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Program Schedule

April

- 7 Oratorical
- 9 Business Meeting
- 14 Baseball
- 21 Dinner At Park
- 28 Boyd McLaurin

May

- 5 Lee Peterson
- 12 Business Meeting
- 19 Frank Silvestry
- 26 Stan Smith

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Optimist Park News

As you know from our first newsletter the club is involved upgrading most of the facilities at park. Upgrade suggestions were offered by Optimist members and the work has begun to attain those goals. The following is an attempt to update the upgrade progress. There has been a great deal of work done by many Optimist members. In an attempt to recognize work and effort I don't want to miss the opportunity to ex-

press to the club what members are achieving in their effort to contribute to the progress of upgrading our park. Also I don't want to miss anyone and apologize ahead of time if I have overlooked someone (or company). Field #2 (**Joe Donaldson Field**) has seen a complete renovation. The field has had all the grass replaced with new sod, new sprinkler heads installed, expanded and renovated dugouts, new

concrete pads for new bleachers that are on the way, new bases, and resurfaced infield area and pitchers mound. Field #3 (**Ken Malcolm Field**) has had more dirt and clay added to the infield area. The resurfacing of this field has improved drainage. This field also received new bases. Field #1 (**Archie McRimmon Field**) was in fairly good shape and it received new bases also.

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Next Week and Night Meeting

March 11th our first night meeting was held at 6:30 at the Clinton Inn. There were some conflicts for some members due to another member leaving town (we all wish the very best for David Stone) and ball-games. Some members that couldn't attend daytime meetings were there as well as a couple of guest.

There were 32 members present; our club averages 38 to 42 at most meetings. Not bad for the first night meeting.

Next week April 7th our lunch meeting will be held at the ballpark. The American Legion is having a fundraiser to support their baseball program. We will

have BBQ plates delivered to the park. This will also give any of you who haven't been to the park to take a look at what's been going on. I look forward to seeing you there, it will be a business meeting and update the upgrades going on at the park.



WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

This is our second newsletter and the website has been up for a month and a half. It is my hope that the club will become more accustomed to using this site. I invite all ideas that can help it become a viable tool for the club. The two work together in that the newsletter is downloadable off the site. For those of you who have a computer you will be able to read and or download it from the website. If you have an e-mail address and it is not in the directory you will be able to post it on the message board or you can e-mail it to me at champs123@adelphia.net. For those of you who don't use a computer it will sent to you regular mail.

The newsletter is a tool to keep everyone informed, especially for those great Optimists who can't make the lunch time meeting. Events, programs, news, fundraiser updates, membership news, etc. will be included—there is much to learn about this process and hopefully it will improve as we go along. Committee and fundraiser chairmen need to relay all news so that it can be included as well as any news that any Optimist may have concerning the club and its' members.

This is not a job I am interested in keeping. **My title is that of interim editor**

(which means temporary). **I hope someone will step up and take on this very important job.** As the newsletter evolves it will become an invaluable tool for the club. Ideally there needs to be an editor and an assistant editor. Website duties could/would include ballpark schedules (umpires, concession stand, ballgames, scorekeepers, maintenance). Event schedules, scores, fundraiser schedules and duties, optimist meetings, notices, news among many other items.
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HELP WANTED

League commissioners—the club needs some new folks to consider being commissioner of one of our leagues. There will support and mentors at the park most of the time. If interested contact Phillip at the meeting or give him a call (384-3888).

Editor and assistant editor—The website and the newsletter needs a couple of people willing to keep everything updated. If you have any interest or any questions concerning what is involved in this job contact Ron (280-4788).

SPRING FUNDRAISER UPDATE

The spring fish/shrimp fry is just month away. The new kitchen should be ready by then. At the next meeting we will update the club where we are and when tickets will be available. It will be on May 11. If you are not on a committee for the fish/shrimp fry and are able to help day or night we will see that you get a job and are given instruction on how to do it or better yet show up and go to work. We are in dire need for help on the clean up committee. That group starts at 7:00pm and cleans up the mess made during the day. If we have 4 to 6 people this job would only take about an hour. Tommy Brigman heads this commit-

tee see him if you can help. Chairpersons for the fish/shrimp fry: Jim Weaver, Phillip Hayes, and Ron Riggins

Our other spring fundraiser includes the candy sale headed by Phillip Hayes; the details of this are outlined in the baseball committee news portion of this bulletin.

These fundraisers are of vital importance to the financial stability of our club. The more everyone pitches in the less work it is on everyone involved. Except for running the park there is no more fundraising until October.

JOKE

Chairman of the Board

Resolving to surprise her husband, an executive's wife stopped by his office. When she opened the door, she found him with his secretary sitting in his lap. Without hesitating, he dictated, "and in conclusion, gentlemen, budget cuts or no budget cuts, I cannot continue to run this office with just one chair

Baseball Committee News

Chair-Phillip Hayes

The baseball drafts took place during the third week of March. The turn out for players was similar to last year.

7&8 year old park-7 teams
9&10 year old park-10 teams
11&12 year old park-8 teams

The candy is in for the candy sell-Monday April 4th is team mom night. All Optimist who can help sell candy are encouraged to see **Phillip** and sell twice as much as you think you can. All Optimist can try to sell at least one box. Chocolate kick off is Tuesday April 3, 2005.

HEAD OF UMPIRES IS STILL NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON
Also weekly park commissioners are needed-no experience necessary (these positions are not that diffi-

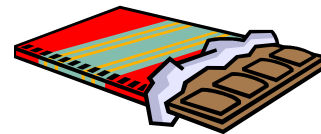
cult to learn we need some new folks to step up to plate-see **Phillip** for details on how you can contribute.

In the next month we will be putting together committees for the upcoming regional tournament in late July. If available to help July 21-26 post it on the forum on the website or contact **Phillip Hayes or Ron Riggins**; we can find something to do for anyone interested in being involved. This is a marquee event for our club as well as Laurinburg!

"The committee would like to thank all those who helped with sign-ups, try-outs, paperwork, drafts, schedules for practice fields, and other duties that have been accomplished in getting the season started."



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2005 Essay Contest Winners

Each Year Optimist International sponsors an Essay Contest designed to give young people an opportunity to express their own opinions about the world in which they live. This year the topic was, "The Power of One."

At its regular meeting on March 17th, 2005, the Laurinburg Optimist Club honored local winners with a dinner, cash prizes, and medallions. Those receiving awards were Rachel Hughes, Jennifer Davis, and Thomas Brigman.

Rachel, the daughter of "Bear" and Becca Hughes, took first place with the gold medallion and \$100 cash prize. Jennifer, the daughter of Kevin and Judy Davis was second with the silver medallion and \$75 cash prize. Thomas Brigman, the son of Tommy and Patty Brigman was third with a cash prize of \$50 and the bronze medallion.

Judges for the event were Betty Myers and Carol Whitehead, retired Scotland

County teachers, and Carl Bennett, retired professor emeritus from St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

Earl Truelove and Elbert Patton, co-chairs of the local successful completion of the Essay Contest year after year.

Rachel's essay has been submitted to the next competition at the district level and we wish her every success.



2005 Essay Contest winners

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Jennifer Davis,
and Thomas Brigman.

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JUST ASK---

Would you like to become a bona fide certified Optimist?

Purpose of the Optimist Club

- To develop optimism as a philosophy of life;
- To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs;
- To inspire respect for law;
- To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people;
- To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of man, his community and world.

Membership Drive

It was announced at the beginning of January that the club was instituting a membership drive. Membership is the driving force behind the growth, strength, prosperity and ultimately the continued success of this outstanding civic organization. The membership drive consists of a contest of sorts like in past years. The net goal for this year

is a net gain of 10 new members. A weekend at Myrtle Beach, a Caribbean Cruise, and a year annual dues are the items up for grabs. Each sponsor of a new member will get a name in the hat for each person that is sponsored. The drawing will be held on July 31st. I challenge each member to bring a guest (potential new member) to the

meeting once every month or two. It would have great benefits for our club and the individual.

Anytime you are around someone that you think could be, would be or is an optimist then ask—JUST ASK--- Would you like to become a bona fide certified Optimist?

Caught on the Fly

Recent Stuff and Other Stuff

Caught on the fly.....

Russ Adams starting at shortstop for the Toronto Blue Jays, **Frank Adams Jr.** winning big time golf tournaments; what's in the water at **Frank and Cathy's** house (or is it the chocolate). We root for their continued successes.

Stan Smith and his wife Leslie have a new baby boy, **Creighton James.** Congratulations!

Canady's (the bug people on Atkinson St.) treated the ground for termites before pouring the

concrete for the kitchen. **Mike Little** (the gen. mgr.) did it on his time and for no charge. Thanks Mike

Congratulations to Tommy Britt and the baseball team at Scotland High School. They won their Easter tournament and are having a great season. There is no team on Scotland High's schedule that is looking forward to playing them. They should be as strong or stronger next year.....**GO FIGHTING SCOTS!!!**

Brent Butler is with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He is

working his way through the minor leagues. Good Luck Brent.



BASEBALL ITENARY

APRIL 23RD-
JAMBOREE (opening day)

ALL TEAMS
ALL FIELDS
ALL DAY

Park News - Continued from page 1

New sod was also installed around most of the area leading up to field #2. The club needs to make a new habit of parking behind the pylons, and not by the old concession stand. Thanks!

A new well has been completed that should be able to handle the irrigation needs of all three fields.

The bathroom upgrade is half completed. Plumbing work has been done for the addition of toilets in the ladies room as well as moving the hand sink. A new concrete pad and block wall leading to the bathrooms and connects to the concession stand has been completed. We are waiting to hear from Ken Adams and Mohawk concerning the installation of ceramic tile for the floors. The fish room/meeting room/storage room construction is about half completed at this time. The foundation was dug, new plumbing installed, concrete foundation poured, storage room walls and doors finished, block walls with pillars constructed and the

initial part of the ceiling are done as of this writing.

Wilson Golf Course Construction Company is responsible for work on the fields, sod installation and the concrete finishing work for the bleachers, batting cages, bathroom pad, and floor in the new kitchen. Their company made considerable contribution to our club project. More on that later. The baseball committee (chaired by Phillip Hayes) has overseen the field project. **Phillip, Dean, and Jim Ellis** have been instrumental in making sure that the field project is well done. **Jamie S.** helped a great deal with the concrete purchase and the new bleachers for field #2. **Starner Plumbing** has been responsible for our many plumbing needs. Renovation of the ladies room, all the plumbing for the new kitchen, handling new and existing irrigation concerns and working with the company that installed the well. These projects were overseen by **Robert Starner**. Their

company made a large contribution to our project as well.

The Construction of the new kitchen, storage room, meeting room, a portion of the bathroom upgrade, and the renovation of the dugout roofs are the work of **Johnson Brothers Construction Company** and the job is being handled by **Randy Johnson**. The kitchen is still being built with the goal of all work being finished by the start of baseball season. This Company is also making a considerable contribution to our project.

Along with folks mentioned above our club owes a great deal of gratitude to **Archie and Joe** who constantly keep an eye on what's going on at the park and accomplish more things there for the good of the club than could possibly be mentioned here--
-THANKS GUYS!

I know I missed some stuff. Whatever and whoever I missed please let me know and I will recognize it in the next newsletter?

Schedule of Events

AFTERNOON MEETING
AT THE PARK ON
APRIL 7, EATING BBQ
FROM THE AMERICAN
LEGION

ZONE MEETING IN
WHITEVILLE APRIL 18

EAST DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING IN-
GREENEVILLE - APRIL
29-30 AT THE HILTON

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd - Dave Stone
- 1 8th - Brooks Gains
- John Wittington
- 20th - Ron Riggins
- 26th - Tommy Wright
- 30th - Phillip Hayes
- Aaron Hodge

Presidents Comments

I am excited by everything that is going on at the park. It looks like our season is stacking up a lot like last year. Same amount of teams at the same parks. It is amazing to me to see how this all comes together. The committees are accomplishing there jobs. It is

my goal to grow some of these committees. More members need to learn the ropes. Being involved is giving to our local youth, inspiring them, educating them and helping them become better young boys and girls. It creates new learning opportunities

for you as a person and great fellowship among our members. Please remember the membership drive--there is power in numbers and prizes for new member sponsors.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL THE TAR HEEL FANS AND ALUMNI—

NON FANS ARE IN FOR A LONG YEAR

The Optimist Creed



Promise Yourself - -

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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