

Sixth annual Siuslaw Open set for September

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This year the grand prize at the Siuslaw Open is a brand new Ford F150 truck. "All that is necessary is to hit a hole-in-one on the designated hole," said David Wiegand, tournament co-chair and former golfer. "First, get the distance correct, then hit it straight. It's a piece of cake — well, almost."

Johnston Motors is once again the hole-in-one contest sponsor at the sixth Annual Siuslaw Open.

This year, the event will be held at Ocean Dunes on Saturday, Sept. 10, with registration starting at 9 a.m.

Also new this year is a \$5,000 putting contest. One entrant will be selected at random and will have one try to sink a 60 foot putt. "This one is a lot shorter, and is even easier," Wiegand said.

The tournament is one of the main fundraisers for Siuslaw Outreach Services. Last year netted more than \$7,000 for the service program. This year, the event will be presented by Peacehealth/Peace Harbor and Abel Insurance.

Eagle sponsors are Oregon Pacific Bank, The Firehouse Restaurant, Banner Bank and Carter Brothers Construction.

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Funds raised support all SOS programs, including advocacy for victims of domestic/sexual violence, low-income families, emergency assistance and basic needs for homeless persons.

The entry fee is \$89 per player or \$320 per team, and this year there is an early registration discount.

The fee will be \$79 per player or \$290 per team if received by Aug. 26.

Dinner will follow golf and prizes will include golf packages, gift certificates at Maple Street Grille and other great restaurants, and many other prizes.

Entry forms are available at SOS, 1576 West 12th St., Abel Insurance, Oregon Pacific Bank, the Siuslaw News, and online at www.florescesos.org.

For more information, call tournament co-chairs Bob Teter and David Wiegand at 541-997-2816.

Aquarium introduces two new sea lions

NEWPORT — Fans of the Oregon Coast Aquarium's flippered friends can formally meet two of its newest members at the Pinniped Exhibit this summer: Rosa and Catalina, both rescued California sea lions.

Catalina, 3 years old, and Rosa, 2 years old, were stranded off the coast of California last year and were rescued by the Marine Mammal Care Center in San Pedro, Calif.

After examination by veterinary staff in conjunction with federal wildlife officers, Catalina was deemed non-releasable because she is blind in her left eye. She would not be able to successfully hunt for her own food and avoid predators because of her partial blindness.

Rosa was also deemed non-releasable due to her unusually small size for her age, possibly the result of stunted growth.

"Fortunately, the Oregon Coast Aquarium was able to give Catalina and Rosa forever homes," said Ken Lytwyn, the aquarium's Curator of Mammals, who met the sea lions in San Pedro and accompanied them on a plane to Portland last summer. "We're happy to welcome them to the family."

Catalina and Rosa arrived at the aquarium July 14, 2015. For the first 30 days, Catalina and Rosa were in quarantine to assure that they were healthy and could not transfer any diseases or infections to the existing population of pinnipeds. They both received a clean

bill of health from the aquarium's attending veterinarian with the assistance of a blood sample. Both females were then moved to holding pools off-exhibit where they learned some of their basic training behaviors.

Once basic training was complete, Catalina and Rosa met the existing population of pinnipeds. First they were introduced to the older female sea lions, Lea and Quill.

Next were introductions to the aquarium's eight harbor seals. Eventually, it came time to meet Max and Koa, the larger male sea lions. Lea seemed to take on a maternal role, especially toward Catalina, even making a unique vocalization in her presence. She can often be seen hauled

out and swimming with Catalina.

Catalina and Rosa continue to thrive and swiftly learn new behaviors during training sessions. They are also very interactive with enrichment items, often tossing around their favorite toys.

Anyone interested in donating more enrichment items for Catalina, Rosa and the rest of our collection can visit the aquarium's Amazon wish list at www.bit.ly/enrichmentwishes.

The public is invited to come meet the aquarium's newest sea lions on the next visit, or check on them live at anytime via the Aquari-cam at www.aquarium.org/aquari-cam.



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