

Sports Week

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer boosters holding event

The Dallas High School boys Soccer Booster Club will hold its annual "Meet The Team" night from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31 at the high school soccer fields. Family members and friends are invited to attend. Guests are encouraged to bring a lawn chair. The monthly board meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in front of the high school.

Griesmer records hole in one at Newberry

Betty Griesmer, a member of the Newberry Ladies Golf League, recently hit a hole in one during her first year as a member of the league. Griesmer recorded the ace Monday, July 31 during regular league play. The league matches are played at Newberry Estate in Dallas.

Softball tournament to benefit autism

Lake-Lehman High School students Amanda Kotulski and Katlin Evans will be holding a co-ed softball tournament Aug. 19-20 at Lake-Noxen Elementary School field and the Harveys Lake Little League field. The fields are across the street from one another on West Point Avenue in Harveys Lake. The time of the games will be determined when the brackets are set.

Proceeds from the event will be Supporting Autism & Families Everywhere. Kotulski and Evans are organizing the tournament as part of their senior project to raise awareness of autism. There will also be a celebrity auction with memorabilia signed by celebrities in both the acting and sports arenas.

The coed adult teams must consist of players ages 17 and older. The cost is \$100 per team or \$10 per player. For more information, call 639-2163 or 639-5606.

Pink ball tourney held at Newberry

The Ladies Golf League at Newberry Estate Country Club recently played its annual Pink Ball Tournament during regular league play. At a luncheon following play, prizes were awarded to the winning foursome of Diana Dreher, Beth Rosenthal, Terry Cook and Jean Zawodniak. Additional prizes were awarded to Lillian McManus, longest drive; Helen Davis, closest to pin; Marie Kruska, Pink Lady. Ruth Federici and Sharron Davis served as co-chairwomen of the event.

Fall hoops league holding registration

Dallas Youth Basketball will hold registration for its boys fall league from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30 at the W.W. Kubis Memorial Little League field on Church Street in Dallas. The cost is \$30 and sessions will be held Monday and Wednesday nights from Sept. 6 through Oct. 18 at Wycallis Elementary School. Players in third, fourth, and fifth grades will practice from 6:30-7:45 p.m., while sixth, seventh, and eighth grade players will practice from 7:45-9 p.m. For more information, call George Gracely at 639-1467.

Halsor couple, daughter compete in 25th annual event

Triathlon a family affair

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DALLAS - Sid Halsor doesn't mind playing second fiddle to his wife, Cydney Paul-Halsor. Especially if it involves participating in a grueling three-event athletic competition.

The Dallas couple competed in the 25th annual Wilkes-Barre Triathlon last weekend. The event began with a swim of nearly one mile in Harveys Lake, followed by a 24.8-mile bike race through the scenic Back Mountain and a 6.8-mile run that concluded at the finish line on the Penn State/Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township.

Faul-Halsor, who has competed in the race several times, completed the course in 2 hours, 46 minutes and 20 seconds. The 44-year-old was the second female finisher from the Back Mountain and the 31st overall finisher from Luzerne County. Sid, who was competing in all three events for the first time, was the 45th overall finisher from Luzerne County with a time of 2:57:14.

Faul-Halsor beat her husband out of the water before he passed her on the bike course. She used her strong running ability, however, to pass him during the run.

"We trained together and we really didn't talk about competing against each other," said the 51-year-old Sid, who has competed in bike portion of the triathlon as a member of a relay team in the past. "But even though we didn't say the words, I think we both thought about it. My wife is a good athlete. I don't have any problem finishing 10 minutes behind her."

Local triathlon veteran Sean Robbins of Shavertown posted a time of 2:11:18 to be the first Luzerne County resident to cross the finish line. He has been the top Back Mountain finisher in the race at least five times since began competing in the race in 1994.

Among Luzerne County competitors, Dallas resident John McGurk crossed the finish line in third place, while Matthew McLaughlin of Dallas was eighth.

Led by Robbins, almost half - 22 to be precise - of the first 50 Luzerne County residents to complete the race are residents of the Back Mountain. Nadalie Temperine of Dallas was the first local female finisher, posting a time of 2:45:45 to place 26th among county residents. Paul-Halsor wasn't too far behind, finishing 1 minute, 35 seconds behind Temperine.

Sid Halsor enjoyed his three-event race debut.

"It was a challenge, but it was also tremendous fun," he said. "The swim was the most challenging. I thought I did good on the bike and my run was OK. I had a great time."



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Above, bikers pick up speed coming off a hill onto Kunkle Road,



At left, athletes enter Harveys Lake as Dave Daris fires his starter pistol.

Below, volunteers pass out water to runners during the 6.8-mile run portion of the triathlon.

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Sid Halsor
Dallas triathlete



The Wilkes-Barre Triathlon is turning into a family affair for the Halsor family. In addition to the husband and wife, 16-year-old daughter Chelsea competed as a member of a relay team. The Wyoming Seminary senior's all-female team finished third in its division.

"It's a great race," said Sid, who has served as a volunteer during the triathlon for the last decade. "Doing volunteer work at the triathlon is like being a member of a team who makes great ice cream."

Who doesn't want to be a part of it? The people are always friendly and helpful. We're looking to doing it again next year."

The following Back Mountain

residents finished in the top 50 among Luzerne County residents. The athletes are listed with their

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After 12-year wait, Corbett/Blinn repeat as Potentate champions



Potentate champion Brian Corbett lines up a putt.

The team of Brian Corbett and Jim Blinn cruised to the championship in the annual Potentate Golf Tournament last weekend at Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas Township. The pair defeated the team of Tony Kondracki and Ed Hennigan by a score of 3&2 - leading by three holes with two holes remaining - in the championship match of the three-day tournament.

Corbett and Blinn have been playing as partners in the tournament for more than 20 years. The men also teamed up to capture the championship in 1993 and have been runners-up in the event nine times. Corbett and Blinn entered the tournament as the No. 11 seed.

Several phone messages for interviews were not returned before press time.



Ed Hennigan ponders his putting options on the sixth hole during final play at the Potentate Tournament at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas.

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