

Cage camp knocks out cobwebs

Those were more than just basketballs bouncing all over this week in the Mooresville Middle School and Mooresville Senior High School gyms.

It was also the sound of knocking out the cobwebs that began being spun following the close of the regular basketball season more than three months ago.

That was the purpose of the annual Mooresville Blue Devils Youth Basketball Camp, conducted jointly by the Mooresville Senior High basketball program and the Mooresville Recreation Department.

The attraction held a twofold purpose. While providing detailed instruction on the game's basics to the youngest of camp participants, it was also a time for the renewal of activities surrounding the game for those potentially able to contribute to both the Senior High and Middle School boys and girls teams in the not too distant future.

Coaching staff members from both schools as well as former and future players at the high school level served as camp instructors during the three-day morning

camp sessions.

The field of participants was divided into a pair of age groups, those rising in grades three through six grade engaging in the most basic of fundamental instruction in the Senior High gym, while those rising grades seven through 12 partaking in more detailed group and individual training in the Middle School facility.

All phases of the game were covered, including conditioning, defensive stances and strategies as well as boxing out on rebounding, along with offensive drills involving ballhandling, dribbling, passing and -everybody's favorite- shooting.

Under its guideline, the Mooresville Youth Basketball Camp aims to provide young players with a chance to learn and develop fundamental basketball skills. It is designed for players of all ability levels.

Camp hours ran from 9 a.m. until noon. All attending received certificates of participation, with those registering prior to the deadline also being presented with basketballs at the conclusion of camp activities.

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specifically for beginners. They are getting acquainted with every fundamental facet of the game, including simple rules, scorekeeping and etiquette, instruction they will take with them actually on "the big course" during late week events.

In the meantime, they will take part in learning rules as well as put into play the parts of the game that include chipping, putting and full swing play. Practice for all will be held at various station locations placed strategically throughout the host site's practice area.

The first of two classes hit the course at around 8 a.m. Monday and will continue to do so for almost two hours every day this week. Right behind is the mid-morning class taking place beginning at 10:15 and continuing through noon. Both are filled to capacity.

Charlie Rogers, the course's golf manager, is being joined by Jeremy Elliott, the facility's head professional, and staff members Steve Connor and Brian Salers in comprising the clinic staff.

During the week, instruction fills the majority of the time. Students undergo the basics of play, divided into a pair of groups entitled Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus, utilizing perhaps the most recognizable names in the professional game.

Odds are that most in the classes, who could range from six to 17 years of age, are familiar only with Woods.

Clinic activities each of the first three days are centered around basic instruction, with various contests also being staged under a point-scoring system to check those skill-level improvements. As with the game of golf itself, in these challenges, the key is scoring the least amount of points as possible.

Time is spent on the host site's putting

green as well as in well-defined areas throughout the driving range. On that range itself, course staff designed a nine-hole course to enable players to get adjusted to the terminology such as fairways, roughs and greens. At the end of the week, players will step foot on at least three and perhaps as many as all nine - depending on age level and experience - of the course's front nine holes.

The camp week will also include the opportunity for those so desiring to attempt and qualify as a member of the MJGO Tour that will begin play later this summer.

Within that latter, a new leg will be added this season catering to players between the ages of six and eight. While surrounding courses Fox Den Country Club and The Warrior will also participate as hosts of official Junior Tour events, the new youngest age group will compete only in those affairs taking place on the host MJGO site.

With this week's opening camp catering specifically those those still considered beginners in the game, the second week, June 11-15 is designed as an Advanced Camp suggested for those with previous MJGO Tour experience. A second beginners camp will be held June 25-29.

A fourth camp, not on the original schedule but added due to the amount of interest, will take place the second week in July. Also on tap is an Advanced Players Camp, for high school age golfers only.

All of the camp events are designed to maintain a strong junior golf program centered at the local course. Rosters at all three of this month's camps are filled, with the added fourth camp space also filling fast.

Among the events scheduled involving the MJGO field is the parent-child tournament set for later this month as well as the first Junior Tour event slated to be held at Mooresville in July.

Parnell

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hitters to a .190 average.

Catcher Humberto Quintero, the top receiver in throwing out runners at a .558 pace, first baseman Case Rogowski, second in the SAL in hitting with five home runs and eight doubles, and shortstop Guillermo Reyes, second in the league with five triples, third in runs scored and fourth in hits, are the rest of the Intimidators selected.

Kannapolis is on the road until returning

to its Fieldcrest Cannon Stadium to host the Greensboro Bats to open a three-game series tonight (Wednesday) The Intimidators will stay at home over the weekend for a two-game set against the Delmarva Shorebirds.

It will be the team's first appearance at home since the all-star game selections were made late last month. The home stand will also account for the team's last games at home before breaking for the all-star game June 18-20.

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Openings in Classic available

Though the engine is running, there is still room left for any and all players interested in participating in this weekend's annual Lake Norman Civic Golf Classic.

The attraction that is the end result of the combined hosting efforts of the Mooresville Civilians and Lake Norman/Cornelius Lions Club is still open for potential two-player teams.

Cost of participating is \$90 per player, which covers all golf related expenses as well as prizes and refreshments.

Lake Norman Civic Golf Classic entry fees are tax deductible for area participants.

The two-player, best-ball affair, an annual stop on the local golfing calendar, will be held Saturday and Sunday on the host Mooresville Municipal Golf Course. Play will begin both days at 11 a.m.

Teams can start calling for appointed tee times as of today (Wednesday).

Play will follow the familiar best-ball of two format for determining team scores. The field will be flighted following the first round, with the combined total of both days scores used to reach team stroke totals.

The prizes, flights and number of teams that will be recognized within each will be based on the number of entries.

In addition to the team competition, various on-course events will be held in the form of closest-to-the-pin contests on selected par-three holes and a long driving contest.

Proceeds realized from the tournament go to benefit any of a number of community projects conducted by the host civic organizations.

Players still interested in participating can still obtain entry forms from the host Mooresville course or from any Civilians or Lions club member.

Members treat guests better, win

Some Mooresville Women's Golf Association members treated their guests better than others earlier this spring.

They did by leading them to top-three finishes during the MWGA's Member-Guest Tournament held on its home Mooresville Municipal Golf Course.

Members of the top three teams under the 18-hole affair's best-ball net scoring were recognized, as well all six individual winners of various on-course events.

Topping all team performances was the duo of Kathi Fox and Karen Little, doing so with an adjusted-with-handicap score of 48. That total awarded the victors with a comfortable five-stroke winning margin.

Placing that far back and taking second-place overall was the twosome comprised of Lou Grandmaison and guest Sara Huffman. They played to a tune of a 53.

And winding up third, with a 56, was the

mother-daughter team consisting of Pat Rinehardt and Pam Robbins.

On-course events took the shape of closest-to-the-pin contest on all four par-three holes and long drive challenges on a total of two holes, one each on the front and back sides.

On the par threes, landing shots of the day belonged to JoAnn Massey at the fifth, Libby Lefever at the ninth, Robbins at the 12th, and Pam lamunno at the 14th.

In the long hitting department, Chris Ecker's blast at the sixth, and Ann Henderson's effort at the 18th, traveled the farthest while also remaining in the fairway and along the straight line.

The MWGA conducts several in-house events throughout the golfing season at its home course as well as competes regularly in Catawba and Pothills league tour events that take place on a host of courses throughout the area.

Football Camp

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week of activity to a close while leading up to more related events that get underway this week.

Also last week, one-day sessions were held for special team members involved in punting and long snapping, and place kicking. College coaches were on hand to help with both of those sessions.

The mini camp was held for all potential football players rising in grades nine through 12. Unlike an earlier-month, similar offering for youth football players, this one found all attending taking matters much more seriously. They did so by donning helmets and shoulder pads with uniforms. Players wearing white uniforms were defensive players, while those donning blue spend time on offense.

Players engaged in various groups of specialized instructions for offensive linemen, backs, defensive linemen, linebackers and backs, before parts of all the

drills were put to use during limited contact scrimmage sessions.

Much time during the camp was spent on special area of offensive concentrating on the passing game, while defending that area was also a prime concern. That's the case as, of this week, Mooresville embarked on the first of four weeks of participating in a summer passing league.

During it, teams can pass only, with no hard contact allowed. Teams from Kings Mountain, Thomasville, Bandys and Shelby are also joining Mooresville in passing league play.

Additional home dates for these games include June 11 at home against Thomasville, June 20 against Bandys, and June 27 facing Shelby.

The mini camp also comes on the heels of an earlier quarterback camp also staged in early May.

Also, beginning this month, weight lifting dates and room availability schedule has been announced.

Lifting, which started Monday, continues from 4:30-7 p.m. on the following dates: June 6, June 11, June 13, June 18, June 20, June 25, June 27, July 2, July 9, and July 11. Fridays, from 9-11 a.m. can be used as make-up days.

A special T-shirt and helmet decal will be given to those who attend at least nine of the 11 dates. As in now stands, official practice for high school football at Mooresville will begin July 30, with a mandatory team meeting set for July 26 at 10 a.m. in the school gym.

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included Penske Racing's Jeremy Mayfield, 34th and 24th, out with transmission trouble after 377 laps; MB2 Motorsports' Ken Schrader, 36th and 22nd; Mooresville's Jerry Nadeau, 38th and 17th, crash after 258 laps; and DEI's Michael Waltrip, 43rd and 27th, crashing on lap two.

Area teams and drivers now steer their attentions towards this week's race, the Kmart 400 at Michigan International Speedway Sunday afternoon.

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