

Delta Park powwow continues to draw crowd

By Sid Miller

With the annual Portland Rose Festival parade, the Starlite and Jr. parade along with the fun rides at the midway along the water front and all the Navy ships that attract attention for the annual Rose Festival didn't have any effect on the Portland Inter-Tribal Association as they sponsored the Delta Park Powwow this year, and termed as one of the best in the past several years. It was a year of re-grouping for the Urban Indians in keeping the annual Delta Park powwow from sinking to the wayside.

The number of contestants didn't compare to some of the powwows in the past but for those who did participate were just as competitive as any dancer in the northwest. Behind the mike and the M.C. for the powwow was Harold Belmont of Seattle, who kept things rolling along.

Chosen for the Delta Park Queen for this year was Racheal Martinez of Portland, the Jr. Queen was Vicki Underwood also of Portland. The weather had no real effect on the affair, just on Friday night contest dancing was called off because of rain.



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Miller

WARM-UP DANCE—Where everyone got out and danced during the annual Rose Festival Delta Park powwow in north Portland. Dancers from various parts of the northwest danced to the drum beats of the Mitchell singers from Warm Springs. Everyone had a good time during a rain free Saturday and Sunday.

Other than that everything else went well.

With such limited advertising there were still many who who anticipated on the annual event. A tepee village from 15 to 20 circled the dancing area, and several booths of Indian

artifacts on sale during the powwow. There are plans for a better program for the coming year. Following are the results of each category in the contests at Delta Park.

For the Tiny Tots girls ages eight years and under: 1. Shara

Dixon, from Tacoma, Washington; 2. Tilda Wesley, Toppenish, Washington; 3. Jaynette Minthorn of Pendleton.

Boys tiny tots eight years and under: 1. John "TJ" Ball, Vancouver, Washington; 2.

Emerson Scabby Robe, White Swan, Washington; 3. Marlo Little Boys, Aberdeen, Washington.

Jr. Boys ages 9-16 years: 1. Christine Sam, Pendleton, Oregon; 2. Vickie Underwood, Portland, Oregon; 3. June Minthorn, Pendleton, Oregon.

Jr. Boys fancy dancing: 1. Mike Treetop, Chiloquin, Oregon; 2. Russell Phillips, Portland, Oregon; 3. Richard Ramos, Portland, Oregon.

Jr. Girls Shawl dance 13 and over: 1. Liz Brigham, Fallon, Nevada; 2. Gaylynn Sparvier, Toppenish, Washington; 3. Karen Sam, Pendleton.

Men's Fancy Dance 17 years and older: 1. Lonnie Samaripa, Ft Ducheses, Utah; 2. **Gene Harvey, Warm Springs, Oregon**; 3. Kenny Scabby Robe, White Swan, Washington.

Women Traditional Dancing 17 years and older: 1. Irene Cloud, Toppenish, Washington; 2. **Ada Sooksoit, 3. Minnie Yahtin both of Warm Springs, Oregon.**

Men Traditional Dancing 17 years and over: 1. Earl Wesley, Harrah, Washington; 2. **Gorky Mitchell, 3. Chesley Yahtin both of Warm Springs.**

Culture Camp

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and Heritage Department with Norma Smith Jackson from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or at the camp site from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., providing that the camp site is set up.

Each session will offer the children the knowledge of tribal culture and customs. Each child will have the opportunity to learn crafts, one Washut song and the basics of colors, numbers, and certain objects in the Sahaptin language. The instructors will ask each child to ask for their supplies and other necessities in Sahaptin.

The crafts will be as follows. For the boys: bustles, fans, drums and the possibility of shields. For the girls: windresses, weaving, beading, cutting eels and deer. For the

boys and girls: chokers and necklaces.

The director of the camp this year will be Tony Miller. Miller was formerly the principal at Warm Springs Elementary and is presently the principal at Madras Elementary.

The camp will be held Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday will be held open so that children, if interested, can finish projects and for those who are not able to participate in summer recreation activities.

Geneva Charley, head instructor, encourages people from any denomination in the community to help with songs, prayers and languages.

Flow to be reduced at Quartz Creek



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DEEP GULLEYS—The effect of run-off in stream beds if uncontrolled can cause much damage. Watermaster Deepak Sehgal points out area where vegetation is returning in Quartz Creek which will prevent erosion from continuing. Work on Quartz Creek is planned during the summer

By Marsha Shewczyk

Miles and miles of stream beds have turned into deep gulleys harboring raging streams during run-off periods on range lands across the Warm Springs reservation. For years this gouging out of land and tearing down of stream sides has been continuing with no effort to stop it.

Numerous rock dams and log sills were placed along streams to reduce erosion problems during the depression years but no one has maintained these structures and the results are obvious.

Quartz Creek is one stream, seriously in need of rehabilitation. Each year it takes with it valuable range soil creating widening trenches and polluting streams where juvenile fish reside. The Warm Springs Natural Resources Department has created a plan to slow Quartz Creek down making it beneficial to range and fisheries

rather than a nuisance.

With funds approved by Tribal Council for resource projects and possibly Bonneville Power Administration funding, Quartz Creek rehabilitation will begin July 2, taking eight to twelve weeks. A crew of six coordinated by Warm Springs biologist Terry Luther will construct gabions, effect juniper control and plant grass seed for erosion control.

The project will begin with Juniper control. Juniper soaks up water and minerals which palatable range grasses could be utilizing providing food for livestock. Eliminating these trees would increase range grass production. The trees will then be placed in channels to reduce stream velocity.

Gabion structures arranged within Quartz Creek will particularly benefit fisheries by entrapping sediment and reducing turbidity which affects fish rearing in streams

and at the Warm Springs Fish Hatchery.

An earthen dam, near the mouth of Quartz Creek, is scheduled for construction during this project. This, too, would reduce water velocity, reduce erosion and provide benefits to fisheries and range land. "There is a potential for irrigation benefits, creating a higher water table and eventually a better developed riparian zone," Luther explains.

A special seeding project will help determine which range grasses are best suited for erosion control and livestock palatability.

After rehabilitation Quartz Creek will no longer be taking from the land but will be a source of enhancement to fisheries and range production. A few weeks of work will provide years of production and benefits to Warm Springs.

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