On February 25th, the Texas A&M Powerlifting Club held their 6th Annual Aggie Showdown at the Texas A&M Student Recreation Center. This event drew lifters from all over Texas ranging in ages from 15 to 65; unique to Powerlifting is that competitors may be affiliated with a school or be independent competitors registered with USAPL (USA Powerlifting). Lifters competed in Squat, Bench Press, and Deadlift in specific divisions (High School, Collegiate, Open, Master, and Raw) and weight classes. The A&M club had eight team members who participated in the meet and qualified for the National Collegiate meet in April. Hosting a meet of this caliber helps to get the name of Texas A&M Powerlifting out to the rest of the lifters in Texas. Not only is it a huge fundraiser, but it also brings a lot of support from the powerlifting network across the entire country. Extensive event planning definitely paid off: this was the biggest meet the club has held to date! The club is seeking to host the event again next year.

- Sarah Renaghan

On Saturday, March 25th, the Texas A&M Competition Squad hosted its first annual Mini Camp. Girls between the ages of six and thirteen were invited from around the Bryan/College Station area to attend a day with the Competition Squad at the Student Rec Center. The girls learned various cheers, chants, and a dance all created by members of the squad. They were also taught proper jump techniques, participated in games, and put on a performance for their parents at the end of the clinic.

We had so much fun with these girls, and it was great for us to get to teach them a sport we all love. They reminded us we can take a break from the seriousness of practice and just have a great time! For our first Mini Camp, there was a great turn out, and hopefully it will continue to grow each year. Not only did we enjoy our Saturday with these girls, but we were able to raise over $600, which brings us that much closer to NCA Nationals in Daytona, Florida. The squad would like to thank the girls’ parents for this opportunity and for letting us spend a day with their kids. We had a blast! Pictures from the Competition Squad’s Mini Camp will be posted on competitionsquad.tamu.edu.

- Haley Cox

Budget Allocation Presentations will be held March 19-21, 2012
Texas A&M Football may have said goodbye to the legendary Texas A&M v. t.u. rivalry, but the spirit of tradition is strong as ever in the Ice Rink. While for various media outlets a sweeping victory by the Texas A&M Ice Hockey team against “that other place down the road” may not garner the same attention as a last minute football loss, those of us here at Sport Clubs are proud of the Ice Hockey Club for soundly sawing ‘em off, short. In addition, during that weekend of games, President Loftin was in attendance and joined the team on the ice after the game to help the team “saw off” Varsity’s horns. Along with sweeping the University of Texas 6-0 over the season, the Aggies finished ranked as 12th in the Western Region. They finished the season with a 21-22-1 record, with 19-1 against other Texas schools. Try outs for next season are set to begin in April. Gig ‘em Ags!

- By Matthew Dobbs, with information from Aubrey Berkowitz

Apply to be a member of the Executive Committee for 2012-2013!

What does the Executive Committee do?
- Budget Allocations
- Minor Infraction Hearings
- Sport Clubs Association Meetings
- End of Year Event
- Newsletters
- Philanthropy Event (i.e. Can Drive)
- Outreach to liaison groups
- Behind the scenes planning

How does it benefit you?
- Great résumé builder
- Understand the managerial side of Sport Clubs
- Balance multiple schedules and deadlines
- Work as a team to make plans and decisions
- Directly affect problems your clubs face
- Bring your own ideas to the Sport Clubs program and initiate plans

Applications due March 26 to Marlene Wong (mwong@rec.tamu.edu)

Tyler Hoffman’s Suggestions for your Club’s Budget Allocation Presentations

- Don’t exceed your allotted presentation time (10 minutes and 5 minutes for Questions & Answers = 15 minutes total)
  - Don’t ask for more than what you need
  - Be early to your presentation
  - All officers are to be familiar with the presentation and submitted packet
    - Dress professional
    - Smile!

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