



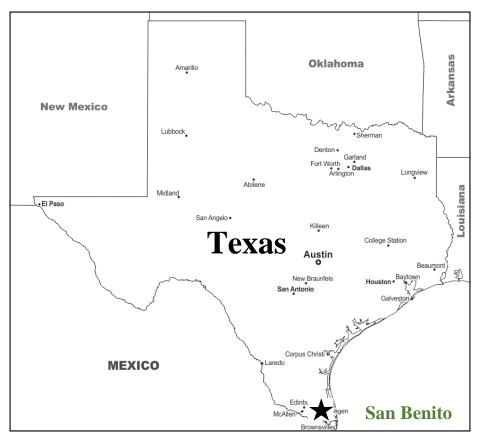
Our goal ...

We intend to showcase the unique qualities of the Rio Grande Valley by tasting the delights, experiencing the beautiful sunsets and enjoying the amazing weather.

We aim to utilize the talents of our committee and volunteers to create a world – class shuffleboard event, fostering new and old friendships through the love of the game.



Where we are . . .



San Benito

Fun 'n Sun RV Resort is in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) area in Deep South Texas. Located 6 hours south of Houston, it is only a 25 minute drive to South Padre Island in the Gulf of Mexico, taking you to miles and miles of sandy white beaches, bird watching and a Sea Turtle Education Center.

Being located so close to the border of Mexico – it is an easy afternoon trip for some great margaritas and souvenir shopping. Numerous wildlife sanctuaries offer walking trails and wonderful opportunities to spot all sorts of wildlife.

Who we are . . .

Hundreds of shuffleboard junkies from all over the USA and Canada call the Rio Grande Valley home for at least part of the year. Beautiful winter weather calls them here and they continue to enjoy shuffleboard, all year long.



Ann and Evan Engell will chair this committee. We attended the ISAs in Brazil in 2017. Evan's father played in Brazil during their first ISA tournament. We are playing in Vienna as well. Although we are Canadian, we have been winter Texans for eight seasons.

We have a tremendous number of friends and supporters both in the Texas shuffleboard community and the host park. We expect no less than 12 Information Ambassadors and well over 40 volunteers.

Where we play . . .

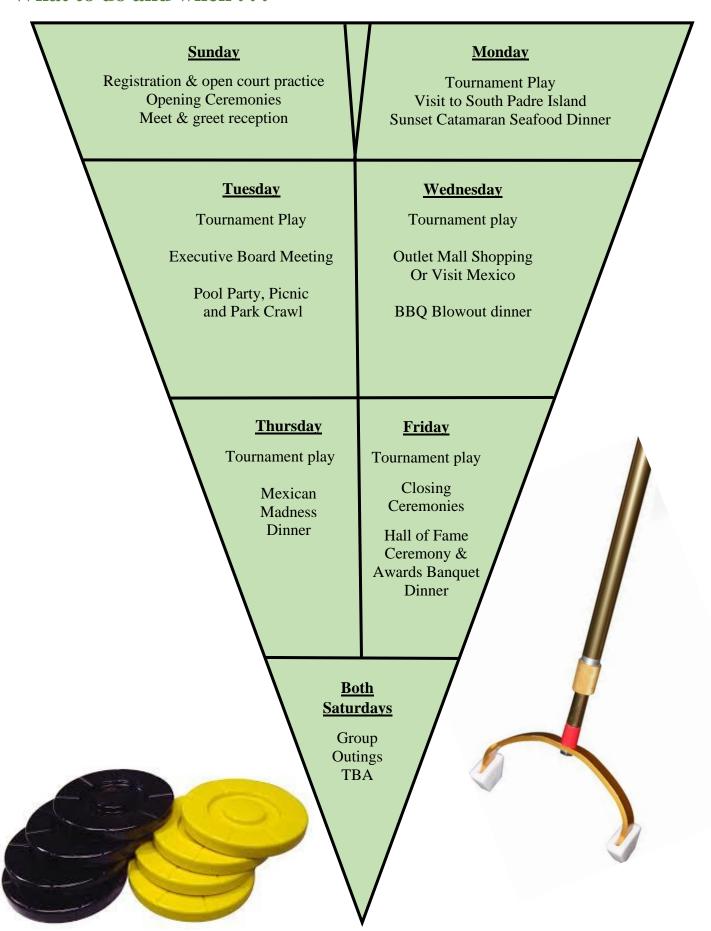


Fun 'n Sun RV Resort is the only place in the RGV to have indoor courts. Our climate-controlled facility allows participants to play any time in complete comfort. It is always 72 degrees (21C) and dry! Our 17 permanent courts are home to a US National Singles Tournament every March. Our beaded Florida style courts are always tournament ready ... wax the discs and play.





What to do and when . . .



Participant Packages... (not including accommodation)

We will treat you to ...

- Registration package, identification tag. information booklet and gift bag
- Access to the Information Ambassadors at the hotel and the playing venue
- Transportation between hotel and playing venue
- Open practice on the courts
- Meet and greet reception with appetizers and refreshments
- 5 days of shuffleboard competition
- Morning/afternoon refreshments and lunches at the venue
- Cold water all day
- A pool party, picnic and park crawl evening
- Hall of Fame ceremony
- Happy hour, awards banquet and entertainment

Hotel (arriving Sunday and leaving the following Saturday)

- A personal welcome by an Information Ambassador
- Transportation to/from airport and hotel
- Refreshments upon arrival at hotel
- Hot/cold breakfast each morning at hotel
- Light, late afternoon refreshments at hotel each day

RV (arriving and leaving on your own schedule)

- A personal welcome by an Information Ambassador, who will guide you to your site
- Welcome package
- Personal guided tour of the park
- Unlimited use of all park facilities for your entire stay











How do you get here?

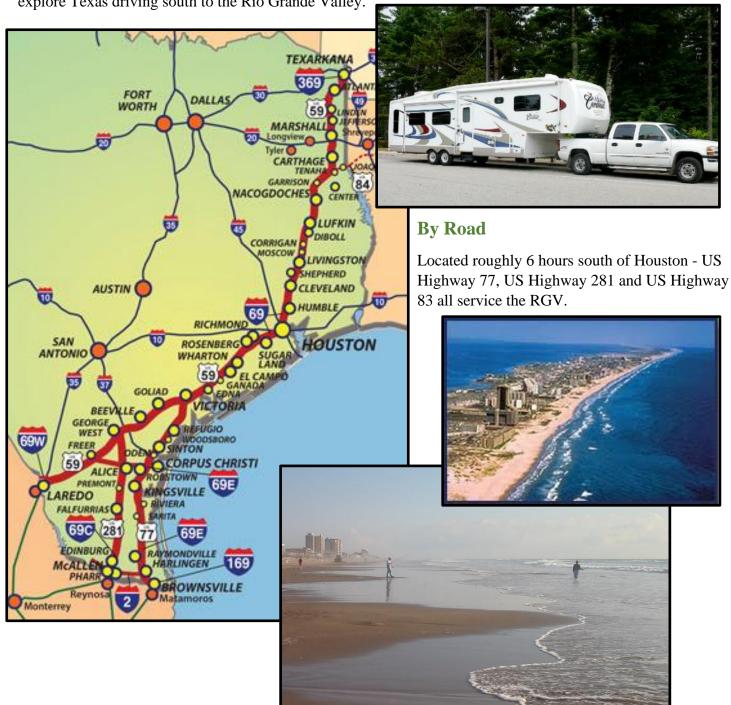
By Air

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.

Arrival

Participants arriving at any of these airports will be met by an Information Ambassador and taken to either the contracted hotel or to a rental car agency on-site.

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.



Eat, Stay and Play . . .

The RGV, also known as the "Texas Tropics" is infamous for hot weather. Average temperatures during this time of year – low of 19C (66F) and high of 31C (88F). It is often very windy – bring your swimsuit, a hat and a sweater or light jacket.

The unique geographical location allows for many specialty restaurants – including Mexican, Seafood and BBQ delights! We will be featuring all of these on different nights along with an evening picnic featuring typical "American" choices.

All about the food . . .



A full hot & cold breakfast will be included with hotel room rental. Cold water, mid-morning/afternoon snacks and lunches will be provided every day at the venue. Late afternoon snacks and refreshments will be provided at the hotel each day.

In addition to a pool party with traditional "American" foods, specialty dinner nights planned include – Mexican Madness, BBQ Blowout and Seafood Sunset – with alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Refreshments and heavy appetizers will be enjoyed at the Meet & Greet Reception. Vegetarian, meat and gluten-free options will always be available.



Where to lay your head . . .

Hotel

There are many 3+ star, large chain hotels only a ten-minute ride to the venue. Calls for proposals have been made and are returning with negotiations on amenities. We are confident that a terrific facility will be contracted with rooms well below \$150 per night with breakfast included.









RV

There may be some participants wanting to stay in the venue park with their RV. The park has many spots for RV parking with full hook ups. More details on this option will be made available with the player package.

How to get around ...

Bus transportation will be provided each morning and afternoon to shuttle the participants to/from the venue. Vehicle transportation will be available all day long for those wishing to move back and forth at other times. Bus transportation will also be provided for the evening dinners, reception and banquet.

Car Rental

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

And 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 - www.fws.gov/refuge/Santa_Ana



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 – www.spibirding.com

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



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...

or take an afternoon trip to Mexico ...

A ten-minute car ride takes you to Nuevo Progresso – 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 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.



For the best in Southern hospitality....

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

Houston Space Center RGV Premium Outlet Mall Fort Worth Stockyards

Aransas National Wildlife Refuge The USS Lexington in Corpus Christi Big Bend National Park

The Longhorn Museum Natural Bridge Caverns King's Ranch

The Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas Valley Nature Center in Weslaco Padre Island Brewing Co

Joe's Oyster Bar Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge