

Good year planned, despite loss of programs

by SCOTT NEWTON

Things are going to be different this school year for Cedar Ridge School students.

"To my knowledge this will be the first year that this school has not sponsored some kind of interscholastic competition," said Clark Lund, who is beginning his seventh year as superintendent of the Sandy Elementary School District.

The Barlow Trail League, comprised of Welches, Cotrell, Bull Run, Redland, Orient, Damascus and Boring, is now one team smaller.

About 450 to 500 students out of 750 took advantage of athletic programs, including fifth- and sixth-graders, who were involved in intramural programs.

"I think we'll see some recreation programs spring up," Lund said. "I don't think that we can expect to see Sandy Elementary School teams go out and compete as they have in the past."

"I have had no one specifically approach me and say, 'Can we develop a football program?' or 'Can we develop a basketball program?'"

"Nobody has done that yet, but I imagine that will happen."

In 1978 the public approved a bond issue for \$3.485 million for the construction of Kelso School and an addition at Firwood. At the same time that money was invested, the interest rate went up.

"We earned more interest on the sale of those bonds than we had anticipated," Lund said.

Reportedly, one of the board's long standing priorities had been the track, which was costing money every year for maintenance.

The decision to rebuild the track was made before the public voted on the A and B ballots last March.

"Now people are saying, 'Well, why are you spending all that money on fixing up the track when you don't have an athletic program. You're not going to be able to use it.'"

"That's really not true. We will be using it. That's a teaching station and we're going to get a lot of use out of it in our regular instructional plan."

Athletics is not the only area that lost out when the B ballot was defeated in June.

A talented and gifted program that had competed for state and federal funds, and that had received funding from both levels, was eliminated.

Lund pointed out that they were not running the program just to compete for funds, but added, "I think that's an indication that we had a pretty fine program."

The money for that program will be returned because the program no longer exists.

Outdoor education for sixth graders was eliminated due to the defeat of the B ballot. Lund said that surveys they've taken about the program have been very positive.

The school district also will not be able to buy two buses, which were on the district's schedule.

"That's the biggest set in false economy you can get yourself into," he said.

The price of school buses, he said, is not going down.

"It's a proven fact that at a given point in time a bus can become mechanically unsound to the point of being unsafe," Lund said. "I really don't think anybody wants this district to get itself in that kind of situation."

Our buses, he said, aren't unsafe. "But there is a point in time where you can reach that, and the public had better realize that."

About the defeat of the B ballots, Lund said, "I think the whole arena of voting as designed by the legislature surely had a lot to do with it."

"The legislature set that system up in one legislative session and then immediately in the next legislative session they've turned around and tried to revamp it."

"They haven't had the courage to say it was a big, fat mistake and scrap the whole approach."

"In common, everyday layman's language, they're saying B ballots are frills."

Lund also said that the state of the economy probably also had a lot to do with the defeat of the B ballot.

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Prep of the Week:



Aaron Knotts, 9, of Sandy Bear Cubs, is one of the top scorers and best all-round players in the Sandy-Cascade Soccer Club for youth under 10 years of age. The son of John and Sue Knotts of Sandy usually plays sweeper, but also doubles as goalie. He recently scored five goals in three games. Congratulations, Aaron!

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Local golfer gets hole-in-one

His golfing partners joke that it took him 45 years of practice to do it. Regardless, Ted Osborn of Sandy shot a hole-in-one Aug. 21 at Mountain View Golf Course. A retired, formerly self-employed lumberman, Osborn got the hole-in-one on hole 12, the one where "the green looks kind of small, way down there."

Osborn smiled when asked about hole, which has a sign in front of it that reads: "Caution: This hole may be hazardous to your mental health."

"For people who haven't played it before it's kind of tough," Osborn said. "It's mental, you know. If you play it very much you're used to it and it's easy."

Ray Rhoads, Gordon Gunderson and Bob Rutter comprise the foursome that were playing with Osborn when he hit the hole-in-one.

League meeting is set for Volleyball

A meeting to form the first Sandy volleyball adult league will be Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Sandy Community Center (next to Carlson's Chevrolet on Pioneer Blvd.).

Team formation, fee structure, game rules and other business will be discussed. The volleyball league will include trophies for top finishing teams as well as an end of season tournament play. All games will be officiated by certified referees.

The volleyball season will run from the middle of September to early November.

Softball league formed

Team managers and sponsors of the Sandy area men's and women's adult softball leagues met Monday night at the Sandy Community Center and voted to form the Sandy Softball Association, as well as join the Amateur Softball Association.

A Board was formed with Will Abshere as men's league director and Barb Johnson as women's director.

The Board will prepare for next season by planning for A.S.A. certification of umpires, developing an existing field for adult use.

The first league meeting of the 1982 season will take place March 2 at the Sandy Community Center.

Horseshoe tourney winners announced

George Kopp, manager of the Whistlstop Tavern on Highway 26 in Wemme, announced the winners of the mountain's first horseshoe tournament, held Sunday.

Kopp said that twelve two-man teams competed for six hours for the \$60 prize money. Paul Kaase and Steve Stockley, both of Welches, took the competition by winning all three of their games.

Domino competition is held at Zigzag

Up until recently, if one wanted to participate in a domino tournament he would have to travel to Las Vegas.

Last Sunday, however, the game officially came to the mountain with the first Zigzag Mountain Domino Tournament.

According to Will Mulford, tournament organizer, dominos, or "bones" to the players, is quickly gaining popularity because it is "a quick game that can be as challenging as chess without the pressures."

The double-elimination tournament, held at the Inn Between Tavern on Highway 26 in Wemme, lasted nine hours, beginning at 1 p.m.

Wilford, of Zigzag, took first. Tom Schobert, of Portland, finished second, and Paul Young, also of Portland, finished third.

Deadline announced for Chamber tourney

The entry deadline for the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce's Fourth Annual Golf Tournament is Sept. 15.

The tournament will be Sept. 20 at the Mountain View Golf Course.

Tee-off time is 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the 18-hole tournament. Entry fee is \$11.

A buffet dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The cost is \$9.

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