

Road Bowling winners announced

Realizing the wisdom in the Irish wish that "the wind be always at your back," the eight teams of road bowlers on Sunday reversed the direction planned for their bowling action on Balm Fork. By following the 1.3-mile course downstream, the wind was, indeed, at their backs, removing what would have been an uncomfortable headwind challenge from the already challenging activity.

"I don't think these hardy participants even once complained about the inclement weather," reported the organizer, who did have to add that she followed the action from inside a pickup with the windows rolled up. Maybe a grumble now and then could be heard when even the best laid plans went astray and tosses resulted in bowls rolling under barbed wire fences. At least one bowler who retrieved a teammate's toss needed first aid for a cut on his hand from the wire.

The honor of being lead-off team went to Turner and Tomas (Ken Turner, Tomas Elguezabal). They and a new team right behind them, 2 Wrights (Tim, Leann), finished the course and disappeared, apparently



Top Photo: 2009 competitors in the annual St. Patrick's Road Bowling competition. Right Photo: 2009 Road Bowling winners. -Contributed Photos



not opting to brave the elements while waiting for the other teams, and the closing ceremony.

Two other new bowling teams received special recognition: The 4 Bowling Broads (Jean Strange, Brandi Sweeney, Kami Combe, Michelle Stone), who most everyone agreed had the most fun,

took last place. The Wing-Its (Tim and Jacque Hedman, Ken and Lana Eckman) took third place. Only eight tosses separated third place from first. Only 28 tosses separated the Broads from first place.

Second place went to third-year participant, the Mabe team (Bill Mabe, Crysti Taylor, Donny Fen-

nell), with 43 tosses. Placing first and becoming the first team to be engraved twice onto the road-bowling trophy was Team Bohica (Adam and Chad Doherty, Jake Roy, Jason Hanna), with a total of 38 tosses in this second year of competition for them.

Rounding out the list of brave bowlers were Road

Rheage (Steve and Molly Rhea, Mark and Anita Burrows), with two four-year veterans and two new team members, and Boad Rowlers (Mike and Cindi Doherty, Gayle Gutierrez, Kelly Fox), a third-year group.

Dry warmth awaited the bowlers and the safety crew (Butch Laughlin, Mer-

lin and Claudia Hughes, Cliff Green, Frank and Cara Osmirn) in the Osmirn's shop, where everyone enjoyed doughnuts, coffee, and hot chocolate while score sheets were examined. Above the clatter of rain on the tin roof, the results were announced and the cash prizes awarded to the top three places.

Neal featured speaker at ICABO annual meeting



Gary Neal (above standing), General Manager of the Port of Morrow, was featured speaker at the annual Ione Community Agr-Business Organization last Wednesday in Ione. Neal gave an overview of on going and new businesses and activity of the Port. A large crowd attending the meeting had dinner and also heard reports from various community organizations and groups. Officers for the coming year are: Ed Rollins president, Betty Gray VP, Karen Padberg Secretary and Stacie Miller Treasurer. Rick Minster, Regional Development Officer from John Day (above seated), was also a speaker at the meeting. -Photo by David Sykes

WCCC Ladies to hold meeting, golf scramble

The Willow Creek Country Club Ladies will hold their spring kick-off meeting on April 7 at 9 a.m. with breakfast and a business meeting at the golf course. A golf format scramble will follow at 10 a.m.

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Jr. High wrestlers compete at state

Three Heppner wrestlers won a berth to the middle school state championship in Woodburn on March 14. Jacob Moore, Tim Nelson and Jared Lemmon each qualified at the regional tournament on March 7 by placing in the top four of their weight classes. The three competed in Woodburn in 16-man brackets against all other top four regional winners from across the state.

The Jr. Mustangs have qualified wrestlers for state in previous years, but have not been able to place a competitor or win a match at the state tournament prior to this year.

Lemmon won his

first two matches to advance to the championship semifinals where he finally lost by a close 4-0 score. He went on to win a sixth place medal.

Nelson was eliminated in the consolation quarterfinals, just one match away from placing in the tournament. Nelson had won his previous match in the final seconds by an exciting come from behind 6-5 score.

Moore wrestled two matches, and although didn't get his hand raised, ended his first ever season of wrestling among the elite middle school competitors in Oregon.

Heppner Elementary Chess team competes in state tournament



Picture from left to right are Heppner Elementary Chess team members Cara Arbogast, Kai Arbogast, Joseph Jones, Patrick Burch and Alex Lindsay. -Contributed Photo

The Heppner Elementary Chess team competed in the state Chess for Success tournament on Friday, March 13, at the Convention Center in Portland. Two individual players, Joe Jones (K-4th grade) and Kai Arbogast (5th grade) also played on Saturday.

Although the Heppner team did not place, each team member came

home with a medal. Mementos were Kai Arbogast, Joe Jones, Alex Lindsay, Patrick Burch and alternate, Cara Arbogast.

On Saturday, Kai Arbogast won four out of five of his matches in individual play to place third in the state. He received a trophy for his accomplishment.

HHS students volunteer at Sr. Center



n Monday students from Mr. Fowler's class at Heppner High School helped move furniture at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in preparation for new carpet to be laid. Workers were Brandon Garcia, Josh Shank, Seth Palmer, Curtis Martin, Shane Smith, Cody Orr, Justin Pranger, Justin Bailey, and Garret Gibbs. Pictured above is Mr. Fowler presenting some items made by students in his shop class to the Senior Center. -Photo by Andrew Sykes

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out for high school track, 22 for high school tennis (including seven from Heppner), three for high school baseball, three for golf and one for high school softball. Middle school track started March 16.

-accepted the resignation of Erin Heideman for extra duty coaching.

-approved the Division 22 standards report as presented.

-approved the 2009-10 Umatilla-Morrow ESD management services as presented.

Library District to host program on Japanese immigration to Oregon

Earlier this year, Oregon Trail Library District libraries invited residents to read the book *Stubborn Twig* by Lauren Kessler as part of the Oregon Reads 2009 program to honor Oregon's Sesquicentennial. This week, to provide further information on the Japanese immigration to Oregon and the internment experience, Amy Peterson from the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center will be visiting two of the

-heard the following announcements: Monday, April 13-budget committee meeting; Tuesday, April 14-Oregon School Board Association spring regional meeting; Monday, April 20-next board meeting.

-learned that the deadline for filing for the board position is March 19. Board member appointee, Lisa Rietmann, indicated that she has filed.

-held an executive session following the meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations.

OTLD libraries. This free program will take place at the OTLD Heppner branch library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 19. It will be offered again at the OTLD Boardman library at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 20.

For more information contact library staff in Heppner at (541) 676-9964 or in Boardman at (541) 481-2665.

Wedding Tables

Jared Eckman & Trisha Adams

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