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Sisters showcases golf on world stage

By Jim Cornelius
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Golfers from all around the Pacific Northwest turn out each year to play in the Oregon Open at Aspen Lakes. This year, that showcase event was followed by an influx of international golfers who played at both Aspen Lakes and Black Butte Ranch during the International Association of Golf Tour Operators convention, which was held this year at Sunriver Resort.

Aspen Lakes hosted a pre-familiarization dinner and a post-familiarization tour dinner for the national and international guests last week. In between, two groups played a range of courses across Central Oregon and around the state. Some 100 buyers were part of the event, with approximately 400 total attendees.

The guests represented tour operators from Asia,



Sisters Country showed off its best golfing conditions to an international audience last week.

PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Europe, Canada and other regions of the U.S. — all of whom book clients for golf packages. They were here to

see first-hand what Central Oregon and Sisters Country have to offer.

Sisters Athletic Club,

FivePine Lodge and Conference Center and Aspen

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SPRD cancels some summer events

By Sue Stafford
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Two summer community events organized by Sisters Park & Recreation District have just recently been cancelled, according to Executive Director Todd Garrett. SPRD outgoing board chair Bob Keefer confirmed for *The Nugget* the popular luau will take place.

The Glory Daze Car Show, which was begun by the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce, came under the purview of SPRD when Liam

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Two named to Sisters Planning Commission

By Sue Stafford
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Art Blumencron and Cris Converse have been named by Mayor Chuck Ryan to fill the two four-year vacancies on the Planning Commission. Converse and Blumencron both live outside the city limits and are replacing Roger Detweiler and Tim Klem.

With a field of eight applicants for two positions, Ryan enlisted the assistance of councilors Andrea Blum and Nancy Connolly in interviewing all of the well-qualified candidates. In the recent past, an interview process hasn't been necessary because of so few applicants for openings on the various City commissions and boards.

Blumencron, who moved to Sisters three years ago after 43 years living in Portland, is currently building two work/live buildings in Sun Ranch

Business Park with businesses on the ground level and apartments upstairs. In one of the spaces Blumencron will open his Goby Walnut Products with wood from his urban salvage sawmill in Portland.

Blumencron is a graduate of Reed College in physical psychology and is active in the Reed Entrepreneurial group.

He told the councilors, "I have a great desire to see Sisters grow properly in a measured way."

He pointed to the traffic congestion and expensive real estate prices in Portland as things he would like to see Sisters avoid. Blumencron volunteered for the Planning Commission because of his love for Sisters.

"I would like to have a part in determining the direction Sisters is going," he said.

He mentioned particularly

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Tom Worcester's long musical journey

By Katy Yoder
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The 4th of July is an important day for Tom Worcester. It will mark a musical milestone he planned many years ago. At 89 years old, he's lived a long, interesting life that included military service during the Korean War, a career as a journalist and a long-time love affair with music. Now, he's taking the stage in what may well be his final public performance.

Worcester inherited his first musical instrument in high school. It came to him when his brother Jack, who was a P51 pilot in World War II, left for the war. Jack did not survive his service. Tom played his brother's horn in the high school band.

"My all-time best friend was a horn player and we had a horn quartet," he recalled "As we moved on to college, we continued playing together. We drove to Denver and took lessons from an old



PHOTO BY KATY YODER

Tom Worcester is playing his beloved French horn — possibly for the last time — on July 4.

man, about 80, who was very good. He taught us things that others didn't."

Worcester's horn is a brass French horn called a King

Double, which can be very difficult to play. The benefits for Worcester were worth the

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