

Seaside golfers add another league title

By GARY HENLEY
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The big tournaments are next week and the week after, but in the meantime, the Seaside boys golf team warmed up by winning another Cowapa League championship.

As expected, it wasn't even close, as the Gulls carded a 307 team score Monday afternoon at the Astoria Golf & Country Club, 47 strokes ahead of second-place Valley Catholic (354).

Astoria was third with a 365, followed by Banks (406) and Tillamook (419).

Seaside will also be the heavy favorite in the regional championships next week, when the Cowapa League schools and several other teams gather May 6-7 at Quail Valley Golf Course for state qualifying.

The state tournament is May 13-14 at Emerald Valley Golf Course in Creswell, where the Gulls will compete in a one-day state preview tournament Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Seaside sophomore Curtis Kunde earned medalist honors for Monday's Cowapa League championship, as he finished with a 73

to edge freshman teammate Carson Kawasoe (75).

The Gulls started the day slowly, going six-over-par on the first hole. Kunde recorded Seaside's only birdie on the front nine, and was the only Gull below 40.

On the back side, however, the Gulls turned it on.

Kunde, Kawasoe and Connor Merrell combined for 10 birdies on the back nine, and together scored one-under-par. Along with Samson Sibony's steady round, the Gulls pulled away from the rest of the field.

Seaside senior Connor Merrell was third with a 76,

Sibony finished fifth with an 83 and senior Mason Shamion placed ninth with a 91, as all five Gulls made the all-league team.

"I think we played well today and showed that we can compete at state," Kunde said.

Ryoma Lane and Henry Lo, of Valley Catholic, and Astoria's Connor Long, Josh Olson and Jacob Ficken joined the Seaside five on the all-league team.

"Today was a pretty impressive show by our team," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "Curtis, Carson and Connor combined to have



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From left to right, Seaside league champion golfers Samson Sibony, Curtis Kunde, Carson Kawasoe, Connor Merrell and Mason Shamion.

four more birdies than the rest of the field combined. A couple of errant drives kept Samson from joining those three in the 70s."

Shamion "wasn't happy with his score today, but he had 14 of the 18 holes with

five or less," Poetsch said. "If he gets those other four holes there, he ends up with a pretty good score. As it was, all five shot well enough to earn all-league honors, for which I am really happy for them, especially my seniors."

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY
Baseball — Taft at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at Portland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Softball — Taft at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at Portland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
BASEBALL
Banks 4, Seaside 2
Banks 002 011 0—4 8 0
Seaside 200 000 0—2 6 1
Vandehey, Lilly (7) and White; Fenton, Johnson (6) and Teubner. W: Vandehey. L: Fenton. S: Lilly. RBI: Ban, Bunn 2, Vandehey, Cook; Sea, Teubner, Januik. 2B: Ban, Louie, Vandehey, B.Gobel. LOB: Banks 5, Seaside 6.
SOFTBALL
Astoria 6, Tillamook 0
Astoria 130 100 1—6 9 1
Tillamook 000 000 0—0 5 1
W: Julia Norris. L: Torrin Richardson. RBI: Ast, Helmersen 2, Lyngstad 2, O'Brien, Matteucci. 2B: Ast, Helmersen, Matteucci; Til, Knutsen. 3B: Til, Reeves. HBP: Ast, Matthews; Til, Hurliman. LOB: Astoria 7, Tillamook 6.
BOYS GOLF
Cowapa League Championships (at Astoria G&CC)
Medalist: Curtis Kunde, Seaside, 73
Team: Seaside 307, Valley Catholic 354, Astoria 365, Banks 406, Tillamook 419.
Seaside (307)
Curtis Kunde, 37-36—73
Carson Kawasoe, 40-35—75
Connor Merrell, 40-36—76
Samson Sibony, 40-43—83
Mason Shamion, 44-47—91
Astoria (365)
Connor Long, 47-42—89
Josh Olson, 47-43—90
Jacob Ficken, 43-48—91
Taylor Palmberg, 46-49—95
Dylan Altheide-Nielson, 55-48—103

Banks slips past Seaside, 4-2

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SEASIDE — The wins never come easy on the North Coast for the Banks Braves, but win they do, as they did again Monday night in Cowapa League baseball action at Broadway Field in Seaside.

Ranked No. 2 in the state at the 4A level, Banks had to overcome an early 2-0 deficit against the Gulls, scoring twice in the third inning, then adding runs in the fifth and sixth for a 4-2 win.

The Braves improved to 8-0 atop the Cowapa standings, 17-3 overall. Seaside fell to 3-5, 8-10 overall.

Banks threatened in the top of the first, putting runners at second and third with one out, before Seaside starter Travis Fenton struck out the next two batters to get out of the inning.

And the Gulls gave Fenton an early lead, as Payton Wester-



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian

Seaside's Duncan Thompson, left, puts the tag on Dakota Bunn of Banks in a third inning rundown between second and third.

holm's one-out single to center in the bottom of the first inning was the first of four straight hits for Seaside.

Duncan Thompson beat out an infield single, Alex Teubner had a line drive single to center to score Westerholm with the game's first run, and another infield hit by Chase Januik scored Thompson for a 2-0 lead.

Unfortunately for the Gulls, those would be their final runs of the night.

Banks starter Hayden Vande-

hey only gave up two hits after that (both by Fenton), and kept the Gulls scoreless through six innings, giving way to reliever Tyler Lilly in the seventh.

Lilly nearly let the save opportunity slip through his hands, as Seaside put runners at second and third with one out in the bottom of the seventh.

But Lilly retired two straight to end the game to keep the Braves unbeaten in league play.

Offensively for the Braves, Cameron Louie and Vandehey had back-to-back doubles in the third inning, while Jarred Evans and Dakota Bunn had consecutive singles in the fifth inning that resulted in the go-ahead run.

Blake Gobel added a leadoff double in the sixth, and courtesy runner Tanner Snook scored on a two-out single to center by Bryson Cook.

The Gulls play Wednesday at Astoria (Tapiola Park, 5 p.m.).

Astoria blanks Tillamook

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Astoria scored its second win at Tillamook in five days, with a 6-0 decision over the Cheesemakers in a Cowapa League softball game Monday.

The Lady Fishermen improved to 3-0 against Tillamook this season, and the two teams still have one more game to go, May 6 at CMH Field.

In Monday's win, Astoria had all the runs it would need in the first inning, as Halle Helmersen drew a one-out walk and scored moments later on a single by Lexi Lyngstad.

For good measure, Astoria tacked on three runs in the second inning for a 4-0 lead. That was plenty for starting pitcher Julia Norris, who scattered five hits with three strikeouts and one walk.

Helmersen and Tenley Matteucci both had a double as part of Astoria's nine-hit attack.

Astoria plays Wednesday at Seaside, followed by a Friday game at Banks.

BLAZERS VS. NUGGETS

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