

Sand from 1B

"It's great to see this many people out here," Cruz said on Saturday. "It's easily double the number from last year."

Cruz, a pro sandboarder, helped coordinate this year's competition with Dune Riders International head judge Jack Smith and his wife Cathy, along with veteran sandboarder Jose Chavez of Eugene.

"Having new competitors this year was a definite boost to the overall excitement for all our competitors," said Lon Beale, owner of Sand Master Park and host of the annual event for more than two decades.

Also known as "Dr. Dune," Beale is a legend in the sandboarding world for being a catalyst for the growing sport.

Competitors climbed the dunes at Honeyman State Park for the sand drag and slalom events. Both are speed events, with sand draggers timed by radar and slalom competitors clocked with a stop watch.

Earlier in the day, sandboarders competed in the rail slide category, utilizing a newly rebuilt 55-foot extended ramp to send them along a metal rail,

similar to skateboarding, with boarders scored on the highest slide.

The competition then moved on to the slalom event, with riders climbing the dune face and racing down slalom-style to reach the bottom in the fastest amount of time.

Beth Sewell, 26, of North Bend, was returning to sandboarding after a long absence due to a back injury she sustained in high school.

After taking a few tumbles on the sand, Sewell said her back was feeling fine.

"Gabe encouraged me to come out, so here I am," she said, brushing sand from her smile.

Sewell went on to finish second in the women's division, one point behind Abby Watkins of Florence, who made her debut at last year's Jam.

Jordan Torgison, also of Florence, swapped his schedule at Fred Meyer's to try his hand at competition.

"I've been sandboarding for a while but this is my first Sand Master Jam," he said after his



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first slalom run. "It just sounded fun, so I wanted to check it out."

Eventually, the Jam turned to the sand drags, where riders begin at the top of the dune and

race to the bottom in an attempt to capture the fastest speed.

Portland was third with 21

Professional sandboarder Gabe Cruz, of Coos Bay and an instructor at Sand Master Park, swept all three events during Saturday's 21st annual Sand Master Jam.

They get three runs each.

At the end of the day, the only three-category sweep was in the pro division, where Cruz won the sand drag with a top speed of 31.2 mph. Cruz finished the slalom in just under six seconds and scored 4 out of a possible 5 points in the rail slide for a combined total of 30 points.

Matt Walton of Eugene was second overall with 26 points, followed by Rolland Cox of Portland with 23 points.

In the women's division, Watkins won with 29 points, Sewell had 28 and Mary Rose Walker of

points. Logan Livingston of Florence won the amateur division with 27 points, Brandon Livingston, also of Florence, was second (25 pts.) and Diego Chaves of Eugene was third (21 pts.).

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 that hosts 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.

The X-West Huck Fest will take place Saturday, Sept. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Three Rivers Casino Resort, just east of Florence on Highway 126.

For more information, call Sand Master Park at 541-997-6006 or visit www.sandmasterpark.com.

Fishing from 1B

Largemouth bass fishing has been good in many of the area smaller lakes. Bluegills can be found in area lakes right along the weed lines.

Trout fishing continues to be good at Empire Lakes and Eel Lake but trout fishing will slow down as through the month as water temperatures continue to warm. Anglers are having good success using PowerBait at Empire Lakes, while trolling a wedding ring spinner has worked very well at Eel Lake.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Trout, bass

Open to trout and warmwater fishing.

TENMILE BASIN: Trout, bass

Streams and rivers are now open to trout fishing until Oct. 31. Fishing is restricted to artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater. Anglers may harvest 2 trout per day that are a minimum of 8 inches long.

Trout fishing in Tenmile Lakes, Eel Lake, Saunders Lake are open all year. Anglers have been catching trout in Eel Lake trolling wedding ring spinners tipped with a worm.

Largemouth bass fishing has been very good with anglers catching lots of bass on Senkos and other plastics. Now that the bass spawn is almost over, fish will be spreading out and moving to

deeper water. Fishing for bass will be best early mornings and evenings.

WINCHESTER BAY: Bottomfish, perch

Fishing for bottom fish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful.

PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: Bottomfish, surf perch, crab, salmon, halibut

Recreational crabbing is open along the entire Oregon coast.

Bottom fishing has been good when the ocean conditions allow. Fishing for bottom fish is now restricted to inside the 30-fathom curve. Fishing for rockfish and ling cod was good this past weekend.

Recreational Chinook salmon fishing is open from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain. Anglers may have two salmon per day but is closed to retention of coho except during the selective and non-selective coho seasons.

The selective coho season opened this past weekend and will remain open until July 31 or until the 18,000 marked coho quota has been met. Anglers have reported catching (and releasing) hatchery coho in the Charleston area before the season opened.

As of June 17, there is 24 percent of the All Depth Halibut quota remaining. The nearshore halibut season (inside 40 fathoms) is now open seven days a week except when there are All

Depth Halibut days.

As of June 18, there is 86 percent of the Nearshore quota remaining.

Recreational harvest of razor clams is closed on the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

The recreational harvesting of mussels is open along the entire Oregon Coast from the Columbia River to the California border.

Before any shellfish harvest trip, make sure to check the Oregon Department of Agriculture website for any updates.

Surf perch fishing has been good when ocean swells are small. Surf perch anglers will do the best fishing with sand shrimp or Berkley Gulp sand worms. Fishing is typically best on the incoming tide.

SHELLFISH:

Call the ODA shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 before harvesting for the most current information about shellfish safety closures. Additional information is available from ODA's Food Safety Program at (503) 986-4720 or the ODA shellfish closures website. Openings and closures listed below were accurate on June 16.

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The recreational harvest of mussels is open coastwide. Rock jetty structures at nearly every port in Oregon support harvestable populations of mussels.

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