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SNOW SPORTS

Ski swap set for Oct. 8-9 in Bend

The annual Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation Skyliners Ski Swap is scheduled for Oct. 8-9 at The Pavilion in Bend, 1001 S.W. Bradbury Way.

For those with items to sell, online gear registration is open now through Oct. 4 at mbsefskiswap.com. They can check their gear in on Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at The Pavilion.

The public sale will be held Oct. 8 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. and Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Face coverings are required for everyone. Unsold gear pick-up will be Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon.

If consignors do not pick up gear by noon on Oct. 10, it will be donated to nonprofits.

Only people that register their items online by Oct. 4 will be able to check gear in.

The Skyliners Ski Swap is billed as the premier swap of the Northwest. Retailers outfit the swap with below wholesale pricing on new skis, snowboards, boots, bindings, poles, goggles, hats, jackets, etc.

MBSEF will take a 25% commission on all sales. All proceeds benefit MBSEF's junior skiing and snowboarding programs.

MBSEF is a nonprofit organization that "creates opportunities though competitive snow sports programs to support athletes in achieving their individual athletic, academic and personal goals."

For more information, email molly@mbsef.org or call 541-388-0002.

—Bulletin staff report

MOUNTAIN BIKING

100K and 40-mile races on Saturday

The Ring of Fire 100-kilometer and 40-mile mountain bike races are scheduled for trails west of Bend on Saturday.

As of Monday, spots remained for both races, which start and finish at Wanoga Sno-park. Start time is 9 a.m. for the 100K (60 miles) and 9:10 a.m. for the 40-miler.

Registration is available at mudslingerevents.com. Entry fees range from \$100 to \$175, depending on race and category.

Space is limited to 250 participants overall between the two races.

According to the race website, the event's name refers to the volcanoes of the Cascade Range, part of a 25,000-mile volcanic area around the Pacific Ocean Basin called the Ring of Fire.

The courses feature two loops of singletrack trails. The East Loop is in the Wanoga trail system south of Century Drive and includes the Dinah-Moe-Humm, Tyler's Traverse and Tiddlywinks trails. The West Loop circles Tumalo Mountain and includes the Swampy-Dutchman and Flagline trails.

The courses will have two aid stations. Mountain bikers in the 100K race who do not reach the second aid station by 3 p.m. will be moved to the 40-mile race.

Categories include open men and women, masters men and women, singlespeed, juniors and clydesdale.

For more information or to register, visit www.mudslingerevents.com/ring-of-fire.

—Bulletin staff report

PREP HIGHLIGHTS

Sisters, Bend volleyball on a tear

BY BRIAN RATHBONE

The Bulletin

Sisters volleyball continues to make statements in the first month of the season. Most recently the Outlaws won the Sisters Tournament over the

weekend, with the notable win coming in the championship round against Valley Catholic.

In what could very well be a preview of the 4A state volleyball championship match — Valley Catholic and Sisters were

No. 1 and No. 2 respectively in the most recent coaches polls — the Outlaws swept the Valiants in two sets, 25-19, 25-14. During the tournament Sisters beat Burns, which will likely be in contention for the 3A state

title, in the semifinals.

Bend High also won a volleyball tournament over the weekend, taking home the Rogue Valley Classic title. The Lava Bears took down Crook County and South Medford, then beat

Mountain Valley Conference foe McNary in the championship match. It marked the second time in four days that Bend beat McNary. In 26 sets this year, the Lava Bears have won 25 of them.

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RYDER CUP | COMMENTARY

No Tiger, no Phil; but a U.S. win?



Tiger Woods, left, and Phil Mickelson share a laugh while playing a practice round for the Masters golf tournament at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, in 2018. Curtis Compton/AP file

BY TIM DAHLBERG

AP Sports Columnist

Tiger Woods won't be at Whistling Straits this week, for obvious reasons. Phil Mickelson will, but for the first time since 1995, he won't hit a shot in the Ryder Cup.

The storyline in the Ryder Cup hasn't changed, but the marquee players have — at least when it comes to the beleaguered U.S. team. Woods is still mending from a car accident, while Mickelson will end a streak of

12 straight Ryder Cups as a player to be a non-playing assistant captain for a team tasked with wrestling the cup back from Europe.

That may prove a bit of a disappointment for the tens of thousands who will swarm the rugged course on the edge of Lake Michigan to scream for the home team. The mere sight of Woods or Mickelson near a tee box is usually cause for wild celebration, especially as the day grows long and the alcohol flows.

Look a little closer, though, and it may not

be such a bad thing for a U.S. team trying desperately to regain the cup on home soil. Because as talented as Woods and Mickelson are, they've been — for the most part — flops when it comes to the Ryder Cup.

No, they're not entirely responsible for the Americans losing nine of the last 12 Ryder Cups and four of the last five. But as the leaders of many of those teams, they didn't contribute much to them, either.

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PAC-12 FOOTBALL

With Pac-12 play ahead, are No. 3 Ducks good or great?



Oregon Ducks' Travis Dye runs against the Stony Brook Seawolves in a nonconference game at Autzen Stadium in Eugene on Saturday.

BY JAMES CREPEA

The Oregonian

EUGENE — Oregon pulled away from Stony Brook for what anyone who didn't watch Saturday's game will believe was a lopsided showcase.

Except, of course, it wasn't in the first half. The Ducks scored on their first three possessions. They also had two interceptions and forced two punts on Stony Brook's five drives before halftime.

But Oregon held only a 17-7 halftime lead, and the lowly Seawolves were able to gain 4.3 yards per carry and sustain a 75-yard touchdown drive thanks to a fourth-down conversion before Verone McKin-

ley III's second interception. Stony Brook also dropped Anthony Brown Jr. on back-to-back sacks to end the half that left the announced crowd of 42,782 anxious. At least two bus loads of fans headed for the exits of Autzen Stadium after the lackluster display of the first 30 minutes.

"Below average," Oregon coach Mario Cristobal said of the play on the line of scrimmage. "I thought there were moments we were playing well and then in the second half I thought we really picked it up. But not up to the standard, I think we know that. Opponents change but the standards don't, that's the bottom line.

"I thought the effort was good. I didn't see a lapse in effort. I didn't see anything but guys being dialed in and being intense in terms of their approach, in the huddle during timeouts. They were locked in. We all got a little bit frustrated but just kept going. We didn't talk about we should've done this, or we should've scored there or should've had a better play. Just kept talking about this play right now, the next play, do it as best we can. And we're learning. It was good us being able to turn that mentality into one that goes forward when things weren't going so well."

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