

Golfing to support the Junior Mounts

The Second Annual Dallas Junior Mounts Golf Tournament was held July 25 at the Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course. All proceeds from the tournament benefit the Dallas Jr. Mounts mini football team.



Bill Dixon, of Franklin Township, sinks this putt for his team.



Mike Harrison of Dallas, watches his teammates putt.

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First-time golfer Diane Rittle, of Dallas, gets tips on her stance on the first hole.



Jill Sperl, of Dallas, sets up her putt.

Dallas girl joins childhood friends to compete in today's Wilkes-Barre Triathlon



Preparing for today's triathlon are, from left, Katlin O'Hara, Paige Kyle and Molly Chamberlain. The girls, now 20 years old, have been swimming with and against each other since they were youngsters.

Paige Kyle challenged her two long-time friends – and they accepted. Kyle, with friends Katlin O'Hara and Molly Chamberlain, will compete today in the Wilkes-Barre Triathlon held in the Back Mountain.

During a recent get together, Kyle suggested the trio challenge themselves by competing in the triathlon – and the other two took her up on the offer.

O'Hara has participated in the swim portion of the triathlon in the past but this year's event will be a first-time experience for Kyle and Chamberlain. The girls are competing as individuals and are entered in all three legs of the triathlon – swim, bike and run.

The 2009 Wilkes-Barre Triathlon starts with a 1.5K swim in Harveys Lake, followed by a 40K bike ride through Harveys Lake, Noxen, Kunkle, Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Jackson Township before ending at the Penn State/Wilkes-Barre campus. The final leg of the event is an 11K run that starts and ends at

the Penn State campus.

The girls first met at about 6 years of age when they took swim lessons at the Wilkes-Barre YMCA – and have been swimming with and against each other ever since.

With O'Hara and Chamberlain swimming for the Wyoming Valley West Spartans and Kyle a member of the Dallas High School swim team, all three girls were good enough during their high school years to earn berths in the state swim meet.

Today, Kyle is a member of a cycling team at Colorado State University, Chamberlain swims and plays water polo for Sienna College in New York and O'Hara is a member of the Syracuse University swim team. All three will enter their junior years this fall.

Kyle is the daughter of Dave and Karen Kyle, of Dallas. O'Hara is the daughter of Jerry and Tracy O'Hara, of Kingston and Chamberlain is the daughter of Mark and Kathy Chamberlain, also of Kingston.



Three girls competing in today's triathlon began swimming together at the Wilkes-Barre YMCA. Shown here when they were just youngsters are, from left, Katlin O'Hara, Paige Kyle and Molly Chamberlain.