

The grass is greener at Trail's End

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John Peterson fires a ball into the range. Peterson is one of the regulars at Trail's End Golf Center who enjoys the atmosphere and the high quality facility.

An outdoor sport such as golf may not be the first thing that comes to mind for many people in the winter, especially with the reminder of snow and ice sports featured in the winter Olympics. Some of the U.S. may be covered in ice and snow, but not Oregon City so far. Luckily, there is a place for locals to enjoy sport and socialize without driving to Timberline or Ski Bowl.

John McLoughlin would have been proud of the Trails End Golf Center. An important figure in Oregon City's history, McLoughlin was also of Scottish descent. The Scots are credited with the invention of golf. Historic Oregon City's driving range brings the community together much like the good old doctor.

Built in 2000, the facility is located on 20 acres at 1107 Abernethy Rd., behind Home Depot. The red barn style of the building hints toward the cozy down-home atmosphere of the friendly clubhouse. Upon entering, patrons find concessions, a pool table, ping pong and TV. Rob Johnson is a regular at the driving range. He enjoys honing his skills at Trails End.

"I come here around once a week," said Johnson. "It's not too far from my house and it's never really busy."

The 45 covered hitting stalls

are built for the inclement conditions of Oregon. Outdoor heaters keep golfers from getting too cold and the overhead enclosure protects from wind and rain. Open seven days a week, Trails End Golf welcomes pro and new golfers alike 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Professional golfer Mark Landes is one of the on-site instructors at Trails End. Landes has been a golf instructor for 25 years. He has been a writer for Inside Golf Magazine, Mental

Golf and co-host of the TV show Golf in Central Oregon. Landes teaches individual and group lessons. Beginning lessons start in April. Brian Elledge is one of the friendly faces often found at Trail's End.

"I've been a long-time student of Mark's," said Elledge. "This place has the coldest beer in town, pool, ping pong, heated mats, in-house clubs and ladies days \$6 a bucket on Wednesdays. Tuesdays are \$2 beer nights."

Landes graciously welcomes

every patron and proudly represents the friendly atmosphere.

"(Trails End is) laid back, low key," said Landes. He enjoys sharing his love of the sport with others.

"I'm writing a book about the inner game of golf," Landes said. "I love writing. I'm gonna start my own golf schools and golf retreats."

The driving range also features a putting greens area for practicing short game. However, the feeling of striking a ball way

out into the field is a gratifying one. Working on the long game can be a good way to get frustrations out and then relax in the cozy atmosphere.

Trail's End is a great place to enjoy the outdoors while still staying warm during the cold winter months. It's one of OC's best meeting places for groups of friends and a great family environment as well. Their staff is available to answer questions and arrange lessons, etc., at (503) 723-6811.

Sophomore night showcases Cougars' talent

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On Jan 30, the CCC Cougars wrestling team faced down the Pacific University Boxers in the Randall Hall gym. The CCC Cougars entered the gym to the iconic song Here Comes the Boom. The team's entrance was followed by the national anthem and a quick presentation honoring the sophomore wrestlers for their hard work and dedication.

Bout one, 125 weight class pitted CCC's Stevan Knoblauch against Pacific's Lucas Beltz. The bout opened up with a three-point fall for CCC. Knoblauch took down Beltz with an impressive takedown and won by technical fall 20-4.

Bout two, 133 weight class pitted CCC's CJ Palmer against Eric Harder. From the opening bell, Palmer went on the offensive, not letting Harder get a breath for an instant. The whole match lasted just one round. Palmer kept up the pace and won 17-1.

Bout three, 141 weight class pitted CCC's Robbie Rizzolino against Jeremiah Baker. The round started out slow, with each wrestler testing the other. When the bout did speed up, the two seemed equally matched. Round two was essentially the same

as round one. For round three, Rizzolino took down position, and gained a reversal on Baker. Rizzolino won 15-6.

Bout four, 149 weight class pitted our Kenny Martin against Ryan Baxter. From the opening whistle, the two went insane. Martin won by pin.

Bout five, 157 weight class pitted Clackamas wrestler Eleazer DeLuca against Carson French. The bout nearly ended when DeLuca almost pinned Baxter, but Baxter narrowly escaped. DeLuca held on the advantage the whole round. For round two, DeLuca was in the lead. He won by pin.

Bout six, 165 weight class pitted our Kyle Bateman against Bruce Balcita. The match started slowly, with each one testing the waters. Balcita gained the advantage early on, but Bateman quickly reversed the tables. In round two, Bateman chose down position, and quickly escaped. The two seemed to be evenly matched, until Bateman won by pin.

Bout seven, 174 weight class pitted our Tyler White against Michael Tyner. Right after the starting bell, they both went on the offensive. Tyner quickly gained the advantage, and nearly pinned White in the first round, but White escaped the pin with a flashy flip escape. Round two was very similar. Round three,



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Brandon Johnson, 285 pounds, defends a single-leg takedown by Jacob Richards. Johnson won and brought the Cougars' score to 41 over Pacific's 4.

Tyner took the down position, and White pressed the advantage. White took down Tyner with a full on throw down, and took the lead 4-0, but was very evenly matched. He threw down Tyner again, but had trouble pressing the advantage. He threw down Tyner for a third time, and won 5-0.

Bout eight, 184 weight class, put the Cougars Kolby Mays against Caleb Malychewski. Both wrestlers started out cautiously,

but very quickly found their speed. Round one ended 0-0. Round two started out with both of them on their feet. Both seemed evenly matched. Malychewski took lead 0-3 in round two, and held onto it into round three. Malachewski won 1-9.

Bout nine, 197 weight class, placed our Ithoughama Odigizuwa against Chris Harlan. From the opening whistle, they both went on the offensive. Odigizuwa took the advantage early on, and

held onto it through round one. In round two, Odigizuwa took the down position, and quickly escaped. By the end of round two, Odigizuwa held the lead by two points. In round three, both wrestlers seemed fatigued, but Odigizuwa won 14-5.

Bout 10, 285 weight class, placed CCC's Brandon Johnson against Jacob Richards. The bout started out slow, and both seemed evenly matched. Richards took the lead 0-2 in the first round. For round two, Johnson took the down position, and quickly escaped, though both were showing signs of fatigue by the start of round two. At the end of the second round, the score was 1-2. Both were clearly fatigued by the opening whistle of round three. After gaining a quick burst of steam, Johnson slowed down again. At the end of round three, the score was tied. The wrestlers entered a sudden victory round. For a few excruciating seconds, the two heavyweights struggled, until Johnson took down Richards. Johnson won the bout.

The final score for the schools was CCC 41, Pacific 4. The Cougars' last home meet of the season was a dominant win and a great way to say farewell to the sophomores. Next up for the team will be the Region 18 Championships in Rock Springs Wyo., on Feb. 15.

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Sports CALENDAR February 5-11</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY - 2/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC Women's Basketball vs. Portland CCC Randall Hall 5:30 p.m. • CCC Men's Basketball: vs. Portland at CCC Randall Hall 7:30 p.m. 	<p>THURSDAY - 2/6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volleyball Intramurals: at CCC Randall Hall 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. 	<p>FRIDAY - 2/7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">🐾</p>	<p>SATURDAY - 2/8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC Women's Basketball: vs. Southwest Oregon at CCC Randall Hall 2:00 p.m. • CCC Men's Basketball: vs. Southwest Oregon at CCC Randall Hall 4:00 p.m. 	<p>SUNDAY - 2/9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">🐾</p>	<p>MONDAY - 2/10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">🐾</p>	<p>TUESDAY - 2/11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball Intramurals: at CCC Randall Hall 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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