

## MOORE TO RUN AT RANDOLPH COLLEGE

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**W**ALLOWA — Brenden Moore is going to get an opportunity to run at the collegiate level.

The recent Wallowa High School graduate, who ran track and cross-country and part of the school's co-op with Enterprise, has signed his letter of intent to run for Randolph College, an NCAA Division III school based in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Moore said he learned about the East Coast school after receiving a recruitment email.

"I called the coach one day, and we talked about me coming out and running for them and that is where it is at," he said.

As he did in high school, Moore said he will run both track and cross-country for coach Ryan Purrington and the Wildcats.

He hopes to focus in track on the 3,000-meter run, but said he's open "to what my coach has planned for me."

Part of what appeals to him about the 3,000 is that with it being a longer race, it allows a better opportunity for runners to set their pace, as opposed to going all-out immediately in a short race.

"(In the) 3,000 you have plenty of laps to work off your splits and improve those over time. It's not as crowded as well. Not many people like to do 3,000," he said. "It's a nice, low-key event, which makes it feel more exciting."

He said the improvement in his numbers during his senior year was part of the draw for Purrington. Indeed, this spring, he shaved more than two minutes off his time in the 5K for cross-country, from a 20:09 during a March 8 meet in Nyssa down to 18:04.1 at the district meet not quite four



Brenden Moore, shown when he placed eighth in the 3,000 at the 2A/1A state track and field meet in Union on May 22, 2021, has signed a letter of intent to run for Randolph College in Virginia.

weeks later.

He has more ability to improve ahead of him too, as his PR in the race is 17:43.6, which he ran during the 2019 state cross-country meet prior to COVID.

On the track, he shaved off 40 seconds in five weeks in the 3,000, running a personal best 10:08.30 when he placed eighth at the state track meet in Union in May.

"He was constantly looking at my times and seeing my improvement over my senior year," Moore said. "We talked a little bit more. He said he would be happy if I came out and ran for them."

Moore was able to be part of two state-championship cross-country teams for Wallowa Valley, placing sixth on the squad — and 27th

overall — during the 2019 state title race. In the spring of 2021, he was 18th overall and fifth on the team that repeated as state champs.

"For me, it was honestly kind of like a dream come true," he said of his cross-country career. "I decided that cross-country was more my sport. I stuck to it. It's been quite the experience. Just building with the team and growing closer as the years pass on."

Part of the experience, he said, was the way the team buckled down and worked even harder to win in 2019 after just missing out on a state title in 2018 — and then winning it again a year later.

"It was relieving to see your hard work and our decision actually come through and put it on

top," he said.

Moore said he has been inspired by the recent success of former Enterprise runner David Ribich, who reached the finals in the 1,500 in the Olympic Trials in late June. He said it is proof that a small-town athlete can succeed.

"If you have the mindset to do it, you can do it," he said. "That is the mentality he showed."

His advice for future athletes though? Enjoy the moment.

"Don't focus too much on the winning part, and focus more on having fun, and (then on) winning second," he said. "High school may be your last chance to play sports. ... You want to remember the good times you had during those sports."

### TEE TIME

Rochelle Danielson



## Tourneys resume full tilt

**W**ith a lifting of COVID restrictions this year, Alpine Meadows is back on track scheduling golf tournaments.

On the calendar coming up is the Elks on July 17-18, Joseph school fundraiser, Aug. 14, the Gail Beck Ladies Invitational, Aug. 10 and the Rat Race, Labor Day weekend Sept. 4-5.

Recently played in June, the 8th Annual Triple Six Golf Tournament brought in 44 entries. After meager interest in tourneys in past years, and no scheduled events last year, it was a refreshing twist to see so many golfers sign up for what is a fun-filled day in playing three different golf formats — Best Ball, Scramble and Chapman — all within 18 holes.

"Flight One had 12 two-person teams. Flight Two had 10," says Doug McKinis, clubhouse manager. "Out-of-towners — from down Portland way — gave AMGC high marks on course maintenance. Always nice to hear kudos for our greens crew."

And kudos to Doug for his handling of the tournament. So-to-speak, it was his first rodeo.

A score of 63 gave Dakota Hull and Kyle Crawford the big first low gross win for Flight One. Mel Jackson and Mike Walker, second low gross, shot 71. First low net of 60.80 went to Tristan Beck and Pat Lynn. Second low net of 65.48 gave the Terry Lamb/Dean Duquette duo a slight edge over Dale Johnson/Bo Patske who scored 65.80. Second Flight winners were: first low gross, Richard Gates/Chuck Schrade, with 77. Second low gross, Ryan Collins/Brandon Mahon, with 81. First low net, Tanner Shelton/Patrick Green, 65.52, and second low net, John Lawrence/Bill Williams, 65.60.

Dale Johnson took honors for Closest to the pin on No. 1/10. His drive hit the pin, bounced off and landed 2 feet, 11 inches from the hole. KP on No. 4/13 was Brad Graybeal.

Along with tournaments, golfers are looking forward to a return to normal — before COVID — with more social activities like Friday night Scotch ball, like the café/bar being open, like a place to have lunch, and like ordering an Arnold Palmer (mixture of ice tea and lemonade). Instead of the play golf/go home game, golfers need the freedom of an open clubhouse and patio for relaxation after the game. Let's bring back the camaraderie, the high-fives and hugs. It's all a part of the golf game and has been sorely missed.

Rochelle Danielson of Enterprise loves the game of golf and has golfed for many years at Alpine Meadows.

### CHIEF JOSEPH DAYS RANCH RODEO



Ellen Morris Bishop/Chief Joseph Days

Quail Run Ranch gets the job done in ranch team roping during the 2021 Chief Joseph Days Ranch Rodeo Saturday, July 3, 2021. Quail Run Ranch was the top point-scoring team and won three events Saturday.

## Quail Run Ranch dominates at CJD Ranch Rodeo

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**JOSEPH** — Quail Run Ranch was far and away the top team at the Chief Joseph Days Ranch Rodeo, which took place Saturday, July 3, at the Harley Tucker Memorial Rodeo Grounds.

Members of the team won three of the four team events — team branding, team sorting and

team roping. As a result, Quail Run Ranch finished first overall in points. Hites Horses took second overall in points, and was second in team branding and team roping.

Temple Ranch took first in the fourth team event — team doctoring, with the 5 S Ranch taking second in the event. Circle P Ranch, which was second in team sorting, ended up third overall in points,

while Temple Ranch was fourth in points.

In individual events, John Hillcock won first place in calculutta. Diane Daggett placed second, and Debbie Warnock and Chris Yaw were third.

The Jim Probert Top Hand Award was given to Casey Little, and Best Cowgirl was Josey Ross.

The ranch rodeo, started in 2008, is a non-PRCA event that serves as

a fundraiser for scholarships that Chief Joseph Days Rodeo, Inc. provides annually to three local high school seniors, according to the CJD website. The winners of the scholarships this year were Trace Evans of Enterprise, Brianna Micka of Joseph and Tristin Bales of Wallowa. The event is an opportunity to show some of the daily activities of the working rancher.

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