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Ally Horinek's 77 paces Union County golf to third at State

Individual qualifier Jeremy Herum fires an 86; finishes in top half of Class AA

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Augusta - Ally Horinek shot a five-over-par 77 - not enough for the fourth best score in Class AA and leading Union County to its second consecutive third place finish at the Class AA State Championship tournament last Monday, hosted by Applewood Golf Course.

Union County, who doesn't have a senior on the team, finished 13 shots back of first place Vidalia High School, who claimed its fourth consecutive State Championship.

In second was Wesleyan with a 152 and the Lady Panthers were third with a 161.

Two shots back of Union was Bremen at 163. Gordon Lee rounded out the top five at 171.

Wesleyan's Elisa Yang took home the individual Low Medalist trophy with a 69.

Grace Wischmeyer also finished in the top 10 individually with an 84. Megan Rowe was 22nd with a 90 and Maddie Horinek was 26th with a 93.

"These ladies have had a great season and they did a great job representing Union County with the 8-AA Region



The Union County Lady Panthers golf team along with Coach Greg Chambers placed third at State for the second straight year.

Championship and a third place finish behind the defending four-time State Champions, Vidalia and The Wesleyan School," said Union County Golf Coach Greg Chambers.

Other 8-AA schools participating in last week's State Championships were Social Circle (T-13th place, 206), Rabun

County (16th place, 213), and Oglethorpe County (17th place, 214).

Next year Union will make the jump to Class AAA where they will join a region that includes Greater Atlanta Christian - ninth in Class AA and Lumpkin County - 15th in Class AAA.

At the Class AAA State

Tournament, the top three individual scores are tallied for the final total, whereas in AA, only the top two scores are counted.

On the boys side, Jeremy Herum qualified individually for the Class AA State Championships where he finished 41st out of 95 golfers with an 86 at Belle Meade Country Club in

Thomson.

Bremen's Tyler Lipscomb received individual Low Medalist honors with a score of 69.

Representing 8-AA in the boys tournament was Rabun County (10th place, 347) and Social Circle's Josh Craig, who finished in 91st place with a 116.



Jeremy Herum

Joining Union in Region 7-AAA in 2017 will be Class AA State Champion GAC. Private schools dominated the Class AA boys tournament by taking the top four spots.

In the Class AA girls tournament, private schools only accounted for four of the top 10 team scores.

Mountain Gymnastics Center brings home 10 State titles

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The month of April was filled with outstanding achievements from the Mountain Gymnastics Center (MGC) competition team.

As a team, they had 10 girls return home as State Champions and had a total of 15 State Championship titles between the 10.

When the athletes compete at the state-level, each child is divided into age divisions based on their date-of-birth to ensure that athletes of similar ages are competing against each other. As the athletes perform their routines they are being scored out of a maximum of 10 points. The individual athlete's scores from the four events are added together to figure the all around (total) score of the meet; the maximum score gymnasts can attain is a 40.

The Level 3 team attended the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) State Championships in Carrollton where Avery Frechette was crowned State Champion on vault with a score of 8.85.

Lola Patton brought home three State titles as she finished



MGC Southeast Regional Qualifiers

first on the balance beam with a 9.175, first on the floor exercise with a 9.4, and first in the all around competition with a total score of a 36.00.

The AAU Xcel Silver team attended the AAU State Championship in Carrollton and finished with impressive scores and places.

As a team the Silver athletes brought home six individual State titles. Ella Matheson finished first on the floor exercise with a score of a 9.375, Alana Stowers placed first on the vault with a score of a 9.45, Josie Poston took home the State title on floor with a score of 9.025, Isabella Wells finished first on the

vault with a score of a 9.325, first on the floor exercise with a score of a 9.325, and finished first in her age group with an all around combined score of a 37.025.

Kaitlynn Tant placed fifth on the beam with a 9.3 and finished fifth in an all around combined score of a 36.10. Also, Bre Kailyn Arp was runner up on bars with a 9.525, and Madison Pelfrey had a showing on bars with a score of 9.15. As a team the AAU Xcel Silver brought home the fourth place trophy.

The AAU Xcel Gold team was the next to compete at the AAU State Championships in Carrollton and they finished with some very excellent scores and

placements. Annalyse Kiernan was runner up on the bars with a wonderful score of a 9.1, Kiersten Queen was runner up in her age division on the vault with an impressive score of a 9.275 and bars with a 9.2, Hana Gregory was the runner up for bars in her age group in an outstanding score of 9.5 and Jacey Lee had a good day on floor with a 8.65.

The AAU Xcel Bronze team competed in Evans for their State Championships. As a team they brought home three individual titles along with some very impressive scores. Kendall McClure was state champion on the balance beam with the score of a 9.425 and Taylor Jenkins was

not far behind her with a great score of 9.225. Reese Chambers gained the State title of the vault with the score of 9.3 and on the floor exercise with an outstanding score of 9.7.

The Level 2 team attended the AAU State Championship in Evans, as well. Sailor Fain was third upon the bars in her age division with an amazing score of a 9.4. Emma Schutte was named champion on vault with a wonderful score of a 9.45 and was also runner up in the all around competition with an overall score of a 36.25. Nevaeh Leopold and Millie Banks also attended state competition with outstanding work on Bars with an 8.75 and

8.3 respectively.

The United State of American Gymnastics (USAG) Xcel Gold team had an exceptional performance at their State Championships in Woodstock.

Sofia Swartz is the State Champion in her age division on the bars with a score of a 9.35. Caymin Thompson was the runner up on the uneven bars with the score of a 9.375 and on the floor exercise with a 9.325. Erin Raper was the runner up on the balance beam with a score of 9.375 and in the all around competition with an overall score of a 36.775.

Evelyn McBride was named the runner up on the uneven bars in her age division with a score of 9.45 and finished third all-around with a 36.6. Mia McCombs and Jordan Swanson filled out the USA Gold Team and finished with All-Around scores of 35.75 and 35.8 respectively. All six members of the Xcel Gold team have qualified to compete at the Southeast Regionals.

Mountain Gymnastics Center is proud of all the hard work the athletes have put in this season! Way to go girls!

Battle of the Sexes Charity Golf Tournament June 16th

Battle of the Sexes Charity Golf Tournament sponsored by Butternut Creek Ladies Golf Association and Butternut Creek Golf Course will be held on Thursday, June 16, registration and breakfast at 8 a.m.; Shotgun start at 9 a.m. sharp; cost \$45 per golfer.

The top six low net winning team will each receive a round of golf at Butternut Creek Golf Course. Checks and registration form must be received by June 13, 2016.

Lads colors are blue and white, Lassies colors are red and white (in celebration of Flag Day, June 14th). Tee Box: Lads white tees; Lassies green tees.

Pairings will consist of either two lads or two lassies who will play net better ball. While

you may be playing with your spouses in the foursome, scoring of the Battle will consist of taking the net better scores of all Lassies pairing, against the net better scores of all Lads pairings. Lads or Lassies will be announced as the winner during lunch.

Come out and support Union County! Profits will be donated to a local charity determined by the Ladies Golf Association. A trophy will be displayed in the Pro Shop displaying the winning team.

Lunch consisting of hamburgers/hotdogs, potato salad and baked beans will be served in the banquet room.

Contact Sharon McClure at 407-718-5969 or Karen Musoline at 352-638-3649 for further information. NTMay25,Z14,CA

Free Seniors Fishing Rodeo and Family Fishing Festival

Mark your calendars! Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery located in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains on Rock Creek Road off GA Hwy. 60 near Suches will host a Seniors Fishing Rodeo on Friday, June 3, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for adults ages 55 and older and a Family Fishing Festival on Saturday, June 4, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for youth ages 16 and under.

The events will take place rain or shine and are free to the public. Participants must bring their own fishing gear and bait and register upon arrival. All Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations will apply. There will be free lunch and prizes each day. Additionally, there will be exhibit booths and a scavenger hunt for youth and families on Family Fishing day.

Rock Creek will be stocked with many beautiful trout. All other non-eligible fam-

ily members are encouraged to try their luck at fishing after 12 noon each day for remaining stockings. Everyone come on out for the fun! Friends of the Hatchery, Trout Unlimited, and many other loyal volunteers make these events possible.

For more information, please contact Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery at 706-838-4723. NTMay25,Z15,CA

National Trails Day Saturday, June 4

National Trails Day is Saturday, June 4th. Kemmy Garrett, with TVA and Andy Ladd with Union County, will be at the new trails out at the Dam to give a guided tour. They will be giving basic information about the building of the trails and why and how this project came to be. The walk through will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 4th.

Seniors dominate UCHS' 10th annual U-lympics



The Union County High School's year-long contest known as the U-lympics culminated last week with the Class of 2016 taking home the gold. The U-lympics are a competition between each grade that judges the entire class based on the performances of individuals. The students are not only judged in athletic prowess, but academics, behavior, school spirit, lowest library/lunch fines, and other factors throughout the school year. The senior class is usually victorious, however they haven't come out on top every year. This year marked the 10-year anniversary of the U-lympics and the freshman class gave the seniors a run for their money - finishing in second place. The winners in each category are as follows: Grade Point Average - seniors; Attendance - freshmen; Discipline - seniors; Improvement - freshmen; Spirit Day (float) - seniors; Spirit Day (dress-up) - seniors; Spirit Day (participation) - seniors; Library fines - freshmen; Lunch fines - seniors; Academic Cup - seniors; Athletic Cup - seniors. Photo/Todd Forrest



The Union County High School gymnasium was jam-packed Friday morning for the U-lympics' athletic events. School spirit was at an all-time high as students cheer on their classes' participants while they compete against representatives from other grades. Photo/Shawn Jarrard

It's time for

FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

Sign-ups at the Union County Recreation Department!!

Ages 7-11 can sign up now through June 24th
(Cut off for ages is August 1st)

Football Registration Fee: \$100
Cheerleading Registration Fee: \$105

Sign up online at meekspark.com
or in the Recreation Office, 310 Wellborn Street

For more information call the Recreation Office at 706-439-6074