

State Fire Marshal urges RVers to practice fire safety

As Oregon's summer travel season continues, State Fire Marshal Jim Walker is reminding all recreational vehicle (RV) operators to remember fire safety when operating their vehicle.

"Getting away in an RV is a popular pastime of Oregonians and visitors," said Walker. "However, RV users have a number of things to pay attention to in order to stay fire safe."

The OSFM encourages RV operators to follow these fire safety guidelines:

Cooking appliances:

- Make sure to have proper ventilation before operating the appliance.
- Open the overhead vent or turn on an exhaust fan.
- Watch what you heat. A leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking.

- Keep anything that can catch fire away from burners.
- Never use cooking appliances for heating.
- If you smell gas:
 - Check your stove knobs to make sure they are off.
 - Put out all open flames (pilot lights, lamps, smoking materials, etc).
 - Shut off the gas supply.
 - Don't operate electrical switches. Turning a switch on or off can create a spark and may cause an explosion.
 - Open doors, windows, and vents.
 - Leave the RV until the odor is gone.
 - Have the gas system checked and repaired by a qualified professional.
- Electric heaters:
 - All heaters need space. Keep things that can burn such as paper, furniture,

bedding, or curtains, at least three feet from heating equipment.

- Use portable space heaters with an automatic shut-off, so if they are tipped over, they will shut off.

• Plug space heaters directly into an electrical outlet. Do not use extension cords or power strips.

Generator safety:

- Check all exhaust system connections regularly for leaks and tighten as necessary.
- Make sure the generator tail pipe extends past the edge of the RV.
- Always operate the generator in an area where the wind will carry the exhaust fumes away from the RV.
- Allow the generator to cool down before refueling.

Carbon monoxide alarms:

- Install a CO alarm inside your RV.
 - If the alarm chirps, replace the batteries of the entire alarm, depending on the manufacturer's recommendations.
 - Replace CO alarms based on the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Smoke alarms:**
- Install a smoke alarm inside your RV.
 - If the alarm chirps, replace the batteries of the entire alarm, depending on the manufacturer's recommendations.
 - Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

For more RV Fire Safety information, download our brochure at www.oregon.gov/osp/SFM/Pages/rv_safety.aspx.

Campfire ban remains in effect in Oregon state parks, beaches

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is continuing its prohibiting of all campfires and open flames in Oregon State Parks and other properties owned and managed by the department.

The restriction began Aug. 16, and will continue until further notice.

These restrictions extend to all Oregon beaches.

Charcoal briquettes, tiki-style torches and candles are also prohibited until further notice. Only fuel sources that can be turned off instantly, such as propane stoves, will be allowed.

Some parks will also allow propane fire pits; campers are advised to check directly with the park.

"Most state parks are already under a fire restriction

due to hot, dry conditions," said MG Devereux, OPRD Deputy Director. "We are expanding these restrictions to prevent any unintentional fires in state parks that would add an unnecessary burden to fire-fighting efforts.

"We understand this is an inconvenience for campers, especially those who might not see an immediate local need for fire restrictions. We appreciate the public's patience and understanding," Devereux added.

Fireworks are also prohibited year-round in Oregon state parks and on beaches.

The ban will be reevaluated based on fire status, weather and guidance from state and local fire officials. Visitors planning a trip should check with park staff for the most current information.

SCORES & STANDINGS

WOMEN'S GOLF

Ocean Dunes Ladies Night

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16, 2017



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Ladies Night gross winners with a score of 32 (from left): Sally Wantz, Jennifer French, Shari Fisher and Susan Weathers

MEN'S GOLF

Ocean Dunes

THURSDAY AUG. 10, 2017

4-MAN WALTZ - NET

SCHMALING

FLIGHT A 2ND PLACE: FRED WUDELL, RICHARD DAPRIELIAN, ANDREW BURK
 1ST PLACE: KYLE NELSON, JERRY MULVEY, LONNIE IHOULTS
 FLIGHT B KP#4 TERRY ARBGAST; KP#8 TOM THOMPSON; KP#12 WAYNE NOEL; KP#16 WAYNE NOEL
 1ST PLACE: RON SCHREIBER, BILL GILLETTE, FRED NOEL

THURSDAY AUG. 17, 2017

4-MAN SCRAMBLE

RON SCHREIBER, BILL GILLETTE

1ST PLACE: BRIAN HOLMES, BOB LABROUSSE, RICK HARDWICK, CRAIG McMICKEN
 2ND PLACE: KYLE NELSON, KP#4 BRIAN HOLMES; KP#12 DICK SHORES; KP#16 LLOYD BAKER

BRIDGE

Florence Bridge Club

Thursday Afternoon Pairs Session Aug. 17, 2017
 Scores after 27 rounds Average: 36.0 Section A

Pair	Pct	Score	Section Rank	MPs	
10	70.14	50.50	A 1	0.90(A)	G. Farman - J. Reischer
2	59.03	42.50	A 2	0.63(A)	J. Weatherwax - R. Parker
8	55.56	40.00	C 3	1 1 0.45(A)	L. Little - K. Hampsten
7	51.39	37.00	A 4	0.32(A)	D. Caccamise - D. Laird
6	50.00	36.00	C 2	2 2 0.28(B)	H. Baas - K. Baas
5	46.53	33.50	A		J. Smith - J. Neimand
3	40.28	29.00	C		P. Oliver - C. Lugg
4	38.89	28.00	C		D. Gustafson - M. Weiss
9	38.19	27.50	B		D. MacNeil - P. Van Ripper

PNGA Junior Tourney champions announced

The championship flight winners from last week's five-day PNGA Junior Tournament held at Sandpines Golf Links were announced, with Drew Warford of Snoqualmie, Wash., winning on the 37th hole.

Congratulations also went to the other flight champions:

1st Flight: Victor Wang (Sammamish, Wash.);

2nd Flight: Zachary Stocker (Liberty Lake, Wash.);

3rd Flight: Jared Beals (Enumclaw, Wash.);

4th Flight: William Fleck (Bend, Ore.);

5th Flight: Sean Buckles (North Vancouver, BC);

6th Flight: Conner Siebert (Eugene, Ore.);

7th Flight - Davis Sheets (Richland, Wash.)

You can also view final results online at www.thepnga.org.

Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia ARE YOU AT RISK?

According to a new study by Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the National Institute on Aging, men and women with hearing loss are much more likely to develop dementia and Alzheimer's disease. People with severe hearing loss, the study reports, were 5 times more likely to develop dementia than those with normal hearing.

Have you noticed a change in your ability to remember?

"The more hearing loss you have, the greater the likelihood of developing dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Hearing aids could delay or prevent dementia by improving the patient's hearing."

-2011 Study by Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the National Institute on Aging

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Y N

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Y N

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