

JUNIOR GOLF WINNER



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Ryan Klampe, 9, competed in the two-day Major Oregon Junior Golf Tournament, "Peter Jacobsen Junior Challenge," at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis from June 21 to 22. His score was 43 and 43, total of 86, and he finished third in the 8-9 age group. Klampe is the son of Ron and Takako Klampe of Florence.

Coastal Gems walk in Newport

YACHATS — If you over-indulge on Independence Day, consider walking some of it off on Tuesday, July 5, as the Yachats Coastal Gems walk Beverly Beach, a year-round event.

The group meets at the Commons in Yachats by 8:55 a.m. to carpool to Newport and the Hallmark Inn. Registration in Newport is at 9:45 a.m.

Both the 5K and 10K routes include a variety of environments and walking surfaces. Beach footwear on the 10K and a walking stick on both the 5K and 10K walk are helpful. These walks include some hills and uneven surfaces, and are not appropriate for wheelchairs or strollers.

As always, a leashed pet is



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Yachats Coastal Gems will walk Beverly Beach July 5.

welcome, but be sure to bring water and clean up materials for your pet. The walk requires a sturdy 6-foot leash, not the retractable type.

Afterwards, on Wednesday, July 6, we will hold our monthly meeting along with a potluck dinner at the picnic shelter behind the Commons in Yachats. There will be a

leg-stretcher walk at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. and the meeting at 6 p.m..

For additional information or directions, call Gene and Linda Williamson in Seal Rock at 541-563-6721 or Maryann Brown in Waldport at 541-961-4279.

The club website is www.yachatscoastalgems.org.

Forest service proposes fee changes for some Siuslaw sites

CORVALLIS — The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is proposing to raise campground fees or establish new fees at some recreation sites on the Siuslaw National Forest.

These recreation fees are reinvested locally to maintain, operate and provide visitor services at developed recreation sites. Fee changes are being considered due to increasing costs of operating and maintaining recreation facilities, and to enable the Forest Service to improve services or add amenities desired by visitors at various recreation sites.

Siuslaw recreation fees have remained at their current levels for more than 10 years at most sites.

Public input on the proposed changes is welcome, and will be evaluated by the Forest Service and presented, along with the proposal, to a citizen advisory committee later this year. The advisory committee will make recommendations that will be

subject to approval by the Regional Forester.

Approved changes would go into effect for the 2017 recreation season.

The proposal includes changing campground fees to be more in alignment with other comparable sites offering similar amenities on the Oregon coast.

The proposal would also eliminate the extra vehicle fees at campgrounds at Sand Lake, Sand Beach and Hebo Lake to be in alignment with other Siuslaw campgrounds.

By 2017, the Forest Service will offer enhanced services at four recreation sites and is proposing new fees at these sites to help with operations and maintenance. Castle Rock and Rocky Bend campgrounds would be converted to reservable group campgrounds for \$75 per night.

Major reconstruction of the Hebo Kitchen picnic shelter at Hebo Lake is planned for this year; under this proposal the day use shelter would be reservable

for groups for \$50 per day. A \$5 day use fee at South Lake/Pioneer Indian Trailhead would be added and recreation passes honored.

A \$5 day use fee or recreation pass would also be honored at a new Cascade Head interpretive site along the Salmon River estuary within Cascade Head Scenic Research Area, near the intersection of Highways 101 and 18.

This site is currently under construction and will be completed later this year.

In 2004, Congress passed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which allows the Forest Service to keep 95 percent of recreation fees collected and use the funds to operate, maintain and improve these fee sites. Recent recreation site investments on the Siuslaw National Forest that were made possible using recreation fees include expansion of the East Dunes Campground, wheelchair

accessible campsite upgrades at Horsfall campground, new sewer and restroom upgrades at Horsfall Beach and improved sand access points at various sites in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area and Sand Lake.

Forest Service staff plan to present the proposed fee changes to a citizen advisory committee for review later this year. The public is welcome to comment in writing and at all advisory committee meetings. The exact meeting times, location, and agenda will be announced on the forest website at www.go.usa.gov/chuk9 and through local media.

Written comments on the proposal should be mailed by Sept. 15 to: Siuslaw National Forest, ATTN: Recreation Fees, 3200 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97331, or emailed to SiuslawRecFee@fs.fed.us.

Some of the proposed fee changes in the area include the following increases:

Carter Lake: \$20 to \$22
Driftwood II: \$20 to \$25
Eel Creek: \$20 to \$22
Horsfall: \$20 to \$25
Horsfall Beach: \$20 to \$25
Lagoon: \$20 to \$22
Marys Peak: \$10 to \$12
Spinreel: \$20 to \$25
Tahkenitch: \$20 to \$22

Tahkenitch Landing: \$20 to \$22

Tyee: \$20 to \$22
Waxmyrtle: \$20 to \$22
Wild Mare: \$20 to \$22

For more information about this proposal, contact Dani Pavoni, recreation program manager, at 541-750-7000.

Coast 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. 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.

Next were introductions to the aquarium's eight harbor seals. Eventually, it came time to meet Max and Koa, the larger male sea lions.

Catalina and Rosa continue to thrive and swiftly learn new behaviors during training sessions. They are 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 the pinnipeds can visit the

aquarium's Amazon wish list at www.bit.ly/enrichment wishes.

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

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If you would like to meet Khaki any of his friends, please visit us at:

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