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Dustin Kersavage swings during the 2016 Outlaw Open while Melvin Herburger looks on.

Tied Oregon race ends by rolling dice

By Kristena Hansen
Associated Press

PORTLAND (AP) — A roll of the dice this week determined which candidate in a tied race for a key seat in the state Legislature got the nomination of Oregon's Independent Party, the third-largest by voter count and the state's newest major party.

Republican Dan Mason rolled a six at the Capitol building in Salem Friday to beat his Democratic opponent Janeen Sollman, who rolled a three.

The bizarre resolution was necessary because Mason and Sollman won exactly 41 write-in votes each from Independents, who didn't have their own candidates to choose from, during the May 17 primary election.

Both candidates will still represent their respective parties on the November ballot for the House District 30 seat, but an additional nomination from the Independent Party could also help Mason and his fellow Republicans in the general election.

As the Independent

nominee as well as the GOP pick, Mason's name is now associated with another set of 104,600 registered voters, who make it the third-largest party and often vary in their political leanings. Independents are also the third major party in Oregon as of last year, and they held their first state-funded primary election last month.

The Hillsboro-area House seat is among the few Statehouse races without an incumbent candidate — Democrat Rep. Joe Gallegos decided not to run for a third term. Republicans hope to snatch it from Democrats and chip away at their majority. Democrats currently dominate both chambers, 35-25 in the House and 18-12 in the Senate.

Friday's tie-breaker was actually the second attempt to break the Independent Party deadlock between the two candidates.

Sollman won the first tie-breaker on Wednesday, that time using a deck of cards right after a ballot recount confirmed the tie.

Outlaw Open dodges weather

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"Mother Nature cooperated," said Brett Hudson of the 19th annual Outlaw Open.

The last of the 100 golfers who turned out for the fundraising golf tournament at Aspen Lakes was off the course before the skies opened up in a deluge. The team of Lawrence, Green, Green and Pope took championship honors.

The prestige of victory is always sweet, but the mission of the Outlaw Open is

something different: raising funds for athletic programs at Sisters High School. This year's tally is not yet in, but Hudson said that auction items went for good prices, which would indicate that this year's event will add respectably to the nearly two-decade tally of more than \$250,000 for Outlaw athletics. The event has raised \$30,000 since the Outlaw Booster Club began pairing The Outlaw Open and Hall of Fame Banquet, which will be held in September.

After the tournament, auction and dinner, the crowd enjoyed the music of High Street Band.

"They danced well into the evening and it was great," said Hudson, who both helped coordinate the event and participated as a golfer.

Hudson offered special thanks to Aspen Lakes, who has been involved from the beginning, and has donated the use of the course for all 19 tournaments.

"That's a big deal for them to give us the course for the whole day," Hudson said.

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