

TEXAS OPEN 2008

Labor Day at THE POST - Cedar Park, Texas

AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 -- The Post, 601 W. Whitestone Blvd, Cedar Park, Texas

The annual Texas Open 2008 tournament hit another record attendance this year. There was fierce competition in all 9 events with play on 12 boards. Players started coming in several days before the first event to practice and play in warm-up robins and challenge matches.

Notable 1: There was a fantastic turnout of 3's & 4's this year, bringing in a full 32 team bracket in Div III Singles and 15+ unrated "Upcoming Pros" that joined the competition this year.

Notable 2: Mike Boulanger, great player and bar owner (Rookie's Bar in San Antonio), was the proud Div III Singles sponsor of the top 4 placements (4 of 8 places) AND he took 2nd place himself in Div II Singles! Way to go Mike!

Players came in from across Texas, Oklahoma, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Washington, Oregon and Canada to join the competition and fun again this year. Thanks to all participants!

The tournament host (Ronnie McMellon, The Post Owner), extends a big thanks to all tournament staff: Tom & Lynda French (tournament directors); Desk, Robins, & Misc.: Lynda, Vicki Gonzales, Connie Culver, Sally White; Jack Davis and Harvey Kidd (sponsor sales); Tom French (brackets); and those that stepped in to give Jack & Tom a break when needed; Holly Kofod (photos & plaques); and to Holly Nance who volunteered to conduct 50/50's to raise monies for the Bower's Rating System; to Jerzie, Sally, and others who helped keep the cans filled with wax when Ty Tyrrell (local "Sand Man") was suddenly hospitalized (BTW, Ty has recovered and getting around well); and to Josie Henley for preparing the payout envelope labels and misc. help and all others who jumped in to help when needed!

Ronnie McMellon and Rick McFarland did a great job heading up the setup, adjustments, and breakdown and wish to thank others who helped (Johnny Wayne Crawford, Mark Gray, Tom French, Guy Smarr, and others).

Also, a great big thanks to Triple Crown Supplies for providing part of the wax and to Longboard Products who donated Pro Waxer II's for random give-a-ways during the tournament. Pro Waxers went home with players and establishments from the east to the west coast - some had to be shipped due to the new airline rules/charges on total weight and baggage limits.

A very special thanks also goes out to Wanda Knox (local player & fantastic cook) for providing reasonably priced great food which she whipped up and served daily throughout the tournament.

Congratulations to all the winners. You can view the results and photos starting on the following column for the nine events...

Event 1: AB Draw Div I (-1,0,1) Winners

(34 Players/17 Teams)



1st (Above): David Williams Sr (center) & David Sexton (right)
w/Sponsor: Bill Melton (left)



2nd (Above): Billy Melton (left) & Dino Mako (right)
w/Sponsor: Johnny Ballard (center)



3rd (Left L-R):
Johnny Ballard
& Larry Nance
Sponsored by: self



4th (Left L-R):
Craig White
& Mark Gray
Sponsored by:
Johnny Ballard (no pic)

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Event 2: AB Draw Div II (2, 3, 4) Winners
(52 Players/26 Teams)



1st (Above): Ronnie McMellon (center) & Roger Holloway (right)
w/Sponsor: Bill Melton (left)



2nd (Left L-R):
Jimmy Galvez &
Guy Smarr
Sponsored by:
Billy Melton (no pic)



3rd (Left L-R):
Pat Gainey &
Connie Sitton
Sponsored by:
Holly Kofod (no pic)



4th (Left L-R):
Missy Van Hecke &
Ernie Gray (unrated)
Sponsored by:
Craig White (no pic)



5th/6th (tie)
(Left L-R):
Dar Cummings &
Pam Ables (unrated)
Sponsored by:
Lynda French (no pic)



5th/6th (tie)
(Left):
Mollie D'Spain (center)
& Gilbert Baird (right)
Sponsored by:
Larry Creakbaum (no pic)

Event 3: 4-Person Draft (2/3 games) Team Winners
(96 Players/24 Teams)



1st (Above L-R):
Mike Taylor (Captain), Ron McMahan Jr, Roy Denney, (unrated),
Missy Van Hecke, Sponsored by: Dave Shewbridge (no pic)



2nd (Above L-R):
David Williams Sr (Captain), Angie Paben, Dee Quiroz, Tree Cameron
Sponsored by: Bill Melton (no pic)



3rd (Above L-R):
Diana Hagen (captain), Ronnie McMellon,
Brenda Denney (unrated), Neil Young
Sponsored by: Johnny Ballard (no pic)

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Event 3: 4-Person Draft Winners (con't.)



4th (Above L-R):

Cliff Visel, Darrol Nelson (captain), Mark "Sparky" Dowd,
Alben McDonald Sponsored by: Pooch (no pic)



5th/6th (tie) (Above L-R):

Randy Rogers, Dave Ramold (captain), Theresa Rodriguez,
Ridie Verdone (unrated-front center) Sponsored by: Sparky (no pic)



5th/6th (tie) (Above L-R):

Doug Paben (captain), Sallie White, Tom Hatfield, Larry Ables
Sponsored by: Pooch (no pic)



3rd (Above):

Doug Morgan (right)
w/ Sponsor: Craig White



4th (Above):

Larry Nance (left)
w/ Sponsor: Robert Jr Hurst

Event 4: Singles Div I (-1, 0, 1 2/3 winner; 21 pt Loser) Winners
(15 Players)



1st (Above):

Bill Melton

Sponsor: Craig White (no pic)



2nd (Above):

Darrol Nelson

Sponsor: Bill Melton (no pic)



3rd (Left):

David Williams Sr (right)
w/ Sponsor:
Harvey Kidd

Event 5: Singles Div II (1's & up; SG/DE) Winners
(28 Players)



1st (Above):

Linda Nobles (left)

w/ Sponsor: Dave Ramold



2nd (Above):

Mike Boulanger (left)

w/ Sponsor: David Sexton



5th/6th (tie) (Above):

Alex Bagdikian (right)

w/ Sponsor: Cory Humlicek



5th/6th (tie) (Above):

Robert Hurst Jr (right)

w/ Sponsor: Lisa Ohmes

Event 6: Singles Div III (3's-4's; SG/DE) Winners

(32 Players - Notable: 1st-4th place winners were sponsored by Mike Boulanger & 1st-8th place winners were 'rated players')



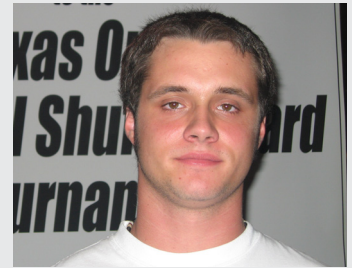
1st (Above):
Jimmy Galvez (right)
w/ Sponsor: Mike Boulanger



2nd (Above):
Jaime Amaya (left)
w/ Sponsor: Mike Boulanger



3rd (Above):
Tom Hatfield (right)
w/ Sponsor: Mike Boulanger



4th (Above):
Tyler Tyrrell
Sponsored by: Mike Boulanger



5th/6th (tie) (Above):
Anita Bloodworth
Sponsored by: Guy Smarr



5th/6th (tie) (Above):
Pat Bullock
Sponsored by: Bob Bullock



7th/8th (tie) (Above):
Roger Holloway
Sponsored by: Guy Smarr



7th/8th (tie) (Above):
Susan Smyers
Sponsored by: Harvey Kidd

Event 8: Bring Partner Div II (Add to 3; 1's-4's; SG/DE)

(38 Players/19 Teams)



1st (Above L-R):
Larry Nance & Warren Settegast
Sponsor: Ronnie McMellon



2nd (Above L-R):
Wayne Hammond & Beck Foster
Sponsor: Mike Boulanger



3rd (Above L-R):
Mike Boulanger &
Missy Van Hecke
Sponsors: H Kidd/Vern Gonzales



4th (Above L-R):
Guy Smarr & David Sexton
Sponsors: H Kidd/Vern Gonzales

Event 7: Bring Partner Div I (Add to 0; 2/3 winner; 21 pt Loser)

(30 Players/15 Teams)



1st (Above L-R):
Mike Taylor & Craig White
Sponsor: Ronnie McMellon



2nd (Above L-R):
Doug Paben & Mark Gray
Sponsor: Pooch



3rd (Left L-R):
Roger Holloway & Billy Melton
Sponsor: Pooch

Event 9: Bring Div III (2's-4's; Add to 6 or more; SG/DE)
(30 Players/15 Teams)



1st (Above L-R):
Neil Young & Jimmy Galvez
Sponsor: Mike Boulanger



1st (Above L-R):
Kristine Hesseltine &
Jaime Amaya
Sponsor: David Sexton



3rd (Left L-R):
Brenda Denney &
Anita Bloodworth
Sponsor: Craig White
