

Paint splattering terminators attack in Warm Springs



Marty Martinez, a member of the Patriots Painball Club, gets ready to "kill" with his KP3 rifle.

by Ron Palmer

It was hot. It was Sunday and everyone was waiting. These "players" were prepared. The referees had only a short time in which to get things ready. The signal sound-

ed and the "warriors" began to kill each other...the paintball game had begun. The word paintball makes people think of many things. To some it means fun and excitement. To others it means people trying to be

"weekend warriors". No matter what people think, paintball is played enjoyed by many people around the United States, and especially locally, where a group of Madras and Warm Springs residents gather regularly to spar with

one another.

Paintball is a game played with carbon dioxide powered guns that propel a 68 caliber gelatin ball filled with water-soluble paint. It's all environmentally safe and biodegradable. Players either play alone or with teams. The objective varies from game to game but it all is competition.

To test their paintball skills, participants enter tournaments that feature cash prizes as high as \$35,000.

Paintball fields and stores are found in almost every state. Many companies such as Airgun Designs, National Survival Games, Rebel Manufacturing, Tippman Pneumatics and Oregon's own Component Concepts, have appeared on the scene.

A couple of Madras and Warm Springs citizens started a paintball club right in Warm Springs in June of 1990. Interviews with some members of the club revealed details about the game and this local club.

When locals first started out they had only Splatmasters (a single shot pistol used for marking livestock) and they played wherever they could get some land. From there, more people started to play and they brought a better gun, such as the Rapide (a double-action splatmaster). The players had the firepower but not the range. However, they still enjoyed the game.

Once interest in paintballing began to pick up, game-related companies started popping up and were beginning to make paintball guns of all shapes and sizes. When this news reached Central Oregon, those that could afford it got these new guns and then the race was on to see who could get the best. Finally there was no one who could afford the paintballs that they needed to play the games. Guns cost anywhere from \$80 to \$480. Paintballs cost about \$1.70 a tube

which contains 10 paintballs.

Madras and Warm Springs people set out to play and make it as inexpensive as they could. They started a non-profit organization in which they could play at a lower cost to them and to others. The only problem was that they got tired with the same old players week in and week out. The members went out and brought in new people and they got new members. Some didn't want to be members but still wanted to play. The club then made it inexpensive for everyone to play paintball. They still wanted to be a club so they made it a little more inexpensive to members than to non-members.

The club was doing good and because it was a non-profit club everything made at the end of the day was put back into the club. What was the club's name? They didn't have one yet, so they got together and thought up a name for the club.

The Patriot Paintball Club was now complete, or was it? They wanted their club to be a learning center as well as a club. They adopted rules for everyone and enforced these rules strongly. One of the main rules were to be safe and to wear goggles at all times on the field. This means everyone, referees included.

When asked about the rule of safety the members all are serious about it. The members and the players use paintball approved goggles and guns to make the game more fun and safe all around. "We can't stress safety enough," said one player. "Safety is our highest priority here," is something Marty Martinez said about safety. When asked about the safety of other sports compared to paintballing Martinez said, "Well it's a lot safer than football or baseball."

The cost of a day's play is around \$20 and that includes a gun, gog-

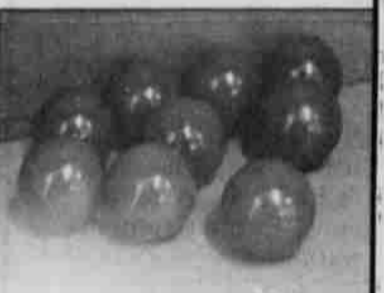
gles, plenty of air, a field fee and 100 paintballs. Club member Rick Stradley stated, "We want people to play not pay." Everyone, except the members, are charged the same amount every time. Women are as welcome to play just as much as the men. Those women who want to play but feel they wouldn't know what to do can get lessons from members so they can get the feel of the game without shooting a shot.

There is an age limit to the game. Fourteen to seventeen play with parents' permission. The teams are once so there will always be an equal number of age groups and the rookies don't have to be by themselves.

When asked about what players like the best about the game, they said things like, "It's physical", "There's competition", "It's a team sport" and "It's fun." The thing they dislike most about the game was "getting killed." The paintballs can hurt but the pain goes away faster than it's inflicted, so it's no problem.

Paintball. There are many different games that can be played but the way you play will always be basic. To work for the team. Fun or painful, the game is all over the U.S. and people play it no matter what is thought about it.

For more information on where and when to play paintball in Warm Springs, call Martinez at 553-1728.



The new bullets of war are paint filled balls.

Jackson ensures proper zoning, land use

There is a new position in the Realty Department. This new position is the Land Services Administrator. The job duty is compliance with Chapter 411 (Ord 56) to ensure proper zoning and reporting

all land use activities. The purpose is to provide orderly development of Reservation lands and resources. The Land Services Administrator is the initial contact person to meet with for all land use activities. Jana E. Jackson was selected to fill this position. People within reservation bound-

daries need required permits for land use intentions. The permits that are required are for homesite leases, exchange allotments, exchange assignments, standard assignments, leases of tribal lands, building permits, mining permits (any natural resource--subsurface, top soil, gravel, etc.) and subdivision developments.

There are several people who are on the routing list that need to review the applications and/or permits for land use intent and public notices need to be posted. It is an extended process so proper planning is recommended. The Realty Department works in conjunction with Planning Department and Land Use Planning Committee.

Jana E. Jackson is employed to assist with the process and to support and enforce Ordinance 56 within the reservation boundaries. If you have any questions or need more information, please come by the Realty Department.

The guidelines that are to be met are found in Chapter 411 (Ordinance 56). If you need a copy of Chapter 411, please contact Dale Hill or Rosella Mosely in the Legislative Department.

WSAI awarded grant from BIA

The Warm Springs Apparel Industries goal to develop a line of clothing reflecting the standards, traditions, and heritage of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs received a boost on July 9th when Frank Alby presented a \$15,000 grant to plant manager Bernyce Courtney. The money will help the sewing factory identify and develop a marketing strategy which utilizes and defines the uniqueness of American Indian designs and themes.

"I'm impressed with the designs, style, and quality of the products produced by the sewing factory," said Alby. "The funds were made available from the BIA's economic development program and we're happy to have been able to help in expanding the market area. The more demand for WSAI products, the more jobs at the plant, and that helps the local economy."

"We have just been advised by Portland Area that grant funds and loan guaranty funds are still available, however, applications must be received by July 26th," said Alby. "Any interested person can visit our Reservation Programs office for additional information and an application packet."



Frank Alby presents Bernyce Courtney with a \$15,000 Bureau of Indian Affairs grant, July 9.

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or alcohol treatment; handicap programs; vocational education programs for adults; homes built only in rural areas; centralize natural resources enforcement authority and additional native American teachers and a career and academic

counselor within the school system. Future community meetings will be held, upon request, in homes or in housing areas, such as Sidwaller, Simnasho and Seekseequa. To arrange for a meeting, contact Ray Rangila at 553-3270.

Don't start fires!

As summer arrives, Wasco Electric Cooperative, Inc. is asking that each member be very careful to avoid starting fires with vehicles or equipment.

During the past several years, there has been a great savings to the members of Wasco Electric Cooperative because of the help of the people in the areas where fires have occurred. The staff, members of the Board of Directors and all co-op members appreciate it very much when the property of the co-op, as well as the property of the people whose buildings, equipment crops are involved in the fire is saved.

Seniors' safety to be monitored

A new service aimed at monitoring safety of area seniors and disabled will be offered beginning in June to those residing within Mountain View Hospital District.

Letter carriers will note whenever mail accumulates in the mailboxes of their elderly patrons and contact Mountain View Hospital and Nursing Home. Mountain View will then telephone to find out whether the elderly person needs help.

"This free program is designed primarily for the house-bound and is open to anyone who is elderly or has health problems," states Moun-

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Dictionary developed to help instruct Indian language

Recognition was given to community members who contributed to publication of the Warm Springs Dictionary. The dictionary is the first formal written dictionary on the Warm Springs language. Work continues on a dictionary for the Wasco and Paiute languages.

The Warm Springs Dictionary is the product of several years of work by Tribal members who speak the Warm Springs language working under the direction of Tribal linguist Henry Morrison. It comprises four parts: a Warm Springs-to-English dictionary, and English-to-Warm Springs dictionary, an explanation of how to read and write Warm Springs, and a grammar of the language. "All four parts are designed to be easy to use for people without knowledge of linguistics," says Morrison. The Warm Springs-to-English portion includes numerous phrases and sentences for many words to illustrate their meaning and usage.

The Tribal members honored for their work in preparing the dictionary include Betty Lou Lucio, Bernice Mitchell, Matilda Mitchell, Nettie Showaway, Ada Sooksoit, Sylvia Wallulatum, and the late Hazel Suppah. "They are the real authors of this dictionary," says Morrison. "My job consisted solely in helping them bring out their knowledge and organizing it in accessible form."

Wasco and Paiute language materials in preparation by the Culture and Heritage Department was also on view at the reception.



(Left to right, standing) Sal Sahme, Hank Morrison, Joann Smith and Henry Walden look at Indian language computer program with its creator Gary Roelofs who donated the program to the Tribe.

The reception introduced the Indian language teacher training program that is beginning this summer, for which the Culture and Heritage Department just received a \$25,000 grant from the National Park Service. The aim of the

program is to train speakers of the three Tribal languages--Warm Springs, Wasco, and Paiute--to teach their languages effectively. Tribal linguist Morrison explains, "Within a year we want to see skilled and enthusiastic teachers

sharing with equally enthusiastic students the languages they grew up with, the languages that are the heritage and pride of the Confederated Tribes, in classes in the community open to Tribal members of all ages."

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