

Complete contest results

Slabtown 209,
Lemati 201

Beard (Stately):
Don Solomon.
Beard (Untamed):
Patrick Stewart.

Boomtown Carpenters:
Shelby Antoine.
Candlestick Run: Jaden
Lufkin.

Costume Contest (Men): Bob
Ehler.
Costume Contest
(Women): Renne Garner.
Costume Contest (Children):
Bryce Johnson.

Cherry Pit Spittin' for Accu-
racy (Whippersnappers):
Bene Susec.
Cherry Pit Spittin' for Accu-
racy (Greenhorns): P. J. [last
name unknown].

Cherry Pit Spittin' for Accu-
racy (Old Coots):
Jessica Downey.
Cherry Pit Spittin' for Dis-
tance (Whippersnappers):
John Swanson (longest spit:
21').
Cherry Pit Spittin' for Dis-
tance (Greenhorns): Nathan
Boxberger (longest spit: 28').
Cherry Pit Spittin' for Dis-
tance (Old Coots): Scott Box-
berger (longest spit: 37').

Digging in the Dark: Sabrina
James and Noe Valley.
Election Day: Slabtown.
Fuse Winder: Shawna Brat-
ton.
Pie Eating: Anthony Richey.
Thread the Needle: Chance
Ralston and Rufus White.
Twenty Miles by Wheelbar-
row: Shelby Antoine and Ben
Antoine.
Two Towns Tug O' War:
Slabtown.

Old-growth prevails at BMD beard contest

BY MATT HOLLANDER
The Cottage Grove Sentinel

The annual Bohemia Mining Days' beard competition held Saturday was not a young man's game, as the judges rewarded experienced and mature whisker growers. In the categories for Most Untamed and Most Stately, Patrick Stewart and Don Solomon were the respective winners.

Stewart, whose ZZ-Top-esque beard extend about six to eight inches down from his chin, claimed to be sporting the same beard since 1975, although he said it has been burned down from time to time. Stewart also said that he wouldn't recognize himself in the mirror without facial hair.

Solomon, whose distinguished bristles could be compared to Willie Nelson's, said that his current beard is two years old but that he has been growing beards on and off since age 14.

Stewart and Solomon triumphed over a strong group of contestants that included James Emery, Ken Hooter and Jesse Johnson.



photo by Matt Hollander

The owners of Cottage Grove's stateliest (Don Solomon, at left) and most untamed beards (Patrick Stewart) mug for the camera.

In the costume contest: Bryce Johnson, who was dressed as the Sheriff of Slabtown, took first place in the kids division; Renne Garner won in the women's division wearing her mother's handy-me-down dress that came across the country by covered wagon; Bob Ehler was victorious in the men's division for his outfit that

included his granddad's spurs, original Lee Jeans and Ruger Blackhawk pistol.

Ehler's competition, which was as diverse as it was formidable, included Bohemia Billy, who "loves gold and running around"; "Marshal" Rusty Hawkins and his deputy, Josh, and Francis Koster, who sure looked like a gambler but "pled the Fifth" regarding his profession.



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John Swanson (left) and Finn Hebb were honored as Mayor of Lemati and Sheriff of Slabtown, respectively.

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