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Clockwise from top left: Rolland Cox, 31, sets a new slalom record on the Honeyman State Park course with a time of 5.19 seconds; riders Matt Carter, Jackson Cruz, Jose Chaves and Logan Livingston climb the dune face for another sand drag run Saturday; current sand drag world-record holder Erik Johnson tests the sand in preparation for a new world record attempt; Sand Master Jam's Junior Amateur division winner Diego Chaves, 14, gathers up his sandboard for a final run; and Taylor Bicandi, 20, tries her hand in the sand drag.

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With Cruz and Cox each winning one event, the two tied for first place overall in the pro division.

Gabe Cruz was second overall, followed by Erik Johnson, who is the current world record holder in the event with a speed of 51 mph.

"The sand was simply too wet to get that kind of speed," said Beale. "But Erik is going to be in

town for a while longer and hopes to break his record before he leaves."

In the amateur division, it was once again a family affair, with brothers Brandon and Logan Livingston finishing first and second, respectively, on Saturday.

Logan was last year's amateur division winner.

Forty-six-year old Jose Chaves finished third, but watched his son, Diego, 14, win the junior division.

Taylor Bicandi and Abby Watkins, a senior at Siuslaw High School, finished second and third, respectively, in the junior amateur division.

"It was a great way to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this event," said Beale. "The sport has come a long way since it first began."

The Sand Master Jam is part of the world circuit, which includes competitions in Peru, Chile, Egypt, South Africa, Spain and France. The U.S. is the only country with two events with points that count toward the world title — and both are hosted by Sand Master Park.

The next event, the X-West

Huck Fest, is an all-air competition with riders competing for the biggest jumps and best tricks.

"It's the one that has become the favorite because it's so spectacular to watch," said Beale. "And now we will be holding it at Three Rivers Casino Resort each year, which makes it convenient for spectators and competitors."

"We're very excited about working together."

The X-West Huck Fest will take place Saturday, Sept. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information, call Sand Master Park at 541-997-6006 or visit [www.sandmasterpark.com](http://www.sandmasterpark.com).

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