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**Charleston's March Madness**

Above, Tony Milunas of the 437th Medical Group shoots from the foul line during a Monday's tournament game against 437th AGS 1. The Med Group won, 71-67. At right, David Deremer of the Med Group (right) defends as Greg Murray drives downcourt. In other action, Supply 1 defeated Security Forces, 56-51. See next week's *Airlift Dispatch* for coverage of the championship game.

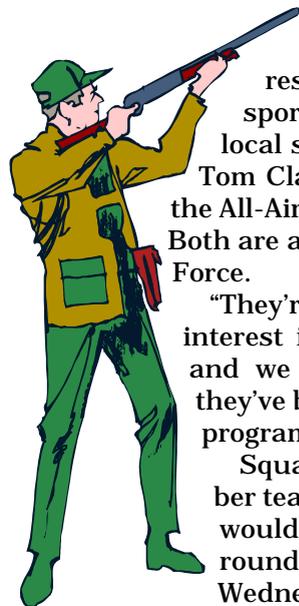
The intramural basketball championship game is tonight at 5:30 p.m. on the Starlifter Court

# Coming to a range near you: intramural skeet league

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The base sports office is aiming to offer skeet shooting as an intramural sport once again.

"We had a league about seven years, but it wasn't that successful," said sports director Eddie Goad. "Now, we're going to try to get one going again."



Goad said there's been a resurgence of interest in the sport on base because of two local shooters, John Reiman and Tom Clayton, who are members of the All-Air Force skeet shooting team. Both are active duty majors in the Air Force.

"They're definitely creating some interest in the sport here on base, and we want to coattail on what they've been doing and try to start a program," Goad said.

Squadron would have five-member teams, but only three at a time would participate in the shooting rounds, which would be held on Wednesdays, beginning at 5 p.m.

"Right now, we're scheduled to begin April 5," Goad added. "We'll have to determine how many teams we get to see how long we'll run the program."

No fees will be charged to compete in the rounds. "All you have to do is bring your gun and your shells," Reiman said. "You can shoot any gauge shotgun you'd like. You pay the normal target fee of \$2.25 per round."

If anyone would like to shoot but doesn't own a shotgun, guns are available for check out at the range, free of charge.

For new shooters, Reiman and Clayton will be offering a safety/coaching clinic March 22 and March 29. "We'll be out there to keep them safe and get them started in the sport," Reiman said.

At the end of the season, trophies will be awarded for high team and top shooter.

"We're hoping to get at least five or six teams, and the jury's still out on the squadron participation we'll get," Reiman added.

The league is only provisional and not officially an intramural sport this year, Goad said, but it will be run under the auspices of the intramural program. "We hope to include it in the whole program next year."

Those eligible to participate in the skeet program include active duty members, Reservists, DoD employees, off base military clubs and retirees, according to Goad. "We're just looking at tweaking the rules for next year for eligibility to see how it works."

Improvements were recently made to the shooting range on base, according to Reiman. "We've got the range fully operational, with all the fields in place," he said. "So we have two trap fields and two skeet fields in place."

Only one of each was available before. One of the main differences between trap and skeet is that clay pigeons are thrown from only one house in front the shooter for trap and two for skeet, on the shooter's left and right.

Range hours are Tuesday, 2 p.m. until dark; Saturday and Sunday from noon until dark. The range is operated by volunteers who are willing to help new shooters, according to Reiman.

Anyone interested in joining the league should call Reiman at 963-4065 or 767-2936.

"Any time we can offer a sport that is different from what we ordinarily offer, it's a good thing," Goad said. "I think it's going to be a good program and I hope people come out and try it."

**Sports Line**

**Restriction lifted**

Beginning April 3, individuals on the Monitored Fitness Improvement Program will be allowed to utilize the base Fitness and Sports Center for exercising and will no longer be restricted to exercising at the Health and Wellness Center.

Individuals on the MFIP will carry and maintain their MFIP cards and, after exercising, will be able to have their MFIP cards documented by either the HAWC or fitness center personnel only.

For more information, call 963-4007.

**Golf tourney**

The 437th Communications Squadron will host its annual St. Patrick's golf tournament March 17 at Wrenwoods Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Cost will be \$10 plus green fees, which includes soda, lunch, range tokens, and a lot of great door prizes.

For more information contact Tech Sgt. Michael Heckendorn at 963-3982 or Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Erik Sonnenberg at 963-3269.

**Lucky strike**

Starlifter Lanes is hosting the Second Annual St. Patrick's Day 9-Pin, No-Tap Tournament March 18. The

first place winner will receive a \$100 cash prize. Other cash and merchandise prizes will be given away during the tournament. The entry fee is \$15 per couple or \$10 per person. The tournament will begin at 7 p.m.

For details, call 963-3315.

**Catch the Rays**

The South Carolina Stingrays are giving all military members another chance to join the fun of a Stingrays game. Fan Appreciation Night is April 1, as the Rays play the Pee Dee Pride. Military members will receive \$2 off each upper bowl seat plus enjoy free parking for this night. Military members should show their ID cards at the Coliseum ticket window.

With only a few games left in the Stingrays season, the Outdoor Recreation Center has an overload of tickets. Stop by the ORC to get Stingray tickets at the lowest price in town. Tickets are on sale for \$4 and \$7.

Call the ORC at 963-5271.

**NASCAR**

Enjoy the thrill of NASCAR racing at Darlington Raceway March 19. The cost is \$105 per person, includes transportation and a race ticket. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required. Only 10 tickets are available.

Call the Outdoor Rec Center at 963-5271 to sign up.