

Boxers compete at Ft. Hall tournament

The Warm Springs Boxing Club traveled to Ft. Hall, Idaho on March 18-19 for the 2006 Buckskin Gloves Invitational Boxing Tournament.

The event was held on the Ft. Hall Indian Reservation. The Warm Springs Boxing Club was one of several clubs from across the West to attend the two-day event.

The first boxer from Warm Springs was Wesley Graybael, in the 141-pound division. He fought a four-round match against Ortiz Osborn of Pocatello.

The next match was a Junior Open Boxing Match at 145 pounds. In this match Jasper Smith of Warm Springs boxed Alex Lopez of the Boise Vista Boxing Club.

Trevor Teevee, at 175 pounds, boxed Jamar Hardy, also of Boise Vista Boxing Club.

John Smith of Warm Springs, at 152 pounds, boxed Cody Pablo of the One-Two Boxing Club from Phoenix, Ariz.

The matches were close, and two were very close. Jasper Smith looked like he won his match, said boxing coach Austin Smith.

The tournament was sponsored by the Ft. Hall Casino, Eagle Hawk Boxing, and the Ft. Hall Boxing Club. The event was organized by the Buckskin Brothers.

Besides Warm Springs, there were teams from Reno, Wadsworth, Lovelock and McDermott, Nev.; Bozeman

and Great Falls, Mont.; Phoenix, Ariz.; and Boise, Twin Falls, St. Anthony, Driggs, Pocatello, and Napa, Idaho.

The fight doctor was Jonathon Paine, and the announcer was Thomas Mendez.

Austin Smith said he would like to thank Jeff Sanders and the Warm Springs Housing Department for use of the van to travel to Ft. Hall. He also thanked the Warm Springs Community Center for help with gas money.

"And I would like to thank all the boxers who come down and train and utilize the Warm Springs boxing gym," he said.

Training is from 4 to 7:30 p.m. each weekday. "We're open to anyone who wants to join," said Smith.

Requirements to join are two pictures, a copy of your birth certificate and a \$32 annual fee. You must also fill out a USA Boxing application form. People 18 and under must have their parents sign also.

Boxing events coming up this summer include the Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Tournament.

Smith said he hopes to see continued support for the boxing program from Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino.

"And I want to thank the Confederated Tribes for sponsoring a brand new boxing ring," he said.

His advice to young boxers: "Keep on punching and going to practice. Keep your grades up, and never give up."

Kah-Nee-Ta, Ventures sponsor tribal research

Beginning in April, the tribal community will be asked to think, talk, and imagine its way into the future, as part of an extensive opinion research project launched jointly by Kah-Nee-Ta and Warm Springs Ventures.

The two organizations are joining forces to find out more about tribal members' views on issues ranging from the local economy and the tribal government's role in economic development, to life on the reservation in general and where it should go in the years ahead.

With shared goals of increasing the tribes' annual income and creating more on-reservation jobs, Kah-Nee-Ta and Warm Springs Ventures recently got their boards together to address ways they could cooperate in achieving the common elements of their missions.

"The two boards identified the need for long-range economic planning of reservation development," said Ken Smith, chairman of the Kah-Nee-Ta Board. "Both boards believe that building economic success depends on finding projects that are compatible with tribal members' goals and values. That's where the opinion research comes in: we want to find out what people are thinking."

Warm Springs Ventures' CEO Clyde Hamstreet agrees. As the tribes' economic development corporation, Ventures seeks to generate revenue and create opportunity for tribal members. And the best way to do that, said Hamstreet, is to work in harmony with the vision and desires of the community.

Kah-Nee-Ta is in the process of developing the Bridge of the Gods Casino in the Gorge, a project expected to increase tribal income significantly, though it will not create on-reservation jobs. Through careful

planning that will derive in part from the opinion research findings, the tribes hope to invest some of that new income on the reservation to generate tribal jobs. On the other hand, in case the Gorge casino is not permitted, the tribes need an alternative plan to increase both tribal income and jobs.

The Gorge casino is a major reason for Kah-Nee-Ta's participation in the research project. Once it's complete, the casino at the High Desert Resort will be closed. "We need to prepare for a Kah-Nee-Ta without a casino," says Smith.

"When Warm Springs moves the casino, we want Kah-Nee-Ta to have plans already in place for other ways to attract visitors. But first we need to know what people want to see on the reservation in the next five, ten, twenty years, and also what they might *not* want to see. We want to inform ourselves about community views so we can incorporate them into our planning."

Ventures and Kah-Nee-Ta have engaged Adam Davis, of the Portland-based opinion research firm, Davis, Hibbits & Midghall to organize and conduct the research and provide a neutral third-party analysis of the findings. Davis and his firm have done similar work for other Native American groups, including Sealaska Corporation and the First Alaskans Foundation.

Every tribal member will be asked to complete a mail survey, and be able to express opinions on-line at Warm Springs Ventures' website, address of which is: www.warmsprings.com/Tribal_Community/Tribal_Investments.

Survey results will guide Warm Springs Ventures and Kah-Nee-Ta in formulating specific proposals for economic development projects.

Senate considers casino siting changes

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz, chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, was expected to hold a hearing this week on the Senate bill that would amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

As currently written, the bill includes a provision that would allow the Cascade Locks casino to go forward.

Tribal Council Chairman Ron Suppah, Paiute Chief Joe Moses, and members of the tribes' gaming team were planning to attend the Wednesday committee sessions this week.

The gaming team is encouraging tribal members to contact Sen. Gordon Smith, a member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, to support the Cascade Locks casino "grandfather" language in the bill.

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2 SIMNASHO ROOT FEAST	3 Prayer Walk beginning at VOCS @ noon	4 GED Registration Rodeo Association Mtg. 6pm Family Resource Center		6 OSU On the Road Seekseequa	7 McGee & Me Party Community Center No School 509J	8 Rescheduled Ski/Snowboard Trip to Mt Hood Meadows 8-5 NEW PERMISSION SLIPS NEEDED
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9 4th graders at Warm Springs Elementary are trying to read 3 million words by May 4th READ WITH YOUR CHILD ©		11 Darkness to Light lunch & program noon - 4 at the community center. Contact VOCS for info			14 Easter Fellowship Warm Springs Full Gospel Church 7pm	15 Easter Fellowship Warm Springs Full Gospel Church 7pm
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