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Parents can go a few rounds with their sons and daughters at the third annual golf tournament sponsored by the Texas A&M Recreation and Parks Club during Parents Weekend.

"The tournament is open to anyone who wants to participate, but our target is A&M students and their parents," Sandy Flint, president of the Recreation and Parks Club said.

The tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Texas A&M golf course and will last four to five hours.

Rec. and Parks

The entry fee is \$25 per person and includes a user fee for the golf course, complimentary gifts and refreshments and catering by Beetle's BBQ in Bryan.

Gary Marske, chairman for the event, said he expects the tournament to be a success.

"We are shooting for 25 teams with four players each," he said.

There is a first-place team trophy and prizes for each team member on the first-, second- and third-place teams, he said.

Bike Classic to heat up research park

Cycling

Wheels are sure to be burning when the Texas A&M cycling team presents the AggieLand Bicycle Classic Sunday for collegiate and recreational cyclists at the Texas A&M research park.

Aggie cyclists will roll against teams in the South Central Conference, including Texas, Southwest Texas State, Rice, Baylor and Texas Tech. Races get underway at about 9 a.m.

Team member Chris Fuller said there will be one women's race and two men's races divided into "A" and "B" categories.

"A" riders are usually stronger and more experienced, so the races are generally longer than "B" races," Fuller said.

The three recreational categories are divided similarly, he said.

The treacherous 20 to 30 mile races known as "criteriums" are closed course runs in a loop on a flat 0.85 mile course as opposed to "road races" which usually are run on highways.

The cycling team has about 15 two-wheel racers who ride an average of 200-250 miles per week during the spring semester.

Registration fee is \$10 and racers can complete entry forms in the intramural office and a variety of local businesses. Bikers also may register at the research park 15 minutes prior to the races.

Fish-full teams splash with UT, SWTSU

WaterPolo

The Texas A&M water polo team will try to sink Texas and Southwest Texas State Saturday and Sunday at its spring invitational tournament.

The big splash starts at 9 a.m. Saturday when the first of two Aggie teams faces the SWTSU Bobcats. The second Aggie team gears up for battle with the Longhorns at 10 a.m.

Tom Kehoe, a player and student coach, said a scholarship team from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock turned down an invitation.

The Aggies have overcome some organizational problems including a lack of a nonplaying coach.

Kehoe and Bob Tolar, water polo club president, took over coaching duties when it was apparent the team couldn't afford one.

The buoyant Ags practice about 15-20 hours a week and Tolar said he expects positive results from the tourney.

A&M finished an unexpected third in a Florida tournament last fall. The win came as a surprise because the majority of the team was made up of inexperienced "Fish" (freshmen).

"We had a lot of freshmen in the fall, but the record doesn't show it," Tolar said. We did better than we've done in the past and we should be really good this spring."

The championship round of the tournament starts Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Aggie places in 6th at NCAA tourney

Gymnastics

David Clubb placed sixth in the high bar, his best event, at the Division II National Collegiate Gymnastics Championships Saturday at Springfield, Mass.

Clubb was the first athlete sent to the tournament by the Texas A&M extramural gymnastics team. This was the first year the United States Gymnastics Federation has allowed club teams to send athletes to the competition.

"I was really pleased," Clubb said. "I really hit my set in the preliminaries. I really was not expecting to get past prelims."

Clubb was in fourth place going into the final round.

He was scheduled to complete in all events, but nagging injuries forced him to limit himself to the bar, parallel bars and vault. Clubb suffers from tendonitis in both elbows and one shoulder, as well as a torn tendon in his wrist. He said the three events he competed in were his best, as well as the ones that suffered the least from his injuries.

Aggie team heads for world championships

By Lyneen Johnson
Reporter

A successful season and a south-central regional win is something to be proud of. However, the Texas A&M racquetball team is taking on one more challenge, perhaps the biggest of all, the world championships.

A&M is competing this weekend for a world championship in the first International Intercollegiate Racquetball Championship.

Traveling to Sacramento, Ca., for the four-day tournament are 12 members of the A&M team, Ed Schipul racquetball club president said.

Bruce Bicknell, Phil Theimer, Curtis Acheson, and Schipul, (seeded 1-4 respectively) will compete on A&M's No. 1 men's team, Schipul said. The men's No. 2 team will consist of Danny Duffy, Pat Sadd, Arijit Chowdhury, and Duane Barone.

A&M also is taking a women's team that will consist of Vicki Oliver, Deana Galindo, Kelley Gamblin, and Tori McCain, Schipul said.

"We have a really strong women's team going this year," he said.

"With the broader scope (international competition) of the competition, we have really been fighting it out for positions on the teams (No. 1 team vs. No. 2 team)," Schipul said. "This will really benefit us in the long run since we were all working to be stronger."

"Although the No. 2 team does not collect points, they are able to knock other schools out of the point positions. With a strong second team

we can do exceptionally well in the tournament."

The tournament, sponsored by the American Amateur Racquetball Association, has been expanded from a national to an international competition this year in an effort to create a world championship title, the Schipul said.

"America's first place win in the Pan Am games was an instrumental force in the expansion of the tournament as a mode for declaring a world champ," he said.

"Some of the toughest competition will be from Canada since they are really strong in racquetball," he said.

"... Cal State and Memphis State, both superior teams, usually end up battling it out for first."

"This year, however, will really be a new experience."

With a top 20 ranking and a regional win behind it, the A&M team expects to get an exceptional seed at the tournament, Schipul said. But, game times and brackets are not available to participants until registration.

Last year there were more than 50 schools represented in the tournament and this year they expect to double the field with the offer of a world title, he said.

"I'm really excited about the competition but it will be a long weekend with games lasting through Sunday afternoon," Schipul said. "Although consolation matches will be mingled between the championship games, consolation is not a word in an Aggie's vocabulary... we only know how to win."

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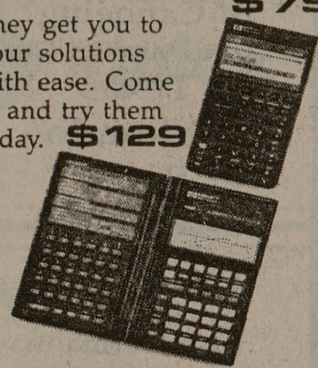
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