

Competition open to all students through Carolina Sports Club

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A long, sleek craft, some guys playing hockey with a tennis ball and numerous tables set up Tuesday in the Pit may have caused quite a few UNC students to do a doubletake. That, UNC Sports Club Council Vice President Bill Detmer says, was exactly what the council wanted to do. The annual SCC Fair was underway.

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By Morris Haywood

"The whole purpose of the fair is to promote competitive non-varsity sports," Detmer said. "It's giving people a chance to play their favorite sports."

Many clubs were represented in the fair. Rugby club president Nick Addison spoke of the toughness of his team's schedule. "We are looking for good recruits," Addison said. "We have a very

tough schedule, including Bristol University."

Bristol was the national runner-up last year in England. Among the tournaments the rugby club will participate in are the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament and the state tournament.

Should they win the state, they would advance to the Eastern Regionals, and beyond that they could advance to the Nationals. Persons interested should contact the Sports Club Council office in Suite A of the Union.

A new club sport offered this year is Frisbee. Duke University and N.C. State already have Frisbee clubs. Club President John Marty said the club would concentrate on three basic types of Frisbee: Frisbee golf, Freestyle and Ultimate Frisbee. Marty can be contacted at 967-6013 for information on the club.

Water polo, which was organized several years ago, is also offered. The club is looking for recruits. Practice is held from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Bowman Gray Pool.

The UNC Crew Club displayed a rowing scull as part of its exhibit. The craft, owned by the club, was on exhibit to give the casual observer some idea

of what the crew club is all about. UNC's Crew Club was organized in the late 1960s and has expanded since then.

The club practices three days a week, and no experience is necessary. For more information call John Talcott at 968-9062.

The Racquetball Club, headed by Eric Plott, participates in various tournaments during the year. They compete at all different levels of skill, and practice from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Tuesday. For more information, contact Plott at the Sports Club Council office or at 968-9114.

Women's lacrosse is also offered. Club spokeswoman Kate Sims said the team had a great year last year and hoped to improve even more this year. This year's schedule consists of 12 games. The club also offers clinics for beginners.

Women's volleyball is growing as a club sport at UNC. The team hopes to participate in more tournaments this year. Anyone can join, and competition is on many skill levels.

The UNC Ice Hockey Club will face a tough schedule this year. It is a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Southern Collegiate Hockey Association and will play such teams as

Duke, Alabama, Georgia Tech and Tennessee with games on Saturdays and Sundays. Anybody can join, and the club sponsors teams on two skill levels: competitive and recreational.

The women's Soccer Club is open for all interested women. The main goal, Secretary Judi Manuel said, is to provide fun through competition against other school clubs. The team, which is looking for new members, will be involved in intercollegiate club competition and tournaments.

A sport that provides a break from the usual intercollegiate competitive scene is scuba. The Scuba Club is open to anyone, and its purpose is to promote safe diving. During the fall there will be trips every other weekend, and in the spring there will be a trip over spring break to the Yucatan peninsula. For more information, contact club President Kurt Haefely at 942-5727.

Men's Volleyball Club President Mark Southerland said that anyone could join the club and that the club would play serious volleyball. There may be a tournament this fall involving volleyball clubs at southern region schools. For more information, call Southerland at 933-5885.

The Football Club is perhaps the best-known of

the club sports at Carolina. President Oscar Pace said this about the club, "It gives the guys who don't have the time or all the talent or size for varsity football a chance to play." The club is a member of the N.C. Club Football Association.

The team plays small-college varsity teams, large university JV teams and a semipro team. It practices on Ehringhaus Field at 4 p.m.

Gymnastics is also offered this year. Club members will participate in many areas of the sport, always under the supervision of a spotter to prevent accidents, Secretary/Treasurer Kristine Swendson said.

Coburn Powell, president of the Water Ski Club, said the club existed simply for the fun of going out to ski. The club, which is open to students and faculty, will participate in a Master Craft tournament. All skis and equipment are provided.

Vice President Detmer said that club sports have a participation rate of about 3,000 students each year. The clubs are budgeted from a \$25,000 allocation collected each year from student fees. Each club must submit a budget for SCC approval. Left-over money is used for founding of new clubs or the replacement of equipment.

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