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Golf tournament results announced

The 1986 Best Ball Partnership golf tournament was held April 12 and 13 at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center golf course. A total of $8,250 in prizes was awarded during the two day event. Prizes awarded were $700 cash, first place; $400, second; $250, third; Hogan golf bags, fourth, and Pinseeker putters, fifth.

There were 60 teams (120 players) entered for the two day event with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day. Tournament directors were Jeff Fruka and Gus Seaholm.

Results in each flite are as follows:

Champion Flite: David Swapson and Richard Hessemer, both of Houston, first place, 60-67 (127 total); Bobby Gray and Carl Cooper, both of Houston, second, 66-63 (129); David McGee and Bob Gummup, both of Bastrop, third, 65-65 (130); Bobby Reyes of Bellville and Stevie Brown of Sealy, fourth, 62-68 (130); Randy Fife of Markham and Neil Arbuckle of Bay City, fifth, 64-68 (132).

First Flite: Tom Mazac and Jon Rosser, both of Sealy, first 64-68 (132); Dr. Curtis Laughlin of Eagle Lake and Mike Bryant of Houston, second, 68-65 (133); Bob Cryer and Jim Meehan, both of Baytown, third, 68-66 (134); Bobby Rivers and Bill Burtchell, both of Sealy, fourth, 70-64 (134); John Bailey of Channelview and John Leblow of Houston, fifth, 72-68 (140).

Second Flite: Cecil Murray and Tim Roche, both of Austin, first, 67-68 (135); David Marek and John Potts, both of Houston, second, 68-68 (136); R.A. Benner of Palacios and C.R. Cutmer of Blessing, third, 68-69 (137); Martin Stroman and Peter Guimmo, both of Bastrop, fourth, 69-69 (138); Edwin Logan and Ray Pucciarello, both of Houston, fifth, 68-70 (138).

Third Flite: James Muntzel of Bay City and Carson Muntzel of Midland, first, 72-71 (143); Billy Renger and Rusty Renger, both of Simonton, second, 69-76 (145); Steve Terrell of Katy and Bob Wilson of Simonton, third, 73-74 (147); Phillip Schorlemmer and Jeff Fruka, both of Eagle Lake, fourth, 77-71 (148); Jim Thomas of Houston and Doug Hillman of Pasadena, fifth, 73-76 (149).

Fourth Flite: Russell Spalinger of Houston and Kent Turner of Brookshire, first, 73-72 (145); Robert Burt and Keith Buckley, both of Sweeny, second, 75-72 (147); Jim Gaffney and Jack Kelley, both of Spring, third, 75-75 (150); E.C. Schneider and Tipton, both of Sweeny, fourth, 77-78 (155); Ray Pierce and Dickie Williams, both of Sweeny, fifth, 77-78 (155).

Closest to the hole contest was won on Saturday by Tom Mazac of Sealy with a measurement of one foot, nine inches away from the hole and received $250. On Sunday, Courtney White of Houston won $250 for being closest by two feet, four inches.

The tournament directors express thanks to everyone who turned out and made the two day event a success.

Middle School All-Sports Banquet May 13

The Eagle Lake Middle School All-Sports Banquet has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Middle School catetorium. Guest speaker will be Lanny Powers, mayor of Eagle Lake.

Tickets are on sale now for $3.50 per person and may be purchased from Coach Jackson or at the Middle School office.

"The public is invited to help us honor our athletes," said Coach Jackson.

Raider girls second in district track; qualify for regional meet in Kingsville

The Rice High School girls' Raider track team made the hard work of the spring season pay off last weekend as they captured second place in the district track meet at Yoakum. Their effort also means that several members of the team will be participating in the regional meet on May 2 & 3 in Kingsville. Dollie Johnson is the team's coach.

Those who won honors and who will be in the regional meet are:

Elmelda Clayton, first in the100 meter dash with a time of11.7 seconds, just one-tenth of a second off the state record; Sheryl McGrew, first place in the 400 meter dash, and setting a new school record of 60.48 seconds;

The 800 meter relay team placed first; members are Veronica Woods, Renee Sanford, Emelda Clayton and Terri Clayton. Lisa Brown placed second in the triple jump, and in the long jump.

Terri Clayton was second in the 200 meter dash; Lakeshia Jackson was second in the shotput, and Frances Cobia, second in the 3200 meter dash. The1500 meter relay team also placed second. Team members are Veronica Woods, Emelda Clayton, Marsha McTear and Sheryl McGrew.

Others placing but not qualifying for the regionals include: the 400 meter relay team of Veronica Woods, Terri Clayton, Sheryl McGrew and Renee Sanford; Frances Cobia who was fourth in 1600 meter (mile) dash; Marsha McTear placed fifth in the 400 meter dash and was fifth in the long jump. Lisa brown placed sixth in the 100 meter dash.

Sunning on Eagle Lake

A few of the many alligators that live around Eagle Lake's lake were sunning themselves Sunday morning behind the Griffith-Clipson residences off Laughlin Road. This giant 'gator and several others were seen to be fighting among themselves earlier in the morning but when this picture was taken all was quiet.

Area conservationists honored

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District held its annual awards banquet in the Columbus High School cafeteria, recently. Awardees from the Eagle Lake area were Roxanne Cantu and Sandra Clare Korenek, students at Rice High School, The Rev. George T. Welsch and Henry Sunderman.

Roxanne Cantu and Sandra Clare Korenek won first and third places, respectively, in the senior high school soil and water conservation essay contest. Their awards were presented by Travis Wegenhoft, representing the First National Bank of Eagle Lake, one of the events' sponsors.

The Rev. Welsch, pastor of the Christ Episcopal Church, was recognized as the "conservation minister of the year" for Colorado County.

Henry Sunderman, a local rice farmer and longtime worker in the conservation movement, was honored with the district's "distinguished service award." Sunderman served as a director on the district board for 17 years before his retirement from that job last December.

The Reverend George Welsch (left) receiving the "conservation minister of the year" award from Dwain Dungen, representing Fayette Savings and Loan.

Henry Sunderman (left) receiving the conservation district's "distinguished service award" from Herbert Engstrom of Garwood.

Travis Wegenhoft (left) representing the First National Bank of Eagle Lake with Rhonda Root and Sandra Clare Korenek, winners of high school conservation essay awards.

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DRT essay contest winners named

The Dilue Rose Harris chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, as their sesquicentennial project, sponsored a county-wide essay contest for the seventh grade Texas history students. Entries from six junior and middle schools were received. The topic given was "Victory at San Jacinto" and the paper was to have not less than 200 and not more than 500 words.

The best essays from those six schools are: Tammie Hinze, Sheridan Junior High School; Darryl Anderson, Eagle Lake Middle School; Shelly MacAlister, Weimar Junior High; Nikki Koenig, St. Michaels, Weimar; Melissa Espinoza, Columbus Junior High, and Sher Sunderman, St. Anthony's, Columbus. The best all-around essay was written by Darryl Anderson.

In addition to the students' essay contest, the Texas history teachers competed for the most outstanding Texas history teacher. This contest was based on qualifications, recommendations and methods used in Texas history and making it come "alive" for the students. The winning teacher chosen was Ruby Onken Taylor of Weimar, teacher at St. Michael's Catholic School. Runner-up was Mary Nelson, teacher at Weimar Junior High.

Also, word has been received that Mrs. Taylor has been selected as the District VI winner. Her resume will be sent to the state committee for state competition.

The winners of each school was presented DRT sesquicentennial certificates recognizing their merits. The best student's essay and best teacher resume was sent to the District committee.

The winning student essay, written by Darryl Anderson of Eagle Lake Middle School, is as follows:

The victory at San Jacinto was the most decisive battle of the Texas Revolution. Sam Houston's "retreat to glory" took him all the way from Gonzales to San Jacinto. The Texan army got excellent position and the morale was high. The Texans were itching to fight; the Mexicans were overconfident.

General Sam Houston led the Texan army to San Jacinto where he decided they would take a stand. The position they chose was of strategic importance. To rear was Buffalo Bayou and the wooded area on its bank. On the left was the San Jacinto River and trees beside it. To their right and front, there was open prairie. From that standpoint, only a frontal attack could be launched and if Santa Anna had done so, he would have suffered heavy losses. This was one of the key reasons for the Texans' success.

While the Texans were ready to fight, the Mexicans were overconfident. Santa Anna knew that Cos and his 540 men would arrive soon. After Vince's Bridge was destroyed, the Texans knew they would be fighting for their lives, their families and their homes.

Overconfidence was Santa Anna's enemy. Sam Houston never underestimated his enemy. Santa Anna, on the other hand, was so confident that he was careless with his troops. Part of Santa Anna's problem was probably due to his addiction to opium. Another reason could have been his destructive temperament. Whatever the reason was, it probably cost Santa Anna the battle and the war.

Before the actual battle took place, there were a couple of minor skirmishes. These were mainly to test the opponent's position. Santa Anna launched a cavalry attack but retreated when it seemed neither site was winning. Then he launched an infantry attack but pulled out once again when the Texans were holding their own.

At 3:30 on April 21, 1836, General Sam Houston lined his men up for battle. He noticed that Santa Anna had settled down for an afternoon siesta. Houston decided the time was right. At 4:30 p.m. he launched the attack. The Mexican army was completely taken by surprise, and although the actual battle took only about 18 minutes, the killing didn't stop until several hours later. The Texans captured Santa Anna who tried to escape dressed in the uniform of a private. Probably the main reason for the Texan's victory was that Santa Anna had no lookouts guarding their camp. This cost Santa Anna the war.

The battle at San Jacinto is one of the shortest and, if you're a Texan, one of the most glorious battles in history. The Texas Revolution symbolizes true grit and courage; on the part of Santa Anna, some of the greatest military mistakes in history. The 18 minutes at San Jacinto were some of the greatest moments in the life of Texas. The heroism shown by the men who fought at San Jacinto has become almost sacred to Texans. Their courage and bravery had finally led Texas to freedom.

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