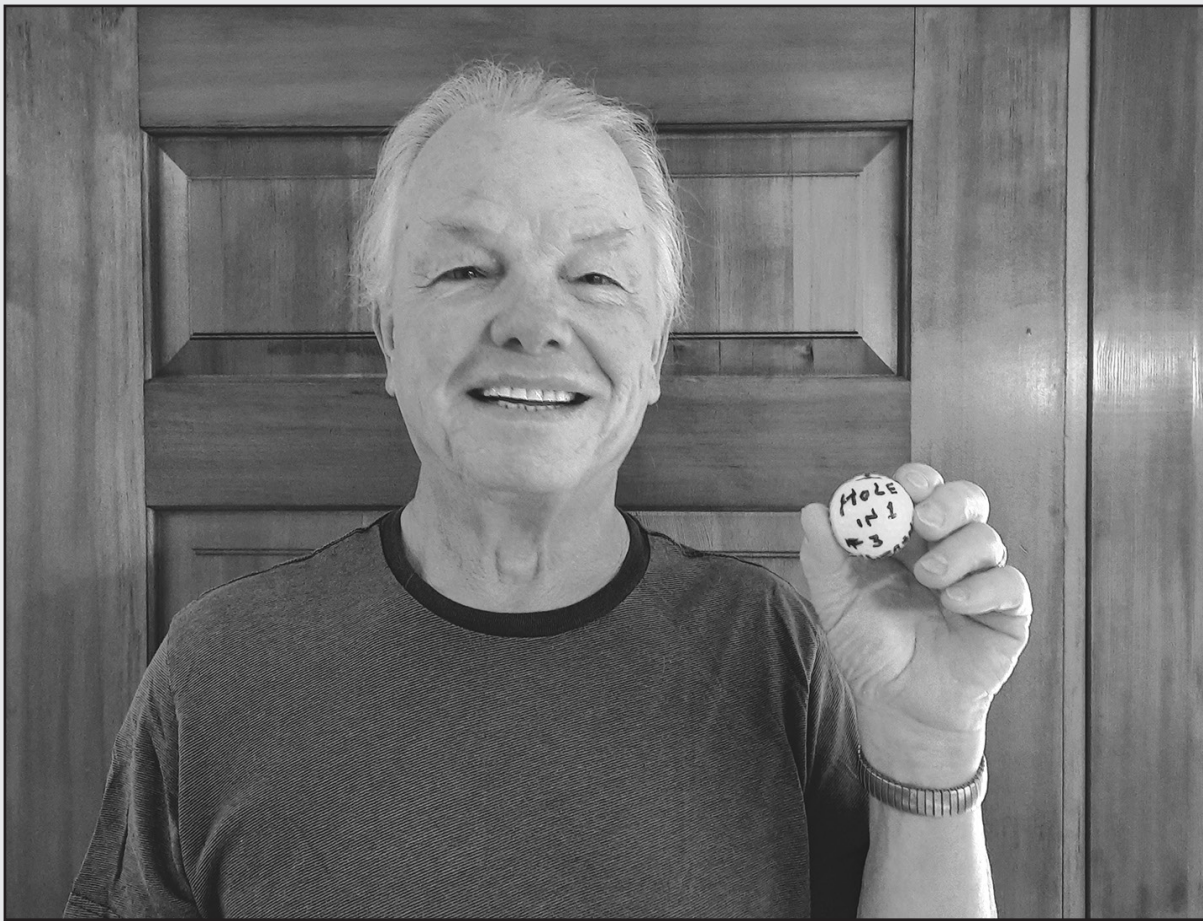


# Jerry Avery holds the ball he used to nail the hole in one at Hidden Valley last week.



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Jerry Avery of Cottage Grove hit his second career ace on our hole number 3. Jerry used his 8 iron on the 150 yard par three. When Jerry is not playing spectacular golf at Hidden Valley, he is actively involved and volunteering for projects such as the Cottage Grove Carousel.

## BOYS *from B1*

Douglas boys team only had seven kids on the team for the full year. But despite the smaller turnout The Warriors still had some success and were competitive throughout the whole season.

“It was also was really hard because we didn’t have a lot of practice time,” said Leman. “I felt like if we have more time, more opportunity to get in shape we could have been even better than we were. The more I get removed from it, the more I can appreciate how the season went. We were in every game, we were competitive in every loss. In the state tournament, we lost in our first-round game by two. So we were just right there knocking at the door in a really strange season with not a lot of preparation, it was a lot of learning on the fly.”

Four out of the seven players earned an all-league selection Ray Ger-

rard, Keegan Mast, Logan Gant and Trenton Rabuck highlight the returning players for the Warriors this season. With winter seasons returning to a mostly normal schedule, the turnout has also improved with newcomers Wyatt Reed, Tucker Kallinger, Marcelino Nunez and Jayden Montgomery looking to add more skill to an already talented roster.

“We have high expectations for sure,” said Leman. “I think that our first goal is to win the league. That puts us in a position to get a good seed going into state; hopefully, giving us the best possible road to make it far. I don’t think it’s unrealistic to think that we can compete with the best teams.

Leman added, “We know there are a few teams that are returning a lot of their guys, and we should be right in the mix with them and I think that we’re well equipped to try to compete.”

## DEFENSE *from B1*

teams to get an idea of where we need to be going forward. This year I return six girls, three returning starters, and then one that played quite a bit of time on varsity.”

Miller added, “So the best way to put it is in the grade school seasons are about six weeks and

that’s kind of what we had. It was throwing the girls in a new program with some stuff that they weren’t necessarily used to. This year has been a little bit more smooth, at least early on and then what’s our young ones they’re coming in and trying to learn this system.”

Coming into this season coach Miller is impressed with his team’s ability to work well together

quickly so early in the season.

“Right now, some that can tell there’s already good chemistry, all these girls get along,” said Miller. “My returners are stepping up, being good leaders, helping out and encouraging the younger girls. I think we can grow quite a bit throughout the season and that’s what we’re going to have to do. We want to compete against the good teams. If we can continue to head

in that direction, which I’ve seen in the last two weeks, I think we could make some noise.”

Elkton will return three players who made all-league mentions from a season ago. Avery Block (first-team all-league), Olivia Humphries (second-team all-league) and Meleka Byle (first-team defense) will help lead this young group going into this season.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What member of the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame played 12 NFL seasons from 1987-98 as a defensive lineman for the Detroit Lions, Kansas City Chiefs and Seattle Seahawks?
2. A roster named Footix was the official mascot for the 1998 FIFA World Cup soccer tournament hosted by what country?
3. Name the U.S. track and field Olympian who won gold medals in the men’s 400-meter hurdles at the 1976 Montreal and 1984 Los Angeles Summer Games.
4. What traveling football team, established in 1922 by dog breeder Walter Lingo, played two seasons in the NFL and had Jim Thorpe as a player and coach?
5. When British commentator Rob Walker says his catchphrase, “Let’s get the boys on the baize!,” what sport is he covering?
6. Ebonite, Brunswick, 900 Global and Motiv are manufacturers of equipment for what sport?
7. What long-running TV game show often includes a golf putting challenge called Hole in One (or Two)?

## LEAD *from B1*

making last year. It’s too bad that we got cut short because I think we’d be a little bit further along now.”

Coming into his 15th year as the head coach, Trout is excited about the turnout he has had with the younger kids and with the effort they have been putting in early into this season.

“Basically, we had two

juniors and three sophomores that had significant playing time last year at the varsity level (that will return),” said Trout. “That’s going to be pretty much our core group and they were starting to learn how to win and how to play together. We’ve been able to put a lot of time into just teaching them what is going to take, you know how hard they have to work. Now we’ve got a big freshman class coming in that has been winning at their level so

we’re trying to get them accustomed and look at how we’re gonna win on varsity.

“I’ve got 15 kids on our roster, and they all like to play basketball and that’s fun. They’re showing up and working hard every day, wanting to get better. And that’s been a lot of fun to see that much enthusi-

### Answers

1. Dan Saleaumua.
2. France.
3. Edwin Moses.
4. The Oorang Indians.
5. Snooker.
6. Bowling.
7. “The Price Is Right.”

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asm. The kids are ready to go.”

The new freshmen for Elkton will have a chance to learn quickly this season as

the team looks to continue its rise in the league standings with their first contest coming up Friday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. against Mapleton.

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