

SPORTS & RECREATION

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Photos by Randy Murray

Above: Hunter Russell, 10, takes first place in the first heat of the 50-meter Run at the Special Olympics Spring Games held at Fort Stewart's Quick Track, April 16. In each heat of each race, parents and "buddies" ran along side their special athlete, cheering and urging him or her on.

Left: Kayla White, 11, takes first place in the 25-meter Wheelchair Race at the Special Olympics Spring Games held at Fort Stewart's Quick Track, April 16. There was also a 10-meter Wheelchair Race and a 25-meter Motorized Wheelchair Obstacle Race.

Other events included the 10-meter Assisted Walk, 25-meter Walk, 100-meter Run, 200-meter Run, Tennis Ball Throw, 4-kilogram Shot Put and Softball Throw. All athletes who participated in Friday's Special Olympics will be eligible to compete in the Regional Games at Savannah Country Day School, April 28.



Everyone gets excited about the Special Olympics

Leigh Dorr
Special to the Frontline

Excitement was in the air as torchbearer Daniel Maxwell entered Fort Stewart's

Quick Track Stadium to kick off the Special Olympics at Fort Stewart, April 16. For 22 years, athletes with intellectual and physical disabilities from Long County, Liberty County and Fort Stewart have gathered at Fort Stewart to compete, socialize and gain self-confidence.

This year's event included the 10 meter assisted walk; the 25 meter walk; the 10 and 25 meter wheelchair races; the 25 meter motorized wheelchair obstacle race; the 50, 100 and

200 meter run; the tennis ball throw; the softball throw and the 4 kilogram shot-put. Family Members and volunteers cheered as athlete after athlete crossed the finish line.

"It's great to see the athletes participate in these events and build morale," said volunteer Sandra Daiello.

"Seeing him run down the track with a smile was the best part of my day," said Sandra Jackson about her son, Joseph Williams. "It's really exciting to see so many people taking an interest in special needs kids."

More than 350 volunteers were present at the event to provide support, hugs and high-fives.

"Everyone has fun volunteering at

the Special Olympics," stated Mavis Crowell, Fort Stewart Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator. "We try to have two volunteers per athlete. We want our volunteers to know how much we appreciate them because without them we would not be able to put this together. It takes their support to make an event like this a success."

"There's a sense of accomplishment and compassion here," said Pfc. Eric Perry, MEDDAC. "The athletes are approaching something that challenges them to their limits, and they're taking that and running with it, literally. There's a lot of pride in that and something worthy to volunteer for."

Youth Challenge Academy volun-

teers Mark Simmons and Asani Woods were teamed up with Daniel Maxwell for the day.

"My favorite thing about today was hanging out and helping the kids," said Simmons. "Daniel is a winner."

When asked how it felt to participate in the day's events and run in the torch, Maxwell smiled and stated, "It felt exciting."

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For information on volunteering at the Regional Games contact Jeremy Johnson, Area 17 Volunteer Coordinator 912-663-7440.

Soldiers, civilians enjoy Hunter Garrison Golf Scramble

Sharita Wilkinson
Student Volunteer

The team of Bob Lyons and Brett Dwyer won the Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Golf Scramble with a score of 14 under par, at the Hunter Golf course, April 16.

Sixteen teams participated in the two-person team, best-ball tournament, the first of the season following a winter hiatus.

Finishing second in the tournament was the team of Scott Armbrister and Willie Jones, with a score of 65.

Willie Jones took closest to the pin. His ball sailed from the tee box on hole number 13 to the front of the green and stopped rolling a mere six inches from the cup.

Participants enjoyed a warm, luminous day at the course after recuperating from a rainy, cold winter, according to Tommie McArthur,

director of golf.

"Today is gorgeous," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Joel Blanks. "Just to be able to play golf makes me a winner already."

"It is a great game to play on a nice day like this," said McArthur, referring to the 80 degree weather. "We want people to come out, have fun and support the FMRW facilities."

McArthur said the garrison commander's golf scramble is played once a month April through October, to demonstrate camaraderie to the community inside and outside Hunter's gates.

"It helps us serve Soldiers and the Savannah community while supporting a great relaxing event," he said, adding that winners get to enjoy the game and get some nice prizes. This year's winning teams received Nike Golf bags and other Nike merchandise.

Yellow Ribbon Walk, Saturday

A Yellow Ribbon Walk, the second major event in the Walk/Run to Iraq/Afghanistan series, will be held at Cottrell Field at 9:30 a.m., Saturday.

About 1,000 people are expected to take part in the event in a show of support and love for Soldiers deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places around the world.

Those who have walked 100 miles as part of the Walk/Run effort will be awarded yellow T-shirts for their accomplishment. When the walk ends, those wearing the T-shirts will form a human yellow ribbon on Cottrell Field.

During the walk, Family Readiness Groups will attach Yellow Ribbons on trees along Gulick Avenue.

At the Donovan Field Walk/Run event Jan. 24, approximately 1,200 to 1,500 Spouses, Family Members, Soldiers and others participated in the opening event.

Miles are still being tabulated for the upcoming Yellow Ribbon Walk. Early figures show that participants already have walked to and from Iraq and Afghanistan several times, organizers said.

Much of the interaction of the Walk/Run to Iraq/Afghanistan is taking place on a dedicated Facebook page.

The link to the Facebook page is:
www.facebook.com/pages/3rd-ID-Walk-to-and-from-Iraq-Afghanistan/261713572337.



Legends of Golf salutes Armed Forces with free admission

Maureen Radzavicz

Communications Coordinator

As part of the Champions Tour's ongoing commitment to honor the men and women of the U.S. military, the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf is extending complimentary admission to all active duty, retired and reserve military personnel and their dependents at next week's tournament. The 33rd annual all-team event will feature over 125 of golf's most accomplished players, including Fred Couples, Tom Watson, Lee

Trevino and Gary Player and will be held April 19-25 at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa on Hutchinson Island.

Complimentary admission will be offered for the entire week to armed forces personnel and their dependents who present their identification card at the gate in exchange for a grounds ticket. All youth under the age of 18 will be admitted free with a ticket-holding adult.

While at the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf on Friday through Sunday, military Families are invited to visit the

Patriot/Military Outpost, a hospitality chalet located on the 17th green offering complimentary food and beverages.

Additionally, tournament officials have declared Sunday, April 25, Military Appreciation Day at the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf. The day's final round will kick-off at 8 a.m. with a special ceremony on the 1st tee, featuring Color guard from Hunter Army Airfield and singing of the national anthem. Members of the military will also serve as standard bearers for select pairings on Friday and Saturday. Through the "Birdies for Charity" program, the

tournament will once again donate \$100 for every birdie on the four par-3 holes and \$25,000 for hole-in-ones made on Friday through Sunday to Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart's Chaplains Fund.

"This is just a small way of expressing our respect and gratitude to the brave men and women who serve our country," said Executive Director Joe Rotellini. "We are humbled by the sacrifices they make to protect our freedom and hope to show our appreciation and support through these initiatives."

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Sharita Wilkinson

Retired 1st Sgt. Mike Hayes uses body English on a putt during the Hunter Army Airfield Golf Scramble, April 16. Watching are (left) retired Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Charlie Tukes; Hunter Army Airfield Golf Director Tommie McArthur, (center) and Sgt. Maj. Max Brown, Directorate of Emergency Services.

"The switch from a four to a two-person team is new to participants this year, McArthur added. "The switch keeps the game fresh."

"I don't like the switch," laughed Paul Andreshak, a two-year garrison scramble winner and a retired Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield deputy commander. "I need more players so I can lean back on them when I am not doing too well."

"The scramble is a lot of fun," said Lt. Col. Jose Aguilar, Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander. "It takes our mind off work. I urge folks to come give it a try, no matter how bad their game is."

If you would like to participate, the next tournament is a four-person game, scheduled at 1 p.m., May 14. To sign up, contact the Hunter Golf Club at 912-315-9115.



WHO R U PICKING?
MAYWEATHER ^V S ^S MOSLEY
SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010 - MGM GRAND
LIVE ON PAY-PER-VIEW

BOXING UNDER THE STARS May 1st @ 9 PM
Club Stewart Parking Lot – Free – NO COOLERS
Food & Drinks Provided for Additional Cost - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

TIME OUT! NFL draft uncertainty

Jennifer Hartwig
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Tonight, one of my favorite sporting events of the year begins – the NFL draft.

As a football junkie, I love the discussions of the “what ifs” the “locks” and the “bust” talk that begins even before these kids are drafted. I love mock drafts, I love the debate, and I love seeing who was right and who was wrong.

I love the “are you kidding me?!” picks, and I even love the “smart” or “safe” picks. You have probably noticed that I’ve been using a lot of quotation marks – that’s because of the uncertainty of the NFL draft that, you guessed it, I love.

I don’t know about you, but I haven’t gotten sick of the “is Sam Bradford really good enough to take #1?” talk, or the “where will Tim Tebow go?” talk.

Speaking of Tebow.... Now, don’t change your opinion of me just because of my next statement, but I think he is going to do better than most

people think. I think he has the drive and the athleticism to make a name for himself in the NFL. I don’t think he’ll be the next Peyton Manning, but I think, in time, he’ll be a decent quarterback, and could be a starter if he finds himself with the right team – in three or so years.

For me, Sam Bradford is a big question mark. He hasn’t really played in more than a year, and he has suffered two serious shoulder injuries. What’s the one place you don’t want to have weakness as a quarterback? That’s right, the shoulder(s).

But there’s no way St. Louis doesn’t take him with the first pick tonight. They’re a down-and-out franchise who needs to pick up their fans. What better way than with a would-be star who’s good looking, wholesome and a quarterback, who are the faces of most teams.

I think the smarter, safer choice for the Rams, on the field, would be taking Ndamukong Suh, the defensive tackle out of Nebraska. But when you’re trying to pick a face for the franchise, I

guess “Sam Bradford” goes over a lot easier than “Ndamukong Suh,” which I couldn’t pronounce or spell without looking at his draft card for \$1 million dollars. That’s business. Quarterbacks are the faces on franchises, not defensive backs. But I think on the field, Suh is the stronger choice.

Here’s the problem with picking a quarterback early – it’s a crapshoot. You could get a Peyton Manning with the #1 pick, or you could get Ryan Leaf with #2. You could get lucky and get Tom Brady in the sixth round, or you could take Joey Harrington at #3. The other problem? When you pick a quarterback and he’s a bust, it sets your team back four or even five years. Some people might be a big gambler, but I’m not unless I am 100 percent sure it’s a lock, like with Peyton Manning.

Because of all of this uncertainty, I’ll be glued to my TV Thursday night, watching as kids’ dreams come true, watching hopeful owners put their faith on 22 year olds... and hoping that they all make it. I might love the controversy, but in the end I’m a sucker for a happy ending.

SPORTS & RECREATION BRIEFS

The CYSS Central Registration, building 443, Gulick Avenue is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., for sign-up. For additional information, call the Youth Sports Office at Jordan Youth Gym at 767-4371.

Register for Stewart Baseball, T-Ball

Baseball registration for CYSS youth will continue until April 30.

Evaluations for all age groups (except T-Ball) will be held May 1, beginning at 9 a.m. for 7-8 year-olds; 12 p.m. for 9-10 year-olds; and 2 p.m. for 11-13 year-olds. Age groups listed are tentative and may need to be adjusted depending on number of participants registered for each age group.

Register at Fort Stewart CYSS, building 443, Gulick Avenue. Hours of operation Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information regarding sports registration, please call 767-2312. For more information on baseball, please call 767-4371. Volunteers are urgently needed to coach teams. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer coach, please call the Youth Sports office at 767-4371.

For more information on sports available, please call Jordan Youth Gym Sports Office at 767-4371 or 767-9270.

NOTE: Current sports physical is required when registering for CYSS programs, and must not expire before the program ends.

Enjoy Moonlite Bowling

Come out and enjoy late-night bowling at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450, when we are open until 2 a.m. The cost is just \$2.50 per game per person. Or, pay a flat fee of \$25 per person for unlimited bowling from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. The shoe rental fee is \$1.75.

Call 767-4273 for more information.

GC's Golf Scramble slated

Registration will close April 29 for the April 30 Stewart Garrison Commander’s Golf Scramble at Taylors Creek Golf Course, building 2150.

Play will be limited to the first 50 two-person teams and will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

The garrison commander extends an invitation to participate in the golf scramble, an opportunity for team building and fellowship.

The cost is \$35 for Taylors Creek and Hunter Golf Club Members, active duty, retirees, Army Civilians, and \$45 for civilian guests.

For more information, call 767-2370.

Take the English Channel Challenge

Do you have what it takes to swim the English Channel? Find out by participating in the English Channel Challenge at Newman Fitness Center, building 439, from May 1 through Oct. 31.

This is an honor-based aquatics fitness incentive program. Participants register to participate in a challenge to swim the width of the English Channel, 240 kilometers (150 miles) wide.

Those who complete the challenge in the allotted time frame will receive a prize. For more information, call 767-3669.

Catch Savannah Derby Devils, May 22

Paint your face Savannah Devil red and come out to support the Savannah Derby Devils as they take on the Upstate Roller Girl Evolution (URGE) of Greenville, S.C., at SuperGoose Sports at 3700 Wallin St. in Savannah, May 22.

Doors open at 6 p.m., derby beings at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 at the door (cash only), or \$10 online at www.savannahderby.com.

Sign up for Roller Girl Boot Camp

Register now for the Savannah Derby Devils Roller Girl Boot Camp 2010. The camp will take place nightly, June 6-11 at the Garden City Gym at 160 Wheat Hill Road. No skills required; gear and skates are provided.

The camp is open to women and men ages 18 and older.

The week offers nightly instruction in the basics of roller skating and a taste of the aggressive sport of women’s roller derby.

Registration includes rental skates and protective gear, a Savannah Derby Devils T-shirt, freebies from vendors during orientation and an end-of-camp party at B&B Billiards, 411 W. Congress St., Savannah.

Space is limited, so register early. Registration fee is \$20 by May 31, \$25 afterward. To register, go to www.savannahderby.com.

For those interested in joining the Savannah Derby Devils, the week prepares skaters for tryouts on June 29 and offers guys and gals the basics needed to join the referee squad, or just come to meet new friends and have a great time!