

stuff shots

Look out for that golf talk

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Sports Editor

The cloudless days and the warming trend have a lot of people thinking summer thoughts.

It won't be long before Dodge Park is full of scantily clad bodies, all staring at each other. And the sound of baseball bats connecting with horsehide, or air, is just around the corner.

While the summer season is not quite here, the spring temperatures have certainly been conducive to other pastimes, such as golf.

Golf is a great game, or it can be. A more frustrating game has never been invented. Fanatics play year-round, regardless of weather. In fact, some people actually use brightly colored golf balls and play in the light snow.

Many people can't stand the game. Why hit a little ball around a big field with a bunch of different sticks? Most people who hate golf have played just once, if at all. And it takes EVERYONE a few times before they stand a chance at respectability.

Some of us have played for years and still haven't mastered the game sufficiently enough to play in public. Just when one part of your game seems to come around, such as the irons, the other facets drop out of sight faster than a wedge shot into a lake.

When the woods are going straight for a change, the irons will slice. Or your trusty putter will have the touch of a caveman's club.

Every once in a while, the woods will go straight, the irons will be true and your putting will be on. Moments like that should be treasured—they don't last.

Whenever your game seems to be at its peak, things usually go all to hell. Golfers will go for that extra 10 yards and swing too hard. And the ball will end up in somebody's front yard. One innocent slice will cause a change of stance or grip and then the rest of your shots are, well, shot.

Or a hole comes along like none you've ever seen before. Like the 12th hole at Mountain View in Boring.

Whoever designed that hole should be beaten to death with a pitching wedge; a heavy one. The hole is a 210-yard, par three and good luck picking a club. Normally, a hole that is 210 yards would bring a wood out of the bag. But the 12th hole has a vertical drop of about 100 yards, so traditional calculations can be thrown out the window.

Golfers have been known to use anything from a wedge to a driver on number 12.

A sign near the tee-off box warns golfers that the 12th hole can "be hazardous to your mental health." It didn't mention that it could hurt your family budget as well—golf balls don't grow on trees these days, but they sure get lost in them.

When you hit a good shot on number 12, though, nothing will give you greater pleasure. Well, almost nothing. But it is a great feeling to watch the ball soar into space for what seems like minutes, then arc downward toward the green.

Considering its dimensions, the 12th hole is hard enough. But someone decided to slant the green and make it even more of an ulcer-tormentor. Once you get on the green, which means tossing one from the woods or creek, it usually takes somewhere between two and eight putts to get down. That is one hard green to sink a putt on.

An added hazard is allowing following groups to tee off, standard golf course etiquette. The problem is, you can't see where the balls are going. There are plenty of trees to hide behind, but it gets scary when you hear thumping all around you.

The 12th hole also elicits a lot of golf talk. For the unfamiliar, golf talk is usually four letters long and spoken in terse syllables. Examples cannot be printed in family newspapers.

If someone was smart, they would set up a concession stand just past the 12th green. One thing to sell would be golf balls, since it isn't unusual to lose three or four without leaving the tee-off box.

A better vending item would be beer. After tangling with the 12th hole, a lot of players are ready to give up golf and what better way to drown your sorrows?

Besides, your throat gets dry in a hurry after all that golf talk.



Junior Dave Paugh will be one of Sandy's leading field event performers as he'll try the javelin, discus and shot.

The versatile Pioneer may also attempt the long jump this season.

Sandy boys looking stronger

by MARK FLOYD

This season couldn't be called anything but a building year for the Sandy High boys track team.

After all, the Pioneers return just one boy who placed at district last year, sophomore Scott Skipper. Sandy was seventh in the Timber Valley League district meet.

But that doesn't tell the whole story. The Pioneers have one of their largest turnouts ever and in the swarm are a number of good athletes, young and full of potential.

"We have a good freshmen and sophomore turnout and the thing I noticed most is that this team has a tremendous amount of competitiveness," Sandy coach Randy Hutchinson said. "That can take you a long way."

Hutchinson admits that Oregon City is practically a shoo-in to defend its TVL crown, returning almost everyone. West Linn and Canby look to be second and third.

"I'd like to upset one of those three this year," Hutchinson said. "It's a high, but realistic goal. We're a young team, but with young kids, anything can happen. And with the type of kids we have, it's completely within their capabilities."

One of the reasons for Hutchinson's optimism is the field events, specifically, the throwing events. Skipper heads the list of returners and he is no ordinary sophomore. He placed fifth in the district javelin throw last year with a 173-0, an SUHS frosh record. Skipper is a solid threat to break the school record of 200-6 this year.

The soph also has a school shot record for frosh with a put in the mid-forties, but he is already near 50 feet in practice. Weight coach Greg O'Meara is schooling Skipper in the discus this season, and he is learning

fast.

Skipper is not alone. Dave Paugh set a sophomore record in the javelin last year with a 165-5 throw and also throws the shot and discus. Another junior, Dale Rasmussen, is also a threat, especially in the shot.

Roland Aumeuller and Tony Childress give Sandy depth in the shot; Mike Marleau and Steve Pettigill in the discus; and Richard Doering in the javelin.

The other field events aren't quite as potent. "It will probably be one of our most difficult areas to score," Hutchinson said of the jumps. Junior Bob Nippert is the only returner who qualified for district last year. Nippert set a soph record with a 6-0 high jump and will also try the triple jump this season.

Sandy will use a lot of its distance runners in the jumps and hope to develop a pole vaulter, an area of Pioneer strength during the past few years. Russell Fork, Phil Burke and Paugh will try the long jump; Doug Baucom will join Nippert in the high jump; and Baucom, Dan Langlois and Steve Metelak will compete in the triple jump.

Sandy has no proven pole vaulters, but juniors Chris Crabtree and Rod Edwards show signs of potential.

The sprints have been a Pioneer weakness for a couple of years now, but Sandy shows signs of gaining strength in that area. It won't happen overnight, Hutchinson warns, but the talent is there.

Freshman Ryan Coombs will lead the short sprints and he has a best of 11.8 in the 100, recorded in the season's first time trial. "He's got the fastest 100-meter time on the team," Hutchinson said. "Ryan is very quick and could turn into an outstanding sprinter. He's the first potential sprinter we've had in the

last four years and he's a hard worker."

First year seniors Rob Edwards and Kevin Layng have good speed and will help make up the relay teams. In fact, Sandy has four or five boys who are as fast as last year's leading sprinters. Steve Ackerman, a junior, is another candidate for the short sprints.

The 400 also shows great improvement. Russell Fork, a soph, returns to lead the way in the 200 and 400, and he has a 55.0 already in a time trial for the quarter this season. Freshman Brian Prosser is a second behind and Skipper is a solid quarter-miler as well.

The Sandy hurdlers are "pretty much untested," but young Bill Bowman, Steve Brader, Fork and Langlois will share duties in the short and intermediate hurdles.

The Pioneers have traditionally had a good distance runner, but that has changed this season. Sandy has two.

Junior Steve Metelak and freshman Sam Romey were cross country standouts and will run anything from 400 to 1,500 meters. "Metelak is a team leader," Hutchinson said of the junior. "I can't say enough about him. He works hard, has good talent and I think this will be his year. Everything points to it."

Metelak should place high at district if he can remain healthy, a problem of the past two years. Romey could also place well, after finishing a surprisingly high seventh in cross country. Other distance runners are Pat Tombleson, Burke, Ed Grenier and Bob Grieve.

The first meet for the Pioneers will be March 26 when Sandy hosts Jackson. Field events will begin at 3:45 p.m.

Local golfers place

Four golfers from the Mountain View Golf Club in Boring finished in top ratings at the Oregon Professional Golf Association tournament.

The tourney was held Saturday at Portland's Colwood Golf Course. Amateur Dick Stevens of Estacada fired a 73 to place third in the Pro-Am Sweepstakes.

The combined efforts of four players earned their team third in the best ball competition. The four were pro Jack Beaudoin and amateurs Bernie Schulz, Bud Kellogg and Stevens.

Pair of aces recorded

For the first time in its history, Boring's Mountain View Golf Course had two hole-in-ones on the same day.

Christy Indahl scored an

ace on the sixth hole and Chris Bodily pitched one in on the 13th hole.

They were the first aces at Mountain View in the last six months.

calendar

Sandy High School	Estacada, 4 p.m.
TRACK	BOYS GOLF
March 26 — Jackson at Sandy, 3:45 p.m.	March 23 — Sandy at Barlow, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL	March 24 — Oregon City at Sandy, 4 p.m.
March 20 — Sandy at Putnam (DH), 12 p.m.	BASEBALL
March 23 — Centennial at Sandy, 4 p.m.	March 20 — Glencoe at Sandy (DH), 12 p.m.
March 24 — Sandy at Gresham, 4 p.m.	March 23 — Sandy at Barlow, 4 p.m.
March 25 — Oregon City at Sandy, 4 p.m.	March 24 — Canby at Sandy, 4 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS	March 25 — Newberg at Sandy, 4 p.m.
March 24 — Silverton at Sandy, 4 p.m.	FROSH BASEBALL
March 26 — Estacada at Sandy, 4 p.m.	March 23 — Barlow at Sandy, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS	March 24 — Sandy at Canby, 4 p.m.
March 24 — Sandy at Silverton, 4 p.m.	March 25 — Sandy at Newberg, 4 p.m.
March 26 — Sandy at	

scoreboard

Sandy Early Birds	March 16, 1981			
Eagle Foundry	29	19		
Sandy Lumber	28	20		
Zigzag Inn	25	23		
Deane's Auto Rep.	25	23		
Toni's	25	23		
Alpine Hut	22	26		
S.J. Pounder	21	27		
Brightwood Store	17	31		
High Game: Dessie Steele	180			
High Series: Dessie Steele	516			
Team Game: S.J. Pounder	734			
Team Series: Eagle Foundry	2,112			
Sandy Rec League				
"A" Division				
Clackamas Bank	4	1		
Schoppert's Loggers	3	2		
Deli Barn	3	2		
Reliable Realty	3	3		
Funny Farm	3	3		
Pleasant Home Mobil	1	4		
Wooden Hutch	1	3		
Tuesday's Results:				
Deli Barn 54, Reliable Realty 47				
Wooden Hutch 87, Funny Farm 75				
Thursday's Results:				
Clackamas Bank 81, Funny Farm 64				
Pleasant Home 91, Schoppert's 86				
"B" Division				
Ron's No Place	4	1		
Dairy Queen	3	2		
Swimmers	3	2		
Drones	2	3		
Sandy TV	2	3		
P&C Construction	1	4		

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Sandy High to host second alumni tourney

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Prep of the Week:



MICHELLE CRANE

Michelle Crane of Sandy placed high at the recent Oregon Association Championships and Columbia Basin among girl swimmers 8 years of age and younger.

She was named swimmer of the month by her Blue Marlin Aquatic Club. Congratulations, Michelle!



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