

# 4-man GU golf team ends season

By Angel Carpenter  
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PENDLETON – The Grant Union golf team was four strokes away from a trip to state after the May 11-12 District 3 Golf Championship at Pendleton Country Club.

Day One of the event had the Prospectors in sixth place, and left to wonder if they had a chance to make it to the state championships – the top four teams, and the top five individuals, qualify for state.

The team's hopes rose on Day Two when they finished in third place. However, averaging the scores out, the Pros ended four strokes off their goal.

The district meet drew 12 boys teams and six girls teams, with over 98 players battling the challenging par 72 course.

"The greens were fast and hard – when you get it on the green it rolls and rolls," said coach Ron Lundbom.

He said all the teams likely had bad holes, and the Prospectors did well.

The winning team was Nixyaawii

with 373 for Day One and 349 for Day 2, for a 722 total; Wallowa, second, 394 and 374, 764; Heppner, third, 376 and 398, 774; Vale, fourth, 386 and 394, 780; and Grant Union, fifth, 405 and 379, 784.

Low medalist was Riley Langford of Nixyaawii with 156.

Grant Union's Matt Broemeling finished at 183 for 10th place. Nathan Gehley was 187 for 13th, Duane Stokes was 199 for 19th, and Chance Barrietua was 215 for 29th.

Both Broemeling and Barrietua set personal records for the year.

"I was really proud of the way the boys played this week," Lundbom said. "After being in sixth on Day One, to rebound back on Day Two to have the third best score of the day was impressive."

He said it was a little disappointing to miss the state championship by just four strokes, but added, "With only four boys all year, we really made a statement with how we played these last two days."



Grant Union's four-man golf team: Duane Stokes, left, Nathan Gehley, Chance Barrietua and Matt Broemeling.

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Why: To encourage kids in the John Day area to will enter the contest and get a chance to win big too! All entries are showcased at the Drexel H. Foundation's Children's Film Festival in Vale. Film makers need not be present to win.

Who: Ages 5 and up. Everyone is FREE  
When: Wed. 5/27 at 3:45pm - 4:45pm  
Where: Grantville Community Hall Theater in Canyon City, OR  
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"We're really strong in the field events going to state, but weak in running," Smith said. "If the girls place where they are seeded, we have a chance of placing fifth – there is a good chance the girls will be leading after the first day, since only field events are played the first day."

Preliminary events begin on Thursday.

Smith's goal for next year is to have a better balance of events for the girls team to improve their chances for winning state.

She's looking forward

to having most of the girls back next year – and also to having this year's eighth-graders join the high school team.

"We have two eighth-grade girls who can already high jump 5 feet, and we have another javelin thrower and some sprinters," she said.

The boys team will still be in a major rebuilding phase, but she expects a couple of exceptional eighth-grade runners to join the ranks.

She's looking for more students, and especially runners, to take an interest in track and field.

"When you have a small school, you need athletes who want to work hard and compete, and they can always find an event that they can excel in," she said. "Our special-

### 2A-6 Wapiti League Districts Grant Union Top five results

- Girls team**
- Kori Pentzer
  - 2, 100 m hurdles, 17.03
  - 1, long jump, 17-04.50
  - 1, triple jump, 35-11.00
  - Jozie Rude
  - 1, shot put, 34-04.00
  - 1, javelin, 117-08
  - 1, pole vault, 8-00.00
  - Chelsie Kodesh
  - 1, discus, 85-01
  - 2, javelin, 103-00
  - 3, shot put, 29-11.00
  - Kenzie Wilson
  - 4, high jump, 4-08.00
  - 3, long jump, 14-08.50
  - 3, triple jump, 31-07.00

### Boys team

- Daniel Carpenter
- 5, 3,000, 13:01.22
- Nick Springer
- 5, shot put, 35-07.00
- 4, high jump, 5-08.00
- Dillon Maley
- 4, discus, 98-06 (prelims)
- Andrew Copenhaver
- 2, pole vault, 11-00.00
- Michael Ashmead
- 2, long jump, 18-11.75
- Antonio Dancer
- 5, long jump, 17-07.50
- 5, triple jump, 35-08.50
- Michael Ashmead, Antonio Dancer, Philipp Jaletzky, Andrew Copenhaver
- 4, 4x100 relay, 48.13
- Andrew Copenhaver, Philipp Jaletzky, Daniel Carpenter, Trejan Speth
- 5, 4x400 relay, 4:14.37

ty coaches provide quality instruction in all their events."

She said she's noticed that when one athlete lets up in practice it has a negative impact on other team members – and the opposite is true; when one

athlete starts working harder, others will follow suit.

Smith said while individuals on the team certainly work to improve personally, track and field is a team sport – "you have to work hard and do your part."

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**HAYDEN SCHAFFER**

School: Monument  
Grade: 10  
Parents: Jeff and Shawnah Schaffer  
Sport: Track and Field

What I like best about my sport: "I like that every track meet you compete with yourself to improve, and you also help the team with team points."

Coach's Comment: "Hayden is an all-around athlete with tremendous drive to be the best. His hard work paid off over the track season. This spring, Hayden cut his 100-meter time by 3/4 of a second, added 4 feet in shot put, 18 feet in discus, and 30 feet in javelin - just missing the State Championships but scoring 19 team points at the District Championships."  
~ Coach Earl Pettit

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For the boys, Prestin Edmundson had a season record in discus.

Peter Bogardus leads the Dayville team as head coach with assistance from Taylor Schmadeka in all the events.

There are 18 athletes on the middle school and high school teams, but no seniors.

Bogardus said that while coaching such an array of events has been challenging, he's enjoyed seeing the team work to improve.

"The athletes consistently (reached) personal records, and several experimented with a variety of events instead of only doing the most popular – throwing and sprints."

### Long Creek

The Long Creek School athletes competing in the district championship worked for personal records. On the boys team, that included Massimo Basconi, 100, discus and long jump; Timo Goebel, 400; and Alvaro Lopez, discus and long jump; and for the girls, Maria Cabral, discus.

Mandy Blackburn coached this year's team.

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