

# State softball champs return home after tournament

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The Wallowa Valley Cubs, the Oregon State junior league softball champions are back home in the valley after the squad's trip to the Western Region Tournament in Tucson, Ariz. The Cubs fell 11-1 in their final contest versus Martinez Little League of California on Monday, July 22.

The Cubs sported a 1-3 record at the tournament, losing two games in the championship bracket, but going 1-1 in consolation play. Coach Shane Kirkland said the tournament provided good times

and some valuable learning experiences.

The Cubs' final game was cut short after five innings by the 10-run rule, despite the Cubs pounding out nine hits, one less than the victors. Coach Kirkland pointed to the hitting performances of players Libby Fisher, Abby Straight and Alex Rowley who all went 2 for 2 at the plate during the contest.

"It was really great," Kirkland said. "Outside of that, we really had trouble getting going and getting things to work. We faced off against a good team."

Although errors played a part in the Martinez loss as well as one of the games.

Kirkland was careful not to let it affect his players.

"They don't define the girls as a team," he said. "Winning district and winning state and the amount we've been able to bring this team together and trust each other does define them as a team. We're super proud of them, as is most everybody."

Kirkland also noted that Cubs were probably the youngest team at the tournament with the average age being under 13. Four of the tournament teams played year-round softball as well, including the Four Peaks team that initially defeated the Cubs and eventually played in the championship

game.

The coach said that Sunday, July 21, the Cubs had the day off and got to relax, spending time around the pool and going to a golf-themed entertainment venue. He said the weather called for lots of time spent in the vicinity of air conditioning.

What Kirkland took away from the tournament is that he thought the Cubs would be more competitive. In some ways he felt the team was prepared but that the coaching had to be taken to the next level.

"We need to work more on hitting and hitting different pitchers," he said. "We need to let them face some

stiffer pitching — maybe let them hit against some high school pitchers." He added he studied other coaches to see what they had to offer.

However, he thought the team accomplished what they wanted to accomplish during their stay. He noted that the ladies worked hard and expressed a great desire to win.

One of the many other positives of the tournament included a number of friendships the Cubs forged with players from other areas. He also added other benefits:

"We had a good time, learned a lot, and we know what we have to do to step up and be competitive here,"

he said. That's some important stuff for us. We'll never replace these memories."

Cubs player, Aimee Meyers, said that she felt privileged to play at the tournament and called it a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that still didn't feel quite real. She also said that she was surprised at the turnout of community support both online and in the stands.

Closeness with team members is something Meyers said she learned to appreciate on the journey.

"I wasn't close with members of the team, but now we're super close," she said. "All of us are friends, which is super cool."

## 2019 Tamkaliks Dance results

### Women's Traditional Seniors 50 and over

1. Katie Blackwolf; Pendleton, Oregon
2. Bev Allen; Peshastin, Washington
3. Diane Walker; Chiloquin, Oregon

### Women's Traditional Adults

1. Katrina Miller; Pendleton
2. Tie
- Sara Dowty; Warm Springs, Oregon
- Trinette Nowland; Pendleton

### Girls' Traditional Teens

1. Latis Nowland; Pendleton
2. Layla Sohappay; Cayuse, Oregon

3. Natasha Slimjohn; Lapwai, Idaho

### Girls' Traditional Juniors

1. Mania Wolf; Pendleton
2. Leona Smith; Lapwai, Idaho
3. Elizabeth Bevis; Pendleton

### Fancy Shawl Dance

1. Aurora Whiskeyjack; Pendleton
2. Mary Harris; Pendleton
3. Alayna Bevis; Pendleton

### Jingle Dance

1. Teata Ellenwood; Pendleton



**Women's Senior Traditional Dance winners: Katie Blackwolf, Pendleton, Oregon, Bev Allen, Peshastin, Washington, and Diane Walker, Chiloquin, Oregon.**

### Men's Traditional Adults

1. Jesse Bevis Sr.; Pendleton
2. Michael Bad Warrior; Owyhee, Nevada

3. Alex Broncheau; Post Falls, Idaho

### Boys Traditional Teens

1. Sky Smith; Lapwai, Idaho
2. Aiden Wolf; Cayuse, Oregon

### Boys' Traditional Juniors

1. Eli Bauer; Pendleton
2. Cashis Bevis; Pendleton
3. Adam Bauer; Pendleton

### Fast and Fancy

1. Garian McDonald; Pendleton
2. Eli Bauer; Pendleton
3. Tony Smith; Lapwai, Idaho



**Men's Traditional Senior Dance Winners: Don Nanamkin, Nespelem, Washington, Steve Ruben, Kooskia, Idaho, and J.T. Williams, Arrow Junction, Idaho.**

### Grass Dance

1. Jesse Bevis Sr.; Pendleton
2. Tie

Wilber Oatman; Pendleton  
Logan Quaempts; Pendleton

### Women's Short Fringe Special

1. Bev Allen; Peshastin, Washington
2. Trinette Nowland; Pendleton
3. Fern Smith; Lapwai, Idaho
4. Jacy Sohappay; Cayuse, Oregon

### Slick Style Special

1. Jesse Red Sky Bevis; Pendleton
2. Louis Van Pelt; Pendleton

3. Wilber Oatman; Pendleton
4. Caleb Minthorne; Pendleton

### CELEBRATION ALL AROUNDS

**Jesse Bevis Sr:** First Grass, First Men's Traditional, First Slick Style

**Eli Bauer (Age 12):** First Boys Traditional, second Fast & Fancy

**Wilbur Oatman:** second Grass, third Slick Style

**Bev Allen:** First Short Fringe, second Golden Age Women's Traditional

**Trinette Nowland:** second Short Fringe, third Golden Age

## Wallowa County football players selected for all-star game

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Three Wallowa County high school football players earned the distinction of playing in the 67th Oregon East-West All Star football game on Sunday, Aug. 3 in Baker City. The game is played in the 11-man format and players come from 1A-4A schools.

Gus Ramsden of Wallowa High School, Tyler Homan of Joseph Charter School and Coy Aschenbrenner of Enterprise High School were chosen by coaches of 1A-4A schools.

Players were dropped off in Wilsonville on Friday, July 28 for a special dinner. The following day saw all the players visiting patients at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland.

They started their trip eastward July 29, stopping to eat dinner in Pendleton before spending the night at the Eastern Oregon University, where both teams will stay and practice.

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## tee time

Triple Six Golf Tournament at Alpine Meadows — there was no sun. It turned out to be one of those "scrunch up your shoulders and rub your hands together" kind of day. But moody skies and chilling winds didn't stop the tournament.

Golfers made the best of it. Then, surprisingly, in early afternoon the sky cleared and the teams were able to play their last two holes in the welcoming warmth of old Sol.

"What a relief. What fun," said a smiling Triple Sixer.

**WINNERS:** Flight One: Low Gross — Mike Rahn/Brian Rahn, 71. Low Net — Mike Harshfield/Tyler Harshfield, 68; Flight Two: Low Gross — Tristin Beck/Pat Lynn, 79. Low Net — Chuck Haines/Cindy Parks, 71.25; KP (Closest to Pin)

#1 — Marvin Gibbs. #4 — Chad Conrad.

Bill Ables, tournament chairman, thanks Allison Cornett/Kathy Reynolds, scoring and Marsha Hauptmann, Belinda Kuntz and Cheri Lamb café/bar hospitality.

In La Grande Country Club's Spring Swing (Women's Best Ball) June 1, Cindy Parks/Cheri Lamb placed third low net in Second Flight. Then, Cindy entered a "Horse Race," and with partner, Lisa Newman, from Pendleton, won first place of 18 teams. In raffle drawing, Cindy and Cheri won a trunk load of prizes.

Thursday Men's Day has been active since May 9th. Golfers play Blind Draw/low gross and net. They also score "Skins" with payout. Winners for May's Blind Draw include Dick Anderson, Terry Lamb, Dale Johnson, Gary Marr, Chuck Haines. Skins include Bill Ables, Fred Cornett, Terry

Lamb, Dale Johnson, Harlan Menton, Dean Duquette, Ashley Prince and Mike Reynolds.

REMINDER from Marvin Gibbs/Terry Lamb who attended rules clinic sponsored by OSGA at La Grande Country Club. Twenty of the most often used rules are posted on the bulletin board at AMGC clubhouse. Please study. If you're posting scores for handicap follow rules as closely as possible. If you're just out for a fun day and not competition play and have fun. Remember to sand your divots and repair your ball marks on green.

**Bright Note:** A group of motorcyclists (bikers) from Seattle showed up at AMGC in late afternoon Saturday to play a little golf before camping out for the night. They'd been riding all day. One 'in leather' said, "We came to golf in the sunshine, and it looks like we picked the right afternoon."

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