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**ANNOUNCING THE 9th ANNUAL \$11,000 BART O'HEARN CELEBRATION
FOOSBALL TOURNAMENT**

- Austin Area Tournament Draws Top Table Soccer Players from Throughout USA -

Austin, Texas – Already, some 150 table soccer (a.k.a. "foosball") players and enthusiasts have begun to prepare for one of the nation's most unusual, unique sports competitions: the 9th Annual \$11,000 Bart O'Hearn Celebration Foosball Tournament. To be held October 10-12th at Buffalo Billiards along Austin's world famous 6th Street entertainment district, the tournament often draws many of the world's best, including members of the U.S. National Team.

Once again recognized as an International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF) Pro Tour Series tournament, the annual competition is a favorite both locally and among players on the international foosball pro tour. And, as one of the last events in this year's 55 tournament worldwide tour, the "Bart O" is a critical final opportunity for many players to earn ranking points to qualify for the ITSF World Championship Finals in Nantes, France in January.

This means the competition is likely to be intense, drawing match ups between top players such as U.S. Team member and area favorite Tracy McMillin (in Open categories) and Semi-Pro Champion Greg Pitt against the likes of ITSF World Finalist Tommy Adkisson of Oklahoma City, OK and ITSF World Junior Champion Ryan Moore of Lexington, KY. Women's competition is also likely to include some of the best in the world, including Bart O's defending Women's Doubles and Singles Champion Brittany Cersosimo of Atlanta, GA and local favorite Coy Cogell of Austin.

The tournament is organized in celebration of the life of the late foosball enthusiast and friend Bart O'Hearn. Competition is sanctioned by both ITSF and the United States Table Soccer Federation, and the tournament area is open to all spectators and press. Opening events begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 10th, with most finals occurring on Sunday the 12th. There are competitive categories for all skill levels for men and women, from beginner to Master, and players can register on site. All competition will be held on Brunswick's Tornado Table Soccer™ tables. Additional special events include live music on Saturday night by Still Sic, and a drawing on Sunday for an HDTV.

Sponsors include Austin Foam Plastics, Buffalo Billiards, Hull Supply Company, Custom Car Crafters, Access Controls of Austin, Aquarius Pools and the O'Hearn Family and Friends. Host hotel is the nearby Holiday Inn Town Lake, 20 NORTH IH-35, Austin; reservations: 1-888-615-0509.

Other ITSF 2008 World Tour events have taken place in Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Russia, the UAE, the UK and more, with competitors from over 50 countries participating. In fact, this year's tour was the largest worldwide table soccer pro tour ever, with even more to come for 2009!!

For additional details about the event and the sport of table soccer, please see the following websites:

- www.ustsf.org - USTSF website/Tournament & U.S. National Team sponsorship opportunities
- www.table-soccer.org - ITSF website/International Rankings/News
- www.foosball.com - General information about the sport of Table Soccer

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