

Golf from B1



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A youth golfer focuses on her approach shot on the first hole of the camp-concluding tournament.

Nordquist decided it was time to return home. "I mean, it was a blast out there, but I missed home a lot. So then I came back, and helping out with youth golf is something that I'd always done since high school."

Now, Nordquist has partnered with Cottage Grove High School girls' golf coach Jennifer Husk - who also has professional teaching experience - to build the summer golf program.

Golf, like most sports, has experienced a gender imbalance throughout most of history, but as with the high school program, Husk is using her experience and talents to remedy the situation.

"She's bringing in a lot of girls and she's bringing in a lot of prospective players for high school too. So her and I are really kinda looking to start middle school clubs and start a gateway from here to high school," Nordquist said. "So then maybe we can start putting Cottage Grove on the map for golf. It'd be a really cool thing, because we've got some really valuable instructors."

golf as a sport and to experienced local teachers, that has made the summer program a growing success. Golf can be prohibitively expensive at times; quality clubs, bags and other accessories often

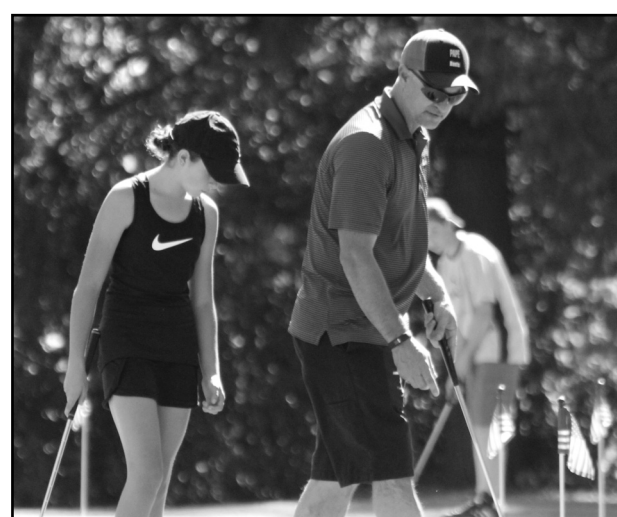


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One participant of the summer golf program practices on the putting green with her tournament partner.

do not come cheaply, to say nothing of driving range to-kens and greens fees. However, for this program, Middlefield golf course allows free use of the course to the kids, albeit with one small

golfer with a stronger one. Both members hit a tee shot, but switch balls for the second shot. From there, they alternate shots into the hole. But again, finishing atop the leaderboard isn't the primary focus of Nordquist's camp. "If they're not having fun out there, they're not taking anything in, honestly, and usually at the end of the day when we're walking off the course, I ask them, 'what'd you learn today?,' and one of them will tell me one thing they learned. As long as they take away that one thing, it makes it memorable, it makes it worthwhile."

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Practice good catch-and-release techniques in late summer conditions:

When water conditions are low, clear and warm, like they are now, be sure to practice good catch-and-release techniques when releasing fish.

- Fish early in the day when water and air temperatures are at their coolest.
- Land fish quickly. Playing a fish too long reduces its chances to recover.
- Keep the fish in the water while landing and releasing it.
- If you can't remove the hook easily, cut the leader near the hook, which will eventually dissolve.
- Revive the fish in moving water before releasing it.

Fire and early season hunting:

As early season hunters know, dry conditions and the associated fire danger can have a large impact on your hunting opportunity. It pays to check in advance to see if there are any access restrictions in the unit(s) you plan to hunt.

Youth pheasant hunts begin in September:

Kids 17 and younger can experience a low-pressure, pre-season hunt with a good chance of harvesting a pheasant or two. Hunts are on various dates throughout the state. All kids must have completed hunter education and be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend fishing opportunities:

- Trout and kokanee fishing in Detroit Reservoir continues to be good.
- If you want to escape the crowded conditions at many lakes, consider hiking into one of area's many high elevation, hike-in lakes. Water stays cooler in these higher elevations and fishing should be good until the snow flies this fall.
- This time of year, anglers should be targeting bass and other warmwater fish in valley ponds and lakes.
- Several locations in the Willamette Zone are scheduled to be stocked with trout this week: Salmon Creek, Leaburg Lake, McKenzie River above and below Leaburg, Alton Baker Canoe Canal.

ALTON BAKER CANOE CANAL:

Will be stocked this week with 1,600 legal-size and 50 trophy rainbow trout. The canoe canal is located within Alton Baker Park and can be accessed from Club Road in Eugene. A four-acre pond at the midpoint of the canal is a good spot but it can be fished all along its two-mile

length from Day Island Road in Eugene to Aspen Street in Springfield. The canal is open to fishing all year.

DEXTER RESERVOIR: trout

Was last stocked in mid-April with 5,000 trophy-size rainbow trout. Dexter Reservoir near Lowell is visible from Hwy. 58. Boat and bank access is available from state and county parks. Parking and bank access are also available from the causeway near Lowell. Large-mouth bass and some smallmouth are also available to anglers in this reservoir.

LEABURG LAKE: trout

Will be stocked again this week with 933 legal-size rainbow trout.

Leaburg Lake is open to fishing all year. Bait can be used from April 22 - Oct. 31, but beginning Nov. 1, anglers may only use lures and artificial flies. All wild trout must be released. Only hatchery fish may be kept.

MCKENZIE RIVER below Leaburg Lake (R1): trout, salmon, steelhead

Will be stocked again this week with 2,000 legal-size rainbow trout. River levels have remained consistent and fishing should remain productive.

MCKENZIE RIVER above Leaburg Lake (R2): trout, steelhead

Will be stocked again this week with 833 legal-size rainbow trout.

MIDDLE FORK WILLAMETTE RIVER: trout, salmon, steelhead

The Middle Fork Willamette River is open to bait below Dexter Dam only. Reminder: Restrictions from Dexter Dam to approximately 700 feet downstream to the markers: No angling from the north shore, from a floating device, or while wading (page 44 in regulations). This river reach is open to retention of adipose fin-clipped salmon and steelhead and non-adipose fin-clipped steelhead greater than 24-inches long. A Columbia River Basin Endorsement is required for anglers targeting salmon and steelhead in the Middle Fork Willamette below Dexter Dam.

The Middle Fork Willamette above Lookout Point and Hills Creek reservoirs is open to fishing using lures and artificial flies. All wild trout must be released upstream of Lookout Point Reservoir. The Middle Fork Willamette River is not stocked with hatchery trout.

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