

Putting on the Puttz raises money for Tolovana arts

Golf tourney a colorful draw

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CANNON BEACH — Golfers dressed in colorful, mismatched clothes and wore plaid golf socks with bucket hats or visors. One group decorated their faces with rainbow paint and purple lipstick while wearing vibrant tutus and “Make America Gay Again” shirts.

The miniature golf tournament is Cannon Beach at its most quirky. The event is the biggest fundraiser of the year for Tolovana Arts Colony, a nonprofit organization that provides workshops, art classes and cultural programming.

Nancy Teagle has been on the Arts Colony board for eight years. “This (Puttz) helps us continue,” Teagle said Tuesday. The annual golf tournament is held on Tuesdays so local people and some tourists can enjoy it, she said. “The enthusiasm grows every year.”

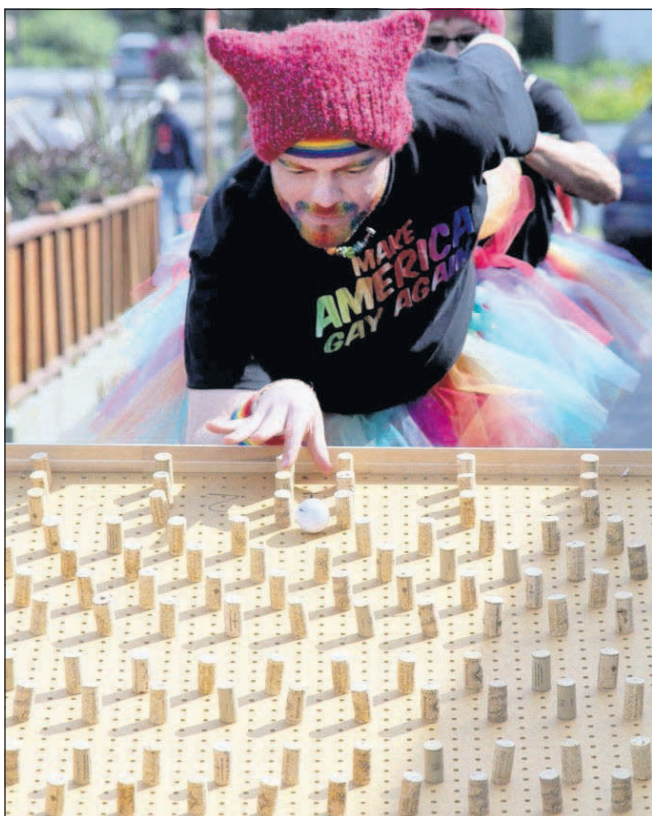
Records set

This year, Puttz generated more than \$5,500 and had a record-breaking number of golfers with 75, about 10 more than last year.

Thirteen merchants sponsored the event by designing creative golf holes, which were inside and outside of the businesses. One hole required participants to putt the golf ball up a ramp and into a kiddie pool of donut floaters.

Watt Childress, the owner of Jupiter’s Rare and Used Books and the chairman of Tolovana Arts Colony, has participated in the Puttz event for six years. “Time flies when you’re having fun,” Childress said.

The purpose of the Puttz tournament is “celebrating the community together and having fun in advance of peak



Tolovana Arts Colony
Richard Bowman puts his ball in play on the “plinko” board hole at the American Legion in Cannon Beach. Bowman and his teammates won the award for best costume.

tourist season,” Childress said. “We welcome tourists to come. It’s just not our emphasis.”

The “Pink Bible Horn” mini-course was set in the grass in front of Jupiter’s Rare and Used Books. A bench with branches on top and chairs on either side blocked Hole 7, forcing people to find a way around the obstacles.

Mike French, of Cannon Beach, has participated in the Puttz tournament for four years for two reasons. “No. 1, it’s fundraising for the arts and No. 2, it’s way too much fun,” he said. “Every year it’s different.”

The Wine Shack’s hole required the Puttz participants to putt the golf ball down two flights of stairs.

“This is a lot of fun,” said Lee Roberts, who works at the Wine Shack and has participated in the Puttz for four years. “Word of mouth is prob-

ably one of the best advertisers, and people hear this is fun.”

The hardest hole

Donald Conner, who works at Land’s End Motel, hosted Hole 5. Conner said players had acknowledged it was the hardest hole. Three upside-down beach buckets served as barricades while plastic foam pool noodles were stripped across and outlined the course.

This is Conner’s third year working at Land’s End Motel and his second as a participant in the Puttz event. “It’s a blast,” Conner said. “It gives us a chance to extend our hospitality, and we always enjoy that.”

Most people who participate in the Puttz tourney live in Cannon Beach or nearby. However, visitors were welcomed. Jon Lawry, a Portland native, was in Cannon Beach for work-related meet-



Tolovana Arts Colony
Many golfers dressed for the event, both in cheeky and formal attire.

ings when he asked friend Tim Davis if he wanted to play golf Tuesday.

Davis then invited Lawry to join him in this year’s Puttz. Lawry was not disappointed. “It’s fun to see the businesses and see the surrounding areas.” Lawry also said he might make the Puttz tournament his new tradition.

This was Davis’ eighth year participating. “If someone goes through the effort of something off the wall like this, it needs to be supported,” he said.

A raffle and auction followed the conclusion of the mini-golf festivities. Basket weaver Debra Carnes, who donated one of her baskets to the auction, has participated in the Cannon Beach Puttz for all 11 years. “This is so much fun,” Carnes said. “This event brings community together.”



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Kaelia Neal is The Daily Astorian’s Snowden intern.

Summer intern a runner, editor at Linfield College

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Kaelia Neal doesn’t like the beach.

“The ocean makes me really nervous,” said the 21-year-old Linfield College junior. Stories of an uncle who survived getting caught in a sneaker wave when he was a child cemented very firmly in her mind that you absolutely do not turn your back on the ocean.

But this fear is why she is here.

Neal is The Daily Astorian’s summer Snowden intern, joining the newsroom to cover summer events, news and the Clatsop County community. The Snowden Internship Program is run by the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication.

Neal is not someone to back down from a challenge and one of the reasons she asked to be placed at The Daily Astorian was to get

over her fear of the ocean. “I think living here will help me,” she said.

Neal, who grew up in Salem, competes in cross-country and track and field at Linfield in McMinnville. She is pursuing a major in mass communication and is editor-in-chief of the college’s newspaper, The Linfield Review.

“It’s a really independent job,” she said about reporting. “I like feeling responsible for myself.”

As editor-in-chief and, previously, sports editor at The Linfield Review, Neal has tackled diverse topics from stories about women’s basketball to the appearance of a hate symbol on campus.

“Kaelia is enthusiastic, talented and dedicated to reporting news on the North Coast and learning from the journalists at The Daily Astorian,” Managing Editor Laura Sellers said. “We look forward to reading her work and expanding our coverage.”

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