UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Lacrosse vs. Texas State @ Penberthy 8
Baseball vs. Sam Houston April 11 @ Brazos Valley Bank Ballpark
Baseball vs. Sam Houston April 12 @ Brazos Valley Bank Ballpark
Men's Soccer Alumni Game April 18 @ Penberthy Sports Complex
Baseball vs. Baylor April 18 @ Brazos Valley Bank Ballpark
Baseball vs. Baylor April 19 @ Brazos Valley Bank Ballpark
Archery – DOINKER Texas Shootout April 23-26 @ Penberthy Sports Complex
Women's Soccer 7 v 7 April 25-26 @ Penberthy Sports Complex

In the National Spotlight

Many of the sport clubs spend most of their year gearing up for their club’s respective national tournament. Several teams have been to nationals recently, including the Pistol, Texas Ag Elite, Taekwondo, and Handball club.

**Pistol** travelled to Fort Benning, Georgia for the 29th Annual National Rifle Association’s (NRA) Intercollegiate Pistol Championship. Pistol tournaments consist of five events, with team and individual divisions for each event. The Texas A&M Pistol Team sent teams in three events, and all together seven students qualified individually. The standard pistol team, placed third in the nation!

**Taekwondo** nationals were held this year at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island on March 22. Five team members medaled in the color belt division, and two team members medaled in the black belt division.

**Texas Ag Elite**, a competition cheerleading squad, placed third in the National Cheer Association Nationals, which earned them a bid to Worlds. Worlds will be held at Disney World in Orlando, Florida in late April. Texas Ag Elite will compete against cheerleading squads from 26 different countries!

**Handball** competed at the 57th US Handball Association (USHA) National Collegiate Championships at the University of Minnesota February 18-22. The club traveled with 19 members to Minneapolis, MN. Combined the club placed 6th overall with a score of 1342 in the Division 1 standings. The Men’s team placed 3rd and the Women’s team finishing 7th.

Clubs in the Hunt

**Men’s & Women’s Volleyball** will be at the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) National Campus Championship Series (NCCS) April 9-11 in Kansas City, MO. The Women’s Division I team enters the tournament seeded 5th, while the men are seeded 18th.

**Men’s & Women’s Polo Team** are attending the United States Polo Association National Intercollegiate Championship April 6-11 in Charlottesville, VA. The Men’s Polo club will be defending their National title from 2008.

**Women’s Water Polo** is seeking a bid to the Collegiate Water Polo Association Women’s National Collegiate Club Championships May 1-3 at the University of California-Davis in Davis, CA. The club currently holds the #2 seed for the Texas Division Championships at the University of Texas in Austin, April 18 & 19. The winner of the tournament will receive a bid to the Nationals in May.

The **Women’s Rugby Club** will be making the journey to Sanford, FL for the USA Rugby Sweet Sixteen Playoffs April 17 & 18. The club is hoping to advance to the final four May 1 & 2.
Sailing

The Sailing Team is having one of the best outings they have seen in years. The sixteen-member team has participated in six sailing events already this semester as well as six in the fall. In addition to traveling, the team hosted the Aggie Fall Regatta in November and an additional two regattas this spring, including the Harris Kempner (co-hosted with Texas A&M Galveston) and Barnyard Bizarre in March at Lake Bryan.

The team practices twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. until nightfall out on Lake Bryan. Practices consist of practice races, as well as, drills dealing with tacking, jibing, and other sailing terms that are foreign to most. Although, don’t let the lingo scare you, the club welcomes all levels of sailing and even those who have never left the shore.

On the competitive side, team members compete in the Southeastern Intercollegiate Sailing Association (SEISA), which includes schools such as, the University of Texas, University of Kansas, Oklahoma State, University of Oklahoma, Texas A&M Galveston, and University of South Alabama. The club concluded the 2008-2009 conference season finishing fifth at the SEISA Dingy Championships. This was an improvement of seven places from last year’s twelfth place finish. The club is looking to placing in the top four at the championships for a berth at semi-nationals.

In addition to sailing, the club also participated in the Big Event held this past March.

Texas Ag Elite

The Cheerleading World Competition is hosted by the United States All-Star Federation and the International All-Star Federation. There are about 40 countries that are represented in this event, and it is held at Walt Disney World in Florida on April 24-26, 2009. Our own Tex Ag Elite will be one of the squads competing there. Getting a bid to worlds is a big deal, and Tex Ag Elite received their bid at NCA nationals in February, where only the top teams in the country got an opportunity to accept a bid. The all-women squad is very excited about their opportunity to compete internationally, and is hoping for a successful weekend in Florida this month. A&M Sport Clubs wishes them the best of luck!

Community Service

Sport Clubs at A&M are great for students. They allow for us to be involved in an athletic organization and teach valuable life-skills. Not only are they good for their members, they are good for the community. Many of A&M’s sport clubs participate in community service projects through-out the year. The bowling club volunteers to coach a youth bowling league. The Men’s Rugby club travels to Casa Hogar, an orphanage in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, where they do service work as well as hang out with kids. The club was also scheduled to host a Rugby Challenger match this past March but was canceled due to weather. The club hopes to organize this event next spring. Also, the sailing team recently participated in Big Event, where they did a service project in the Bryan/College Station area. The pistol team has participated in Big Event for the past two years. In addition the Pistol team participated in a soccer tournament that benefits a group called Full Hearts, which helps out the same orphanage in Nuevo Laredo that the men’s rugby team visits. Thanks to all of the sport clubs that have been serving their community!

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

⇒ Now accepting summer & fall '09 facility reservation requests for practices and tournaments.
⇒ Now accepting applications for Sport Club of the Year! The deadline is May 1st. Please submit applications to Keith Joseph.
⇒ Club status meetings will be held from April 13-23. Please see Keith or Jessica to schedule an appointment.
⇒ The new club officer meeting will be April 20th @ 6:30pm in Student Rec Center room 281. The President and Treasurer are required to attend.