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Cooke's Black Ops event



Cooke's Drive-In to host Black Ops Tournament

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It didn't take long to decide to report about the "Black Ops" tournament that will be held in Pleasanton, Aug. 13, right next to Cooke's.

The Tournament is hosted by Cooke's owner Doug Grant who feels that, if the tournament is a success, it may help to bring in outside revenue for Pleasanton.

Pleasanton teen, Logan Butterfield, actually chose which game the tournament would use. Butterfield said, "Doug approached me quite a while ago with the idea to hold a videogame tournament at the building next to Cooke's. I picked out the game, set up all the rules, the game settings, made the roster. During the tournament I'm going to be monitoring the players to make sure there's no cheating and that everything goes smoothly."

"Black Ops" is a first-person shooting game, which means the person playing the game controls his own screen and the different buttons on the gaming controller allows the player to aim and shoot his weapon.

First-person shooting games have taken the front lines in competition party games for the last decade. Within that time, organized competitions have been established and are now pushing toward, and already paralleling, some sporting events.

Butterfield said that he generally competes in first-



person shooting games because they are extremely popular, but has also been in tournaments for fighting games like "Street Fighter." Butterfield held 3rd in the world at "Soul Caliber 5"'s MLG (Major League Gaming) summer tournament. "Soul Caliber 5" is a weapon-based fighting game.

The arguments against these types of tournaments trickle down to the physical aspects.

However, electronic sporting already exists in our country. ESPN already reports on poker games, which require less physical movement than virtual gaming. (In fact, the less physical movement you have in poker, the better poker player you are.)

Tournaments for video gaming are set up all over the country, and local players from our county usually travel north to compete.

"We have the players to set up our own tournament

right here," stated Grant.

Butterfield commented that he travels to gaming tournaments. He said, "I have more experience than I like to admit... I've been playing competitively about eight years now. I've been in the top 100 in a couple of games and I've traveled as far as Denver to play."

With everyone networking through the internet and other forms of connection, those who are setting up the tournaments have been able to reach out to competitors they have met from out of our county. Friends they have met at competitions may be as willing to travel south as those from our county have been willing to go north.

The history behind the game that will be played at this particular tournament, "Medal of Honor: Black Ops," comes from story lines which correspond with actual battles that have taken place in famous wars.

The movements of video

In Game Screen Shots-Call of Duty

▲► Screen shot taken from "Call of Duty" to give an idea what the storyline of the game is like.

gaming systems have been to utilize multi-player technology. This allows groups of friends to get together to play on teams or against each other. The teams consist mostly of four players against four other players. These friendly get-togethers started as a social event, but with everything that has the possibility to create high competition, there is now a quest to see who the best is.

To all those would like to compete, here are a few key notes about this tournament. Game consoles, televisions and games will be provided on site. Players must bring their own game controllers. The game controllers are subject to administrator approval.

Registration opens at 9 a.m. Saturday and closes at

Turkey Track Fall Trap League begins

Thursday, Aug. 18 at 5 p.m.

Turkey Track Gun Club

Pleasanton, KS

Call Harvey for more information at

620-224-4241



11:30 a.m. All players should check in to the tournament on arrival.

Brackets will be posted at 12:15 p.m. and matches will begin at 1p.m.

Starting time of any match is not flexible. If a player arrives to the tournament area only five minutes before a match starts, that player will not get more than five minutes to warm up.

If a player wishes to participate in the tournament but is unable to make the registration cut off time, then you can call in advance and explain your situation. Call Doug Grant at 1-816-564-5961, or Logan Butterfield at 1-913-963-2054.



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▲ Art work from "Call of Duty Black Ops." This is the game used for Pleasanton's local video game tournament that is to be held Aug. 13.