

Kings Mountain Triathlon is this Saturday

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Approximately 300 athletes from the southeastern and southern United States will be in Kings Mountain Saturday to compete in the second annual Over the Mountain Triathlon.

The event gets under way at 8 a.m. at Moss Lake, where participants will compete in a three-quarter mile swim. After that they will bike 30 miles through downtown, into the Kings Mountain National Military, Kings Mountain State, and Crowders Mountain State parks, and back to town where they will end the bike ride on Railroad Avenue and then complete the marathon with a 10K run from town to Kings Mountain High School (two laps).

Ellis Noell, Special Activities Director for the City of Kings Mountain, said he expects a large group of spectators along the routes, and especially at the transition and finish stations in downtown. The finish line will be in front of the

gazebo at Patriots Park (corner of West Gold St. and Railroad Ave.).

The first competitors are expected to come across the finish line in approximately two hours and ten minutes, he said.

In addition to the triathlon, which is sanctioned by the North Carolina Triathlon Series and awards trophies and bonus points to the top finishers, Noell said co-sponsor Kings Mountain Hospital will be sponsoring a free Health Fair at Patriots Park, and several bluegrass groups will perform at the gazebo from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

In addition, there will be a one-mile mayor's bike ride, and a trike triathlon for youngsters ages 7-and-under in which the youngsters will run through a swimming pool and then jump on trikes for a dash to the finish line. The winning boy and girl will receive a tricycle.

Noell said the event will go on as scheduled, rain or shine.

"We encourage everyone along the route to come out and cheer the athletes," Noell said. He encourages persons who live along the routes to make sure their animals are not running loose.

"We don't want the competitors chased by a pack of dogs," he said.

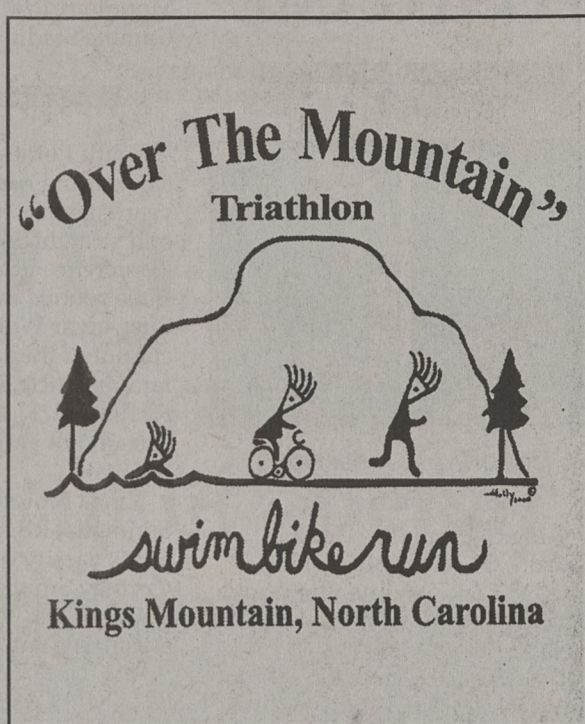
Noell said he will be meeting with area law enforcement officials Thursday to work out traffic control along major highways and intersections, and a meeting with course volunteers is scheduled for Thursday night.

The Kings Mountain Police Department, Cleveland and Gaston County Sheriff's Departments, and North and South Carolina Highway Patrols are coordinating traffic control.

Noell said volunteers are still needed, especially at Moss Lake where boat and pontoon owners are encouraged to help keep an eye on swimmers in case of emergency. To volunteer, call Noell at 730-2103.



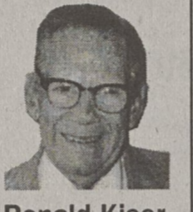

Volunteers will also be needed along the routes to help law enforcement monitor major intersections, and to offer water to participants at various points.

The strenuous bike ride will come from Moss Lake to Kings Mountain and go through neighborhoods such as Crocker Road, Dixon School Road, through the three parks, and back up Highway 161 to Kings Mountain.



PIGSKIN PICKERS

The sports reporters of Republic Newspapers, Inc. make their picks for this week's football games.

	 Gary Stewart Last Week - 11-4 Overall - 11-4	 Todd Hagans Last Week - 11-4 Overall - 11-4	 Ronald Kiser Last Week - 10-5 Overall - 10-5	 Dwight Frady Last Week - 9-6 Overall - 9-6
Hunter Huss at Cherryville	Hunter Huss	Hunter Huss	Hunter Huss	Hunter Huss
South Point at Kings Mtn.	South Point	South Point	South Point	South Point
W. Lincoln at Bessemer City	West Lincoln	Bessemer City	West Lincoln	West Lincoln
Crest at Anson County	Crest	Crest	Crest	Crest
Shelby at Burns	Shelby	Shelby	Shelby	Shelby
R-S Central at Chase	Chase	Chase	Chase	Chase
E. Meck. at East Gaston	East Meck.	East Meck.	East Meck.	East Meck.
Forestview at Sun Valley	Forestview	Forestview	Forestview	Forestview
N. Gaston at Lincolnton	Lincolnton	Lincolnton	Lincolnton	Lincolnton
Ashbrook at Forest Hills	Forest Hills	Forest Hills	Ashbrook	Ashbrook
Maiden at Bandys	Maiden	Maiden	Maiden	Maiden
Georgia Tech at Navy	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech
UNC at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
East Carolina at Tulane	East Carolina	East Carolina	East Carolina	East Carolina
App. State at Wake Forest	Wake Forest	App. State	App. State	App. State

SPORTS BRIEFS

Eric Spicer wins club championship

Eric Spicer shot a 68-69-71-208 Saturday, Sunday and Monday to win the annual Men's Club Championship at Kings Mountain Country Club. Spicer won by three shots over Mitch Howze, who shot a 72-70-69-211.

John Gamble won the net division with a 69-66-69-204, and Billy Hill was second with a 68-74-70-212.

Scott Hendrix won the first flight with a gross score of 76-80-69-225. Grey Howard was second with a 73-82-74-229.

Scott Summitt took low net with a 76-75-69-220, and Scott Cloninger was second with a 71-73-76-220.

Ronnie Murphy won the second flight with a 78-80-80-238, and Dennis Smith was second with an 81-81-79-241. Al Grigg won low net with a 68-69-70-207 and Pat Phifer was second with a 73-70-74-217.

Greg Robinson shot an 82-85-77-244 to win the third flight over Terry Leonard, who shot an 85-85-81-251. John Caveny won the net division with a 74-70-71-215.

Mike Deninger won fourth flight low gross with a 93-93-87-273. Charlie Johnson was second with a 103-94-96-293. Jim Champion took low net with a 73-72-72-217.

Swim team tryout set at KMHS pool

Try-outs for the Cyclones swim team will be held September 6-7 from 6-7 p.m. at the Kings Mountain High School pool.

Ages 5-18 are invited to try out for the Kings Mountain Aquatics USS swim team. Lessons will be offered to all ages.

Persons interested do not need to pre-register. Take a swimsuit, towel, goggles (optional) and a birth certificate.

For more information call Marty Allen at 937-9123.

Jacksons win golf tournament at KMCC

Stoney and Peggy Jackson won the Member-Member Golf Tournament last week at Kings Mountain Country Club.

They shot a 70-67-137 to win by six shots over Debbie and Pat Phifer, who had a 73-70-143.

Kathy and Scott Summitt were third with a 78-72-150.

Karen and Billy Hill won low net with a 56-55-111. Becky and Charlie Johnson were second with a 56-58-114, and Elaine and Al Grigg were third with a 58-62-120.

Patriots win 30-22 over Pumpkin Center

Kings Mountain Middle School opened its football season Wednesday at Pumpkin Center with a 30-22 victory.

Kings Mountain was scheduled to host West Lincoln yesterday at Gamble Stadium. The Patriots travel to East Lincoln next Wednesday.

The Patriots went up 16-0 in the first quarter. Travis Chambers returned a punt 35 yards to set up a 30-yard touchdown run by Jermanuel McClain. McClain also ran the two-point conversion.

Sidney Goode recovered a PC fumble and Kelsey Adams got off a 19-yard run to set up a one-yard TD by McClain. McClain again ran the extra point.

Pumpkin Center rallied to cut the margin to 16-14, scoring in the second quarter following a KM fumble, and scoring again early in the third quarter.

Later in the third quarter, Trevor Garrei of KM intercepted a pass to set up a 12-yard TD pass from Isaac Proctor to Kelsey Adams. Adams also caught a pass for a two-point conversion to put KM on top 24-12.

After an early fourth quarter score by PC cut the margin to 24-22, KM added an insurance touchdown on a 15-yard pass from Proctor to Sidney Goode. It was set up by a 28-yard run by McClain.

Candy Albergine wins ladies club golf title

Candy Albergine shot a 72-84-156 to win the gross division, and Wanda Howze fired a 73-64-142 to win the net division in the annual Ladies Club Championship Saturday and Sunday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Becky Johnson took second place in the gross division with a 95-87-182. Debbie Phifer was second in the net division with a 71-72-143.

Closest to the hole on par 3 holes were Albergine on numbers 5 and 16, Wanda Howze on 16, and Heidi McDaniel on 17.

Alex Dahl wins junior golf tourney

Alex Dahl shot an 86-95-181 to win the Junior Club championship Saturday and Sunday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Jordan Van Dyke finished second with a 97-91-188. Van Dyke was also closest to the hole on #17.

KM jayvees rout Warriors in opener

Kings Mountain High's junior varsity football team defeated East Gaston 30-6 in their opening season game Thursday night at East Gaston.

Deon Holland, Jeremiah Adams, Derek Smith and Joram Young each scored touchdowns for the Mountaineers.

Jermaine Strong, Aaron Bolton and Brad Moffitt led the defensive effort.

The Mountaineers travel to South Point tonight at 7 o'clock.

KM volleyball team defeats McDowell

Kings Mountain High's volleyball team defeated McDowell County 15-8, 15-4, 15-11 in non-conference action Thursday in Marion.

The Lady Mountaineers host Hickory today at 4:30 in their first-ever Southwestern Foothills 3A Conference match. They host Watauga and Providence in non-conference action Saturday at 10 a.m., and return to SWFH play next Tuesday at Burns.

Carrie Brinkley had 12 service points, 26 assists and four service aces in the win over McDowell. Shonda Cole had 14 kills and three blocks, and Kristin Hardin had 15 kills and 12 service points. Lindsay Hamrick had five kills, and Brinkley and Ashley Leigh three each.

Cole had a 3.0 passing score, Hardin 2.85 and Crisp 2.33. Hardin had a 2.2 serve receive score, and Pam Parker 2.4.

Pro wrestling Friday at KM National Guard

The E.W.A. will be in action Friday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory.

Kings Mountain's Dozer, George South, The Chef, and others will be on the card.

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