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Ty Warnock's dog turns a steer with a show of force during the stock dog trial at the Wallowa County Stockman's Rodeo.

## Stock Growers Rodeo ropes in fun, scholarship funds

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The Wallowa County Stockgrower's Ranch Rodeo and dinner on Saturday provided a good time for all and roped in funds for scholarships, including more than \$600 from the sale of a pick of the litter from a stellar cowdog. Tom Birkmaier and B.J. Warnock took top prize in rock-jack building with an energetic performance. Devin Patton and Mark Ramsden were a close second. Stock dog competition was won by Cody Ross and his two border collies, who put the set of three steers through stock fences, barrels, and in and out of a corral in 4 minutes, 14 seconds. Second place stock dog went to Mark Schott.

Team sorting was won by an out of county team of Dave Gordon, Wes Osborne, and Lexie Osborne. Local favorites Barrie Qualle, Zach Compton and K.C. Little took second place honors. Branding honors also went to an out of county team: Mark Kerns, Savannah Kerns, and Wes Osborne. But Todd Nash, Greg Seuffer and Hadley Miller teamed up to garner a close second.

Three teams competed in the horseback relay race—with the first three legs ridden at a trot and the last leg usually at a full-out gallop. First place easily went to the team of Zeb Ramsden, Lute Ramsden and Trevor Wentz who loped home with the prize. The real competition was between second and third place, with Skyler Willis, Scott Shear, and Deanna DeMelo holding off a fast-closing third team to win by just a few seconds at the finish line.

The kids' stick horse races were a little less dramatic. In what seemed a display of good sportsmanship, most of the 3 to 5 year old set "galloped" to the finish line, and then stopped just short of crossing it until most of their fellow racers arrived. The 5 and up group was not as polite, with the winner letting out a whoop as he carried his (stick) horse across the finish.

Deanna DeMelo was recognized as all around top cowgirl. Trevor Wentz took top cowboy honors. And the Wallowa County Stockman's Ranch Rodeo top horse award went to Dan Probert's sturdy sorrel.



Tom Birkmaier takes a break while BJ Warnock tacks a tag to the rockjack upright to indicate that their work is complete in the rockjack competition. The pair won the contest.



IT'S A HORSE RACE! In a hotly contested finish, two riders vie for second and third place.



Jessie Cunningham ropes the first of two steers during the team branding competition.



Mark Schott gets off a tough shot, but successfully ropes his heifer during the team branding competition.

## Gayle Beck Ladies Invitational is always a fun golfing event at Alpine Meadows

The annual Gayle Beck Ladies Invitational took place Tuesday, August 13th. It's always a fun golfing event at Alpine Meadows. Here's looking back at the day's highlights.

First, the weather was grand for golf. . . warm sunshine, cool breeze. Nature being nice.

Second, a "first time" tournament scramble format proved to be a good deci-

### tee time

By Rochelle Danielson

sion for the Invite. (Scramble definition of scramble is where two or more players form a team, with rules emphasizing fun without pressure of players keeping individual scores. Each player hits tee shot on each

hole, then everyone plays from the spot of the best drive and so on to final putt. One score per team.)

Six 4-man teams participated in play including twelve gals, Alpine Meadows; four gals, Buffalo Peak, Union. Linda Taylor represented Baker's Quail Ridge. Dara Alverson from Meridian, ID joined in with six La Grande Country Club lady golfers.

The team of Cathy Reynolds, Dayle Harmon, Cindy Parks and Deb Koppman were the big winners scoring a low 70, 2 under. The team of Cally Goss and Carol Franks (LaGrande) along with Rochelle Danielson and Donna McCadden (Enterprise) worked diligently to win the big money, but was foiled by tree branches, sand, water, and air quality. They finished 1 under with a 71. The team of Carol Marr, Jacquie Myers, Gwen Thornberg and Mary Lynn Townsend found that Trout Creek on #7 marred their chances of even winning a used golf ball.

KP on #1 and #10: Flight One, Linda Taylor. Flight Two, Judy Ables. Longest Drive #6 and #15: Flight One, Deb Koppman. Flight Two, Mary Lynn Townsend. Closest to Line #2 and #11: Flight One, Linda Taylor. Flight Two, Sally McCraw. Longest putt on #9 and #18: First Flight, Sandy Southard. Second Flight, Gwen Thornberg.

A luncheon at the clubhouse, provided by Cheryl Kooch and served by Marsha Hauptmann and Belinda Kunz, culminated a fine, fun day.

Carol Marr, chairman announced scramble win-

ners. Cindy Parks/Panky Hauxwell, co-chair in decoration/raffle prizes, helped in calling winners. Cally Goss and Sally McCraw split the 50/50 drawing. Raffle prizes: Wallowa Lake Tram, 2 tickets to ride. Vesta Jacobs, 2 pecan pies. Be Charmed and Rusty Spur, gift certificates. Cindy Parks, horticulturist, supplied potted succulents. Numerous gifts donated by AMGC members, and also by Union gals made for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Much appreciated was the help from Gary Marr, Ken Hauxwell and Terry Lamb who helped carry golf bags from cars to golf carts.

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