

Siuslaw News

Sports & Recreation

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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BEST BETS FOR FISHING

- Water conditions are almost perfect in the lower Rogue River and lots of winter steelhead are bring caught.
- This week is your last chance for winter steelhead fishing on several rivers in the NW Zone — the Necanicum, North Fork Nehalem, upper Nestucca, Salmonberry, Trask (North and South forks) and Wilson (North and South Forks) all close April 1.
- Bull trout fishing has been good on Lake Billy Chinook.
- The Shevlin and Prineville Youth Fishing Ponds have been stocked and most kids are out of school for spring break.
- There will be some bonus, unscheduled trout stocking in Trojan Pond (4,000), St. Louis Pond #6

See **FISHING 3B**

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
March 31 12:42am / 7.7 12:57pm / 7.5	6:55am / 0.3 7:10pm / 0.2

April 1 1:18am / 7.8 1:43pm / 7.3	7:38am / 0.0 7:48pm / 0.7
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April 2 1:52am / 7.8 2:29pm/ 6.9	8:20am / -0.2 8:25pm/ 1.2
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April 3 2:26am / 7.6 3:14pm / 6.5	9:02am / -0.1 9:02pm / 1.8
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April 4 3:01am / 7.4 4:01pm / 6.1	9:44am / 0.1 9:41pm / 2.4
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April 5 3:37am / 7.0 4:55pm / 5.7	10:30am / 0.4 10:23pm / 3.0
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April 6 4:17am / 6.6 5:55pm / 5.4	11:20am / 0.8 11:15pm / 3.4
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OPRD reminds visitors, coast residents to be safe

The arrival of spring brings many visitors to the Oregon coast, and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) wants visitors and residents to be safe while exploring the shoreline.

“Spring can be a tricky time of year on the coast,” said Lisa Stevenson, OPRD beach ranger speaking at Cape Kiwanda State Natural Area. “The ocean can still experience stormy winter weather despite the warmer temperatures on land.”

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“People are so excited for the spring sunshine that sometimes safety takes a back seat,” said Stevenson. “But preparation and common sense

go a long way to keeping you safe on the coast.”

Stevenson listed several tips for ensuring a safe excursion on the coast:

- Always keep one eye on the ocean so you won’t be caught off guard if a bigger wave surges up the beach.
- These “sneaker waves” are unpredictable, powerful and especially dangerous for children.
- Stay away from logs on the wet sand or in the surf. These logs can weigh several tons and can be moved by only a few inches of water. The ocean is strong enough to pick up

even the biggest log and roll it over you.

- Know when the tide is coming in, especially when exploring tidepools. It’s easy to become stranded by the incoming tide when your attention is elsewhere.

You can keep track of tides with a tide table; OPRD park rangers and many local businesses can give you one for free.

- Be careful on cliffs and rocks. They can be unstable due to erosion. Stay on marked trails and do not climb over fences. Both are there to keep you safe.

For more Oregon coast safety information, watch the new Cape Kiwanda safety video on the Oregon State Parks YouTube page.

SWING GANG



Yesterday, the Siuslaw High School baseball program offered a free Youth Skills Baseball Camp for second through eighth graders, kicking off what new varsity baseball head coach Thomas Shinn hopes to establish as an annual offering. “It’s an opportunity to teach some basic fundamentals to young players in a way that also benefits our high school players,” said Shinn.



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Sign-ups continue for SBSA fast-pitch softball

The Siuslaw Baseball Association has announced that the program will once again be the Siuslaw Baseball and Softball Association.

SBSA fast-pitch softball is open to all girls ages 10-18. Online registration is now open online at www.tshq.blue.sombrero.com.

For more information and for ongoing updates, visit the SBSA Softball Facebook page.

In a supportive transition, the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County has handed over its softball efforts to the SBSA to begin a new era of softball for the Florence area and to help build a strong high school softball

program.

A group of parents has helped make this transition with support from the SBSA board. The group of softball parents will continue to be involved in the management and organization of the new softball branch of the program under the experienced board of the SBA/SBSA.

The softball management team developed a new mission statement in support of building the new softball program.

“SBSA softball provides a positive and safe environment for girls ages 10 to 18 in Florence and the surrounding areas to participate in healthy competi-

tion, develop athletic skills and build self-esteem while learning to play the game of fast pitch softball,” the SBSA mission statement reads. “The program seeks to develop fast pitch softball players; not only in terms of their skills, but also build their self-esteem and confidence.

Girls are encouraged to challenge both their physical and mental abilities, but to also become better than they could ever imagine.”

The softball program’s initial sponsors include R&R King Logging, Leisure Excavating, BJ’s Ice Cream and West Coast Autobody.

Time Out

BY LLOYD LITTLE

Retired teacher, coach and game official

(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.)

Your Sport, Your Team

Sports fans have their own reasons for supporting the teams they do. Most people will cheer for their high school or college alma maters. If they choose to follow a specific professional team there is a reason for this as well.

I respect your decision to favor a team different from mine. But some individual sports fans behave inappropriately towards a rivals’ team.

See **LITTLE 2B**

SPORTS

Calendar

• **APRIL 3**

• SHS BASEBALL
AT JEFFERSON HS
4:30 P.M.

• SHS SOFTBALL
AT JEFFERSON HS
4:30 P.M.

• **APRIL 6**

• MHS TRACK & FIELD
AMJ INVITATIONAL
AT MCKENZIE
4 P.M.

• SHS BASEBALL
HOSTS JEFFERSON
4:30 P.M.

• SHS SOFTBALL
HOSTS JEFFERSON
4:30 P.M.

• **APRIL 7**

• SHS TRACK & FIELD
JUNCTION CITY INV.
AT J. CITY
10 A.M.