



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Even the little Outlaws played hard on the lacrosse field, where more than 80 teams went at it last weekend.

LACROSSE: Tourney brings thousands to Sisters

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SALI pulls in teams from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. Rush noted that some teams that previously have fielded 5th/6th-grade teams now are fielding individual teams at each grade level — an indication of the growing popularity of the sport.

Lady Outlaws Coach Shelby Wilcox was enjoying her first experience of SALI.

“It brings a lot of camaraderie for the girls,” she said. “They look forward to SALI every year and I think it’s something they’re really proud of being a part of. There’s something to be said for a warm day — it’s 75 degrees — and being together on these fields doing what we love. There was *nothing* like this when I was growing up playing lacrosse.”

Wilcox grew up in Livermore, California, and was among the early adopters of what was then a new sport

on the West Coast. She loves the nature of play.

“There’s a really beautiful element of finesse,” she said. “It’s an artistic sport, in my opinion.”

SPRD recruited about 80 volunteers to stage the event, which has become one of the major events in Sisters.

No formal studies have been done to determine the economic impact of the event, but it is evident that bringing families totaling several thousand people to town in mid-May is a significant shot in the arm for a tourist economy coming off of winter. Lodging establishments and restaurants filled up through the weekend, and the schedule

allowed families time to explore downtown Sisters.

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But the focus remains located on the green grass, where the shouts of players and the cheers of spectators rose through the air of a perfect spring weekend in Sisters.



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The Nugget’s story on the candidates running for two positions on the Sisters School Board did not include David Thorsett, whose name appears on the election ballot. Thorsett chose to withdraw from the election, but not in time to remove his name from the ballot. Thorsett has decided to take his name out of contention and has put his support behind incumbent candidate Jeff Smith. (*See letters to the editor, page 2.*)

Sisters JV are SALI champs

The results of the Sisters Annual Lacrosse Invitational Tournament are as follows:

- 3-4 Boys—Hermiston (Champion), Sunset Purple (2nd Place)
- 5-6 Boys ‘A’—Sunset (Champion), Idaho Outlaw (2nd Place)
- 5-6 Boys ‘B’—Summit (Champion), Hermiston (2nd Place)
- 7-8 Boys ‘A’—EPL Elite (Champion), Sunset (2nd Place)
- 7-8 Boys ‘B’—Boise (Champion), Canby Blue (2nd Place)
- 7-8 Girls—West Linn (Champion), EPL ‘A’ (2nd Place)
- JV1 Boys—Sunset (Champion), NDSS Islanders (2nd Place)
- JV2 Boys—Sisters (Champion), Bend (2nd Place)
- JV Girls—Summit (Champion), Sisters (2nd Place)



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The Outlaws defeated Bend for a first-place finish.



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