

# This Week In Brunswick Sports

## THURSDAY, JULY 1

□ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Township Park: Mount Olive vs. Dixon Chapel, 7 p.m.; Calvary Baptist vs. Jennies Branch, 8 p.m.; Letties Grove vs. Supply Baptist, 9 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JULY 2

□ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Township Park: Friendship Baptist vs. New Britton, 7 p.m.; Seaside Methodist vs. Ocean View, 8 p.m.; Emanuel Outreach vs. Soldier Bay, 9 p.m.  
 □ Brunswick Shores Post 445 hosts Warsaw Post 127 in American Legion baseball, South Brunswick High School, 7:30 p.m.  
 □ Brunswick County Post 68 hosts Whiteville Post 137 in American Legion baseball, North Brunswick High School, 8 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JULY 3

□ 15th Annual Freedom Run will be held today at Waterfront Park, Southport. The One Mile Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m., followed by a 5K race at 9 a.m. For information, call the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, 457-6964.  
 □ Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League: No games scheduled.

## MONDAY, JULY 5

□ Calabash Elks sponsors the Sixth Annual George Leverence Golf Tournament at Colonial Charters Golf Club, North Myrtle Beach, S.C. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. For information, call Mike Healy, 579-3840.  
 □ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Township Park: Zion Baptist vs. Seaside Methodist, 7 p.m.; New Britton vs. Soldier Bay, 8 p.m.; Friendship Baptist vs. Old Shallotte, 9 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JULY 6

□ Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League at Waccamaw Township Park: Mount Olive vs. Jennies Branch, 7 p.m.; Calvary Baptist vs. Shallotte First, 8 p.m.; Dixon Chapel vs. Camp Methodist, 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 LEAGUE

### Mount Olive Stays Unbeaten

Mount Olive remained undefeated in the Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League with an 11-8 win over Supply Saturday night at Smithville Township Park in Southport.

Mount Olive leads Division 2 with an 11-0 record. Faith knocked off Shell Point 13-9, and Oak Island-Bethel blanked Jennies Branch 7-0 in other games Saturday in Southport.

At Lockwood Folly Township Park, Division 1 leader Calvary improved its record to 9-2 with a 14-10 win over Southport "A." Gospel Center-Brunswick Islands edged Southport "B" 17-16, and Town Creek topped Soldier Bay 17-15.

No games will be played this Saturday in recognition of the Fourth of July holiday. Play is scheduled to resume July 10.

### Baptist Softball League Standings As Of July 1

DIVISION 1		
Team	Wins	Losses
Calvary	9	2
Gospel-Brunswick	8	3
Supply	6	5
Shell Point	5	6
Jennies Branch	3	8
Soldier Bay	1	10

  

DIVISION 2		
Team	Wins	Losses
Mount Olive	11	0
Town Creek	7	4
Faith	6	5
Oak Island-Bethel	6	5
Southport "A"	3	8
Southport "B"	1	10

### Band Boosters Set Bucket Shake, 'Rent-A-Kid' Program

The West Brunswick High School Band Boosters have planned a Saturday "bucket shake" and a six-week "Rent-a-Kid" fundraiser to help send students to band camp.

The bucket shake will take place Saturday, July 3. Students from the WBHS band will be stationed at major intersections in Shallotte from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The "Rent-a-Kid" fundraiser will run from July 1 through Aug. 14.

WBHS band students will be available for hire for such chores as babysitting, yard work, house cleaning and pet-sitting. To "rent a kid," call Craig Morris, 754-5539; Vonetta Stumblingbear, 579-8587; Gene Carter, 754-7693; or Ben DeBlois, 754-5859.

# Local Seniors Compete In National Games

BY DOUG RUTTER

Four of Brunswick County's most active senior citizens recently returned from Baton Rouge, La., where they competed in the United States National Senior Sports Classic IV.

Walter Pennington of Sunset Beach, Ced Brogden of Shallotte, Gerald Weber of Shallotte Point and Rev. Murray Page of Southport represented Brunswick County and North Carolina at the national competition June 15 and 16.

Pennington competed in golf, Brogden and Weber in bowling and Page in running after qualifying at county and state senior games last year. Three other local seniors qualified for nationals but did not make the trip.

"It was a grand thing, and I'm very happy that I went," said Pennington, who finished eighth out of 50 golfers in the 65-69 age group. "I shot 83-78 which is pretty good for me."

The golf tournament was held at The Bluffs, an Arnold Palmer course located about 40 miles north of Baton Rouge. Pennington said a local doctor won the event.

Weber and Brogden, who are brothers-in-law, competed as bowlers in the 60-64 age group. Weber said neither one advanced to the finals, but both enjoyed the two-day competition.

"I had a great time. It was well worth the trip," said Weber, noting that one of the bowlers

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—Rev. Murray Page senior athlete

was 98 years old. "After bowling, my brother-in-law and I went down to New Orleans and spent a day and a half there."

Rev. Page, pastor at Southport Presbyterian Church, finished 21st out of 38 runners in the 5K race and 19th out of 34 participants in the 10K race in his age group (55-59).

"I beat almost half in my division and I felt pretty good about it," Page said. "I averaged seven minutes a mile which is not what I wanted, but it was really hot."

Page also qualified for the 1500-meter race but did not compete because of a sore hip.

"It was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed going down there," he said last week. "I got to meet a lot of folks who are doing a lot of the same things I am to stay in shape."

Page said he would like to form a local bas-

ketball team to compete in the three-on-three tournament at the next National Senior Sports Classic scheduled for 1995 in San Antonio, Texas.

"For those who still are healthy and want to stay healthy, senior games is a good way to do it," he said. "As long as my health holds up and I can run I'll be running. It's part of my daily existence."

Tina Pritchard, senior games coordinator for the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department, said the four local seniors were among 265 from North Carolina.

In all, there were 7,200 senior athletes at the competition. "It was amazing to see some of these people," Pritchard said. "It really is inspirational."

Opening ceremonies were held at the Pete Maravich Center on the Louisiana State University campus. Athletes from each state marched into the gymnasium in their uniforms.

The governor of Louisiana and mayor of Baton Rouge were on hand for the ceremony. A speech was given by astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr., the first American in space.

"It was a tremendous evening," Pennington said, adding that he enjoyed the Cajun cooking and time he spent in New Orleans. "I finally got to try crawdads, and I ate catfish three times."

## Tennis Ladder As Of June 25

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| 1. Sal DiFazio   | 8. Bill Davis     | 15. James Hardy     |
| 2. Jerry Small   | 9. Jim Fournier   | 16. Doug Rutter     |
| 3. Ray DeVries   | 10. Percy Woodard | 17. Billy Mims      |
| 4. Rodney Gause  | 11. Greg Bland    | 18. Brad Singletary |
| 5. Teak Hemphill | 12. Robin Dale    | 19. Mike Nelson     |
| 6. Lynn Slimmer  | 13. Jack Redmond  | 20. Dave Minder     |
| 7. Robby Davis   | 14. Lewis Shaw    |                     |

### Guidelines

1. The initial ladder was determined by a round robin tournament held May 15. Newcomers are added to the bottom of the ladder as names are received. Call Jerry Small, 754-6712.
2. The ladder is updated weekly as results are called in to Small. Play will continue through Aug. 31.
3. Ladder participants arrange their own matches by calling an opponent and agreeing on a time and place.
4. Players may challenge one or two spots up the ladder. If the challenger wins, he moves up the ladder and the loser moves down. If the challenger loses, there is no change in positions.
5. When challenged from below, players must accept the challenge unless they have previously committed to another match. All challenges should be answered within 72 hours if possible.
6. Each match is the best two out of three sets with regular scoring. A 12-point tie breaker is used in sets tied at 6-6. Each player brings a new can of balls to each match. The winner keeps the unopened can.

## Daniels Named Camp MVP

Timothy Daniels, a rising junior at West Brunswick High School, earned Most Valuable Player and All-Star honors last month at a national prep basketball camp.

Daniels, 16, of Longwood, competed in the sophomore and junior division of the Five-Star Invitational Basketball Camp June 11-17 at Hampden-Sydney College in Hampden-Sydney, Va.

Daniels led his team to the division championship with a team-high 17.8-point scoring average. He also led his team in rebounding, according to Five-Star coach Billy Mims of

Shallotte. In addition to winning the MVP Award, Daniels was named to the camp's all-star team for the second consecutive year.

"The young man had a great week at camp," said Mims, noting that only the top high school players from throughout the nation attend the annual camp.

Daniels, who recently received the Coach's Award for the 1992-93 basketball season at West Brunswick, is a two-sport star at the school. He was a defensive starter on the Trojans' 1992 state championship football team.

Timothy is a younger brother of former West Brunswick and Anderson (S.C.) Junior College basketball star Ricky Daniels, who has signed to play for N.C. State University next season.

## Dixon Upsets Shallotte In Church Softball League

Dixon Chapel upset Shallotte First Baptist 13-11 last Thursday to highlight a busy week in the Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League.

Dixon Chapel entered the game with a 1-16 record, and Shallotte First was 12-5. Dixon's only previous win had come by way of a forfeit.

Shallotte First won its two other games last week, beating Letties Grove 12-8 and edging Supply Baptist 7-6 to remain among the North Division leaders.

Mount Olive, a 6-5 winner over Supply last Thursday, leads the North with a 15-1 record.

Emanuel Outreach leads the South Division at 15-3. Emanuel held off Ocean View 15-14 Monday and beat New Britton 8-4 Friday night.

In other games Monday, Friendship Baptist beat Zion Baptist 15-4 and New Britton topped Old Shallotte 8-6.

Last week, Ocean View beat Zion

17-6, Soldier Bay defeated Old Shallotte 20-14, Jennies Branch beat Letties Grove 15-2, Supply stopped Camp Methodist 17-12 and Calvary Baptist knocked off Dixon Chapel 11-6.

### Men's Church Softball Standings Through June 28

SOUTH DIVISION		
Team	Wins	Losses
Emanuel Outreach	15	3
Ocean View	12	6
Friendship Baptist	10	7
Seaside Methodist	7	9
Soldier Bay	5	11
New Britton	5	11
Old Shallotte	3	14
Zion Baptist	0	16

  

NORTH DIVISION		
Team	Wins	Losses
Mount Olive	15	1
Jennies Branch	13	3
Supply Baptist	13	5
Shallotte First	13	6
Calvary Baptist	11	7
Letties Grove	8	10
Camp Methodist	4	13
Dixon Chapel	2	16

## SPORTING SCENE

### Leave The Umpire Alone Or Go Directly To Jail

Let me get this straight.

The North Carolina legislature is seriously considering putting more teeth in the law that protects baseball umpires, basketball referees and other sports officials from abuse.

And if David Redwine and his pals in Raleigh approve this new law, any fan, player or coach who strikes a game official in the line of duty could be charged with a misdemeanor and be thrown in jail for up to two years.

Sounds outrageous doesn't it? Maybe not. I've never seen anyone hit an official around here, but I've seen many people who would have if they thought they could have gotten away with it.

By the nature of their job, umpires and referees make enemies every time they go to work. They're always making split-second decisions that affect the outcome of games.

Therefore, they are often considered the lowest form of life by the team that loses. And quite often, even the winning team has nothing good to say about the officiating.

Under the current law, any fan who hits an official can be charged with simple assault and battery and sentenced to as many as 30 days in the brig. In the real world, though, people convicted of simple assault rarely go to jail.

I think this new law is a good idea if it's going to result in jail time for offenders. After all, an umpire can't possibly call a good baseball game if he's worried about the consequences of his every move.

Based on what I've seen at various high school sporting events, umpires and referees need all the protection they can get from players, coaches and especially fans.

Players will sometimes complain to officials. Coaches will often yell at officials. But it's usually the fans who abuse umpires and referees the worst.

I don't think I've ever been to a football, basketball or baseball game where a game official wasn't criticized by one or more fans. Even when a basketball referee calls a perfect game, he'll catch the devil from someone.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with that. Criticizing umpires and referees is sacred these United States of America. It's a right bestowed upon every U.S. citizen at birth.

It's one of those "alien" rights, like the right to spit your bubble gum on the floor as you exit a movie theater (never done it) or keep any money that washes up on the beach (I once found a twenty).

But punching or otherwise striking an official remains a definite no-no in this country. Verbal abuse is one thing, physical is yet another.

Games can be played without prime-time players and mastermind managers, but nothing happens without officials. Somebody has to call balls and strikes in baseball, somebody has to whistle fouls in basketball and somebody has to throw the yellow flag in football.

These people dressed in zebra stripes, or sometimes blue, never get the credit they deserve for the long hours they work and the low pay they receive. The least we can do is punish people who try to beat them up.

Doug Rutter Sports Editor



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