

Ball Clubs Filing Early Entries For Tournament Here

Seven baseball club entries have been received here for the forthcoming California Baseball Tournament, which will start Aug. 3 in Torrance City Park, according to Dale Riley, coordinator appointed by tournament sponsors, the Torrance American Legion.

At a recent meeting of the California Baseball Managers Association, which Riley attended, it was indicated that some 30 or more ball clubs would file for entry. Only 16 of these will be accepted, Riley said.

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Jackson's First Heat Homer Puts Thriller On Ice

"Old-timers" of the Torrance horsehide all agree that they witnessed what was perhaps the most thrilling baseball game ever played in the local park Sunday when the Torrance American Legion club fought the San Pedro Independents to a 1-0 victory.

The winning tally was chalked up in the first inning when Hal Jackson drove out a 340-foot home run with two away. The ball was lost over right center field.

Hurlers Gar Johnson of TAL and San Pedro high school's sensational Saggiari faced each other on the mound throughout the game. Johnson took a swing at 35 San Pedro batters during the thrill fest, walking one, striking out two and allowed six scattered hits.

Saggiari tossed to 30 TAL bats and allowed only four hits. Bob McNeil, TAL right fielder, again led the locals in hits, getting two for three with Buck Kuhn and Hal Jackson receiving the other two. Louis Briganti and Clair Johnson rejoined the home club to strengthen their forthcoming entry into the California Non Pro Tournament to be played here starting Aug. 3. Batteries: Saggiari and Guglielmo. Johnson and Hicks.

TOWNSEND CLUB

The Torrance Townsend club conducts a regular meeting of the group tomorrow night in the Men's Bible class bldg., Ethelyn Vorhis, secretary of the club, announces that refreshments will be served.



HE'S A SOUTHPAW . . . Tony Contreras (above), unorthodox lightweight from Wilmington, will fight Richard Jones of Los Angeles in the main event of the amateur boxing show at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow (Friday) night. First preliminary begins at 8:30 p. m.

Contreras To Meet Jones In Bowl Friday

A triple main event, featuring four of the finest lightweights and two promising featherweights, will headline the amateur boxing show at the Wilmington Bowl tomorrow (Friday) night.

Tony Contreras, of Wilmington, the unorthodox southpaw fighter from Jack Sasser's new boxing stable, will engage Richard Jones, a hard-knocking, boozing young slugger from Los Angeles main street gym, in the climax fight of the eight-bout show. First preliminary will begin at 8:30 p. m.

Joe Villalobos, a Wilmington feather, squares off against Felix Ayala of Los Angeles, and Duke Christner of Bellflower, the lanky, long-armed blond who fought last week's main go, draws Steve Rosas of Santa Monica in other feature bouts.

Promoter-matchmaker Joe Craig, who in the past two months has had his boys performing before average crowds of 2500 spectators at the Bowl, continues his return to the fistie spotlight reminiscent of the late 1920's, has a long list of promising preliminary bouts, with Charles Rodriguez of Lomita, a lightweight, a probable participant if he gets into shape.

Rodriguez has been in training with the Harbor A.C. at the Bowl recently, and if he's ready he will make his debut.

Others expected to appear are Joe Pollete and Pete Negrete, San Pedro Filipino boxers; Bob Scott and Pete Mendoza of Watts, and a promising middleweight, Pat Williams, of Terminal Island Naval Base.

Aquaplane Races, Water Carnival To Be Revived

Revival of Hermosa and Manhattan beaches' famous aquaplane race and water sports carnival was announced today by Frank Champagne, newly elected president of the Catalina Island, Manhattan-Hermosa Beach Aquaplane Race Association.

While a hangover of wartime restrictions will prevent the cross-channel race from Catalina this year, an along-shore race has been scheduled for Aug. 11, Champagne announced. The race was last held in August, 1941. The course will parallel the curve of the South Santa Monica bay shoreline from Redondo Beach to the El Segundo pier, he said.

Water sports, in duglennBF2 Water sports, including championship dory and swimming races and diving events, will be held Aug. 9 and 10.

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Frank Kuhn Stricken With Heart Attack

Frank Kuhn, popular announcer of the Torrance American Legion ball games at the local park for the past several months, is reported confined in the Long Beach Naval Hospital, where his condition is said to be serious.

Kuhn, who became the victim of a heart ailment more than two years ago, was once quite active in playing baseball, and in recent years became a familiar figure on the diamonds as an umpire.

Following his first heart attack, Kuhn kept his hand in the sport by taking over the microphone, and did a professional job in announcing the plays. His illness for the past two years has prevented him from working at any occupation.

Kuhn is the father of TAL's Buck Kuhn, popular center fielder who brings a lot of joy to the "old man" when the kid gets a hit.

Everyone misses Frank Kuhn, and if it develops that his third strike is called by the Great Arbitrator, Frank, having judged many players on the last strike, will not register a squawk as to his decision.

Torrance Swings Into Third Place In P.V. Drive

Addition this past week of the name of Henry F. Ulbright to the list of Torrance golfers taking annual memberships in the Palos Verdes golf course, sent Torrance into third place in the standings of towns, and Chairman A. H. (Slim) Silligo, who heads the drive here, announced that five other candidates are expected to sign this weekend, thus putting Torrance into second spot, trailing only San Pedro in the number of players. Torrance now has 20 players on the roster.

Silligo, in announcing the new list, said today that as soon as the membership deal becomes effective, plans would be made for an annual Torrance City tournament and inter-city matches would be arranged with players from Redondo, Manhattan, Wilmington and San Pedro.

Interest in the membership drive is growing rapidly, Silligo said, adding that he expects the membership rolls to be closed by August 1.

Effective July 1, green fees at the hills layout will be increased for non-annual members to \$3 per day, while the membership fee on a yearly basis will be considerably less. The increase is expected to reduce the number of players on the course, but at the same time, sufficient revenue will be obtained from the boost to maintain properly the course.

A long-rang improvement program has been outlined by the newly formed Greens Committee, which will join Bud Oakley, promoter in operation of the layout. George Eritts, of Torrance, former club champion, is chairman of the committee. Under the terms of the lease with the Palos Verdes City, the club will be operated on a non-profit basis with the entire net proceeds to be used for course upkeep.

FISHERMEN'S LOG

Fishing slowed up on Crowley Lake, although large Rainbow and Lock Leven are taken by trollers using minnows behind Dave Davis' spinners.

Gull and June lakes are improving with many 1 to 1 1/2 lb fish taken. Silver and Grant lakes have given up a few three to five pound trout. Walker Lake producing good for trollers and fly fishermen. Good catches of large fish being made in Owens River Gorge on minnows.

STRIPTEEES

By John P. Stripling

"With, or without an Orchid to friend or foe, I'll Tee an opinion wherever it may go"

"ARKY" JOE GETS IN . . . Before 2500 baseball fans at Gilmore Field Saturday, "Arky" Joe Waters demonstrated his ability to get out of a jam, which is perhaps his most sensational qualification on the mound. Waters took the mound for the All-City team in the fourth inning against the C.I.F. outfit and allowed the first C.I.F. rally by letting Dick Faber of Orange knock him for a triple which tallied when Joe's team mate fumbled a grounder off the next C.I.F. man's bat. The Torrance high school hurler then, as always in the past, settled down to business to strike out the side.

During his three-inning share of the All-City glory, Joe allowed only one hit and struck out seven to top the seven pitchers used for both teams.

From this meet, which ended in a 5-4 victory for All-City, two stars were selected to represent this district in national boys' games in the east this summer. And as if you guys didn't know by now, Joe is one of them. The other one comes from down San Diego way and is a third sacker by the name of Charles Norman, who means nothing to you fans here, but from our seat at the game he had plenty on the ball.

Joe turned down this offer Sunday night and signed a contract to play with the Cincinnati Reds at their Ogden, Utah, farm. He left Tuesday to join the club, which is a member of the Pioneer League.

AMATEURS IN CONDITION . . . We have become quite a customer of Joe Craig's sock arena in Wilmington each Friday night, and do declare that on the whole these amateur fights are far superior to any we have seen in the past 25 years of viewing the Simon-Pures. The thing most responsible for these better than average amateur fights, which should cite something or other to the rest of the amateurs, is that most of the boys are in good four-round condition.

Give us the man in condition in these inexperienced set-tos, for such will eventually mark his ability. You can spot condition in a fighter the moment he crawls into the arc lights, and if he is not out-weighted or over-matched, the odds are all his.

The bout between Bobby Corkhill and Richard Jones two weeks ago will bear witness to condition. Granted that Corkhill has a strong jaw, it was condition that kept him from going down under the hard-hitting negro's seasoned attack. Bobby lost the fight, but all agreed that if the time-keeper had slept 30 seconds beyond the last round, Jones would have lost—and this ordinarily would have been a mis-match because Jones was far superior in skill.

Yes, sir, it's a game of condition. If they're not in top form, the promoter is stealing your money, men.

Legion Will Present Show Tuesday

Torrance American Legion comedy team; Johnny Romero, singer; Val Sewald, dancer and singer, and an animal act. Proper identification will admit veterans and their families. "It's your show, vets, and our part in the Welcome Home celebration," Commander James Brodie said.

DEER ON HIGHWAY

Motorists vacationing in the mountains are asked to protect wild life by watching for deer on the highway, in order to stop in time to prevent killing of innocent deer.

Revolver Club Announces High Scores Here

The Torrance Police Revolver Club lists five top shots for the week ending June 25. All scores were recorded on the Police Course here, with 38 caliber revolvers being used.

Name	Strings	Average
E. Ashton	3	282
L. Berry	2	276
E. Miller	3	246
M. Skokoe	2	225
A. Thompson	2	248

L. Berry was high man for the week with a slow fire possible. Secretary Ernest Ashton announces that members other than police officers are accepted into the organization and urges all persons interested in revolver target practice to contact him at the Torrance police station.

Joe Waters Turns Down Times Bid; Signs With Reds

Joe Waters, prize hurler of Torrance high school during the last season's play, has turned down an offer to go east and play in the "Brooklyn Against the World" ball game as a result of his contributing victory over the C.I.F. Saturday at Gilmore field.

Waters has signed a contract with the Cincinnati Reds to play with their Ogden, Utah, farm in the Pioneer League. His contract calls for a \$1500 bonus and will be renewed upon acceptance to the majors.

AIR MAIL

In 1944 the airmail operations of the Post Office Department returned a profit to the government of \$29,000,000.

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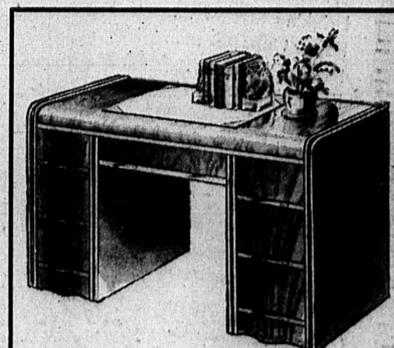
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