

Track teams look forward to competitive season

After five weeks of training and conditioning, the Heppner High School track teams are eagerly looking forward to a competitive season. The first track meet is scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 29, at Pendleton, starting at 4 p.m.

"This should prove to be a most interesting season for HHS," said Head Coach Dale Conklin, "especially for the girls team."

The Heppner girls were runners-up at last year's District 7-A meet, only six points behind first place Wahtonka. There were eight girls on that team with six of them returning this spring to lead a 14-member squad.

Last from last year are Mary Kincaid who graduated and Diane Garrett who moved. Everyone else returns, providing experience in most of the events.

"Our strength will be in the running events," said Conklin, "because that is where we have the greatest amount of experience. And, we have some good newcomers that should provide depth and fill in some weaknesses from last year."

The boys, on the other hand, are short in number and experience, but there is talent and enthusiasm, Conklin said. Ten have turned out with three returning lettermen.

The Mustangs are led by Wesley Mariatt, a three-year senior letterman, who should be one of the top discus and shot put throwers in the district. The other returnees are juniors Greg Orr in the jumping events and John Moyer, a sprinter who did not partici-

pate last year but lettered as a freshman. The only other senior is Craig Miles, running at middle distance in his first year of track.

The boys will be relying heavily upon junior transfer John Martin to score in the distance races. Martin sat out last year with an illness but ran for McKenzie High School as a freshman.

Rob Borst is the lone sophomore on the roster and will be running distance races as will freshmen Greg Jones and Jerry Anderson.

Two other freshmen will contribute greatly to the team. Alex Lindsay will be running sprints and long jumping and Chris McLaughlin will participate in hurdling, an area HHS has been lacking in for several years.

Seven previous letter winners will be leading the girls—three of them seniors and four sophomores.

Anne Murray and Sherry Clement should both provide talent and experience in the throwing events. Murray placed in two events last year at district and Clement lettered as a freshman. Lisa Wilson provides depth in the distance races. Joanna Bown, an American Field Service exchange student from South Africa, will be relied upon in the sprints. All are seniors.

The lone junior girl is Malinda Eubanks who will be involved in throwing events.

The four returning sophomores are Pam Orr, Janelle McElhany, Jodi Padberg and Stephanie Payne. All scored heavily in last year's district meet and earned experience

at the Class A state meet.

Orr provides speed for the relay teams and hurdles as does McElhany; Padberg very well could be the top distance runner in the district and Payne is the speedster on the team, coming very close to qualifying for the finals of the 100 meter dash at state.

Tiffany Lawson will be counted on to add points in the sprints and relays as will Nancy Martin in the jumps and middle distances. Both are sophomores. Martin is a transfer from McKenzie High School.

Freshmen expected to contribute are Kim Wright in the hurdles, Lana Reid in the middle distances and Katrina Johnston in the sprints and throwing events.

"We are going to be a goal-oriented team this year," said coach Conklin. "We have asked every athlete to set a goal this year and obtain it. This might mean some adjustments through the season, but, we need to have something to shoot for."

Conklin added that the girls as a team are shooting for the District 7-A championship. "We have a real good chance at it and the Heppner girls have never won a district championship in any sport. If we don't get it, so be it. But we are after being number one in the district."

Assistant track coach for the Mustangs is Ralph Schuthe.

Following the Tuesday opening competition, Heppner travels to the Condon Invitational on Saturday, April 2. This meet begins at 11 a.m.

Local man makes run trophies



John Shaw of Heppner, displays two of the four plaque trophies he made that will be awarded after the Rolling Hills Run April 10.

The plaques will be presented to the winners of a men's and women's 10 kilometer race and also to the oldest and youngest overall participants.

4-H leaders appointed to committees

Volunteer 4-H leaders from Morrow County are among those newly appointed to state 4-H development committees, according to John Nordheim, Oregon State University extension agent.

They join more than 200 other volunteer leaders, Extension agents and specialists and other members of the OSU faculty on 15 different committees.

There is a developmental committee for nearly every major area of 4-H, points out Duane Johnson, acting state 4-H leader. Committees meet regularly to review 4-H projects and programs. They may recommend changes to the state 4-H staff if they see materials or activities which need to be up-dated or added,

he said.

Monica Swanson of Ione is a new member of the international programs development committee. The committee is concerned with such projects as the International 4-H Youth Exchange and the 4-H-Labo Japanese exchange. Swanson is a former I.F.Y.E.

Jan Evans of Irrigon has joined the 4-H creative arts development committee. The committee reviews such 4-H projects as tote painting, art, painting, puppetry and fiber arts.

Bill Broderick, also of Ione, is a new member of the livestock development committee which deals with 4-H beef, and dairy projects. Carol Wade, Hermiston, has joined the small animal com-

Gooseberry Livestock Club meets

By NANCE WRIGHT

The Gooseberry Livestock 4-H Club held a meeting Sunday, Mar. 13, at the William Hill residence.

The club is going to purchase a Garden rake and wheelbarrow which will be used at the fair for cleanup.

The club decided to plan to go on a tour to Hill Meat Co. and the Pendleton Woolen Mills sometime after school is out in June.

At the meeting we also watched a slide show on fitting and showing sheep.

The next meeting will be held April 9, after a beef judging contest at the fair grounds.

Student ends successful season

Toni Swanson, daughter of former resident Dennis Swanson of Ione, has recently completed an outstanding basketball season at Whitworth College at Spokane, Wash.

According to the college, Swanson was a team starter for four years at the college and has led the team in scoring during her second and third years at the college, averaging 13.1 and 14.0 points a game. During her third year

she led the team with a 70 percent free throw shooting average. She has been selected as the team's most valuable player, was named as All Regional and nominated for All American last year.

Swanson plans to combine her business education and physical education background to work with athletic programs.

She is the granddaughter of Irene Swanson of Heppner.



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Local women win prize money in bowling tourney

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Heppner entrants won a big share of the Hermiston Women's Bowling Association City Tournament's \$1,792 prize money awarded after five days of competition which ended on Sunday, Mar. 13, at Heppner Bowl.

Six of the seven Class A team winners and their prize money are: Coast-to-Coast, \$98.50; Morrow County Grain Growers, No. Two, \$80.50; Peterson's Jewelers, \$71.50; Kinzua, \$63.; Sidewinders, \$53.50; and B.P.O.E. No. 358, \$45.00.

Top Class B teams from Heppner and their prize money are: Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, \$85.; Ray Boyce Insurance, \$72; and Bucknum's Tavern, \$58.50.

Winners of prize money in the Singles Class A division were: \$43.00, Brenda Gilbert; \$35.50 Dee Tresner; \$31, Millie Hanna; \$27.80, Sherri Stegner; \$23.50, Mabel Heath; \$19.60, Linda Schultz; and \$80 each to Debbie Myers and June Bellenbrock who tied.

There were 32 winners in the Singles Class B division and the top five were: LaRae Kindle, \$36; Connie Padberg, \$19; Wilma Powell, \$26.50; Rhonda Whipple, \$23.50; and Marjly Childers, \$21.50. That entire class's money prizes totaled \$480.80.

Fourteen women participated in the Doubles Class A and shared in its \$196 prize money. The top three teams were LoRayne Bowman-Millie Hanna, \$43.25; Elaine Martin-Brenda Gilbert, \$35; Pat Rock-Betty Bethel, \$31.25.

Seventeen pairs of women divided the \$235.20 awarded the Doubles Class B. The top three teams were: Linda

Jones-Susan Johnston, \$32.95; Bobbi Childers-Bonnie Palmateer, \$28.25; Rhonda Britt-Janette Skow, \$23.50.

In the All Events Classification the 42 entrants divided \$209 with the top three winners being Sandy Bennett, \$16.50; Pat Lankford, \$13.25; and Winona Yeigh, \$12.

Pat Rebman, Hermiston, the secretary of the Hermiston Women's Bowling Association to which the Heppner women bowlers belong, stated that the city tournament was the largest in the association's history. Her records show that 260 individual women participated, bowling a total of 731 games.

Rebman explained that the winners in the different classes gain money prizes and trophies which are paid for from tournament entry fees. Teams participating pay a \$35 entry; doubles pay \$14 and singles pay \$7. In this 1983 tournament, 51 teams entered—32 from Hermiston and 19 from Heppner. There were 119 women entered in doubles and 238 entered in singles. All of these women needed to belong to city, state and national associations in order to participate in this tournament. After this city tournament, outstanding women may go on to state and national tournaments. The Oregon State Tournament will begin in Roseburg on April 15, she said.

In addition to the standard tournament trophies and money prizes, many special prizes were donated by local merchants and firms for various aspects of the tournament here. These prizes created additional interest among the entries and from spectators. Merchants who generously contributed the special

awards included: Bank of Eastern Oregon, Murrays Rexall Drugs, Western Heritage, Federal Savings and Loan Association, The Wagon Wheel Cafe and Lounge, Winter, Sweeney and Doherty, Cal's Arco, Pendleton Bottling Co., Coast to Coast, Peterson's Jewelers, Cole's House of Fashion and Posy Patch,

Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply, Country Shears, Devin Oil Company, Ron McDonald Chevrolet, Donna's Beauty Shop, S & J Market, Gardner's Men's Wear, Sears, Hutch's Printing, Shoe Box, LeBush Shoppe, Trish's Beauty Shop, Lois' Beauty Shop, Lott's Electric, Turner, Van

Marter & Bryant Ins., V & G Tavern, Morrow County Grain Growers and Bucknum's Tavern.

Rehman says that because the tournament was so successful and enjoyable at the Heppner Bowl "the association will definitely come here again."

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