

Leisure Programs Follow Trend: More Coed, Less Competitive

BY SUSAN USHER
Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department follows certain trends, while setting others of its own, departmental spokesmen told Brunswick County Commissioners during a program review last Thursday night.

Commissioners were late arriving for the program review and pizza dinner originally scheduled for 5 p.m. but starting shortly after 6:30 p.m.

Like departments nationwide, Brunswick County offers more coed programs and more non-competitive activities each year such as adult coed volleyball and softball and "new games" that place more emphasis on

having fun than winning.

However, its program offerings also include activities such as development dance for handicapped students. The degree of cooperation needed with the public schools for this program to succeed is one of the things that make it winner of both state and national awards.

Other factors include use of non-physically handicapped peer tutors to work with participants and the non-competitive atmosphere.

Less emphasis on competition is most reflected in youth programming, indicated Director Bobby Jones and Athletic Director Doug White.

Now, during basketball season,

every child participating in county league play gets to play at least one-half of every game. This approach allows more youngsters to play and actually helps develop better players, say the program coordinators.

Coed programs are drawing new participants, not attracting players from other county-sponsored teams. "It's less competitive. They're coming out more to have fun," said White.

In addition to a variety of league offerings for all ages and recreation programming that includes swim, tennis and self-defense lessons and children's day camp, the department

sponsors activities for the handicapped, such as adapted horseback riding, developmental dance, Special Olympics and this year, an arts festival that includes the work of the handicapped. It also offers programs for senior citizens, including arts and crafts and exercise classes, field trips and this year, Senior Games on the regional and state level. Doreen Vereen coordinates special populations programming.

Special activities include visits from Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, productions by puppet, dance or theater troupes, and this year, a county Easter egg hunt at the county complex.

For high school youths it also offers

participation in the Brunswick County Youth Council, which acquaints teenagers from all three county high schools with government and sponsors community service projects.

For the budget year that begins July 1, the department is seriously considering implementation of a fee system. Fees are charged for some activities, but not others. A number of departmental programs generate no revenue at all, while others are self-supported or financed primarily by grants.

The state has also expressed willingness to work the department in developing a countywide program of providing public access to local

beaches.

Much of the department's programming is done in cooperation with other agencies such as the Brunswick County Public Schools.

All programming is offered with the idea of helping the county's 40,000 and growing population fill needs for leisure activities: "This is life, get out and enjoy it," said Jones, paraphrasing the theme of the National Association of Parks and Recreation.

Chris Chappell, chairman of the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department, told Jones, "I feel like your department does an excellent job for Brunswick County."

SPORTING SCENE

Wachovia Becomes First NCHSAA Corporate Sponsor

BY JOHNNY CRAIG
The North Carolina High School Athletic Association received a tremendous boost earlier this month when it was announced the Wachovia Corporation would be the association's first corporate sponsor. Wachovia has worked closely with the NCHSAA for a number of years but will now totally underwrite the association's awards programs, which provides medals, trophies, plaques and certificates for state championship teams, coaches and playoff participants.

"Having Wachovia as the first full corporate sponsor is an exciting development for the NCHSAA. We have enjoyed a close relationship with Wachovia for several years and look forward to this additional involvement," said Charles H. Adams, executive director of the NCHSAA.

Since 1979 Wachovia has sponsored the Wachovia Cup and Trophy program. The cup is presented annually to the high schools which have the state's best overall athletic programs and the trophy is awarded annually to schools with the best programs in their conferences.

that the student should be present the day of a game in order to participate.

All students planning to participate in athletics in the fall, 1985 semester will have to meet these requirements during the present spring semester.

Over 90 percent of the NCHSAA members throughout the state were in favor of such tightening of academic and attendance standards. It marked the first time in 40 years that academic and attendance requirements have been altered.

The National Federation of High School Athletics' Football Rules Committee has made only a small amount of changes that will effect the upcoming fall season.

The most significant change came in restricting the offensive player-in-motion from blocking below the waist in the free blocking zone.

Shifting on offense also was slightly changed. The offensive player of players shifting now must be motionless for a full second prior to the snap of the ball. The player in motion can also move parallel to the line of scrimmage whereas in past seasons the shifting player was required to motion slightly backwards by definition.

Also the penalty for illegal use of hands and holding was reduced from 15 to 10 yards.

The North Carolina Coaches Association (NCCA) is entering its 39th year and is stronger than ever before. Over 98 percent of coaches of NCHSAA members are in the association including a record 3,251 coaches in 1984.

Pender football coach Bob Lewis is presently serving on the NCAA Board of Directors for 1984-85.

NCHSAA News

The North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association will be conducting its annual convention at nearby Wrightsville Beach on April 17-19. The association, founded in 1971, will be reviewing and discussing a number of NCHSAA policies at the convention.

Only a few announcements were made effecting local prep athletics at the NCHSAA Board of Directors meeting held last month at Chapel Hill.

The first official playing date for the 1985 football season will be Friday, August 30.

The board also approved a recommendation from the Sports Committee that regional play in tennis playoffs be eliminated. Instead, the top three qualifiers from sectional participation will advance directly to the state-level playoffs.

The board gave approval to a recommendation from the Academics and Attendance Committee concerning student requirements on academic and school attendance qualifications. For a student to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, he/she must (1) pass four subjects the previous semester and (2) have attended 75 percent of the previous semester.

The committee also recommended

Oak Island Run Set

The annual Oak Island Five-Mile and One-Mile Fun Run has been scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at Long Beach. The run is sponsored by the Oak Island Sand Pounders Running Club, United Carolina Bank and the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department.

Runners can pre-register at the Long Beach Recreation Department or by writing to Oak Island Sand Pounders Running Club, P.O. Box 217, Long Beach, NC 28461. Pre-registration fee is \$7 before April 23 and \$9 afterwards.

Lady Trojans Fall in Softball

The West Brunswick Lady Trojans dropped their softball opener last week with an 11-1 defeat to South Brunswick. Renee Harrison, Angie Lewis and Tina Cobble led South Brunswick with three hits each.

Hoggard Nips North Brunswick

North Brunswick dropped a 2-1 baseball decision to host Hoggard last week as the Scorpions were limited to just four hits.

The Vikings (1-0) were led by winning pitcher Nick Patsalos who struck out seven and walked three.

North Brunswick took a 1-0 lead in the second inning but Hoggard scored single runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to take the win.

All-Star Game, Slam Dunk Contest Scheduled

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a basketball game between the Brunswick County Men's League All-Stars and Ocean Drive Sports, a team from Gaston County made up of ex-college and pro players, Saturday, March 16, at Shallotte Middle School.

There will also be a game between the East Division All-Stars and West Division All-Stars of the Brunswick

County leagues. A slam dunk contest will be held between the games open to all-star players from Brunswick County or Ocean Drive Sports. Events will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Members of the Brunswick County All-Stars are: Steve Milligan, Kenny Graham, Charles Webb, Stephan Grissett, Woody Brommell, Pete Pellom, Don Stevenson, Elbert

Johnson, William Johnson, Trampus Gause, Melvin Johnson, Issac Galloway and Shady Daniels.

Representing Ocean Drive are Ike Mims, Dave Borman, Jimmy Reeves, Thomas Wilson formerly of the Golden State Warriors, Zip Stowe, Dino Russell, Dennis Pagan, Danny Jackson, Mike Garner, Ed Roper and Danny Moser.

The Tigers finished in first place in the East Division of the Brunswick County league with a 12-1 record, followed by the Turntables, 11-1; Vision, 7-6; Stars, 5-8 and the Mistis, 0-13.

The Maco Stars won the West Division with an 11-2 record, followed by the Players, 8-5; the Warriors, 7-6; the Twine Arsonists, 3-10 and the Oilers, 1-12.

Want To Help A Park? Gift Catalog Shows How

If you've always wanted to promote parks and recreation in Brunswick County, but were never sure what to do, a gift catalog proposed by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department is sure to hold the answer.

Public Relations and Special Events Coordinator Tina Pritchard says the catalog hasn't gone through all the stages of approval needed yet, but that doesn't mean the department won't accept the gifts it lists.

These include contributions of money, time and talent.

Gift ideas range from bleachers to life preservers, bike racks to trash cans and baby swings.

They come in all price ranges: a jump rope, listed at \$3, or swim kickboard, \$5; or pie-in-the-sky wishbook items such as a portable stage (\$1,800), a riding lawnmower (\$6,000) or a complete wooden play activity set, \$5,500. In between you can choose from an arts and crafts festival, \$500, a youth soccer team,

\$500, or sponsoring a child for two weeks of day camping, \$50.

Wrightsville Beach has used the gift catalog idea successfully and Ms. Pritchard said she hopes the idea will take off in Brunswick County also.

Listed in the catalog are items for trees and landscaping, parks and maintenance, playground equipment, recreation programs, facilities and development and community and beach strand.

Groups are encouraged to "adopt-

a-park," while individual volunteers are needed to help build park trails, pick up litter, paint or even adopt a median at a park. Anyone can buy a tree or plant, at prices starting at \$10.

Gifts can be designated for a specific park or program or with no strings attached. All gifts are tax-deductible; checks should be written to the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Gift Fund.

Ms. Pritchard or Director Bobby Jones can be reached at 253-5347.

Adapted Riding Program Needs Volunteer Helpers

Volunteer "spotters" are needed to work with an adaptive horseback riding program offered to physically handicapped youths and adults through the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

The program helps handicapped

participants develop social, language and motor skills through grooming and riding horses.

Classes are held at Unicorn Stables on Midway Road in Bolivia two hours a day, four days each week, for four weeks. Classes begin April 15.

Volunteers can agree to work for one day or throughout the entire course.

Three "spotters" are needed to work with each student-horse com-

bination; no special training is required, said Tina Pritchard, special events coordinator for the county department. She can be contacted at 253-4357.

Whiteville Wins District Title

The Whiteville boys defeated Fairmont 69-64 last week to win the 2-A District IV basketball championship and a berth in this week's state quarterfinals at Wilson.

The Wolfpack (23-4) is the only team of the Three Rivers-East Waccamaw area still alive in postseason play.

Tim Southern scored 19 points and Patrick Lennon 15 to lead the Wolfpack in the come-from-behind win.

The two teams battled to a 16-16 tie at the end of the first quarter but Whiteville grabbed a 36-29 halftime advantage.

Fairmont rallied in the third quarter to take a 49-46 lead at the end of the period. The Golden Tornadoes (24-2) led by as many as seven, 55-48

early in the final quarter behind the play of 6-foot-11 George Paulk.

However Lennon led a Wolfpack comeback and tied the game at 57-57 on a three-point play with 3:30 left. Moments later Lennon scored again to enable Whiteville to retake the lead, 59-57.

Southern scored with 1:10 to play to give Whiteville the lead for good, 62-60 and the Wolfpack hit three of four crucial free throws in the closing seconds to preserve the win.

Paulk led Fairmont, the West Waccamaw Conference's top team, with 23 points.

Trojan Netters Score First Win Over Laney

The West Brunswick boys tennis team defeated Laney 5-3 last Friday for their first-ever win over the host 4-A Buccaneers. The win left the Trojans unbeaten at 2-0 and ran their win streak to 14 matches dating back to the 1983-84 season.

Greg Bland, Gary Gore, David Ward and Rick Robinson all won singles matches while Bland and Ward teamed to win in doubles play.

The third-seeded doubles match was cancelled due to darkness but West Brunswick had already clinched the victory winning five of eight matches.

"We had a good overall effort from everyone who played," said West Brunswick coach Jerry Small. "It was a great win in that we had never beaten Laney before."

The match was Laney's first of the season.

This Week's Tide Table

Date/Day	MARCH		HIGH		LOW	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday 14	2:07	2:28	8:34	8:33		
Friday 15	3:15	3:34	9:29	9:28		
Saturday 16	4:17	4:30	10:28	10:40		
Sunday 17	5:15	5:30	11:21	11:21		
Monday 18	6:10	6:15		12:07		
Tuesday 19	6:48	6:58	12:51	12:47		
Wednesday 20	7:27	7:27	1:03	1:20		

ADJUSTMENTS
SHALLOTTE INLET (Bowen Point)—add 10 min. high tide, add 28 min. low tide.
TUBBS INLET—subtract 19 min. high tide, subtract 12 min. low tide.
LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 29 min. high tide, subtract 12 min. low tide.
LITTLE RIVER—add 3 min. low tide.
BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 17 min. high tide, subtract 11 min. low tide.

Ash Dixie League Draft Continues

Tryouts continue March 16 and March 23 at Waccamaw Township Park for girls and boys ages eight through 14 interested in playing Waccamaw Dixie Youth Baseball.

Youngsters must live in the Waccamaw district in order to compete. The boundaries include all territory from the northern Columbus County line to the southern and western boundaries of the South Carolina line and as far eastward as the Ocean Isle Beach causeway.

More information is available from Keith White, league president, at 287-6577.

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