

## Bats Could Cause Injury

More than five million aluminum baseball and softball bats with rubber grips sold nationally since 1968 could pose serious risks of injury if the rubber grips are loose, worn, damaged or deteriorated.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, which is issuing this warning in the interest of the public health and safety, urges consumers to check the rubber grips on their aluminum bats immediately and to cease use of those bats with loose, torn or deteriorated grips.

If the grip is loose, worn or damaged, the aluminum bat could fly out of the grip or fly away from a torn off knob when the bat is swung. The one-piece rubber grip sleeve and solid rubber knob are all that hold the bat in place.

Two major injuries and one death reportedly have occurred when aluminum bats have detached from the grips during a swing and have propelled through the air.

The commission has identified one of the grip manufacturers, Eaton Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio and seven bat manufacturers and distributors who used these grips: Alcoa Sport Products Company, Santa Fe Springs, Calif.; Easton Aluminum Company, Van Nuys, Calif.; Hillerick & Bradsby, Louisville, Ky.; Reynolds Metals Company, Richmond, Va.; Wilson Sporting Goods Company, River Grove, Ill.; Lannom Manufacturing Company, Tullahoma, Tenn.; and Airlite Aluminum Corporation, Kearny, N.J.

The bats have been sold under the various manufacturers' names with the name "Hitter's Pride" being imprinted on the knob of many of the rubber grips. The grips are black, one-piece molded rubber sleeves and knobs. Some of the trade names used are "Easton," "Adirondack," "Wilson," "H&B-Louisville Slugger," "Reynolds," and "Worth." The commission is continuing to determine if other grip and bat manufacturers' products pose a serious risk of injury to consumers.

Airlite Aluminum Corporation, Belgrove Drive and Passaic Avenue, Kearny, N.J., has voluntarily agreed to repair free of charge any Airlite "Hitter's Pride" bat sent to them by consumers.



**SUMMER DRUM AT OREGON INLET** — Hertford anglers Archie Lane, Phil Woodel, Billy Harrell, William Harrell, Howard Williams and Art Lane proved that summertime red drum were still around at Oregon Inlet when they fished with Capt. Billy Brown and his mate Mike Brown last Wednesday aboard the Oregon Inlet based charter boat Erma Queen. The party are in the background of 16 of the red drum or channel bass in the 15-25 pound class they caught while trolling for bluefish. About 50 bluefish in the three to five pound class were also taken by the party in which daily observers at Oregon Inlet stated was the best one day catch in the Oregon Inlet waters this year. (Aycock Brown photo)



**WHAT A CATCH** — This 92 1/2 lb. tarpin was caught recently by Mullen Haskett of Nixonton. Haskett was fishing out of Snug Harbor Marina when he caught this whopper in a net. The following day, Haskett caught three stingrays. The catching of such salt water fish in the local waterways is unusual.

## Final Standings Men's Softball

The following are the final standings for the Men's Softball for the regular season play. Tournament play is continuing.

TEAM	WON	LOST
76'ers	13	3
J & N Supply	12	4
Byrum's Electric	12	4
Forestburg Rangers	9	7
Kilowatts	8	8
Stubbins	8	8
Jaycees	6	10
W.A. Russell	2	14
Wilderness Lounge	2	14

(Note: Pictures of the winners for season play of the Women's and Men's Softball competition will appear in next week's edition.)

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# Horse & Pony Club Show Results

The following are the results of the Perquimans County Horse and Pony Club show held Saturday, August 2 at the club's show ring site. There were 234 entries in the show. The club's next show will be held on Labor Day.

- Halter 3 yrs. & over: 1. Miss Poco 2 Spots, Brenda White, Eliz. City, 2. Pixie, Tommy Stallings, Belvd., 3. Shaw Monterrey, C.T. Rogerson Jr. Belvd.
- Halter 2 yrs. & under: 1. Fancy Bar Gold, Danny Clark, Ches., 2. Jan's Bar Gold, Peggy Davis, Ches., 3. Eternal Streak Bars, C.T. Rogerson Jr., Belvd.
- Halter Pony 52 in. under: 1. Master, Tommy Stallings, Belvd., 2. Scout, Cynthia Downs, Eliz. City, 3. Silver Mist, C.T. Rogerson Jr., Belvd.
- Open Go As You Please: 1. Brandy Jo, Kay Dixon, Ches., 2. Little Lee Dexter, Patsy Davis, Eliz. City, 3. Slip Along Gal, Kathy Winslow, Eliz. City.
- Childrens Go As You Please: 1. Brandy Jo, Kay Dixon, Ches., 2. Slip Along

- Gal, Kathy Winslow, Eliz. City, 3. April, Cynthia Downs, Eliz. City.
- Open Balloon Race: 1. Four Socks, Jimmy Perry, Wash., 2. P.J., Jimmy Perry, Wash., 3. Poco, Wilbur Parker, Ches.
- Pleasure Driving Pony: 1. Nicanor, Donna Stallings, Belvd., 2. Silver Mist, C.T. Rogerson Jr., Belvd., 3. Candy, Eddie Fowler, Hertf.
- Open Barrell Race: 1. Duster, Debbie Sawyer, Eliz. City, 2. Ribbons, Donnie Hudman, Ches., 3. Pepsi, Debbie Cain, Va. Beach.
- Open Barrell Race: 1. Poco, Wilbur Parker, Ches., 2. Dashing Girl, Jim Martin, Ches., 3. Little Hank, Robert Thomas, Ches.
- Costume Class: 1. Sandy, Sandy Weeks, Eliz. City, 2. Candy, Eddie Fowler, Hertf.
- Ladies Open Pleasure: 1. Socks Lad, Kathy Neal, Ches., 2. Little Dee Dexter, Patsy Davis, Eliz. City, 3. Connie, Shirley Jones, Barco.

- Open Ring Spearing: 1. B.S., Glen Coltrain, Williamston, 2. Princess, Walter Lacy, Eliz. City, 3. Lady, Donnie Tadlock, Eliz. City.
- Youth Western Pleasure: 1. Connie, Shirley Jones, Barco, 2. Slip Along Gal, Kathy Winslow, Eliz. City, 3. Lady, Lisa Roberson, Ches.
- Open Pole Bending: 1. Little Hank, Robert Thomas, Ches., 2. Ginger, Howard Nixon, Edenton, 3. Pepsi, Debbie Cain, Va. Beach.
- Novice Western Pleasure: 1. Bar Gold Del Rio, Jan Hocutt, Ches., 2. Poncho, Denise Harrell, Tyner, 3. Jack Wagon, Dallas Weeks, Eliz. City.
- Open Ring Spearing: 1. Poco, Wilbur Parker, Ches., 2. P.J., Jimmie Perry, Wash., 3. B.S., Glen Coltrain, Williamston.
- Roadster Pony: 1. Master, Tommy Stallings, Belvd., 2. Scout, Anthony Downs, Eliz. City, 3. Silver Mist, C.T. Rogerson Jr., Belvd.

- Open Mail Train: 1. Manzola Boy, Sally Hopkins, Eliz. City, 2. Waukeshaw, Shortie Todd, Windsor, 3. Jubilee, Wallace Williams, Eliz. City.
- Potato Race: 1. Rags, Wayne Estes, Ches., 2. Brady, Kim Price, Va. Beach, 3. Pepsi, Debbie Cain, Ches.
- Men's Western Pleasure: 1. Jan's Bar Gold, Danny Clark, Ches., 2. Go Rascal Go, Tommy Roberson, Ches., 3. Pixie, Tommy Stallings, Belvd.
- Mail Train: 1. Manzola Boy, Sally Hopkins, Eliz. City, 2. Poco, Wilbur Parker, Ches., 3. Four Socks, Jimmy Perry, Wash.
- Open Western Pleasure: 1. Go Rascal Go, Tommy Roberson, Ches., 2. Connie, Shirley Jones, Barco, 3. Pixie, Tommy Stallings, Belvd.
- Fastest Pony Around Ring: 1. Ribbons, Donnie Hudman, Ches., 2. Sugar Babe, Edwin Forehand, Edenton, 3. Fire Ball, Dough Willoughby, Williamston.
- Fastest Horse Around

- Ring: 1. Lady Luck, Nancy Neal, Ches., 2. P.J. Jimmy Perry, Wash., 3. Poco, Wilber Parker, Ches.

### COA President

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