

Third Place (tie): 92
Gary Ingram, Dan Pearson, Pat Rickard, Bob Martindale

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Jim Cunningham, Phil Hamilton, Rudy Neller-moe, Paul Henrichs

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Gary Ackley, David Morris, Gary Rider, Larry Zuvich

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Bruce Dorman, Al Nelson, Dave Tooker, Don Hanly

Low Gross:
Gray Culp 71
Bruce Dorman 72
Dan Pearson 72
Gary Rider 72
Larry Zuvich 76

Low Net:
Dick Winters 58
Jim Cunningham 59
Dave Tooker 63
Jake Cox 63
Steve Ellickson 63
John Kallbrier 64
Keith Rowling 64
Pat Rickard 64

Closest to the Pin:
#5 Bob McCarty

POOL *from B1*

"All these pumps are circulating that super-heated solar water. It goes through that heat-exchanger which transfers it to the pool water and supplements those that are getting heated by the boiler," said Allen. "I.e. we get a 90-degree day, we don't even need to run the boiler, we can just let the sun do it." Allen noted that this system will still be working even on days that are not as warm.

The new space also features a scoreboard that has the ability to play instructional videos or movies; tectum panels to help absorb echo sounds; a state of the art automated filtering system; a surveillance system to go with the fob system; and, unlike the old facility, a fire alarm.

"We didn't have a fire alarm," said Allen. "There wasn't a fire alarm at the pool. Nothing."

But now with the latest bells and whistles, all the pool needs now is an official opening date.

"We are very excited and as we transition back to work in August, we'll start planning that really exciting ribbon cutting ceremony and get a time and date locked down for that," said Bridgens.



Above: The solar panels soak in the sun outside the Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Center. Below: The new pool was recently tiled. PHOTOS BY SILVA/CG SENTINEL

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FAREWELL *from B1*

I don't recall many details from the game but do remember that Marist won and that one of my friends heard someone from Cottage Grove say that the kid dressed as a present deserved to be beat up.

My relationship with the Cottage Grove community has only gone up since then.

As my graduation from the University of Oregon was looming, I, like all college grads, was searching for a job. Every single journalism professor and all of my classmates just kept talking about how there were no journalism jobs out there. There are countless stories of journalism students finding work in other fields out of college and I was afraid I was going to be the next eager grad to

join them.

Then I stumbled into a job posting for a newspaper in Cottage Grove. Completely unaware of the fact that Cottage Grove had a newspaper, I applied for the job and got it. At the start I was a newbie in every sense of the word. This was my first full-time job. This was my first time being a real journalist. This was my first time being in this area for more than just a stop to get gas.

I made mistakes and messed up but people across the community – despite there being at least some disdain that I was from Marist – opened their arms and helped me out. It started with something as simple as learning to pronounce "Row" the correct way and continued as 1A football coaches taught me the intricacies of eight-

man.

In my first season covering sports I got a front row view of the Cottage Grove community in full force as the football team went on to win the state championship. Throughout these two years the games have been great – and being able to cover three state championship games (Cottage Grove football, Cottage Grove volleyball and North Douglas softball) certainly was a joy – but the athletes and coaches that make everything go have been my favorite part of the job. They have withstood my pestering questions even when they didn't want to talk. They let me come to practice, they welcomed me in. And ultimately, they let me tell their stories as best I could.

And while it started with the players and coaches, the

welcome I felt extended far past those that I was covering.

It was the woman at the emergency room desk in Cottage Grove that subscribed to the paper after we had a lovely conversation (I was just in the ER for a bug that got stuck in my ear but that was not the point of this story). It was the group of people that I would always sit by in the North Douglas gym. It was always ending up talking about my niece with a parent in Yoncalla. It was people I was unsure I had met always smiling at me in Elkton.

And then there was one time I was in Drain for a softball game and as I parked my car I saw that I was low on gas. The problem was, I soon realized, I had left my wallet at work. Getting out of this was going to be a team effort.

So I called my sister. My sister called her fiancé. My sister's fiancé called his brother. My sister's fiancé's brother called his wife. My sister's fiancé's brother's wife called her friend in Drain. My sister's fiancé's brother's wife's friend called her friend who then drove to the game and waved at me from the street with \$20 in her hand so that I could get home.

This story does not feel like an exception but rather the rule. In these close-knit towns where everyone truly does know everyone, everyone is willing to help out the outsider who forgot their wallet.

So as I head to the next stop in my journalistic journey, I just wanted to thank everyone that has been part of this. I want to thank the paper, my editors, coaches, athletes, the community and, especially, all the readers who have made any and all of this possible.

Thank you, Cottage Grove, Drain, Elkton and Yoncalla. The past two years have been quite a ride so thanks for letting a kid from Marist be part of this journey.

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