

# Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

## Reserve Archie Knowles campsites online now

Lane County Parks has announced the campsites at the newly reopened Archie Knowles Campground near Mapleton can now be reserved online. Reservations can be made through the Lane County Parks Reservation System at [www.reservations.lane-county.org](http://www.reservations.lane-county.org).

“Each year, Lane County welcomes visitors from all over the world who are looking to camp and enjoy our fantastic parks and natural areas,” said parks analyst Charlie Conrad. “Many visitors have already enjoyed staying at Archie Knowles on a first-come-first-served basis since it reopened

this past June. “Now people can have a sense of security knowing they will be able to enjoy a beautiful and scenic campsite during their trip.” The reservation site can be used to reserve camping and RV spots, group sites, day-use and picnic shelters and

morage slips, as well as purchase single-day or annual passes at home. The website contains additional information, such as campground maps, site photographs and site specific characteristics and more.

## Help identify marine life at Cape Perpetua

**YACHATS** — The public is invited to help track marine biodiversity at Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve during two BioBlitz events, Aug. 3 and 4, hosted by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Audubon Society of Portland, Oregon Marine Reserves Partnership and U.S. Forest Service.

Both events are from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

The Aug. 3 event is at Yachats Ocean Road State Natural Site, just south of the bridge in Yachats; the Aug. 4 event is at Stonefield Beach State Recreation Site, seven miles south of Yachats.

Participants should meet in the parking lot and bring waterproof shoes, raincoat, binoculars, water and snacks.

Participants will take a walk at low tide to help identify the plants, animals and other organisms in the rocky intertidal habitat along sections of the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve, a protected research area that covers 14.1 square miles of ocean habitat between Yachats and Florence.

Data collected will be used to document the rich biodiversity of the area.

For information on the events, contact state Natural Resources Specialist Celeste Lebo at 541-563-8505 or 541-272-9008 or email her at [celeste.lebo@oregon.gov](mailto:celeste.lebo@oregon.gov).

Information on the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve is at [www.oregonmarinereserves.org/cape-perpetua](http://www.oregonmarinereserves.org/cape-perpetua).



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USA Pickleball Association ambassador and Florence resident John Griffin returns to the service line during a game of pickleball at the Rolling Dunes Courts on 35th Street on Wednesday morning.

## FOR LOVE OF THE GAME

BY NED HICKSON  
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**B**ack in February, John and Debbie Griffin first began playing pickleball with Larry Karas and a few others on the newly marked Rolling Dunes Courts on 35th Street.

For the first few weeks, it was merely a handful of enthusiasts who braved the weather as winter still clung in the air. Then, the trio began noticing the benches were gradually beginning to fill as more pickleballers were arriving at 8:30 a.m., three days a week, to take a turn on the courts.

Today, the group has reached 23 active members, with 15 to 18 showing up to whack the ball and share a little good-humored smack talk in the mornings.

“It’s an addicting sport because it’s as much physical as social,” says Karas, whose only break from the sport comes during salmon season. “When the salmon are running, I’m on the water. Other than that, I’m on



Players join paddles at the end of a match to show sportsmanship.

the pickleball court.”

John and Debbie Griffin, retired teachers who moved here to have a home built, are part of a growing number of Florentines joining the pickleball addiction.

“It’s the fastest-growing sport out there,” says John, nicknamed

“Johnny Griff” by players in the group. It’s also the name he goes by as the club’s official ambassador to the USA Pickleball Association — the governing body of the sport. “It’s so much fun, and the interaction

See **PICKLEBALL 3B**

## On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

[www.dfw.state.or.us/RR](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/RR)

### MID COAST LAKES:

Rainbow trout stocking is complete along the mid coast. Holdover trout will be available in most lakes through the summer. Fishing for the various warm water fish species is good this time of year as fish move to the shallows for spawning. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity.

### SIUSLAW RIVER:

**Cutthroat**  
For cutthroat trout, casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective. Angling for all species in streams above tidewater is restricted to artificial flies and lures until Sept. 1. Casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective.

### ALSEA RIVER: Cutthroat

The Alsea River is open for cutthroat trout, casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective.

See **FISHING 4B**

## TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

**July 30**  
10:37am / 5.5 4:10am / -0.7  
9:57pm / 7.7 3:53pm / 2.4

**July 31**  
11:33am / 5.9 5:04am / -1.1  
10:51pm / 7.9 4:53am / 2.2

**Aug. 1**  
12:21pm / 6.1 5:52am / -1.3  
11:42pm / 7.9 5:47pm / 2.0

**Aug. 2**  
1:04pm / 6.4 6:37am / -1.4  
6:36pm / 1.7

**Aug. 3**  
12:29am / 7.8 7:18am / -1.3  
1:44pm / 6.6 7:23pm / 1.6

**Aug. 4**  
1:13am / 7.5 7:57am / -1.1  
2:21pm / 6.6 8:07pm / 1.4

**Aug. 5**  
1:56am / 7.2 8:34am / -0.7  
2:57pm / 6.6 8:51pm / 1.4

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148 Maple St.  
Florence  
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SPORTS

## Calendar

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Aug. 6**

• COOL AT COAST  
ROTARY GOLF  
10 A.M.  
OCEAN DUNES

**Aug. 8-11**

• SIUSLAW  
FOOTBALL CAMP  
3 TO 5 P.M.  
AT SHS

**Aug. 19**

• SHS HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION CEREMONY  
5:30 P.M.  
AT THREE RIVERS CASINO RESORT

BLACK  
YELLOW  
MAGENTA  
CYAN