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Reservation Boxing Clubs Organized; Sportsmanship, Boxing Recognition Received

The Chiloquin Boys' Club has achieved much recognition and has been winning many awards for its boxing performances and sportsmanlike behavior.

At the Southern Oregon Golden Gloves Tournament recently, the Club copped three championship trophies, swept the sportsmanship award, and received a special letter of commendation from the Golden Gloves Committee.

Ron Hogarth, light heavy-weight, Leon Weeks, 130 pounder, and Jake Gregg, 119 pounder won the championships, while the members of the team as a whole won for themselves, the sportsmanship award for their behavior both in and out of the ring.

The performances and behavior of the team members were so good, in fact, that the golden gloves committee sent a letter to the Chiloquin officials giving special recognition to the boys from Chiloquin for the part they played at Coos Bay. Written by Norm Irish of the committee, the letter said in part, "We of the Southern Oregon Golden Gloves Committee would like to compliment the persons who sponsored the Chiloquin Boys' Club to the Coos Bay event. The Conduct of the Chiloquin Boys Club at the Golden Gloves was outstanding—the competition terrific and their sportsmanship grand."

Organized about a year ago by Lou Jones, Chiloquin Chief of Police, and assisted by Ken Schoonover, the police assistant, the club works under the close supervision of an advisory and finance committee composed of Al Samples, Gleta Wampler and Elido DeBortoli. Although the training of the youngsters is the direct responsibility of Jones and Schoonover, the committee appointed by the Recreation Council has established rules of scholarship and behavior for the club members. A few youngsters were eligible to participate in recent smokers because of their failure to conform to these standards.

The club has participated in or was actual sponsor of smokers in

Sprague River and Chiloquin, and their last event took place in Klamath Falls on April 23.

Wherever the team goes, it takes with them, a feathered war bonnet and Indian blanket symbolic of the Indian reservation. As Lou Jones says, "Although our team is composed of both Indian and non-Indian boys, they're all proud of the fact that they are from an Indian reservation, and want other people to know this."

In addition to the champs mentioned above, the club has 23 young fighters, listed following: Lynn Anderson, Amory Bettles, Joe Bettles, Bob Bojorcias, Lee Chase, Mike Chase, Rickey Chase, Al DeBortoli, Ray DeBortoli, Jim Herron, Randy Jones, Duane McDaniels, Martin Ochoa, Ken Schoonover, Ronald Shadley, Rickey Starkey, Don Taylor, Huck Todd, Van Todd, Ramon Unive, Butch Wampler, Mike Wampler, Ralph Wright.

A similar club has been organized in Sprague River under Parents and Teachers Association Sponsorship. The team has not been in existence for long but has been making excellent progress under the watchful training of Ron Wilson and Bob Barney.

There are twelve youngsters who comprise the Sprague River pugilists: Dick Aguilar, John Atchley, Larry Barney, Roland Crume, Paul Lowry, Roy Lowry, Allen Foreman, Paul Molandis, Freddie Schonchin, Calvin Summers, Sut Wilson and Jimmy Wright.

The Sprague River club has had several smokers in Sprague River and helped make the OTI-sponsored smoker in Klamath Falls a success.

On May 7th, the Sprague River PTA is sponsoring another smoker in Sprague River starting at 7:30 P.M. It has been announced that all proceeds of the smokers which will be held in the school gym will be used for the purchase of school playground equipment.

RDG Efforts In Effecting Early Termination Payment Bring Support From BIA

Bureau of Indian Affairs officials in Portland have actively supported the position that the Federal Government should take title to, and make immediate payment to the withdrawing members for the unsold units.

In his letter to the Discussion Group dated April 21, 1960, Don Foster, area director, said, "I am sympathetic with your desire for immediate payment by the Government for the unsold units. We have forwarded to Washington the expressions of your group as well as resolutions of the Klamath Executive Committee." He went on to state however that he "does not know what the outcome will be, but in fairness I want to say that it does not look very encouraging at this time."

Elaborating upon the "present and prospective status of funds for the withdrawing members," Foster stated, "You know, we are definitely planning to make a distribution from the sale of the Antelope Desert Unit and other available funds as early in July as possible. We had planned that funds from the sale of the Klamath Marsh would be included in this distribution, but it now looks as though the Marsh money will

Where Tom Toms Beat And Mill Whistles Blow—

The highly descriptive lines — "Where Tom Toms Beat and Mill Whistles Blow, a Modern Little City That's Bound to Grow" — represent the new slogan for the community of Chiloquin, selected at the April 25 meeting of the Chiloquin Chamber of Commerce. Some 40 Chamberites convened at that time and picked from a field of 10 finalists the slogan best characterizing the community.

The slogan contest was conducted by the publicity committee of the Chiloquin Chamber, comprised of the following members: Opal Doak, Pearl Adamo, Luther

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not be on hand until later. Consequently, we do not believe it would be satisfactory to hold up the July distribution.

"As it now looks, we should be able to distribute approximately \$1300 (without the Marsh payment) in July. Since we have been unable to arrange for a postponement of the offsets, most of this distribution will go against the member's indebtedness. When the Marsh payment is made later in the summer, another distribution could be made. This would amount to a little under \$300 per member.

"If the July distribution is made as planned, and other offsets from the resolving credit funds are recovered, we plan to start taking loan applications in July. We will make the date of accepting applications as early as possible, but cannot set a definite date until the progress of the first distribution is better known. In any event . . . we will process the loan applications just as fast as we possibly can."

Despite the pessimism expressed by many people regarding the possibility of changing the law at this time, the Reservation Discussion Group has been working hard in an effort to secure amendatory legislation that would make possible an earlier pro rata distribution to withdrawing members.

Among its activities has been the circulation of a petition (see Jan., 1960, Klamath Tribune, page 4) and the soliciting of support from such agencies as the Wilkenson Law Firm, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Officials and others.

Following a conference with Marie Norris and Flava Yates, officers of the Discussion Group, Tom Watters, former Management Specialist sent personal letters to government officials emphasizing the need for amending the law to hasten payments to withdrawing members. Among others, Watters sent letters to Bureau officials, and to the Sec-

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