



# Player Information Package

October 27<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
San Benito, Texas

## Package pricing:

Player Package: \$450

Non-Player Package: \$450

## Additional fees:

In addition to the player package fee above, there is an ISA Player registration fee of \$75 USD per player. National presidents will collect these fees and pay directly to the ISA Treasurer.

## Payment terms:

Complete payment due June 15, 2024.

Outstanding event and excursion payments made at registration will be charged additional fees.

We request all fees be collected by each national organization and paid by to the US National Shuffleboard Association. The remitter pays all transfer fees.

## Cancellation policy:

### Player Cancellation:

90% refund if on or before July 31, 2024

50% refund from Aug. 1 – August 31, 2024

*No refunds after August 31, 2024*

### Event Cancellation:

In the event of an uncontrollable situation all monies will be returned (*less up to \$50 per person to cover any non-refundable deposits and fees*).



Questions? Contact:

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## PACKAGE PRICING DETAILS

### Complete player and non-player pricing \$450 USD includes:

- Access to the Information Ambassadors at the hotel and the playing venue
- Player Registration and Open practice on the courts
- Entry to the Opening Ceremonies and Hall of Fame Ceremony
- Invitation to the Meet & Greet Reception with appetizers, refreshments and games
- 5 days of shuffleboard competition
- Catered lunches at the venue and cold water all day
- A pool party and park crawl afternoon
- Invitation to the cocktail reception, banquet celebration, medal ceremony, and dance
- Transportation to/from venue and recommended hotel daily for competition and planned evening meals

AND



#### Players registered at the Hilton Garden Inn

- A personal welcome by an Information Ambassador (arriving Saturday)
- transportation to/from airport and recommended hotel (if required)
- Welcome package
- Full hot/cold breakfast available for purchase at recommended hotel

← OR →

#### Players registered at Fun N Sun Resort

- (arriving and leaving on your own schedule)*
- A personal welcome by an Information Ambassador, guiding you to your site
  - Welcome package
  - Personal guided tour of the park facilities
  - Use of all park facilities for your entire stay (excluding the Shuffleboard courts during the competition week)

### Optional Event pricing for others who would like to attend:

We have attempted to find ways to incorporate the public in our tournament. All of the events will be open to the public except the Meet & Greet Reception and the Final Banquet. For those who are ***not*** purchasing the Complete Player or Non-Player Packages, we have included information regarding these events below. Payment for these extra events can be made at time of Player Registration, October 28<sup>th</sup>, however, we cannot guarantee availability and extra fees will apply.

#### **Meet & Greet Reception – by invitation only \$50.00 USD (if paid by June 1)**

A reception to meet and mingle with the players, volunteers, and local dignitaries. Includes appetizers and alcoholic / non-alcoholic drinks and entertainment.

#### **Final Banquet and Dance – by invitation only \$100.00 USD (if paid by June 1)**

A reception to celebrate with the players, volunteers and local dignitaries. Includes a cocktail hour, an open bar, dinner, awards presentation, and dance.



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## WHERE TO LAY YOUR HEAD

### Hotel Information:

	Hilton Garden Inn ★★★★★			
Room rates	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
	129.00	149.00	169.00	189.00
Inclusions:				
Breakfast	✘	✘	✘	✘
Restaurant	✔	✔	✔	✔
Bar / Lounge	✔	✔	✔	✔
Transportation				
Airport	✔	✔	✔	✔
Playing Venue	✔	✔	✔	✔
Taxes	19.35	22.35	25.35	28.35
Total per night	148.35	171.35	194.35	217.35
Extras				
Breakfast pp	15.00 + tx = 17.25 per person			

We are recommending the Hilton Garden Inn in Harlingen, as the Hotel of choice. We have secured a block of rooms at this brand-new facility, built in 2021. The Hilton Garden Inn is the only hotel in the immediate area that has a bar, a restaurant and can accommodate the number of rooms needed, and it is also the only one that has a shuttle to be booked for use to/from the venue. As we are all sensitive to the increase in accommodation charges, we have separated the cost of the breakfast (\$15.00) from the room cost. Breakfast choices include a hot and cold buffet, a la carte and menu options and can be purchased at check-in if desired.

To make group reservation(s), individuals can use the online link to access the exclusive rates available for this group. The group name is "INTL Shuffleboard" and the group code: "ISA". Please click the **Edit Stay** button and place the appropriate **Arrival Date** and **Departure Date** in the fields when booking online.

The Hilton web page link is:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/hrlnogi-isa-7a37c10f-d5a8-4e7d-9a5d-4931420742b0/>.

Please share this link with anyone who needs to book group rates. The last day for you to make group reservations under group block rate(s) will be Sunday October 6, 2024. Please be advised discounted rates will **not be extended on or past the cutoff date** contracted.

[Hilton Garden Inn](#)

1-956-428-1400

751 Harlingen Heights Blvd, Harlingen, TX 78552

### FNS Resort Information:

[Fun 'n Sun RV Resort](#) is the venue we will be playing at. This is a fully operational resort with all amenities including laundry and a fitness room. It does not have a grocery or convenience store. However, there are a few options for grocery food pickup and/or delivery as indicated below.

### Park Model Rentals

There are 13 park model trailers for rent. Each unit will sleep 4 and is supplied with WIFI, electric, water and linens (sheets & towels). All are within walking distance to the courts. We have secured the rate of \$607.00 for a week (Saturday to Saturday). Additional single nights are not available – it must be rented by the week. Some of these units are pet-friendly, however all of them are smoke free. These units will rent quickly, secure yours ASAP.

### RV's and Fifth Wheels

The resort offers full services including WIFI, electric, water and sewer hookups. With many different sites to choose from – you can choose a site closer to the courts, close to the dog run or with a picnic table. RV site rentals are \$67 per night, \$406 per week, \$812 for 2 weeks and \$811 for the month.

To reserve a park model or a site for your RV, please call the resort at: 1-956-399-5125.



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## OTHER INFORMATION...

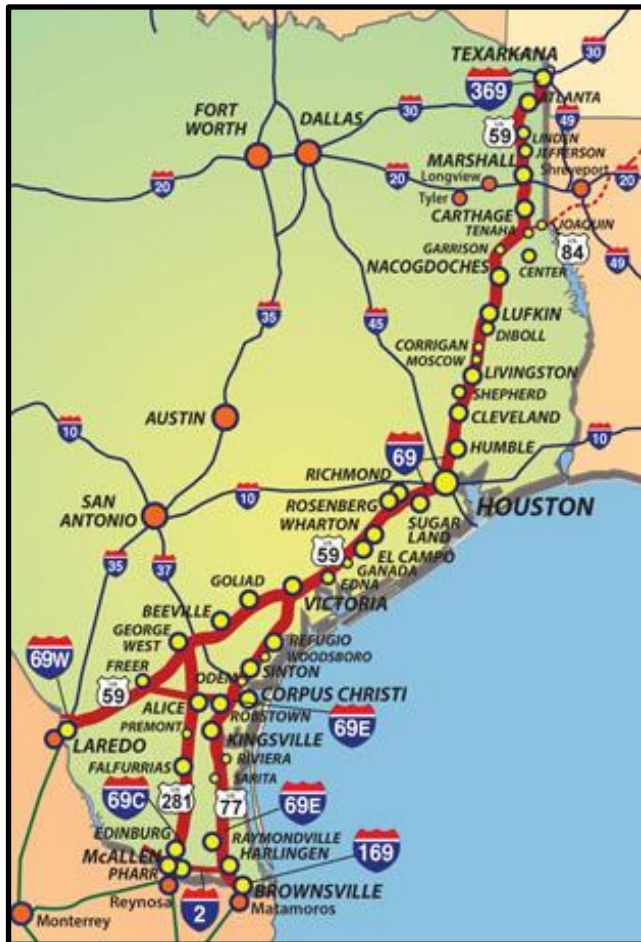
### Where we are ...

Fun 'n Sun RV Resort is in San Benito, at the eastern side of the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) area in Deep South Texas.

Our venue sits on the municipal boundary between San Benito and Harlingen. Almost all services you might need (pharmacies, liquor sales, restaurants, hotels and transportation) will all be in Harlingen.

The City of Harlingen has produced this [brochure](#) you might find helpful.

### How do you get here?



### Car Services...

Harlingen is where the Hilton Garden Inn and most amenities are. There are many different types of ride services available. The average cost of an UBER from the Hilton Garden Inn to the venue is \$11.00.



### By Air

There are three regional airports operating in the Rio Grande Valley – [Brownsville/South Padre Airport](#), [McAllen-Miller International Airport](#) and [Valley International Airport](#) in Harlingen is only 9 minutes from hotels.

Participants may choose to fly into a major center, like Houston, San Antonio or Dallas, rent a vehicle and explore Texas driving south to the Rio Grande Valley.

### By Road

Located roughly 6 hours south of Houston - US Highway 77, US Highway 281 and US Highway 83 all service the RGV.

### How to get around...

#### Hotel and Venue Shuttle...

Transportation will be provided each morning and afternoon to move the participants to/from the venue and Hilton Garden Inn. A shuttle will be available all day long for those wishing to move back and forth at other times. Transportation will also be provided to the court practice, opening ceremonies & meet & greet reception, all group evening dinners, awards banquet and other possible events.

#### Car Rental...

At the airport, there are numerous vehicle rental agencies allowing the participants to enjoy some of the many area attractions.



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## Where to eat...

**Restaurants**  
While it is not a large "city", there are an abundance of places to eat in Harlingen. As it is a rural community, these establishments are within 1.5 km of the hotel. These would include Sam's Club (400m), Reyna's BBQ (500m), Cracker Barrel, Longhorn Steakhouse, Hooter's (1 km), Starbucks, Chili's, Pizza Hut, Texas Smokehouse BBQ and many, many more. All of the major food delivery companies are available including Uber Eats, Grub Hub and Door Dash to deliver to your hotel or to the resort.

## Grocery

In addition to restaurant delivery HEB (Texas grocery store), Walgreens, CVS, Target all use SHIPT and can deliver anything you will need. And of course, there is always Walmart to keep you stocked.



## LET'S PLAY...

### Possible excursions ... (additional fees will apply)

There is plenty to do here in the Valley, but transportation is a factor. Although we have all the amenities we need, it is a rural city and requires transportation to move around. The following trips can be arranged depending on interest –

Friday, Oct 25 - Outlet shopping in the morning and Nuevo Progresso, Mexico in the afternoon

Saturday, Oct 26 or Nov 2 - day trip to South Padre Island with a sunset Catamaran Dinner Cruise or Seaside Dining and entertainment.

## Play on our courts. . .



Fun 'n Sun RV Resort is **the only place** in the RGV to have indoor courts and our facility is regularly used by all shufflers in the RGV for tournaments in the event of inclement weather. Our climate-controlled facility allows play any time in complete comfort. It is always 72° F (21°C) and dry! 17 permanent courts allow us to host many different tournaments including a US National Singles Tournament each year. Our beaded Florida style courts are always tournament ready ... wax the discs and play.

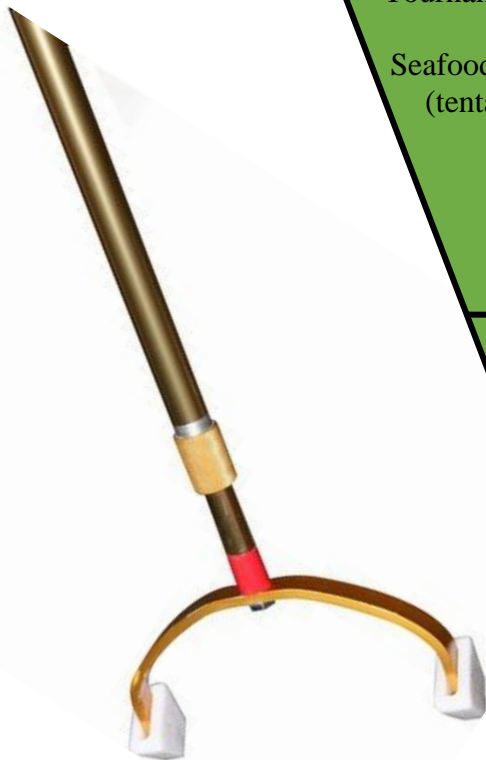
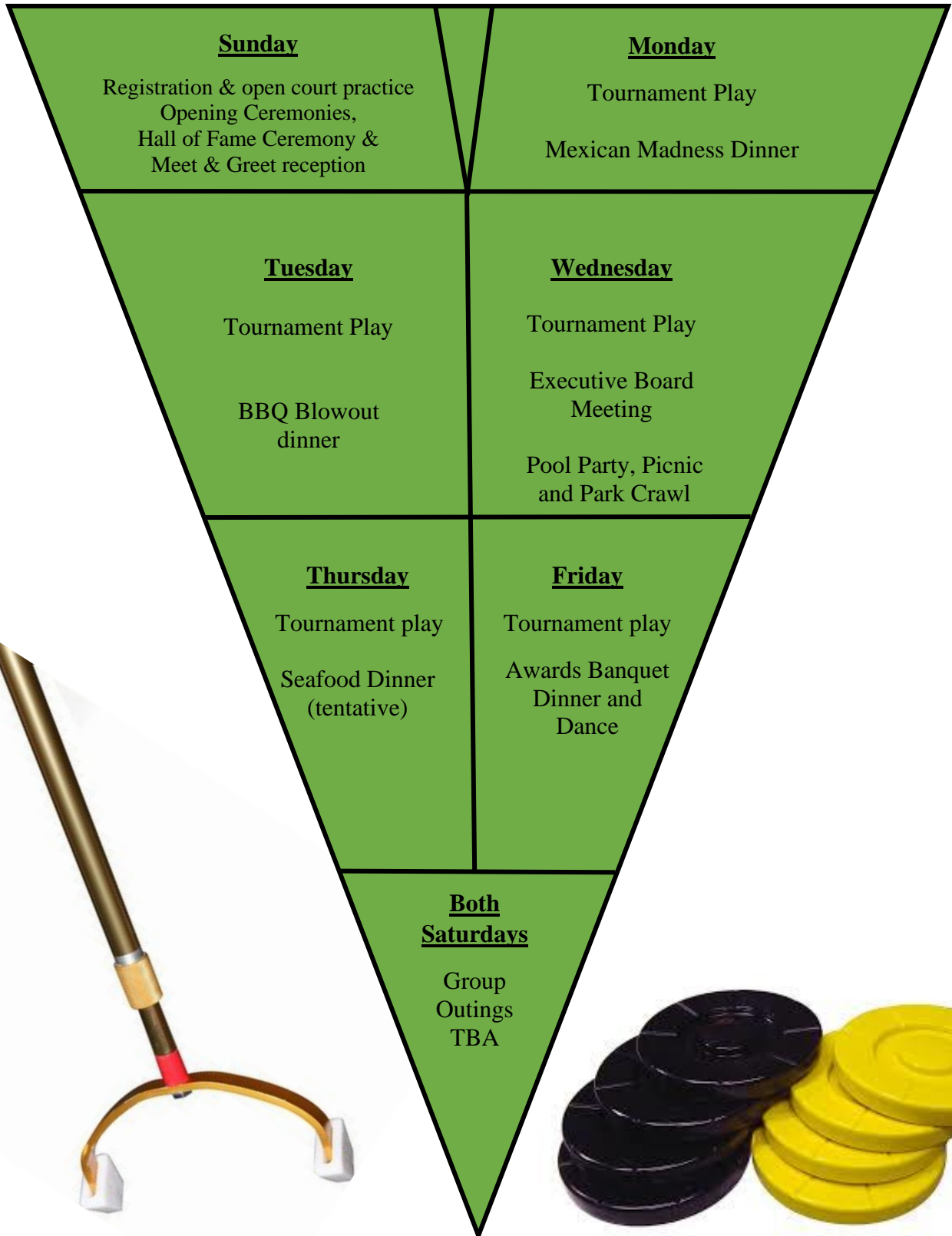


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**Play all day and party all night . . .**





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## Play some more . . . on land with critters

Take the Nature Tram for a lively Introduction to Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge and the history of the lower Rio Grande Valley. The comfortable, open-air tram traverses the 7-mile wildlife drive in an hour and a half. It is led by knowledgeable guides and includes a stop at the historic cemetery and a view of the Rio Grande River.



For more information visit the website - [fws.gov/refuge/santa-ana](https://fws.gov/refuge/santa-ana)

## South Padre Island Birding & Nature Center



The Rio Grande Valley's premier destination for birdwatching. The unique location on South Padre Island is the perfect place to observe the birds, butterflies and natural wildlife in coastal South Texas. Visit South Padre Island, walk the bayfront boardwalks, take a birding tour and explore the natural life of the Rio Grande Valley. The South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center features 4,800 feet of wheelchair

accessible boardwalks on the Laguna Madre, seven bird blinds, a five-story observation tower with elevator, guided tours, a nature gift store, three waterfalls and saltwater and freshwater marshes.

For more information visit the website – [spibirding.com](https://spibirding.com)

At Sea Turtle Inc., the mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and release injured sea turtles, educate the public, and assist with conservation efforts for all marine turtle species.

For more information visit the website – [seaturtleinc.org](https://seaturtleinc.org)



## or play on the water . . .



A short 40-minute car ride takes you to paradise on the Gulf of Mexico - making it the perfect day trip! Or book a stay in a beachfront hotel or a private rental property. On South Padre Island you can shop 'til you drop or play all day in the sand and the sun!

Numerous souvenir shops are sprinkled amongst some home décor and retail shops. Stop for lunch and enjoy a beverage or two at a beach front bar/restaurant while listening to live music. Visit wildlife sanctuaries, take an early morning charter fishing trip or enjoy an evening catamaran dinner cruise. For the more adventurous – rent paddleboards, kayaks or golf carts and cruise the miles of sand beaches! Keep your eyes open for the kites flying overhead...

For more information visit the website – [spiactivities.com](https://spiactivities.com)



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## or take an afternoon trip to Mexico . . .

A ten-minute car ride takes you to Nuevo Progreso – a popular border crossing into Mexico. Park the car and walk across the bridge over the Rio Grande River and enjoy all this little town has to offer! A favorite among “Winter Texans” – enjoy good food, good music and good times with friends. Not to mention – souvenir shopping, margaritas and dancing to live bands all afternoon long! This is a very safe town and the residents are so happy to see you – don't forget your passport and US\$.

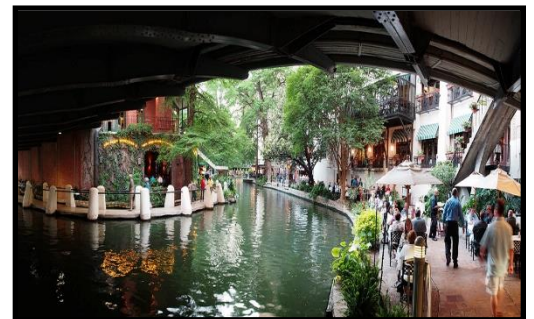
For more information visit the websites – [tripadvisor.com/Tourism](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism) and [wikipedia.org](https://www.wikipedia.org)



## and don't forget the Alamo . . .



San Antonio is a mere 5 hours away and so much history to enjoy there. Along with the [Alamo Historical Site](#), shopping and of course a cruise along the [Riverwalk](#) – your trip is sure to keep you entertained.



*Come spend some time with us in South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley!*

[Houston Space Center](#)

[Aransas National Wildlife Refuge](#)

[Natural Bridge Caverns](#)

[The Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas](#)

[Joe's Oyster Bar](#)

[RGV Premium Outlet Mall](#)

[The USS Lexington in Corpus Christi](#)

[Clayton's Beach Bar](#)

[Valley Nature Center in Weslaco](#)

[Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge](#)

[Fort Worth Stockyards](#)

[Big Bend National Park](#)

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