

Man enjoys camaraderie of competition

by STAFF SGT. RICHARD GLYNN

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — Coast Guard Reserve Lt. Cmdr. Malvin E. Harding is on the competition road once again after earning a berth on this year's 18-man military team, which is currently training here to compete in the annual Confederation of Interallied Reserve Officers pentathlon in Oslo, Norway, Aug. 7-9.

The son of Lois Dyal of Sandy, Harding, 37, along with other pentathletes from Reserve and National Guard units across the nation, will be pitting their skills against those of their NATO colleagues from 10 nations.

The three-day competition is comprised of five events, which include running a 500-meter land obstacle course, swimming a 50-meter obstacle course, firing the host nation's pistol, rifle and submachine gun in the marksmanship phase and a combined skills portion that includes map reading and grenade throwing.

A training officer for Coast Guard

Reserve Group Unit 4, Portland, Harding feels the Norwegians will be the ones to watch this year.

"The Norwegians, especially one veteran team, should give us the most competition," Harding said. "One of the veteran Canadian teams and a couple of the French teams will also give us some stiff competition."

"Most likely, we'll put three to four teams in the top ten, and all our teams should come out in the top 20. We have usually taken the individual shooting trophy and have a good chance at the overall marksmanship award. For me, I've historically been a strong competitor, though my weakest point is the tension and the anxiety level of the competition. I do not often shoot my best due to competition anxiety."

The competitions are hosted each summer by one of the NATO nations. Last year, the competition was held in Rome and rotates between the CIOR member nations of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Denmark, Greece, France, Canada, Belgium, West Germany, the United States and Norway. But competition

isn't necessarily the name of the game. Harding said camaraderie also plays a major role in the event.

"This is the high point of my year," said Harding, a plant nursery owner in Tualatin. "It's tough to find a group of individuals with so similar a pattern of values and eccentricities. The education and experience level of the older competitors is usually very high and many interesting and varied discussions occur each year. I've met some of my best friends through CIOR."

"I've become acquainted with numerous officers-competitors from the other participating nations. This is my yearly opportunity to see them and find out what they've been doing. Other benefits are, of course, the travel and the military information and training I receive. As a Coast Guard officer, I get little exposure to how life is in the other Reserve forces. In CIOR, I'm exposed to information and current developments in the other services, and I couldn't maintain my orienteering and marksmanship skills without CIOR."

Harding has competed in CIOR events since 1973.

He and his wife, Bonnie, have a son, Brady, 7.



Malvin Harding has been competing in pentathlons since 1973.

SUHS class of 1960 to hold 25th reunion

The Sandy Union High School class of 1960 is holding its 25th year reunion on Aug. 10 at the Mt. Scott Inn, 12000 S.E. Stevens Road, Portland.

The evening will begin with cocktails and conversation at 6 p.m. with a buffet dinner to follow at 7:30 p.m. Reservations need to be made no later than July 30 by sending \$25 per couple or \$12.50 per person to: Janet Spaller Fox, 7028 S.E. Renda St., Milwaukie, Ore., 97267.

Overnight accommodations may be made by calling the Sunnyside Inn toll-free at 1-800-547-8400, or, in Oregon, call 1-800-452-6254.

There are a number of classmates who have not been located and provided with this information, or given the opportunity to contribute highlights for a newsletter.

Those classmates include Roger English, Bill Ermatinger, Darlys Thomas, Dave Hiebert, Roger Hoffman, Ed Hill, Ruth Lundgaard, Judy Kurz, Ron Moore, Elaine McDonald, George Coleman, Marty Ashbaugh, Russ Caba, Susan Douglas, Ernest Hollenbeck, Marilyn Mahaffy, Jon Bennett, Kathie Miller, Larry Parker, Michelle Spring, Nadene Walker, Hal Holman, Joan Stamper, Bob Moore, Al Baker, Bernie Barlow, Mick Blackwell, Deana Epling, Trisha Freeman, Alan Hartley, Carol Lemke, Cathy Linn, Pat Lundsten, Bud Kerr, Ben Flynn and Anna Stone.

Please call Janet Fox at 659-4002, JoAnn Guma at 255-3509 or Patty Whitlock at 668-4821 for more information.

Area people attending Adventist Conference

Sandy Seventh-day Adventists are among the 15,000 to 18,000 persons who have been attending the 107th

annual Oregon Conference Camp Meeting in Gladstone.

The meetings, held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, deal with the theme, "Knowing Jesus Better."

There are classes for infants through senior citizens focusing on Bible inspiration, prayer, Christian writing, literature evangelism, God-controlled emotions, health issues and coping with family stress.

There are interpreters for the deaf and special services for Spanish-speaking people. This camp meeting, one of the largest annual conventions in the state, is open to the public and will continue through Saturday, July 27.

Used book store opening planned

The grand opening of the Ethridge Used Book Store, Sandy, will be Saturday, July 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Singers to perform Aug. 1

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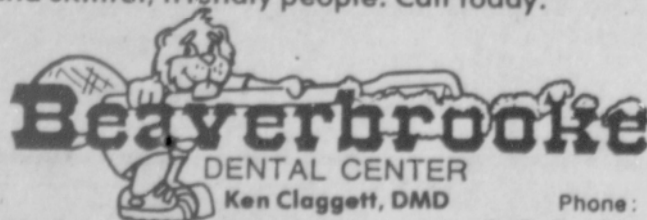
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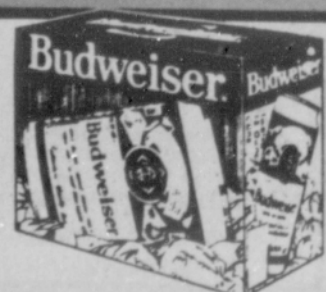
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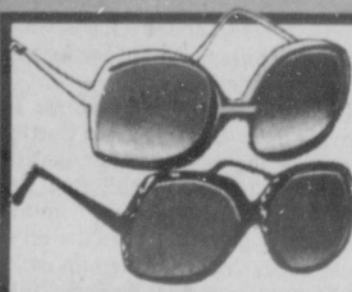
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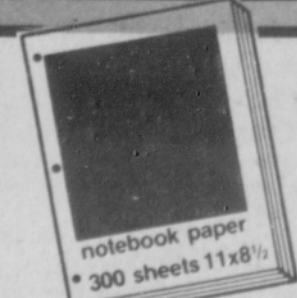
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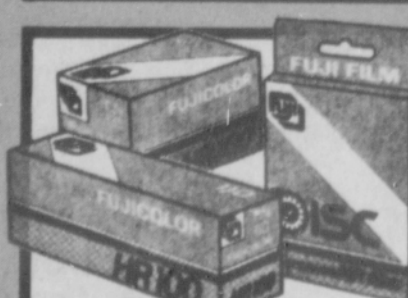
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