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"Three to Get Ready" jazz trio of Paul Wood, Peter Borgia and Sam Falvo.

Bands were a hit at Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range Dinner, Derby & Dance fundraiser

It may have been hot but the bands were hotter.

Despite controversy regarding the Derby winner at Church Hill Downs, the unsung heroes of the Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range fundraiser on May 4 were the bands: Trilogy, Three to Get Ready and Jimmy on the keyboard.

Both bands and Jimmy offered the talents of music to the primary fundraiser for restoration of the World War I, National Historic Preservation site in Caswell Beach, the Honor a Brunswick County WWI Veteran and the future book to be published and placed in the schools and libraries. The rifle pit was once a training location for soldiers in defense of our country in 1918, until the end of the Great War and WWII. The site, long neglected, has been the beneficiary of grants, pro bono services and fundraising dollars for eight years.

The bands providing entertainment for the Derby Day event donated their costs to the cause. Peter Borgia of Three to Get Ready, Jimmy Maglio of Trilogy and fellow band members kept the audience on its feet for the four-hour Dinner, Derby & Dance at the fire station in Caswell Beach.

Representing various genres of music, the event began with the smooth jazz sounds of Three to Get Ready and concluded with a rock 'n' roll journey to the sounds of Trilogy. During the dinner hour, Jimmy Maglio and Paul Wood enhanced the dining experience with a piano and saxophone duo.

Besides the musical event, there were Best Hat and Best-Dressed Couple contests. Richard and Jean Malinofsky won for Best-Dressed Couple; Pat Rizzo won Best Hat, Female; and David Smith won Best Hat, Male. A 50/50 raffle, Kentucky Derby betting, themed baskets for the silent auction, and a fantastic buffet hosted by Turtle Island Catering completed the evening festivities. More than \$2,000 was raised.

Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range are grateful for generous contributions of sponsors, the town of Caswell Beach for use of the public facility building (fire station) and the support of those who attended.