

Sports

Fishing derby lures people in for fun

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More than 300 community members from Fort Stewart and surrounding areas woke up Saturday morning, grabbed their rods and reels, and headed to Pond 30 to participate in the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fishing Derby.

The event proved to be an occasion for the whole Family with activities to include face painting, crafts, information booths, snacks, and a stocked pond with plenty of fish for the catching.

Fish and wildlife departments helped at the event providing information displays.

Conservation enforcement officers Jason Beath and Carl T. Smith Jr., supported the event with a booth, answered questions and gave away free shirts, stickers and other goodies.

"It is a great event (the fishing derby)," said Smith. "It provides an opportunity for children and their Families to come out, catch some fish, and have a good time. When a child catches a fish, you can see it gives them a feeling of great accomplishment."

Smith said during these days of deployments, fishing gives Families something to do. It allows the chil-

dren to enjoy an event they may have enjoyed with their deployed parent. Smith said he hoped people would have fun and remember to enjoy what they have and to take care of the environment so they can continue enjoying it.

The event was an opportunity for Families to spend time together and have fun, without going far.

"I caught two fish, but they were a family, so I let them go," said five-year-old Marian Vanderzyl. "We only take the ones that aren't a family."

Marian's father, James Vanderzyl and grandmother Rosa Saenz decided to take Marian fishing after hearing about the derby.

"She's been talking about going fishing for some time," Vanderzyl said. "I figured she was old enough to learn, and the fishing derby might be a nice place to try."

After people finished, they could bring their catch to a station, where helpers showed them the proper way to clean a fish.

Sponsors expressed their hope that people would take something away from the event besides the fish - memories of a good time, and a deeper concern for the environment.

"It will only stay this way if people are good stewards and demonstrate good environmental practices," Smith said.



Photos by Pat Young

More than 300 community members showed up at the Fort Stewart Fishing Derby, Saturday, at Pond 30.



Zenas Shivers, 8, looks on as helpers prepare the fish he caught at the fishing derby Saturday.



Easton and his wife Christina help count the fish they caught with their daughter Paisley, 9, who caught five, and their son Zander, 6, who caught two.

Newman now offers more than a workout

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With a growing post, facilities around the installation are expanding to better accommodate Soldiers and their Families.

To help meet those needs, Newman Fitness Center has expanded its service.

Newman is now offering childcare service to Family members for workouts between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"Although the childcare service can only hold 10 children, we are hoping to expand it in the future to accommodate more Soldiers and Families," said Jake Battle, fitness coordinator.

Newman is also adding a juice bar that is scheduled to open Friday.

Battle said adding a juice bar will help offer a similar perk that someone would get at other gyms.

But what are the amenities without the workout? Newman has the answer.

Newman Fitness Center is giving Soldiers and their Families the opportunity to exercise and have fun in a friendly atmosphere with new equipment.

"We want to encourage people to take advantage of the facility and what we have to offer," Battle said.

Newman offers Soldiers and Families a wide selection of equipment and areas for a full workout.

A popular area is the cardio room. According to Battle the cardio room offers the latest in cardio equipment, such as step-pers, bicycles and treadmills.

Another popular room at Newman is the weight room.

"The weight room offers a full array of state-of-the-art weight lifting equipment," said Battle.

"The room also offers free weight equipment."

The multi-purpose room provides an area to stretch and gives room to do floor exercises.

Battle said that the multi-purpose room provides several work-out options from speed bags to callisthetic stretches.

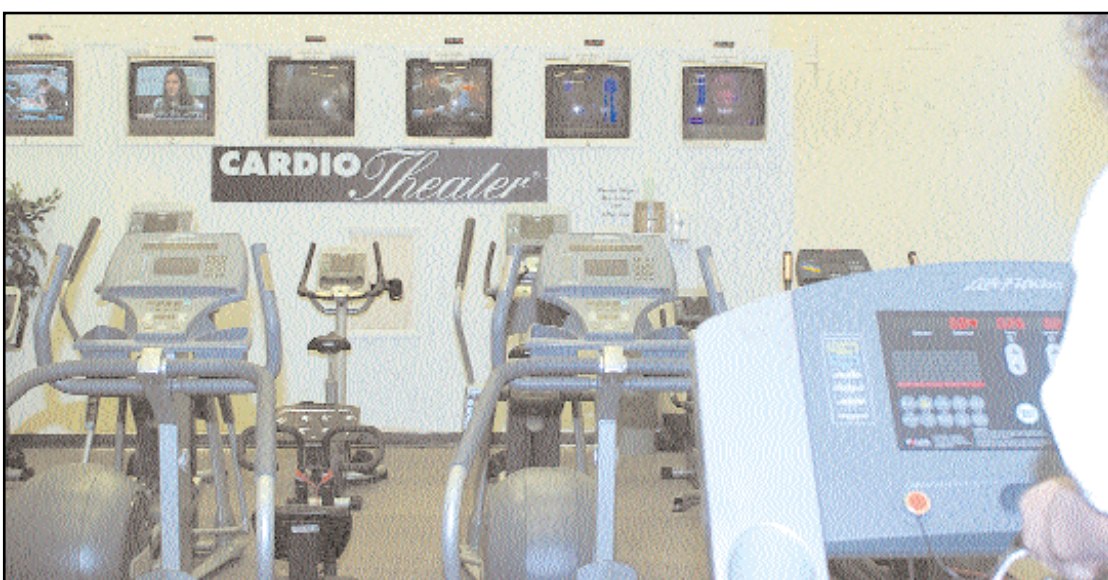
You don't just have to use the machines to break a sweat, however.

"Racquetball courts and basketball courts are open to Soldiers and Family members who are looking for a workout," said Battle.

If you are looking to relax after your long, hard workout, the fitness center also provides saunas.

"The saunas are located in the locker rooms," said Battle. "There is a male and female sauna."

With more Family members and Soldiers wanting to stay healthy, having the option to exercise on new equipment offers a great incentive to make workouts at the Newman Fitness Center a part of their healthy routine.



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A popular feature at Newman Fitness Center, the cardio theater provides entertainment to customers as they work out.

Nick Hill, Milan Dinga selected early in First-Year Player Draft

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ORLANDO, Fla. – Although neither has thrown a single pitch in an Army uniform in nearly a month, both Nick Hill and Milan Dinga continue to rewrite the Black Knights' baseball annals.

Prior to this year, Army never had one of its baseball players selected in the top 10 rounds of Major League Baseball's First-Year Player Draft. All of that changed on June 8 as standout pitchers Nick Hill and Milan Dinga were chosen in the seventh and 10th rounds, respectively, by the Seattle Mariners and Los Angeles Angels during the second day of the two-day selection process.

After establishing or tying 46 school and Patriot League records on game, season and career levels across a brilliant four-year collegiate career, Hill was chosen with the 11th pick of the seventh round (225th overall) of the Major League Baseball 2007 First-Year Player Draft by the Mariners on Friday afternoon. It marked the highest spot in which an Army player has ever been chosen in the draft.

"It's really an honor to be selected by the Seattle Mariners in the draft," Hill explained. "This is just the first step of where I want to be. Hopefully, some day I can make it to the Major Leagues.

Dinga authored a similarly impressive resume during his tenure at the Military Academy, establishing or tying 30 Army and Patriot League records on game, season and career levels. The dual-position standout earned four All-Patriot League certificates during his time at the Academy, starring both at the plate and on the pitcher's mound. Selected with the 24th pick of the 10th round (328th overall) by the Angels on Friday, the hard-throwing right-hander will focus his efforts as a relief specialist.

"This is just a dream come true," stated Dinga, who followed the developments of the draft online from his brother's home in Orlando, a short distance from where the draft was actually held. "When I saw my name pop up on the computer, it was one of the greatest feelings in the world.

"To be thought of so highly by the Angels is quite an honor," the Tampa, Fla., native added.

Hill concluded his West Point baseball tenure at the Patriot League Tournament last month as the most decorated player in the program's history. A two-time All-America choice and the first player in Patriot League history to win conference pitcher of the year honors outright three times, Hill also stands as the first player since the league's inception to earn first team all-conference honors four consecutive years.

The Bluff City native (Sullivan East H.S.) became the first player in Army history to claim All-America honors on two occasions, garnering national accolades during each of his first two seasons at the Academy. Last summer, he became the first Army player since Steve Reich in 1993 to earn a spot on the USA National Baseball Team. Hill fashioned sterling numbers in helping Team USA win the gold medal and a second straight International University Sports Federation World



Courtesy photo

Nick Hill and Milan Dinga

Championship. Hill posted a 4-0 record with one save and a sparkling 1.48 earned run average in seven appearances for the Red, White and Blue. He allowed just 15 hits and four earned runs in 24.1 innings pitched, while striking out 26 and walking only nine.

Army's all-time pitching victories leader in the modern era, Hill authored a spectacular career record of 33-12 and stands fourth on Army's career list in earned run average (2.20) and fourth in winning percentage (.733). He ranks as the Patriot League's career and single-season record-holder in both victories and earned run average, and became both the conference and school career leader in strikeouts and innings pitched earlier this year. The standout southpaw piled up 336 strikeouts over 327.2 innings pitched during the course of his Army career. He also boasts seven career shutouts, a mark that tops both Army and the Patriot League.

A four-year letterwinner and the ace of the Black Knights' pitching staff since his arrival as a freshman, Hill pitched in 51 contests (50 starts) during his West Point career, allowing two or fewer runs in 33 of those outings. He did not yield more than three runs in any of his 13 starts this spring, finishing 7-3 with a 1.91 earned run average. He struck out 100 and walked only 18 in his final campaign. During his time in the Black Gold and Gray, Hill limited opponents to a meager .212 batting average (247-1163). He posted a 16-3 career record (.842) with a 2.81 ERA during regular season Patriot League action and finished 3-0 in Patriot League Tournament play.

Despite being ineligible to sign a professional contract last year, Hill was selected by the Boston Red Sox in the 49th round of last year's First-Year Player Draft as a show of respect. After not being selected through the first five rounds of the draft, which were held on June 7, Hill turned on his computer at the start of the second day's activities at 11:30 a.m. the next day. Shortly thereafter, he received a phone call from a representative of the Mariners telling him that Seattle would use its seventh-round pick to select him if the record-breaking left-hander were still available at that point. The scenario unfolded moments later.

Dinga learned of his professional fate in a similar manner at about the same time on Friday as he received a call from a Los Angeles Angels scout shortly after the selection process resumed. Dinga was told he would be chosen by the Angels early during Friday's action. Less than 30 minutes after Hill's selection by the Mariners, Dinga was grabbed by the Angels in the 10th round.

The finest closer in Army history, Dinga successfully converted a school- and Patriot League-record 27 career saves. He regularly dominated batters during the late innings for four consecutive years while at the Academy, blossoming into one of the nation's top relief specialists. Dinga successfully converted 27 of 29 career save opportunities, including 23 in a row during a three-year span that ended in his next-to-last collegiate appearance this spring.

He was scored upon just five times in 61 career appearances, registering a microscopic 1.14 earned run average during that time. The "lights-out" stopper permitted just seven extra-base hits (all doubles) during his Army career, posting 28 consecutive appearances without allowing an extra-base hit during a stretch that spanned his junior and senior seasons. In all, he did not yield a triple or a home run across his collegiate career en route to posting a 4-1 record with 27 saves. A four-year letterwinner, he fanned 71 and walked only 10 for a remarkable 7:1 strikeout-walk ratio, allowing just 43 hits in 63.1 innings pitched.

Scored upon just once during both his junior and senior campaigns, Dinga scripted a school record consecutive scoreless appearance streak of 32 that spanned his junior and senior years, before yielding two runs during his next-to-last career outing.

Should Hill and Dinga be accepted into the U.S. Army's Alternative Service Option program, they will owe two years of active service in the Army, during which time they will be allowed to play baseball in the player development systems of their respective organizations and assigned to recruiting stations. If they remain in professional baseball following those two years, they will be provided the option of "buying out" the remaining three years of their active-duty commitment in exchange for six years of reserve time.

After signing contracts with their respective clubs in the next few days, both Hill and Dinga will be assigned to minor league teams and begin their professional careers in the weeks ahead.

Army announces women's soccer schedule



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WEST POINT, N.Y. – The Army women's soccer team, coming off its toughest schedule in school history, has another exciting and challenging season slated for the upcoming fall campaign. The Black Knights' 18-game slate is highlighted by a pair of tournaments along with matches against service-academy rivals Air Force and Navy.

Senior team captain Elizabeth Costello leads Army's 2007 edition into its 22nd varsity season Labor Day Weekend with a home match 7 p.m., August 31, against Mid-Hudson rival Marist. September showcases a busy 10-game slate with two major road trips keying Army's six away games.

The season's first journey of the year takes to the Black Knights to Pittsburgh, Pa., to participate in the Duquesne Invitational the second weekend in September. Army opens tournament play Sept. 8, against Mt. St. Mary's and host Duquesne the next day.

Following a mid-week home match versus Stony Brook Sept. 11, the Black Knights take their furthest trip of the year when they head to the state of Missouri to participate once again in the Military Academies Classic after a year's hiatus from the tournament.

Army faces Air Force in its opening round Sept. 14 and host St. Louis Sept. 16. Upon its return home, Army hosts Iona

in a mid-week clash Sept. 18 followed by a pair of weekend tilts with a trip to Hartford Sept. 21 and a home match versus UMBC Sept. 23.

Two days later, Army takes the thruway for a trip to New York City to play Fordham on Sept. 25 before opening a five-game homestand that starts with Brown on Sept. 30 followed by four straight Patriot League matches among six conference games in October.

Army, playing its first four conference games on the homefront, makes its 2007 league home debut against Lafayette Oct. 5 followed by Colgate Oct. 12, Bucknell Oct. 14 and Holy Cross Oct. 20.

The Black Knights close out their seven-game conference slate on the road starting with a journey to take on Navy Oct. 26 and American Oct. 28, followed by a trip to Bethlehem, Pa., to face Lehigh Nov. 3.

After failing to qualify for a post-season league berth last year, the Black Knights hope to be in the mix for

this year's tournament to be hosted by the highest seed Nov. 9 and 11.

Bucknell's win over Navy clinched last year's regular-season title, but the No. 2 Mids captured the tournament title and automatic NCAA bid after edging No. 4 Colgate, 1-0, in the championship game. No. 3 Lehigh rounded out last year's four-team field.

Army fell 1-0 to Bucknell and battled Lehigh to a 1-1 double overtime tie in which 11 games were decided by a goal, highlighted by a 2-1 win over Air Force, en route to posting a 4-12-2 mark in 2006.

Softball Standings

Hunter Conference

	Won	Lost	PCT
E Co. 3-3rd AVN	5	0	1.000
A Co. 224th MI	4	1	0.800
B Co. 224th MI	3	1	0.750
514th ENG Co.	3	1	0.750
10th TRANS Co.	3	2	0.600
110th QM Co.	3	3	0.500
D Co. 3-3rd AVN	2	2	0.500
15th ASOS AF	1	1	0.500
473rd QM Co.	1	4	0.200
RIGGERS	0	9	0.000

Marne Conference

	Won	Lost	PCT
MSC, STB 9	10	0	1.000
632th Maint. Co.	8	2	0.800
USAG MPs (B)	5	5	0.500
549th MP Co.	4	6	0.400
USAG MPs (A)	3	7	0.300
135th QM Co.	0	10	0.000

Rocky's Conference

	Won	Lost	PCT
B co 4/64AR	5	0	1.000
C co 4/64AR	5	0	1.000
C 3/7Inf	2	0	1.000
HHC 4/64AR (A)	5	1	0.833
A co 3/7Inf	5	1	0.833
D 4/64AR	4	2	0.666
D 3/7Inf	3	2	0.600
E 4/64AR	2	3	0.400
A co 4/64AR (B)	1	4	0.200
E 703RD (A)	1	4	0.200
E 703RD (B)	0	5	0.000
HHC 4/64AR (B)	0	5	0.000
A co 4/64AR(A)	0	4	0.000

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Marne SCHEDULE

USAG MP Co. (B) vs MSC, STB	6:30 p.m.	June 18
USAG MP Co. (A) vs 549th MP Co.	7:30 p.m.	June 18
135th QM Co. vs 632nd Maint. Co.	8:30 p.m.	June 18
USAG MP Co. (B) vs USAG MP Co. (A)	6:30 p.m.	June 20
135th QM Co. vs MSC, STB	7:30 p.m.	June 20
632nd Maint. Co vs 549th MP Co.	8:30 p.m.	June 20

Rocky's SCHEDULE

C co 4/64AR vs D 4/64AR	6:30 p.m.	June 18	HHC 4/64AR (A) vs C co 4/64AR	6:30 p.m.	June 20
Aco 4/64AR(A) vs HHC 4/64AR (A)	7:30 p.m.	June 18	D 4/64AR vs Bco 4/64AR	7:30 p.m.	June 20
Aco 4/64AR (B) vs D 3/7Inf	8:30 p.m.	June 18	E 4/64AR vs E 703RD (B)	6:30 p.m.	June 21
E 703RD (A) vs E 4/64AR	6:30 p.m.	June 18	D 3/7Inf vs E 703RD (A)	7:30 p.m.	June 21
E 703RD (B) vs HHC 4/64AR(B)	7:30 p.m.	June 18	HHC 4/64AR (A) vs Aco 4/64AR (B)	8:30 p.m.	June 21
HHC 4/64AR(B) vs E 703RD (A)	6:30 p.m.	June 20	D 4/64AR vs Aco 4/64AR(A)	6:30 p.m.	June 21
E 4/64AR vs Aco 4/64AR (B)	7:30 p.m.	June 20	Bco 4/64AR vs C co 4/64AR	7:30 p.m.	June 21
D 3/7Inf vs Aco 4/64AR(A)	8:30 p.m.	June 20			

Elizabeth Costello