

Gulls, Fish split the Clatsop Splash

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SEASIDE — The first Clatsop Splash swim meet of 2016 took place Thursday at Sunset Pool in Seaside.

With the post-season meets now just two weeks away, the Gulls and the Fishermen split team victories, and both swept Gladstone, which also took part in the three-way dual.

On the girls' side, Astoria defeated Seaside 75-69; the Gulls edged Gladstone 73-70; and the Lady Fish cruised past the Gladiators, 105-55.

While Astoria racked up points with their depth, Seaside swimmers won nine of 11 events, which included two victories each for Clarisse Coventry (100- and 200-yard freestyles); Alyssa Harkins (100-yard butterfly and 100-yard breaststroke); and Kendy Lin (200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke in 1 minute, 9.48 seconds).

(See Scoreboard for top three placers in each event).

Seaside also won two of the three relays, with the foursome of Coventry, Harkins, Lin and

Maya McGill taking the 200-yard medley (2:12.35) and the 400-yard freestyle (4:18.12).

The Gulls did not have a team in the 200-yard freestyle relay, won by Astoria's Olivia Paul, Megan Schacher, Kendal Gustafson and Ashley Schacher.

In the boys' meet, Seaside defeated Astoria 76-64, while the Gulls (90-51) and the Fishermen (87-50) both pounded Gladstone.

Seaside won eight of the 11 events.

The top point-scorers for the Gulls were Sam Beaudoin,

winner of the 200 individual medley and the butterfly; Luke Liljenwall in the 50 and 100 freestyles; and Bradley Rzewnicki in the 200- and 500 freestyles.

The Gulls' foursome of Liljenwall, Rzewnicki, Beaudoin and Alexander Tadei won the 400 freestyle relay and 200 medley relay, in 1:58.58.

Astoria swimmers won three events — David Keeling in the 100 backstroke, Aleks Matthews in the 100 breaststroke, and the 200 freestyle relay, in 1:56.66.

Car wash fundraiser for Hilltop Church Saturday

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WARRENTON — A winter car wash is being held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Warrenton Kia, 801 Marlin Ave.

The event is a fundraiser for the youth group at Hilltop

Church of Astoria. The proceeds will help the group, which is led by Chris Wilson, travel to Tecate, Mexico, in March to hold a vacation Bible school and work on various construction projects.

Warrenton Kia will match the amount of donations at the end of the car wash.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE	
TODAY	
Boys Basketball — Tillamook at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Catlin Gabel, 7:45 p.m.; Life Christian at Knappa, 8 p.m.; Crosshill Christian at Jewell, 7 p.m.	
Girls Basketball — Tillamook at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Catlin Gabel, 6 p.m.; Life Christian at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Crosshill Christian at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.	
Swimming — Tillamook Cheese Relays, TBA	
Wrestling — Astoria at Tillamook Duals, TBA	
SATURDAY	
Girls Basketball — Ilwaco at NW Christian, 5:45 p.m.	
Boys Basketball — Ilwaco at NW Christian, 7 p.m.	
Wrestling — Knappa, Warrenton at Gervais, 10 a.m.	
SWIMMING	
Astoria at Seaside	
Girls: Astoria 75, Seaside 69; Seaside 73, Gladstone 70; Astoria 105, Gladstone 55	
200 Medley Relay: 1, Seaside (Lin, Harkins, McGill, Coventry), 2:12.35. 2, Astoria, 2:20.10. 3, Gladstone, 2:26.48.	
200 Freestyle: 1, Clarisse Coventry, Sea, 2:28.02. 2, Maya McGill, Sea, 2:29.42. 3, Kendal Gustafson, Ast, 2:29.62.	
200 Individual Medley: 1, Kendy Lin, Sea, 2:33.61. 2, Cadyn Carr, Sea, 3:09.48. 3, Megan Schacher, Ast, 3:13.63.	
50 Freestyle: 1, Avery Marshall, Gla, 28.07.2. Olivia Paul, Ast, 28.48. 3, Ashley Schacher, Ast, 29.82.	
100 Butterfly: 1, Alyssa Harkins, Sea, 1:07.46. 2, Ashley Schacher, Ast, 1:15.51. 3, Daisy Gayral, Ast, 1:30.62.	
100 Freestyle: 1, Clarisse Coventry, Sea, 1:00.36. 2, Morgan Pruitt, Gla, 1:05.03. 3, Sam Webb, Gla, 1:11.64.	
500 Freestyle: 1, Maya McGill, Sea, 6:47.63. 2, Morgan Postelwait, Ast, 7:29.08. 3, Bailey Knudson, Gla, 7:47.59.	
200 Freestyle Relay: 1, Astoria	
	(Paul, M.Schacher, Gustafson, A.Schacher), 2:00.02. 2, Gladstone, 2:21.66. 3, Astoria B, 2:35.37.
100 Backstroke: 1, Kendy Lin, Sea, 1:09.48. 2, Moira Welsh, Ast, 1:34.15. 3, Chloe Ouchida, Gla, 1:34.99.	
100 Breaststroke: 1, Alyssa Harkins, Sea, 1:21.02. 2, Kendal Gustafson, Ast, 1:23.72. 3, Olivia Paul, Ast, 1:24.82.	
400 Freestyle Relay: 1, Seaside (McGill, Harkins, Lin, Coventry), 4:18.12. 2, Gladstone, 4:41.45. 3, Astoria, 5:15.13.	
Boys: Seaside 76, Astoria 64; Seaside 90, Gladstone 51; Astoria 87, Gladstone 50	
200 Medley Relay: 1, Seaside (Liljenwall, Rzewnicki, Beaudoin, Tadei), 1:58.58. 2, Astoria, 2:13.03. 3, Gladstone, 2:17.82.	
200 Freestyle: 1, Bradley Rzewnicki, Sea, 2:09.20. 2, Elias Simmons, Ast, 2:15.25. 3, Isaac Gray, Ast, 2:28.63.	
200 Individual Medley: 1, Sam Beaudoin, Sea, 2:32.94. 2, Thayne Covert, Ast, 2:43.38. 3, Nick Knoyha, Sea, 2:45.46.	
50 Freestyle: 1, Luke Liljenwall, Sea, 24.84. 2, Austin Clinkscales, Gla, 27.70. 3, Joe Locher, Gla, 29.68.	
100 Butterfly: 1, Sam Beaudoin, Sea, 1:03.93. 2, Thaddeus Stapleton, Sea, 1:24.56.	
100 Freestyle: 1, Luke Liljenwall, Sea, 56.31. 2, Elias Simmons, Ast, 1:02.60. 3, Isaac Gray, Ast, 1:05.79.	
500 Freestyle: 1, Bradley Rzewnicki, Sea, 5:49.29. 2, Thayne Covert, Ast, 5:58.95. 3, Aleks Matthews, Ast, 6:48.77.	
200 Freestyle Relay: 1, Astoria (Covert, Simmons, Miller, Gray), 1:56.66. 2, Gladstone, 1:59.84. 3, Seaside, 2:02.99.	
100 Backstroke: 1, David Keeling, Ast, 1:27.79. 2, Vinny Petruzzi, Gla, 1:33.64. 3, Cody Berg, Gla, 1:41.16.	
100 Breaststroke: 1, Aleks Matthews, Ast, 1:19.33. 2, Alexander Tadei, Sea, 1:20.30. 3, Nick Knoyha, Sea, 1:22.54.	
400 Freestyle Relay: 1, Seaside (Tadei, Rzewnicki, Beaudoin, Liljenwall), 3:54.90. 2, Astoria, 4:50.18. 3, Gladstone, 5:03.97.	

Ensemble: Production changes every year

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During the production, Ray-Hunter would love nothing more than to see the narthex lined with photographs of other martyrs, to remind attendees that Jesus' fate is not an isolated incident, she said.

"I'll have to wait and see, once I get into it, whether people are comfortable with me going that far or not, but I would love to (do that)," she said.

'An eternal thing'

After working as a professional ballet dancer for 25 years, Ray-Hunter started teaching and arranging sacred dance ensembles when she retired from the professional scene in 1990. She launched her Palm Sunday productions in Connecticut and has taken it up and down the I-5 corridor, including in Ashland, Grants Pass, Eugene, Hillsboro and, most recently, Cannon Beach, where she lives.

Now she wants to start up an ensemble in Astoria. "I think, it being a small community, but having so many old traditions here, it would be very nice to see them come together."

Every year, her Palm Sunday production changes, depending on the setting and the number of performers.



David Robinson/Submitted Photo

A sacred dance ensemble, directed and choreographed by Sandra Ray-Hunter, was held at the Cannon Beach Community Church in July.

"I find the rehearsal periods to be far more important than the actual performance — the connection that happens between people and creating something that is spiritual but very human, that everyone can relate to," she said.

Her ultimate goal is to create an ensemble that she can take to different churches and venues for different occasions, "wherever they're needed."

Trina Robinson, a Cannon Beach resident, performed in both of Ray-Hunter's Cannon

Beach-based productions. Her husband, David, is the lead pastor at the Cannon Beach Community Church, where the ensembles took place.

"Interpretive dance is beautiful, creative and harmonious. And I think all of those reflect the character of God," said Robinson, who studied classical dance in her youth.

Watching and participating in sacred dance ensembles allows congregates to "experience worship in a new way. It's very gratifying," she added.

But, even if religious worship has nothing to do with why a person gets involved, Ray-Hunter said there's something inspiring about the universality of dance.

"It's been done since before history. People have always danced around the bonfire, or at winter solstice or summer solstice," she said. "It's an eternal thing."

For more information, call Ray-Hunter at 503-717-3718, or the Peace Lutheran Church at 503-325-3871.

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