By Marlene Wong

Victory! 2011 is the year our sport clubs can properly show the entire campus and community how successful they have been in competitions. Over a span of roughly thirty years of the Sport Clubs Program’s existence, our clubs have claimed the titles of over 140 national champions, 250 conference champions, and hundreds of individual tournament champions. The crazy part of it all is that our program has not had the opportunity to showcase our competitive successes to the public.

Our Executive Director, Dennis Corrington, has supported the Sport Clubs Association’s desire to build a trophy case on the second floor of the Student Recreation Center, near the Archery Room. Thousands of people walk into the Rec on a daily basis, and most people have no idea what actually happens behind those Sport Clubs Office doors. Often, new club members and staff will walk into the office and are struck by the grand array of trophies displayed around the room. The Sport Clubs Association is grateful for the addition of a beautiful trophy case, and we encourage you to stop by the Rec to learn about our clubs’ competitive histories.

By Haley Hunter

Recently the Texas A&M Women’s Rugby Club competed at the High Desert Tournament in Albuquerque, NM Oct 15-16. The team has been working extremely hard all semester to be prepared for the upcoming season, which showed in their tough play throughout the tournament. Despite their efforts, they lost to both the University of New Mexico and Colorado University on Saturday, but claimed a victory against the New Mexico State Aggies on Sunday. This tournament was a great experience for old and new players to not only test their fitness at a high elevation, but also against other tough teams from out of state. The large amount of new players on the team, who have played a variety of sports in the past, now have a new understanding of the endurance and intensity it takes to compete at the top level of collegiate rugby. After this tournament the team has become closer and they are ready to get back to practice. The team looks forward to competing at the High Desert Tournament again next year. The clubs next match is Saturday, Nov 5th verses Texas Tech at 10 at the Rugby Pitch.
The Pistol Team, like almost every tradition at Texas A&M, has its roots in the Corps of Cadets. Cadets would train with service pistols in preparation for combat. The way the Team functions today can be accredited to former Air Force Fighter Pilot Major Curtis Burns'52. Major Burns coached the team from 1974-2008. During that time his disciplined training and commitment to excellence took the team to multiple national competitions. It also laid the foundation for what the team is today. A diverse organization that gives men and women Aggies an opportunity to better themselves as individual shooters and members of team deeply attached to this University. Although competing is always a blast, safety is paramount. At no time do we allow exceptions to be made to our range safety rules and regulations. EVERY person who steps into the range is given a very thorough briefing on our pistols, equipment, processes, and procedures. We take great pride in the fact that there has not been a shooting related injury in the Pistol Team in over 35 years and we plan on keeping it that way. The club is hosting their Fall Invitational Saturday, Nov 4-5 in the Trigon and Read Air Range.

Sport Clubs Can Drive Nov 1-Dec 6 2011

As the holidays are quickly approaching, the Executive Committee would like to donate canned food to the Brazos Valley Food Bank on behalf of the Sport Clubs Association. We are inviting your sport club to participate in a CONTEST! Starting November 1st, your club will have the opportunity to donate cans to the Sport Club Office.

Here are some contest guidelines:

- **Contest Dates:** 11/1 – 12/6
- **Where to drop off cans:** In the boxes near the tv in the Sport Clubs Office (anytime the Rec is open)
- With a sharpie, **write your club’s name on the can** to indicate it was donated by your club.
- There will be a tally sheet on the table. **Please tally how many you’re donating. Be honest, Aggies.**
- There will be a **prize** for the club to donate the most cans by 12/6.

We encourage your club to bring cans to the Sport Clubs Association meeting on Monday, November 7! Prizes will be announced at the meeting.

**Thanks & Gig’em!**

**SPORT CLUB OF THE MONTH SEPT:**

**Water Ski**

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