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Staff Sgt. Taur L. Fountain, Non-commissioned Officer Academy, playing with MSC, STB, comes in off a home run drive during the Stewart-Hunter Intramural Softball Championship July 26.

MSC drowns 4/64 25 - 5 to take softball title

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Dodging drenching rains and poor field conditions, Mission Support Company, Special Troops Battalion beat Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment twice in one day to take the Stewart-Hunter Softball Championship July 26.

The teams played into the night at Fort Stewart, after switching from the drenching rain and poor conditions at Hunter Army Airfield, to decide the championship. The Soldiers of MSC, STB won the first game with a score of 16 - 6, forcing HHC, 4/64 Armor to play a second game. MSC, STB walked away in the end with first place, beating 4/64 again in the second game with a score of 25 - 5.

"Every game is a fight," said Capt. David Simms, HHC 4/64 Armor. "Teams on this installation all are outstanding."

Simms' team came to the championship game undefeated while the MSC, STB had to battle their way through the double-elimination tournament to escape an early loss.

"We came up to the tournament at Hunter and we lost very badly to 632nd Maintenance Company," said Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Parker, member of the MSC, STB team. "We had to fight our way through the whole shebang to come back."

Dark clouds filled the sky over the Sports Complex at Hunter as a storm rolled in threatening to soak the participants and spectators of the final games for the Stewart-Hunter soft-

ball championship.

It didn't take long for the threat of bad weather to become a reality. The Soldiers tried to play on as spectators and some officials sought protection provided by the concessions stand and press box overhang. Not long into the second inning the rain became too much.

As the rain poured down, Soldiers cleared the field and headed to their respective dugouts. Game officials wanted to postpone the championship and return to Hunter the following day, but the Soldiers had a different idea.

The Soldiers decided to move the tournament to Stewart, bringing both teams back to their home turf.

"Driving down [Interstate] 95 probably slowed us up just a bit," said Parker. "When we got back, our momentum started and everything went into place."

The decision to leave Hunter was not so much the rain as it was the Soldiers' safety in increasingly wet field conditions.

"You've got two teams full of Soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Rogers Burton, A Company, Warrior Transition Unit, part of the MSC, STB team. "We train in the rain. Rain doesn't really bother us, but the field conditions were the worry. We moved so that no one would get hurt."

"Most of our guys are dead tired, but we definitely came back, and it's a very big victory for us," said Parker.

"We did great," said Sgt. Tyrell Sackett, HHC 4/64 Armor. "We stayed in the winners' bracket the entire time. We came here today and we just didn't have it in us. We did our best though. We were in the championship game; you can't get mad at that."



Team members of the team comprised of Soldiers from the MSC, STB, WTUnit and NCO Academy gather around their first place trophy.

Taylor's Creek scramble scores big at Stewart

Pat Young
Frontline Staff

Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield will celebrate Women's Equality Day Aug. 22 at Club Stewart, but on July 27 Maj. Kimberly Peoples celebrated early by winning the day at the Garrison Commander's Golf Scramble at Taylor's Creek.

She dominated the long drive, and also won closest-to-pin competition. She took home two Calloway Coolers, a free round of golf and the respect of her fellow golfers.

"It was a treat to win the events," Peoples said. "A friend of mine, Bob Wilmore was in town and he gave me a couple pointers. They made a big difference. It was fun."

Peoples, who played with HHC 4th Brigade, and team members Staff Sgt. John Harris, Maj. Matt Hash, and Bert Abbott also helped her team take third place. They were only four points behind the first place Garrison team, who scored 61. The garrison team consisted of the Stewart-Hunter Deputy Commander Paul Andreshak, Travis Mobley, Staff Sgt. John Johnston and Clifford Johnson.

"It was great playing for the Vanguard Brigade because we're about to deploy," Peoples said. She said it was definitely a joint effort, and she enjoyed the camaraderie.

Peoples' husband, Maj. John Peoples, returns from Iraq soon following a leaders reconnaissance and will be pleased with the results of the tournament.

"He enjoys the sport too. We both do," Peoples said. "But he'll definitely enjoy using those coolers."

The second place team, 549th Military Police Company scored 64, with strong performances by 1st Sgt. Willie Massey, Capt. Bryan VanRipper, Sgt. 1st Class Gregg Kleinholz, and Master Sgt. Bart Knoch. They edged out the third place team by a single point.

The fourth place team from the Staff Judge Advocate office consisted of Capt. Edward Berg, Maj. Tom Hurley, Capt. Dan Yehl and Capt. Scott Swilley. The JAG team scored 67, beating out the second of three 4th Brigade teams, whose members Lt. Col. Dane Barksdale, Lt. Col. Darryl McDowell, and Capt. Norm Stephenson scored 68 - taking fifth.

A civilian team, from Coca Cola took sixth place, as team members Steven Norman, Cameron Mattingly, Randy Johnson, and Rob Corley scored 68, edging out the third 4th Brigade team made up of Maj. Brian Dugan, Robert Wilmore, Capt. John Reid, and Capt. Nolan Gordon, who scored 70,

taking seventh place.

Taking 8th place, Headquarters and Headquarters Company from 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, made up of Staff Sgt. Sean O'Brien, Spc. Khmal Denizeri, Capt. Andrew Betson and Sgt. 1st Class Henry Davis scored 72, nudging past the 9th place team who scored 73. The ninth place team was made up of Cecil Hammack, Charles Sapp, and Sgt. 1st Class Wilfred Robinson of 1st Battalion, 48th Brigade.

Rounding out the top ten, United States Dental Activity from Fort Stewart scored 74 with well rounded performances by team members Col. Len Covington, Col. Phil Patridge, Maj. Justin Bordlemay and Charles McNabb.

The day had 94 participants making up more than 20 teams. There were only 13 points difference between first and tenth place making the competition tight.

However, winning isn't always about the best score of the day, as several individual's can attest. Sometimes it's about beating your best. Scoring less than your age is always a good thing.

Three golfers from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, all retired U.S. Army Soldiers have achieved that personal victory - Russell Johnson, 68; Jim Lundy 76, and Bill Hudson, 70.

Russell Johnson was the newest to achieve that milestone with a score of 66 at Taylor's Creek Golf Course on Stewart.

Johnson has been playing golf since he was a young man, starting as a caddie. He considered going pro when he was younger, and missed the opportunity to join the senior tour at age 50.

"They only take the top eight to join the senior tour," Johnson said. "But I'm satisfied. I get to play and help others - and that makes me happy."

Johnson who holds a couple of Taylor's Creek Golf records such as number of hole-in-ones, (eight) was playing with Pat Rowe, Chuck Grahm, Roy Anderson and Roy Harrison when he earned the score July 25 and 26.

Harrison, whose played golf for more than 30 years says he enjoys playing with Johnson.

"It's very enjoyable playing golf," Harrison said. "You meet nice people and relax while you play. Golf is something you're never going to master. You can bowl a perfect game of bowling, but there is no such thing in golf."

He said when you try to pass your limits, you challenge yourself - and sometimes are rewarded.



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United States Army retiree, Russell Johnson, 68, scored lower than his age at Taylor's Creek Golf Course with a 66, July 26 at Fort Stewart.

Tommie McArthur, Taylor's Creek golf professional and course manager, invites community members to experience golfing at Stewart and Hunter. For more information, call 767-2370.

Youth gym grand opening brings opportunities



Graphic by Pat Young

More than 100 community members joined celebrations at the grand opening of Jordan Youth Gym July 28.

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Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield advanced quality care for military Families July 28 with its grand opening of Jordan Youth Gym.

The event, attended by more than 100 people, offered refreshments, demonstrations, classes, arts and crafts, door prizes, and music by Disc Jockey Freaksho, Mark Ross.

Ross provided musical accompaniment to many of the demonstrations and competitions offered at the center.

The complex was refitted to accommodate youth programs, which include among others, basketball, weight lifting, martial arts, aerobics, gymnastics and dance classes, educational and health programs.

Larry Laughlin, the Youth Recreation and Fitness Director said events and activities offered at the center are oriented toward youth well-being.

"We want to provide a safe and healthy environment, where young people can come, hang-out and have

fun," Laughlin said.

Highlighting the opening, the gymnastics portion of the event showcased the parallel horse, balancing beam and floor facilities. The Tae Kwon Do, dance/aerobic and slam dunk competition were also crowd favorites.

Dance and fitness instructor, Taura Anderson, encouraged attendees to join her in aerobic-style dance classes.

"Its exercise, and any exercise is good," Anderson said. "The healthier your children are, the happier they will be."

Chrissy Troche, 15, helped celebrate her birthday at the event, and was fortunate to receive one of the many door prizes offered.

Representatives from Newman Fitness Center were also on-hand to help provide health information and body mass index assessments.

"It's a great place to come and hang out," said Louis Torres, 17, a student at Liberty County High School and Fort Stewart summer hire. "My sister comes here all the time. She likes it a lot. I'm glad they did it."

To learn more about Jordan Youth Gym, visit or call 767-5060.

Officer earns third at Pan American games

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RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil - U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program 1st Lt. Mickey Kelly secured a berth in the 2008 Olympic Games with a third-place finish in the women's modern pentathlon July 23 at XV Pan American Games Rio 2007.

"I can't believe I just did that," Kelly said of winning a Pan Am Games bronze medal and earning a trip to Beijing, China, as the second North American finisher at the Deodoro Sports Complex. "I'm still in shock. You dream of it and you try to put everything in position so you can have that, and when it comes true, you're just like: 'Whoa, did that really just happen?' I'm just ecstatic."

Brazil's Yane Marques won the gold medal with 5,484 points. Canada's Monique Pinette struck silver with 5,288 points. Kelly took the bronze with 5,252.

"It was the mission, and I am so thankful for everyone

that has helped me along the way," said Kelly, 29, a native of Chatham, N.Y., who is stationed at Fort Carson, Colo. "There are so many people that just put in a nice word of encouragement; the Army, the coaches and my teammates.

"I wanted to use this as a tool to gauge how it would be at the Olympic Games, and I feel that I achieved that."

Kelly was seventh among 14 competitors in the 10-meter air pistol event and earned 976 modern pentathlon points. She finished in a four-way tie for seventh in epee one-touch fencing for 784 points. Her 200-meter freestyle swim time of 2 minutes, 26.75 seconds was sixth-best for 1,160 points.

Kelly overcame early trouble aboard Tai Pan to finish third in the equestrian show-jumping event for 1,140 points.

On the first of two rail knockdowns, Tai Pan stumbled over the obstacle and Kelly lost her footing in the stirrup.

Kelly got her foot back in the stirrup and scored 1,144 points with the third-best ride of the competition.



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U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program 1st Lt. Mickey Kelly of Fort Carson, Colo., rides Tai Pan in the equestrian riding portion of the women's modern pentathlon July 23 at the XV Pan American Games Rio 2007 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Jake's Body Shop

The secret power behind exercising with a buddy

Jake Battle
MWR Fitness Director

There is one key that can help your exercise routine remain fun and enjoyable – not just for a couple of days or a few months, but year after year.

This simple yet powerful truth helps thousands of people maintain a consistent exercise routine.

It can help you get up the energy to go work out. It can push you just enough to help you get maximum benefits. And, it can help you enjoy the progress you make all the more.

So you ask, "What could possibly make exercise not just something that's good for me, but a fun way of life?"

The answer is in finding one or more exercise friendships.

Finding friendship

All of us go through times when we feel like giving up on exercise. That is when we need someone to encourage us to keep reaching for our goals.

A partner can help you see how much you have improved single you began.

Encouragement from another person may give you the strength to persevere until you are out of your rut.

On the lookout

It's all too easy to say, "I'm so tired. I'll just exercise tomorrow."

However, when you know your partner is waiting on you, you will

be less likely to put off exercising. And, when you don't show up, there will always be somebody to call and see if you're sick or just watching a favorite show on television.

Have a ball

Although you can experience great benefits from exercising by yourself, it is often much more enjoyable to exercise with a buddy. Having someone to talk with about how much weight you lost or your increased energy makes exercise a lot more fun.

Even exercises you thought were solitary sports can be done with a buddy.

You could jog together or lift weights at a fitness center.

Working out doesn't have to be a dreaded event. When you have a partner to exercise with, you can begin to look forward to your workouts.

Choosing a work-out buddy

1. Find someone who has the same interests as you. If you love lifting weights, but all your buddy wants to do is jog; you may have a difficult time working out together.

2. Make sure your buddy is close to your age and fitness level. Working out with someone preparing for a marathon when you are just beginning will only discourage you.

3. Choose someone who is committed to fitness. When your goals match, you will both see success faster.



Jake Battle

Register now for local youth athletics

Special to the Frontline

Fort Stewart and the Liberty County Recreation Department promote a healthy lifestyle and wants to keep youth active in athletics. Football, cheerleading, fall baseball and softball registration is currently ongoing, and soccer tryouts begin tonight.

On-post football, cheerleading

Fort Stewart's Child and Youth Services tackle football and cheerleading registration runs through Aug. 10. Participants may register Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Wednesday's until 6 p.m.) at the CYS building 443 on the corner of Gulick Ave. and Lindquist Rd., behind Corkan Pool.

Football is open to members of Youth Services, ages 7-13 as of Aug. 1. Age divisions are 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 (or -13). Participants age 13 will be placed on a waiting list and will be called if there are enough to form an 11-13 league.

All players will be able to participate in their age division, regardless of weight. All equipment, except cleats, will be furnished by CYS/Youth Sports.

Cheerleading is open to members of Youth Services, ages 6-13. For more information, call CYS at 767-2312 or the Youth Sports office at 767-4371.

All participants must have a current physical on file at time of registration.

Also, volunteer coaches are needed.

LCRD football, cheerleading

Registration for the Liberty County Recreation Department youth football and cheerleading runs will be Aug. 1-24.

Football is for 7-14 year olds and cheerleading is for ages 7-12. Age is determined as of Sept. 1.

Football age divisions are: flag football for 7-8 year olds and tackle football for ages 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

Weight restrictions apply to the 9-10 and 11-12-year-old divisions.

Cost is \$15 per child for flag football and \$10 per child for all other divisions. All equipment, except pants for tackle football players, is provided.

Teams will be formed in Midway, Walthourville, Riceboro and Gum Branch if enough play.

Volunteer coaches are needed for all teams.

Additional information and on-line registration is available at www.lcrd.net or those interested may call the LCRD office at 876-5359.

Fall baseball and softball

Registration for fall baseball and softball at the Liberty County Recreation Department is now open.

Age divisions are 7-9 machine pitch and 10-12 live pitch leagues for both baseball and softball. The age cut-off date is May 1. The program will be conducted in September and October. The fee is \$45 per child.

Volunteer coaches are needed for all teams.

Additional information and on-line registration is available at www.lcrd.net or you may call the LCRD Office at 876-5359.

Soccer tryouts starting

The Hinesville Soccer Association will have tryouts for the 17-and-under boys select team starting at 6 p.m., Aug. 2, at James Brown Park.

To be eligible you must have been born on or after Aug. 1, 1990. Participants are asked to not wear any uniforms or any identifying shirt to the tryout. Bring a ball, shin guards and cleats.

There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee.

In addition, the association will host a jamboree starting at 6 p.m., Aug. 2, that's open to the under-12 and under-16 age levels. Shin guards must be worn.

A registration and general membership meeting in the Shuman Center for all ages, under 6 through under 16, will follow the jamboree.

A minimum \$25 fee is due at registration. For more information call Arthur Edgar at 884-5888 or Tom Sukarantana at 977-4642.

