

GOLF

# Cross Creek hosts OGA youth tournament

Nearly 80 golfers from Oregon and Washington came to compete on Thursday

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DALLAS — About 80 golfers descended upon Cross Creek Golf Course on Thursday morning. This was no ordinary tournament. This was an Oregon Golf Association (OGA) youth tournament.

"We had 79 kids out there, which is a pretty good showing for us," Cross Creek employee Dave Watson said.

This is the 10th year Cross Creek has been a part of OGA, Watson said. The youth tournament, open to OGA members aged 8-17, does more than teach kids the game of golf.

"It teaches them integrity and responsibility," Watson said. "I mean each player calls his or her own penalties. That's an important part of it and for kids to learn how to do that is amazing. It also teaches them discipline."

The OGA is a non-profit organization aimed at promoting, fostering and growing the game of golf.

Membership is available to both adults and children, and comes with benefits. Watson said he hopes



Almost 80 golfers teed off at Cross Creek Golf Course on Thursday morning to take part in the OGA tournament.

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events like these help young golfers learn to love the game — even when it can be difficult.

"It's a sport you love to hate," Watson said. "It can be so frustrating at times and then you hit that one good shot that comes off exactly the way you planned it,

and that's what keeps you coming back."

Thursday's tournament saw players from Oregon and Washington compete. Among them included Dallas High's Kailee Curtis. Drawing golfers from multiple states is nothing new, Watson said, as many youth

golfers make the trip to several tournaments throughout the year.

"The kids have a good time," Watson said. "A lot of them play multiple tournaments and they make some good friends from all over. It's a good competition for them."

While Thursday was all about youth golfers, the OGA is focused on getting golfers of any age started — it is never too late to begin.

"Almost every course has a teaching pro and, for a little money, you can get some instruction and it makes it

Golf

- Cross Creek Golf Course hosted an OGA youth tournament on Thursday.
- In total, 79 golfers competed at the event.
- Results were not available as of press time.
- For more information: [www.oga.org](http://www.oga.org).

so much easier for you to play," Watson said. "There are a lot of programs out there to help you get on the course and have fun."

Results from the OGA tournament were not available as of press time. But Thursday was a success by multiple measures, Watson said. And, as they have had for the past decade, Thursday's tournament provided as much fun for the volunteers running it as the players competing.

"We had 22 volunteers from the men's and women's clubs," Watson said. "They come back every year because it's so much fun. The kids have fun. The parents are happy and this is a great showcase for (Cross Creek). We try and have everyone who comes here leave in a good mood."

# Triathlon: Every finisher receives medal

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The first 50 competitors to check in will receive a T-shirt.

Cost is \$15 for members of the Dallas Aquatic Center and \$20 for nonmembers. Registration will be accepted the morning of the event.

Participants are broken up into age groups (5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12) and Snyder said he hopes that the kids' triathlon serves as a jumping off point to helping kids live a more healthy life.

"Most of the kids who do this event, they tend to have parents who are pretty active," Snyder said. "But we hope that this helps get all the kids excited to be more active."

The race begins with the

swimming leg inside Dallas Aquatic Center, followed by a bike ride around Roger Jordan Community Park and ending with a run through the park's grassy area.

"Families can come down to the aquatic center, and we have a display on the front counter so they can see the course ahead of time," Snyder said. "They can even do a practice run if they'd like. We have certain things to work with to keep this safe. We didn't want kids crossing the street, so we had to come up with something that would work."

The main focus of the triathlon is to promote staying active and having fun. But Snyder said for participants, the triathlon can also

be a chance to show off their athletic ability.

"I love watching the younger kids," Snyder said. "The transition from little kids who swim on noodles and then get on a tricycle and act like it's a competitive event, it's fun to see. They've got their game faces on."

While the kids are having a blast competing, those watching may get just as much, if not more, enjoyment from seeing the kids compete in the triathlon.

"Just come on down," Snyder said. "Even if you don't have a child participating, it's some really cheap comedy if you want to see something that's really fun."



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The 10th annual Summerfest Kids' Triathlon gives participants a chance to shine.

## Having a Word



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Spencer DesBiens receives instructions after advancing to third base during the Demarini Dirtbags' game against the Withnell Dodgers on Saturday. The Dirtbags earned a 5-4 victory, but lost two of three games to the Dodgers. The Demarini Dirtbags placed second in its league standings entering the American Legion State Tournament on July 29.

# SCOREBOARD

## CLUB SWIMMING

BLUE DOLPHINS  
RYST Summer Open  
At Umpqua Community College  
July 17-19 Results  
(BDST placers)

**GIRLS**  
100 individual medley (9-10) — 6, Kaitlyn Landis, 1:43.28. 100 freestyle (9-10) — 9, Kaitlyn Landis, 1:34.38. 50 freestyle (8 and under) — 7, Gentry Hagedorn, 43.95. 200 freestyle (9-10) — 3, Taylor Hagedorn, 2:51.67; 9, Kaitlyn Landis, 3:22.23. 25 breaststroke (8 and under) — 2, Gentry Hagedorn, 23.95. 50 breaststroke (9-10) — 9, Taylor Hagedorn, 50.09; 17, Kaitlyn Landis, 58.69; 21, Madison Hanson, 1:01.55. 50 butterfly (8 and under) — 2, Gentry Hagedorn, 48.94. 100 butterfly (9-10) — 1, Taylor Hagedorn, 1:32.96; 5, Kaitlyn Landis,

1:59.88. 50 backstroke (9-10) — 9, Kaitlyn Landis, 48.25; 24, Madison Hanson, 1:01.70. 400 individual medley (15 and over) — 5, Emily Beasley, 7:11.03. 200 freestyle (15 and over) — 10, Emily Beasley, 3:03.60. 50 freestyle (9-10) — 7, Taylor Hagedorn, 36.87; 15, Kaitlyn Landis, 41.90; 27, Madison Hanson, 52.82. 50 breaststroke (8 and under) — 3, Gentry Hagedorn, 53.64. 100 breaststroke (9-10) — 8, Taylor Hagedorn, 1:18.18; 18, Kaitlyn Landis, 2:08.65; 19, Madison Hanson, 2:10.93. 25 butterfly (8 and under) — 2, Gentry Hagedorn, 19.83. 50 butterfly (9-10) — 4, Taylor Hagedorn, 42.44. 50 backstroke (8 and under) — 6, Gentry Hagedorn, 51.32. 100 backstroke (9-10) — 10, Kaitlyn Landis, 1:48.70. 200 backstroke (15 and over) — 14, Emily Beasley, 3:24.52. 100 breaststroke (15 and over) — 18, Emily Beasley, 1:52.34. 200 butterfly (15 and over) — 4, Emily Beasley, 1:52.34.

**BOYS**  
200 freestyle (11-12) — 10, David Beasley, 3:18.26. 25 breaststroke (8 and under) — 5, Cash Hagedorn, 32.58. 50

backstroke (11-12) — 12, David Beasley, 50.96. 25 freestyle (7-8) — 4, Cash Hagedorn, 24.47. 50 freestyle (11-12) — 8, David Beasley, 36.91. 50 backstroke (8 and under) — 3, Cash Hagedorn, 1:02.88. 50 backstroke (11-12) — 7, David Beasley, 1:45.43.

## CLUB GOLF

CROSS CREEK GOLF COURSE  
MEN'S CLUB  
Tuesday, June 14 Results  
Low Gross/Low Net  
Gross — 1, Greg Fisher-Lee Taylor, 35.  
Net — 1 (tie), Bob Bennett-David Karr and Ted Bennett-Dave Day, 31.  
Tuesday, June 14 Results  
Progressive Tees  
Gross — 1 (tie), Lee Taylor and Bill Karjala, 76.  
Net — 1, Jack Duncan, 67; 2 (tie), Bob Bennett and Michael Willem, 69.

# Run: Event offers races for all levels

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While the 5K and fun run were always designed to appeal to less experienced runners, the event's newest race, the 10K, was started to bring in a whole new crowd of runners.

"We started with just the 5K and fun run," Locke said. "One of the gals that used to work with us was encouraging us to do a 10K to reach a different group of people. It's worked really well."

Since then, the event has been growing, Locke said. But organizers don't want the event, which is completely run by volunteers, to get too out of hand too quickly.

"We want to keep our numbers that we had the previous year and add a few more," Locke said. "We would love continuing small growth. The part we struggle with is if we get too big, you look at some of the bigger runs and you put in a lot of time and that's their only job. That's not where we're at. We're all volunteers and this is our hobby for us, but we would love to see it grow in terms of exposure to running and funding more of the athletics. It's a little scary too, though. We will just have to up our game, too. ... It benefits the booster club, which benefits the kids' athletics. That part is really good."

Part of what sets the



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The Summerfest Fun Run offers 5- and 10-kilometer races for distance runners to take part in.

Summerfest Fun Run apart is the course it takes runners on, Locke said.

The 5K run/walk will travel north on Jefferson to Walnut Street before turning east and following Walnut to the Dallas Aquatic Center where participants will run a loop around the soccer field before returning to Walnut, heading south on Levens Street to Academy and back across Main Street.

The 10K race follows a similar course, but directs runners eastward from the aquatic center on Barberry before looping back via Hawthorne and Academy to LaCreole before heading west down Walnut through Dallas City Park.

some of the city's running area," Locke said. "We've gotten feedback that runners like the change of scenery."

For any last-second planners, registration will be available at the Dallas Booster Club's booth during Summerfest, online at [www.runsignup.com/SummerfestRun](http://www.runsignup.com/SummerfestRun) or the morning of the event.

As the Summerfest Fun Run hopes to enjoy another successful event, perhaps its biggest appeal is the local connection.

"You'll see the athletes, coaches and parents directing runners and giving encouragement," Locke said. "All of our awards are locally made. It makes this a little more personal."