

Family connections rule final day of Coast Invite

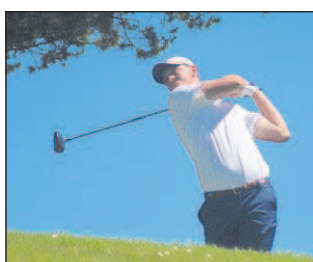
By Gary Henley
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WARRENTON — “It’s all about family,” said Lara Tennant, in her address to the crowd following her Women’s Division victory in the annual Oregon Coast Invitational, which concluded Saturday, July 29, at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

“Family” is why Tennant plays in the annual tournament, and family is why one of the oldest tournaments on the West Coast remains so popular.

The 107th Oregon Coast Invitational definitely had a big family theme this year, as multiple families went home with some prize-winning hardware Saturday.

In addition to Lara (Mack) Tennant winning her 10th



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Riley Elmes tees off on the seventh hole, on his way to his second straight Grand Champions title.

Women’s title, father George Mack Sr. won the second flight in the Super Seniors’ division, and sister Cappy advanced to the semifinals of the Women’s championship flight.

Elsewhere, Astoria’s Bret Stevens won his first championship flight trophy, taking first in the Seniors division,

while son Ronnie was runner-up in the Grand Champions’ fifth flight.

And Saturday’s big winner was definitely the Elmes’ father-son combo.

Riley Elmes successfully defended his Grand Champions’ title, winning the championship flight for the second year in a row, while dad Matt Elmes rallied to win the championship flight of the Junior Seniors division.

It’s been a tradition like no other for the Mack family, which now has over 20 championships in the OCI.

Women’s Division

In Tennant’s victory Saturday, she held a slim 2-up lead after the morning 18-hole round, increased it to 3-up, then finally finished the match on the 34th hole, for a 3&2

win over Portland’s Gretchen Johnson, playing in her first Coast Invitational.

It’s the 10th Women’s title for Tennant, her first coming in 1990. She had to get past four-time OCI champion Amanda Jacobs in Friday’s semifinals, one day after a quarterfinal victory over Charisse Spada.

Tennant used a near-miracle shot on the sixth hole in Saturday’s afternoon round to maintain her lead over Johnson.

Her tee shot on No. 6 landed on the other side of a ridge bordering the right side of the fairway.

“I was more concerned about getting it up and over the hill,” she said. “And I hit a 6-iron to within 15 feet. I knew I hit it well, but you never know how it’s going to end up.”

Later, Tennant made a birdie on 14 and parred 15 and 16, “and just wanted to make par from there,” she said. “(Johnson) played well.”

The entire week was “slower at the beginning, then I played better each day,” Tennant said. “And that’s what’s most important, to play really well on Friday and Saturday. The wind was so tough this year. It was consistently the most windy golf of any coast tournament I’ve ever played in.”

Grand Champions

In the Grand Champions’ match, Elmes was 1-down to Anthony Arvidson after the morning round, but rallied and was 1-up through the fifth hole of the afternoon round.

Elmes also clinched the win on the 34th hole, 3&2.

Seaside’s Sam Hinton bounced back from his first round loss in the Grand Champions division to win the first flight.

Elmes’ father, Matt, was even with Dennis Sturgell through 11 holes in the Junior Seniors championship, but then won the next two holes for a 2-up lead.

It was the second Junior Seniors title in three years for Matt Elmes.

In the Seniors’ championship flight final, Stevens had the home course advantage against Tom Mulflur.

“Most of the club members know all the bounces on this course,” Stevens said. “You know where to play it, so it’s a little bit of an advantage. But the out-of-town people have also played this course a lot. It’s highly competitive.”



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The annual Oregon Corgi Beach Day was celebrated in Cannon Beach with hundreds of dogs and their owners.

Corgi Meetup benefits the Oregon Humane Society

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The event originated as another way for the Portland Corgi Meetup group to share their love for a dog “that can’t help but make you smile” in a new setting, Robinson said. But once the event started to grow it started to incur costs, which led to the idea of making the meetup a fundraiser for the Oregon Humane Society for the past three years.

Last year, the 400 corgis and their owners generated \$6,000 in donations. This year, Robinson said early estimates came to \$9,000.

Oregon Humane Society community relations coordinator Stephanie Kittrell said the donations from these events help finance day-to-day costs, as well as support programs to alleviate overcrowding in shelters and investigate animal cruelty and neglect cases.

“We are so appreciative of this group’s support and generosity,” Kittrell said. “It helps create awareness for our programs while also having fun on the beach.”

While there were many dogs that were enjoying the soft sand and 75 degree weather on Saturday, there

is something unique when it comes to corgis and their owners, Robinson said.

“There’s something about the community surrounding these dogs. Everyone is so warm and welcoming,” Robinson said. “I don’t know — maybe the personality of the dog just brings that out in their owners.”

Whatever that “something” is, it attracts corgi owners like Ginger Sirlin, who travelled with her corgi, Colton, from Arizona.

“Corgi people are the best. They are passionate, and kind of crazy in a good way,” Sirlin said. “But we rally together when one of us needs something.”

But Sirlin’s corgi doesn’t just cheer people up in passing — it’s his job. As a certified therapy dog, Sirlin takes Colton to hospitals around the country to visit patients with dementia and other long-term illnesses. She and her husband travel at least once a month to support or sponsor corgi-related charity events, she said.

“He instantly brings a smile to their faces,” Sirlin said. “These dogs have a way bringing lots of different people together.”

First year at market for cranberry farm

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her family-owned cranberry bogs out at Dellmoor Loop in Gearhart. While it’s her first time at the market, this year marks her family’s 50th harvest, she said.

“It’s been fun creating awareness,” Peterson said. “People don’t know we even grow cranberries in Gearhart, Oregon.”

The product, branded “Crannies,” are a variety of dried cranberries from the farm’s 13-acre plot. Peterson grew up growing and harvesting these plump, red berries with her father, Ron Paino, who at 84 is still working the bogs. He planted his first bogs in the area in 1945. His friend Marvis, 94, still drives trucks for them after 50 years.

“We joke it’s impossible to get fired here,” Peterson



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A wide variety of fresh produce was on display and for sale last week at the Cannon Beach Farmer’s Market.

laughed.

Before taking on the farm full time, Peterson worked in the San Francisco Bay area with Kraft Foods in sales until one day in 1996 when her father announced the farm was up for sale.

Her husband, Joe Peterson, told her the news, and after some deliberation jointly made the decision to move back to Oregon to reclaim the family farm.

“(The farm) stays in the family. When you meet people

in cranberry industry, we talk in generations,” Peterson said. “It’s hard work, but being out there with my dad — no one can take that feeling away.”

With a little more than 20 years under her belt, she said the biggest challenges her and her husband face are unusually wet winters and hungry elk when it comes to October harvests.

“We have elk fences, but already a few got in the bogs this year,” she said. “They can devastate you.”

Regardless, Peterson still has much to offer at her stand in the market, including Pilgrims, Stevens and her personal favorite, McFarlins.

She is proud of her product — almost as much as the family behind it.

“I’m just proud to work with family and to keep the heritage going.”

Hood to Coast runs all the way to China

By Steve Brandon
Portland Tribune

Thirty-five years ago, with little fanfare, eight teams consisting of 10 runners each took off downhill from Timberline Lodge, wound their way one at a time through Portland and small communities, and ended up at a relatively quiet finish line in Pacific City.

That was Hood to Coast Relay I.

Who could have foreseen that 2017 would be the year of Hood to Coast Relay XXXVI, and that this one race would now be part of a series of road-running events, and that another Hood to Coast I — in the world’s most-populated country — would have just been launched successfully in partnership with a company featuring China’s most popular athlete, Yao Ming.

“I would never have imagined this,” says Felicia Hubber, Hood to Coast Race Series president and the daughter

of HTC Relay founder Bob Foote. “It feels so surreal.”

Hubber was on hand this month for the July 8 Hood to Coast China — the first of what is expected to be many of its kind in the Asian country of 1.4 billion.

Yao Ming and Starz International Sports were co-producers of the race. The 7-foot-6-inch, 310-pound former NBA center doesn’t run, but his mere involvement helped ensure the 104-mile inaugural had plenty of support and publicity.

“The race got more media than we get here,” Hubber says. “It was the top-trending topic on WeChat, the leading social media platform in China, and it got coverage on CCTV (China Central Television).”

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