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THE POST 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 e invited to attend. Guests re 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

Halsor couple, daughter compete in 25th annual event Triathlon a family affair

By DAVE KONOPKI Post Editor

ALLAS - Sid Halsor doesn't mind playing second fiddle to his wife, Cydney Faul-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 51year-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





TIMES LEADER STAFF PHOTOS/AIMEE DILGER Above, bikers pick up speed coming off a hill onto Kunkle Road.

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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



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.

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 "My wife is a good athlete. 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 Tempe- turning into a family affair for the rine of Dallas was the first local female finisher, posting a time of 2:45.45 to place 26th among county residents. Faul-Halsor wasn't too member of a relay team. The far behind, finishing 1 minute, 35 seconds behind Temperine.

Sid Halsor enjoyed his threeevent race debut.

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> Sid Halson Dallas triathlete

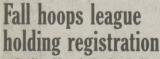
The Wilkes-Barre Triathlon is Halsor family. In addition to the husband and wife, 16-year-old daughter Chelsea competed as a Wyoming Seminary senior's all-female team finished third in its division.

"It's a great race," said Sid, who "It was a challenge, but it was al- has served as a volunteer during Who doesn't want to be a part of it? residents finished in the top 50 thought I did good on the bike and triathlon is like being a member of a again next year." team who makes great ice cream.

so tremendous fun," he said. "The the triathlon for the last decade. The people are always friendly and among Luzerne County residents. "Doing volunteer work at the helpful. We're looking to doing it The athletes are listed with their

The following Back Mountain See TRIATHLON, Page 10

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



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 \$30and 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.



Potentate champion Brian

Corbett lines up a putt.

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 tourna-

ment 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.



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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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