

The View from the Green

WCCC men's club championship results



WCCC men's club champions (L-R) senior champion Ron Bowman, net champion Larry Runyon, and club champion Greg Grant. -Contributed photo

Willow Creek Country Club men held their club championship July 15-16. Greg Grant won the championship after a playoff with Ron Bowman. Larry Runyon is the new net champion, and Ron Bowman the senior champion. Complete results are as follows:

Gross—1st, Greg Grant, 136; 2nd, Charlie Ferguson, 138; 3rd, Matt Scrivner, 139.

Net—1st, Larry Runyon, 112; 2nd, John McCabe, 117; 3rd, Josh Coiner/Dave Gunderson, 124.

Senior—Ron Bowman, 136.

Special Play—KP #2-11 Ron Bowman, 22'7"; KP #4-13 David Allstott, 4'6"; KP #7-16 Charlie Ferguson, 3'

Skins: Gross—Ron Bowman, 3; David Allstott,

2; Greg Grant, 1. Net—Larry Runyon, 2; Kelly Fox, 1; Greg Grant, 1.

Honey Pot: Gross—Barry Munkers, 66; Greg Grant, 68. Net—John McCabe, 56; Josh Coiner, 57.

The next Sunday play is July 23, hosted by Gene Orwick, Barry Munkers and Delbert Binschus.

WCCC ladies championship results

The Willow Creek Country Club ladies' championship took place last Friday and Saturday, July 14-15. Eight ladies showed up for the tournament, which was played in warm, breezy conditions. Results are as follows:

Ladies tournament champion with low gross of the field was Virginia Grant. Leann Wright took low net of the field.

In a special closest-to-the-pin contest on Saturday, Karen Haguewood took the honors on holes #4 and #13.

Least putts on Saturday was a tie between Shirley Martin and Leann Wright.

Chip-ins were Pat Dougherty on #13 and Jodi Ferguson on #8.

Birdies went to Virginia Grant on #1 and #10 and Jodi Ferguson on #13.

WCCC couples tournament planned next month

The Willow Creek Country Club couples tournament will take place Aug. 4-6 at WCCC. Cost is \$140 per couple and includes three rounds of golf, dinner at the Elks Lodge and prizes.

The tournament features 36 holes of competition—18 holes of modified Scotch play each day. Each day will have a morning and afternoon flight with

tee times both days at 6:45 a.m. and around 11:45 a.m.

Contact WCCC at 541-676-5437 or Jodi Ferguson at 541-571-4466 for more details.

Columbia-Blue senior golf results for Goldendale

Fifteen Willow Creek Country Club senior golfers played at the par-72 Goldendale Golf Course on July 10.

Results for the WCCC players are the following: **Columbia Division (Handicap 18 and Below)**

Gross: 5. Tom Shear - 86. **Blue Division (Handicap**

19 - 23)

Gross: 7. (tie) Steve Marlett and Dave Gundersen - 97.

Net: 1. Delbert Binschus - 67.

Senior Division (Handicap 24 and Above)

Gross: 1. Roger Ehrmantraut - 99, 2. Bill Morris - 101, 8. Gene Orwick - 106.

Net: 6. Al Scott - 79.

The next Columbia-Blue Senior Tournament will be at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla on Aug. 14. Players are reminded to call early to reserve golf carts.

Tee times will be at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Lunch will be available at Russ's Tavern.

APOLLO 11

-Continued from PAGE ONE team that was responsible for the assembly and testing of the landing gear of the Apollo 11 lunar module.

Though Michel doesn't have an engineering degree, he does have a background that made him a perfect fit for work on the lunar module. Born and raised in New Jersey, living in the city of Milltown, he was smitten with a love of flying at a young age.

"I used to build my own model airplanes," he recalls. "I seen an ad in the paper one day where it said, 'Go for a plane ride for five bucks,' so I went, and (my love of flying) started right then."

In his late teens at the time, Michel dove into aviation at full speed. Despite a right foot damaged by polio around the age of two, he was an active flyer for many years; he had a special bracket built to accommodate his damaged right foot. He also enjoyed some stunt flying. He says he flew mostly Cubs, but his favorite plane was the Interstate.

Not only did he enjoy flying airplanes, but he also knew their inner workings. While he was living in New Jersey, a farmer donated some land to him and he built an airport out of it.

"I bought airplanes that

were unlicensed, and I fixed 'em up to where they could fly again and got them licensed. Then I sold 'em.

"I had a good background (in aviation)" he adds modestly.

While airplanes were an important part of his life, they weren't his whole life. Also while living in New Jersey, he served as a sergeant on the local police force. Near the end of World War II, as a member of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), he scanned the coast of New Jersey, looking for German submarines.

In his late 20s, Michel moved to Los Angeles. It was then that his love of aviation lined up with the timing of Apollo 11.

"I was looking for a job and I found this place. So I went and they hired me," he says of his time with the Apollo Project subcontractor. While there, he worked in a machine shop, where he assembled and tested the hydraulics system on the lunar module's landing gear. It was nothing to brag about at the time—in fact, he wasn't even aware of his job's importance in the space race.

"We never knew what we were working on till after they launched it. (It was so secret," he says.

Only afterward did he find out the role he and his

coworkers played in that first space walk. Now, a plaque on the wall of Michel's apartment in Heppner commemorates the accomplishment.

Later, the company he worked for lost their government contracts and shut down, laying everyone off. Michel says he tried to get a job "where they launched the rockets" but "they wouldn't hire me because I couldn't run."

That didn't keep him from going back into law enforcement in California. He moved to Lake Isabella, where he served in the sheriff's department in search and rescue. A widower by that time, it was there he met Peggy, a Heppner graduate who worked locally as a cook. The couple was married and, after Michel later retired from the construction industry, they returned to Peggy's hometown.

Self-employed and married to a Heppner High School graduate, with a family he's proud of, Michel now resides with his wife Peggy at Heppner's St. Patrick's Senior Center—where, perhaps, this down-to-earth man occasionally takes advantage of the clear skies to look up at the same moon where he helped humanity take its first steps.

GAR SWANSON DRIVE



Present at the Port of Morrow Gar Swanson Drive dedication on July 12 were several of Swanson's descendants. Back: Matt Fairbank, Sharlene Hamlett Arends, Adrienne Swanson Fairbank, Monica Swanson, Jim Swanson, Luke Swanson, Shelly Turner Rietmann, Tyan Swanson, Melissa Turner Lindsay and Sandi Turner Martin. Front: Carter Swanson, Anson Fairbank, Hailee Fairbank and Chase Swanson. -Contributed photo

-Continued from PAGE ONE McCoy and George Wiese and serving from January 1959 until May 1975.

"There have been many men and several ladies who

have contributed their time to the Port of Morrow's success, but for me, the greatest visionary was Gar Swanson," Port commissioner Larry Lindsay told the crowd gathered for the dedication.

"I was thrilled that the dedication of this new highway across a major new development area of the Port of Morrow would serve as a lasting reminder of a great man in our local history," Lindsay added.

In the early 60s, Swanson was instrumental in organizing the Port's 4,000-acre waterfront industrial park, expanding irrigation and being a leader in securing the food processing park in the early 1970s.

In South County, he served on several boards and committees. Serving on the hospital board, Swanson played a key role in bring-

ing the Pioneer Memorial Hospital to Heppner, and he was instrumental in the addition of the swimming pool and football field in Ione.

Among his personal achievements was the invention and patenting of the Swanson Reel (a combine reel). He was Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year in 1963.

Among those who attended the dedication ceremony were several of Swanson's descendants, one of whom is Morrow County Commission Chair Melissa Lindsay.

"Grandpa was a key founder in the formation of the Port of Morrow and we couldn't be more proud and humbled by the Port's decision to dedicate a road in his name," Melissa Lindsay said.

CELL PHONE LAW

-Continued from PAGE ONE while driving law was passed by the Oregon Legislature and goes into effect Oct. 1, 2017. In part, the law says a person can be ticketed for driving a motor vehicle while using a

mobile phone even if the driver "holds a mobile electronic device in the person's hand." The law also applies if a person is "temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic control device or other momentary delays."

Fine for the first offense will be \$260, and \$435 if the person causes an accident. On the first offence,

the court may suspend the fine if the driver completes a "distracted driving avoidance course." The fines will increase on subsequent offenses.

"I don't want to see people in my court," Spicer said about wanting to get the word out about the new law.

Boardman council expresses gratitude for new rec center

During its July 11 meeting, the Boardman City Council expressed its appreciation to the Boardman Park and Recreation District for building the newly-completed Boardman Pool and Recreation Center.

Councilor Kegler said he felt the district needed to be complimented for providing Boardman with such a great facility. He added that he appreciates their efforts and believes the new pool and recreation center enhances the Boardman community. The city council

agreed unanimously to send a thank-you letter to the park and recreation district.

In other city business, the council approved an ordinance for a franchise agreement with Zayo Group, LLC, a communications infrastructure service company. Councilors also approved two "housekeeping" resolutions correcting street names that were recorded improperly.

The next meeting of the Boardman City Council will be Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m.

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