

DRAGON BOAT Barbarians, Dragons top Bora festival

The Singapore Barbarians and BGC Stormy Dragons emerged as big winners in the recently-concluded 10th Boracay International Dragonboat Festival in Boracay.

The Barbarians won the women's 500-meter and 250-meter standard boat and mixed international standard boat titles while Stormy Dragons took the women's and masters 250-meter small boat diadems.

About 21 teams, including five from Boracay, three from Metro Manila, two from Cebu and one from Dumaguete, participated in the event supported by the Philippine Sports Commission, Skyjet Airlines, Coca-Cola, Powerade, Jack Daniels, 2GO and the entire community of Boracay.

"Through the years, the Boracay dragonboat races have gained a name for themselves as the event to attend among the dragonboat community worldwide," said Gigi Pit of the organizing Boracay Island Paddlers Association (BIPA).

"Hence, the Boracay races are the most well-attended by foreign teams in the Philippines making them the biggest annual international sports event in the country. It is only in Boracay where they participate with increasing number of paddlers each time."

GOLF

Despite a 73, Day still up by 4

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AFP) — World No. 1 Jason Day battled through horrid putting conditions and a poor start Saturday to fire a one-over par 73 and lead by four shots after three rounds of the US PGA Players Championship.

Players ripped the greens as all but unfair as TPC Sawgrass produced only six sub-par scores, matching its all-time low for any round and sparking major complaints from the world's top golfers.

"I've never gone over putts where I've had to lag a 10-foot putt and not try to hole it," Day said. "That's the first time in my career I've had to do that."

"It's not a lot of fun to have to try and two-putt from 10 feet. I never got really comfortable on the greens at all."

Third-ranked Rory McIlroy was even harsher, saying, "That was borderline unfair on a few holes. A few pin positions were on crowns. You dribble a putt past the hole and it's six feet by."

Day seeking his second wire-to-wire victory of the season and seventh title in 17 starts, finished 54 holes on

14-under 202. "Some of the pin locations were just a little bit iffy with how the greens were," Day said. "It's supposed to be tough I guess. It was a drastic change from Thursday and Friday. I was very shocked."

Day opened with a 63, matching the 18-hole course record, and completed a weather-hit second round of 66 on Saturday to set a 36-hole record of 15-under 129.

But after going bogey-free through 36 holes for the first time in his career, Day had a bogey and two double bogeys in the first eight holes of round three before fighting back with three birdies the rest of the way.

"I feel good about my game. I have to focus on the positive. I've got a 4-stroke lead," said Day, who has won his past four events when leading after 54 holes.

Japan's Hideki Matsuyama, Germany's Alex Cejka and American Ken Duke shared second on 206 with Italy's Francesco Molinari on 207. South African Retief Goosen and American Kevin Chappell shot 70 to reach 208.



Fil-Australian Jason Day reacts to a missed putt on the 14th green during the third round of the Players Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. (AP)

SURFING

Catanduanes Reef Break set

Surfing, longboard, and skateboard competitions are among the events slated in the 2016 Catanduanes Reef Break slated May 20 to 21 at the Puratan Beach in Baras, Catanduanes.

The event, a brainchild of the late Ezra 'Tisoi' Efondo, is held annually since 2014 to promote the sports-tourism industry through surfing and skateboarding as a jumpoff point and

to provide funds for local surfers. A surf clinic and a music festival are also scheduled in the annual event through the Surf4Ezra.org which was founded by Efondo's high school batchmates.

Registration fee for the surf competition is ₱500, while the skate competition is pegged at ₱1,000, inclusive of one event shirt, one bottle of beer, all-access event pass, and meal.

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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of July, two thousand fifteen.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10813]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JABONGA, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multi-species freshwater hatchery in the Municipality of Jabonga, Province of Agusan del Norte.

SEC. 2. Within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species freshwater hatchery, the BFAR shall, through a memorandum of agreement, transfer its management to the local government unit concerned. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the multi-species freshwater hatchery.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the establishment of the multi-species freshwater hatchery, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the management and operation of the hatchery.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision and monitoring, and the transfer or withdrawal, by the BFAR of the multi-species freshwater hatchery.

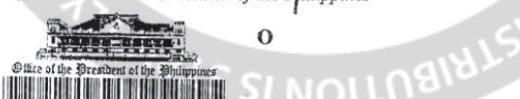
SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
FRANKLIN M. DRILON, President of the Senate
FELICIANO BELMONTE JR., Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives on May 19, 2015, amended by the Senate on February 1, 2016, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on February 1, 2016.

OSCAR G. YABES, Secretary of the Senate
MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP, Secretary General, House of Representatives

Approved: MAY 11 2016
BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines



BASKETBALL

2 Fil-foreign stars reinforce Blustar in PBA D-League

By CHRISTIAN JACINTO



PMA Cadet Mary Pauline "Pawli" Fornea, a member of the Philippine Navy-Standard Insurance cycling team, will be leaving for the United States soon after being admitted to the prestigious US Naval Academy in Annapolis. Fornea holds the PMA record for the fastest 3K run for plebes and has been a consistent dean's lister at the academy.

Filipino fans will finally get a chance to size up the highly-touted Fil-foreign stars of the ASEAN Basketball League in Jason Brickman and Matthew Wright when they suit up for Blustar Detergent in the PBA D-League Foundation Cup which starts on June 2.

Both Brickman and Wright are key members of the ABL champion Westports Malaysia Dragons headed by Filipino coach Ariel Vanguardia.

The two PBA prospects were instrumental in Malaysia's ABL title run, with the 6-foot-0 Brickman, a Fil-Am from Texas, emerging as Most Valuable Player of the five-game finals beating of the Singapore Slingers with 22 points in the decisive 77-65 win in the rubber match.

Wright, who hails from Toronto and born to a Filipino mother, is no slouch as well as he was the ABL's ASEAN Heritage MVP after averaging 23.1 points, 4.2 rebounds and three assists during the season.

With the two leading the way, the Dragons can definitely make some waves in the D-League despite the absence of imports Reggie Johnson and Calvin Godfrey.

"We are looking to develop our Malay-



JASON BRICKMAN MATTHEW WRIGHT

sian locals that's why we are joining the D-League. We want to expose them to competitions outside of Malaysia," said Vanguardia. The entry of the Dragons completed the seven-team cast of the Foundation Cup which for the first time will be played in a double round robin format in the eliminations, before getting the top four teams for the semis.

Defending champion CafeFrance and Aspirants' Cup champion Phoenix Petroleum remain as the teams.

Also taking part are Caida Tiles, Tand-uay Rhum, AMA Online Education and Mindanao Aguilas return for the league's season-ending conference.

TENNIS

Baran, Bayking shine in age-group tilt

Top seed Karl Baran overpowered Al Francis Andrade, 6-2, 6-4, to capture the boys' 18-and-under crown while Bliss Bayking bagged two girls' titles in the Palawan Pawnshop-Palawan Express Pera Padala regional age-group tennis tournament Dumaguete leg at the Praxevilla and Silliman Tennis Club yesterday.

Baran went through some anxious moments before beating No. 5 Reyniel Marcellanam 7-5, 6-4, in the semis to seal a title clash with the unranked Andrade, who nipped fellow giant-killer Ibarra Ortega Jr., 6-4, 1-6, 10-8, in the other semis pairing in the lower bracket.

The top La Carlota, Negros Occidental, however, defaulted his final match with Ortega in the 16-U to preserve his energy.

Bayking, on the other hand, pulled off two tough wins to lead the winners in the

girls' category of the Group 2 tournament sponsored by Palawan Pawnshop and presented by Slazenger.

The 14-year-old rising San Carlos City star hacked out a thrilling 5-7, 6-2, 10-6 victory over Averille Sacapano to clinch the 14-U plum then scored a repeat over the Boracay bet, 7-6(1), 6-1, in the 16-U finals to emerge the lone double winner in the event backed by Asiatraders Corp., exclusive distributor of Slazenger, and sanctioned by the Philippine Tennis Association headed by president and Parañaque City Mayor Edwin Olivarez.

Sacapano atoned for her twin losses to Bayking by taking the premier 18-U crown with a 6-0, 4-6, 12-10 victory over Precious Coderos while top seed Alexa Milliam romped off with the 12-U diadem with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Arean Pecaoco.



Karl Baran (left) and Bliss Bayking hold their trophies and medals.

Miocic wins UFC heavyweight title

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Stipe Miocic of the United States has beaten Brazil's Fabricio Werdum in front of his shocked home crowd and is the new UFC heavyweight champion.

The American fighter used his boxing expertise to knock out the Brazilian in the first round of UFC 198 in Curitiba, Southern Brazil on Saturday.

Miocic, an Ohio firefighter, has won six of his past seven fights.

Werdum had won five straight fights, highlighted by a win against Mark Hunt for the interim title and then a submission victory against Cain Velasquez in a unification bout.

The bout was scheduled for February until Werdum pulled out with injuries and forced a postponement.

The event was held in front of a sold-out



Alaska Milk President/CEO and Sunrise Events, Inc. President Wilfred Uytensu, wearing a white Alaska shirt, joins other bikers in the Alaska CycleAsia Philippines held yesterday at the SM by the Bay grounds

at the Mall of Asia. On its third year, the event features the Challenge Ride of 40km and Community Ride of 20km ride, Tricycle Ride and the Kids Ride.

THE EVENT WAS HELD IN FRONT OF A SOLD-OUT crowd of 45,000 fans at Arena da Baixada.