



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. Each week, he shares what he's learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

Hall of Fame
No. 10
Mary Jacobson

If Title IX had been passed sooner than 1972, then future Siuslaw HOF member Mary Jacobson would most certainly helped put more paint on the walls of the Glenn Butler gymnasium.

Her school-record shot put throw has not been beaten in 50 years.

I do not know Mary, but I did research on OSAA state competitions. In 1967, Jacobson's freshman year, there was no state track meet for girls. The following year, in 1968, there was one classification covering all the track girls in Oregon — and Jacobson placed second.

There was no discus for girls that year, with only 11 events for girls, compared to 16 events for boys to compete in. In 1969, the discus was added to the girls' state meet and competition was divided into A-1 (larger schools) and A-2, and B competing in the other classification.

Jacobson went in to win both the shot put and discus titles that year — with her winning throw going farther than the winning A-1 throw. She returned next season for her senior year in 1970 and once again won both the shot put and discus titles.

Jacobson attended the University of Kansas, where she competed not only in track but also volleyball and field hockey. In addition to winning a conference title in the shot put, she helped both the volleyball and field hockey teams make the play-offs.

Keep in mind that volleyball was not recognized by the OSAA for play-offs until 1974.

Siuslaw High School, with an athlete the likes of Mary, would certainly have competed for league titles and state play-offs in volleyball and basketball.

Jacobson mattered, as do female athletes everywhere. Title IX gave female athletes opportunities to compete as they never had before. I did not have the opportunity to look at the Siuslaw 1967-70 school annuals, so I looked at my four Warrenton High School annuals from 1967-70.

As I checked the index for female athletes, there were none. Our girls were competing as GAA (Girls Athletic

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VICTORIA SANCHEZ/FOR SIUSLAW NEWS

Kyle Novelli (above) hauls in a crab pot as part of the day's catch last August; Amber Novelli (below) measures a Dungeness crab while crabbing with husband Kyle on The Aquarius. Sadly, both perished when their boat capsized near the South Jetty in the early morning of June 29.

IN TRIBUTE TO KYLE AND AMBER NOVELLI

Crabbing brings Florence's Novelli family together

[Editor's Note: In the wake of this past week's tragic loss of Florence residents and Novelli's Seafood owners Kyle and Amber Novelli, we felt it a fitting tribute to re-run a special feature on the couple that was published in the Siuslaw News last August. The story was written by Snowden journalism intern Victoria Sanchez, who spent time with the couple on their crabbing boat. Accompanying the story is brief introduction written by Sanchez after learning the couple had perished early Monday morning.]

— July 1, 2020

Almost a year ago today I stepped onto The Aquarius for the first time. Amber and Kyle Novelli were taking me out on their crabbing boat so I could catch a glimpse into their everyday lives as commercial crabbers. Amber and I talked about the water and how dangerous getting out past the bar was; we talked about how unstable crabbing can be economically and how the weather really runs your whole life as a crabber.

I asked her why she kept doing it with so much danger and uncertainty to face. She answered by telling me a story about a time they were out on the water fishing. It was early in the morning and, as she woke up, she wandered out to look at the ocean. That's when she saw it: A whale was gliding past their boat, silently and so close she thought she could see its eye. She watched as it swam by and finally sank back into the dark ocean. It was awe-inspiring moments like this that kept her coming out day after day, she said.

I listened to her and Kyle's story



of how they started fishing together and would take their caught fish to Newport and Bend to sell until, one day, she saw what is now Novelli's for sale and said, "let's make them come to us." She told me about how her chowder came to be the notorious mouth-watering and award-winning chowder that Florence and beyond has come to know and love.

It was a true story of hard work paying off — and of how she and Kyle were able to spend their days doing what they love. Amber and Kyle Novelli shared their story with me on that day, and I am so grateful to have been able to share it with others.

"It's like having a house on the water where everyone just comes to visit," Amber told me, adding: "Everyone ends up turning into your personal friend."

Knowing them was a true pleasure and I know their incredible

memory will live on forever in Florence.

— Victoria Sanchez

Down the dock from ICM Restaurant in Historic Old Town Florence is a metal gate that leads down to the boats on the water. In a little blue boathouse on the left of the dock is Novelli's Crab and Seafood, owned and run by Amber Novelli and her husband Kyle — the only active commercial crabbers and fishermen who live and work in Florence.

It's about 8:40 a.m. when Amber and Kyle hop onto their turquoise crabbing boat called The Aquarius and head downriver to the fuel station, which resembles a typical gas station, except for its location on the end of a dock.

Today, they are going out to

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'Operation Dry Water' to target intoxicated boating

The Marine Board, marine law enforcement from 18 county sheriff's offices, Oregon State Police, and five Oregon U.S. Coast Guard Stations will be participating in Operation Dry Water during the weekend of July 3-5, as part of a nationally coordinated effort to reduce the number of accidents and fatalities related to Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants (BUII).

"We have multiple patrols scheduled this season to catch

impaired boat operators," says Randy Henry, Boating Safety Program Manager for the Marine Board. "We also have new tools. The legislature gave us the authority in 2020 to take your boater education card for up to three years, if convicted."

Many marine officers have completed specialized training to recognize alcohol and drug impairment.

This includes prescription drugs, alcohol, inhalants, mar-

ijuana, or any other substance that impairs a person's ability to make sound judgments and to safely operate a boat.

The effects of drugs and alcohol are also amplified on the water with the combination of sun glare, wind, waves, and other environmental stressors.

Alcohol also dehydrates the body making sudden immersion into cold water at an even greater

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Best places for local warmwater fishing:

- Mercer and Munsel lakes (Florence area) are great warm water fisheries and both of them have stocked trout as well, good place to target both species in one trip
- Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes (Florence area) both offer good warmwater fishing opportunities as well as good trout fishing for stocked trout and resident cutthroat.

Fishing

SIUSLAW RIVER: Cutthroat trout:

Trout fishing opened in the Siuslaw basin (including Lake Creek) on May 22 and has great opportunities to catch a trout throughout the summer months.

ALSEA RIVER: Cutthroat trout

Cutthroat trout fishing opened May 22 on the Alsea River and trout fishing has been good throughout the basin. The higher water and cooler temperatures

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

July 3

12:13am / 5.8 5:40am / -1.5
11:17pm / 8.2 5:20pm / 2.5

July 4

1:04pm / 6.0 6:27am / -1.8
7:12pm / 6.9 6:12pm / 2.6

July 5

12:04am / 8.1 7:12am / -1.9
1:50pm / 6.1 7:01pm / 2.6

July 6

12:49am / 7.9 7:55am / -1.8
2:33pm / 6.1 7:49pm / 2.6

July 7

1:33am / 7.6 8:37am / -1.5
3:15pm / 6.1 8:37pm / 2.5

July 8

2:17am / 7.1 9:17pm / -1.1
3:56pm / 6.1 9:25pm / 2.5

July 9

3:02am / 6.6 9:56am / -0.6
4:36pm / 6.0 10:16pm / 2.5

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