



Eight beds were entered in the Sandy Mountain Festival bed race Thursday night, with Country Squire Airport winning the race for the second year in a row. Pictured above in the lead bed are Mike Battles, Mike Marleau, Scott Skipper and Art Skipper. Ted Skipper is in the bed.

Photo by Scott Newton

Wrestling, sight-seeing make trip a success

In three weeks of traveling in East and West Germany, Ron Calhoun learned you don't take pictures of checkpoint guards.

Calhoun, the Oregon Coaches Association's coach of the year, and Larry Topliff, triple crown wrestler, recently got back to Sandy after three weeks in Germany and 14½ hours on various airplanes.

They participated in the Oregon Cultural Exchange, and most likely left the Germans a little awed, having won eight dual matches, including ones against the number one team in West Germany, the top West Berlin team, and various all-star teams.

"I was pleased with the wrestling," Calhoun said, "but I have to say the experience of the trip overshadowed the importance of the wrestling."

Calhoun called their one-day trip into East Berlin "a very eye-opening experience." East and West Berlin are located in East Germany, and of major interest was the Berlin Wall.

On the West side, Calhoun said most of the cars were BMWs or Mercedes. In East Berlin the stores were only half stocked, there were lots of soldiers with machine guns and lots of "crummy little cars," said Topliff. He added, "The only people who smiled over there were the tourists."

Calhoun had taken lots of pictures in East Berlin. On the way out he carefully framed a picture of a checkpoint guard, only to have his

film confiscated and exposed.

For Topliff the stay in Berlin was the best part of the trip, the city being "more fast paced and exciting."

He didn't care for the breakfast foods, but he did develop a taste for bratwurst and schnitzel. Before the Metro-Exchange dual Topliff weighed 119.5 pounds, but weighed 135 when he got back to the U.S.

He'd lost 10 pounds by earlier this week, though, and will be down to 114.5 for the U.S.W.F. national tournament in Iowa the last of July. He'll

travel with other Oregon qualifying champions by bus to that tournament, probably the most prestigious of its kind.

Fortunately for Topliff, weigh-ins were rare on the trip to Germany. He was among the best of the Exchange team, having earned a 10-1 record. His only loss was in a kind of split dual, having lost the first round wrestling Greco-Roman. In the second round, according to Calhoun, he beat the same opponent "unmercifully."

The Exchange team's first key win came against Thomasstrass-Berlin, the top team in Berlin and fourth overall in West Germany. They won 8-2.

Later they beat Elgerhausen-Schauenburg, West Germany's top team, 7-3. Hosts of the Exchange team good naturedly warned that their winning way would come to an end against Mainz-Bretzenheim, a top all-star team.

But Calhoun said the Exchange team members wrestled up to the occasion, and only 1-year-old Jeff Butler (105.5 pounds, Bandon) lost, and that was to a 29 year old, so the Oregon team took a 9-1 win.

Among the sites they saw were Checkpoint Charlie, the Brandenburg Gates, the bunker where Hitler is supposedly buried, the grape-producing areas along the Rhine River, the Gutenberg Bible, castles, statues and many old churches.

"A lot of those things are really impressive," Calhoun said. "In 20 years

of the Cultural Exchange program, I don't see how a team could have had a better experience."

One of the lighter moments was when they took a picture of the assistant coach standing where Hitler once stood at the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin. The assistant coach held a comb under his nose for effect.

One could chart the Exchange team's route by drawing a line from Berlin southwest through Germany, to the border of France.

They ended up in Saarland, an area that has been ruled by both the French and the Germans. Some wrestlers traveled into France, and a few crossed the bridge far enough into Luxembourg to say they'd been.

West Berlin, with 2 million people, has roughly the same population as Oregon (2.6 million in 1980). There are 61 million in West Germany, a country about the size geographically of Oregon.

The wrestlers and coaches stayed with host families, and Calhoun said

there would be times he'd be in a pub or at dinner and a full-blown conversation would be going on and he wouldn't know what was being said, though they would be friendly toward him. "I had to sit down and laugh to myself sometimes," Calhoun said.

After observing drivers driving on sidewalks, parking anywhere and traveling up to 115 miles per hour on the autobahn, Calhoun said he figured out the rules of the road. "You can run 'em off the road from any direction but behind," he said.

The countryside was not unlike the Willamette Valley, except there is no sprawl. Farm land is farm land, and the people live in the towns.

Every house, gate and car is kept locked up, Calhoun said. One of his hosts had 15 pens of rabbits, and he had a lock on every cage.

"Through pointing and laughing we were able to get to the places we needed to get to when we needed," Calhoun said. "They knew what we were doing, even if we didn't."

SASA scores

SASA men's standings (through July 9)

Dodson's	8 0
Ron's No Place	7 0
Timberline	6 3
Brightwood Tavern	5 4
Buckboard Pizza	5 4
Red Caps	4 3
Carey Construction	3 6
Livingway Fellowship	3 6
Inn Between	2 6
Building Structures	2 5
Paola's Pizza	1 7

Men's scores

Timberline 5, Brightwood 4
Buckboard Pizza 24, Fellowship 4
Dodson's 4, Buckboard Pizza 3
Carey Con. 17, Paola's 13

Monday's scores

Brightwood Tavern 7, Inn Between 4

Women's standings (through July 9)

Monster Lunker	9 1
Ted's Brightwood Store	9 2
Williams Thriftway	7 2
The Store	6 4
Wholesale Auto Wrecking	5 6
Timberline Lodge	3 7
Clackamas County Bank	2 8
Leathers Oil Co.	1 10

Women's scores

Thriftway 7, CCB 3
Monster Lunker 8, Leathers 1
Wholesale Wrecking 12, The Store 9
Ted's 9, Timberline 5

Monday's scores

Thriftway 10, Timberline 7
Monster Lunker 9, The Store 3

Nelson wins women's 10K title

Sixty-three runners competed in Camera Connection's fifth annual Almost 10-K Saturday.

Sandy High graduate Donna Nelson won the women's title with a time of 33:16 on the 5.2-mile course. John Partlow of Portland won the men's title with a time of 28:42.

Steve Slaboda, part owner of Camera Connection and race director, felt the race went well. "It turned out it was a perfect day for a run," he said. It was overcast and cool.

Though the turnout wasn't as

large as in the past, Slaboda was pleased with the number of participants who reside locally.

Almost 10-K finishers

John Partlow, 28:42; Alan Beardall, 29:02; Sam Romey, 29:18; Jim Bailey, 29:28; Mike Off, 29:42; Mike Whisner, 30:02; Chris Roth, 30:23; Craig Watts, 30:25; John King, 30:32; Steve Cummins, 30:55.

John Stables, 31:27; Marty Gant, 31:50; Valdemar Schultz, 32:10; Curt Kimball, 32:39; Ted Williams, 32:51; Donna Nelson, 33:16; Keith Fitch, 33:32; Scott Ross, 33:53; Daniel Danner, 34:32; Angelo Turra, 34:58.

Dick Dahlager, 35:29; Bill Lauderback, 35:37; Luke Derheimer, 35:37; Steve Strickler, 36:23; Carl Matson, 36:50; Gloria Cahill, 37:18; Raymond Kelsay, 37:38; John Ekberg, 37:40;

Loren Frank, 38:00; Kim Tinker, 38:03; Jon Anderson, 38:07; Don Gardner, 38:09; Bud Egger, 38:40; Ralph Baumgartner, 38:56; Wayne Berglund, 39:01; Larry Rittmiller, 39:19; Laten Frawley, 39:48; Teri Grant, 40:25; Mary O'Neil, 40:32; Byron Ward, 40:40.

Larry VerDoorn, 40:40; Kenny Stridler, 40:46; James Bogle, 41:39; N.E. Vielmeth, 42:09; Colette Hadley, 42:25; Gayleen Noga, 43:10; DeWayne Cabe, 43:25; Norma Schultz, 43:34.

Kathy Rittmiller, 42:27; Wayne Kuechler, 43:30; Leslie Groombridge, 45:10; Alan Bayer, 46:02; Bob Espenel, 46:19; Laurie Espenel, 46:37; Toni Shanhope, 46:37; Nancy Dahlager, 47:16; Gail Gardner, 49:34; Debra Strickler, 52:10.

Jacob Williams, 53:04; Jeanine Blazek, 53:14; Bill Blazek, 53:14.



Numerous local runners made the Almost 10-K a success.

123 participate in annual black powder competition

For Wynn and Lynn Thies, the sixth annual black powder shoot was a family event.

Wynn is the president of the sponsoring club, the Barlow Trail Long Rifles. Lynn took third in the women's division, and daughter Heather, 11, and son Kevin, 8, competed in the pee-wee division.

The black powder enthusiasts in their old-time outfits, of course, add flair to the Mountain Festival. "You must admit seeing someone in a Chinese restaurant in pioneer regalia is a unique experience for everyone involved," Lynn said.

There were 123 showed up to compete this weekend from all over the Northwest, up from 102 last year. They shot at 24 targets, called ringers, from distances of 20

to 100 yards.

Four points were possible by being good with a knife and tomahawk, and one point was awarded for costume.

Chuck Markwell of Sandy was the "booshow," or director.

Lynn felt the shoot went well, and said many plan to return next year. "That's the neat part, when people say they're going to come back."

Men's division: Gib Isaksson, Tenino, Wash., 1st, 26/29; Wayne Wurgum, Yakima, 2nd, 23/29; Jay Racum, Boring (BTLR), 3rd, 23/29.

Women's division: Sue Stapelford, Portland, 1st, 19/29; Junior division (ages 12-18): Spencer Bacon, Boring (BTLR), 1st, 26/29; Pee-wee division (ages 6-11): Eric Gladlow, Wenatchee, Wash., 1st.

Others: Jesse Wamboldt of Sandy (BTLR), 2nd, Jr. division.



Duke Roeder of Portland was the best costume award at the Barlow Trail Long Rifles' sixth annual black powder shoot.