

A&M's extramural sports clubs

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every college team in the southwest (about 10 or 12 colleges) will participate, Turton says.

"This is Texas' largest lacrosse tournament ever," he says.

Games will start every two hours on the main drill field and Turton says all fans coming to the games are invited to a party that Saturday night.

POLO — Polo, the 'sport of kings' is equally enjoyed at A&M by both men and women. The game is played outdoors and indoors at the Dick Freeman Arena. An outdoor team consists of four players, and an indoor team consists of three. The field is 300 yards long and 200 yards wide. Each game has four chukkers, or periods, that last seven minutes. And obviously, the object is to make goals.

Jerry Gainer, club president, says a horse might play for two chukkers, but not consecutively.

RACQUETBALL — The racquetball club is ranked fifth in nationals, and Lance Gilliam, a team member, is ranked fourth overall in the nation. To be a member of the team, you must challenge on the club ladder that determines the top players. As a member of the racquetball club, you attend meetings, challenge on the ladder and have access to the courts reserved in the club's name.

Anyone interested in racquetball is welcome.

ROADRUNNERS — This club is for competitive as well as recreational runners, says secretary/treasurer Lindy Goodman. The Roadrunners meet on Saturdays for fun runs, they have guest speakers once a month, and they compete in three to five races a semester as a team. Some Roadrunner members have competed in the New York Marathon, but you don't have to be a super serious runner to join. It's a good way to meet running buddies.

In November, the Roadrunners and Miller Lite will sponsor the Miller Lite 10K. The race starts at the Brazos Center and will follow the bypass service road. Proceeds will go to the United Way.

RODEO — The rodeo club has over 20 members and almost all of them rodeo in National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association events, Mack Bradford, club sponsor says. The three women's events are: goat tying, breakaway roping, and barrel racing. The men's events are: rough stock (bucking events), bareback, saddle bronc, bull riding, and roping.

Last year, the women's rodeo team was ranked first in the region.

"We raise our own money to put together our own scholarships," Bradford says. "But we're not able to give too much help." Although members can keep their own prize winnings, sometimes event fees get pretty expensive, he says.

MEN'S RUGBY — "The main idea of rugby is controlling the ball through support and continuity," Mark Flinn, the rugby team's public relations director says.

"You can move the ball, which looks like an impregnated football, by kicking, lateral passing and running," he says.

The rules of the game get pretty complicated. Flinn admits he learns something new about rugby every day.

Last weekend, the rugby team, alias Extramural Sports Club of 1984-85, won the San Antonio Prince of Wales Cup. And this Saturday you can catch them in action in a grudge match against a team from Houston that they defeated in the San Antonio finals.

WOMEN'S RUGBY — "Rugby's like a combination between football and soccer," Jeannie Von Stultz, player coach, says.

As with men's rugby, the rules are hard to describe, but both men's and women's rugby are full contact sports. And both require being in good physical condition.

Jeannie says there's two kinds of players, forwards and backs, but there are different positions in each. A goal, or try, is worth four points, an extra kick is worth two points, and a field goal is worth three points.

The women ruggers encourage any girl interested to give them a call. See related story page 7.

MEN'S SOCCER — The soccer club has tryouts for interested players at the beginning of each semester. At present 23 players are in the club, which practices on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. The varsity women's soccer coach, Laura Johnston, voluntarily assists the men's club on Wednesdays. The club competes with colleges and universities, including Baylor and Sam Houston State which both have varsity status teams.

TRAP AND SKEET — "The club itself is a way for people who like shotgun sports to get together and meet other people who like to shoot," says Jim Storie, club vice president.

And those folks are good at what they do. Not only is the team ranked first in the nation in overall competi-

tion, but team member Connie Schiller is the best in the nation as well.

But you don't have to be a sharpshooter to be in the club. The club is open to non-competitive shooters too. In fact, one of the spring semester activities is a clinic for beginners.

"We're always interested in getting more shooters out, especially girls," Storie says.

TAE KWON DO — This sport is similar to karate. The club has 110 members of varying belts. Students with previous experience as well as beginners are encouraged to join, says chief instructor Steve Powell. There are three beginner and one advanced work outs, all taught on Monday and Wednesday nights. Competition is abundant, and for those interested, the team has been traveling to one tournament a month.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE — Any student with a desire to fling a Frisbee can be in this club. The membership fee varies, but is usually \$10 per semester. The team practices on Henderson Field Tuesdays through Thursdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Club officer Suzanne Welder says the game is a cross between football and soccer and is played on a field the size of a football field. See related story page 7.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL — This team is open to any student or graduate student. Club Vice President Darrell Miller suggests that anyone with an interest in joining should attend practices before paying the \$30 per year dues. The club practices on the 4th floor of East Kyle on Monday and Wednesday nights from 5-7 p.m. The men's team participates in United States Volleyball Association events and competes against other member clubs and teams.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL — Any female Aggie can be a member of the volleyball club. The club also participates in USVBA events and competes with other teams and clubs of that group. Presently the club has 15 active members who practice on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5-7 p.m. and Fridays from 6-8 p.m. Dues for the club are \$10 per semester.

WATERPOLO — Although this club is open to anyone, presently team competition is for men only. There are 15 members in the club, and instead of paying dues, the players raise funds by stadium cleanup. The waterpolo season, lasting from August to October ended last weekend with the A&M team returning home

from the national tournament with 2nd place honors. Waterpolo will not resume its activities until the spring semester.

WATER SKIING — "We are like a co-ed fraternity," says Dave Panneton, the water ski club vice president. "We like to have a good time as well as ski." The club is open to anyone regardless of prior skiing experience. For beginners there are instructors that have been trained to teach water skiing. For the more advanced skier the club has a slalom course and a ski jump. Dues for the club are \$35 per semester plus a \$30 ski card fee, which entitles the bearer use of club equipment. The club also sponsors a ski team that competes with other university teams including Baylor, University of Texas, Mississippi State and national champion Northeast Louisiana State.



WEIGHTLIFTING — This club boasts a membership of 670 paid members, including 50 females, the most the club has had, says club vice president Doug Demianiw. The club is based on G. Rollie White's second floor and has its own permanent room. All the equipment in the weight room was paid for by the club. Demianiw says the club also sponsors the A&M Power Lifting and Body Building teams. Instructional services are offered as well as club-sponsored body building seminars. There are always workers in the lifting room to assist club members and promote safety. If someone is a beginner, or they just need a spot, there is always someone around to help, Demianiw says. See related story page 8.

WRESTLING — This club has won the state wrestling championship for the last two years. The membership is open and there are currently 18 members in the club. Coach Cliff Walton welcomes anyone with an interest in wrestling, regardless of experience. The members have work-outs on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. □



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