

CULTURE

Most Labor Day picnics canceled, but not in Southwest Washington

Northwest Oregon Labor Council (NOLC) won't host its annual Labor Day picnic again this year because of continuing COVID-19 restrictions for large gatherings. The event was also canceled last year because of the pandemic. NOLC's Labor Day event at Oaks Park is one of the largest west of the Mississippi, with crowds of over 18,000. Oaks Park is limited to gatherings of 2,500 people for the remainder of 2021.

"We are very disappointed, but are looking forward to making the 2022 Labor Day picnic the very best ever," said NOLC Executive Secretary Bob Tackett. "Please know that next year we are going to have one heck of a party!"

It is the second time since 1985 that NOLC hasn't sponsored a picnic on Labor Day.

Lane County Central Labor Chapter also canceled its picnic.

On the bright side, **South-**

west Washington Central Labor Council and Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Counties Central Labor Council will host their joint Jeff Washburn Labor Day Picnic at Haydu Park in Kalama. The inaugural picnic was held in 2019, but was canceled last year because of the coronavirus.

The family picnic includes food, music, bingo, kids' games, local politicians, and more. It goes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Labor Day.

The labor councils are seeking sponsorship donations for the picnic. For more informa-

tion, contact SW Washington CLC President Shannon Myers at 360-921-5225.

IAM golf tournament benefits guide dogs group

Machinists District Lodge W24 will hold its 32nd Annual IAM Guide Dogs of America Golf Tournament Aug. 29. The event raises fund for nonprofit Guide Dogs of America (GDA). Founded in 1948, GDA provides guide dogs and instruction in their use, free of charge, to blind and visually impaired people in the United States and Canada.

Tournament format is a best ball scramble, with four-person teams, and there's space available for 144 players (36 foursomes.) The Tournament will be followed by a complimentary luncheon, raffle and awards presentation. Prizes will be awarded for K-P's, Long Drives and a Putting Contest.



- **When:** Sunday, Aug. 29. Range opens at 7 a.m. Shotgun start at 8 a.m.
- **Where:** Glendoveer Golf Course, 14015 NE Glisan St., Portland
- **Cost:** \$125 per golfer includes green fees, cart rental, practice range usage and a luncheon following the event
- **Tickets:** Contact John Hall (503-449-0969), John Kleiboeker (503-863-7304), or Will Lukens (503-568-9683)
- **About GDA:** guidedogsofamerica.org

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Hot August Clay Shoot

Event that gives to Local Charities



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Light breakfast, coffee, and lunch will be provided

It's hard to believe it has been six years since we started this event. Looking back, **we have given over \$40,000 to our two charities!!** We've been able to make such a big difference in our Labor community here in Southwest Washington and Oregon with these two local charities. We would really like to take this event to the next level and we are hoping that you can help us with that. Below we have listed three ways you can help. Please help us make a bigger difference in 2021!

Participate!

Come as an individual or sponsor a team! Members love to come to this event! Give the spots away at your next membership meeting! Whether you are a beginner or a true marksman, all are welcome! And it is therapeutic!!! Rank-and-File Union Members, Family and Friends;

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL Register as an individual shooter for only \$75! You must register before JUNE 30 to receive the discount (regularly \$150)

Sponsor!

If you choose to be a sponsor you will be identified at the event on signs and recognized throughout our luncheon and raffle. We will also include recognition on our social media pages and in the Northwest Labor Press.

Raffle Prizes/Contributions!

We gladly accept raffle prizes from your organization or, if you prefer, you can send us a contribution and we will go get prizes for the event on your behalf. Your local's name will be prominently displayed on all donated items, and cash contributions will be announced throughout the event and listed on our contributor's board. **For more information** or to register, **contact Kristy A. Blake**, Tournament Director Hot August Clay Shoot, 360-589-0198 kristy@sunrisedental.com