

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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BEST BETS FOR FISHING
Spring can offer some of the best fishing of the year, with almost unlimited possibilities. Here are some highlights from this week's Recreation Report.

- Dozens of waterbodies throughout the state have been stocked with thousands of trout. And it will only get better.
- If rivers and streams float your boat, the warming spring temperatures, and increased insect hatches are putting trout on the bite.

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Boating safety inspections being offered today by USCG

An annual free boat safety inspection performed by Coast Guard Auxiliary Floatilla 52 will be offered to assure a safe 2018 boating season.

The inspection provides a decal for inspected boats, which visually signals

to the Coast Guard that the vessel's safety inspection has been completed.

To make this inspection day convenient, it will take place at Breen Marine located at 4390 Highway 101, between Bi-Mart and Napa in Florence.

There will be three inspection lanes for quick and easy maneuvering.

Breen Marine will have required discounted safety equipment on sale at the location and all proceeds from the event will benefit the Florence STEP

(Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program).

The event will be today, April 21, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., along with a second inspection day set for Saturday, May 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Siuslaw junior catcher Alexis Smith scores for the lady Viks. Smith went 4-for-5 against Brookings-Harbor.

LADY VIKS NIP BRUINS, 13-12

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After falling behind 8-0 after Brookings-Harbor's first turn at the plate Wednesday afternoon, it appeared the Lady Vikings softball team was in trouble.

But appearances can be deceiving. "The Lady Viks showed a lot of patience and grit," said Siuslaw coach Sean O'Mara, who added that despite giving up that many runs, "[we] then

methodically worked our way back into the game."

Siuslaw cut its deficit in half, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first inning with junior Alexis Smith and senior Abby Coday sparking the offense.

Though the Lady Viks wouldn't lead until the bottom of the final inning, they slowly chipped away at the Lady Bruins, pulling within three in the bottom of the third inning at 7-10, then two points, 10-11 in the fifth.

Brookings edged ahead 12-10 on a run in the top of the seventh inning, but Siuslaw strung together a pair of hits to

tie the game at 12-12, then scored the winning run off the hustle of Coday.

Smith went 4-for-5 for the day, including a double, triple, 3 runs scored, 2 RBIs and a pair of stolen bases.

Cody was 3-for-4, with a double, 2 trips across the plate and a pair of RBIs.

From the pitcher's circle, sophomore Nina Aaron pitched a complete game, striking out 6 batters in a victory that put Siuslaw at 1-3 heading into last night's doubleheader re-match at Brookings (after press deadlines).

Siuslaw will be in Winston Tuesday.

Siuslaw shut out by Brookings-Harbor, 10-0

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Eleven Vikings left the batter's box empty handed against Brookings-Harbor pitcher Bryce Testa last Tuesday as the Bruins threw a 2-hit shutout in six innings of play, 10-0.

By comparison, Brookings had 11 hits in the game, including 8 for extra bases on 7 doubles and 1 triple.

"[Brookings-Harbor] threw some velocity and kept us off balance," said Siuslaw coach Thomas Shinn, whose team dropped to 2-2 with the loss.

"The Bruins hit the ball all over the park."

Mapleton junior Game Simington led the Vikings' offense with 1 double during three trips to the plate, and Siuslaw sophomore Jared Northrop was also 1-for-3.

However, only 1 error was made in the game, by the Bruins.

The game ended in the bottom of the sixth inning, when the 10th run was scored with 2 outs on the board.

Tuesday, Siuslaw will host Douglas, beginning at 5 p.m.

Junior catcher Tim Lowder takes a lead off of first base for the Vikings.



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SPORTS Calendar

• APRIL 21

• SHS TRACK & FIELD CENTENNIAL INVITE AT CENTENNIAL HS 11 A.M.

• APRIL 24

• SHS TRACK & FIELD FWL MEET AT MARSHFIELD HS 4 P.M.

• SHS BASEBALL HOSTS DOUGLAS 5 P.M.

• SHS SOFTBALL AT DOUGLAS 5 P.M.

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.)

GROUND RULES

Not just football was played at the old Hans Peterson Field. I coached 11 years of Siuslaw varsity baseball at the original John "Jiggs" Dodson memorial field in Old Town.

The home plate was tucked into the hillside and protected most of the infield from the northwest winds. Home field coaches are responsible for giving the umpires and opposing coaches the ground rules for the field prior to the start of each game.

Ground rules determine whether or not a ball is live or dead when there are obstacles interfering with the batted or thrown ball. After coaching over 100 games, I can say our field had several unusual ground rules.

Starting at first base was the log restraining wall.

Overthrows were live off the logs and dead over them.

Fly balls could be caught leaning over the logs.

The left edge of the scoreboard was the foul-ball line.

The football goal posts were live in right field. I should note that after one collision with a pole, padding was added to the bottom of the poles.

The face of the football

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