



SEVEN WONDERS CUP



Amy Gulzow and the Dragons in the Wallowas team shoves off from the dock for their first race Saturday morning in the Seven Wonders Cup on Wallowa Lake.

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Two Wallowa teams collect six medals overall in competition

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The “Dragons in the Wallowas” dragon boat club members were wild with joy at the medal awards ceremony after the Third Annual 7th Wonder Cup dragon boat races on Wallowa Lake last weekend. “We just keep getting better and better,” said Race Organizer Mike Lockhart. “Our Grand Master’s boat is especially competitive — but our mixed team is not that far behind them.”

The team took home six medals, including a gold medal for the Grand Masters Team’s running of the 250-meter slalom race. The slalom remains a favorite addition to regular dragon boat racing offerings and the crowd of boaters gathered in the Edelweiss Inn at the head of the Lake for awards roared their approval of the decision to keep the slalom a regular part of upcoming races.

Eleven teams hit the lake Saturday and Sunday including two teams fielded by the Dragons in the Wallowas. Last year the Dragons in the Wallowas fielded a Mixed Team and a Women’s Team.

As usual, many of those top middle-aged members of the grand master’s boat also shouldered double-duty by joining younger team members on the mixed boat.

In addition to their gold medal in the grand master running of the slalom, the team took silver medals in the Grand Master’s 500-meter races (combined total of three times); the Mixed Team’s 500-meter races; the grand masters total combined scores of 500-Meters and slalom; the mixed team’s total combined scores of 500-Meters and slalom; and the mixed team’s run of the slalom.

The overall winner of the 7 Wonders Cup was Team Dragon Fuel, a Portland group with a combined time for all events of 10:22.99. The Dragons in the Wallowas mixed team was just behind them with a time of 10:52:12.



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Like the rest of the Dragons in the Wallowas crew, Drummer and caller Amy Gulzow planned on keeping warm when cooler weather set on Sunday morning.



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Members of the grand masters and mixed team (many do double-duty) for the Dragons in the Wallowas celebrate their amazing six-medal win at the Aug. 25-26 7th Wonder Cup Dragon Boat Races: Tiller Denny Kolb, left, Sybil Berkey and Bob and Gina Barstad.

Enterprise library adding hours

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Enterprise Public Library has hired a new assistant to the librarian — Samantha Layne.

With her in place, the library will now be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. five days a week and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The library will be closed for lunch noon to 1 p.m. on Fridays.

The expanded hours are a test to see if the needs of the community are met. Adjustments may be made going forward.

“We will count every

hour to see when the most usage is,” said librarian Denine Rautenstrauch said.

Library patrons had requested open hours on Fridays and Saturdays. But, in addition to responding to customer requests, the library is also acting to address a significant increase in workload since the county library closed.

“Our circulation is out of bounds since July 1, with people sometimes lined up three and four deep at the counter,” Rautenstrauch said. “I don’t think we’ll have any difficulty proving to city council that the added hours were a needed addi-

tion to the library services.”

Financing ever-expanding library services is still a concern for the city leadership. The estimated cost for library services is \$70 per person per year, but library cards are free. The city council hopes the that will continue.

Patrons living outside of city boundaries pay nothing in taxes to support the library and are now being asked to consider making a voluntary donation of any amount to the library.

“I have been amazed at the response,” said Rautenstrauch. “People really value their library.”

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