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Teams compete across state despite economy woes

550 teams play in '09 Texas state tournaments

TEAMS ACROSS THE U.S. look forward to playing in state tournaments. Texas is no exception, and in 2009 more than 550 teams played in Texas ASA state tournaments.

"The Texas ASA Championships are always the highlight of our year," said Texas ASA commissioner Glenn Morrison. "We take great pride in offering our championship slate to all the teams within our association. During these difficult economic times, it is refreshing to know that Texas ASA can go into a city and host a state championship that has a longlasting effort on the economy. Because of this fact, we see more and more communities wanting to take part in our program."

In addition to the state tourneys, two regionals were held: 16-under Class A Fast Pitch in Wichita Falls, with winner Texas Storm taking nine of 10 games, and the 10-under Class B in Angleton with the 98 Texas Pride pre-



MORE JUNIOR OLYMPIC TOURNEYS: JO youth tournaments saw an increase in 2009, with a total of 464 teams across the state.

vailing in a field of six teams.

A total of 464 teams (ages 6 to 18-under) competed in the JO youth tournaments, according to Texas JO commissioner Doug Parker. "This is up from last year," said Parker, who said Texas ASA had an increase of 45 teams.

"We always have a good showing in our six-and-under and eight-and-under tournaments," continued Parker. "This year we had 126 teams, which holds steady each year. The increase came in our restructured Class C recreational state tournaments. Instead of holding them in one location, they were divided up into three locations

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**Glenn Morrison,
Texas ASA commissioner**

Texas ASA to meet in Austin in mid-October

If you're involved in the Texas ASA, all roads lead to Austin, which will host the annual Texas ASA Council meeting, October 9-11 at the Austin Doubletree Hotel and Suites, 6505 Interstate Highway 35. District 40 is hosting this annual council meeting and an excellent turnout is expected.

"We are looking forward to our people coming to Austin for our annual Council meeting," said Texas ASA Commissioner Glenn Morrison. "District 40 is our host and will do an excellent job."

The meeting will start with a four-man golf scramble on 1 p.m. Friday with a shotgun start at the Lions Municipal Golf Course. Cost is \$60 per player, with awards going to the top three places, plus longest drive and closest to the pin.

There will be a luncheon Saturday and a banquet that evening. Cost to register after Sept. 11 is \$75. To make hotel reservations call (512) 454-3737 or 1-800-347-0330. □

Texas ASA newsletter to serve members

THIS IS THE FIRST ISSUE of Lone Star Softball. This newsletter is for you—the people who comprise the Texas ASA and are out in the field, day after day doing the work needed to keep the Texas ASA among the top Associations in the Amateur Softball Association, the governing body of softball in the United States.

For now the newsletter will be distributed by email quarterly and vary from four to eight pages.

But for this newsletter to succeed, we need your help. If you have a story idea—or better yet, pictures—please send them to BPlummer1@cox.net If you need to contact Bill, call him at (405) 208-1580.

Worth Lady Crushers take state B title

WHEN THE Worth Lady Crushers of Waco, Texas, won the Texas ASA 18-Under Class B State title earlier this summer in College Station, Texas ASA executive director Jack Aaron had three reasons to be happy.

The Crushers compiled a 5-1 record in winning the state title and three members of the team are Aaron's granddaughters: sisters Kayleigh and Mollie Kinlaw, and Victoria Pankonien.

Kayleigh plays first base while Mollie is a third baseman and pitcher while Victoria, who is called Tori by her teammates, also pitches.

The Crushers compiled a team batting average of .396 (57-for-144) in the state tournament with Megan Chartier leading hitter with a .556 average. She also had the top batting average in the national championship with a .637 average as the Crushers posted a .425 (72-



STATE CHAMPS: The Worth Lady Crushers of Waco won the Texas 18-under Class B state title in June, then finished third in the ASA Class B Southern Nationals in College Station. Team members are (front row, from left) Sabrina Guzman, Keeley Salazar, Megan Chartier, Rebecca Augeri, Tiffany Towner, Cassie Anders, and Brittany Hill. Middle row (from left) Raven Contreras, Whitney Richter, Toni Madison, Mollie Kinlaw, Kayleigh Kinlaw, Tori Pankonien and Chelsea Contreas. Back row: coaches Renee Contreras, James Hill and John Salazar.

for-170) batting average. After winning the state title, the Crushers advanced

to the 18-and-under Class B Southern Nationals in College Station and finished third (3-2) in a field of 10.

The South Texas Kaos of Mission, Texas went undefeated (4-0) to capture top honors with Hit N run Gold of Temple, Texas second (4-2). □

ASA stalwarts Monk, Waldrop pass

TWO PEOPLE WELL KNOWN to the members of the Texas ASA, Ron Waldrop and Billy Monk, passed away in August.

Monk, 66, Dallas umpire-in-chief for more than 30 years and a member of the ASA Hall of Fame, passed away on Aug. 25. Monk was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1993. Monk was ISF certified in 1979 and is a charter member of the National Indicator Fraternity.

Monk umpired in nine regionals, three Men's Major Fast Pitch Nationals, a Girls' Fast Pitch national, the 1981 U.S. Olympic Festival, the 1983 Pan American Games try-outs, the Tri-Nation Friendship Series, the 1980 ISF Men's World Championship and the 1991 Junior Girls' World Championship in Australia.

Waldrop, Houston ASA commissioner, passed away Sunday morning, Aug. 9, at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Austin after a three-year battle with liver cancer. Waldrop was 72-years-old and had served as Hous-

ton ASA commissioner since 1991.

He was born June 20, 1937, in Gatesville, Texas, and married his high school sweetheart, LaNell Hillman, in 1958. Waldrop worked for the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline before retiring in 1988 to start his own company, Dean Roofing and Supply, before retiring in 1996.

Waldrop became involved in ASA softball in 1972 when he volunteered to help his two daughters, and eventually coached, umpired, and was president of the SW Houston Girls' Softball, president of the Coastal Girls' Softball, and Houston JO commissioner before becoming the commissioner.

Besides his wife, LaNell, he is survived by three children, Rhonda Snader, Susan and husband Brian Kendall, and David Waldrop; six grandchildren (Michael and Brian Snader, Alyssa and Kent Waldrop and Kyle and Ryan Kendal), sister Judy Truelove, along with his many nieces and nephews. □



Billy Monk



Ron Waldrop

TOURNAMENTS ROUNDUP

11 Texas teams vie for JO GOLD

TEXAS WAS WELL REPRESENTED at the recent ASA 18-under Girls' JO GOLD National Championship in Oklahoma City, Aug. 3-9.

The field of 64 teams contained 11 teams from Texas with the highest finisher Texas Glory-Shelton of McKinney, which tied for 13th (3-2). Texas Impact Gold of Houston tied for 17th with a 2-2 record while Houston Power and The Texas Challengers Gold of Helotes shared 25th place with 2-2 records.

Four Texas teams were among those that tied for 33rd, and included Texas Ecliose Gold of Hockley, Texas Glory Gold (Beard) of Mesquite, and the Texas Hawks Gold of Conroe, each 1-2.

The remaining two Texas teams, Texas Blaze of Round Rock and Texas Express Gold of Katy, were eliminated in two straight games and tied for 49th. □

2009 Texas State Tournaments

TEN STATE ADULT TOURNAMENTS and 26 JO tournaments were scheduled by the Texas ASA in 2009. Three national qualifiers in 10-under, 16-under class A and 16-under/18-under were also

scheduled along with a 16-under Class A Fast Pitch Regional.

The results that were received at the Texas State Office in Waco are below:

Coed Slow Pitch

(1) Austin Clueless	6	1
(2) TX Hardhitters	5	2
(3) Blue Sox	5	2
(4) No Fear	3	2
(5) Dey Know	2	2
(5) Dirty Dozen	3	2

Men's Class B Slow Pitch

(1) Team Miken	3	1
(2) West Coastal	3	2
(3) Budweiser	2	2
(4) Rangers	1	2
(5) Fighting Cocks (withdrew from tourney)		

Men's D Slow Pitch

(1) Washed Up	5	0
(2) Team Ice	6	2
(3) The Franchise	3	2
(4) Yowza Softball	3	2
(5) Brew Crew	3	2
(5) Team Mo-Jo	2	2
(7) CTM Softball	3	2
(7) Don't Trip	2	2
(9) Takeover	1	2
(9) Generation Gap	1	2
(9) Showcase	1	2
(9) Cracked Rip	1	2
(13) Centex Stunners	1	2
(13) Storm Masonry	0	2

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(13) Budweiser	0	2
(13) Los Mismos	0	2
(17) Tornadoes (withdrew)		

Men's E Slow Pitch

(1) TX Swing SBC	6	0
(2) Almost Famous	5	2
(3) Terror Squad	5	2
(4) Kerrville Gators	5	2
(5) Team War	2	2
(5) So-Ho	2	2
(7) Bud Light Lime	3	2
(7) Malek Services	2	2
(9) Ama's	2	2
(9) Whatguys	2	2
(9) Keystone	2	2
(9) Titan Services	1	2
(13) G.C. Boys	1	2
(13) All Day Long	0	2
(13) Scrappers	0	2
(13) Master Batters	0	2
(17) Bryan Gators	0	2
(17) Bad Boys	0	2
(17) Fasco	0	2

Men's Industrial Slow Pitch

(1) R&R Machine Dirtbags	4	0
(2) UAW 848 Vought Ind.	3	2
(3) Alliance Electric	1	2
(4) BP Texans	0	2
(5) Wal-Mart	0	2

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9.8 million play slow, 2.8 million fast pitch

Softball, according to the SGMA Sports Participation of 2008, has 9.8 million people playing slow pitch and 2.3 million people playing fast pitch. The SGMA information indicated that 66 percent males and 34 percent females played slow pitch with 44 percent males and 56 percent female playing fast pitch. Average age of the slow pitch participant was 32.3 year of age while the average age of the fast pitch participant was 26.7.

Power Cats take 6-under pixies

ALTHOUGH THE PLAYERS are six-under, the Texas ASA Pixie State Tournament certainly didn't lack for excitement or determination in a 34-team field May 29-31 in Texas City.

The Angleton Power Cats lived up to their name and "powered" their way through the field to compile a 10-1 record.

But it wasn't easy.

The Power Cats won their first game, 18-7, then lost a one-run decision to Pearland Power in their next game, 12-11, to drop into the losers bracket, knowing it would be a difficult road back to get to the championship round.

But the Power Cats prevailed in the losers bracket, winning nine consecutive games: 13-1, 15-1, 18-2, 12-5, 16-14, 12-4, 12-11, 17-0 and 11-4 to win top honors.

While the Power Cats were coming back through the LB, Pearland Power disposed of LJ Elite, 12-10, in the winners bracket final, awaiting to see who their opponent would be.

It was the Power Cats, but the Cats knew they needed to win the first game of the championship round to force the if-necessary and a shot at a state championship.

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Men's Fast Pitch

(1) SA Titans	5	0
(2) Manor Dirtbags	5	2
(3) Carnage	3	2
(4) SA Compadres	2	2
(5) Longnecks	3	2
(5) Geo-Per	3	2
(7) Gulf Coast FP	1	3
(7) TJB Intimidators	2	2
(9) Team CDIP	1	3
(9) Joe Reyes Sundevils	1	2
(9) Austin Bluejays	1	2
(9) Austin Indians	0	3
(13) Ist Americans	0	3
(13) Manor	0	3

Women's Slow Pitch

(1) Got Dirt	5	0
(2) Slix	5	2
(3) Houston Blaze	2	2
(4) Remix	3	2
(5) Ft. Hood Ballers	2	2
(5) Quite Storm	3	2
(7) Static	2	2
(7) Del Rio Drifters	2	2
(9) Del Rico Stampede	2	2

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The Cats blanked Pearland Power 17-0 in the first game to force the if necessary game, which the Cats won, 11-4, for the title.

The Cats, Pearland Power, Lake

(9) Texas 12	0	2
(9) Austin 12	0	2
(9) Austin Powers	1	2
(9) Outta Control	0	2
(13) Shockers	0	2
(13) Cattleman's	0	2

10-under B Fast Pitch

(Regional)

(1) 98 Texas Pride		
(2) Wharton Thunder		
(3) Katy Cruisers		
(4) Temple Mustangs		
(5) Alvin Bayou Babes		
(5) Sugar Land Swarm		

10-Under Class C Fast Pitch

(South Territory)

(1) East Texas Fury	7	0
(2) Huntington Heartbreakers	5	2
(3) N-Sanity	5	2
(4) Lady Outlaws	5	2
(5) SLGSA Shock	4	2
(5) Brenham Pride 99	4	2
(7) Bryan Cobras	3	2
(7) Livingston Kats	3	2
(9) Brazoria X-Plosion	4	3
(9) Conroe Crush	3	2
(9) Woodlands Force	3	2

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Jackson Elite and Alvin Bayou Babes Blue are all from District 27. □

(9) Spindletop Lightning	4	3
(13)Sienna Stars	3	2
(13) Venom 98	3	2
(13) SF Mayhem	2	2
(13) Texas City Surge	3	3
(17) Wicked	1	3
(17) Galveston Hericanes	1	3
(17) T-N-T	2	2
(17) Stampede White	2	2
(17) Vipers	2	2
(17) Adrenaline	2	3
(17) Venom 99	2	3
(17) Ladycats	1	2
(25) Madisonville Magic	1	3
(25) Montgomery Starz	1	3
(25) Damage Inc.	1	3
(25) Fearless	0	3
(25) Underdogs	0	3
(25) Banditos	1	2
(25) Friendswood Fusion	0	3
(33) Diamond Darlings	0	3
(33) Tidal Wave	0	3
(33) EMC	0	3

12-under Class B Fast Pitch

(1) Nitro	6	0
(2) TX Blaze Sochacki	8	2
(3) Rampage	4	2
(4) C.C. Hit Squad	6	2
(5) C.C. Killer Beez	3	2
(5) Tigers	3	2
(7) Adidas TX Smash	5	2
(7) 96 Axe Brochu	3	2

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2009 Texas ASA Council Meeting

Austin DoubleTree Hotel and Suites
October 9-11, 2009
Austin, Texas

Hosted By Texas ASA District 40 (Austin)



Annual Golf Tournament Friday

4-man scramble • 1 p.m. Shotgun Start
 Awards for 1st through 3rd place, plus
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**If you have any questions about registration
 or reservations please contact: Julie Wagner-Siggers (281) 910-2977
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(9) Force	3	2
(9) Bomb Squad	2	2
(9) Intensity	2	2
(9) TX Blaze Bailey	2	2
(13th) Pearland Power	3	2
(13TH) 97tx Legends	3	2
(13th) Bad Attitude	2	2
(13th) Pack Attack	2	3
(17th) Lady Cats-Ramsey	2	2
(17th) TX Stix-Young	1	2
(17th) Rose Rich Stampede	1	2
(17th) Sting	1	2
(17th) Lady Horns	1	2
(17th) Terminators	0	3
(17th) Bayou Babes	0	3
(17th) Rebels	0	3
(25th) Shockers	1	2
(25th) Pride	0	3
(25th) Dominators	0	3
(25th) After Shock	0	3
(25th) Starz	0	3

14-under Class C Fast Pitch

(1) Crossfire
(2) N-force-Haskell
(3) Xtreme-Killeeen
(4) Bombs-Breckenridge
(5) Ahh-Yeah-Clyde
(5) Shabam-Abilene

Pixie 6-under Fast Pitch

(1) Angleton Powercats	10	1
(2) Pealand Power	6	2
(3) Lake Jackson Elite	4	2
(4) Alvin Bayou Babes Blue	4	2
(5) Port Neches Purple Pride	3	2
(5) Barbers Hill Eclipse	4	2
(7) Texas City Pixie Chicks	5	2
(7)Nederland Sugar & Spikes	4	2
(9) EM Eagles	2	2
(9) Freeport Lady Stros	2	2
(9) Danbury After Shox	2	2
(9) Pearland Force	2	2
(13) League City Thunder	3	2
(13) Friendswood Blue Sapph.	2	2
(15) Lake Jackson Etreme	2	2
(15) Magnolia Elite	3	2
(17) Galveston Herri-canes	0	3
(17) Baytown Blast	1	2
(19) Willis Wildcats	1	3
(19) Pearland Friction	1	2
(23) Santa Fe Lil Sluggers	1	2
(23) Vidor Pixie Poison	0	3
(25) Hallsville Storm	1	2
(25) Splendor Ladycats	1	2
(27) Woodlands SMGSL Force	1	3
(27) Bay City Pride	1	2
(29) Sweeny Sizzle	1	2

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(31) Orange Heat	1	2
(31) Montgomery Starz	1	2
(33) West Columbia Fireballs	1	2
(34) Clute Stinging Divas	0	3

State Pixie 8-under

(North)

(1) Dynamite, Abilene Wylie
(2) Swat, Abilene
(3) Rattlers, Abilene
(4) Badger Babes, Merkel
(5) Knockouts, Carbon
(6) Lil Lady Wolves, Colorado City
(7) Lady Titans, Sweetwater
(8) Totally Wicked, Abilene
(9) Sweetwater All-Stars
(9) Vipers, Abilene
(9) Regulations, Abilene
(9) Lil Indians, Jim Ned
(13th) Lady Braves, Nevada
(13th) Technique, Wichita Falls
(13th) Blue Sox, Abilene
(13th) Clyde All-Stars, Clyde
(17th) Cisco All-Stars
(17th) Dazzlers, Albany
(17th) Diamond Girls, Jim Ned
(17th) Xplosion, Abilene
(17th) Team Xtreme, Breckenridge
(17th) Fury, Abilene
(17th) Eztreme

State Pixie 6-under

(North)

(1) Rage, Sweetwater
(2) Rockers, Abilene
(3) Red Hots, Abilene
(4) Blast, Eastland
(5) Spongballs, Clyde
(5) Chill Factor, Colorado City
(7) Lil Chicas, Abilene
(7) Crushers, Buffalo Gap

12-under Class C Fast Pitch

(South)

(1) Brenham Blaze	6	0
(2) Conroe Crush	6	2
(3) Vidor Southern Lighting	4	2
(4) Alice Elite	6	2
(5) Lady Dogs	3	2
(5) Friendswood Cyclones	3	2
(7) Splendors Lady Cats	2	2
(7) Fury	3	2
(9) EMS	3	2
(9) PNG Eliminators	3	2
(9) Fire Stix	1	2
(9) Angleton Trouble	4	2
(13) Bryan Cobras	2	2

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(13) Beastie Girls	2	2
(13) Willis Wildkats	2	2
(13) BC/OF Bandits	3	2
(17) Magnolia Elite	0	3
(17) Portland S.W.A.T	0	3
(17) Magic	0	3
(17)Venom	0	3
(17) Beaumont Brust	0	3
(17) Caution	0	3
(17) Sienna Stars	1	3
(17) Gulf Coast Moxie	1	2
(25) XXX Threat	1	3

14-under Class B Fast Pitch

(1) Texas Spice	6	0
(2) 95 Bad Attitude	6	2
(3) Triple Threat	5	2
(4) Blue Angels	5	2
(5) TX AXE	3	2
(5) West Texas Twister	3	2

14-under Class C Fast Pitch

(South)

(1) Twizzlers	5	1
(2) EMC Eagles	5	2
(3) Wharton Thunder	2	2
(4) Splendor Ladycats	3	2
(5) Shockers	1	2
(5) Magnolia All-Stars	3	2
(7) Rose-Rich Stampede	2	2
(7) Dickinson Vortex	1	3
(9) Fearless	0	3

18-Under Class A Fast Pitch

(1) Texas Trouble
(2) TCB
(3) Texas Sting
(4) South Texas Elite
(5) Texas Rough Riders
(5) GC Athletics

18-under Class B

(1) Worth Lady Crushers	5	1
(2) Hit 'n Run Gold	4	2
(3) CS Tigers	5	2
(4) CS ATigers (16-U)	2	3
(5) Hit 'n Run Ziegler	1	2
(5) Centex Sluggers	1	2
(7) South Texas Kaus	1	2
(7) Diamond Dawgs	1	3
(9) Garner Girls	0	3

Eight under South Fast Pitch

(1) Pearland Power	7	0
(2) Rose-Rich Stampede Bl.	8	2
(3) Alvin Bayou Babes Red	5	2

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(4) League City Horns	5	2
(5) Angelton Firestarz	5	2
(5) Pearland Rage	4	2

10-under Class C FP

(West)

- (1) Lady Wolves
- (2) Blue Blaze
- (3) Dominators
- (4) Poison
- (5) Sweetwater All-Stars
- (5) Diamond Dusters

16-under Class A Fast Pitch

(Regional)

(1) Texas Storm 16-U	9	1
(2) Texas Glory Naudin	4	2
(3) Austin Storm Red	3	2
(4) Texas Glory 94	3	2
(5) Texas Travelers Jones	3	2
(5) Texas Elite Garza	2	2

10-under Girls' Class A

(1) Pearland Panthers	7	1
(2) Round Rock Blaze	3	2
(3) Sugar Land Smash	3	2
(4) Friendswood Eclipse	2	2
(5) Baytown Slam	4	2
(5) Texas Legends	2	3
(7) South Texas Ballstix	2	2
(7) 98 Midland Explosion	1	3
(9) Texas Cross Fire	1	2
(9) CC Force	0	3
(9) High Voltage	0	3

10-under Class B Fast Pitch

(1) Ennis Xyclones	5	0
(2) Centex Buzz	4	1
(3) Texas Legend	4	1
(4) Hotshots	3	2
(5) Texas Extreme Phillies	2	1
(5) Toxic	2	1
(5) Victoria Starz	2	1
(8) Sugar Land Swarm	2	1
(9) Missouri City Magic	2	1
(9) Mizano Chaos	2	1
(9) Texas Slammers	2	1
(9) Pearland Force	2	1
(9) Willis Wildcats	2	1
(14) Alvin Bayou Babes	1	1
(15) PNG Tribe	1	1
(15) ROSE-Rich Stampede	1	1
(15) Temple Mustangs	1	1
(15) Wharton Thunder	1	1
(15) Stars	1	1
(15) LCVENOM	1	1
(21) Danbury Time Bombs	1	1
(22) TC Base Brawlers	1	2
(22) Bay City Pride	1	2
(24) Pearland Power	1	2
(25) Demolition Krew	1	2
(26) Friendswood Flash	0	3
(26) West Texas Extreme	0	2
(26) Growl Power	0	3
(26) Girls n'Cleats	0	3
(26) Groovy Girls	0	3
(26) Windthorst Thunder	0	3