

# Golfers continue improvement

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On Monday, the Lady Outlaws golf team played at Broken Top. The course there is very challenging, and Cylie Lagao was the lone player to play the entire round. Lagao had an up-and-down front nine, and finished with a 59. She played a beautiful back nine, and lowered her score by seven for a 52, for a 111 total for the round.

Assistant Coach Phil Lagao said, "Cylie drove the ball better on the back nine, which set up easier approach shots into the greens. Broken Top is in great shape for this time of year and the greens were fast."

Emma Farley and Rose Williams only played the front nine. Farley shot a 53, and Williams shot a 77.

Lagao said, "Rose continues to work hard. She has only been playing for six weeks and continues to make improvement. We are so proud of her to go out

there and give it her all," said Lagao. "Emma had a good front nine with a couple of pars. She hit the ball great off the tee and putted well. She has a lingering knee injury and just couldn't play the back nine."

Summit took tournament honors at 371, and Bend was just one stroke back at 372 to place second. Crook County took third at 450. Sisters and Ridgeview both had partial teams and didn't post a team score.

Three days later, Lagao and AriAnne Griffey were the only two Outlaws that played at Meadow Lakes. Both players had a successful outing with Lagao posting a score of 112, and Griffey a 115.

Lagao shot a 68 on the front nine, and came back with a vengeance on the back nine. Cylie lowered her score by 24 strokes for a 44 on the back, for her best nine ever. Griffey was consistent the entire round with a 57 on the front nine, and a 58 on the back.

Assistant Coach Lagao said, "AriAnne had a very solid day. Her chipping around the greens was great and she drove the ball more consistently off the tee. She was able to avoid most of the water hazards during her round.

"Cylie had a very rough front nine where she found most of the water hazards that Meadow Lakes has to offer," added Lagao. "On No. 9 she made a long putt for bogey, and that seemed to get her confidence back. She made three pars on the back nine and avoided all the hazards. I was proud of the girls playing through the chilly conditions."

Teams scores resulted in a first-place finish for Summit (355), a second-place finish for Crook County (384), and third went to Ridgeview (474). Sisters, Bend, Mt. View, and Trinity Lutheran all were short players and were unable to post team scores.

The Outlaws will play at Aspen lakes on Thursday, April 20.

# Rotary track meet on tap for April 29

Work on the revamped track amenities at Sisters High School are on a go-fast schedule with the Rotary Invitational track meet set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 29.

A longtime and popular fixture of the track season, the Invitational was put on hiatus when the track closed. Completion of the improvements means local Rotarians and a cadre of community volunteers will don the blue Rotary vests and run the field events and the concession stand. Net proceeds from the concessions go to the track team.

The Rotary Invitational had its beginnings more than 20 years ago under the broad reaching scope of then-head-coach Bob Johnson. He was a star track athlete while at Oregon State University and had contacts all over the place, according to this year's meet co-organizer Mike Bidasolo. Johnson mentioned his idea to a Rotarian who brought it to the club members who in turn provided enthusiasm and support on the field and in the food stand.

For many Central Oregon

athletes, the Rotary Invitational is their only opportunity to compete in a large, multi-school track meet. At least 12 schools will have their colors on the field, with three athletes from each school per event.

The meet boosted the journey of several athletes who went on to great things. Ashton Eaton and current NFL player Kellen Clemens made their mark in Sisters, as did several future Division 1 athletes.

"We help make memories for the kids," current Rotary Club President Rand Reitmann said. "Also, one side benefit is to help the track team raise money for equipment upgrades and uniforms. That is what Rotary does - giving back to the community."

Sisters' prom is scheduled for the same evening, so some athletes may be running faster and jumping higher and longer in order to finish in time for that event.

If you're interested in helping out on the day, contact Mike Bidasolo, 541-419-3737. The only experience needed is enthusiasm.

# Boys tennis splits Molalla match

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The Outlaws posted wins at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles and doubles spots to split their match with Molalla on Tuesday, April 11.

Jonny Gurney (No. 1) dominated play in his 6-2, 6-1 victory over Eric Jones. Molalla's No. 1 player was not available, and so the freshman Jones stepped in to the spot.

"It would have been easy for Jonny to be overconfident, but he took care of business," said Coach Bim Gander. "He served well, and took advantage of all the weaker balls that came his way."

Josh Kizziar (No. 2) grabbed the first set against Nos Kutsey 6-3, and then faltered a bit and lost the second

set 5-7. Kizziar came back and tallied a 6-4 win in the third set to take the match.

"This is the first match at No. 2 singles that Josh has won all year," said Gander. "He didn't try to finish his points too soon. He showed patience and perseverance to win a close match in the third."

The Outlaws No. 1 and No. 2 doubles teams also recorded wins. Jed Kizziar and Jacob Gurney, at the No. 1 spot, beat Alex Kutsey and Logan Child in three sets with scores of 6-4, 5-7, and 6-4.

"Jed and Jacob have been our most successful team thus far this year, and I expect that kind of performance to continue as we compete against our district opponents," stated Gander.

Elijah Gurney and

Isaiah Chapen (No. 2) took the match against Nathan Pederson and Brenden Burke 6-4, 6-3.

"This was the first time these guys played together at No. 2 doubles, and it was a very impressive match," said Gander. "Elijah's improvement is nothing short of amazing, and Isaiah is showing a great deal of maturity as being the leader of that team."

Two days later, North Marion (NM) traveled over the mountain for a match in Sisters. After 20 minutes of play, the rain started and snow followed. NM was sent home without teams getting the match in.

Tuesday, April 18, the Outlaws were to play at Cascade. On Thursday, two days later, Sisters will travel to Stayton.

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