

# Texas State Championship 2006

Held March 2-5, 2006 at The Post (Cedar Park, Texas)

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**March 2-5, 2006 (Cedar Park, Texas):** The Texas State Championship 2006 tournament was held this year at The Post in Cedar Park, Texas. Ronnie McMellon (The Post owner) is not only a great host, but a good player and a dedicated promoter of shuffleboard in the Austin-Cedar Park area. Ronnie supports and promotes major and minor events across the State of Texas throughout the year as well. Players came in from across the state to compete for the 2006 championship titles. There were a total of 80 registered players -- which was a great turnout. Mike Taylor fared well... taking a first place in all three events! Congrats! Play was on 9 boards (4 in-house; 5 rentals).

## Texas State Championship - A Brief History

The Texas State Championship hosting location rotates (Houston area, Austin area, Dallas/FW area) every year. The first Texas State Championship tournament started in Houston, Texas and the committee is chaired by Brian Walker of Houston; Austin committee member is Ron Bowers; and Dallas/FW committee member is David Williams Sr. The committee works together (soliciting input from their local area) each year to provide a consistent Texas State Championship format, as the location rotates between these three hosting areas. Unfortunately, due to job commitments out-of-state, Brian Walker (committee chairman) was unable to attend this year's tournament. We all missed you this year Brian.

## Players Arrive Early for A-B Draw & Warm-Up Play

The Texas State Championship kicks off each year with two divisions of A-B Draws (-1's thru 2's; and 2's thru 4's -- with the highest rated registered in each division being the "A" player). These warm-up events started Thursday at 7 pm (no sponsor sale for this warmup event each year). **Notable:** The boards were setup on Tuesday and a number of players came in early. Rick McFarland, Ronnie McMellon, and "Coop" picked up the rental boards from Champion Shuffleboard on Monday and did a fantastic job of setup and adjustments. Tuesday night (which is a weekly scheduled night for The Post tournaments anyway), Dave & Debbie Sexton of San Antonio and Kelly Cameron of Houston came in early and joined the Tuesday night tournament, along with many local area players. More players arrived Wednesday, including Harvey Kidd of Houston who arrived early Wednesday. By Wednesday night and Thursday morning, players were rolling in from across the state for some early warmup and practice. Doug Paben, an Austinite with dual residency (now working in Florida) arrived Thursday just in time for the A-B Draw (event 1). Many locals miss seeing and playing with Doug on a routine basis since his job relocation to Florida. Great seeing you, Doug - we miss 'ya!

## A-B Draw -- Division I & II (Thursday, March 2nd)

There were 52 players participating in these two events: A-B Draw Division I (18 Players/9 Teams); and A-B Draw Division II (34 Players/17 Teams).

**Note:** Format allows 2-Rated Players a division choice and play was single game/double elimination in both divisions.

## Bring Partner -- Division I & II (Friday, March 3rd)

The two divisions of Bring Partner (add to "0" and add to "4") started on Friday at 3 pm with the sponsor sale (play immediately followed).

There were 66 players participating in these two events: Bring Partner Division I (add to "0") - (20 Players/10 Teams) Bring Partner Division II (add to "4") - (46 Players/23 Teams)

**Note:** Format for *Division I* was 2 out of 3 Winner's Bracket/15 point Loser's Bracket; and *Division II* was Single Game/Double Elimination (15 point games).

**Thanks:** We thank Harvey Kidd and Bill Rice for being there to support the tournament eventhough they both had a last minute loss of planned partners for Bring Partner Division I. Finals for Division II completed on Saturday and Division I completed about 2 am on Friday night).

## Singles -- Division I, II & III (Saturday, March 4th)

There were 55 players participating in these three events: Singles Division I (-1's & 0;s) - (10 Players) Singles Division II (1's & 2's) - (23 Players) Singles Division III (3's & 4's) - (22 Players)

**Note:** Format for *Division I* was 2 out of 3 Winner's Bracket/21 point Loser's Bracket; and *Division II & III* was Single Game/Double Elimination (15 point games). Finals completed on Sunday with many robins 'til after midnight.

## Staff & Volunteers & Players - Many Thanks!

*Tournament Co-Directors:* Ron & Debbie Bowers and Tom & Lynda French; *Board Delivery/Setup/Maintenance:* Rick McFarland & Ronnie McMellon, Dave "Coop" Cooper were in charge of board setup and adjustments and did a fantastic job; *Sponsor Sales:* Harvey Kidd & Mike Taylor were co-hearts in the sponsor sales and did an excellent job; *Front Desk:* Linda Nobles, Holly Nance, Lynda French, Debbie Bowers, and Holly Kofod. *Brackets:* Tom French, Holly Nance (assisted by Ron Bowers, Lynda French, Craig White and Harold Gandy). *Other:* Kelly Cameron was on-site since Monday and assisted Rick & Ronnie when needed (thanks!). Also, "Many Thanks" to the Houston group for the donation of the Federation wax and to The Post (Ronnie McMellon and his wonderful staff) and Dee Quiroz for hosting the tournament & to all players, spectators and volunteers! Thanks to players for the Bowers' Piggy Bank & Staff donations and Harvey Kidd for hustling donations for both the Bowers' and tournament staff volunteers!

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## A-B Draw (Div. I) Winners: (Thursday)



**1st Place (L-R):**  
Jimmy Britt (Houston) & Mike Taylor (Austin)

## A-B Draw (Div. I) Players (18 players/9 teams)

Team#	First/Last Name	Rating	Add To
1	Mike Taylor	-1.1	0.31
	Jimmy Britt	1.41	
2	David Williams	-1.08	-0.08
	Wayne Hammond	1.00	
3	Billy Mays	-0.84	0.61
	Jack Davis	1.45	
4	Bobby Williams	-0.82	0.44
	Robert Jr Hurst	1.26	
5	Kelly Cameron	-0.79	-0.15
	Linda Nobles	0.64	
6	David jr Williams	-0.76	-0.11
	Doug Paben	0.65	
7	Johnny Ballard	-0.55	0.65
	Drew Willingham	1.2	
8	Mahlon Nobles	-0.52	1.85
	Gary Kosmas	2.37	
9	Harvey Kidd	-0.19	2.19
	Ronnie McMellon	2.38	



**2nd Place (L-R):**  
Robert Hurst Jr (Austin) & Bobby Williams (D/FW)



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## A-B Draw (Div. II) Winners: (Thursday)



### 1st Place (L-R):

Gary Mahaffey (Livingston) & Cliff Visel (Pflugerville-Austin)



### 2nd Place (L-R):

Jackie Trotter (Houston) & Rick McFarland (New Braunfels)



### 3rd Place (L-R):

Connie Kosmas (Austin-Houston) & Robert Hoffman (D/FW)



### 4th Place (L-R):

Dezi Brooks (Round Rock) & Robert Hurst Sr (Austin)

## A-B Draw (Div. II) Players (34 players/17 teams)

Team#	First/Last Name	Rating	Add To
1	Rick McFarland	1.51	4.46
	Jackie Trotter	2.95	
2	Clifford Visel	1.54	5.54
	Gary Mahaffey	4	
3	Don Roper	1.56	4.73
	Dee Quiroz	3.17	
4	Gilbert Baird	1.72	5.72
	Les Keown	4	
5	Harold Gandy	1.83	4.43
	Doug Morgan	2.6	
6	Daniel Chapman	1.93	4.73
	Guy Smarr	2.8	
7	Larry Ables	1.94	4.94
	Chuck Chacra	3	
8	Robert Hurst Sr	1.99	5.11
	Dezi Brooks	3.12	
9	Jimbo Grove	2	4.71
	Phil Railsback	2.71	
10	Jean Roper	2.09	4.86
	Sheila Gandy	2.77	
11	Nancy Rice	2.35	5.23
	Richard Chapman	2.88	
12	Robert Hoffman	2.38	5.25
	Connie Kosmas	2.87	
13	Lee Boyajian	2.46	5.09
	Becky Foster	2.63	
14	Missy Van Hecke	2.52	5.28
	Linda Anthony	2.76	
15	Roy Boll	2.54	5.54
	Shaun Haggard	3	
16	Holly Kofod	2.55	5.33
	Bill Harman	2.78	
17	Gordon Titus	2.58	5.58
	Connie Farr	3	

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## Bring Partner (Div. I) Winners: (Friday)



**1st Place (Left):**  
**Mike Taylor (Austin - center) &**  
**Doug Paben (TX/FL - right)**  
**with sponsor:**  
**Gilbert Baird (left)**



**2nd Place (Left-- L-R):**  
**Danny Norris & Diana Hagen (Houston Team)**  
**with sponsor: Ronnie McMellon**

## Bring Partner(Div. I) Players (20 players/10 teams)



**3rd Place (Above):**  
**Robert Hoffman (left) & Bobby Williams (D/FW Team)**  
**with sponsor: Wayne Hammond (center)**

#	Name	Rating	Add To	Sponsor
1	Bobby Williams	-0.82	0.18	Robert Hoffman
	Wayne Hammond	1		
2	Kelly Cameron	-0.79	1.14	Holly Nance
	Daniel Chapman	1.93		
3	Mike Taylor	-1.1	-0.45	Gilbert Baird
	Doug Paben	0.65		
4	Linda Nobles	0.64	0.12	Jack Davis
	Mahlon Nobles	-0.52		
5	Robert Jr Hurst	1.26	0.71	Connie Kosmos
	Johnny Ballard	-0.55		
6	David Jr Williams	-0.76	0.69	Self
	Jack Davis	1.45		
7	David Sr Williams	-1.08	0.12	Danny Norris
	Drew Willingham	1.2		
8	Tom French	1.10	2.42	Self
	Tony Fiumara	1.32		
9	Diana Hagen	-1.04	-0.25	Ronnie McMellon
	Danny Norris	0.79		
10	Dave Ramold	-0.42	-0.02	Jack Davis
	Alfred Suarez	0.40		

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## Bring Partner (Div. II) Winners: (Friday)



**1st Place (Above L-R):  
Doug Morgan & Craig White (Austin area team)**



**2nd Place (Above):  
Becky Foster (center-Leander) & Jimmy Britt (right-Houston)  
with sponsor Robert Hoffman (left)**



**3rd Place (Above L-R):  
Ron Bowers & Guy Smarr (Austin area team)  
with sponsor Don Roper**

**4th Place: (no picture)  
Robert Hoffman & Mike Blohm (Dallas team)**

## Bring Partner(Div. II) Players (46 players/23 teams)

#	Name	Rating	Add To	Sponsor
1	Don Roper	1.56	3.65	Pat Gainey
	Jean Roper	2.09		
2	Sheila Gandy	2.77	4.60	Harvey Kidd
	Harold Gandy	1.83		
3	Gilbert Baird	1.72	4.48	Ronnie McMellon
	Linda Anthony	2.76		
4	Gary Mahaffey	4	7.00	Self
	Connie Farr	3		
5	Clifford Visel	1.54	3.25	Ron Bowers
	Danny Green	1.71		
6	Craig White	1.41	4.01	Ronnie McMellon
	Doug Morgan	2.6		
7	Gary Kosmas	2.37	5.24	Chuck Chacra
	Connie Kosmas	2.87		
8	Ron Bowers	1.13	3.93	Don Roper
	Guy Smarr	2.8		
9	Ronnie McMellon	2.38	5.28	Chris Partlin
	Molly D'Spain	2.9		
10	Robert Hoffman	2.38	4.06	Jimmy Britt
	Mike Blohm	1.68		
11	Gordon Titus	2.58	5.58	Linda Nobles
	Paul Keith	3		
12	Jimmy Britt	1.41	4.04	Robert Hoffman
	Becky Foster	2.63		
13	Phil Railsback	2.71	5.71	Guy Smarr
	Chuck Chacra	3		
14	Larry Ables	1.94	4.48	Pam Ables
	Roy Boll	2.54		
15	Rick McFarland	1.51	3.41	pooch
	Debbie Sexton	1.9		
16	Bill Harman	2.78	5.90	Self
	Dezi Brooks	3.12		
17	Lynda French	1.86	4.41	Deb Bowers
	Holly Kofod	2.55		
18	Jerry Williams	1.6	3.60	Ronnie McMahan
	Jimbo Grove	2		
19	Ronnie McMahan	2.06	3.98	Holly Nance
	James Fiebrink	1.92		
20	David Sexton	0.93	3.45	Jack Davis
	Missy Van Hecke	2.52		
21	Pat Gainey	1.57	4.45	Robert Hoffman
	Richard Chapman	2.88		
22	Bruce Childers	1.59	3.97	Mike Blohm
	Cynthia Calderon	2.38		
23	David Cooper	2.87	5.82	Doug Morgan
	Jackie Trotter	2.95		

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## SINGLES (Div. I) Winners: (Saturday)



**1st Place (Above):**  
Mike Taylor (center - Austin area)  
with sponsor Pooch (left)



**2nd Place (Above):**  
Diana Hagen (right-Houston)  
with sponsor Mahlon Nobles (left)



**3rd Place (Above):**  
David Williams Sr (D/FW)

### Singles (Div. I) Players (10 players)

#	Name	Rating	Sponsor
1	Kelly Cameron	-0.79	Alfred Suarez
2	Billy Mays	-0.84	Mike Bradley
3	Mike Taylor	-1.10	Pooch
4	Mahlon Nobles	-0.52	Larry Ables
5	David Jr Williams	-0.76	Robert Hoffman
6	David Sr Williams	-1.08	Mike Bradley
7	Diana Hagen	-1.04	Mahlon Nobles
8	Alfred Suarez	0.40	Bill Haynes
9	Dave Ramold	-0.42	Ronnie McMellon
10	Tony Howard	-0.12	Bill Haynes

### Singles (Div. III) Players (22 players)

#	Name	Rating	Sponsor
1	Sheila Gandy	2.77	Robert Hoffman
2	Gary Mahaffey	4.00	Gilbert Baird
3	Doug Morgan	2.60	Ronnie McMellon
4	Connie Kosmas	2.87	Robert Hoffman
5	Becky Foster	2.63	Robert Hoffman
6	Guy Smarr	2.80	Ronnie McMellon
7	Holly Kofod	2.55	Harvey Kidd
8	Connie Farr	3.00	Becky Foster
9	Dezi Brooks	3.12	Debbie Sexton
10	Dee Quiroz	3.17	self
11	Linda Anthony	2.76	Larry Kieth
12	Gordon Titus	2.58	Roy Boll
13	Chuck Chacra	3.00	Guy Smarr
14	Phil Railsback	2.71	Jimmy Britt
15	Roy Boll	2.54	Larry Ables
16	Missy Van Hecke	2.52	Debbie Sexton
17	Bill Harman	2.78	Ronnie McMellon
18	Molly D'Spain	2.90	Jack Davis
19	Tom Hatfield	2.90	Ronnie McMellon
20	Mike Bradley	2.84	Jimmy Britt
21	Holly Nance	2.52	Jimmy Britt
22	Bill Haynes	3.00	Ronnie McMellon

### Singles (Div. II) Players (23 players)

#	Name	Rating	Sponsor
1	Harold Gandy	1.83	self
2	Gilbert Baird	1.72	Alfred Suarez
3	Clifford Visel	1.54	Bill Haynes
4	Linda Nobles	0.64	Mike Bradley
5	Doug Paben	0.65	Ronnie McMellon
6	Craig White	1.41	pooch
7	Robert Jr Hurst	1.26	pooch
8	Gary Kosmas	2.37	self
9	Ron Bowers	1.13	Mike Bradley
10	Ronnie McMellon	2.38	Bill Haynes
11	Jack Davis	1.45	Robert Hoffman
12	Drew Willingham	1.20	Billy Mays
13	Robert Hoffman	2.38	pooch
14	Wayne Hammond	1.00	Craig White
15	Jimmy Britt	1.41	Alfred Suarez
16	Larry Ables	1.94	Harvey Kidd
17	Rick McFarland	1.51	Jack Davis
18	Lynda French	1.86	Holly Nance
19	Danny Green	1.71	Chuck Chacra
20	Danny Norris	0.79	Harvey Kidd
21	David Sexton	0.93	Jack Davis
22	Debbie Sexton	1.90	Doug Morgan
23	Ken Strong	0.75	Robert Hoffman

**Singles -- Division II & III Winner Photos  
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## SINGLES (Div. II) Winners: (Saturday)



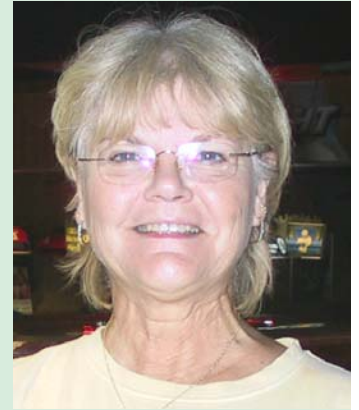
**1st Place (Above):  
Drew Willingham (DFW)**



**2nd Place (Above):  
Wayne Hammond (Houston)**



**3rd Place (Above):  
Gilbert Baird (Houston)**

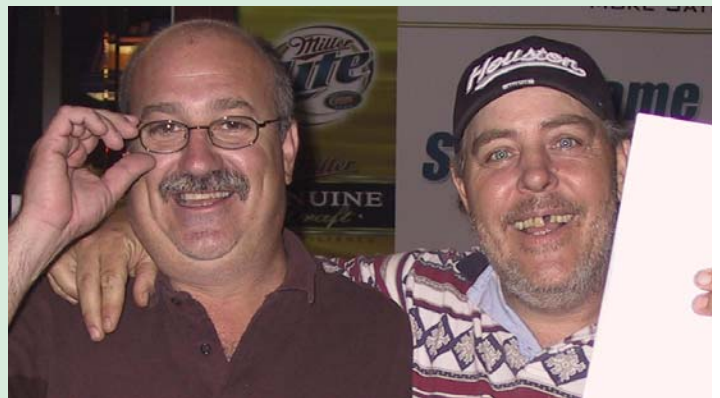


**4th Place (Above):  
Linda Nobles (Houston)**

## SINGLES (Div. III) Winners: (Saturday)



**1st Place (Above L-R):  
Doug Morgan (Cedar Park) w/ sponsor Ronnie McMellon**



**2nd Place (Above L-R):  
Phil Railsback (Houston) w/ sponsor Jimmy Britt**



**3rd Place (Above L-R):  
Chuck Chacra (Houston) w/ sponsor Guy Smarr**



**4th Place (Above):  
Bill Harman (Georgetown - right)  
w/ sponsor Ronnie McMellon (left)**

## Texas State Championship 2006 - 80 Players Total Registered

ID	First	Last Name	Rating	ID	First	Last Name	Rating
1	Don	Roper	1.56	51	Robert Sr	Hurst	1.99
2	Jean	Roper	2.09	52	Les	Keown	4.00
3	Sheila	Gandy	2.77	53	Shaun	Haggard	3.00
4	Harold	Gandy	1.83	54	Missy	Van Hecke	2.52
5	Jimbo	Grove	2.00	55	Bill	Harman	2.78
6	Harvey	Kidd	-0.19	56	Lynda	French	1.86
7	Richard	Chapman	2.88	57	Tony	Fiumara	1.32
8	Gilbert	Baird	1.72	58	Tom	French	1.10
9	Gary	Mahaffey	4.00	59	Paul	Keith	3.00
10	Daniel	Chapman	1.93	60	Danny	Green	1.71
11	Johnny	Ballard	-0.55	61	Diana	Hagen	-1.04
12	Clifford	Visel	1.54	62	Danny	Norris	0.79
13	Bobby	Williams	-0.82	63	Jerry	Williams	1.60
14	Kelly	Cameron	-0.79	64	Ronnie	McMahon	2.06
15	Billy	Mays	-0.84	65	James	Fiebrink	1.92
16	Mike	Taylor	-1.10	66	David	Sexton	0.93
17	Linda	Nobles	0.64	67	Alfred	Suarez	0.40
18	Mahlon	Nobles	-0.52	68	Dave	Ramold	-0.42
19	Nancy	Rice	2.35	69	Debbie	Sexton	1.90
20	Doug	Paben	0.65	70	Ken	Strong	0.75
21	Craig	White	1.41	71	Pat	Gainey	1.57
22	Doug	Morgan	2.60	72	Bruce	Childers	1.59
23	Lee	Boyajian	2.46	73	Cynthia	Calderon	2.38
24	Robert Jr	Hurst	1.26	74	Molly	D'Spain	2.90
25	Gary	Kosmas	2.37	75	David	Cooper	2.87
26	Connie	Kosmas	2.87	76	Tom	Hatfield	2.90
27	Becky	Foster	2.63	77	Mike	Bradley	2.84
28	Guy	Smarr	2.80	78	Holly	Nance	2.52
29	Holly	Kofod	2.55	79	Bill	Haynes	3.00
30	Ron	Bowers	1.13	80	Tony	Howard	-0.12
31	Connie	Farr	3.00				
32	Ronnie	McMellon	2.38				
33	Dezi	Brooks	3.12				
34	Dee	Quiroz	3.17				
35	Linda	Anthony	2.76				
36	Jack	Davis	1.45				
37	Drew	Willingham	1.20				
38	Mike	Blohm	1.68				
39	Robert	Hoffman	2.38				
40	Wayne	Hammond	1.00				
41	Gordon	Titus	2.58				
42	Jimmy	Britt	1.41				
43	Chuck	Chacra	3.00				
44	Phil	Railsback	2.71				
45	Larry	Ables	1.94				
46	Rick	McFarland	1.51				
47	David Jr	Williams	-0.76				
48	David Sr	Williams	-1.08				
49	Roy	Boll	2.54				
50	Jackie	Trotter	2.95				



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