

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

TIME OUT

By Lloyd Little
Retired teacher, coach and game official

With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, parent and spectator, Lloyd Little has gained some insights and perspectives regarding athletics. In this weekly column, he shares what he's learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

Sportcations

Many families take vacations. Families with athletes take "Sportcations." Some families plan vacations during breaks in the school calendar. They may

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SPORTS Calendar

July 21

- Sand Master Jam Sandboarding Sand Master Park 2-5 p.m.

Upcoming: Aug. 4

- Rotary "Cool at the Coast" golf tourney Aug. 6-10 SHS XC

- Dunes Camp East Woahink Day Use Area 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Aug. 7-9

- Viking Youth Football Camp Grades 3-8, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

- Grades 1-2, 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. H. Petersen Field Aug. 10

- SHS Hall of Fame Induction ceremony at the FEC 5:30 p.m. Aug. 10

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COURTESY PHOTO

Among the players representing the (13- to 15-year-olds) South Oregon team at this Monday's Northwest Regionals in Portland are four players from Florence, including Elijah Blankenship (4), Jared Northrop (51), Henry Rankin (10) and Dalton Stinger (21).

SOUTH COAST TEAMS ADVANCE TO REGIONALS

By NED HICKSON
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Come Tuesday, four summer baseball players — Elijah Blankenship, Jared Northrop, Henry Rankin and Dalton Stinger — will be among those from the South Coast's all-star line-up who will be stepping to the plate against Idaho in the Babe Ruth Ages 13-15 Pacific Northwest Regionals in Portland.

That same day, five 13-and-under players from Florence — Bailey Overton, Ian Sissel, Jason Garcia, Beau Erickson and Ethan Halpin — will step to the plate on Canadian soil to help represent South Oregon as part of the all-star Babe Ruth 13U team. They will open up the Pacific Northwest Championships against Wyoming, competing in Calgary, Alberta, Canada during five days of competition leading toward a regional title.

The opportunity for all nine players



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The South Oregon Babe Ruth All-Star 13-and-under team will travel to Canada this weekend to compete in Calgary, Alberta beginning Tuesday.

came as a result of stellar play last weekend in Klamath Falls, where both South Oregon teams claimed titles in the Southern Oregon State Tournament.

The 13- to 15-year-old squad made a clean sweep of South Douglas County in two games, nabbing the crown with a decisive 19-8 drubbing in the final game of the 10-team regionals.

Meanwhile, the 13U team rallied from a narrow 5-4 loss to host Klamath Falls the previous day, hammering out a 22-2 victory in Sunday's championship rematch — with Overton, the only girl on the team, smacking a pair of hits along with Halpin.

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Summer skill building



PHOTO BY NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Last week, Siuslaw football players spent two hours each evening building skills and agility under new Vikings head coach Chad Smith. The Viks will have a break before kicking off training camps Aug. 6-10 for varsity and JV players, as well as youth camps Aug. 7-9 for grades 1-2 and 3-8. Official practices begin Aug. 13, followed by a team scrimmage Aug. 13 and Siuslaw's first pre-season game Aug. 31, at 7 p.m., when the Vikings host Elmira.

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION
www.dfw.state.or.us/RR

Tips for fishing during hot weather

Fishing can get a little tough during these hot summer days — water temperatures increase, aquatic weed growth accelerates and fish get lethargic. Here are some ideas to help you beat the dog days of fishing:

See **FISHING 3B**

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

July 21

8:19am / 4.8 2:18am / 0.8
8:14pm / 6.9 1:50pm / 2.1

July 22

9:38am / 4.8 3:21am / 0.4
9:05pm / 6.9 2:52pm / 2.5

July 23

10:44am / 5.0 4:16am / 0.1
9:53pm / 7.0 3:50pm / 2.7

July 24

11:36am / 5.3 5:04am / -0.3
10:37pm / 7.1 4:43pm / 2.8

July 25

12:18pm / 5.5 5:45am / -0.5
11:19pm / 7.1 5:29pm / 2.8

July 26

12:55pm / 5.7 6:23am / -0.7
11:57pm / 7.1 6:11pm / 2.6

July 27

1:29pm / 5.9 6:58am / -0.8
6:50pm / 2.5

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REGISTER NOW FOR ANNUAL 'COOL AT THE COAST' GOLF TOURNEY

The ninth annual "Cool at the Coast" golf tournament will tee off Saturday, Aug. 4, at Ocean Dunes Golf Links.

Prizes at this year's event will include a week-long get-away at San Diego Country Estates Condo, a Fiddlers Green Gift Certificate, Golf at

Pumpkin Ridge or a two-night stay at Mercer Lake Resort right here in Florence.

Those are just a few of the prizes being raffled off at this year's tournament, which will be a day of golfing, fun and an opportunity to win great prizes.

The Rotary Club of Florence's annual golf event will raise funds for the Rotary International's "End Polio Now" campaign, along with Florence community projects.

The tournament will tee off at Ocean Dunes Golf Links following its traditional World War II biplane

flyover by Aero Legends at 10 a.m.

Tournament sponsors include: Allstate Agency Owner Bob Garcia, who is the 2018 grand "hole-in-one" sponsor; and Platinum Sponsors Oregon Pacific Bank, Peace Health; Banner Bank, Coldwell Banker/Coast Real Estate, Dr. Brian Holmes

and Dr. Justin Linton.

To register, call 541-997-3232 or visit www.theforencerotary.org.

Registration forms are also available at Ocean Dunes Golf Links, 3345 Munsel Lake Rd. in Florence, or call 541-997-3232.