



Guests join in the excitement during tabletop horse races, staged to benefit restoration of the rifle range pit from the Great War at Caswell Dunes.

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The Wall of Honor notes relatives of locals who served in World War I with photographs, clippings and other memorabilia. Interested persons may make contributions by contacting Norma Eckard at norma_lee@mindspring.com.

Derby Day

More than 50 people came out to support Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range Inc. Saturday during a Kentucky Derby-themed event at the Caswell Dunes clubhouse.

The circa-1918 rifle pit is one of the few left standing in the country, and is a stark reminder of the sacrifices American soldiers made going to Europe to fight in the Great War. Used for training, the historic structure is in need of reinforcement and repairs. It was once part of the larger Fort Caswell complex.

Attendees, dressed in their finest hats and garden party attire, bet on tabletop races and the derby and enjoyed a catered meal. Local merchants and restaurants donated items for the silent auction. Organizers also had notecards, prints, magnets and puzzles depicting the rifle pit.



Guests dressed their best for the garden-style party that raised money for preservation and restoration of the rifle range pit built in 1918.