Sport Clubs Record

KEEPING FORMER STUDENTS CONNECTED

Several sport clubs have hosted successful alumni events this semester, such as, alumni games, banquets, and tailgates – including Judo, Men’s Lacrosse, Pistol, Women’s Rugby, Men’s Rugby, and Men’s Volleyball. Women’s rugby alumni watched the current team BTHO t.u., and then played against the current team members in a game where the alumni got to make up all the rules during the second half (the alumni got the ball after any penalty and could redo any play they wanted). Pistol Team had a tailgate before the Oklahoma football game and then invited the alumni out to the range where the alumni got to try out all the guns that weren’t owned by the team when the alumni were here. Judo went to midnight yell with their alumni and then held a breakfast tailgate before the Texas Tech game. These alumni events are great ways for sport clubs to keep in touch with their former members and keep them connected to club. In the spring Men’s & Women’s Soccer are scheduled to hold their annual alumni games.

FALL NATIONAL RESULTS

CYCLING: MTB Nationals
Men’s Cross Country: Chad Haga– 42nd
Steve Mitchell– 57th
Men’s Short Track: Chad Haga– 31st
Steve Mitchell– 59th
Women’s Cross Country: Abby Richmond– 33rd
Women’s Short Track: Kelli Michalk– 31st

WATERSKI: NCWS Championship
Brent Norwood: 1st Place (Overall/Men’s Jump/Slalom)
2nd Place (Trick)
Camille Tyler: 5th Place (Overall)

MENS WATER POLO: CWPA Nationals
9th Place– Loss to Arizona State (5-6)

MENS SOCCER: NIRSA Nationals
Tied for 9th Place- Lost in Round of 16

Men’s Soccer

Men’s Soccer has a tradition of being a very strong club on a national level. This year is no exception. The club consists of two teams of around 22 players each. Every year, the teams travel around, competing against other clubs such as Texas, Texas Tech, Baylor, SMU, Texas State and many other schools from around the state. This year at nationals, the team performed well, but lost to USC (2-1) in the round of 16. The team raises money through tryouts, their alumni game, and their annual Danny Kenney Golf Tournament. They will also be hosting a 7v7 tournament in the spring here in Aggieland.
Sport Club Spotlights

Judo

The Texas A&M Judo team recently held their annual Go-Shibata tournament which hosted 317 competitors from 7 U.S. states as well as Mexico, and have been to seven other tournaments this semester. The 35 member team has an overall record for the fall of 92 wins and 48 losses. Over the summer, Dan Gomez competed in the USA Olympic Judo Trials in Las Vegas, and is now one of the assistant coaches for the USA National Judo team and ranked #6 on the USA National Judo Roster in the 60kg class.

Texas A&M Judo has been selected to host the 2010 National College Judo Championships, and have 15-18 tournaments, including two they are hosting here, scheduled for the spring 2009 semester.

Men’s Water Polo

Water Polo is a tough sport to play. It requires incredible teamwork and athletic ability. The Aggie Men’s Water Polo team practices 4 days a week to achieve this. Each practice involves swimming warm-ups, followed by leg workouts, followed by shooting drills. If that isn’t enough to wear the players out, the rest of the practice is spent scrummaging. This hard work and dedication lead the Aggies to a strong 9th place finish at nationals this year. This performance topped last year’s finish in 13th place. Cameron Glass, one of the club officers, said that “a good water polo player is someone who is already a good swimmer and has a good concept of team sports...can be taught the skills needed and develop into a very good water polo player.” The Men’s Water Polo team also runs half of Kyle Field Clean-up after each home football game. This is a very profitable fund raiser for the club. The future is looking bright for Men’s Water Polo.

Water ski

The Texas A&M Water Ski team recently traveled to nationals in Arizona, where they placed 4th as a D2 team. Brent Norwood, a senior on the team, placed first in each of the three individual water ski events: slalom, trick, and jump. This locked up a first place overall finish for Norwood as the men’s D2 overall winner. The team has competed in three other tournaments this semester in Louisiana and Texas, and is getting ready to hold their annual Polar Bear tournament in the spring at Lord’s Lake.

Water ski has had a tremendous growth in membership lately, and currently have 50 members who practice at Lord’s Lake, which is about 20 miles from the Texas A&M campus. During the winter offseason, the team is planning to fix up some of their team equipment: replacing the side curtains and waxing the surface of their jump ramp.

The next Sport Clubs meeting is February 2nd at 7:30 in Room 281.