

SPORTS & FITNESS B SECTION

On Post**Kids Fishing Rodeo**

The 15th Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo will be held Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Pond 10. The free event is open to all children under 16, and is hosted by DPW Fish and Wildlife, MWR Outdoor Recreation and Ga. Department of Natural Resources. No permits are required.

The pond was recently stocked with over 6,000 channel catfish. Children will be limited to 10 catfish of any size.

Tennis Tournament

A tennis tournament will be held June 14 to 18 for Stewart and Hunter Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians.

For more information, call 767-8238.

Summer Basketball

Entry deadline for the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Summer Basketball League is June 14. Entry fee is \$165. The league is 20 teams, 12 players per team including the coach. If 20 teams are entered the top eight teams will compete in the end of season tournament.

Active duty, National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers are eligible.

For more information, call 767-8238 or 767-9795.

Gracie Ju-Jitsu

Ju-Jitsu is held Tuesday and Friday at Caro Fitness Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 per month. Sign up prior to 6 p.m. at Caro.

For more information, contact Jake at 767-3033.

Newman consultations

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers free personal training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling.

Consultations will be given on an appointment basis only.

For more information, call 767-2771.

Marne tournaments

A nine-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes.

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

For more information, call 767-4866.

Pilates

Pilates classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Palmetto Room at Club Stewart, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$45 per month. Sign up prior to 6 p.m. For more information call Jake at 767-3033.

Softball Tournament

A marathon softball tournament will be held at Stewart and Hunter July 9 and 10.

Sign up deadline for teams is July 7. Cost is \$125 per team (15 players including coaches). All are invited to compete.

First and second place teams will receive a team trophy and 15 individual trophies. Third place will receive a team trophy.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-4951. Deadline is noon on Fridays.



Photos by Spc. Robert Adams

David Childers chips a shot onto the green on hole one at the SAMC golf tournament held at Taylors Creek Golf Course Friday.

SAMC holds fund-raising golf tournament

Spc. Robert Adams

Staff writer

The team of David Childers, Dave Stiegman, Aaron Bright, and Betsy Ott shot an 18 under 54 to win the 1st Annual Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Golf Tournament and Fund Raiser held at Taylors Creek Golf Course Friday.

Ott had the closet shot of the tournament on hole eight and Stiegman had the longest drive on hole 18 to help their team win the event.

Six teams competed in the best-ball, shotgun tournament in which each team played off the best teammates shot and every team started the event on a different hole.

The SAMC tournament had awards for the top three teams, four closest-to-the-hole awards, and two longest drive awards. A putting challenge was also held after the tournament.

The tournament was sponsored by First Command Financial Planning, which had an award of \$10,000 available for anyone who could hit a hole-in-one on hole 11 and supplied four \$25 awards for the closest-to-the-hole winners.

The second place team was made up of Ronnie Stone, Larry Thompson, Gene Mann, and Doug Davis who shot a 14 under 58, and third place was Gary Gasper, Gregg Toffrion,

Bob Brennan, and Dan Rico with a 13 under 59.

The other closest-to-the-hole winners were Ronnie Stone on hole two, Leonard Carrette on hole 11, and Doug Davis on hole 17.

Carrette also won longest drive honors on hole 18.

"We played great today," Ott said. "Everybody contributed and played smart."

"Ott and Stiegman were strong off the tees and everybody contributed on putting," Childers said.

Each team could buy up to eight mulligans, which are extra swings on bad shots, and were able to use three feet of string to help out on a putt.

"We chose the right times to use mulligans and strings and made good decisions on which ball to hit from," Ott said.

The tournament is just one of the many fundraisers SAMC puts on to help out the community. SAMC funds toys during Christmas, food baskets for Thanksgiving and blankets in the winter, as well as many others, to assist the community.

"This event helps form a relationship with the military and civilians in the community," said 1st Sgt. Andrew Williams, Service Btry., 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery.

Childers said, "It was a successful tournament and next year we plan to have an even bigger tournament."



Bobby Carrol sinks a birdie putt at hole six while Tory Burgess looks on. Their four-man team finished fourth place in the event.



Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Spc. Calvin J. Powell, 1/3 Avn. Soldier of the Quarter, throws out the ceremonial first pitch during the Savannah Sand Gnats Fort Stewart Appreciation Night Saturday at Grayson Stadium.

Sand Gnats host Stewart Appreciation Night fun

Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

NCOIC, Hunter Public Affairs Office

The hot dogs sizzled, the beer was cold and the Savannah Sand Gnats' bats were nonexistent as the Gnats and Grayson Stadium in Savannah hosted Fort Stewart Appreciation Night Saturday.

On hand for the festivities in dress uniform were the 3rd Infantry Division Band, color guard and 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment Soldier of the Quarter, Spc. Clinton Powell to throw out the game's ceremonial first pitch.

"It came as a surprise that they chose me," Powell said. "I was a little worried, though — I hadn't thrown a baseball since the eighth grade."

His worries were dispelled when he reached the catcher — without a bounce.

Nearly three thousand spectators

were at the stadium to hear a handful of tunes from the 3rd Inf. Div. Band, watch the color guard in all its glory and witness the defeat of the Sand Gnats — this time at the hands of the Columbus Catfish by a score of 2-1.

Nevertheless, the sub-par record of the Gnats didn't deter members of the military communities at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield from partaking in the great American pastime.

And at \$4 per ticket, including a free hot dog, bag of chips and a soda, it made for an inexpensive night of fun.

The Sand Gnats will hold a Hunter Army Airfield Appreciation Night Aug. 7, with all military ID cardholders gaining admission and amenities for \$4 as well.

For more information on the Sand Gnats or to schedule a unit, group or farewell function, call their office at 351-9150.

Nemechek races with flag patch for Memorial Day

Spc. Lorie Jewell

Special to the Frontline

CONCORD, N.C. — Flying around a racetrack at speeds pushing 200 miles per hour, NASCAR driver Joe Nemechek paid special tribute to fallen Soldiers and those still serving.

On the dash of Nemechek's Army-sponsored '01 Chevrolet was an American flag patch, placed there by Sgt. 1st Class Mark Mounce of the U.S. Army's Accessions Command minutes before the start of NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600 race at the Lowe's Motor Speedway May 30. Nemechek finished the race in 14th place, while Jimmy Johnson took first.

Nemechek said it was "cool" to drive with the patch, especially for the Memorial Day race. Riding shotgun was a G.I. Joe doll dressed in a desert camouflage uniform, strapped into the passenger seat.

"Anytime we can do something to honor Soldiers, I definitely want to be a part of it," Nemechek said.

In a pre-race ceremony on the main stage of the track, Special Forces Soldier Capt. Doug Legan handed the patch he wore on his desert camouflage uniform while serving in Iraq to Mounce, who quick-marched across the infield to the '01 racecar. After saluting Accessions Commander Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, who stood at attention at the rear of the car, Mounce reached in through the passenger window and fastened the Velcro-backed patch to the dash.

"It's just fitting that Joe carry this around the track for Memorial Day," Cavin said.

The hood of the black-and-gold Army racecar now features the Time Magazine cover naming the American Soldier as its Person of the Year. Just before



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Spc. Brian Thomas, far left, and Staff Sgt. David Hughes watch officials inspect the Army-sponsored '01 Chevrolet before Joe Nemechek placed 14th at the Coca-Cola 600 race. Thomas and Hughes were with a crew that drove a Stryker infantry carrier around the racetrack prior to the race.

the race started, Cavin playfully polished the hood with a napkin for Nemechek's mother, Martha, who captured the moment with her camera.

NASCAR and Coca-Cola celebrated the race's tie to Memorial Day by featuring the military, and the Army especially, in activities leading up to the moment the drivers peeled out of the pit area to start the 600-mile race. The 82nd Airborne Chorus sang, the Golden Knights Skydive Team jumped into the infield, and Soldiers with the 3rd Special Forces

Group from Fort Bragg, N.C., fast roped to the track from Blackhawk helicopters and set up a perimeter for the arrival of a Blackhawk that delivered country singer John Michael Montgomery to the infield.

Montgomery, dressed in a desert camouflage uniform, performed his hit song "Letters From Home" with Soldiers flanked behind him.

A crew from the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division's Stryker Brigade Combat Team, made a lap

around the track in the infantry carrier. A 4th Infantry Division Color Guard presented the colors just before Chief Warrant Officer 4 Charlie King of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment sang "Amazing Grace." A 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment Rifle Team gave a seven-gun volley as Staff Sgt. Shelby Barber of the 82nd Airborne Division Band played Taps. Five Blackhawks flew over the track in a missing man formation, followed by a B2 Stealth bomber, as finalists from the

television talent show "American Idol" sang the National Anthem and Special Forces Soldiers raised the American flag in Victory Lane.

Maj. Gen. Charles Swannack Jr., former commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, greeted the crowd of 100,000-plus as grand marshal of the race, drawing thunderous applause as he thanked them for their patriotism and paid tribute to those "who have made the ultimate sacrifice for you and I" to enjoy the freedoms of a democratic society.

Swannack deferred the honor of starting the race to a group of Soldiers from the 1st Armored Cavalry Division currently serving in Iraq. A video of the Soldiers issuing the traditional command, "Gentlemen, start your engines," was broadcast on giant screens around the track.

Soldiers involved in race activities were impressed and grateful with the lengths organizers went to in recognizing Memorial Day and the military.

"It's pretty surreal," said Staff Sgt. David Hughes, a member of the Stryker crew. "We've gotten a lot of thank-yous from everyone. It's nice to know people believe in what we're doing."

Staff Sgt. Matthew Brandt, of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment Rifle Team, first experienced the patriotic embrace of a NASCAR crowd last year after returning from Afghanistan. The patriotism hasn't diminished one bit, Brandt said.

"For Soldiers who love NASCAR, this is an awesome experience," said Brandt, pausing as he toured the garage area before the race. "You just can't beat it. Everyone keeps saying they appreciate what we do, but we want them to know that we appreciate everything they do for us."

Newman Physical Fitness Center Aerobic Schedule

Mondays

Latino Rhythm with Carmen (weights and tubing) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
 Busy Feet Workout with Irma (cross training) 9 to 10 a.m.
 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Butts and Guts with Carmen (weights and bars) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
 Basic Training Workout with Irma (steps, body bars, weights, abdominal work, etc.) 9 to 10 a.m.
 Cardio-Stepping 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Caliente with Carmen (kick-boxing) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
 Cardio Kick-boxing with Irma 9 to 10 a.m.
 Step-Kicking with Irma (cardio kick-boxing/steps) 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Basic Training Workout with Irma (Tubes, body bars, hoola-hoops, exercise balls) 9 to 10 a.m.
 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Fridays

"Master C" Workout with Carmen (Buns & thighs workout/cardio kicking) 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
 Killer Friday with Irma (kicking, stepping, hooping and weights, etc.) 9 to 10 a.m.
 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays

Pick Your Poison with Asha 9 to 10 a.m.

Marne Scoreboard

Softball

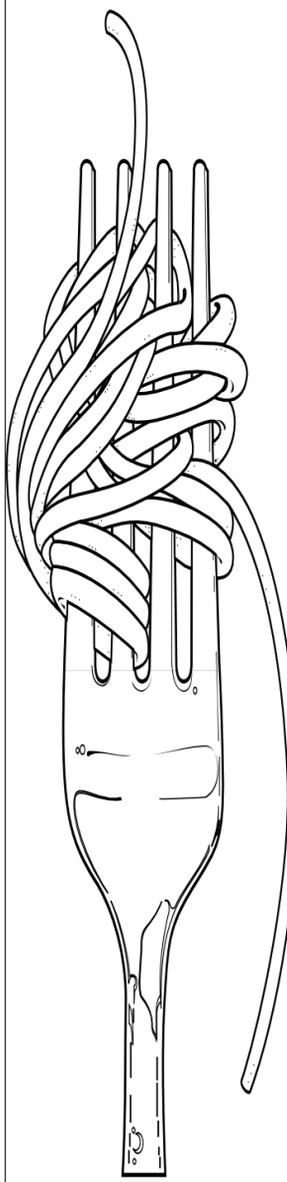
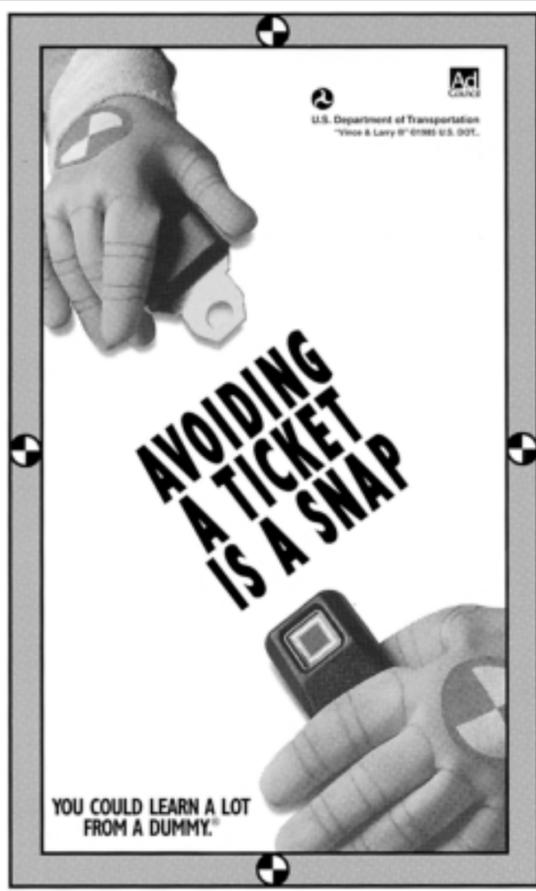
2004 Stewart
 Intramural Softball League

Game Scores

June 3-10

1/39 FA 19, DIVARTY 17
 3/D Band 17, C Co., 3/15 INF 12

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