

POPS Nationals

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Ft. Bragg, NC



All American Parachute Team

82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION
BOX 67- FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28307



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Hi POPS,

The 82d Airborne Division Sport Parachute Club invites you to attend the largest and best POPS Nationals ever.

Plans are for 3 accuracy jumps (3600'); 1 hit & rock. 2 three man stars for time (7500'). Over-all winner will be determined from all four accuracy jumps. All jumps will be made from UH1H helicopters. If time permits we will attempt to get an all POPS 10 man.

Dates are as follows: Friday 16 August: Practice jumps beginning at 1:00 PM on Sicily DZ. Registration at the 82d clubhouse 7:00 until 9:00 PM. Please have medicals and USPA cards. Entry Fee: \$20.00. There will be free beer Friday night and a banquet Saturday night.

Competition will begin at 9:00 AM 17 August on Sicily DZ.

We do not have firm on-Post housing at this time due to the influx of ROTC, NC, and Reserve summer training. However, there are adequate motels in the local area.

Please feel free to contact us with any problems. Oh yeah, there will be camping areas at the club or on the DZ. See Ya.....

Bobby Wrenn
BOBBY "SPIDER" WRENN
POPS # 679 D-459

Veteran Parachutists' Competition Scheduled

Best Results

'POPs' Meeting Held At Bragg

Contestants from all over the United States traveled to Ft. Bragg's Sicily Drop Zone for the "POPs 74" Parachute meet sponsored by the 82d Airborne Division Sports Parachute Club.

POPs (Parachutists Over Phorty), now number 792 and had only 45 present for the meet but the number of POPS jumping didn't seem to dampen spirits as the first aircraft load of contestants lifted off to begin accuracy competition.

Each individual jumped a total of six times in the competition, three times for accuracy, once for the "Hit and Rock" competition, and twice from 7,500 feet the "Hit and Rock" competition, and twice from 7,500 feet in three man teams for relative work competition.

The "Hit and Rock" jumpers had to land as close to the disks as possible which were used for accuracy events, remove his equipment, touch the disks and un to a nearby rocking chair where he starts rocking. Time started for him as soon as he hit the ground and stopped when he reached the chair.

In the relative work, the

teams were timed upon their exit from the aircraft until the three jumpers formed a star.

Standings in the overall competition: 1st place, Bobby Frierson, from Denmark, S.C.; Second place, George Cacher; third, Andre Ellen.

In the accuracy competition, Bobby Frierson again took top honors with Pat Moorehead second and Carl Miller third.

Lewis Schroeder of Detroit, Mich. won the "Hit and Rock" event with a time of 7 seconds. Second place winner was Jimmy Godwin, 8 seconds and third place went to George Cacher with a time of 8.7 seconds.

The team of Daniel Wolkow, Bobby "Spider" Wrenn, and William Edge jumped into first place in the relative work event with a total time of 28.4 seconds for their two jumps.

Requirements to be a POP are preferably a member of the United States Parachute Association and over 40 years of age.

Some 70 POPS (Parachutists Over Phorty) will compete this Saturday and Sunday on Sicily Drop Zone in competition sponsored by the 82d Airborne Division Sports Parachute Club.

The competition opens three-weekends of jumping on the Sicily Drop Zone with the Conseil International Du Sport Militaire (CISM) parachute meet, and Leapfest following on consecutive weekends.

The POPS meet will begin 9 a.m. Saturday and conclude at 6 p.m. the following day. The parachutists, each more than 40-years-old, are scheduled to compete in accuracy and relative work events. The three-man relative work teams will be working against the clock to link-up while in free fall.

Another event, the "hit and rock", will time the jumpers from the time they hit the ground to taking a seat in a near-by rocking chair. Camping will be available for families on the drop zone during the weekend.

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POPS MEET SCENES - A parachutist drifts down at Ft. Bragg's Sicily Drop Zone during POP's (Parachutists Over Phorty) competition there. Below left, commentator Bob Hunt heads for the racing chair while Mike Flannery, lower right, sits in the chair during the "sit and race" contest. The POP's session opened three consecutive weekend of jumping at Ft. Bragg with the Commo International Du Sport Military (CISM) parachute meet this weekend and the Labor Day Leapfest following. The CISM meeting will pit teams from 18 nations in accuracy and style competition. (Staff photos - Johnny Horne)

Bob Hunt Pope 788 N.C.

Mike Flannery Pope 698 N.C.



HIT AND ROCK—Staff Sergeant Richard (Dick) Jones, POP from the 1st Battalion Airborne, 320th Field Artillery "rocks" after "Hitting" during the POPs (Parachute Over Forty) Parachute Meet at Sicily Drop Zone Aug. 16-18. "Dick" and his three sons put on a jump demonstration for the gathered spectators. Sunday was also Dick's birthday and marked the first time that he and all three sons had jumped together. (U.S. Army photo by SSG Miguel A. Perez)

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POP's competition really 'rocked'

by Specialist 4 Lowell Ihm

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POPs (Parachute Over Forty), now numbering 772 people in the organization had 45 present for this meet, but the number of POPs jumpers didn't dampen their spirits as the first aircraft load of contenders lifted off to begin the first round of accuracy competition.

Each individual jumped a total of six

times in the competition, three times for accuracy once for the "Hit and Rock" competition, and twice from 7,500 feet in three-man teams for relative work competition.

The "Hit and Rock" jumpers had to land as close to the disks as possible which were tied for accuracy events, remove his equipment, touch the disks and run to a nearby parking chair where he started timing. Time started for him as soon as he hit the ground and stopped when he reached the chair.

In the relative work, the teams were timed upon their exit from the aircraft until the three jumpers formed a star.

Standings in the overall competition are: 1st place, Bobby Frierson, from Denmark, South Carolina. Second place went to George Fisher and third to Artie Ellis.

In the accuracy competition, Bobby Frierson again took top honors with Pat Moonhead second, and Carl Miller third.

Lew's Schroeder of Detroit, Michigan won the "Hit and Rock" event with a time of 7 seconds. Second place winner was Jimmy Godwin, 8 seconds and third place went to George Cacher with a time of 8.7 seconds.

The team of Daniel Wolkow, Bobby "Spider" Wren, and William Edge jumped into first place in the relative work event with a total time of 24.4 seconds for their two jumps.

"TOP POP" Bob Rhyme of Flint, Michigan said, "Everyone out here is very close together, even though they came from as far away as California for this meet. All the old die hards keep coming back to the meets along with new people coming in every day, who are very strong, competitive jumpers, membership is world wide."

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Meet Results

PARACHUTISTS OVER FORTY SOCIETY



UNITED STATES PARACHUTE ASSN.

BOB RHYNE

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THIS DATE 17 AUGUST 1974

Bob Rhyme
TOP POP

"Ma" Jones







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