

Grant golfers defeat Harney rivals

By STEVEN MITCHELL
Blue Mountain Eagle

SILVIES — Grant bested Harney County while helping to raise upwards of \$10,000 for both counties' high school golf programs in the third annual Grant/Harney Battle June 18 at the Retreat and Links at Sil vies Valley Ranch.

For Harney County, the team included Buddy Crisafi, Mick Miller, Bob McDaniel and James Howden, while Grant County's consisted of Mitch Saul, Alex Finlayson, Colt Carpenter and Brad Armstrong.

Overall, Grant beat Harney County 70 to 68 on the low gross.

Terry Graham hit closest to hole No. 2 and Scott Smyth sank the best put in the putting contest.



Valarie Mallonee, left, receives the Silvies Golf Scholarship from Silvies Valley Ranch's Megan Wagner on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

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Mark Conn, Silvies Valley Ranch's director of sales and marketing, said this was the third year of the tourney and the two counties have been going back and forth. Grant won the title the first year, and

Harney took it back last year. He said the winning county gets 5% more of the total pot donated to its scholarship program.

Conn said last year's recipient of the scholarship funds

was Valarie Mallonee, who graduated from Burns High School this year and is off to the University of Oregon in the fall.

Conn said the money that comes in from the tourney is broken out into different categories. Some of it, he said, goes to equipment funds, while some can be spent at a coach's discretion and some goes to the Silvies Scholarship Fund.

Conn said Silvies donated the money from entry fees to the tournament, proceeds collected from a live auction and by selling mulligans.

Conn said the tournament is becoming a tradition at the Silvies Ranch and continues to garner more interest every year.

"It's great to see people support their local golf teams," he said, "especially in today's economy."

SHOOTING THE BREEZE Shooting skeet is good practice and good fun

Although its roots can be traced to 1920, the formal sport of shooting skeet as we know it today was officially established in 1926.

The name "skeet" was adopted as the result of a magazine contest. The February 1926 issues of National Sportsman and Hunting and Fishing magazines each offered a collective \$100 prize for naming the new sport. Gertrude Hurlbutt won with "skeet," an American derivation of the Norwegian word "skyte," which means "shoot."

Of all the shooting pastimes, formal or informal, skeet shooting is something that anyone can learn and enjoy.

The first clay pigeon I ever shot at was with a borrowed .410 shotgun. That old single-shot break-action was what you might call "broke in." Like a pair of old cowboy boots, it was well used and, when examining it, even my youthful eyes noticed immediately that the bead was missing.

Nevertheless, I loaded the old piece and made ready. Uncle Mick had been telling me only a few days before that he had done best shooting clays when he would shoot just under the disc as it reached the apex of its arc.

When I uttered "pull," a clay pigeon was launched with a hand thrower and sailed quickly downrange. I shouldered the .410 and quickly aligned the beadless barrel towards the rapidly fleeing disc.

At the moment before it started descending, I squeezed the trigger and watched the clay pigeon disintegrate. I hit the very first clay I ever tried to

shoot at and most of the rest of them that day. I was hooked.

Over the years since I have shot skeet with many more shotguns of 12, 20 and .410 gauge.

During my senior year of high school I won a grand prize turkey at a skeet shoot with my Mossberg 500 in 12 gauge. The other finalist and I had shot perfect scores

against our opponents in best-of-10 clay rounds. It was decided in our sudden death match that for the final round I would shoot one, then he, until someone missed.

I can't remember if it was the fourth or fifth clay when I missed. All he had to do was hit his and the match would be over. By some miracle, he missed, too. So sudden death continued until he missed when I hit. A gentlemanly handshake sealed the deal. I was elated.

These days I'm pretty happy with my Remington 870 20 gauge as an all-around shotgun. With a good set of chokes, it can be set up for just about anything.

Having borrowed an EAA Baikal over-and-under 20 gauge for spring turkey this year, I decided to bust a few clays with it when the opportunity arose. It was impressive and very fun, to say the least. I may need to get me one of those.

Shooting skeet is a fun sport and excellent practice for wingshooting. Dust off your favorite fowling piece and buy a box of clays today!

Do you shoot skeet? Write to us at shootingthebreezebme@gmail.com and check us out on Facebook!

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Shameless Tees, a business on Main Street in Baker City, is reviving the city's annual motorcycle rally, which was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic and was not slated to happen in 2022.

Hells Canyon rally rides again

By IAN CRAWFORD
Baker City Herald

BAKER CITY — A downtown Baker City business is reviving a major summer event that seemed destined to be canceled for the third straight year.

Shameless Tees, a screen-printing store at 1921 Main St., is coordinating what it calls the Resurrection Rally 2022.

The event, planned for July 8-10, the weekend after Independence Day, is intended to bring hordes of motorcycle riders back to Baker City.

The annual Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally, a tradition for almost two decades that attracted thousands of visitors to the city, was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

In February of this year, Mark Dukes, a partner in High Desert Harley-Davidson of Meridian, Idaho, the dealership that has organized the rally for the past few years, said the business wouldn't be putting on the rally in 2022.

Dukes said in February that the issue this year isn't so much concerns about how the pandemic would progress, but a shortage of employees at the dealership, and an Oregon Department of Transportation project to build more than 300 wheelchair-accessible curb cuts in Baker City this summer, including on Main Street.

Dukes said his goal was to bring the rally back in 2023.

But Shameless Tees wasn't content to wait another year.

"Baker loves the rally," said Brandy Bruce, who works at the store. "So we're trying to bring it back."

Although the Resurrection Rally has been scheduled and a website created — thebcmr.com/ — organizers are still seeking permission from the city to close Main Street during the weekend, as has been done with past Hells Canyon rallies.

Bruce said organizers have talked with many downtown business owners, and had "an overwhelmingly positive response" to the rally plans.



Registrants in the Baker City motorcycle rally will get commemorative gear including a T-shirt, lanyard good for business discounts, a patch, pin and more from Shameless Tees.

"We're trying to get through to the rest but I think we have a majority," she said.

The website has information about camping options for riders on a ranch in Keating Valley, as well as registra-

tion packets. The Ison House and the Corner Brick Grill are planning concerts during the rally, Bruce said.

More information is available by calling Shameless Tees at 541-523-1187. Par-

ticipants can register, at Shameless Tees, 1921 Main St., or by calling or texting 541-921-9114.

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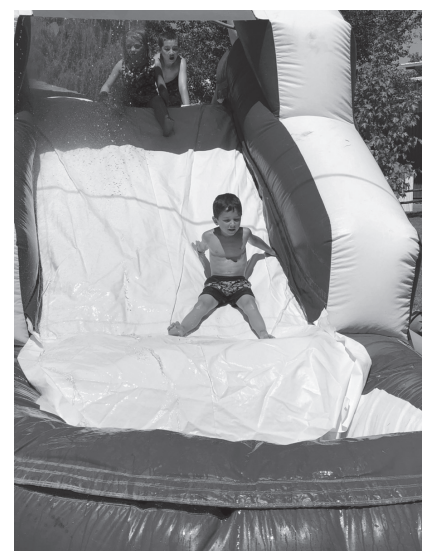
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