

SIDELINES

Post Intramural Dodgeball Tournament

The Post Intramural dodgeball tournament will be conducted Dec. 2 at Ritz-Epps Physical Fitness Center.

Competition will begin at 9:45 a.m. The tournament is open to all military and government ID card holders ages 18 and older.

To enter, teams must submit an entry to the Sports Office, Building 4-2843, Normandy St., fifth floor, Wing B.

Entry Forms may also be faxed to the Sports Office at 396-1216 or entry information can be e-mailed to steve.johnson3@us.army.mil.

Unit Intramural Basketball Program

The Unit Intramural Basketball Program began Monday and will be conducted at various post facilities.

This program is open exclusively to active-duty personnel assigned and/or attached to Fort Bragg.

Deadlines have already passed but teams can register prior to Dec. 9, and may play an abbreviated league schedule.

To enter, teams must submit an entry form and team roster to the staff of their unit's supporting physical fitness center.

Post Intramural Wiffleball Tournament

The Post Intramural Wiffleball Tournament will be held Dec. 8 - 10 at Ritz-Epps Physical Fitness Center.

The tournament is open to all military and government ID cardholders ages 18 and older.

To enter, teams must submit an entry to the Sports Office, Building 4-2843, Normandy St., fifth floor, Wing B.

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Adult, Youth Basketball Clinic

Fayetteville-Cumberland County Parks and Recreation will hold an adult and youth basketball officials' clinic for the winter athletic season starting Dec. 16 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Recreation Center on Devers Street.

There will also be registrations for the winter adult basketball leagues. Teams will start playing in January.

Those interested in becoming an official can contact James Parker at 433-1392 or 257-1729 or Fred Clark at 988-1563. Those interested in registering for winter leagues can call 433-1398.

All American Trail closed

Fort Bragg's All American Trail is closed for deer hunting season and will re-open Jan. 2. For information, call 396-5979.

Soldiers compete in Freefall competition

by Lucille Anne Newman
Paraglide

The Fort Bragg U.S. Army Parachute Team hosted its 6th annual Black and Gold meet at Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Nov. 10 through 13.

Many of the competitors are active-duty Soldiers and active-duty National Guard or reservists who have more than 150 jumps. During the first day of the event many began their training jumps following the safety briefing. Safety was the biggest priority according to competition judge, Sgt. 1st Class Matt Davidson, USAPT.

"As a judge of the competition, we judge (the teams) based on the required set of moves and turns' made correctly and safely. Safety is our biggest priority," Davidson said. "This is one of the larger turnouts we've had, more than 120 jumpers."

The events included the four-way intermediate formation skydiving, eight-way speed formation, and classic accuracy landing.

All of which must be done under the U.S. Parachuting Association guidelines.

For many of the jumpers not competing in the meet, it was an opportunity to receive one-on-one training with coaches.

"(During this event) my friends coached me, I even got to jump yesterday," said Spc. Tommy Young, 11th Quartermaster Company, 82nd Airborne Division. "It was a good experience because not only do I get to jump, I'm also learning to become a better jumper."

Though Saturday was a bit rough many of the competitors had a great jumping experience as they took part in the four-way competition, but Sunday the winds were too strong for even the most experienced jumper.

"The weather is so unpredictable and today it's really rough," said Cadet Jill Hoops, a senior at The U.S. Military Academy at West Point, who took the gold medal in the accuracy category after landing .23 centimeters within the target. "Even though yesterday was a bit windy ... I wouldn't dare jump in today's weather."

The winds were strong and it didn't take long after they slowed down for them to pick up again. The competition came to a stand still while the jumpers waited for the winds to die down.

Hoops remembers competing in the meet during her sophomore year at West Point.

"I've been coming out (here to compete) since my sophomore year," she said. "But now we're heading to the collegiate competition in Florida."

With 113 lifts, more than 1,795 jumps by 183 registered jumpers with no malfunctions and no injuries, the Black and Gold Competition meet results were as follow:

■ The freefall Sequential Formation Skydiving — four-way event
1st place "Lock, Stock and



photo by Sgt. John Ewald/U.S. Army Parachute Team

Competitors fall away from the Golden Knight's Aircraft over Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Friday during the Golden Knight's Black and Gold skydiving meet.

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2nd place "Prodiinxed"
3rd place "Test Eagle 4"

■ In the Freefall Sequential Formation Skydiving — eight-way event

1st place "Air Force Ocho"

2nd place "AGOH"

3rd place

"Unaccompanied"

■ Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point cleaned the Classic Accuracy (precision accuracy).

1st place Cadet Jill Hoops after making 432 jumps with a total score of .23 centimeters within the three centimeters target.

2nd place Cadet John Trimble placed second with 288 jumps for a total score of .28 cm

3rd place Cadet Brian Dunphy in third with 87 jumps for a total score of .35 cm.

■ During the Sports Accuracy — 30-meter tar-



photo by Sgt. John Ewald/U.S. Army Parachute Team

Competitors participating in the Golden Knight's Black and Gold meet perform their four-way formation over Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Friday.

get (high speed parachutes) event.

1st place Michael La Roche, scoring 2.41 meters

using a Katana 120 parachute

2nd place Chris Halsan, scoring 3.06 meters using

a Stiletto 150 parachute

3rd place Ted Schuster, scoring 5.31 meters using a Velocity 96 parachute.



photo by Sean Capogreco/Golden Knights PAO

Judges and spectators gather around the target to see if the approaching jumper hits the mark during the Golden Knight's Black and Gold meet held at Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Monday.