



Texoma Sound Sweeps Seniors Contest

Texoma Sound, representing the Southwestern District, swept the International Seniors Quartet Competition in Jacksonville, Florida, on Saturday, January 29, 2005, with an all-time high score of 909 points. This annual competition is held at the MidWinter Convention of the Barbershop Harmony Society, originally SPEBSQSA.

Singing “*That Summer When We Were Young*” and “*She Didn’t Say No*”, this half-Oklahoma, half-Texas foursome dominated 23 other quartets in the Super Bowl of Seniors, setting a new level in this 19 year old competition.

Members of Texoma Sound are no strangers to Southwestern District competitions; all are District Champs. Bari Bill Thompson won with the OK-4 and Texas Gold. Frank Friedemann, tenor, gained his District Champs title with The Rockerfellers. Lead Jim Casey placed first with Lone Star Statesmen, Texas Gold and Sound Arrangement. Tom Pearson took the Southwest District gold with the Houston Chapter’s first winner, the Debonaires, and later the Insiders and the Inns and Outts. Tom has another gold medal with the Insiders, winning the International Championship in 1976.



The Texoma Sound family celebrates at the AISQC Champs Reception. From left, Patty & Frank Friedemann, Glenda & Jim Casey, Gloria & Tom Pearson, Cat & Bill Thompson.

The quartet was welcomed into the Association of International Seniors Quartet Champions (AISQC) at a reception held at the Omni Jacksonville immediately following the contest. Texoma Sound later entertained conventioners with a spot on the Saturday night Show of Champions, appearing with Max Q and Gotcha!.

Placing second was Savoir Four from the Illinois District, with a total score of 861 points. Antiques Roadshow, representing the Pioneer District, took third with 850. Another Illinois District quartet, Talisman, scored 825 for fourth place. Fifth place medalist was Antique Gold from Evergreen District with 819 points.



Dave Ewing, AISQC President, inducts Texoma Sound into the Association.

Seniors Quartet members must be a minimum of 55 years of age, and the quartet must accumulate 240 years between the four to be eligible to compete. The first contest, held in 1986, was won by the George Baggish Memorial Quartet.