

E.L. Summer Rec. Plans Are Listed

Youth Programs Get Underway Here Next Week

The schedule of Summer Recreational Programs to be sponsored in Eagle Lake by the Rice Consolidated School District has been set by director Major Bengt. Activities to be included are:

Baseball: (Grades 9-12): The Middle School Gym will open Monday, May 25th and follow this schedule: Monday: 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday: 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Thursday: 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Friday: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

1. Local out of school youngsters may participate after 5:00 p.m. daily; 2. Participants must wear tennis shoes or play barefooted; 3. No eating, drinking or smoking near the wood floor area; 4. No out of town players permitted.

Golf: (Grades 4-12): Tommy



The Colorado County COPS softball team won its own tournament, held at the City Ball Park Sunday, capturing four games without a loss. The team is sponsored by Johnny's Sport Shop of Eagle Lake. Competing on the championship team Sunday, with their first place trophy, were: front left to right, Joel Garcia, Terry LeNorman, Sam Center, Butch Herman and Dick Silva; back row, l. to r., Wayne Shifflett, Mike Grigar, Buddy Mills, Buddy Maschek, Steve Almanza, Don Stavinocha, Wayne Lippert and sponsor Johnny Meitzen.

Colorado County COPS Win Own Slopitch Softball Tour.

The Colorado County COPS softball team captured the second of a series of six softball tournaments planned this summer for peace officers in the area. Sunday's tournament was held at the City Ball Park in Eagle Lake and the COPS captured the first place trophy with a perfect 4-0 record. It was the second tournament in a row for the COPS to emerge undefeated. Four more tournaments are planned later this summer. The COPS defeated Wharton Police Dept. in the finals 11 to 1 Sunday evening to clinch the tournament. The Wharton P.D. captured the

second place trophy and third place went to the Wharton County Sheriff's team which lost to Wharton P.D. in the semi-finals.

Other teams competing were: the Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen who put together a team when Pasadena Police Dept. had to withdraw, Missouri City P.D. and Stafford P.D.

In the first round of play Eagle Lake VFD lost to Wharton P.D. but bounced back to beat Missouri City in the losers' bracket after Missouri City had lost to the COPS. Wharton Sheriff's Office team beat Stafford in the first round of play.

Awards Presented

In addition to the trophies to the first three teams, individual trophies were presented to the players on the first and second place teams. Also trophies went to outstanding players. Terry LeNorman, shortstop for the COPS, won the Most Valuable Player's trophy; Scott Glick, leftfielder for the Wharton P.D., was named Golden Glove Outfielder; and Don Stavinocha, first baseman for the COPS, won the golden glove infielder's award.

Sam Center represented the best COPS team in presenting the awards and expressed appreciation for the cooperation and good sportsmanship displayed by all players. He also thanked the tournament director Fred Armstrong and Dennis Polach, in charge of the umpires for the contest.

Contributors Listed

The COPS received a number of contributions to assist in defraying expenses of the trophies, lights, etc. They included: Jim Miller, Ford, Eagle Market, Farmers Supply Co., Inc., Gulf Coast Oilfield Contracting, Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones, Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, Spalinger Hardware, Jim Clippson, Johnny's Sport Shop, Tommy Scott and Drill Safe, Inc. and Duncan Ranch.

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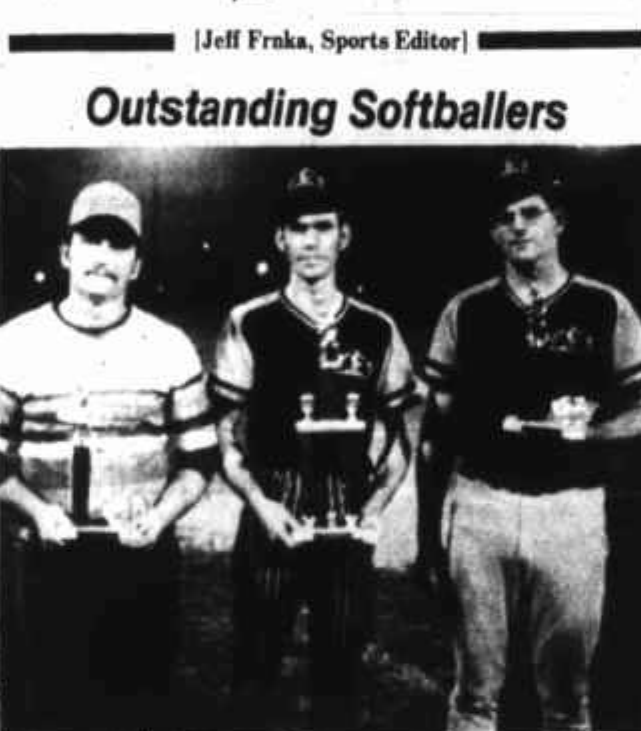
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Outstanding Softballers



Outstanding performers in the Peace Officers Slopitch Softball Tournament held here Sunday were: left to right, Scott Glick, leftfielder for the second place Wharton Police Dept. Choir Boys, golden glove outfielder; Terry LeNorman, shortstop for the champion Colorado County COPS; and Don Stavinocha, first baseman for the COPS, golden glove infielder.

Xi Pi Psi Donates To L.L.



Arthur Gutierrez, president of Eagle Lake Little League is shown accepting a check for \$200 as a donation to the Little League's building and improvement program from Ernie Sommerlatte, president, representing Xi Pi Psi Sorority of Eagle Lake. Xi Pi Psi Photo.

Clip and Save! Little League, Softball Schedules Set For 1981

The schedules for Eagle Lake Little League baseball and girls' softball for the 1981 summer season have been released. Official opening of the Little League program was held on Monday of this week. The schedules are as follows:

Little League & Softball:

Wed., May 20
5:30 Honey Bees vs Red Sox
7:00 Reds vs Sox
8:00 Dodgers vs Cubs

Thurs., May 21
5:30 B. Belles vs Shortkates
5:30 Mets vs A's
6:30 Senior Girls
6:30 Braves vs Astros*
8:00 Yankees vs Pirates

Fri., May 22
5:30 Phillies vs Eagles
5:30 Sox vs Reds*
6:30 Rangers vs Giants*
7:00 Angels vs Bumble Bees
8:00 Red Sox vs Honey Bees

Mem., May 25
Memorial Day - No Games

Tues., May 26
5:30 Cubs vs Pirates
5:30 A's vs Reds*
6:30 Astros vs Giants*
7:00 Blue Belles vs Tigers
8:00 Dodgers vs Yanks

Wed., May 27
5:30 Eagles vs Honey Bees
5:30 Braves vs Rangers*
7:00 Angels vs Shortkates
7:00 Mets vs Sox*
8:00 Phillies vs Red Sox

Thurs., May 28
5:30 Yanks vs Dodgers
5:30 Blue Belles vs B. Bees*
6:30 Giants vs Astros*

Fri., May 29
5:30 Pirates vs Cubs
5:30 Red Sox vs Phillies
5:30 Shortkates vs Tigers*
6:30 Rangers vs Braves*
7:00 Sox vs Mets
8:00 Honey Bees vs Eagles

Mon., June 1
5:30 Angels vs Blue Belles
5:30 A's vs Sox*

Tues., June 2
5:30 Phillies vs Honey Bees
6:30 Astros vs Rangers*

Wed., June 3
5:30 Eagles vs Red Sox
5:30 Dodgers vs Pirates
7:00 Mets vs Reds
8:00 Cubs vs Yanks

Thurs., June 4
5:30 Braves vs Giants
7:00 Bumble Bees vs Tigers
8:00 Rangers vs Astros

Fri., June 5
5:30 Yanks vs Phillies
5:30 Sox vs Mets*

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Rec. Center Partnership Golf Tourney One of Best Ever

Fifty-two teams competed in the Eagle Lake Recreation Center's annual two-day best ball golf tournament at the local golf course Saturday and Sunday and the tournament was proclaimed one of the best ever held by the Recreation Center.

At the conclusion of play Saturday, the players and guests enjoyed a barbecued chicken supper served by Mrs. Frank Broesche and staff. Following the supper, bids were taken in a calculus among the competing players.

Shotgun starts were held at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday under the supervision of Brock Ashby, tournament chairman for the event. Brock received assistance from many of the Recreation Center officers and members and from the Women's Golf Association.

M. A. Hairston, Jr. of Conroe and Ronald McCall of Houston teamed up to shoot a 70-64-134 to win the championship flight. Tied for second were the teams of Craig Barton and Steve Hill and Bobby Gray and John Yancey, each team with 135, and they split the second and third place prizes. Fourth in the championship flight went to Roger Millican and Johnny Reyes with a 136 stroke total.

First place teams in each of the five flights each received a set of Spalding iron; second place teams, a set of Spalding woods each; third place teams, golf bags to each; and fourth place teams, 2 dozen golf balls to each player.

Also during the tournament, \$50 prizes were given to players pitching closest to the hole on Number 4 in the first day of play and Jeff Franks of Eagle Lake won that prize for placing his ball fourteen inches from the cup, and on Sunday the competition was on the same hole and Mike Vickers was winner of the \$50 prize Sunday being 10" from the pin.

Other Flight Winners

Winners in the other flights were as follows:

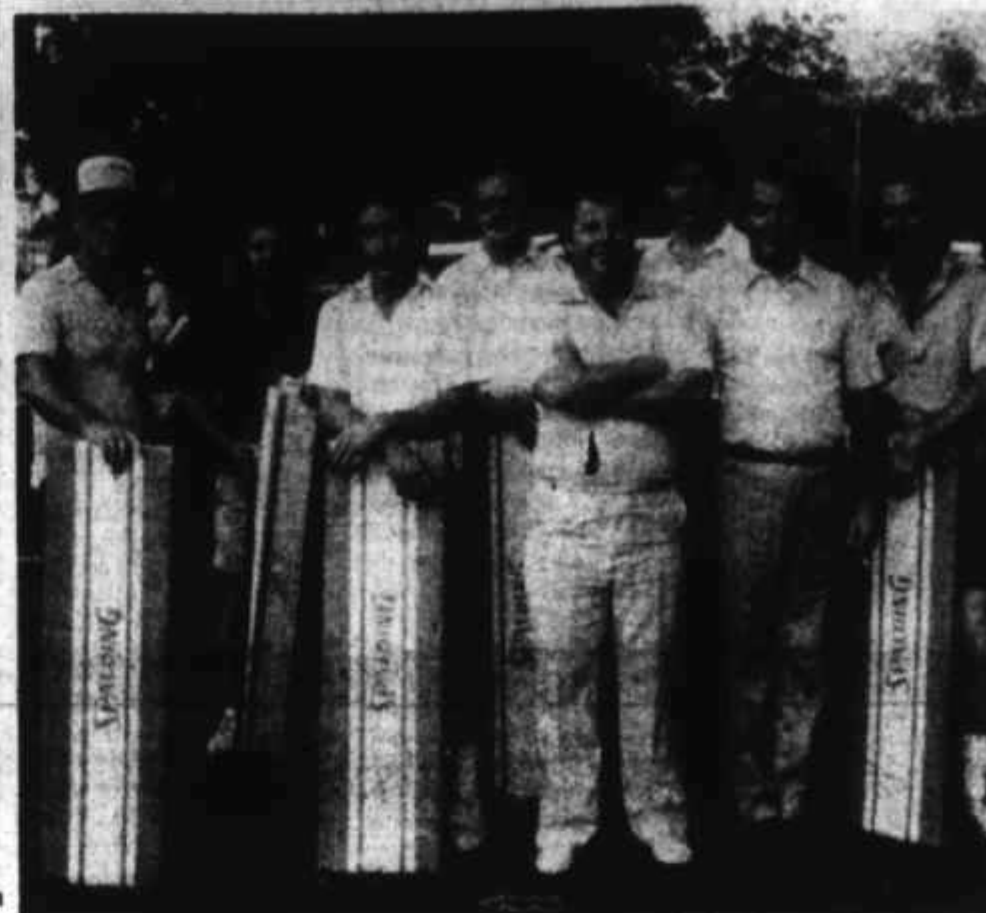
First Flight: Jerry Mura of Cypress and A. J. Arrington of Pasadena, first with a 71-64-137; second to Ric Oplinger and Jack Robinson 140; third to Leo Barton and Randy Rehm with 143;

Second Flight: First to J. R. Hopkins and Mike Vickers of Houston with 68-71-139 total; second to Bruce Kincaide and Joel Wind with 143; third to Kenneth Henderson and Oscar Jimenez with 146; and fourth to Rex Smuts and Charles Garret with 146 (losers in a coin flip);

Third Flight: First to Jerry Humphreys and Randy Randall of Houston with 72-74-146 (winners in a coin toss); second to Bob Wilson and Steve Terrell, also with 146; third to James Miller and Red Briach with 155 (winners of coin toss); and fourth to E. C. Schneider and A. J. Hickman also with 155;

Fourth Flight: First to Donald Henderson and Calvin Slaughter of El Campo with 84-74-158; second to Ernest (Beats) Franks and Jack Hall with 160; third to J.

Champions In Rec. Center Best Ball Tourney



Flight champions in the Eagle Lake Recreation Center's two-day partnership golf tournament held last weekend are shown above, left to right, Mike Vickers of Houston who with J. R. Hopkins (not shown) won the second flight; Jerry Mura of Cypress, a first flight winner; Randy Randall of Houston, a third flight winner; A. J. Arrington of Pasadena, a first flight winner; Ronald McCall of Houston, a championship flight winner; Brock Ashby of Eagle Lake, tournament director; M. A. Hairston, Jr. of Conroe, a championship flight winner; and Jerry Humphreys of Houston, a third flight winner. Missing from the photo are the fourth flight champions, Donald Henderson and Calvin Slaughter.

Sports

Jeff Franks, Sports Editor

Tennis Association To Lay Practice Slab

Members of the Tennis Association of the Eagle Lake Recreation Center held their annual meeting at the Recreation Center golf clubhouse on Tuesday, May 12th. It was announced that the membership drive for this year will become effective immediately and will be under the guidance of vice-president Kay Clippson.

Approval was given to a request from Major Bengt for use of the tennis courts on Thursday mornings from May 26th through the first part of July for the youth summer recreation program.

Repairs Made

The past year has seen repairs made to the meter and to the lights at the tennis courts; also to the park bench, a new sign, contrasting posts and white repaired and generally good maintenance of the grounds and courts was made possible with funds provided by the City of Eagle Lake and from the membership dues.

The association will endeavor to facilitate the laying of a concrete slab to be used as a practice court during the next year if sufficient funds can be raised.

Anyone wishing to donate tax deductible contributions toward the laying of a practice court at the youth tennis courts should send their contributions to the Tennis Association, c/o the Eagle Lake Recreation Center at Elm Street, Box of Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Raiders End Baseball Season With Loss To Columbus Tuesday

Finish Season With 2-10 Mark; Cards Are Dist. Champs

The Rice Raiders ended their 1981 baseball season on Tuesday afternoon of this week losing to the Columbus Cardinals 5-9 at Raider Field in Altair.

The Raiders ended the season with a 6-11 record and finished a disappointing 2-10 in District 22AAA action.

For the Cardinals, the win gives them the league championship and they are scheduled to meet the winner of the Barbers Hill and Willis game in bi-district action sometime next week.

John Schneider was the losing pitcher in the contest but allowed only four hits while striking out three Cardinal batters. Schneider also led Rice in hitting with a pair of singles.

David Grammer and Darryl Hime got the only other hits for the Raiders.

Beat Bellville 7-0 On Thursday of last week

The Raiders picked up their second win in league play by defeating the Bellville Redskins 7-0 in Bellville. Schneider earned the win as he was the only pitcher to hit three Bellville hits. He also hit a home run to aid in the win. Kenneth Hime added a pair of doubles and Mark Salazar had one double to account for the 7-0 for the hitting for Rice.

Softball Men Underway

The Rice Area Men's Softball Association opened its 1981 summer league this week with games scheduled on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Results of games played Monday night included:

Garwood Imp. 8, Hialeah 3. Garwood scored eight runs in the top of the eighth inning to score an 8 to 3 win over Hialeah. Hialeah's league opener Monday. Keith Reibel led Hialeah with three hits. James Moore was the winning pitcher for Garwood. Mike Lanier hit a triple to drive in Kenny Bures in the eighth inning for Garwood's winning run.

Lakers 11, Bucks 10

The Lakers overcame a 7-2 deficit to defeat the Bucks 11-10. Jack Mann was the winning pitcher for the Lakers, catching the pitch. In the eighth inning, the Dodgers defeated the Reds in the opening game of Major League play 4-2.

A complete schedule of games for the remainder of the season may be found elsewhere on this page.

Little League Has Big Opening Monday Night

Mayor Elmer Struss urged the 200-plus boys and girls competing in the Little League and Softball programs, this summer, to contribute to the program by learning to be respectful, to be courteous and to play the game to the best of their ability, and to accept losses as well as victories.

The mayor was speaker at the formal opening of the 1981 summer program at the Little League Field Monday night.

He spoke from the partially completed combination press box, concession and restroom facility being erected at the park.

Struss praised the workers in the program who have had a hand in making the new facility a reality, especially to Arthur Gutierrez, president of the Little League Association, for his guidance and fine work.

The mayor also challenged the boys and girls to be little ladies and gentlemen and when not playing to be courteous and to sit in the grandstands or leave the ball park area if not interested in the contest underway.

Concluding his short address, the mayor noted that the right to play baseball and softball with the freedoms enjoyed can happen only in the United States of America. Gutierrez urged all boys and girls to play the uniform rental fee as promptly as possible to their respective coaches. He extended thanks to all who have helped in so many ways in making the improvements at the ball park.

Delivers First Ball

Mayor Elmer Struss winds up and delivers the first pitch of the 1981 Little League season at the Little League Field Monday night.

Present Program At Little League Opening



Participating in the official opening of the Eagle Lake Little League program Monday night were: seated, left to right, Mayor Elmer Struss who delivered the opening address; Laurel Holden, secretary-treasurer of the League; and The Rev. Charles Runk, minister of the United Methodist Church, who delivered the invocation. Standing at the rear is Arthur Gutierrez, president of the Eagle Lake Little League Association, who directed the opening program.

In the background are some of the players and coaches on the twenty-one teams comprising the Major and Farm Little Leagues, the Pioneer Little League, Girls' Major Softball and The Ball Little Leagues.

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Persons wishing to apply must take a pre-nurse examination in the J. R. Pearce Building, Room 214, on Wednesday, May 27, Wednesday, June 10, or Tuesday, June 30. Testing starts at 8 a.m. and a \$10 fee is charged.

For additional information, contact the Vocational Nursing Department at 532-0460, extension 267.