on 9 boards (4 home boards; 4 rented boards from Champion Shuffleboard; and 1 prior home board which is stored for an extra when needed). All players paid a \$5 board fee which gave all players free play (no quarters required) for the week. The rented boards came in with reset buttons and Gene Criminger (Taz Country owner) installed reset buttons on the in-house boards. Players and staff alike were glad not to have to deal with change and quarters.

Total registrations (61) were down some from last year with gas prices and plane tickets being at a premium and the gulf coast hurricane Katrina, etc., but the payouts were good (\$26, 421) and everyone seemed to have a great time. The tournament kicked off with warm-up practice and robins on Wednesday and the scheduled events started on Thursday. Event Winners were: (Rating follows name)



A-B Draw Div I: (Thursday, Sept. 1st: -1's thru 1's)

1st Place: (sponsored by Gene Criminger - left)
Dave Ramold (-0.30) of Houston (center) &
Alfred Suarez (0.59) of Flatonia (right)



A-B Draw Div I: (Thursday, Sept. 1st: -1's thru 1's)

2nd Place: (sponsored by self)
Harvey Kidd (-0.43) of Houston (left) &
Jim Kosiske (1.13) of Omaha, Nebraska (right)



A-B Draw Div II: (Thursday, Sept. 1st: 2's thru 4's)

1st Place: (sponsored by Dave Ramold - right)
Craig White (1.85) of Pflugerville (left) &
Angie Snyder (2.58) of San Antonio (right)

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A-B Draw Div II: (Thursday, Sept. 1st: 2's thru 4's)

2nd Place: (sponsored by self)
George Best (2.51) of San Antonio (left) &
Becky Foster (3.20) of Leander (right)



A-B Draw Div II: (Thursday, Sept. 1st: 2's thru 4's)

3rd Place: (sponsored by George Best - center)
Lilly Kidd (1.76) of Houston (left) &
Lyndon "Coach" Baize (2.66) of Austin (right)

4-Person Draft Team: (Friday, Sept. 2nd)



1st Place (L-R): (sponsored by Holly Nance - right)
Debbie Sexton (1.99) of San Antonio; Dave Ramold (-0.30) of
Houston (captain); Sue Baird (2.98) of Houston;
Randy Rogers (1.50) of Baytown; w/ sponsor Holly Nance



2nd Place (L-R): (sponsored by Craig White - right)
George Best (2.51) of San Antonio; Charles Peltier (1.61)
of Dayton; Becky Foster (3.20) of Leander; Mike Taylor
(-1.10) of Pflugerville (captain); w/ sponsor Craig White



3rd Place (L-R): (sponsored by Angie Snyder)
Lyndon Baize (2.66) of Austin; Anfie Snyder (sponsor);
Tony Fiumara (1.25) of Georgetown (back center);
Wayne Hammond (1.21) of Houston (captain); &
Missy Van Hecke (2.62) of San Antonio

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Open Singles Div I: (Saturday, Sept. 3rd)



1st Place: (sponsored by "Pooch")
Kelly Cameron (-0.63) of Houston/Dayton (right)
2nd Place: (sponsored by Randy Rogers)
Dave Ramold (-0.30) of Houston (left)



3rd Place: (sponsored by Ron McMahan - right)
Billy Mays (-0.70) of Dallas (left)

Singles Div II: (1's & up) (Saturday, Sept. 3rd)



1st Place (Above):
(sponsored by self)
Jim Kosiske (1.13)
of Omaha, Nebraska

2nd Place (Above):
(sponsored by "Pooch")
Charles Peltier (1.61)
of Dayton (right)



3rd Place: (sponsored by "Pooch")
Doug Paben (0.80) of Florida (right)

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Singles Div III: (3's & up) (Saturday, Sept. 3rd)



1st Place (Left):
(sponsored by
Ronnie McMellon)
Bill Harman (left)
(3.0 unrated)
of Georgetown
w/ sponsor
Ronnie McMellon
(right)



2nd Place (Left):
(sponsored by
Harvey Kidd)
Angie Snyder (2.58)
of San Antonio



3rd Place (Left):
(sponsored by
Angie Snyder &
Holly Nance)
Holly Kofod (2.85)
of Cedar Park

Bring Partner Div I: (no two -1's) (Sunday, Sept. 4th)



1st Place: (sponsored by "Pooch")
Mike Taylor (-1.10) of Pflugerville (left) &
Doug Paben (0.80) of Florida (right)



2nd Place: (sponsored by Angie Snyder - center)
Dave Ramold (-0.30) of Houston (right) &
Alfred Suarez (0.59) of Flatonia (left)

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Bring Partner Div II (add to 3): (Sunday, Sept. 4th)



1st Place: (sponsored by "Pooch")
Ron Bowers (1.08) of Pflugerville (left) &
Randy Rogers (1.50) of Baytown (right)



2nd Place: (sponsored by Ron Bowers - center)
Cliff Visel (1.82) (left) & Craig White (1.85) (right)
Pflugerville Team



3rd Place: (sponsored by "Pooch")
Charles Peltier (1.61) of Dayton (right) &
Daniel Chapman (2.46) of Houston (left)

Bring Partner Div III (add to 6): (Sunday, Sept. 4th)



1st Place:
(sponsored by
"Pooch")
Lilly Kidd
(1.76) (right) &
Alex Galvez
(4.0 unrated)
(left) -
Houston
Team



2nd Place: (sponsored by Angie Snyder - right)
Becky Foster (3.20) & Guy Smarr (3.20)
LeanderTeam



3rd Place:
(sponsored by
Angie Snyder)
Bill Harman
(3.0 unrated)
(right)
& Donna
Harman
(4.0 unrated)
Georgetown
Team

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Some of the Texas Open Staff Photos



All-in-all we had a great time and are looking forward to next year's annual "Labor Day" tournament! Thanks to Don Valk for his many hours of helping get the tournament boards setup and adjusted and for donating the Federation Silicone spray. Thanks to Gene & Sarah Criminger (Taz Country owners) for their great hospitality and use of their facility and to Gene Criminger and Sean Sutton for their help with board setup and breakdown. Many thanks to the Moose Lodge and all others who did the cooking during the tournament and to the great Taz Country bartenders and staff for the great service. Great job!

Thanks to Tom French & Holly Nance for the great job with the brackets; to Lynda French & Holly Nance for computer registration entries; to Holly Kofod for assisting with the sponsor sale monies; to Linda Anthony & Connie Culver for assisting with registration monies; to Connie Culver for running the many robins each day and for helping with board maintenance daily.

Thanks to Harvey Kidd, Mike Taylor, and Flynt Preston for a great job running the sponsor sales.

Thanks to Ron and Debbie Bowers for their advise and for doing such a great job compiling the ratings which help tournament directors to offer fair and balanced competitive tournament formats.

We wish to thank all the players who attended and supported this year's tournament. A special thanks to our out-of-state attendees: Fritzi & Buddy Broka (of Bourbon, Indiana who were in Austin visiting with Cindy Moore, a long-time friend of theirs who also came to Taz with them) and to Jim Kosiske (of Omaha, Nebraska).

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*Many Thanks to Everyone!
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