

Country Regatta not just a bunch of canoe races

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Fast-food fanatics may balk at the idea of paying \$1,000 for two McDonalds dinners, but eight-year-old Jeff Pifer of State College simply peeled ten \$100 bills off his wad of cash and kept right on spending.

Jeff's money was not real, of course. It was play money that he won at the gaming tables at yesterday's second annual Sy Barash Country Regatta held at the Stone Valley Recreational Area.

In fact, the Regatta was more than just some canoe races.

Members of the sponsoring organizations — Beta Sigma Beta fraternity and Kappa Delta sorority — set up the Regatta facilities in spite of the threatening Sunday morning skies. By noon, however, partly sunny skies and gentle breezes set the pace for the day and participants and spectators were able to enjoy an afternoon perfect for canoe racing, picnicking and just lying in the sun.

Music was provided in the early afternoon by the Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Band, which provided regatta-goers with their own renditions of popular, jazz and swing melodies.

The regatta organizers followed their one-race-per-hour schedule. With the 250-yard-long races limited to six canoes at a time, the blindfold, single and fraternity races were run with two preliminary heats first, with the best performers advanced to a final heat.

The third race of the day, the blindfold race, required the participants to work in teams — one member calling out directions while the blindfolded partner attempted to keep the canoe on course.

The race proved to be difficult, as only three teams from the two heats managed to finish their initial runs without disqualifying.

The 3 p.m. celebrity race turned into an aquatic-style rumble when State College High School football and wrestling coach Ron Pifer, his own canoe capsized, turned over the canoe of Jeff Palmer and an unidentified partner, thereby allowing the team of Mimi Barash and Tom McLaughlin to win. Pifer's partner was Matt Suhey of State College.

The second heat of the singles race also provided plenty of aquatic antics when fellow canoeists attempted to rescue the capsized Allan Cohen, who succeeded in capsizing two canoes-full of rescuers before a rowboat of regatta officials and the Stone Valley emergency boat arrived at the scene.

As the races progressed

through the afternoon, a miniature carnival of events included throwing wet sponges at a person's face, tossing a frisbee through an old tire target and racing mice. All the booths paid off in play money, which was used in turn to bid on various items. The items donated by Centre County merchants, were auctioned periodically.

According to Mike Arkin, Regatta chairman, and Mitch Berger, Regatta publicity chairman, about 2,500 people attended. Berger said people began to come after they realized the weather was improving, "with the big rush coming at about three o'clock."

The Regatta, along with collections taken by Beta Sigma Beta and Kappa Delta in downtown State College for the past two weeks, earned slightly more than \$2,000, which will be contributed to the American Cancer Society.



Float, throw or row

Clockwise from upper right Judi Roderick (3rd-liberal arts) sails a frisbee through a tire and Drew Shapiro (4th-history) challenges sponges in two of the tests of skill. Canoe on the right, with Regatta sponsor Mimi Barash in the bow, comes from behind to win the 3 o'clock race. The boat on the left led until interfered with by State College Wrestling Coach Ron Peiffer after the craft he and Matt Suhey piloted capsized.

Regatta results

- Mixed couples (noon):**
1. Kathleen O'Donnell (1), Phillip Swab
2. Barry Voight, Lisa Voight;
3. Cheffins, O'Neil.
- Three-man Relay (1 p.m.):**
1. Lawrence Hart, Paul Hart, Michael Nagurny, Jr.;
2. Mary Callahan, Jan Rossowski, John Bariges;
- Blindfold Race (2 p.m.):**
1. Jim Houck, Joyce Schroeder;
2. Barry Voight, Barb Voight;
3. Dennis Gianechi, Frank Gianechi.
- Celebrity Race (3 p.m.):**
1. Mimi Barash, Tom McLaughlin.
- Singles Race (4 p.m.):**
First Heat:
1. Daniel Spangler (2);
2. Boyd Wagner (2);
3. George Nigro (2).
Second Heat:
1. Paul Grabow (2);
2. Bruce Boden (2),
3. Chris Landis.
Final Heat:
1. Daniel Spangler,
2. George Nigro,
3. Paul Grabow.
- Fraternity Race (5 p.m.)**
First Heat:
1. Tau Phi Delta (2),
2. Delta Theta Sigma (2),
3. Alpha Gamma Rho.
Second Heat:
1. Delta Upsilon (2),
2. Phi Kappa Psi (2),
3. Theta Delta Chi.
Final Heat:
1. Tau Phi Delta — Tom Chiffons, Bob Butta,
2. Delta Upsilon — Chuck Petro, Boyd Wagner,
3. Phi Kappa Psi — Mike Conley, John Mierly,
4. Delta Theta Sigma — Daniel Spangler, Dennis Spangler.
- Footnotes**
(1) representing the Phyrat
(2) advanced to the final heat



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