

SIDELINES

All American Trail closed

Fort Bragg's All American Trail will be closed for deer hunting season beginning Oct. 7. The trail will re-open Jan. 2, 2007. For more information, call 396-5979.

Soccer players needed

Bragg United F.C. is recruiting new players and assistant coaches. Those interested should contact David Kelley at 717-3363 or Anthony Recinos at 578-8597.

Roller Derby

Do you love to roller skate and want an awesome workout? Rogue Roller girls are now recruiting for the first derby league in Fayetteville. We will be having a Meet & Greet Oct. 12 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Round-A-Bout in the Eutaw Shopping Center to answer all your burning questions about the comeback of this exciting sport.

E-mail RogueDerby@hotmail.com or call (919) 498-3814 with any questions.

Exhibition Game

The Fayetteville FireAntz will be playing an exhibition game against the Richmond Renegades on Oct. 21 at 7:35 p.m. at the Crown Coliseum. All seats are only \$5. For more information, visit our Web site www.fireantzhockey.com or call Krista Lindstedt at 321-0123.

Scuba Certification Class

Fort Bragg's Sports and Physical Fitness Branch will offer the National Association of Underwater Instructors open water Scuba certification class Oct. 16 through 22. The class will be held at various times at Cape Fear Scuba and Tucker Indoor Pool. Upon completion and final testing, participants will become certified in NAUI open water Scuba diving.

The class is open to all authorized Morale Welfare and Recreation facility users ages 16 and older. Cost is \$275 per person. A deposit of \$100 is due by Oct. 16. For more information, call 432-0883.

Bike Trail Free Ride Day

Fort Bragg's Smith Lake Recreation Area will offer a Bike Trail Free Ride Day Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activities open to the public include a riding and maintenance clinic, safety skills and rules and information about local riding groups and clubs. Free food, drinks and complimentary prizes will be available. For more information, call 396-5979.

Racquetball Tournament

The Fort Bragg Fall Racquetball Tournament will be conducted Oct. 21 and 22 at Ritz-Epps Physical Fitness Center. The tournament is open to all military/government ID card holders ages 18 and older.

To enter, participants must submit an entry form to the Sports Office, Soldier Support Center. For more information, call 396-1217.



Kick it!

by Spc. Jeremy D. Crisp
XVIII Abn. Corps PAO

It's been said soccer is a sport that has yet to thrive on American soil. However, that theory was put to rest, here at least, at the conclusion of a week-long soccer tournament Sept. 27 held by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation department.

Family and friends filled the stands at Towle Stadium to witness the championship showdown between the teams from 9th Psychological Operations Battalion and the 249th Quartermaster Company.

The 9th PSYOP Bn. came in to the final game with only one loss, but needed two wins against the undefeated team from the 249th in order to take home the championship.

The 249th wasted no time at the outset of the game, keeping opposing goalie Kevin Ferguson on constant lookout as the ball was on his end of the field for the first ten minutes of the game. Ferguson blocked four shots during that time before the 249th's forward Felipe Giraldo finally snuck one in, putting his team up 1-0.

Forward Michael E. Artis with the 249th put another goal in before the 25-minute first half was over, and he was matched by a breakaway goal from Forward Ryan C. Martin,

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Eric S. Davis, right, defender, 9th Psychological Operations Battalion, kicks the ball out of his team's territory Sept. 27 at Towle Stadium during the Morale, Welfare and Recreation held intramural soccer tournament championship game. The team from 9th PSYOP Bn. took second place in their 5 - 2 loss against the 249th Quartermaster Company.

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Felipe Giraldo, forward with the 249th Quartermaster Company soccer team, traps the ball with his chest Sept. 27 at Towle Stadium en-route to his team's 5 - 2 victory over the team from the 9th Psychological Operations Battalion at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation held intramural soccer tournament championship game.



Kevin Ferguson, goalie, 9th Psychological Operations Battalion, knocks down an attempted goal Sept. 27 at Towle Stadium during the Morale, Welfare and Recreation held intramural soccer tournament championship game.

Hurricanes trade hockey sticks for M-4s during Bragg visit

by Spc. Timothy Dinneen
82nd Airborne Division PAO

Fort Bragg was the eye of a storm as members of the 2006 Stanley Cup Champion Carolina Hurricanes visited the 82nd Airborne Division as part of its team-building exercise Sept. 26.

"We wanted to bring the team together because when they work together solving tasks or overcoming fears they become familiar with each other so they can depend on each other," said Brian Tatum, director of team operations. "We've done team building in the past like rock climbing and this year coach wanted to do something unique."

"It's about getting the guys together away from the rink and with all the bases around here we thought it would be nice to visit a base," said Hurricane coach Peter Laviolette.

"We want to see the things the base has to offer whether they're towers or shooting guns and hanging out with Soldiers."

The Hurricanes ate lunch with paratroopers at the Pegasus Inn dining facility, learned about the Javelin weapon system, experi-



Pfc. Michael Zigler, 2nd BCT gives some pointers to some of the Hurricane players before zeroing their M-4's at the Engagement Skills Trainer.

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enced the Vehicle Combat Convoy Trainer, fired weapons at the Engagement Skills Trainer, overcame the 34 foot tower, and worked together to defeat the Leadership Development Course.

"One of the good things about coming is to listen to Soldiers' stories because it puts everything in perspective," said Andrew Ladd, Hurricane forward. "This is the first time I've been here so I didn't know what to expect but everything looks nice and the food is good."

"It's always a perfect choice coming to an open buffet because these

guys can eat," Laviolette jested.

"They're normal people who are interesting to meet," said Sgt. John Cristiano, 82nd Airborne Division Band. "I like them and enjoy going to their games so I thought it would be cool to meet them."

Players sat through the Javelin introduction by watching the shoulder-fired rocket system hit Soviet-era tanks. Laughter could be heard by the teammates as two of the players hailed from Russia.

Coach Laviolette drew parallels of what it takes to build a strong team in both military and professional sports.

"In order to be successful in sports, you have to battle with your

teammates and make sacrifices giving everything that you have and ultimately to believe in that and I know the military is the same way," Laviolette explained. "I think there are a lot of similarities although there's a lot more at stake in the military than in sports in general."

Laviolette went on to say that many of the players were fired up to be here because the first question asked by the team was if they would be able to fire a weapon.

The Engagement Skills Trainer gave the team an opportunity to zero an M-4 semi-automatic rifle

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