

GOLFERS ‘CHIP IN’ FOR GOOD CAUSE



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More than 70 golfers participated in this year's Siuslaw Open, held at Florence Golf Links.

The annual Siuslaw Open Golf Tournament was held Sept. 8 at Florence Golf Links, benefitting Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS).

The event was sponsored by Oregon Pacific Bank, Abel Insurance, Florence Dental Clinic, PeaceHealth, Banner Bank and Johnston Motors.

Seventy-two golfers converged on Florence Golf Links to raise more than \$11,000 that will go to help support families and individuals who face various forms of crisis in the Siuslaw region.

For the first time, the tournament used the Calloway scoring system.

Team Mans of Justin Mans, AJ Davidson, Jeff Noonan and Jake Wells came in first place with a team score of 56.

Team Mulligans from Eugene, consisting of Marcutio Carcamo, Mark Chase, Johnny Fox and Jonothan Backer, came in a close second with a score of 57.

Longest Drive was won by Caryn Barab and Nick Decker. Each received a \$50 gift certificate to 1285 Resto Bar.

AJ Davidson won the closest to the pin on the eighth hole.

The coveted putting contest saw a rematch of last year's final between Robert Ybarra and Rick Yecny. Last year, Ybarra won the competition in a “putt-off” with Yecny. This year, however, Yecny went on to win the competition outright.

Dixon Golf was back again to showcase its products and give golfers a chance to win



COURTESY PHOTO

Rick Yecny holds up his Putting Contest belt after winning this year's contest. Last year he lost in a “putt-off.”

golf clubs and gift certificates. New this year was the “Chip In For the Cause” chipping Contest.” Golfers were given three attempts to chip off the back patio of the clubhouse 55 feet downhill to three kiddie pools full of water.

If they successfully landed any one of their chips in the pool, they received a \$30 gift certificate donated by Florence Golf Links.

There were six golfers that were successful in hitting their target. The chipping contest was such a big hit that some golfers stayed after the tournament to give it another try.

Grocery Outlet, Ninkasi Brewery, Fred Meyer and individuals provided drinks and snack for the golfers, and the hamburger lunch was provided by The Grill at Florence Golf Links.

Other sponsors of the event

included: Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate, Copeland Lumber, Siuslaw News, Dutch Bros, Chad E. Clement DDS, Edward Jones Investments, Andy Barber, Tony's Garage, Don Chapin, Sherwin's Tire & Auto, Florence Elks Lodge, KCS Radio, Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, State Farm Insurance-Sue Gilday, Steve & Lori Gates and the SOS Board of Directors.

SOS Executive Director, Bob Teter said, “I want to thank all the sponsors, volunteers, staff, tournament host Florence Golf Links and general manager Rick Reed and his wonderful crew and especially the planning committee of Justin Young, Andy Johnson, Rick Yecny and Dr. Brian Holmes.”

PUBLIC CHECK-POINT TO BE STAFFED TODAY AT ODNRA

Today, Oct. 6, the Central Coast Ranger District of the Siuslaw National Forest will be staffing two public checkpoints for off-highway vehicles (OHVs) at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (ODNRA).

The purpose of the checkpoints is to verify compliance with existing OHV regulations. Checkpoints will be located at the Hauser sand access point and the 10 Mile Beach OHV route, located within the ODNRA.

Forest Protection Officers and Law Enforcement Officers will be checking for compliance with sound limits estab-

lished for OHVs while in use at the ODNRA. They will also be confirming that OHV users follow other off-road regulations such as use of safety flags, OHV permit stickers and OHV safety education cards.

“The staff at ODNRA has seen an increase in sound violations and in volume of complaints from community members due to noise,” said Deputy District Ranger Garrit Craig. “We want to increase educational awareness around not just noise levels, but safety in general and to be consistent with our enforcement of these rules. Future checkpoints will

be scheduled throughout the ODNRA riding areas, along with active enforcement.”

The Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area is managed for multiple recreational uses, both motorized and non-motorized.

Due to its unique topography, varied recreational uses and proximity to residential areas, a 93 decibel sound limit is applied to all OHVs within the ODNRA.

For more information about sound regulations at the ODNRA, visit www.go.usa.gov/xPk3H or call the ODNRA office at 541-271-6000.

Fishing from 1B

ALSEA RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

Fall Chinook fishing on the Alsea river/bay opened Aug. 1, a few fish are being caught but overall the fishing has been slow

Concentrate your efforts low in the estuary and close to the ocean to catch the fish moving in and out on the tides. Expect numbers of fall

Chinook entering the bays and estuaries to increase later in the month and into September. Best techniques include trolling herring/spinners and bobber fishing with bait.

Sea-run cutthroat will begin entering the lower river later this month and into the fall. These fish are very aggressive, respond well to flies and lures, and can be up to 20-inches long.

SALMON RIVER: *Cutthroat trout, fall Chinook*

Fall Chinook fishing on the Salmon river/bay opened Aug. 1, expect numbers of fall Chinook entering the bays and estuaries to increase later in the month and into September. Best techniques include trolling herring/spinners and bobber fishing with bait.

SILETZ RIVER: *Steelhead, cutthroat trout, fall Chinook*

Fall Chinook fishing on the Siletz river/bay opened Aug. 1, a few fish are being caught but it has been slow.

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