Adult Softball

Gate swings open wide as Southern Door celebrates second tourney championship

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regular-season overall crown. Freightliner bested Cardinal FG, 19-14, in the finals to wrap up its effort.

Cardinal made it to the finals after eliminating LB Plastics, 20-8.

In the Industrial League's Division II bracket, top-seeded Southern Door, which just missed making it to the Division I field based on its regular-season record, made amends by trekking unbeaten through the tournament field. Living up to its billing, it knocked off Polar Plastics, 22-16, to pick up its second straight summer tournament hardware.

Polar Plastics edged Town of Mooresville, 14-12, in the loser's bracket finals to earn the finals appearance.

As tournament champions, all three teams were presented with both regular-season and postseason trophies provided by the MRD. Play in the respective tournaments also brought the summer adult softball leagues to a close. Plans are already underway regarding organizational details concerning fall league play that is tentatively scheduled to get underway as early as late August.

Entry fee deadline for Fall League play is Aug. 9. Teams will be charged $175 each, plus be responsible for a $20 per-game officials fees. Only Dudley Thunder Red Heat, .47 COR. red-stitch softballs will be allowed.

An organizational meeting will be held at a later date.

Tournamnent results

Open League

Randy Marion 20, Greg Smith Homes 2,
RM: Baxter Burris HR, Robbie Hildebran HR, 3 hits each. GSH: Steve Parker HR, 2 hits.
FINALS:
Shoreline Properties 30, Randy Marion 27,
SP: Keith Ayers HR, Daniel Church 2 HRs, 5 hits each. RM: Burris 3 HRs, Phillip Sherrill 2 HRs, 5 hits each.

Industrial League

Division I

Cardinal FG 20, LB Plastics 8,
C: Billy Hendrix 3 hits.
FINALS:
Freightliner 19, Cardinal 14,
F: Scott Earnhardt HR, 2 hits.

Division II

Polar Plastics 14, TOM 12,
FINALS:
Southern Door 22, Polar Plastics 16,
SD: Oble McIntyre 2 HRs, 3 hits.

Raft-Up

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By most accounts, the Lake Norman charge stands alone in the raft-up category. Though larger lakes loom across the country, those in charge of organizing the local attraction have no knowledge of any other trying to also set the standard for the most boats continually linked.

"There's a lot of big lakes in the country," added Nutting, aware that word of the Lake Norman accomplishment might quickly spread to those parts. "We feel they might try to come after us."

Larger boats started arriving just after 11 a.m. to establish the main line. Smaller vessels in line began arriving around 1 p.m. Official count of the linked boats took place around 4 p.m.

Organizers hope to at least match last year's donation of $7,000 in T-shirt sales to the Lake Norman Marine Commission's safety programs. Also, the affair was expected to draw entries from throughout the area and the Carolinas as well as those from Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Setting a new entry in the World Book for the second time in three years, the Lake Norman group joins a select group of Carolinas entries officially recognized by Guinness, which makes it a point to identify with official records in various categories and areas.

Father-son tame field

Jack and Gary Muller wound up providing quite a one-two punch during this month's Old Town Parent & Child Invitational held in Winston-Salem.

Utilizing the event's selective drive and alternating shot format to perfection, the father -- Gary -- and son -- Jack -- team captured first place in their respective age division.

The duo posted a round of 42 over nine holes to finish best among the 30 teams in the field's 11-and-under division.

The effort earned the Mullers low gross honors.

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