

Local racers make Northwest Series' top-10 list

Florence ATV sand drag racers Budy Palmer and Gary "Gee" Armstrong finished on the top 10 list of the 2015 Northwest's Best – Top Ten Fastest Racing Series, which held its last race of the season at Albany Sand Drags last week.

Eighteen-year-old B and R Racing sponsored Palmer took the No. 5 ranking in the 2-stroke Class, riding his Redline Racing-built custom twin cylinder quad.

Racing his 501cc YFZ atv sponsored by Florence Yamaha and Fullerton Sand Sports Tires, Armstrong advanced during the series from ninth-place ranking to finish ranked sixth in the Single Cylinder, 4-stroke Motor Class. That result placed Armstrong slower than 700cc-900cc engine size racers but ranking faster than his 680cc-870cc competitors.

Palmer's father, Richard, campaigned a 1080cc custom 3 cylinder quad he owns as part of his B and R Racing group, which took second-place ranking in the 2-stroke Class, ridden by Kevin Tennison of Redmond, Ore.



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Florence racer Gee Armstrong launches during a practice run at the Northwest's Best racing competition.

The "heads up" racing event draws 30 to 50 west coast ATV sand drag racers to monthly competitions to battle for a position on the top 10 list.

Racers wanting to get on the list or seeking to better their position on the list can "call out" top-10 racers by challenging them to a race-off for their position. Armstrong and the Palmers were called out numerous times during the season and successfully defended or advanced their rankings.

"Although motor size and horsepower matter in grudge racing like this, our reaction times at the Pro Tree launch counts big," Armstrong said. "Sometimes one-thousandth of a second makes the difference between winning or losing. It's racing — anything can happen. That's why it's fun!"

In other sand drag racing, Armstrong took second place in last month's Oregon Off-road Racing Association Pro Race at Riddle Raceway.

King Tide Project asks for help of photogs

Make sure your camera is in working order and prepare to visit the coast during 2015's "King Tide" episodes. Anyone capable of taking a picture can contribute to citizen science and help to focus (literally) attention on high tides and sea level rise.

Through the King Tide Project, photographers help to document the reach of the year's highest tides, the "King Tides." This year the project takes place during three sets of extreme tides: Oct. 27-29, Nov. 24-27, and Dec. 23-25.

For the sixth year, the annual project is being sponsored by the CoastWatch Program of the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, Surfrider, and the state's Coastal Management Program, along with local sponsors.

This is the Oregon branch of an international volunteer effort to record the year's highest tides. The idea began in Australia, where such events are known as "King Tides,"

hence the name.

Documenting the highest reach of the tides tells us something about areas of the natural and built environments which are subject to erosion and flooding now. It tells us even more about what to expect as sea level rises.

Anyone capable of taking a photograph and able to get to the coast during the series of high tides can help by taking shots anywhere on the coast at the highest point of the tide on those days.

These photos can focus on any feature. Those that show the location of the tide in relation to the built environment (roads, seawalls, buildings) are especially useful in demonstrating impending threats.

Subjects can be the outer coast, or estuaries and lower river valleys affected by tides. The ideal photo would be taken from a location where the photographer can return later at an ordinary high tide to take a comparison shot.

Photographers are also encouraged to focus on iconic or easily recognizable locations and areas where the high water is impacting infrastructure in order to effectively highlight the effects of rising sea levels.

CoastWatch is making a special effort to organize photographers to document the reach of the King Tides in the vicinity of the new marine reserves (Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, Otter Rock, Cape Perpetua and Redfish Rocks).

Participants will post photographs online through the King Tide Photo Initiative website, www.oregonkingtides.net, where project information and the online submission form can be accessed. Be prepared to include the location, date, description and direction of the photo.

For more information about the technical aspects of the project, contact Andy Lanier, coastal resources specialist, for the Oregon Coastal Management Program at (541)

934-0072, or email andy.lanier@state.or.us.

At the conclusion of the project, three wrap-up celebrations will be held along the coast: Jan. 8, 2016 in Clatsop County; Jan. 15 in Lincoln County; and Jan. 22 celebration in Coos County.

Exact locations and times will be announced later.

At these events the best of the King Tide photos will be shown, photographers will be on hand to comment, and there will be a special speaker. These events will be free and open to all (appetizers are provided with beverages and meals available for purchase at the venues).

For information about the project, and about participating in the special effort to document the King Tides in the marine reserve areas, contact Fawn Custer, CoastWatch volunteer coordinator, at 541-270-0027, or email fawn@oregonshores.org.

Tryouts set for Siuslaw Volleyball Club season

Siuslaw Volleyball Club has set its dates for tryouts. Tryouts will be Monday, Nov. 2, for girls ages 9 to 14, and Monday, Nov. 23, for girls ages 15 to 18.

Tryouts will take place at Siuslaw Middle School from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The club is entering its 13th season, it is open to all girls, ages 9 to 18, who are looking to learn and improve their volleyball skills as part of a team.

Practices are two to three times per week from mid November through April.

Through the generosity of Siuslaw School District, the club uses the Siuslaw Middle School gym for practices.

Teams play in one to two tournaments each month, competing against teams from all over Oregon and Southern Washington.

These tournaments are usually one-day tournaments on a weekend that start at 8 am and continue into the early evening. Each team plays an

average of five matches each day.

This year, the entire club fee has been reduced to \$125 per player. Fee covers all the tournaments, insurance for practices and tournaments, team sweatpants and jacket, backpack and T-shirt.

"We keep our fees extremely low because we have some great fundraisers, like the Viking Cup golf Tournament," said club director Mike Rose. "We also receive donations from great service organizations, like the Soroptimists, plus all of our coaches are volunteers."

"Many clubs charge \$500 to a few thousand dollars."

All athletes must preregister online with www.cevaregion.org and pay a \$10 tryout and deposit fee. These fees are due at time of online registration; only players making team pay fees to club.

Bring a copy of registration or \$10 and the membership form to tryouts.

Sailors from 1B

Alyssa Richards. "We focused on giving it our all while staying calm."

After winning the third match 25-20, Mapleton fell behind early once again with serving from freshman Gabrielle Gibney, who helped bring the Sailors to a 10-7 lead on eight consecutive serves that included kills from junior Olivia Nichol, senior Lauralee Meyers and Richards.

From there, Mapleton never looked back, taking the fourth set and tying the match, 25-15.

"We just kept focusing on our goal and staying calm," said sophomore Alexis Gierke.

Richards opened the fifth set on a 4-0 roll with two aces. But the Wolverines battled back, tying the game at 6-6 before the Sailors took control.

A kill from freshman Baileigh Johnston gave Mapleton an 8-7 lead. From there, Gierke stepped to the service line, delivering two aces to help push the Sailors to a 12-7 lead en route to a 15-11 victory.

The win advances Mapleton into the next round of Mountain West playoffs today against McKenzie.

The match will be held on neutral territory at Mohawk High School.

"I'm super proud of our team," said Mapleton coach Jesika Crook. "It's very difficult to pull out a victory when you're down two games. But they showed a lot of grit and



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Alyssa Richards, Olivia Nichol (13) and Hannah Rodet celebrate reaching match point.

passion to win.

"I couldn't have asked for more."

Richards led with six aces, 28 attacks and 16 kills. Hannah

Rodet had seven attacks, two kills and 20 digs. Jewel Roby had 17 digs and two aces.

Nichol had three aces, 13 attacks, six kills and 27 digs.

Gierke had six aces, six attacks and two kills. Destiny Weber had 26 digs for the Sailors.

First serve for today's match is set for 11 a.m.

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