

Sports

Stewart hosts annual Special Olympics



Photos by Sgt. Tanya Polk

Volunteers of Stewart and Hunter run alongside Long and Liberty County athletes at the 2007 Spring Special Olympics held at Quick Track, Friday.

*Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
let me brave the attempt.*

-Special Olympic Oath

Sgt. Tanya Polk
Editor

"You just have to see their faces - from the time they step off the bus to the time they finish an event," said Mavis Crowell, Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator for Fort Stewart's Army Community Services.

The track and field based Olympics held several events for the children to enjoy including the 50m, 100m, and 200m run, 25m walk, 25m assisted walk and wheel chair, 10m wheelchair and assisted walk, tennis ball and softball throw, and shot put.

The athletes, ranged from ages six through 20, with participants from Joseph Martin Elementary, Waldo Pafford Elementary, Taylors Creek Elementary, Frank Long Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Jordye Bacon Elementary, Coastal Academy, Bradwell Institute, Shelson Golden Middle School, Midway Middle School, Liberty County High School, and Long County Schools.

A parade of athletes and volunteers from each school accompanied Youth Challenge's color guard to kick off the event as they marched across Quick Track. Runners Malik Ricks, Christopher Lewis, Michael Smith and Zachary Dykes of Snelson Golden Middle School ran in the games opening relay. Chaplain (Col.) Ronald Hill, installation chaplain, officially declared the opening of the games.

There were over 200 volunteers who helped coordinate, set up, and assist with the Special Olympics. Soldiers and volunteers from Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield paired up with an athlete for encouragement and support during events.

"Everybody benefits from an event like this," said Crowell, "from the volunteers to the athletes."

As athletes competed in the games, the installation's goal was achieved. The children were full of joy and gained a newfound sense of accomplishment and pride.

"63 is close to 100," said 18-year old Long County High School student Jonah Weldon who boasted his shot put score with a smile. "My teacher and my mom were really proud. Its pretty fun. I got first place."

Each participant received a ribbon upon completing their event, however winners will move on to the Regionals held in Savannah, May 9.



Above: Pfc. Robert Gutierrez, 92nd Chemical Company congratulates Alfonza Hobbie, 18, of Bradwell Institute, after he takes first place at the Spring Special Olympics



Left: Brandon Sheldon, 16, embraces volunteer Staff Sgt. Kevin Hegens, MEDAC, before the 2007 Spring Special Olympic games.



John Hennessee, 11, from Frank Long Elementary (left) and 8-year-old Tyron Jenkins, from Taylors Creek Elementary, race to the finish line during a 10-meter wheelchair race at the 2007 Spring Special Olympics.



Second Lieutenant Mike Tompkins, 92nd Chemical Company, cheers on Kevin A. Hardin, a Bradwell Institute student, as he proudly arrives to the Special Olympics.

Faces lit up with ear-to-ear grins as over 150 children of Long and Liberty counties were bussed to Fort Stewart's Quick Track to compete in the 2007 Spring Special Olympics, Friday.

The Special Olympics began in 1968. Held in support of children with disabilities, the annual event has been held at Stewart for over 20 years.

"Our goal is to ensure that every athlete participating in any event does that to the best of his or her ability, and walks away with a feeling of accomplishment and achievement," explained Crowell.

Iraq vs. U.S., Coalition Forces engage in soccer competition



Pfc. Joseph Labutka

First Lt. Steven Jones, 3rd HBCT, prepares to stop an Iraqi soldier during a soccer match, April 24.

Pfc. Joseph Labutka
3rd HBCT, Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE, Hammer -They partner on the battlefield, but on the soccer field the two squared off.

Soldiers of the 203rd Brigade Support Battalion, and the Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team played soccer against Iraqi army soldiers from the Besmaya Range Complex at the Bey May Eagles to promote camaraderie and partnership, April 24.

Both teams were anxious to show their soccer skills to the opposing players and to deepen their relationships with their partners.

Before the game, Spc. Mikael Lawal warned his teammates that

the Iraqi soldiers were good runners, but he still felt the Sledgehammer soccer players had an edge.

As the teams took to the field to begin the game, Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Swartz, with 203rd BSB, presented Col. Fahil Abbas, commander of the Bey May Eagles, with a 203rd Eagles coin as a sign of friendship. Abbas later joined his fellow Iraqi soldiers scoring four additional goals against their American counterparts.

Both teams complimented each other's skills after the game with handshakes and pats on the back. The final outcome favored the Iraqi soldiers with a score of 11-0.

"Both teams played very good and respected each other." Wsam Khzer, a soldier with the Iraqi military police said through a translator.

"It doesn't matter who won, just that we're working together."

Youth athletes advance to State meet

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Fort Stewart hosted the Georgia Recreational Park Assosiation District II Track Meet at Quick Track, Saturday.

A youth sporting event, the track meet hosted over 300 athletes from Wayne County, Camden County, Ware Country, Douglas, Baxley, and Fort Stewart.

The following Fort Stewart athletes placed first and second, and will advance to the State-level track meet held May 11-12 in Carrolton.

Girls:

50-meter dash

Ages 7-8
2nd Place Jurnee Lee, 8, 9.49

100-meter dash

Ages 11-12
1st Place Ajiah Lewis, 11, 15.12

200-meter dash

Ages 7-8
2nd Place Jurnee Lee, 8, 39.42

400 meter-dash

Ages 7-8
2nd Place Nicole Wemyss, 8, 1:29.50
Ages 9-10
1st Place Natalya Coleman, 10, 1:15.69
Ages 11-12
2nd Place Ajiah Lewis, 11, 1:11.19

800 meter-dash

Ages 7-8
1st Place Nicole Wemyss, 8, 3:24.79
Caitlyn Keaton, 7, 2nd, 3:33.65
Ages 9-10
1st Place Natalya Coleman, 10, 3:17.85
2nd Place Son "Taja Gordon, 10, 3:20.48

1600 meter-run

Ages 9-10
1st Place Son "Taja Gordon, 10, 7:18.84
Ages 13-14
2nd Place Kiera Miles, 13, 6:50.87

4x100 meter relay

Ages 7-8



Christopher Guilfo, 12, closely followed by Jamorris Hill, 12, take first and second place in the Boys 11-12 1600-meter run.

1st Place Fort Stewart, 1:18.46
Jurnee Lee, 8, Caitlyn Keaton, 7, Samantha Stewart, 7, Abigail Everson, 8
4x400 meter relay

Ages 7-8
1st Place Fort Stewart, 6:16.15
Nicole Wemyss, 8, Samantha Stewart, 7, Caitlyn Keaton, 7, Janae Spence, 8
Ages 9-10
1st Place Fort Stewart, 6:04.80
Natalya Coleman, 10, Son "Taja Gordon, 10, Jordyn Lee, 10, Jazmne Jones, 9

High Jump

Ages 9-10
1st Place Son "Taja Gordon, 10, 4-00.00
Ages 11-12
1st Place Asia Rankin, 11, 3-04.00

Shot Put

Ages 9-10
1st Place Knilah Waters, 10, 19-04.00
Ages 11-12
1st Place Courtney Bennett, 12, 28-04.00

Boys:

50-meter dash

Ages 7-8
2nd Place Jameel Hodges, 8, 9.12
Ages 9-10
1st Place Carion Eaton, 10, 7.95

100-meter dash

Ages 7-8
2nd Place, Xavier Jones, 8, 16.93

200-meter dash

Ages 7-8
2nd Place, Jameel Hodges, 8, 36.48
Ages 9-10
1st Place, Carion Eaton, 10, 31.25

400-meter dash

Ages 7-8
1st Place Xavier Jones, 8, 1:23.91
Ages 9-10
1st Place Adonus Lee, 10, 1:09.71
Ages 11-12
2nd Place Xavier Jackson, 12, 1:10.74
Ages 13-14
2nd Place Anthony Holsendolph, 13, 1:02.25

800-meter run

Ages 7-8
1st Place Montaye Frazier, 7, 3:18.84
2nd Place Issac Coleman, 7, 3:26.22
Ages 9-10
1st Place Adonus Lee, 10, 2:53.38
Ages 11-12
1st Place Christopher, 12, 2:37.94
2nd Place Jamorris Hill, 12, 2:42.55
Ages 13-14
1st Place Marsalis Jackson, 13, 2:29.21
2nd Place Jamaal Anderson, 13, 2:35.59

1600-meter run

Ages 11-12



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Adonus Lee, 10, Fort Stewart athlete, attempts a 4'2" jump at the District II Track Meet, Saturday. Lee took first place in his age group in high jump, the 400-meter dash, 800-meter run, and helped Stewart win first place in the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays.

1st Place Christopher Guilfo, 12, 5:39.85
2nd Place Jamorris Hill, 12, 5:46.00
Ages 13-14
1st Place Jamaal Anderson, 13, 5:37.15
4x100 meter relay
Ages 7-8
1st Place Fort Stewart, 1:09.93
Xavier Jones, 8, Jameel Hodges, 8, DeAnthony Wike, 8, Dillon Gooding, 7
Ages 9-10
2nd Place Fort Stewart, 1:04.13
Deion Stewart, 10, D'Angelo Streeter, 10, Carion Eaton, 10, Adonus Lee, 10
Ages 11-12
2nd Place Fort Stewart, 57.77
Shadeed Reed, 11, Joshua Jackson, 11, Jordan Waters, 12, Kalen Feagins, 11
4x400 meter relay
Ages 7-8
2nd Place Fort Stewart, 6:11.72
Xavier Jones, 8, Issac Coleman, 7, Jameel Hodges, 8, Jeremy White, 7
Ages 9-10
2nd Place Fort Stewart, 5:49.93
Carion Eaton, 10, Adonus Lee, 10, Ramon Manzano, 10, Deion Stewart, 10
Ages 11-12
1st Place Fort Stewart, 4:46.06
Jamorris Hill, 12, Christopher Guilfo, 12, Joshua Jackson, 11, Shadeed Reed, 11

Ages 13-14
2nd Place Fort Stewart, 4:20.93
Marsalis Jackson, 13, Anthony Holsendolph, 13, Jamaal Gilbert 13, Jamaal Anderson, 13
High Jump
Ages 9-10
1st Place Adonus Lee, 10, 4-00.00
2nd Place Deion Stewart, 10, 3-08.00
Ages 11-12
2nd Place Shadeed Reed, 11, 4-00.00
Ages 13-14
2nd Place Anthony Holsendolph, 13, 4-10.00
Shot Put
Ages 9-10
1st Place Jeremiah Gilbert, 10, 23-05.00
Ages 13-14
Jamaal Gilbert, 13, 37-09.00
Running Long Jump
Ages 9-10
1st Place Carion Eaton, 10, 13-08.00
Ages 11-12
Christopher Guilfo, 12, 14-07.00
Standing Long Jump
Ages 11-12
2nd Place, Jordan Waters, 12, 6-10.00
Ages 13-14
1st Place Marsalis Jackson, 13, 17-09.00

Scramble provides quality time

Pat Young
Frontline Staff

The atmosphere was patriotic at the April 27 Garrison Commander's Golf Scramble held at Taylor's Creek Golf Course. More than 80 people participated in the red, white and blue themed tournament.

The theme provided a twist to the event, where the teams started at the respective hole's red tee-off point then rotated to the white and blue tee-off positions on subsequent holes. Teams would start off at the red tee off on their fourth hole and repeat the process, according to Tommie McArthur, Taylor's Creek Golf Course manager and golf professional.

Although the temperature was mild and, the competition heated the day with only two points between first and second place, and eight points between first and ninth place.

The prizes included Titleist golf bags for first and second, and awards for the top nine teams included duffle bags, backpacks, towels, caps, golf balls, Marne Golf shirts and more. The tournament also awarded prizes for longest drive, which was earned by Paul Confer and closest to the pin, taken by Staff Sgt. Terry Middleton from the 3rd Sustainment Brigade Team.

Confer had a day for winning as he and his teammates, Russell Johnson, Command Sgt. Maj. John Smiley and Dan Shalonga won the event with a score of 54.

The Garrison team finished a strong second, with a score of 56 and solid performances by its team members Paul Andreshak, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield deputy garrison commander, Staff Sgt. John Johnston, Travis Mobley and Tony Schneider.

The third, fourth and fifth place

teams finished neck and neck, with a score of 57 each. The 549th Military Police Company managed to take third place into their custody by a slight margin over the fourth place team, Headquarters and Headquarters Company from 3rd Sustainment Brigade and fifth place finishers from B Co., 26th Brigade Support Battalion.

The 549th MP team consisted of Sgt. 1st Class Greg Kleinholz, Sgt. 1st Class Bart Knoch, Sgt. 1st Class James Guinn and Sgt. Wayne Joyce.

The long-driving, Staff Sgt. Terry Middleton, Staff Sgt. Len Carrette, Jay Blocker, and David Moran were the stalwart fourth place finishers.



Illustrated by Pat Young

Spc. Zach Palmer, Spc. Tony Kasdors and Sgt. Juan Palacios made up the fifth place team.

Pulling into sixth place was the team from the Dental Activity with a score of 60, with teeth gritting performances by 1st Lt. Bob Warren, Capt. Jon Davis, Capt. Redford and Maj. Scott Eddy.

Team seventh place team scored 62. Its team members included Lt. Col. Curtis Wood, and retirees John

Broderick, Harry Evan, and Carey Brown.

Finishing off the top nine were eighth and ninth place teams, which both scored 62. Sgt. A.J. Flores, Kyle Smallegan, Travis Smallegan and Randy Deitsch barely edged out the 87th Combat Service Support Battalion who were represented by its members 1st Lt. Adam VaHorn, Capt. James Glaze, and Sgt. 1st Class Alvin Thompson.



Brenda Kyzer

Professional to teach racquetball at Hunter Fitness Center

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Hunter Army Airfield's new fitness center will play host to a racquetball clinic and tournament May 12. The free clinic starts at 10 a.m. and slated to last until noon. The clinic is open to all fitness center patrons age 18 and older. A racquetball tournament will immediately follow.

"We will have a professional and novice level tournament," said Eli Wilson, facility

and programs director. "The third competition we will have is 'Pro vs. Joe.' Anyone will be able to challenge the professional to a match."

The professional, Brenda Kyzer, is currently ranked sixth in the nation. As the hostess of the clinic, she will share her skills with those in attendance.

"It's great she's willing to give up her time to do this," said Wilson.

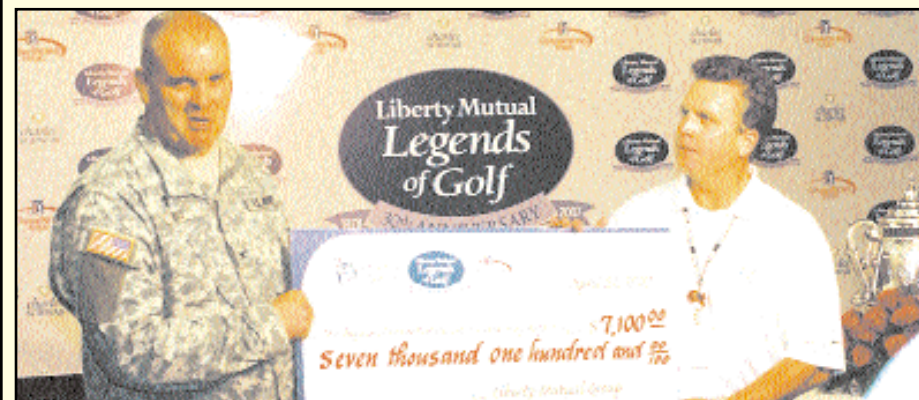
Kyzer looks forward to sharing her skills with the military community and hopefully

increasing the interest of even just a few people in playing racquetball.

"It's a great thing," said Kyzer.

"With the military, they can end up stationed anywhere in the world. I can share my passion with them and hopefully they will share what they learn with others and help to increase interest in the sport."

The deadline to sign up for the clinic is 5 p.m., May 11. For more information about the clinic and tournament call 315-2019 or visit the Hunter Fitness Center.



Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf contribute \$7,100 to Chaplains Fund

Nancy Gould

Chaplain (Col.) Ronald Hill, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield installation chaplain, accepts a \$7,100 check from Tim Iley, Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf director at the conclusion of the three-day tournament on April 22 at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa. The Liberty Mutual group donated \$100 for every birdie made on any of the four par-3 holes during the tournament. Proceeds will be deposited into the Chaplains Fund to provide assistance to military Families in time of need.