

Legion Poker and Bingo night sported numerous winners



Texas Hold 'Em tournament winners (L-R): Joe Rietmann, Adam Doherty, Keith Rea and Kevin Cornett.



John Jepsen presented gun raffle winner Steve Dumler with the prize, a 22 caliber Ruger Special 40th anniversary issue.

It was an evening of fun for everyone at Ione's second annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker and Bingo night at the American Legion Hall in Ione on Sunday, March 12. "You're the big winner," were the words Kevin Cornett of Heppner heard from the other players. Second place went to Adam Doherty of Heppner, with Joe Rietmann from Ione taking third and Keith Rea from Ione placing fourth.

Steve Dumler won the gun raffle. His young sons could hardly wait to get a look at the prize. The gun was a 22 caliber Ruger Special 40th Anniversary issue and was donated by Willard French and John Jepsen. This coveted special edition was a big attention-getter and was envied by many who examined it the evening of the raffle.

Bingo was a success with many players being able to shout the words "BINGO!" The participants of the Mexican Train domino games also had a fun time. The people who came to sit

and visit with friends and enjoy a sub sandwich and salad had a good time just catching up on community life.

The Silent Auction was watched carefully throughout the evening with many of the bidders checking the item bid sheets often. Smiles and happiness accompanied the reading of the names of the successful bidders.

Until next year, we'll let all of the winners bask in the glow and the elation of being among the winners circle.

Hosted by the Ione American Legion Post #95 Legion and Auxiliary Unit, money raised from this event will allow the Legion Hall to be maintained and some of the many projects to be funded throughout the year.

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It's not too late to sign up for Trivia Night

Mr. Bill's Traveling Trivia Night will be held Saturday, April 1 at the Heppner Elks Club starting at 7 p.m. Interested persons may pick up entry forms at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Wheatland Insurance (Heppner office), and at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce. For questions, contact Doris Brosnan at 676-5382 or Sharon Harrison at 989-8496.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

United Methodist Church volunteers are hosts for the March 29 noon meal at the Heppner Senior Center. The menu for the day is scrambled eggs with ham, peppers and cheese, hash browns, fruit Danish, orange and grapefruit slices and tomato juice.

Mabel Heath has issued a request for coupons to send to commissaries overseas, which make them available to service men and women. The coupon booklets from the Sunday "Oregonian" are especially useful to her for usable coupons. Coupons may be left at the senior center office for her to pick up. Heath reports that she has received letters of appreciation from men and women, serving overseas, who have found them helpful to use.

At the regular meeting of the board of directors, the resignation from the board by member Grace Drake was accepted. Her replacement will complete the present term; then will stand for re-election. Drake will, however, continue writing the weekly news item through the summer.

A representative of Merrill Lynch Investments will be at the senior center on Friday, April 7. The public is invited to hear him and he will be available for consultation with interested persons, if not that night, by appointment. For more information, contact Archie Padberg at 676-5355.

Approximately 210 persons were served breakfast at the senior center during the St. Paddy's Celebration Saturday morning. Approximately 170 adults and children were served the potato soup lunch.

Don't forget regular bingo on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., in the dining room; and regular dominoes on Friday afternoon, 1 p.m., in the common room.

Ewe-Do-Bingo winner lands prize of \$300

Steve Brucker, a representative for Oregon International Speedway, won the Heppner High School Cheerleader's Ewe-Do-Bingo contest and took home a prize of \$300. Brucker bought four squares, which were sold for \$5 each. Brucker actually won on the ewe's second pile as the first pile landed on a number no one had bought. The winning number was 178 (there were 200 squares).

Irish Brogue Contest winners

An Irish Brogue contest was held during the KUMA coffee hour. Five contestants participated and had to sound like Irish folk. Some told jokes and others sang. First prize received \$50, second \$30 and third \$20.

First place went to Mike Hermann of Pasco, WA; second was taken by Ed Knecht of Corvallis; and third place went to Tom Howser of Central Point. Runners-up were Joe Lindsay of Heppner and John Doherty of Portland.

Pot O' Gold winners

Three winners found their Pot O' Gold during the St. Patrick's Celebration held in Heppner, March 16-19. Kim Carlson of Heppner found hers at Friday's Casino Night; Lois Merriman of Pendleton took hers at the Saturday morning KUMA Coffee Hour; and Jim Corwin of Albany scooped up his gold at the Saturday night Trail Band concert. Each Pot O' Gold winner received \$100.

Morrow County Gun Club news

Seven shooters gathered Sunday, March 19 at the club to compete.

In singles, Harvey Childers had 24 of 25, Jeff Cutsforth had 23 of 25 and Mark Schlichting had 21 of 25.

In handicap, Cutsforth had 24 of 25, Schlichting had 22 of 25 and Roger Mortimer, Childers and Dick Goodhead had 20 of 25.

Annie were then shot with Jimmy Walton, Mortimer, Dennis Peck and Schlichting each winning one; Goodhead won two and Childers won three.

The next shoot will be held March 26 at 12 noon.

Irish Road Bowling finds several participants in its first appearance



Winners of the 1st annual Road Bowling in Heppner were: Keri Holcomb, Jerod Lopez and Kirk and Lottie (Laughlin) Holcomb.



2nd place: Molly Rhea, Donna Schonbachler, Jeanne Daly, Tim's sister, and Tim Daly.



3rd place: Nancy and Victor Vander Does.

Nine hardy action photographers, and several official-looking observers brought Irish Road Bowling to Heppner's Wee Bit O' Ireland celebration on Sunday afternoon.

Tim Daly was the afternoon's hero when he showed up from Portland one hour before the start of the event, bringing the bowls with which the activity is played. Daly, raised on Little Butter Creek, is the young man who brought Irish road bowling to the attention of the local committee and suggested that it be added to the weekend's schedule. He not only donated ten bowls for the event (which the St. Pat's Committee hopes will become an annual weekend finale), but he drove from Portland Sunday morning after working a function for his children on Saturday night, and he put together a team for the competition.

Everyone gathered at the steps of the Morrow County Courthouse at 1:30 p.m., got copies of the official rules and guidelines, heard a brief description of the course, and the game began on Court Street.

Two local women, Molly Rhea and Donna Schonbachler, who came to watch the activity, ended up as teammates of Daly. Daly's sister, Jeanne, became their scorekeeper and photographer.

Victor and Nancy Vander Does, the couple who co-chaired the Casino Night event on Friday, were first to show for Sunday's event. They led off with some effective tosses that would set the pace for what became an extremely close competition.

Always willing to participate when they come from Redmond for the

weekend activities, Kirk and Lottie (Laughlin) Holcomb formed the third team of bowlers with Kirk's daughter, Keri, and Jerod Lopez.

The course included segments of eight city streets that were not closed to traffic, so the need for vigilance was high. Donning orange vests, Cliff Green, Merlin Hughes, Butch Laughlin, and Dan Brosnan volunteered to accompany the teams through the course as added security. Following the action closely, also, was Cara Osmen, co-chair of the St. Pat's Committee and volunteer photographer.

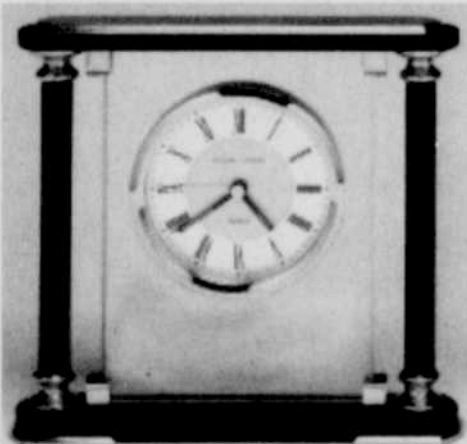
A few weekend revelers who had heard about the road bowling and some of the residents along the course enjoyed watching the action, as the teams tossed the 28-oz. bowls along straight-a-ways, corners, and a hill.

Play came to a conclusion at the corner of May and Chase Streets. Claudia Hughes, co-chair of the St. Pat's Committee, thanked the participants and presented each with a special St. Pat's coffee mug or drinking glass. Vander Does announced their donation to cover the cost of the trophy for the event, and Doris Brosnan announced the winning team: The Holcomb team with a total of 26 tosses of the bowl. Second was the Daly team, with 29, and the Vander Does team was close, with 31 tosses.

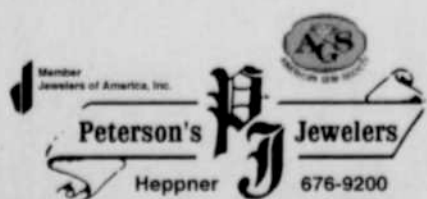
Each participant paid \$5 to play, and the winning team received half of the total purse, with the other half going to the St. Pat's fund. The Holcomb team, however, donated their share to the fund.

The Irish Road Bowling trophy, created by Peterson's Jewelers, will be engraved with the names of the winning players and will be prominently displayed in Heppner.

Participants agreed that the first-time event was "fun," and immediately after play, they were discussing "training," "strategy," and "blogging," with a bigger event in mind for next year.



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