

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, MAY 6

- ☐ West Brunswick at Pender in softball, 4 p.m.
- ☐ South Brunswick at West Columbus in softball, 5 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick hosts East Bladen in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- ☐ South Brunswick at West Columbus in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick at South Robeson in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- ☐ South Brunswick hosts West Columbus in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Lockwood Folly Township Park: Camp Methodist vs. Mount Olive, 7 p.m.; Jennies Branch vs. Supply Baptist, 8 p.m.; Shallotte First vs. Dixon Chapel, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

- ☐ North Brunswick hosts East Bladen in softball, 5 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick at South Robeson in softball, 5 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick hosts South Robeson in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick at East Bladen in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Township Park: Seaside vs. Friendship, 7:30 p.m.; Ocean View vs. Zion Baptist, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

- ☐ Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League: Shell Point vs. Soldier Bay, 7 p.m.; Supply vs. Gospel Center-Brunswick Islands, 8 p.m.; Jennies Branch vs. Calvary, 9 p.m., at Lockwood Folly Township Park. Faith vs. Town Creek, 7 p.m.; Mount Olive vs. Southport B, 8 p.m.; Oak Island-Bethel vs. Southport A, 9 p.m., at Smithville Township Park.

MONDAY, MAY 10

- ☐ West Brunswick hosts West Columbus in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- ☐ South Brunswick hosts South Robeson in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- ☐ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Township Park: Soldier Bay vs. Shallotte First, 7 p.m.; Ocean View vs. Camp Methodist, 8 p.m.; Old Shallotte vs. Jennies Branch, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

- ☐ West Brunswick hosts West Columbus in softball doubleheader, 4 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick at Whiteville in softball, 5 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick at Whiteville in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- ☐ West Brunswick at West Columbus in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ North Brunswick hosts Whiteville in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ South Brunswick at South Robeson in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- ☐ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Lockwood Folly Township Park: Dixon Chapel vs. Seaside Methodist, 7 p.m.; Mount Olive vs. Zion Baptist, 8 p.m.; Calvary Baptist vs. Friendship Baptist, 9 p.m.

This week's listings include events reported to the *Beacon*. To list a sporting activity call 754-6890 or write to Doug Rutter, *The Brunswick Beacon*, P.O. Box 2558, Shallotte, N.C. 28459.

IN COED SOFTBALL

Calvary Stops Shell Point

Calvary defeated Shell Point 19-8 Saturday night at Lockwood Folly Township Park in a battle of unbeaten in the Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League.

In other games at Supply, the Gospel Center-Brunswick Islands team picked up its first victory with a 12-7 decision over Soldier Bay, and Supply knocked off Jennies Branch 20-7.

In Southport, Faith remained unbeaten with a 21-10 win over Southport "A." Mount Olive also improved to 3-0 with a 10-5 victory over Oak Island-Bethel. Town Creek edged Southport "B" 18-16.

Baptist Softball League

Standings As Of May 6

DIVISION 1		
Team	Wins	Losses
Calvary	3	0
Shell Point	2	1
Supply	2	1
Gospel-Brunswick	1	2
Jennies Branch	1	2
Soldier Bay	0	3

DIVISION 2		
Team	Wins	Losses
Faith	3	0
Mount Olive	3	0
Town Creek	2	1
Southport "B"	1	2
Oak Island-Bethel	0	3
Southport "A"	0	3

North Softball Loses First

West Columbus handed North Brunswick's softball team its first Waccamaw 2-A Conference loss of the season last Wednesday in Cerro Gordo.

West Columbus' Tricia Hasty had a double and triple as the Lady Vikings won 7-6. Jennifer Thompson, Amy Powell and Felicia Everette had two hits apiece for the winners.

The Lady Scorpions, 13-3 overall, still lead the conference with a 6-1 record going into this week. West Columbus improved to 3-3 in the league with its win over North.

North Brunswick was scheduled to play at South Brunswick Tuesday. The Lady Scorpions will entertain East Bladen Friday and travel to Whiteville next Tuesday.

West Softball Earns Split With Whiteville

BY DOUG RUTTER

Some extra batting practice turned out to be just what West Brunswick's softball team needed after getting just seven hits in a 4-3 loss last Tuesday at Whiteville.

Coach Tracey James focused on hitting in Wednesday's practice and his Lady Trojans responded with 11 base hits in a 10-9 home win Thursday against the same Lady Wolfpack.

Madonna Gause, Patty Clemmons and Jessica Winfree had two hits apiece to lead the Lady Trojans, who took advantage of seven Wolfpack errors to improve to 4-3 in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference.

"This was a real big win for us," Coach James said. "It's the old Whiteville thing. Any time West Brunswick beats Whiteville it's good."

It didn't look good early as Whiteville pulled out to a 4-1 lead with two runs in the top of the fourth inning.

West Brunswick, held hitless over the first three innings, exploded for four runs on five hits in the bottom of the fourth. Two runs scored on Emily Gore's hit, Clemmons had an RBI triple and Winfree added an RBI single.

Leading 5-4, the Lady Trojans picked up where they left off in the fourth with five runs on five hits in the fifth. Chasity Hinesley, Jenny Judah and Gause had RBI singles to bump West's lead to 10-4.

Whiteville trailed 10-5 going into



STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER

WEST'S JENNY JUDAH had an RBI single and pitched the Lady Trojans to a 10-9 softball win last Thursday over visiting Whiteville.

the seventh and came up with four runs on four hits. The Lady Wolfpack got the tying run to third base, but Kaneka Grissett caught a fly ball to center field to end the game.

"It's a good win for us, a good win for the program," James added. "Our bats worked a little better to-

West committed six errors, but made several nice fielding plays to save some runs. Whiteville had two runners aboard in the fifth when pitcher Jenny Judah snagged a line drive and fired to first for an inning-ending double play.

In last Tuesday's game at Whiteville, the Lady Wolfpack scored three runs in the first inning and held on for a 4-3 win.

West Brunswick cut the lead to 3-1 in the third, but Whiteville answered with one run in the fourth. The Lady Trojans scored twice in the seventh, but couldn't get the tying run home. Whiteville outhit West 8-7.

"Neither team hit the ball very well, but they had just enough hits to win it," James said. "We just couldn't put enough hits together to score the runs. We had chances to win the game."

With a 4-3 record in the Waccamaw Conference, West Brunswick is in contention for one of the league's three state playoff berths. The Lady Trojans are 7-4 overall.

"We're in the thick of the playoff race if we don't get the big head," James said. "Our bats are getting better and our defense is getting better."

West Brunswick had three long-distance, road games scheduled this week. The Lady Trojans were expected to play at Fairmont Tuesday, Pender Thursday and South Robeson Friday.

SPORTING SCENE

It's Open Season On Charity Golf Events

My esteemed colleague, Eric Carlson, was ranting and raving in last week's newspaper about the economic potential of miniature golf in the South Brunswick Islands.

Eric was going on and on about how foolish Sunset Beach Town Council would be to pass a zoning ordinance restricting mini-golf courses. He called them "draconian" regulations.

Draconian, by the way, means "exceedingly rigorous and harsh." I looked it up. Unlike Eric, you see, I haven't studied the law or received my degree. I'm one of those people who needs legal representation to sneeze.

I hate to admit it, but I agree with reporter Carlson on this mini-golf thing. But if Sunset Beach wants to throw away the greatest opportunity since North Carolina offered to build a new bridge, that's none of my beeswax.

Mini-golf should not be regulated. The next thing you know, Sunset Beach won't allow plastic shovels and pails on the beach because they're not friendly to the environment.

I feel obligated to stand up for mini-golf, a sport that has afforded me so many pleasurable hours over the years. It will remain one of my favorites until somebody comes up with a realistic video mini-golf I can play on my TV.

But enough about mini-golf. As great a sport as it is, it can't compare to the real thing—the game from which mini-golf was derived.

Anyone who plays golf knows the weather has been ideal lately. There's nothing like a round of golf on a sunny, 75-degree day...especially when you're playing well.

This is definitely the best time of year for golfers who enjoy captain's choice tournaments. There will be five of them over the next five weeks benefiting various charities.

The Fred Bradley Scholarship Tournament will be next Sunday, May 16, at Lockwood Golf Links. The fourth annual event was rained out March 13, when Mother Nature sent a winter hurricane our way.

The South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its fifth annual tournament Saturday, May 22, at Brierwood. From the looks of their entry form, this tournament may be offering the best prizes.

I've never concerned myself with the prizes at these tournaments because my team never comes close to winning. However, I do have quite a knack for winning door prizes.

Everyone at the chamber of commerce will tell you it never rains in the South Brunswick Islands. But just in case, the rain date is May 23. Who knows? It may be too sunny on the 22nd.

In June, there will be at least three golf tournaments from which to choose. The Rotary Club of South Brunswick Islands sponsors its sixth annual on Saturday, June 5, at Sandpiper Bay.

The following Saturday, June 12, Waccamaw Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad will hold its first golf tournament at the recently-completed Brunswick Plantation.

On Sunday, June 13, the Brunswick County Literacy Council will hold yet another golf tournament at Carolina Shores. You can't beat the price on this one—just 30 bucks.

As you can see, a lot of local organizations are learning that golf tournaments can be profitable. They are great fund-raisers for groups like the literacy council that depend on contributions to survive.

So tighten your spikes, stock up on balls and get out there and play. You'll be helping some very worthy causes and having fun in the process. You may even win a nice door prize.

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