

Surfers relate experiences

by Debby Liesch

Surfing is becoming more popular than ever before, and the Oregon coast is no exception. Greg Gosser and Jeff Hull have been avid surfers for the past two years.

In addition to using the boards, they have also been repairing and making surf boards for themselves for a long time. Just recently they have started making boards semi-professionally.

"We started making surf boards mostly by necessity with the price of custom boards in the \$120-\$180 area," confirmed Jeff Hull. "The boards we make sell for \$85-\$90."

Jeff explained that he lived in Los Angeles, California when he first started surfing about three years ago. He bought a "real old board" and fixed it up, then learned "the hard way."

"It all started with a big show-

off on a skate board," is the way Greg explained his starting. For his 15th birthday, as a present his parents gave him a surf board and took him down to the beach. He described his first day as "one big wipe-out after wipe-out." As advice to beginners he said not to get discouraged after the first day. The way he learned was simply by listening and watching others.

Greg and Jeff explained the technical procedure of making a surf board from the high density poly-urethane foam to the fiberglass covering. They also said that they add any colors or decorations that the customer wishes. Then they buff it to make it shiny and deliver it to the "happy customer."

According to Greg a wetsuit is an absolute must for surfing on the Oregon coast in the winter, but is not a necessity in the

summer. Their favorite surfing spots in Oregon are the cove at Seaside, the point at Tillamook Head, and Short Sands. Jeff explained that it was a good idea if you were a pretty good swimmer before you try surfing. "Once in a while you get caught and have to swim," said Jeff. According to Jeff, surfing is not a dangerous sport though. He said that very few people ever get hurt, but some people do get bruises now and then.

Greg and Jeff first met at Grant and found out they both surfed. After that they went surfing together and ended up helping each other on their surf boards, and finally went into business together making "Touch" surf boards.

"This year there is going to be a boom in surfing," confirmed Greg. "It is getting to be a very popular sport, and we have very uncrowded surf conditions in comparison to California."



BOB USSELMAN AND BRIAN DAVIS pass the baton in the mile relay in the city qualifying meet held at the Madison high school track.

Tracksters qualify 29 at city; state best set by Bakkensen

Ralph Bakkensen, shot putter, set a state best in the shot put, and the Generals qualified 29 cindermen in the city meet which was held at Madison last Friday.

Bakkensen threw the shot 59 feet 1 inch to establish a state best this year. The previous best was 58 feet 5 1/2 inches by Ed Pohl of St. Helens. Last year the best mark that Ralph threw was 50 feet. He has improved nine feet, and that itself is a great improvement.

Another highlight was a fine effort by Ed Geist in capturing first place in both the high and low hurdles. Ed was the only double winner that the Generals had.

Scott Jackson captured second place in the mile with a clocking of 4:17.4, which broke the old city meet record. Mike Hann finished first in that race with a time of 4:14.4, shattering the old record.

In the pole vault, Bruce Douthit finished on top and Greg Schukart won the discus throw

with a toss of 149 feet 7 inches.

The javelin throw was won by Steve Hopkins with a lifetime best of 199 feet. Grant had two other qualifiers in the javelin with Dave Edwards and Richard Fisher with throws of 185 feet 11 inches, and 175 feet 2 inches, respectively.

In the sprints Grant finished very high with three qualifiers in the 100-yard dash and winning the 440 relay. In the 440 sprint, Steve Crane qualified with a time of 51.1.

All of the names mentioned above do not include all of the qualifiers in the city meet tonight. It was a team effort and it will take a team effort to win this meet tonight. This year's track team has shown outstanding team effort, and another city championship trophy seems to be in sight.

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Girls return with trophy

Carolyn Lumber wins 'Singles' title

Sophomore Carolyn Lumber led the Grant girls' tennis team to victory in the girls' state tennis championships, by winning the girls' singles competition. Carolyn bested Tigard's Jan Carey for the title by scores of 6-2 and 7-5. The team scored 16 points, with second place going to Corvallis with 10 points.

The girls' doubles team, composed of seniors Alice Bailey and Ann Bellerby, was eliminated in the semi-final round by the eventual state doubles champions from Corvallis. The Grant duo, who placed third in the district qualifying tournament, bowed out by scores of 7-5, 6-2. Kim Severson, a sophomore who finished third in the district singles, was ousted in the first round competition.

The girls' team had earlier won the city championship with a perfect 11-0 record. Carolyn Lumber adds her singles title to the first place she won in the district tournament.

After compiling an 11-1 regular season record and placing second in the district competition, the boys' tennis team failed to score in the state tournament. Jeff Golden, the senior captain of the team, lost in the first round of action to Roger McKee,



The girls' tennis team Team members Carolyn Lumber, Kim Severson and Ann Bellerby proudly display the Oregon State Tennis Tournament trophy that they won.

Roseburg, who was the singles champ.

The doubles team of Ramon

Corona and Lance Zaklan won in round one, but went down to defeat in the second round.

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