



Courtesy photo by Chinook Winds Casino Resort staff

Chinook Winds Golf Resort donates to the community by hosting a Hole in One competition in September for the Men's Club. If Mike Fisher, Eric Smileuske, Chuck McPherson, Randy Fisher or Sar Richards had shot a hole in one, they would have donated their win to the Taft High Booster Club. This was an insured prize where the winner would receive a 2012 Corvette or a cash equivalent. No one hit it, but the Boosters walked away with \$250 for the organization. The demo car was provided by Power Autogroup. Tina Marshal (left) and Kathy Joy (right) represented the Taft High Boosters.

New golf rates set for Tribal members

Siletz Tribal members now can play golf at Chinook Winds Golf Resort at no charge. If you wish to use a golf cart, there is a cart fee of \$10 for nine holes and \$15 for 18 holes.

Aaron Johnson, head golf professional at Chinook Winds, also offers a 50

percent discount on golf lessons for Tribal members. Your cost is \$45 per hour rather than the standard rate of \$90.

Call the pro shop at 541-994-8442 to arrange a lesson or make a tee time. You must show your Tribal identification for these great rates.

Enrollment Contacts

Address and/or Contact Number Updates: If you relocate or change your contact number, please update the Enrollment Department.

Enrollment Forms: The Application for Enrollment, Death Benefit Beneficiary Designation and Information Change forms are available on the Tribal website at ctsi.nsn.us. Go to Government Listings, click on Enrollment then click on the form you want to open and print. You also can contact Enrollment staff to mail these forms to you.

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Siletz News Letters Policy

Siletz News, a publication of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, is published once a month. Our editorial policy encourages input from readers about stories printed in *Siletz News* and other tribal issues.

All letters must include the author's signature, address, and phone number in order to be considered for publication. *Siletz News* reserves the right to edit any letter for clarity and length, and to refuse publication of any letter or any part of a letter that may contain profane language, libelous statements, personal attacks, or unsubstantiated statements.

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Please type or write legibly. Letters longer than 450 words may be edited for length as approved by Tribal Council Resolution #96-142.

Please note: The general manager of the Siletz Tribe is the editor-in-chief of *Siletz News*.

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To the editor:

Conflict of Interest

Back in the late '90s when Dee was voted out as chairman, Tribal Council began to nominate itself the Board of Directors for STEDCO, gaming, clinic, etc. I was at the meeting when this was taking place and Craig Dorsay warned those on council at the time it was a conflict of interest for them to take this action.

This was used as one of the reasons to justify the recall that followed. It wasn't "the" reason, but one of them. However, after the recall was successful and Dee was nominated for chairman, it was forgotten that it was a conflict of interest for the Tribal Council to remain the Board of Directors of everything.

This may not sound like a big issue. But if you go to Tribal Council to ask for attention, as is your right as a Tribal member, you are told that a Tribal Council person will not or cannot talk to you because they are the Board of Directors.

Council is elected to represent "Tribal members and their concerns." If they take on a role that limits that responsibility, they are not doing justice to their role as representatives of Tribal members.

Back when the Indian Gaming Regulatory Commission censored Tribal Council, one of the issues was the Tribal Gaming Commission and commissioners were being supervised by the Board of Directors. They were instructed to separate the Tribal Gaming Commission from the Board of Directors and Tribal Council.

However, the current director of the Gaming Commission is supervised by Tribal Council, which is another conflict of interest. The reason you want a completely autonomous Tribal Gaming Commission is to ensure that Tribal interests are represented, in addition to providing oversight of the Chinook Winds gaming operations.

I may not have the terminology or the events in chronological order; the point I am making is that Tribal Council remaining the Board of Directors of everything, they are violating their duties as Tribal Council members whose sole responsibility is to Siletz Tribal members who voted them in.

This may not sound serious, but if you have ever gone to a Tribal Council member about an ICW issue or employment issue or hunting and fishing issue and gotten told they could not even "talk" to you about it because they have a conflict, then you know just how serious it is for Tribal Council to be wearing so many hats.

For each different hat they wear, this limits Tribal Council members' ability to address their elected duties as Tribal Council members. Please call your council members and encourage them to address this issue.

Ray Blacketer

Dear friends:

You are invited to join us for the Seventh Annual Northwest Indian Storytelling Festival and Emerging Tribal Storytelling Workshop on Oct. 26-28 at Portland State University's Native American Student and Community Center and George C. Hoffmann Hall.

We invite you to become a member of the Northwest Indian Storytellers Association (NISA). Membership is free, then you can register for NISA's Emerging Tribal Storytellers Workshop and Festival.

The NISA Tribal Storytelling Festival and Emerging Tribal Storytellers Workshop events include:

- Tribal Storytelling Festival event on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at PSU Native American Student and Community Center (NASCC), 710 SW Jackson, corner of SW Broadway and Jackson
- Emerging Tribal Storytellers Workshop on Oct. 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at NASCC
- Festival event on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. at PSU Hoffmann Hall, 1833 SW 11th near SW Harrison and 11th; see map at fap.pdx.edu/floorplans/docs/HOFF_11285026248.pdf
- Salmon dinner prior to festival events on Oct. 26-27 at 5 p.m. at NASCC
- Home-cooked meals during the weekend of events
- Silent auction of American Indian arts and crafts and other items (please bring a cultural item for the auction)

Registration is \$40 plus an item for our silent auction. This covers meals, workshop expenses and a weekend of Tribal culture and learning, plus you have a free pass to attend both evening festival events.

Scholarships are available; contact Rebecca Tait at NISA@wisdomoftheelders.org for more information.

Sponsors are the Northwest Indian Storytellers Association (NISA), PSU's Indigenous Nations Studies Program, PSU's Native American Student and Community Center, and Wisdom of the Elders, Inc.

If you can't attend the weekend workshop, you are invited to join us at the Oct. 27 evening festival. Tickets are available at our website. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. More details are at our website at wisdomoftheelders.org.

Contact Rebecca Tait, NISA coordinator, at NISA@wisdomoftheelders.org or 503-775-4014 for additional information. Also, watch for regular updates at wisdomoftheelders.org and sign up for our e-newsletter.

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