

Shriners To Host Golf Tourney At Sea Trail

BY DOUG RUTTER

Three days of golf and entertainment by country comedian Jerry Clower will highlight this weekend's Fourth Annual National Shriners Crippled Children Open Golf Tournament at Sea Trail Plantation.

The two-person team tournament kicks off Friday with a practice round at the Sunset Beach resort. Tournament play will be Saturday and Sunday. Social events have been planned all weekend.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, which are currently providing free medical care for 31 youngsters from Brunswick County.

Golf tournament chairman Glenn Humbert said participants this year can expect outstanding competition on the course, quality entertainment afterward and fantastic prizes.

"The big thing about the tournament, of course, is that the money goes to the hospital," Humbert said. "This is a fund-raising event for the hospital and the children."

Past golf tournaments have raised between \$7,000 and \$10,000 for Shriners Hospitals. Humbert said this year's goal of \$20,000 to \$25,000 can be reached with a field of 144

golfers.

For the first time this year, each twosome will be given the option of competing in a best ball or captain's choice format. Each group will compete separately, and teams will be flighted after Saturday's round.

"It's really two tournaments in one," said Humbert, noting that a lot of golfers prefer captain's choice to the best ball format that has been used in the past.

Humbert said last week he expects slots in the 72-team field to be open until the day before the tournament. The entry fee is \$200 per player. "We're ahead of last year. We have over 60 people signed up," he said.

Golfers will play two of Sea Trail's three championship courses. Play will be on the Jones course one day and Byrd course the other. All social activities will take place at the Jones-Byrd clubhouse.

Humbert said 122 golfers participated last year, but he hopes Clower will help attract a full field this weekend. "If you want to see Jerry Clower, the best way to see him is play golf."

Clower, who performs Saturday at 9 p.m., is famous for his humorous tales about life in Amite County, Mississippi. He's been named "Country

Comic of the Year" nine straight years by major country music trade and fan publications.

As part of the \$200 entry fee, each golfer will receive two tickets to the Clower show and two tickets to a Friday night "shrimparoo" featuring music by the local rock band, Crossroads.

Golfers must arrange their own tee times for Friday's practice round. The tournament gets underway Saturday with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided at the course and first day prizes will be given at 8 p.m.

Play begins Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and will be followed by an awards ceremony with hors d'oeuvres.

Prizes will include a men's diamond ring valued at \$1,300, a ladies' pendant, watches and golf packages. Also a one-week stay at Ocean Isle Beach and weekend trip to Charleston, S.C.

The major co-sponsor of this year's event is The Dixie Jubilee of North Myrtle Beach, S.C. Other sponsors are WWAY-TV3, WCCA radio, United Carolina Bank, Coastal Beverage, Avis, Burger King, Sprint Cellular and Sea Trail Plantation.

To register for the golf tournament, or for more information, call Charles Clark at 579-5441 or Albert Parker at 754-6634.

Shriners Hospitals Now Treating 31 Local Kids

BY DOUG RUTTER

Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children are currently providing free medical treatment for 31 boys and girls from Brunswick County.

John Nutter, chairman of the crippled children committee for Brunswick County Shriners, said most of the kids are being treated on an out-patient basis at the Greenville, S.C., hospital.

All treatment given at Shriners Hospitals is free. "I tell people when I talk to them not to look for the cashier's counter because we don't have one," Nutter said.

Besides medical care, Shriners also pay for transportation to and from the hospital and motel rooms for family members. Families are expected to pay for nothing except meals. "If they can't afford to do that, we will pay," Nutter said.

Problems treated at Shriners Hospitals include orthopedic problems of cerebral palsy and spina bifida, hand and back problems, limb deficiencies and growth problems, club foot and rickets.

Nutter said one local child had four operations at the Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati before he was a year old to correct a cleft palate. "Today you wouldn't know anything was wrong," he said.

At one point, six local girls were being treated for scoliosis (curvature of the spine). Nutter says he's grateful he hasn't had to deal with many burn victims. "Thank God I've only had two in 11 years," he said.

The three-fold mission of Shriners Hospitals is to save children's lives, restore their bodies to the highest level of usefulness and conduct research into orthopedic and burn care.

All children up to age 18 may be eligible for treatment at a Shriners Hospital if the chief of staff thinks there is a reasonable possibility the treatment will benefit the child and if treatment at another facility would place a financial burden on the family.

The Greenville facility is one of 22 Shriners Hospitals, which include three burn units and three spinal cord injury rehabilitation centers. Through 1991, nearly 450,000 children have completed treatment at the hospitals.

Shrine of North America has about 720,000 members and 191 temples in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Panama.

The Brunswick County Shrine Club is one of 40 clubs included in the Sudan Temple, which based in New Bern. The Sudan Temple is the 10th largest in the nation, covering the area east of Interstate 95 in North Carolina.

For more information on services provided by Shriners Hospitals, call Nutter at 842-4030.

RECREATION BRIEFS

Rice Creek To Be Scene Of National 'Canoe Sweep'

In celebration of the National Big Sweep program, the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Adventure Bound program will sponsor a canoe sweep.

Participants will pick up trash while canoeing on Rice Creek Saturday, Sept. 25.

Canoeists will be asked to provide their own gloves for protection. The department will provide canoes and trash bags.

Space is limited, and parents must accompany children and provide life jackets for children. Everyone will be required to wear a life jacket.

Participants will meet at Town Creek Park at 9 a.m.

Other upcoming programs include:

■ A weekend of horseback riding at scenic Burkemont Mountain near Morgantown Nov. 5-7. The group will stay in a rustic cabin on top of Burkemont Mountain and will ride one full day on the mountain trails.

Cost will be approximately \$140 per person and will include transportation, lodging, meals and horseback riding. Space will be limited; registration deadline is Sept. 8.

■ A step aerobic class at the Leland

Community Building Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 7. Participants must bring their own step. There will be a \$15 per month participation fee, or a \$3 drop-in fee.

To register or get more information about these programs, call Emma McGraw at the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department, 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Planning Youth Leagues

Organizational meetings for the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department Youth Soccer

League and Youth Football League will be held next week at the department office in the Planning/Resources Building at the Government Center in Bolivia.

The soccer league meeting will be held Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. All site coordinators and coaches are asked to attend to outline the upcoming season.

The football league meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m., with all coaches asked to attend.

For more information contact Joe Rosselli, athletic coordinator, at 23-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Mount Olive Places First In Church Softball Tourney

Mount Olive defeated Emanuel Outreach 9-5 last Saturday to take first place in the Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League Tournament.

Winning the tournament championship game helped Mount Olive avenge a 5-4 loss to Emanuel Outreach two weeks ago in the regular-season championship.

Mount Olive, 20-2 during the regular season, had defeated Shallotte First Baptist 12-9 Saturday morning to advance to the finals of the double-elimination tournament.

After losing 11-10 last Thursday to Mount Olive in a preliminary

round, Emanuel Outreach won three straight games to reach the final. Emanuel beat Letties Grove 9-3 last Friday before beating Jennies Branch 5-4 and Shallotte First 11-5 on Saturday.

Shallotte First Baptist, which was 14-8 during the regular season and finished fourth in the North Division, played well in the tournament and finished third.

In early-round tournament games last week, Ocean View beat Old Shallotte 16-1 and Friendship Baptist 15-0 before losing to Jennies Branch 4-2.

Letties Grove was a 7-3 winner

over Supply Baptist and a 9-8 winner over Camp Methodist. Shallotte First knocked off Jennies Branch 10-7, and Camp Methodist defeated Calvary Baptist 9-3.

Top finishers during the regular season were Emanuel Outreach in

SOUTH DIVISION			NORTH DIVISION		
Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses
Emanuel Outreach	18	4	Mount Olive	20	2
Friendship Baptist	14	8	Jennies Branch	19	3
Ocean View	14	8	Supply Baptist	16	6
Seaside Methodist	10	12	Shallotte First	14	8
New Britton	8	14	Calvary Baptist	12	10
Soldier Bay	7	15	Letties Grove	10	12
Old Shallotte	4	18	Camp Methodist	6	16
Zion Baptist	1	21	Dixon Chapel	2	20

the South Division and Mount Olive in the North Division. Runners-up in the South were Friendship Baptist and Ocean View. In the North Division, Jennies Branch was second and Supply Baptist took third.

Final Regular season standings:

IN COED LEAGUE

Supply Slams Town Creek

Supply smashed Town Creek 35-3 in Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League play last Saturday at Smithville Township Park in Southport.

In other games at Southport, Shell Point defeated Southport "B" 18-5 and Southport "A" was a forfeit winner over Jennies Branch.

At Lockwood Folly Township Park in Supply, Calvary beat Oak Island-Bethel 14-8, Gospel Center-Brunswick Islands knocked off Faith 11-7 and Mount Olive crushed Soldier Bay 23-9.

The final regular-season games will be played Saturday night. Calvary and Gospel Center-Brunswick Islands are tied for first place in Division 1. Mount Olive has clinched first in Division 2.

Baptist Softball League Standings As Of Aug. 5

DIVISION 1		
Team	Wins	Losses
Calvary	12	3
Gospel-Brunswick	12	3
Supply	9	5
Shell Point	8	7
Jennies Branch	5	10
Soldier Bay	2	13

DIVISION 2		
Team	Wins	Losses
Mount Olive	13	2
Town Creek	7	8
Faith	7	8
Oak Island-Bethel	6	9
Southport "A"	5	9
Southport "B"	2	13

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