

## PERMITS FOR MATSUTAKE MUSHROOMS AVAILABLE AUG. 13

CORVALLIS — Annual permits for matsutake mushrooms go on sale from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area office, 855 Highway 101, in Reedsport.

Anyone gathering matsutake mushrooms within the Siuslaw National Forest for the purpose of selling must carry a commercial-use permit while picking.

One hundred permits will be available for sale at \$250 a permit. One permit per person. Permits will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

To purchase a permit, the following

information must be provided:

- Valid identification card issued by a state or U.S. federal government
- Vehicle make, model and license plate number

Permits can be purchased using cash, check or credit card.

After Aug. 13, unsold permits can be purchased out of the Siuslaw National Forest headquarters in Corvallis, the Central Coast Ranger Station in Waldport and the ODNRA office in Reedsport.

No permits are needed if gathering matsutakes for personal use. Personal use restrictions are six matsutakes per

person a day, and the mushroom must be cut in half length-wise immediately upon harvesting to remove its commercial value.

Be aware that similarly looking poisonous mushrooms exist in the same area as matsutakes. Do not disturb topsoil when searching for matsutakes by digging or raking. Upon harvesting a matsutake, return soil or debris attached to the stem back into the cavity created by the removed mushroom and cover the hole.

For more information, contact the ODNRA office at 541-271-6000.

## Tourney from 1B

sand traps within its par-72 design.

The tournament, which costs \$150 per person and promises a purse of at least \$1,000 to the winner, includes two days of golfing with a cart, a Sunday lunch and awards ceremony for gross and net divisions.

Florence Golf Links will host two more tournaments between now and September, beginning with the new Oregon Coast

Military Museum fundraiser Aug. 22, and the annual Siuslaw Outreach Services tournament fundraiser Sept. 8.

“We have a lot of things going on here and have made a lot of improvements, from our facilities to the course itself,” said Reed. “It’s an exciting time for us and, we hope, for the community.”

Registration for this weekend’s tournament continues until Friday by calling 541-997-1940 or stopping by Florence Golf Links, 1201 35th St.



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Bob Garcia (left) and Brian Johnston in front of the Ford Mustang “Cool at the Coast” hole-in-one prize.

## Cool from 1B

The tournament will start

at 10 a.m. with the traditional World War II biplane flyover by Aero Legends.

For more information or

to register, call 541-997-3232 or visit [www.the-forencerotary.org](http://www.the-forencerotary.org).

Registration forms are

also available at Ocean Dunes Golf Links, 3345 Munsell Lake Rd.

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