

Yeack wins Wallbanger Cup at the line

Dills, Mayden and Towns also earn victories

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For the Sentinel

Cottage Grove Speedway was back in action on Saturday, Aug. 1 for the annual Wallbanger Cup. This race is ran in honor of the late Mark Howard, and it is the biggest race of the season for the CGS Street Stocks. Also on the card were the Clark Printing Extreme Sprints, IMCA Modifieds and Late Models.

The Street Stock main event was a caution filled affair, but despite all of the stoppages, it was an extremely entertaining race. Albany's Bricen James overtook Kevin Roberts from Gresham on lap five and would hold the lead for much of the main event.

A late-race restart saw Kyle Yeack give James a run for his money. Yeack made a bonsai last-lap pass on James to beat him out at the line by a mere

0.081 seconds. It was the first career Wallbanger Cup win for Yeack.

James was a respectable second, followed by Cottage Grove's Evan Britton in third. Chris Sine from Eugene was fourth, while Cody Smith of St. Helens was fifth.

In the Clark Printing Extreme Sprints it was all about Patrick Dills. The Cottage Grove ace grabbed the lead on the start and did not look back from there. Dills led the entire way to collect his second win of the season.

Michael Kofoid of Penngrove, Calif., was second, while in third was Orion Redmond. James —doing double duty— finished in fourth, and Eugene's Raquel Ivie was fifth.

The IMCA Modified feature saw a great number of cautions, but it was still a great race. Kinzer Cox of Cottage Grove

was the early pace setter and remained in that position until lap five. Springfield's Jake Mayden and Cox would battle side-by-side for lap-after-lap. Cox reclaimed the lead on lap eight only to have it taken away on the following lap by Mayden.

Mayden lost the lead to Cox on lap 14, but he recaptured the lead on the next circuit and stayed in the lead the rest of the way to win his first IMCA Modified event.

Cox was second, while Mark Carrell from Redmond got third. Fourth place went to Cottage Grove's Curtis Towns, and Steven Sturdevant of Springfield was fifth.

The Late Models staged a wonderful race for their main event. Towns, who was also doing double duty, managed to seize the lead on the opening lap, but he came under serious pressure in the closing stages.

Jesse Williamson of Eugene passed Towns on lap 22, but Towns regained the lead on



photo courtesy Dirt Monkey Productions

Kyle Yeack won his first career Wallbanger Cup by beating out Albany's Bricen James by a mere .081 seconds at the finish line.

lap 23 and managed to hold off Williamson for the win. It was the sixth win of the season for Towns in the Late Model divi-

sion. Williamson was second, and behind him in third was Rob Campos from Scio. Lebanon's

Tony Brakeall ended his night in fourth, while Salem's Britton Donahoo was fifth.

Perfection times two!

Tom Mathis (left) and Ron Bascue both bowled perfect 300 games during league play at the Cottage Bowl Monday night — for the same team, and on the same lanes. The occasion was also notable because it was Mathis' birthday. After his last ball for 300, Tom put his arms in the air and shouted, "And it's my birthday!"



photo by Natalie Clark

GOLF

Middlefield Mens Club Aug. 3, 2015 Game: 1-2-3 Best Ball

First place, -23: Gary Ingram, RW Ryan, Bud Lefler, Dave Tooker.
Second place (tie), -18: Larry Emery, Ron Ackerman, Dar-

rell Lee, Dick Winters.
Second place (tie), -18: Mike Helms, Jack Doleman, David Morris, Russell Bryce.
Fourth place, -17: Jake Cox, Gary Culp, Gary Sparks, Larry Eyman.

Low Gross:
Gary Ingram, 68

Mike Helms, 68
Jack Doleman, 69
Dan Smith, 69

Low Net:
Richard Vargas, 57
Larry Zuvich, 60
Larry Dreiling, 61
Bob Armor, 62
Glen Hibner, 63

Gary Sparks, 64
Leroy Bodine, 64

Closest to the pin:
No. 5 — Gary Ingram
No. 7 — Dick Winters
No. 14 — Darrell Lee

Longest Putt: Larry Emery

Middlefield Mens Club Game: Scramble with tie-breakers Aug. 6, 2015

First place, -8: Dan Smith, Glen Hibner, Darrell Lee, Dick Winters.
Second place, -6: Larry Zuvich, Ed Wilson, Bob Martin-dale, Jim Cunningham.
Third place, -6: Dan Pearson,

Bill Wilson, Dave Tooker, Tom Arney.
Fourth place, -6: Mike Helms, Les Rhodes, Jim Wamsley, Ron Warner.
Fifth place, -6: Jake Cox, Milt Levings, Bill Medin, Richard Vargas.
Sixth place, -5: Jerry Singer, Dan Duffy, Sam Kelder.
Seventh place, -5: Bruce Dorman, Don Perkins, Bob McCarthy, David Morris.

Eighth place, -4: Bill Avery, Ed Prunkl, Jerry Pennington, Bud Lefler.
Ninth place, -3: Gary Sparks, Don Arendell, Jim Hoover, Lynn Ferrin.
Tenth place, -3: Gary Ingram, Don Hanly, RW Ryan, Frank LaCrosse.
Eleventh place, -2: Larry Emery, Adrian Chatigny, Russell Bryce, Ron Ackerman.
Twelfth place, -1: Mike

Cooney, Mel Gowing, Pat Rickard, Gary Ackley.
Thirteenth place, -1: Paul Hendrichs, Bob Armor, Rudy Neller-moe, Larry Dreiling.
Fourteenth place, -1: Jack Doleman, Bill Beckett, Leon Hayes, Virgil Miller.

Closest to the pin: No. 5 — Ed Prunkl, No. 7 — Bill Wilson, No. 14 — Dan Pearson.

Commission sets bird hunting regulations

The Fish and Wildlife Commission set 2015-16 game bird hunting regulations today at its meeting in Salem. The major changes from last year will:

End goose check stations

and check-in requirements for goose hunters in Northwest Oregon.

Increase the canvasback daily limit from one to two; otherwise duck bag limits remain unchanged from last year.

Extend three-turkey spring season limit statewide. Currently limited to two turkeys everywhere but most of western Oregon.

Extend forest grouse seasons in eastern Oregon through Jan. 31, which will align with western Oregon.

Allow upland bird hunters to leave wing or head on birds they harvest as evidence of sex and species. Currently, these hunters must leave a head on the bird.

The 2015-16 Oregon Bird Hunting Regulations will be on-

line by Aug. 15 and the booklet will be available at ODFW offices and license sales agents by Aug. 24.

HOLLANDER

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up before 5 p.m.

The final newspaper also scratched an itch of working toward a tangible product. Not many jobs offer the same clarity of objective, and seeing that work turn into something people bought, and perhaps even saved as a keepsake, was always very satisfying. But Jon Stinnett will tell you we've never made a perfect paper, and the element of finality made the mistakes stressful. Plenty of times I would jolt awake on Monday nights, knowing I had made an error and that there was nothing I could do but look ahead to the next issue.

Over this year I also became more and more aware of the sacrifices — to life schedule and life style — that my peers at larger publications routinely make to stay in print journalism. I suppose the operative word is 'print,' and though I didn't need a year on the job to learn that newspapers

aren't the most lucrative industry, I learned about the obstacles and limitations that make them so. I am certain that people will always want and need the news, but I'm not sure if the daily newspapers offer the business model to meet that evolving demand. I can't say that the Sentinel is immune to these challenges, but I also believe that it's serving a different need, one more centered on recording the history of Cottage Grove.

I owe a sincere 'thank you' to so many people who supported me throughout this endeavor: to Ben Schorzman, who gave me direction when I first began; to Ron Bellamy, who mentored me as a sports editor; to my family, who understood the importance of this journey; to the entire Sentinel staff, who work tirelessly to keep this ship afloat, and of course Jon Stinnett, who taught me how to tell the stories of this community.

RACQUETS

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Dean said he has yet to see the need for even one more court, especially since there are plans to house pickleball at the Armory.

"Pickleball is still in its infancy here. We haven't ever seen more than six players at one time at the courts. And while people may not see the courts being used for tennis very often, perhaps they aren't driving by the courts at 8:30 in the morning when our group is out here with 10 or more players."

Although the issue was not formally discussed by the Council, Councilor Heather Murphy, a tennis player herself, said that she found the yellow pickleball court lines disorienting.

Meyers said at this point there are no plans to add more pickleball courts, but that the City will consider all options that increase

use of the facility.

Dean's group is not currently affiliated with the Cottage Grove Tennis Association, a non-profit organization headed by Ron Irvine that raises money to support tennis in Cottage Grove. Irvine, who has friends in both parties, said he has invited both groups to come together through his organization toward the end of this month. He also said there could be different color schemes that make the pickleball courts less distracting to tennis players.

"I am confident that reasonable heads will prevail," he said. "For now it seems reasonable the each group will have two courts. But of course we will continue to play it by ear. If there is an onslaught of pickleball players, we may have to revisit the conversation at a later time."

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