

Pool team takes 2nd

The Northwest Billiard Congress of America Regionals in Lincoln City brought more than 500 pool players to compete in single, double and team events.

To compete in this tournament, held Feb. 26 to March 2, a pool player must become a member of the Billiard Congress of America (BCA).

To become a member of the BCA, a pool player must play in at least eight weeks of league games.

Pool players from Warm Springs played their eight weeks with the Central Oregon BCA League out of Bend. Some players played in the 9-ball league in Redmond, and some played in the 8-ball league in Bend.

A women's 8-ball team that played weekly in Bend made a good showing at the Lincoln City tournament, placing second. They finished with six wins and two losses.

They played undefeated from Saturday morning until Sunday morning when they lost their first game, which was for the hotseat. They came through the backdoor to play for first place, falling short to take second.

Sponsored by Black Horse in Bend were Jeri Smith, Karla Tias and Betty Bagley of Warm Springs, and Andrea Aday and Kendra Marcoulief of Bend.

This is an all women team who shoot against men's teams and mixed teams during league play.

Last year this team took third in the women's team event at Lincoln City.

In other team play there were

two men's teams from Warm Springs: One team captained by Chief Smith and one by Tony Boise. Chief Smith's team played into Sunday, winning three matches and losing two.

His teammates were Tony Littleleaf, Louie Smith, Louie Bagley, and Leroy Jackson aka "Ton."

Tony Boise's team played until late Saturday, winning two matches and losing two. His teammates were Randy Boise, Selena Boise, Clint Smith, and a player from Prineville, Jay.

Jerry Bagley played on a team from Redmond to win three and lose two.

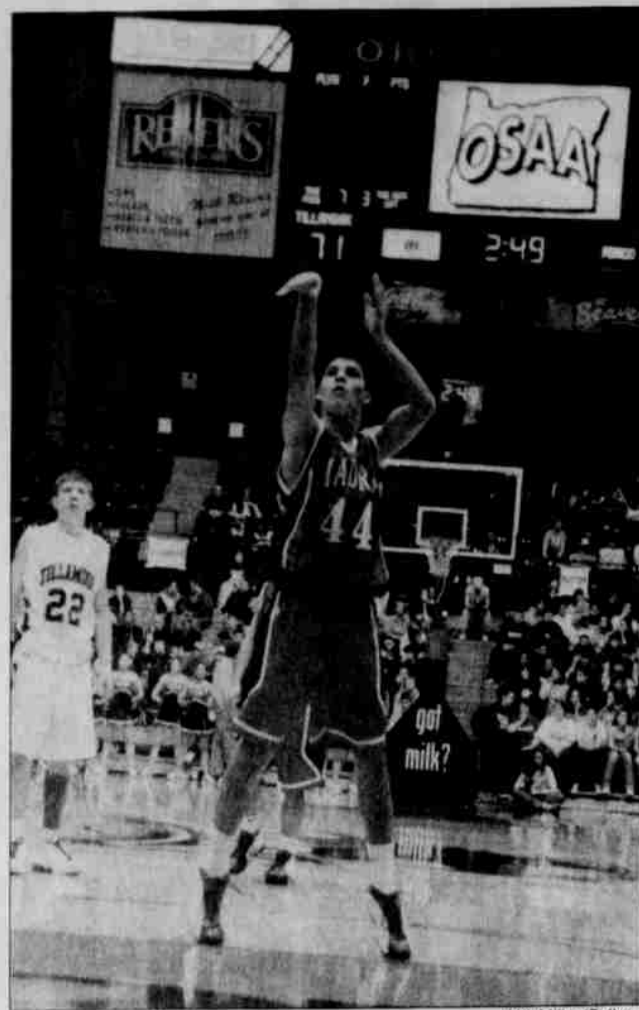
Over half of these players competed in the scotch doubles event or the singles event. Scotch doubles is a two-player team event, one man, one woman, in which the team takes turns shooting until one misses. Their opponent then takes their turn alternating until one misses.

The singles event is basically a tournament bracket of single players playing in either Novice, Open or Masters.

The tournament players will now practice their skills at various jackpot pool tournaments and tournaments to play in the BCA 8-Ball Tournament in Las Vegas this spring.

This summer a new season of league play will begin, and BCA members will again travel to play in the Regional 9-Ball Tournament in the fall or the Regional BCA 8-Ball Tournament in the winter.

Both of these tournaments will be held at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City.



Sid Miller/Spilyay

Good season, White Buffaloes

The Madras White Buffalo boys basketball team was eliminated at state by the Newport Cubs. The boys team can look forward to next year, as they

will not lose any players with height and most of the players are returning. In the photograph above, Matt Ellsbury of Warm Springs takes a free throw shot.

Local champions



Shannon Keaveny/Spilyay

The Simnasho Mustangs were the champions of the Shooz only Co-ed Tourney, held last month in White Swan, Wash.

Special Olympians enjoy success at state

Jefferson County Special Olympics basketball teams were successful at the state basketball competition held March 1 and 2 in Bend and Redmond.

Competing in the 3-on-3 division for the Jefferson County Firestorm were Wayne Nance, Chris Towler, John Bryant, Talon Stormbringer and Kodiak Stormbringer. Coached by Eldon Tom, the Firestorm brought home the bronze medal.

Nance and Kodiak Stormbringer lead the team in scoring, while their teammates played strong defense and scrambled for every loose ball.

The Jefferson County Blaze, a 'unified' team composed of five Special Olympian athletes and four 'partners' competed very hard to capture fourth place.

They finished the tournament with one win and two losses by a combined total of two points.

In both losses, the winning team was not determined until the final seconds of the game. Special Olympian athletes Jeff Irey and Liza LeClaire were in-

strumental in scoring for the Blaze.

Fellow Olympian athletes Robert Irey, David Fuentes and Stacy Alley also competed in the competition.

Alley was successful in scoring her first points in state competition. Partners Dawn Lesser, Bruce Stetcher, Marvin Hernandez and Don Courtney assisted the team with defense and ensuring all the athletes participated in the games.

Willy Fuentes coached the Blaze.

Bringing home the Gold Medal to Jefferson County was the JC Spirit.

The Spirit competed in the traditional division and team members were Tim Watkins, Remo Stormbringer, Lance Stormbringer, Bradford Courtney, Amber Choin and Zachary Sperry.

The Spirit finished with three wins and one loss. They used a combination of intense defense and rebounding to outclass the field, in their second year of competition of full court basketball. Eldon Tom and Willy Fuentes coached them.

Red Devils tourney champs, Mustangs win at round robin

By Big Rat Suppah

Our roster for the tournament in late February and early this month consisted of Captain Redskywalker Suppah, Captain Rosey Twostars Suppah, Carl Swallow, Kayla Jones, Arthur Mitchell, Cheyenne Johnson, Terrance Wolfe, Shawn Sohapp and Anna Miller. The tournament was held at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Due to the competition, any team could have been the tournament champions. We had some very tough games against the Warm Springs Renegades of Carson City, Nev., and the Warm Springs Eagles, to advance to the championship game.

The fans made the tournament exciting with the support they gave to all the teams. Our decisions became crowd pleasers with the close scores down to the wire to advance in the bracket. Teams stepped up their abilities, so no one was favored in the tourney to win it all.

The Renegades, I heard, lost a heartbreaker in overtime by one point to advance to championship. It could have gone either way, but Carson City, Nev., prevailed.

Either way we know we had a very tough game to play. We did barely squeak by Carson City. Redskywalker hit two free throws with seven seconds left, and the team played tough defense for a 42-40 victory, to advance into the tourney bracket.

The championship game against Carson City was quick, physical and tough, with both teams making mistakes and turnovers.

Players got into foul trouble early in the game, and both benches had to step up. Then in the fourth quarter, Rosey Twostars sprained her ankle and we had no substitute for her. Thanks to the Carson City coach and the tournament director Austin Greene, we were allowed to tape up Rosey Twostars' ankle and put her back in the game. She hobbled back onto the court and the crowd cheered her on. She

showed courage and a lot of heart to play on while injured.

The game continued on, then Carl Swallow, our point guard, fouled out. Terrence Wolfe and Kyle Jones were both in foul trouble, too.

Redskywalker came down and hit four three-point shots. Down the wire, the team toughened up on defense. In the end, with a last attempt shot, we came out victorious 41-39 for the championship. Carl Suppah, MVP, Kayla Jones, MVP, Cheyenne Johnson, All-Star, Redskywalker, All-Star, Big Rat Suppah, coach.

Mustangs claim victory

We were fortunate to have a team, because our players were recruited by other teams. Which was a plus for us, giving them more experience for the game, a chance to play. So when we travel as a team they'd be stronger as individuals and as a team in other tourneys.

The tourney was held March 7-9 at the Warm Springs Community Center. Reva, the tourney director, stated she'll be having her tourney again in April. Thanks to the parents out there, who at the last minute allowed their kids to play. Because before our first game I just had my two captains, Rosey Twostars Suppah and Anthony Maldonado, ready to play that Saturday morning.

Our roster filled with Abby Scott, Ada Lopez, Malina Culp, Isiah Kibby, Joe Sconowah, and Coder Clements. They all were a factor for the team going undefeated in the tournament.

People don't realize how much harder a kid will play when they have the support of family members and friends. It was fantastic to see a lot of new faces in players and coaches. It's because of you all these activities become annual events.

We had some close games. It turned out to be a very successful weekend for everyone. Keep up the good work Reva, you and your tournament staff.

God bless to all.

Gathering of Nations

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Warm Springs Community Center

April 18, 19 & 20

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Rick Minthorne, director, P.O. Box 955, Warm Springs, OR 97741. Phone (541) 553-9087, after 6 p.m. Brackett man, Big Rat Suppah, (541) 553-9151, after 6 p.m. Entrance fee \$285, closing date is April 15.

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March 26, 27, 28 and 29

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