

TEXAS OPEN 2007

Labor Day at THE POST - a Great Success!

AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

The Post, 601 W. Whitestone Blvd, Cedar Park, Texas

The annual Texas Open had a record attendance this year (128 registered, up from 99 registered last year). There were 23 unrated "Upcoming Pros" that joined the competition (check out the winner's circle where a number of the unrated players hit the winner's list! Congrats!). It was really great to see all the new players! Players came in from across Texas, Oklahoma, Maryland, Missouri, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Washington, Oregon and Canada to join the competition and fun this year. Thanks to all participants!

The tournament host (Ronnie McMellon, The Post Owner), extends a big thanks to all tournament staff: Ron & Debbie Bowers, Tom & Lynda French, Linda Nobles, and to Connie Culver & Connie Sitton (front desk help & robins), Melody Marine (front desk help) and to Rick McFarland & Mahlon Nobles (bracket backup) and to the tournament officials and sponsor sale volunteers (Harvey Kidd, Jimmy Britt, Mike Taylor). Tom French and Ron Bowers (and backup bracket staff) did a great job keeping the events going on 10 boards. Thanks also extended to Holly Kofod for a great job taking photos for the tournament report and winner plaques and to Sallie White for running the Texas Open shirt sales.

Also, many thanks to James Cummings for loaning two shuffleboards (and to Chris Briggs for delivering the two boards; and to Rick McFarland & Guy Smarr for helping setup the boards). Also, thanks to James for his donation (no charge) to use his tournament software (\$200 was donated from this tournament to the Bowers Rating System mostly due to James' donation/no-charge software usage).

Debbie Bowers and Holly Nance did a fantastic job running the silent auction of mostly items donated for the French Connection Benefit held in June and in coordinating and finalizing the BBQ grill raffle. The silent auction raised \$618 (plus the raffle tickets sold for the BBQ grill donated by Ron & Debbie Bowers raised \$605 - Ronnie McMahan Sr. was the proud winner of the stainless BBQ grill). Thanks to Tom French who made and donated 6 leather weight cases to include in the silent auction (weight case auction proceeds were split 50/50 between donation to the Bowers Rating System & the Table Shuffleboard Association, raising a donation of \$211.50 to each of these two non-profit entities). There were also donations made to the Texas Hall of Fame during and after the tournament.

There was reasonably priced great food served at least twice daily during the tournament with Fran managing the cooking with Debbie Gilpin. Then on Saturday, September 1st, The Post provided a free catered luncheon buffet to all. Following the luncheon, the Texas Hall of Fame held an induction ceremony honoring Tom and Lynda French for their many years of supporting and promoting shuffleboard. The ceremony was opened by Johnny Wayne Crawford (Texas Hall of Fame

Director), followed by testimonials. The Texas Hall of Fame booklet, testimonials and history on Tom and Lynda French can be viewed on the Texas Hall of Fame home page at: (also see ceremony photo collage on page 7) <http://www.shuffleboardcorner.com/texashof.html>

The tournament kicked off on August 29th with warm-up all day and \$20 HC Draws starting at 8pm, followed by 4 days of scheduled events (9 events). Events & winners follow:

Event 1: A/B DRAW (Div. I: -1's, 0's, 1's; SG/DE) - August 30th
(14 Teams/28 Players). Winners were:

1st: Dave Shewbridge (MD) & Ron Bowers (TX)
(sponsored by George Best)

2nd: David Williams Sr & Bill Rice (TX Team)
(sponsored by Craig White)

3rd: Diana Hagen (TX) & Doug Paben (FL)
(sponsored by Dave Ramold)

Event 2: A/B DRAW (Div. II: 2's, 3's, 4's; SG/DE) - August 30th
(23 Teams/46 Players). Winners were:

1st: Lilly Kidd & Richard Wiley (TX Team)
(sponsored by Angie Snyder)

2nd: Pat Gainey & Guy Smarr (TX Team)
(sponsored by Richard Wiley)

3rd: Tom Bullock & Dwayne Dull (TX Team)
(sponsored by Craig White)

4th: Sandy Tubbs (MO) & Theresa Rodriguez (TX)
(sponsored by Dwayne Dull)

Event 3: 4-PERSON DRAFT Team (All Play; 2 of 3/DE)-August 31st
(23 Teams/92 Players). Winners were:

1st: David Williams Sr (captain-TX) - sponsor: Floyd "Pooch" Brent
Angie Moore (FL)
Holly Kofod (TX)
James Lynch (TX)

2nd: Frank Mako (captain-WA) - sponsor: Angie Snyder
Gordie Smith (CANADA)
David Porterfield (TX)
Joyce Davis (TX)

3rd: Kelly Cameron (captain-TX) - sponsor: George Best
Tyler Tyrell (TX)
Missy VanHecke (TX)
Larry DeGraffenried (TX)

4th: Dino Mako (captain-WA) - sponsor: Steve Kalamarski
Becky Foster (TX)
Larry Creakbaum (IN)
George Best (TX)

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Event 4: SINGLES (Div. I: -1's, 0's, 1's; 2of3/DE; 21 pt loser)

September 1st (20 Players; HC Entry). Winners were:

- 1st: Mike Taylor (TX) - (sponsored by Dave Shewbridge)
2nd: Kelly Cameron (TX) - (sponsored by Floyd "Pooch" Brent)
3rd: Dan Hitt (WA) - (sponsored by Floyd "Pooch" Brent)

Event 5: SINGLES (Div. II: 1's, 2's, 3's, 4's; SG/DE)

September 1st (25 Players; HC Entry). Winners were:

- 1st: Robert Hoffman (TX) - (sponsored by Gordon Titus)
2nd: Craig White (TX) - (sponsored by Drew Willingham)
3rd: Linda Nobles (TX) - (sponsored by Drew Willingham)
4th: Jimmy Britt (TX) - (sponsored by Ronnie McMellon)

5th/6th (tie):

- Moe Hassan (TX) - (sponsored by Angie Snyder)
Doug Morgan (TX) - (sponsored by Jim Lynch)

Event 6: SINGLES (Div. III: 3's, 4's; SG/DE)

September 1st (31 Players w/ 14 Unrated; HC Entry). Winners were:

- 1st: Deanna Quiroz (TX) - (sponsored by Mark "Sparky" Dowd)
2nd: Randy Jaso (TX-unrated) - (sponsored by Jimmy Galvez)
3rd: Beata Szechy (TX-unrated) - (sponsored by Chris Briggs)
4th: Chris Adkins (TX-unrated) - (sponsored by Roy Boll)

5th/6th (tie):

- Guy Smarr (TX) - (sponsored by Floyd "Pooch" Brent)
Christine Mahaffey (TX) - (sponsored by Gilbert Baird)

Event 7: BRING PARTNER (Div. I: Add to 0; 2of3/DE; 21 pt loser)

September 2nd(12 Teams/24 Players). Winners were:

- 1st: Mike Taylor & Craig White (TX Team)
(sponsored by Dave Shewbridge)
2nd: Mahlon Nobes (TX) & Doug Paben (FL)
(sponsored by Lane Quick)
3rd: Diana Hagen & Linda Nobles (TX Team)
(sponsored by Chris Briggs)

Event 8: BRING PARTNER (Div. II: Add to 3; 1's-4's; SG/DE)

September 2nd(17 Teams/34 Players). Winners were:

- 1st: Daniel Chapman & Alex Bagdikian (TX Team)
(sponsored by Floyd "Pooch" Brent)
2nd: Phil Railsback & Doug Morgan (TX Team)
(sponsored by Dave Shewbridge)
3rd: Larry Laws & Chris Briggs (TX Team)
(sponsored by Chris Briggs)
4th: Sandy Tubbs (MO) & Angie Moore (FL)
(sponsored by George Best)

Event 9: BRING PARTNER (Div. III: Add to 6; 2's-4's; SG/DE)

September 2nd(22 Teams/44 Players). Winners were:

- 1st: Gary Mahaffey & Larry DeGraffenried-unrated (TX Team)
(sponsored by Drew Willingham)
2nd: Debo Bowers & Sallie White (TX Team)
(sponsored by Drew Willingham)
3rd: Raminder Rai & Neil Rodrigue (TX Team)
(sponsored by Craig White)
4th: Tracy Gray & Theresa Rodriguez (TX Team)
(sponsored by Phil Railsback)

Event 1: A/B DRAW (Div. I) WINNERS



1st (Above): Dave Shewbridge (right) & Ron Bowers (center)
(sponsored by George Best-left)



2nd (Above): David Williams Sr (right) & Bill Rice (center)
(sponsored by Craig White-left)



3rd (Above): Diana Hagen (center) & Doug Paben (left)
(sponsored by Dave Ramold-right)

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Event 2: A/B DRAW (Div. II) WINNERS



1st (Above): Lilly Kidd (right) & Richard Wiley (center)
(sponsored by Angie Snyder-left)

Event 2: A/B DRAW (Div. II) WINNERS (con't.)



4th (Above): Sandy Tubbs (center) & Theresa Rodriguez (right)
(sponsored by Dwayne Dull-left)



2nd (Above): Pat Gainey (not pictured) & Guy Smarr(left)
(sponsored by Richard Wiley-right)

Event 3: 4-PERSON DRAFT TEAM WINNERS



1st (Above L-R): David Williams Sr (captain), Holly Kofod,
Angie Moore, James Lynch



3rd (Above): Tom Bullock (right) & Dwayne Dull (center)
(sponsored by Craig White-left)



2nd (Above L-R): David Porterfield, Gordie Smith,
Joyce Davis, Frank Mako (captain)

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Event 3: 4-PERSON DRAFT TEAM WINNERS (con't.)



3rd (Above L-R): Tyler Tyrell, Missy VanHecke, Kelly Cameron (captain), Larry DeGraffenried

Event 4: SINGLES (Div. I) WINNERS



1st (Above): Mike Taylor (center) pictured with Steve Kalamarski (left) and sponsor Dave Shewbridge (right)



4th (Above L-R) Winners:
George Best, Dino Mako (captain), Larry Creakbaum, Becky Foster

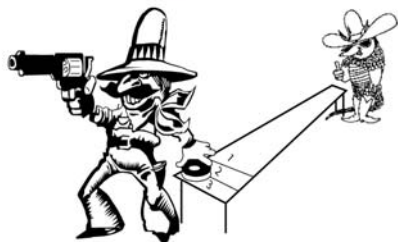


2nd (Above):
Kelly Cameron



3rd (Above):
Dan Hitt

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Texas Open Hosts:
Ronnie McMellon &
Deanna Quiroz

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Event 5: SINGLES (Div. II) WINNERS



1st (Above): Robert Hoffman (left)
w/ sponsor Gordon Titus (right)



Robert Hoffman after finals floats on air!!
"Raters take note, I'm not a '1'! I just had a good day!!"



2nd (Above): Craig White



3rd (Above): Linda Nobles



4th (Above):
Jimmy Britt



5th/6th- tie (Above L-R):
Moe Hassan & Doug Morgan



Event 6: SINGLES (Div. III) WINNERS



1st (Above): Deanna Quiroz (left)
w/ sponsor Mark "Sparky" Dowd (right)



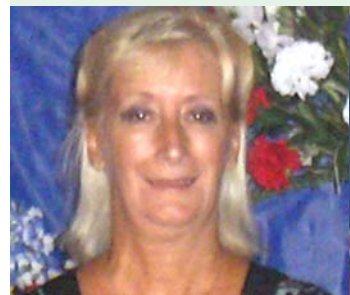
2nd (Above): Randy Jaso-unrated (left)
w/ sponsor Jimmy Galvez (right)



3rd (Above):
Beata Szechy (unrated)



4th (Above):
Chris Adkins (unrated)



5th/6th- tie (Above L-R):
Christine Mahaffey & Guy Smarr



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Event 7: BRING PARTNER (Div. I)



1st (Above): Mike Taylor (left) & Craig White (right)
w/ sponsor Dave Shewbridge (center)



2nd (Above): Mahlon Nobles (left) & Doug Paben (right)
w/ sponsor Lane Quick (center)



3rd (Above): Diana Hagen (left) & Linda Nobles (center)
w/ sponsor Chris Briggs (right)

Event 8: BRING PARTNER (Div. II)



1st (Above L-R): Daniel Chapman & Alex Bagdikian



2nd (Above): Doug Morgan (left) & Phil Railsback (right)
w/ sponsor Dave Shewbridge (center)



3rd (Above L-R): Chris Briggs & Larry Laws



4th (Above L-R): Angie Moore & Sandy Tubbs

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Event 9: BRING PARTNER (Div. III)



1st (Above L-R): Larry DeGraffenried-unrated & Gary Mahaffey



2nd (Above L-R): Sallie White & Debo Bowers



3rd (Above L-R): Neil Rodrigue & Raminder Rai



4th (Above): Tracy Gray (left) & Theresa Rodriguez (right)
w/ sponsor Phil Railsback (center)

TEXAS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION Tom & Lynda French - September 1, 2007

