

5th Annual Combat Medic Run a success

Sports shorts

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Youth volleyball players needed

Sports For Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications from boys and girls ages 15 - 20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour July 1-22, 2002 marks the 20th year that the Goodwill Ambassadors have conducted world tours for junior volleyball players. This year's tour is to Europe (London, England; Paris, France; Geneva, Switzerland; Venice, and Rome, Italy). Our tour is both a cultural and athletic enrichment program. We will play in International age group volleyball tournaments, as well as play local club team in each city. Full sight-seeing tours are scheduled in each city as well. For additional information contact The Sports For Youth Foundation at info@sportsforyouth.com. Visit the tour Web site at www.volleyballtours.com to see photos from previous tours, see the daily itinerary or sign up with the online registration form.

Adult volleyball players needed

Sports For Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for the Adult Euro-Volley-Bash Volleyball Tour to Europe. Adults, ages 21 and over, who are accomplished volleyball players who want to sight-see, play volleyball and meet new people are encouraged to enroll. For two weeks during June you could be playing volleyball in London, England; Paris, France; and Venice, and Rome Italy. For more information, e-mail The Sports For Youth Foundation at info@volleyballtours.com or visit www.volleyballtours.com.

PGA tournament free

Tournament chairman Morgan North announced that active military personnel would be admitted free to this year's Tucson Open PGA TOUR golf tournament. The offer is valid Feb. through Sunday with presentation of identification at the entrance gate at Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa.

The offer extends to military personnel from local and regional bases, as well as military bases throughout the world.

The 2002 Touchstone Energy Tucson Open is February 18-24 at Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa.

For more information, call the Tucson Conquistadores at (520) 571-0400, toll free at 1-800-882-7660, or online at www.tucsonopen.pgatour.com.

Army Ten-Miler online registration starts Friday

America's largest ten-mile race, the Army Ten-Miler, will open its online registration Friday. Thousands of runners from around the world will participate in the race, which takes place at 8 am on October 20th in Washington, DC.

Starting and finishing at the Pentagon, the racecourse winds through the nation's capital, along the scenic Potomac River and past such national treasures as the Capitol, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and the Washington Monument. Renowned for its esprit de corps, organizational excellence and runner support, this race is the U.S. Army's premiere running event.

To register on-line visit the website at <http://www.armytenmiler.com>. Registration fees are \$25 per individual runner.

All mail-in registrations must be post-marked by August 30, 2002, and the deadline for on-line race entry is 5:00 pm eastern standard time on September 20, or when the 18,000-participant limit is reached.

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
 Scout Staff

It took Justin Prevatte, 17, approximately 6 minutes a mile to finish the 5th Annual Combat Medic Memorial 10K Run in 38:40. The overall female winner was Delia Luch who ran it in 43:51.

According to Staff Sgt. Glen Rawl, race coordinator, 132 runners participated in the 10K run and 2K walk. "I helped to coordinate the race last year. Every year the race gets better and better," he said. "This year the camaraderie was very evident," he said. Rawl thanked all the volunteers and the sponsors of the event.

Overall male:
 Justin Prevatte 38:40

Overall female:
 Delia Luch 43:51

14 and under males
 Dan O'Keefe 42:49
 Brent Luch 43:32
 Richie Ward 49:54

14 and under females
 Delia Luch 43:51
 Marcelyn Luch 45:46
 Letitia Luch 46:55

15 - 18 males
 Justin Prevatte 38:40
 Charles Virgo 39:10
 Maxwell Brennie 40:04

15- 18 females
 Jasmine Boyd 1:13:13.3

19 - 29 males
 Adrian Keough 41:17
 Victor Basher 41:27
 Brent Dick 42:48



The 36th Army Band serenaded the crowd before and after the run.



Photos by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Justin Prevatte, 17, receives his first place trophy from Col. Lydia Koffman, commander of Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center. Prevatte's 10K time was 38:40.

19 -29 females
 Bianca Reyes 44:43
 Shannon Helberg 49:56
 Sarah Meeker 50:43

30 -39 males
 John Kunn 38:46
 Brain Bates 38:49
 Djereh Abdallah 40:48

30 - 39 females
 Kathy Krebs 52:20
 Claudia Cross 54:27
 Faye Nugent 50:43

40 - 49 males
 Charles Owens 41:28
 Bill Wright 41:48
 Andy Burk 45:48

40 - 49 females
 Joann Robinson 55:21
 Cecily O'Keefe 1:04:12
 Jackie Anderson 1:10:23

50 - 59 males
 Joseph Kopecky 50:40
 Al Murray 53:10
 Keith Kendall 53:54



Runners and walkers stretched out before the start of the race.

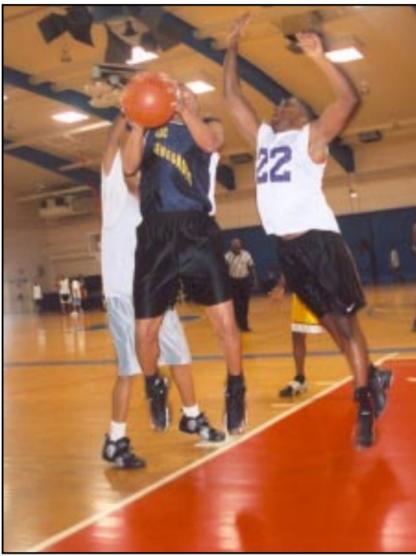
50 - 59 females
 Julia Taylor 1:04:34
 Pat Strange 1:06:00
 Anna Pascucelli 1:06:12

60 - 69 males
 Bobby Widhalm 47:02
 Don Branaman 48:41
 Borbert Wilbert 57:41

60 - 69 females
 Sue Smith 1:14:15.

For more information, to learn race history or to view photos of the race visit: <http://rwbach.huachuca.ameddamyml/combatrun/cmmr.html>.

Fort Huachuca All Stars defeat Davis Monthan



Sgt. Marshall Eddie of the ASC All Stars fights for the rebound during Saturday's tournament. The team was made up of the best players from all the different teams on post and had a total of 22 players.



Photos by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

The Fort Huachuca All -Stars defeated three teams from Davis Monthan Air Force Base during a tournament Saturday. The team was coached by Staff Sgt. Frank Ketcham. "Coaching this all-star team was a true challenge. I do appreciate the fact that even though the players were from many different units, that they came together and worked well as a solid unit," Ketcham said.



In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.



Country barbeque restaurant offers variety and party packs

Lil' Skeeters is Fort Huachuca's restaurant for great barbeque. Located across from Barmes Field House on Arizona St., DCA's newest family restaurant offers a variety menu for lunch or dinner and a special family/party pack menu for any gathering.

When considering a party gathering, Lil' Skeeters shares these barbeque facts. A pound of barbeque makes about four sandwiches. A quart of any side order holds four to eight servings. There are approximately twelve ribs in a rack of ribs and sauce is included with family/party pack orders.

New hours are effective March 9. Lunch is served Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday. Saturday hours are 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Lil' Skeeters is closed on Sundays and holidays.

Lil' Skeeters Menu

STARTERS

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| Chicken Tenders | 5.25 |
| Wings (Buffalo or BBQ) | 4.50 |
| BBQ Nachos | 3.95 |
| Nachos Gracias | 2.95 |

CHILI & SALADS

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|------------------------------|------|
| Lil' Skeeters Chili | 2.50 |
| Garden Salad | 2.95 |
| Southern Fried Chicken Salad | 5.95 |

BARBECUE SANDWICHES

Served with Cole Slaw and a Pickle Spear

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| Pulled Pork Sandwich | 3.75 |
| Smoked Beef Brisket Sandwich | 3.95 |
| BBQ Chicken Sandwich | 4.50 |
| Smoked Turkey Breast Sandwich | 3.95 |

BURGERS & MORE

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| Combo of any Sandwich w/ Fries & Med. Drink | additional 2.00 |
| Hamburger | 2.25 |
| Cheeseburger | 2.50 |
| Bacon Cheeseburger | 3.25 |
| South of the Border Burger | 2.95 |
| Deep Fried Catfish Sandwich | 3.95 |
| Grilled Chicken Sandwich | 4.25 |
| Philly Cheese Steak | 4.50 |
| Chicken Philly | 4.50 |
| Cajon Philly | 4.50 |
| Jumbo Hot Dog | 2.50 |
| Chili Dog | 2.95 |

DESSERTS

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| Sara Lee pie | |
| Apple, Cherry | 1.95 |
| Pecan | 2.95 |

BARBECUE PLATTERS

Served with Choice of Two Sides and Cornbread

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|------------------------|------|
| Brisket | 5.95 |
| Two Bib Ribs (Turkey) | 5.95 |
| St. Louis Ribs | 8.95 |
| Chicken | 7.95 |
| Pulled Pork | 5.95 |
| Southern Style Catfish | 6.95 |
| Combination Plate | |
| Choice of Two Meats | 7.95 |
| Choice of Three Meats | 9.95 |

SIDE FIXIN'S

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| Baked Beans | 1.25 |
| Cole Slaw | 1.25 |
| Onion Rings | 2.25 |
| Corn Bread | .75 |
| Potatoe Salad | 1.25 |
| French Fries | 1.25 |
| Add Cheese Sauce | .75 |
| Add Chili | .75 |
| Jalapeño Peppers | 5 for 1.00 |
| | Each .25 |

'LIL KIN FOLKS

Served with Fries. For Youth Ages 10 and under

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|-----------------|------|
| Hamburger | 2.95 |
| Cheeseburger | 3.25 |
| Hot Dog | 2.95 |
| Chicken Tenders | 3.95 |

BEVERAGES

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| Coffee- Reg., Decaf or Hot Tea | .75 |
| Soft Drinks | 16 oz. 1.25 |
| | 32 oz. 2.00 |

For more information call 533-3876

Port Huachuca Directorate of Community Activities Updates

The Directorate of Community Activities is responsible for content appearing on the MWR page in The Fort Huachuca Scout. Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to germanp@hua.army.mil.



Live entertainment tickets on sale

MWR Box Office has tickets available for the performances of "The King and I". Dates are March 15, 16 and 17. The stage production is held at Tucson Convention Center and tickets are on sale now. MWR Box Office is located in the MWR Plaza on Arizona St. Call Brenda Briscoe at 533-2404 for information.



March events scheduled at Desert Lanes

A Spring Mixed Double Tournament takes place March 16. Entry fee is \$30 per person with a guaranteed first place award of \$200. Five games are bowled across ten lanes. Handicap is 80% of 200 and pay-out is one to five entries. Sign up now to ensure space reservation.

March 24 from noon until 4:00 p.m. is Nifty Fifties Day. Games and shoe rentals are 50¢ each and Jeannie's Diner will serve sodas and hotdogs for 50¢ each also. Call 533-2849 for information.

Youth Services offers Tae Kwon Do

Youth Services offers Tae Kwon Do classes for ages four through adult at the Youth Services Center, bldg. 49013 located on Cushing St. across from Smith Middle School. The classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Classes cost \$25 per month with discounts available for families of multiple participants. The first class is free for all participants, so feel welcome to attend a class and try it out. Call 533-3205 for more information.

Eifler racquetball courts reopen

All racquetball courts at Eifler Fitness Center will remain closed through March 3 for floor resurfacing. Courts will reopen at 6:00 a.m. on March 4. Call 533-4723 for information.

MWR Rents March specials

Jump into spring with the MWR Rents March special. Throughout March the bouncing castle, funhouse or lasertag are available for a special price. Rent either of these great backyard entertainment items for two hours and receive an additional two hours for free.

MWR Rents is located on the corner of Irwin and Hunter and is open Monday through Saturday from noon until 6 p.m. Call 533-6707 for information.



Special group rides at Buffalo Corral

The Buffalo Corral offers special group rides for Boy Scouts, church groups, youth groups or any large group of friends. Rides are two hours long and are \$12.50 per person for authorized MWR patrons or \$18 for civilians. Reservations are required at least two weeks in advance and prepayment is needed one week in advance.

Trail rides are open to riders seven years of age and up. Prepayment is required by close of business the day before the scheduled ride. All rides require a minimum of 15 riders and when filled, second rides are often scheduled.

The Buffalo Corral's hours of operation are now Thursday through Sunday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 533-5220.

Parent/Tot Play Group meets

The Parent/Tot Play Group meets every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Services Building, 51301. This group is open to parents and children from birth to five years of age. Class is designed to provide activities for parents and their young children and interaction with other parents and children. The program is free, but reservations are encouraged. Volunteers are always welcome. For information or registration, call the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program at 533-2330.

AFTB offers Level One "marathon" session

Saturday is the date set for a Level 1 class marathon by Army Family Team Building. The entire level will be completed in only one session from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a rare opportunity, so call now to take advantage of this class. Pre-registration is required. To register or obtain more information, call 533-3686 or 533-2330.



This week at LakeSide Activity Centre

The popular Sunday Brunch will be served again on March 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The brunch menu includes the Omelet Station and Chef Chewy's special Eggs Benedict with pastries, and breads and a variety of specially prepared dishes of baked salmon, sausage, cod, pasta, pork, beef and chicken on a rotating basis. The cost is \$13.95 for adults and \$7.00 for children ages six to ten years. Children under five dine for free.

Set your calendars for March 8, when the LakeSide will host CG's Right Arm Night again. These great social evenings take place twice a month. The fun starts at 4:00 p.m. and continues until 6:00 p.m. Free snacks and music accompany the "pay as you go" bar. Call 533-2194 for information on any of these services.

African American art on display today

Today is the last day to see the exhibit of African American art on display at MWR Arts Center. This show is in honor of Black History Month. The show is open today until 5:00 p.m. MWR Arts Center offers a variety of classes from photog-

raphy to jewelry making. Regular operational hours are noon until 8:00 p.m. on Tues., Wed. and Thurs.; 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Fri. and Sat. The center is closed on Sunday and Monday. For more information, call 533-2015.

New classes for March have been added to the roster at the Arts Center. Scrapbooking, the newest craft rage, will be offered on March 1 and 2. The class fee is \$65 and includes all supplies. Call 533-2015 for information.

Winter trap shoot set for March

The Sportsman's Center will conduct their winter trap shoot on March 4 through 10. Scorekeepers are needed. Any interested person is invited to become a part of this fun shooting event. Scorekeepers can earn up to \$50 a day. Call Mic at 533-7085 for information.



"STYX" plays at Fort Huachuca June 22

The annual Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert Tour, presented by Army Entertainment and the Directorate of Community Activities will star the classic band, "STYX" on June 22.

The Recreation Services Division is preparing another block buster outdoor concert to be held at Libby Army Airfield. The MGD ACT attracts over 8,000 spectators from Sierra Vista, Fort Huachuca and the surrounding communities.

The admission price for this year's concert will be the same as last year: \$20 in advance or \$30 at the gate. The gates will open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7:30. Chair rentals will be available or spectators may bring their own chairs.

Tickets will go on sale the beginning of May at MWR Box Office, MWR Rents, Desert Lanes and Ozone on Fort Huachuca, and at area Safeway Stores off post.

Join the crowd at Libby Army Airfield for a rockin' good time in June. For those who would like to be a real part of this event, consider becoming a volunteer. Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas, so sign up now by calling 533-4823. For general information, call 538-1690.



Thunder Mountain Marathon March 23

The 2002 Thunder Mountain Marathon and Relays takes place on March 23 at 6:00 a.m., with a total purse of \$2,500. This is a USA Track and Field certified race. Runners from all over Arizona and many out-of-state participants will run this fine course again this year. Those planning to take part are encouraged to register and train early for this challenging event.

Entry forms are available at Barmes Field House and after completion, need to be mailed to TMM, MWR Sports Branch, P.O. Box 12100, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613. Registrations are also accepted on the internet at active.com. Confirmation notices will be sent to all applicants.

Runners must pre-register to participate in the Thunder Mountain Marathon. For discount fee, all registration forms must be post-marked no later than Monday, March 11, 2002.

Call race director, Michelle Kimsey for further information at 533-3180.

Field closures

Bujalski Field and Smiley Field will be closed from March 11 through April 30 for maintenance. Call 533-3354 for information.



Movies shown at Murr Center

Murr Community Center in cooperation with AAFES and MWR offers free movies for AAFES patrons each Wednesday through Sunday during the renovation of the Cochise Theatre. Evening show time is 7:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees are at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free and so is the popcorn.

Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m. **SOUL SURVIVORS**
Rated: PG 13
Cast: Melissa Sagemiller, Casey Affleck

Mar. 1, 2 & 3, 7:00 p.m. **JAY & SILENT BOB**
Rated: R
Cast: Kevin Smith, Jason Mewes, Shannon Doherty

Mar. 2 & 3, 2:00 p.m. **THE MUSKETEER**
Rated: PG 13
Cast: Catherine Deneuve, Mana Suvari, Stephen Rea

Mar. 6 & 7, 7:00 p.m. **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**
Rated: R
Cast: William Hurt, Sam Robards, Haley Joel Ozment

Mar. 8, 7:00 p.m. **DON'T SAY A WORD**
Rated: R
Cast: Michael Douglas, Sean Bean, Jennifer Esposito

Mar. 9 & 10, 7:00 p.m. **THE ONE**
Rated: PG 13
Cast: Jet Li, Delroy Lindo, Jason Statham, James Morrison

Mar. 9 & 10, 2:00 p.m. **CINDERELLA 2**
Rated: G Animated

Grade A champions

69th Sig. Co. claims hoops league title

By Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert
11th Sig. Bde. PAO

Three 69th Signal Company players scored in double digits to lead their team to a decisive 51-26 victory against Company B, 86th Signal Battalion, in the Fort Huachuca A League basketball championship game Feb. 19 at Barnes Field House.

Small forward Victor Ingraham of the 69th squad led all players with 16 points, including 12 in the second half. He was followed by teammates Steven Hailey with 13 points and Talik Jones, who dumped in 10 points.

The 69th squad, part of the 504th Signal Battalion, scored first and never relinquished the lead.

A late run by the 86th team erased an 11-point 69th Signal Company lead, getting them within two points at the half. However, the 69th team came out and pounded the glass in the second half and were never challenged again.

After increasing their lead to seven points in the first five minutes of the second half, the Company B, 86th team called a timeout to try to regroup; however, the 69th had too much momentum and outscored the 86th squad 16-4 over the next several minutes to smash any

hopes of a comeback attempt.

"In the second half, we came out on a big run and we stayed in our game," Ingraham said. "I don't think we played as good as we could, but we know how to win."

While the 69th Signal Company squad settled into their game plan in the second half, the Company B, 86th Sig. Bn. team never got into sync and struggled with turnovers most of the evening.

"We never really got into it," said Ronald Merriweather, who led his team with 14 points. "We never really did get into a rhythm."

The 69th put the game away with crisp ball movement on the perimeter while their big men took control of the paint, snagging the majority of the rebounds.

"We were getting hurt on the boards," Merriweather said. "That rebounding hurt us bad. Rebounding and turnovers, that did it, that did us in."

"When we stepped up to keep the guard from penetrating, he usually ditched it to the big men, and that's how they got most of their points," said Company B, 86th Sig. Bn. player Abdul Jaffar.

"We took advantage of their weak side,"



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

69th Signal Company player Vincent Johnson soars above the competition as he shoots a jump shot.

said 69th Signal Company coach Craig Williams. He said they found a weakness in the Company B, 86th Sig. Bn. defense and exploited it with good ball movement.

Although the 69th team suffered a loss early in the double-elimination tournament, they said they were confident they would win the league championship.

"I knew we had a legitimate shot. Our goal

was to win the trophy," Williams said.

"During the season, I knew we were going all the way," said Hailey.

Vincent Johnson and Edmundo Bendana rounded out the 69th team's scoring with seven and five points respectively.

Other leading scorers for Company B, 86th Sig. Bn. were Jaffar with eight points and Michael Crosby and Larry Harris, each of whom chipped in two points.

Arizona Game and Fish Department's weekly fishing report

Rory Aikens
Special to the Scout

Willow Springs Lake on the Mogollon Rim is accessible. Soare Long and Ashurst lakes east of Flagstaff. The best fishing is typically early. Due to the dry, warm weather, late-season fishing in the high country may be more challenging.

The Lower Salt River is looking good for trout and will be stocked again toward the end of this week. This is also the last trout stocking for Saguaro Lake this week. Next week is the last trout stocking for Canyon Lake. So plan accordingly.

Central Lakes

Urban Lakes - Will be stocked this week with trout. Power Bait has been the number one producer, but other trout baits will work as well.

Tempe Town Lake - Fishing has been slow. Try cranks or spinnerbaits for bass.

Lake Pleasant - Lake level has risen to 82 percent of capacity. Bass fishing remains slow with the best luck coming on drop shots and Carolina rigs in the main part of the lake. Fishing remains fairly good in the upper Agua Fria River for white bass and crappie. Access is off the Table Mesa Road. Remember there is an Eagle Closure in a section of the Agua Fria River. Catfishing has been slow.

Roosevelt Lake - Lake level is at 23 percent. The marina, Cholla and Badger ramps are accessible. Crappie fishing has been slower but with the warmer weather, look for it to improve. Some anglers have been having success fishing at night under lights around the marina. Trolling two-inch black/blue/chartreuse Kalin grubs

around Windy Hill still seems to be working. Bass fishing has picked up. Crankbaits in the early morning are working, as are jigs and plastic worms. Most bass have been caught shallow (less than 10 feet) in the flats of the Salt River Arm or off steep rocky shores. Catfishing around the lake and in the upper Salt River Arm (flows 167 cfs) is slow. If you catch a tagged flathead catfish, please note the weight, length and river location, then call the Game and Fish Dept. at 480-981-9400 ext. 214.

Apache - Lake level is at 91 percent. Smallmouth have been hitting minnows and various other baits. Cranks, tubes and jigs have been working at times. During the right conditions, smallmouth fishing has been fantastic, slow at others. A few anglers have been having some success fly fishing with streamers. Walleye fishing continues to be slow. Crankbaits are the best bet. Yellow bass have been hitting minnows and jigging spoons.

Canyon - Lake level is 95 percent. The next and last trout stocking of the year is scheduled for the week of March 11. Still not a lot of bass being caught; those that are have been quality sized. Walleye are hitting from the sheriff's station to the Marina Cliffs. Catfish bite has been slow. Try minnows for the yellow bass off the fishing pier. Remember that there is a certified scale at the marina if anglers would like to get an official

weight of their fish before releasing it. Go to the marina to find out more about the certified scale. Two witnesses are needed for the weight to be official.

Saguaro - Lake level is 88 percent. The last trout stocking of the season is scheduled for this week. Try spinners, Power Bait and worms in Butcher Jones Cove. An algae bloom has covered the lake but does not seem to be affecting the bite. Largemouth have been seen chasing shad near the surface and are hitting jigging spoons dropped among the shad. Yellow bass are still hitting jigging spoons and cicadas up in the river; most of the yellows have been small. Large imitation trout baits are the best bet for monster bass while trout stocking continue. There is new certified scale at the marina if you wish to get an official weight and still release your catch. Two witnesses are needed for the weight to be official.

Bartlett - Lake level has risen to 42 percent capacity. Not many changes but look for fishing to improve with warmer temperatures. A few bass still hitting jigs and plastic worms. Anglers are graphing schools of crappie but having some difficulty getting them to bite. Look for crappie in 25-30 feet on minnows or jigs. The boat ramp is out of the water, boaters have been launching off the beach below the ramp. Catfishing is slow.

Horseshoe - Lake level is at 2 percent capacity. No reports. Remember that the Colorado pikeminnow and the razorback sucker are endangered and must be released immediately. Upstream from Horseshoe Dam is an unlimited harvest area for all game fish.

Verde River (above Horseshoe) - Flows are 178 cfs at Camp Verde and 230 into Horseshoe Lake. Remember that no baitfish can be transported into this part of the river. For fur-

ther information concerning regulations, call AGFD at 602-789-3257.

Lower Salt River (below Saguaro Lake) - The flow is 325 cfs below Stewart Mountain Dam and 100 cfs below Bartlett. Fly-fishing has been good; try wooly buggers. Spin anglers have been doing okay on night crawlers or small spinners. Trout stockings are scheduled for this week. Trout are being stocked at the Water User's area, Phon D. Sutton and Granite Reef campground. Try Power Bait, worms and spinners.

Lee's Ferry - The spawn is underway. Check out the Lee's Ferry Angler's web site for up to the minute information at www.leesferry.com.

Lake Powell - Lake elevation: 3,651. Water temperature: 46-49 F. We have reached the starting point, the beginning: a new fishing season is about to be launched. Fishing doesn't get any tougher than it is right now. Cold temperature, low forage, and short days mean fishing success is more about enjoying the lake and the scenery than about catching fish. Stripers in the backs of canyons are not schooled, scattered and slow to respond to bait.

They are even less inclined to chase lures. They are waiting for day length to increase before moving to current in anticipation of spawning. Bass are waiting for the first warming to occur before moving shallow. Watch for surface temperatures above 50 degrees before largemouth move and above 55 before smallmouth begin to respond. Perhaps the best chance for success would be walleye fishing out of Hite.

Off-road, four wheel driving: an extreme sport

By Spc. Jessica Inigo
Scout Staff

Off-road and 4x4 enthusiasts know too well the exciting sport of off-road racing, and they've lived to talk about it. Three heavily modified Fort Huachuca vehicles attended the annual Winter Quarterly Chile Challenge held in Las Cruces, New Mexico, Feb. 21-24.

Four days of organized trail runs ranging from easy, for slightly modified stock four-wheel

drive vehicles, to extreme, for heavy-duty extreme four-wheel drive vehicles. All Fort Huachuca vehicles registered for and ran the extreme trails, which required certain off-road equipment, like winches, positive locking differentials and 33-inch or larger tires.

"Body damage was to be expected on the hard and extreme trails, as well as the potential for rollover," said Sgt. Scott Howard, Medical Activity Command, who participated with his

1993 Jeep YJ Wrangler. His vehicle experienced drive train breakage on one of the trails. It was repaired within the day and back on the trail.

Sam Montanez, a post engineer, entered his 1993 Toyota 4 Runner in the event. Spc. Nathaniel Swearingen, of MEDDAC, entered his 1999 Jeep TJ Wrangler. The trails ran through the local mountains including the Dona Ana's and the Chile's. All three experienced body damage, but that just comes with the sport according to Montanez.

"If you want your vehicle to stay in pristine condition, this is not the sport for you," he said. What Montanez enjoys most about the sport is the camaraderie experienced out on the trails. One golden rule these off-roaders live by is to never leave a man behind. Vehicles are usually repaired on the trails, Montanez said. He has been off-roading for over five years.

More than 1,000 off-roaders came from all over the United States for this event. The final day concluded with a raffle, giving away some major prizes such as: a winch, set of tires from Goodyear, set of tires from Dunlop, differential lockers and many other prizes totaling well over \$5000. "The trails were vicious, never letting up, one demanding obstacle after another. Steady nerves, strict concentration, and a good spotter made the trails passable, although not without consequence, evidenced by the mangled body panels and broken drive train parts," Howard said.

"The runs required confidence in your vehicle and your skill as well as that of your spotter (who directs your line through the obstacles). The maneuvering of the obstacles is closely rivaled by the anticipation of it as you watch the vehicles attempt it before you. Some conquer, some fail. Your heart beats wildly as you ap-

proach it, you pay close attention to the spotter giving directions.

"The obstacles require so much finesse that, the difference between making it through and not making it may be a mere two inches left or right of where you are positioned. The satisfaction of a successful run leaves you begging for more, it's like a drug, you can't get enough and it takes more to fulfill that same feeling the next time."

Swearingen agreed that off-roading truly is a sport. He boasts a winch, front and rear differential lockers, 32-inch tires and a Radio Flyer sticker on his Jeep. Though his vehicle got a little banged up on the trails, his and the two other Fort Huachuca vehicles returned in full running order, with the addition of some battle scars "that tell stories that we don't have to."

Alma Torres, who rode with Swearingen, experienced her first opportunity to off-road at this event. "I got to drive some of the obstacles. It was scary because I was afraid I was going to flip, break something on the Jeep or lose control," she said. Though it was scary, she said it was fun too.

"That dent, rock rash, or crushed fender you may feel pity about, is like a badge of honor to us, and we would be glad to tell you about it. Got a few hours," Howard asked. "Monty's Motors did a lot of the work on the vehicles, in preparation for the run. They will be opening an Off Road and High Performance Shop in (Las Cruces) soon, run by the guy that did our work, Vinny."

These off-roaders are already preparing themselves and their vehicles for next year. Anyone else interested in the sport can contact Howard at scott.howard@amedd.army.mil.



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The first major obstacle on the trail, Sandia Gulch, had two options for passing it - the difficult way and the more difficult way. The camouflage Jeep took the more difficult way and ended up on its side when the tires slipped. Sitting against the rocks, he couldn't move. Scott Howard positioned his Jeep on a cliff about 20 feet above and dropped a winch line the driver hooked to his roll bar. Howard pulled him up straight with the winch so that he could drive out saving both serious body and mechanical damage. Extreme off-roading is just as much a team sport as well as individual.