

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

Time Out

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(With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, official, parent and spectator, I've gained some insights and perspectives regarding athletics. In this weekly column, I share what I've learned about sports from these multiple points of view.)

In October 1965, I ignored basic rope-cutting safety and sliced my forehead. My Dad took me to the emergency room for eight stitches. I was the quarterback for our eighth-grade football team, which was undefeated with two games left in the season.

With a serious pressure bandage on my head, I asked my dad if I could play football. He said it was up to me, so I did because it was important to me to compete for my team.

Though the helmet pad stretched the stitches when I was hit, there was no fresh blood. I still have a faint scar from that non-football related injury, but the discomfort was worth it to me because we won the game and ended an undefeated season one week later.

See **TIMEOUT 2B**

Local racer wins sand drag shootout



COURTESY PHOTO ARMSTRONG MOTORSPORTS

Florence sand drag racer Gary Armstrong continues to climb the circuit polls.

Despite racing in 92 degree heat, Florence-based ATV sand drag racer Gary "Gee" Armstrong won the Pro 4.6 Index Race at last weekend's Pacific Northwest Shootout in Albany, Ore.

A major three-day Western Regional drag race, the Shootout attracted ATV

sand drag racers from Canada, Oregon, Washington, California and Arizona to battle it out on the track for plaques and cash payouts in a variety of drag races and classes. Armstrong and his Pro Stock Yamaha YFZ ATV are currently ranked the eighth-fastest single cylinder on the Northwest's Best list.

Armstrong is sponsored by Florence Yamaha/Polaris, Fullerton Sand Sports Tires & Wheels of California, Redline Racing Motors, Direct Drive CNC, DASA Racing, Oneal MX Clothing, CP-Carrillo, Santa Cruz Bicycles and local Florence businesses Red Art Inc. and Jack Smoot Welding.

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

July 29
5:03am / 5.6 11:15am / 0.9
5:45pm / 6.6

July 30
6:08am / 5.0 12:20am / 1.3
6:33pm / 6.5 12:03pm / 1.6

July 31
7:22am / 4.6 1:26am / 1.2
7:24pm / 6.4 12:58pm / 2.2

Aug. 1
8:41am / 4.5 2:31am / 1.1
8:16pm / 6.4 1:59pm / 2.7

Aug. 2
9:53am / 4.7 3:29am / 0.7
9:07pm / 6.5 3:01pm / 2.9

Aug. 3
10:49am / 5.0 4:20am / 0.4
9:55pm / 6.5 3:58pm / 2.9

Aug. 4
11:34am / 5.3 5:04am / 0.0
10:39pm / 6.9 4:48pm / 2.8

Fall salmon season nets mixed forecast

The popular Buoy 10 fishery at the mouth of the Columbia River opens Tuesday, Aug. 1, with a mixed forecast for Chinook, coho and steelhead returns.

The biggest change for the 2017 fall season are restrictions on steelhead retention which include area-specific, 1- to 2-month steelhead retention closures and a one-steelhead bag limit when retention is allowed.

Facing low expected returns of upriver summer steelhead, fishery managers adopted a series of "rolling closures" that progress upriver following the steel-



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Predictions of lower salmon returns will likely mean smaller bag limits and potentially shorter seasons.

head return to reduce the take of both hatchery and wild fish.

All steelhead (hatchery and wild) must be released as follows:

- Buoy 10 upstream to The Dalles Dam during Aug. 1-31
- The Dalles Dam upstream to John Day Dam during Sept. 1-30
- John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam during Sept. 1 through Oct. 31
- McNary Dam upstream to Hwy. 395 during Oct. 1 through Nov. 30

Night angling is also prohibited except for registered anglers targeting Northern pikeminnow.

See **SALMON 2B**

Go fly a kite — and help Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, Sept. 9. will be the date for this year's BeachWalk to raise funds for low-income families in Florence. The mission statement of Florence Habitat for Humanity (FHH) is to "make a world where everyone has a decent place to live," and anyone in the community can share in helping meet that goal by supporting the FHH BeachWalk — either by being a sponsoring organization or by getting donations of support as a beach walker.

Walkers will be gathering at 9 a.m. at the North Jetty to sign in, bring donations and receive T-shirts or hoodies this year, along with a limited number of scarves for dogs accompanying participants.

After walking up the beach to Driftwood Shores, there will be a kite

demonstration from Rogue Valley kites Archie and Jeanie Clay, along with live music by Robin DeVour to greet those completing the walk.

Driftwood Shores will also provide food.

The money raised will help FHH build future new homes, as well as rehabbing existing homes through the Neighborhood Revitalization program, which began in 2014.

"This is our biggest annual fundraising event of the year to bring safe and affordable housing to the Florence community," said Linda Stent, interim executive director.

This annual Florence event began in 1999, making this year's gathering the 18th BeachWalk. With the money raised in the past, FHH has built 28

new homes over the past two decades.

These homes were bought by families who not only qualified for their loans, but also put in the required amount of 500 "sweat equity" hours during the building stages of their houses. The latest home FHH built was dedicated just at the end of last May and now houses a family of six who are proud first-time homeowners.

"Given how tight the job market is in the area, FHH's work continues to be vital to this growing community," said Stent. "As new people move into our town for work, they desperately need to find decent and affordable housing for their families."

For more information, contact Stent at stentlinda@yahoo.com or call her at 541-844-5573.

On the Bite

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MID COAST LAKES

Olalla Reservoir has been stocked with over 50 surplus summer steelhead from the Siletz Falls trap, so far this season. These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience.

Once in the lake they are considered "trout" and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20 inches may be retained, and these fish will almost all be in that size range.

Mid Coast lakes been stocked with trout throughout the spring. Trout stocking is over until the fall but there still should be fish around to catch. Water temps are great and fish should be hungry, so go catch them.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Trout

Trout season is open and there should be some nice cutthroat around.

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ALSEA RIVER: Trout

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SALMON RIVER: Trout

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SILETZ RIVER:

Steelhead, Chinook, trout

The Siletz River opened for wild Chinook on April 1 (1 per day and 2 per season). Spring Chinook and summer steelhead are being caught, and fishing should continue to improve. Recycling

See **FISHING 3B**

SPORTS Calendar

UPCOMING

• **AUG. 5**

GOLF TOURNEY
COOL AT THE COAST
AT OCEAN DUNES
10 A.M.

• **AUG. 7-10**

SHS FOOTBALL
ANNUAL KIDS CAMP
HANS PETERSEN FIELD
K THRU 4TH GRADE:
NOON TO 1:30 P.M.
5TH THRU 8TH GRADE
3 TO 5 P.M.

• **AUG. 12**

VIKING CUP
GOLF SCRAMBLE
AT OCEAN DUNES
9 A.M.

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