

SPRD helps Sisters get golf-ready

Warm weather and clear skies have ushered in spring earlier than usual in the high desert, and to take advantage of this mild weather, Sisters Parks & Recreation District (SPRD) and Aspen Lakes have joined forces to bring golf instruction to the Sisters community.

Get Golf Ready is a program designed for all ages, and its aim is to bring golf to the novice golfer. This introductory program starts with the basics of the game to orient the new golfer into this lifelong sport. Basic skills and strokes are covered along with the fundamental rules of the game.

During the spring months, there are four programs offered over the course of April and May. Mid-April through May, Get Golf Ready, Get Golf Ready for Players 55-plus, and Couples Golf will meet one time per week for six sessions. Depending on the program, they start Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Participants pay \$49 for the six-lesson series and receive professional instruction from Aspen Lakes employees.

In addition, May is Women's Golf Month, and women who want to take up the sport of golf can join a small group with instruction for \$10 for five lessons in May.

Offered exclusively to the Get Golf Ready Programs running this spring, Aspen Lakes will provide clubs to

players who do not have any.

These small-group lessons are a good opportunity to meet like-minded golfers in the Sisters community. According to Aspen Lakes' PGA Professional Howie Pruitt, these programs are "a great way to connect with friends, family, and colleagues." Not only is golf an excellent way to connect socially, it is a great avenue of exercise, with the 18-hole course coming to nearly four miles in length.

To capture the social aspect of golf, a Community Fun Golf League has also been started and golfers of any skill level are encouraged to join. Teams will take to the courses at Aspen Lakes in June to compete lightheartedly throughout the summer. An entry fee of \$40 gets players access to Aspen Lakes golf course, reduced green fees, and end-of-the-year prizes. Happy Hour is also available after golfing. SPRD reports there have been a number of interested folks calling in and signing up for both Community Golf and Get

Golf Ready.

Golf is one new program SPRD has added to their recreation line-up for the spring and summer. The summer guide will be released during April, and new programs will be going up online, according to Sisters Park & Recreation District. For more information call 541-549-2091 or register online at www.sistersrecreation.com.



'Tis the season to get out the clubs and start swinging.

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School district hires exec search firm

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

The Sisters School District has hired an Oregon executive search firm to assist in its effort to hire a new superintendent. Jim Golden has taken the superintendent position in the Greater Albany School District.

The school board seeks to have a new superintendent in the saddle starting July 1.

The district is contracting with Window To Leadership (<http://window2leadership.com>), a government leadership training and executive search firm out of West Linn, for \$7,500 plus expenses.

"They've done a lot of this — including stealing Jim from us for Albany," said school board chair Don Hedrick with a chuckle. "They've got contracts all over. They will conduct all the community meetings. They believe in a heavy involvement — as do we — of

community members..." Hedrick said, "We hired a superintendent search firm because (hiring) a superintendent is one of the most important things we do, and we want to do it right."

Community members will get a chance for initial participation in the process next week.

The public is encouraged to attend the next Sisters School Board meeting on Wednesday, April 8, at 6 p.m. at the Sisters School District office. Board members would like the community's input regarding the qualities and priorities for the new superintendent.

A superintendent search committee will be formed at a later date, and community members will be invited to apply.

For more information contact board secretary Mel Petterson at the Sisters School District: 541-549-8521, ext. 4013.

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