



Longhorns Take Bronze at State Golf! *The Bronte Longhorn Boys Golf Team placed third at the State Golf Tournament in Austin. Team members are (from left) Ryan Jones, Ean Ward, Coach Rocky Rawls, and seniors Lance Burns, Jared Scott and Josh Puentez*

West Texas Travels

By Linda Williams

As a native Texan, I thought I knew most of the hidden gems of our state. This weekend, I had the pleasure of discovering a true diamond in the rough.

The Wine Society of Texas Permian Basin Chapter, hosted their annual Kentucky Derby party at the Settles Hotel in Big Spring, Texas. I was familiar

with the location, but had never had a reason to stay. I talked a friend from Dallas into flying to San Angelo and driving with me to none other than Big Spring!

What a treat we experienced. The hotel was built in the 1930s. All 65 rooms have been totally remodeled to the old style glamour of the era, with wonderful amenities. The entire hotel is beautifully appointed.

Lots of brass, crystal and marble. Except for the historic floor, which has a bit smaller rooms and baths, the rooms are extremely spacious with upscale furniture and comfy beds. Marble and tile baths have separate tubs and glass showers. The closets and dressing areas are huge. Our room included a wet bar with refrigerator. The most impressive part is the

meticulous cleanliness that is exhibited throughout the entire property.

The hotel exhibits a large pool and hot tub area which is great for swimming or just relaxing with one of the Pharmacy Bar & Parlor cocktails. There is also an exercise room and day spa.

The evening started in the Pharmacy Bar, with mint juleps, (or the drink of your choice), crab cakes, fried pickles, hot cheese dip and chips. All of which is on the regular menu. The bartender makes a mean gin and tonic! Others in the group raved about their Bloody Mary. From here we moved to one of the ballrooms for a four course dinner prepared by the

head chef, Rob Cook. Chef Cook out did himself preparing a custom menu for the event. Watercress and apple salad, seared halibut cheeks, coffee spiced beef tenderloin accompanied by potato sarladaise and spring squash galette, ending with a sacher chocolate torte. We ate in the Settles Grill for lunch Saturday and breakfast Sunday. The food was just as outstanding as the dinner meal.

All in all, the weekend was a wonderful experience and I would highly recommend making the trip for a weekend getaway or just for a meal that makes you think you are in another country!

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