



SEPAK TAKRAW. Sepak Takraw, a kick-volleyball game, was featured recently at the PDX Barefoot Soccer Festival. The festival fundraiser, now in its sixth year, was held June 7 at Concordia University in northeast Portland. Sepak Takraw players from across the country participated, and were a big hit at the event, which raised approximately \$20,000 for charity. To learn more about the PDX Barefoot Soccer Festival, or to view video of the Sepak Takraw competition, visit <www.facebook.com/PDXBarefootSoccer>. (Photo courtesy of Gordon Johnson)

Oregon Zoo elephants move into Elephant Lands habitat

The Oregon Zoo’s elephant herd has officially moved into the Elephant Lands habitat. Portland’s famous elephant family moved into Forest Hall and the indoor portions of the habitat last month. Early this month, the herd took another big step into history, venturing into the northernmost section of Elephant Lands for the first time.

Zoo keepers escorted the female herd along a walkway from Forest Hall leading to an entirely new vista: a wide, hilly terrain stretching north to the zoo’s veterinary medical center and Family Farm.

Shawn Finnell, the zoo’s senior elephant keeper, said Shine was the first to venture all the way in, scooping up sweet potatoes and apples as she went. And two-year-old Lily was predictably rambunctious, scooting atop rocks, climbing onto giant logs, and stretching her trunk upward to try to reach a boom suspending food high in the air.

The area features a viewing area, which is



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accessible via the new Elephant Plaza visitor center. Visitors strolling up and down the zoo boardwalk or along the pathway near the Family Farm should be able to spot the herd from time to time, especially when they’re in the northernmost portion.

Elephant Lands is the fourth of eight major projects funded by the 2008 zoo bond measure. Private donors have also played an important role, providing additional funds to enhance conservation edu-

cation at the exhibit. Four times larger than the zoo’s old elephant habitat, Elephant Lands will extend around most of the zoo’s eastern end, from south of the concert lawn north into the area formerly housing Elk Meadow. The entire habitat should be complete later this year.

To learn more about the Elephant Lands habitat or other features at the Oregon Zoo, call (503) 226-1561 or visit <www.oregonzoo.org/ElephantLands>.

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