



It's a wrap

The 2020-21 ten-pin league bowling season was completed at Hood River's renowned Orchard Lanes last week. Conducting leagues has not been easy with the pandemic pauses. We are fortunate to have completed about 2/3 of the schedule. The bottom line is simple, bowlers love to bowl, they show up through thick and thin, they relish the action and the competitive socializing but mostly they enjoy blasting those poor 3 pound, 6 ounce pins into oblivion! Two of our top leagues just concluded.

MTS won the Monday night Industrial league. Congratulations to the talented MTS trio, Tyson Byers, Mac Proffitt and Steve Byers. Can you figure out how they came up with their MTS team name?

MTS has been strong all season. They entered the preliminary bracket matches in the Industrial league as the No. 1 seed because they had the best record. Then they proceeded to win both of their round matches to earn a spot in the final total pin roll off match for the league championship as did the No. 2 seed, Randy's Painting and the No. 6 seed, Hood River Supply. In the roll off MTS won easily by 140 pins over Randy's Painting, who got second place. MTS was paced by Steve Byers' scratch 633 series that included a big 243 third game, but Tyson Byers was the big gun because he topped his average by a whopping plus-131 pins. The Byers' boys had the winning formula. Randy Nieto of Randy's Painting, who has had a great season, gave it the old college try, rolling a solid scratch 636 set but that just was not enough to overcome Tyson and Steve.

The hot-shot Fraternal league championship featured a four-team total pin roll off between the first and second place finishers in both rounds: MWB, Hood River Sports Club, Montavon's Berries and 6th Street Bistro. These four teams were closely matched which made for a great roll off contest.

Montavon's Berries rose to the occasion, pounding the pins in the roll off to win the Fraternal league. Hats off to team members, Jeff Brittle, Roger Montavon and Patrick Olson. The Berries threesome were "on" as they all bowled over their averages, winning by 106 pins over Sixth Street Bistro, who got second place. Patrick Olson was the main man for the winners, tossing a lofty scratch 729 series which was 96 pins over his average. Jeff Brittle was also on form, contributing a solid scratch 642 set which was 72 pins over his average.

Volunteers needed for Community Clean-Up

WHITE SALMON — Things are starting to swing into motion for the Community Clean-up of Bingen and White Salmon, happening Fri. - Sat. May 21-22, and as it draws closer, the Community Clean-Up Committee is reminding residents of its need for a few volunteers to help with the

Now, to recap the season we just completed, it is always enlightening to see who really had "it." In bowling, high averages tell part of that story as do big games and series. So, here we go. For most of us, scoring was challenging this past season but not for Josh Worth. In fact, Josh set a few personal records. He carried a 211 average, his career best which also landed him on our all-star team! And in the Fraternal, Josh rolled the only perfect 300 game at the lanes this season, his fifth perfect in a career on the lanes that has many, many more years to go. Josh also posted the highest scratch three game series at the lanes, a nifty 781. BTW folks, there is no handicap in that big number. That works out to be a 260 average for Josh's nights work. That is a ton of strikes, upwards of 25 or more for his three-game series which is like getting a strike 75 percent of the time! That is what is known as being in the zone! In fact, because the lanes hooked more this season, Josh used old technology, a Brunswick Vapor Zone ball, that he piped on a speedy line between the third and fourth arrows. That is a crafty adjustment because old equipment does not hook as much as the new, modern hi-tech bowling balls in use today. Josh also led his Hood River Sports Club team into the final roll off for the championship of the Fraternal league. Clearly, Josh Worth is the Bowler of the Year!

The season's high average goes to Jeff Miller, with a workman-like 219 that he fashioned in the Fraternal. Once again folks, that is a scratch number, no handicap. Jeff has been high average here for as long as we can remember. We have often extolled about his prowess on the lanes. He is clearly the best and no wonder, he works hard at it, by practicing dozens of games every week and he bowls big tournaments with the best in the West, winning often.

At the end of every season, we like to do all-star teams simply based on high averages. Granted, we know there are many other factors that are important, such as big games, big series, winning points, league champs and good tournament results. If you are in these categories, feel proud. Here are our all-star teams:

Men:

- Jeff Miller, 219
- Pat Olson, 216
- Jeremy Bloom, 216
- Bill Whetstone, 215
- Josh Worth, 211

Women:

- Nancy Asai, 190
- Bernie Keys, 190
- Ciena Brittle, 170
- Kristen Kawachi, 163
- Sue Spellman, 163

We always look at a 200 average as par in bowling, especially here at Orchard Lanes where scoring is not so easy. A 200 average is pretty darn good bowling in our little town. We had a total of 12 guys who achieved that lofty plateau. In addition to our five all-stars above, here are the others who averaged 200 or better: Chad Mason, 206; Ken Espersen, 205; Mike Parke, 204; Stan Pratkanicki,

201; Lynn Spellman, 200; Levi Phelps, 200; and Bill Pullum 200. Great bowling guys!

Here are the individual men's and women's league highlights:

In the Industrial, high average, Jeff Miller, 218 and Nancy Asai, 190; high game, Nancy Asai, 288 and Pat Olson, 278; high series, Pat Olson, 775 and Nancy Asai, 634; individual points winners, Kevin Harris, 41 and Sue Spellman, 32.5.

In the Tuesday Nite Mixed, high average Pat Olson, 213 and Nancy Asai, 186; high game Ken Espersen, 290 and Nancy Asai, 268; high series, Ken Espersen, 750 and Nancy Asai, 714.

In the senior Colts and Fillies, high average, Mike Parke, 204 and Bernie Keys, 190; high game Lynn Spellman, 279 and Bernie Keys, 263; high series Mike Parke, 735 and Bernie Keys, 665.

In the Fraternal, high average, Jeff Miller, 219 and Bernie Keys, 190; high game Josh Worth, 300 and Bernie Keys, 264; high series, Josh Worth, 781 and Bernie Keys, 645; individual points winners, Mike Bosse, 37 and Bernie Keys, 36.5.

In the senior Lads and Lassies, high average Bernie Keys, 190 and George Buck, 176; high game Bernie Keys, 277 and Paul Dethman, 247; high series, Bernie Keys, 672 and Paul Dethman, 658.

Clearly, our all-stars dominated in league action. Many thanks to everyone who toughed things out and bowled league this season. We are forever grateful for your participation during these trying times. Please come back next season. We miss you already but have a safe and fun summer.

While we are thinking summer, remember a senior mixed league is planned for Wednesday afternoons. Plus, Senior Monte Carlo fun will run every Monday and Friday through the summer. Here is a question for you, can you bowl, can you golf or can you Bolf? To find out who is the best bowler/golfer combined, try the Bolf league which starts on May 18. We bowl one week followed by golf the next at Indian Creek. Bolf is a ton of fun! For more info on summer programs, contact Pat Olson at Orchard Lanes, 1141 Tucker Road in Hood River, 541-386-1326. Don't be a stranger this summer, come on in to say hi and roll a few to stay sharp for next season. See you soon!

Final league reports

Monday night Industrial: Patrick Olson: 287, 259, 775; Jeff Miller: 266, 248, 696; Mike Weaver: 235, 675; Aaron Troxel: 247, 667; Matt Hodges: 248, 659; Randy Nieto: 236, 652; Steve Byers: 243, 237; Dustin Ticknor: 242; Sue Spellman: 214, Nancy Asai: 214

Wednesday night Fraternal: Patrick Olson: 258, 245, 729; Jeff Miller: 257, 254, 238, 702; Jeremy Bloom: 259, 257, 661; Stan Pratkanicki: 278, 258, 678; Bernie Keys: 218, 209, 204, 619; Bill Whetstone: 258; Josh Worth: 257, 248; John Riggleman: 236; Lynn Spellman: 236

yard debris, electronics and more.

A donation of \$10 per load to the Rotary Club of Bingen-White Salmon to cover the cost of the event. Email mtadamschamber@gmail.com or call the chamber office at (509) 493-3630 to sign up for a volunteer slot.

Stimulus funding could help

The cities and counties of the Columbia Gorge are making plans now to spend the millions coming next month from the American Rescue Plan Act, the same act that awarded stimulus funds to individuals. The funds to governmental bodies are meant to offset losses caused by the pandemic.

During the coming weeks, local governments will be setting priorities for those funds, the first half arriving next month, and the second next year.

Hood River County Commissioner Arthur Babitz April 26 presented potential priorities for the \$4.5 million coming to the county, at a work session "to begin a conversation," he said. Concrete plans will be made when the funds are in hand.

Ending the pandemic with widespread immunizations in the county is the first priority for spending, Babitz suggested. Continuing county services, assisting in economic recovery and dealing with new economic realities

followed his first priority. After listing several vaccination projects for funding, Babitz examples for projects included refunding County losses so it can continue programs — the County Fair, the Transient Room Tax, and Corrections, for example. To address new economic realities Babitz suggested funding general business and economic development grant programs, among other suggestions.

City survives pandemic losses

By Gail Oberst
For Columbia Gorge News

HOOD RIVER — The City of Hood River's revenue did not decline last year as expected, due in large part to in-coming federal pandemic stimulus funds known as the American Rescue Plan. City Manager Rachael Fuller and Finance Director Will Norris presented the fiscal year 2021-22's proposed budget to the Budget Committee at its first meeting April 28.

The committee will continue to discuss the 2021-22 budget at 6 p.m. May 5, and at 7 p.m. May 12. Public testimony is welcomed at the May 12 meeting. All meetings are live online and available to the public. The city council will formally adopt the budget in June for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

"While we're not out of the emergency yet, we withstood a financial shock to the organization," said Fuller, in her budget message to the committee that includes the city council and four additional community members. Grant Polson of Westcliff Lodge was chosen to chair the meetings, and Rudy Kellner of Pfiern was tapped for vice chair.

The \$1.6 million in federal relief coming to the city over the next two years will go into the general fund, according to the proposed budget.

Hood River's \$54 million all-funds proposed budget for next fiscal year is a nearly \$7 million increase over this year's \$47.1 million all-funds budget. Next fiscal year's proposed budget includes nearly \$10 million in the general fund, a reduction from this year's \$10.5 million general fund budget. Property tax income is proposed to drop from \$3.5 million this year, to \$3.2 million in fiscal year 2021-22 to support the general fund. The general fund is the unrestricted portion of the budget supported mainly by property taxes, lodging taxes, franchise fees, fines and other city fees, such as for parking and permits, to pay for police, fire, parks, maintenance and planning. Total revenue for the general fund from other sources, including fees and other taxes, is expected to increase from \$6.4 million this year to \$7.1 million. The rest of the proposed \$54 million budget — mostly infrastructure expenditures — is supported by

development fees, user fees and grants, and is restricted to pay for specific projects related to city infrastructure and development.

The 2021-22 proposed budget continues the city's projects to provide affordable housing, with hopes to begin constructing at least 100 units on Rand Road in 2022. The proposed budget also adds a part-time community engagement staff to its equivalent of 70.1 full time employees (about 2 less than the current year); funds projects in its five-year transportation plan, continues repairs to its water, sewer and street infrastructure, adds new utility discounts for low-income renters, improves parks, and further invests in projects that reduce its carbon footprint to zero by 2035. The proposed budget would fund a feasibility study for a hydro-electric generation in the city's water line, with help from matching funds from Energy Trust of Oregon.

Details about specific portions of the budget will be discussed in reports to the Budget Committee May 5 and May 12.

DEATHS AND SERVICES

Francis Louis (Frank) Menard, 91, of Parkdale, Ore., died Jan. 18, 2021, in Portland, Ore. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 7 at Riverview Cemetery, 300 S.W. Taylors Ferry Road, Portland. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River, Ore. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Elaine Mae May, age 84, a resident of The Dalles, Ore., died April 25, 2021. Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

Carole Virginia Anderson died April 20, 2021, at Mid-Columbia Medical Center of The Dalles, Ore. Carole was born Nov. 12, 1948, and was 72 years of age at the time of her passing. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, The Dalles. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Kim Michael McDonough died April 23, 2021. Kim was born June 11, 1984. No services will be held.

Floyd Eugene Jones died April 27, 2021, at Providence Saint Vincent Medical Center in Hillsboro, Ore. Floyd was born on March 27, 1934, and was

87 years of age at the time of his passing. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River, Ore. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Larene Michelle Lee died April 29, 2021, at her home in The Dalles, Ore. Larene was born Aug. 27, 1964 in Hood River, Ore. Services are planned as follows: Memorial service at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 8 at Solid Rock Community Church, 2308 E. 12th St., The Dalles; graveside committal, 4 p.m. Monday, May 10 at Pine Grove Butte Cemetery, Van Horn Drive, Hood River. Arrangements

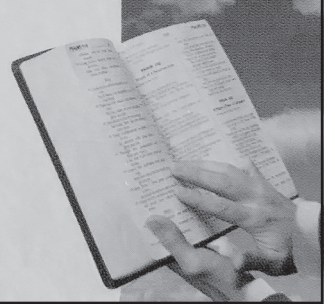
are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, The Dalles. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Robert Wickman died April 30, 2021, at The Oregon Veterans Home of The Dalles, Ore. Robert was born on Nov. 29, 1930, and was 90 years of age at the time of his passing. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River, Ore. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

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There are hundreds of examples in the animal kingdom that could be used to place a lot of doubt to whether the theory ever happened. If one were to look around at what we see it would be clear that this theory is nothing but speculation. Try this. A thousand wildlife shows, nature shows, animal shows all begin with the same exact words... it evolved over bah, bah many years. Nothing more is offered about the theory. The subject is never considered again in the program. One aspect of an animal's life that is shown in a wildlife program is the fact that almost all male animals fight one another for the biological right to mate with the female. This is an amazing fact that literally destroys the theory. No male who has a slight mutation from the norm of that species will mate. That is the whole point in the male challenge process to keep the mutant out of the gene pool. Why the physical intimidation? Why any sort of challenge before mating with the female? What ever dreamed up supposed "beneficial" mutation any animal inherited from its parents could not possibly be thought to have instantly given it any advantage for the mating ritual. For evolution to actually work we would have to demand that every single slight physical, behavioral and mental mutation was beneficial to the animal and it aided that mutated animal immediately upon birth. The mating ritual keeps out the mutations, does it not?

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