



Outlaws skiers continue to ski clean in competition.

Outlaws schuss in slalom race

The Sisters High School Alpine Ski Team had their second slalom race of the season last Saturday at Mt. Bachelor.

The Outlaws boys team ranked seventh out of 13 teams competing. Individual placings were Sam Lewis, 31st; Lachlan Wood, 34th; and John Banks, 39th.

The girls team placed eighth in the team scoring.

Betsy Ausman placed eighth, Cammi Benson placed 21st, and Shae Gascon placed 49th.

“Everyone had nice clean runs. We have really been working on strength and technique, and it’s paying off on the slopes. All the kids are skiing better and better every race,” said Coach Kelly Davis Martin.

Next week’s Giant Slalom race is scheduled to be held at Willamette Pass Ski Area.

Equestrians swing into the saddle

Sisters OHSET athletes are ready to step into the saddle for another season of Oregon High School Equestrian Team competition. Sisters is part of the large (19 schools) Central District, stretching from The Dalles-Wahtonka in the north, Lakeview in the south, and Baker in the east. Central Oregon forms the western boundary of the district. The season consists of three district meets and a state meet.

The first competition is scheduled for February 19-21, at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center in Redmond. Remaining meets begin April 1, April 15, with the state meet beginning May 12.

OHSET events run for three jam-packed days and are free, with food and vendors present. English and Western disciplines, team penning, steer daubing, gaming and drill team are spread over the three days.

Friday sees the English classes and the evening culminates with the drill teams. Saturday has Western performance, cattle/team penning. Sunday is games day.

Sisters’ team, with 15 members, is likely to be in the large-team category. Coached by Lisa Allenbach and Samantha Fairfield, there are five seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and five freshmen adding depth to the team. For the first time in at least four years, Sisters is fielding a drill team, always a spectacle to enjoy.

Emma Nicklous and Rylee Hurtle are co-captains and lead a team with seven returning members. Seniors Isabella Allanbach, Cammi Benson, Ellie Chandler, as well as Nicklous and Hurtle, lend experience while sophomore Rebecca Rubbert and Summit transfer, junior Sophie Winter, round out the veterans.

Juniors Charlotte Barton and Brook Knirk, sophomore Erica Jeffrey and freshmen Karlee Bell, Dally Hurtle, Emily Ogan, Sarah Rubbert and Jackson Robinson are experiencing OHSET for the first time.

OHSET is a family and team sport. Many of the competitors don’t drive and you can’t exactly rent a bus to get the four-legged team members to the meets. So

parental support is crucial and creates a family-friendly atmosphere. Team members cheer for all, no matter what the outcome. The organization, which formerly flew under the school radar as a relatively unknown and unsupported activity, is now a fully integrated club sport. Team members earn letters and participate in schoolwide fundraising efforts.

Team advisor, Yvette Chandler, said the team appreciates the use of the large arena at SGF Sporthorse, the facility run by Samantha Fairfield. Practices started in December and continue through the season. Chandler also noted that Sisters veterinarian Scott Weems from Sisters Equine provided vaccinations free of charge to the team.

Chandler added, “I have high expectations for our Outlaw team this year. A lot of great talent and enthusiasm to try new things. Equally important, I see smiling faces and fun being had by all.”

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