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**UNITED STATES TABLE SOCCER FEDERATION ANNOUNCES
THE \$20,000 TEXAS STATE FOOSBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

-- Top Table Soccer Players from Across North America to Take on "Texas Legends" --

Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas – Top athletes from across the USA and around the world are already preparing to compete in the 17th annual "Legends of Foosball" Texas State Championships, to be held May 22-25th at the Wyndam DFW Airport North Hotel in Irving, TX. The event is expected to draw up to 300 table soccer (a.k.a. "foosball") enthusiasts and professionals, including several members of the World Cup-winning U.S. National Team.

The competition is likely to draw match-ups between numerous top-ranked players, like Texas favorite and World Cup Champion Tracy McMillin, of Houston, TX and legendary players such as World #2-ranked Tony Spredeman, of Cudahy, WI, among others. Women's competition will include some of the best in the world as well, with noted champions Gena Murray of Ft. Worth, TX and Dusty Bambenek of Canal Fulton, OH leading the field.

At the Master level, players are competing not just for \$20,000+ in cash and prizes at the event, but also for qualifying points to compete at the International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF) World Championship Finals in France at the end of the year. This means world-ranked players from countries such as Canada, Costa Rica, Germany, and the United Kingdom are also expected to shoot for the singles and doubles titles. And with many top Masters playing exceptionally strong after USA's decisive victory at the ITSF World Cup of Table Soccer earlier this year, the matches at Texas State are sure to be extremely intense!

Opening events begin at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22nd. Competition will include numerous categories for men and women from beginner to Master, and specialty events such as "Draw Your Partner Doubles" and "Goalie War." Sunday the 25th will also feature announcement of this year's inductees into the "Texas Legends of Foosball," followed by finals matches both Sunday and on Monday the 25th. The tournament is open to press and spectators, and there is no admission fee to enter the tournament area. Players of every skill level can register for events on site, and all competition will take place on more than 50 individually lighted Tornado Table Soccer™ tables made by Texas' own Valley-Dynamo division of Brunswick.

Sponsors of the event include the Wyndam DFW Airport North (4441 W. Airport Hwy 114, Irving, TX, 75063; tel: 1-972-929-8181 for reservations), JJ Dakota's and Clicks Billiards, while sponsors of the U.S. National Team include Brunswick's Tornado Table Soccer™, Sebastian Custom Warm-ups and Foosball.com. Video and live web-streaming will be provided by InsideFoos Productions (InsideFoos.com).

Other 2009 Pro Tour events are scheduled to take place around the world, with players from over 50 countries gearing up for further ITSF competition in Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Poland, Romania, UAE and the UK, among others. In fact, this year's 50-tournament ITSF Tour may be the largest worldwide table soccer pro tour ever!

For additional details about the event and the sport of table soccer, see the following websites:
www.ustsf.org - USTSF official web site/U.S. National Team sponsorship opportunities
www.table-soccer.org - ITSF official web site/international rankings/news
www.foosball.com - General information about the sport of table soccer, USA Pro Tour Event Calendar

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