

# This Week In Brunswick Sports

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

South Brunswick Islands Home Builders Association Golf Tournament at The Pearl Golf Links, Calabash, 9 a.m.

This week's listings include events reported to the *Beacon*. To list your sporting contest call or write the *Beacon* with schedules and details.

## SPORTING SCENE

### Whiteville Coach Tabs Trojans As League Football Favorites

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

Whether Whiteville head football coach Brian Aldridge was trying to pass off the preseason favorite role to someone else or if West Brunswick will capture its first Waccamaw 2-A Conference football championship since 1988 was unclear in comments from the Wolfpack mentor recently.

Speaking of the Whiteville Rotary Club just prior to the start of preseason prep football drills, Aldridge looked to West Brunswick as the team to beat in the WC this fall.

Aldridge also mentioned that South Brunswick and East Bladen will also be among the top league teams.

Whiteville, with 11 returning starters and lots of offseason work in the weight room, will also be listed among the league champion contenders.

Both the Wolfpack and South Brunswick will participate in the upcoming United Carolina Bank Jamboree scheduled for Friday, Aug. 24, in Wilmington.

### Learning About Fire Ants

The deluge of rain that hit the area during the past three weeks has resulted in a learning experience for West Brunswick football players in more than one way.

Trojan head coach Marshall Seay reports that his players have learned a great deal about the many fire ants that can be found around the school's gridiron complex.

It seems that the fire ants have come out for air recently as the ground is saturated with water.

With Trojan football players rolling and sloshing around on a wet field loaded with puddles of water, they are easy targets for the insects that carry a powerful bite and can leave welts that take a week to heal.

"We had some of our kids jumping around out there Monday like they were on fire. Several had to stop practice momentarily to take their pants off in order to get at the ants that were biting them," laughed Seay. "It was quite a show."

### Golf Tournaments Galore

A number of local charitable organizations will benefit from several fund-raising golf tournaments to be held in the area during the next 30 days. All are certainly worthy of participation from the many area golfers.

The South Brunswick Islands Home Builders Association is sponsoring a tourney Saturday, Aug. 17, at The Pearl Golf Links. Proceeds will benefit the Brunswick County Schools Vocational Education department, Disaster Relief and Hope Harbor Home.

The Supply/Shallotte Dixie Youth Baseball League will host its tournament a week later, Saturday, Aug. 24, at Lockwood Folly Golf Links at Holden Beach. All proceeds will benefit the local youth league.

The annual Swing A Club For Scouting tournament will be held Saturday, Sep. 14, at Ocean Isle Beach Golf Club. The tourney, held traditionally in the early summer, has been moved to the fall this year so participants can hopefully enjoy milder weather. More details on this tournament will be available next week.

### New Football Coach At Hallsboro

Former North Brunswick head football coach Jim Steed was fired from his job as head grid coach at Hallsboro in a surprise move last week by the Columbus County Board of Education.

Steed resigned just over a year ago from North Brunswick to take the head position at Hallsboro. The Tigers finished 1-9 in 1990 after going winless the year before.



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### We're Number One

Calabash Elks hosted a luncheon and awards ceremony Sunday for the Shallotte Dixie Boys Baseball League team it sponsored this season. The team finished the regular season tied for first place at 9-3, and won both the pre-season and post-season tournaments. Pictured (front row, from left) are Sam Spayd, Kelly Wooten, Gabe Cooper and Jay McRoberts; and (back row, from left) Elks committee chairman Aram Noorigian, Chris Mintz, head coach Winkie Mintz, Steve Clemmons, assistant coach Jack McRoberts and Elks Exalted Ruler Sky Bramley. All of the players pictured were named all stars.

## Leland Fisherman Leaves For World Event

BY TERRY POPE

When Leland's Jerry Mullins leaves for Europe next week, he'll carry with him hopes of winning a gold medal.

Mullins is one of five Americans who'll be fishing in the World Bank Fishing Championships in Szeged, Hungary, Sept. 1-2. Selected by the American Fishing Association (AFA), the United States team will compete against teams from 25 to 30 countries.

"Over there, it's just like the Super Bowl here," said Mullins. "They have a big parade before the tournament."

An estimated 20,000 to 50,000 people attend the annual event that is moved each year to a different host country. Mullins will leave Tuesday, Aug. 20, for the 16-day trip. The town of Leland donated \$300 for his trip last week.

In Szeged, he will be fishing for anything that's biting—shiners, carp and other trash fish. Years of pollut-

ed waters and high-pressure fishing have made fish in Europe spooky and wary, he said.

"They have practiced catch and release for over 30 years," said Mullins. "It's hard to find a fish over there."

To compensate, Mullins plans to use a lightweight, graphite pole; one-pound test line and No. 16 hooks. At the end of two days of fishing, the team that has caught the most fish by total weight will win the event, regardless of the variety of fish.

To Brunswick County residents, fishing may be a way to spend a lazy summer afternoon or a break from the stress caused by jobs or families. But pole fishing is a popular spectator sport in Europe, said Mullins.

The World Bank Championships tend to bring out the European crowds to cheer on their national teams and to see first-hand the latest innovations in fishing gear. The first

event was held in 1957.

Mick Thill, captain of the American team, won a gold medal in Italy in 1982. The Chicago native has become a distributor of European style fishing gear in the United States.

"I've known him for quite a while," said Mullins. "We have become good friends."

Mullins believes bank fishing can become popular in North Carolina. When he returns from Hungary, he hopes to start an AFA club in Leland with its main focus on teaching young kids how to fish. The clubs are non-profit organizations with goals to teach angling tactics, water safety, conservation and education on water pollution.

"It's already in the works," said Mullins. "I anticipate it will be in full swing by the spring fishing season."

The club will practice catch and release of all fish caught and practice on fresh water rivers and lakes.

The club may do some salt water fishing later, he said.

His dream is to organize clubs across the state and to have a contest to choose a state winner. A problem for low-lying Brunswick County is that there are few banks where fishermen can actually stand to fish, he said.

In the World Championship, each team is allowed a 15-yard section of shoreline from which to fish. It results in an intense and tough situation for the competitors, who must use and develop sensitive fishing gear, he said.

Mullins grew up in Indiana and spent five years in Maine. When he moved to Florida in 1972, he began to take the sport of fishing seriously. He spent 13 years fishing the salt water of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway there before he and his wife, Karen, moved to Leland in 1985.

"It's just an honor to be chosen for the team," said Mullins.

## Leland Tops Stanley, Sardis In Dixie Majors Tourney

Leland remained alive in the N.C. Dixie Youth Baseball Majors Tournament (ages 11-12) in Hope Mills last Monday with a 10-2 win over Stanley in an elimination round contest.

The local District V champions won two of their first three games in the championship tournament and were leading unbeaten Sardis 1-0 in the bottom of the third inning later in the week before action was postponed due to rain.

Leland went on to edge Sardis 7-6 with pitcher Tony Nelson getting the win.

Shortstop Ray Caffee also had a

solo homer for Leland while Adam King had a double. Timmy Johnson and Adam Child also drove in one run each for the winners.

Whiteville Optimist went on to

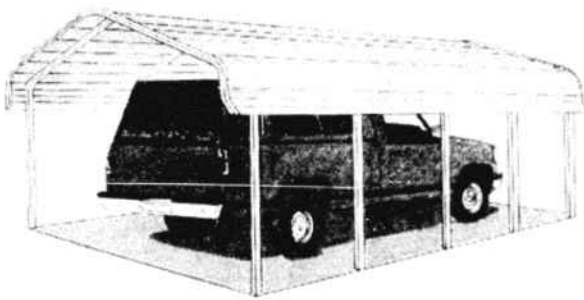
win the tournament with a 5-4 edging of host Hope Mills. The winners advance to the Dixie Youth World Series in Texarkana, Texas, Aug. 19.

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