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## Bulldogs stay on-target, claim second state trap shooting title

Hermiston trap shooting club repeats as state champs

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For the second consecutive year, the Hermiston High School trap shooting club team earned the title of state champion.

Hermiston went to the Oregon Clay Target League State Tournament at the Hillsboro Trap & Skeet Club on June 24 and defended its title after scoring 465 points to tie with Molalla. Hermiston then won it outright on a tiebreaker, which was either team's high-gun score and Bulldogs' Blake Betz's 97 score and overall high-gun honors for the tournament.

Rounding out the top five team scores was Madras in third with 461, Cascade Christian with 446 and Echo with 436.

The championship was much tougher to come by for Hermiston this season, seeing the number of teams it was competing against rise from two last season to 13 this year. It's only the second year of the league and the team, but Hermiston coach John Adams is already impressed with the progress.

"The improvement in these kids was remarkable," Adams said last week. "A lot of them went from hitting single digits to hitting almost all of them."

Betz's high-gun victory was also a tight race, as he



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Hermiston's Blake Betz readies to fire during the Oregon Clay Target State Tournament on Saturday, June 24 at the Hillsboro Trap & Skeet Club. Betz won tournament high gun honors with 97 points.

finished tied with Echo's Hunter Barnes with a 97. But Betz won the tie break on the reverse run of the scorecard.

Also bringing home awards from the tournament was Hermiston's Jenna Wallace, who won high gun in the female junior varsity category with 92 points. Echo's Natalee Sherbahn finished third with 80.

Numerous Hermiston and Echo kids also littered the all-state team, which is comprised of the top 25 competitors from their league season.

Making the cut for Hermiston was Kaden Smith (24.5 point average), Betz (23.5), Devon Brittrner (23.1), Case Hiatt (23), Dylan Hunter (22.1), Tanner Meads (21.4), Tyson Stocker (21) and Zane Davis (21).



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The Hermiston High School trap shooting team poses after winning the Oregon Clay Target League state championship for the second straight year at the Hillsboro Gun Club on Saturday, June 24, 2017.

For Echo, Makiah Blankenship (23.1), Hunter Barnes (22.3), and Ethan Hobson (21.9) made it, as did Brett Troutman (22) from Arlington.

In the league season, Hermiston finished on top of Conference 3 with 2,329 total points, beating Mo-

lala (1,931.5) and Canby (914.5). Echo finished second in the five-team Conference 2 with 1,084.5 points behind only Cascade Christian (1,349.5).

Arlington finished sixth in the six-team Conference 1 with 212.5 points in its inaugural season in the league.



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The Special Olympics relay team of Cassidy McQuinn, Jeff McEachran, Timothy Tichy, and Cameron Goldie received a bronze medal after a come from behind effort during the regional tournament held in Milton-Freewater.

## Special Olympians go for the gold

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More than 75 athletes from the Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510 recently competed at three regional tournaments.

The golf competition took place June 10 near Banks. First time athlete Saul Lara received a gold medal in the Individual Skills Competition and David Andrews, a longtime Special Olympic athlete but new to the golf program, received a bronze. Jonathan Wilson and unified partner Dan Headley earned silver in a nine-hole alternating stroke play, Jonathan Kinsel and unified partner Tye Stewart took fourth place followed by Jason Cargill and partner Kris Neustel with a sixth place finish.

On June 11, six members of the Eastside Rollers bocce team traveled to Hillsboro to compete. The Traditional Bocce team of Makayla Thompson and Mary Jones earned silver medals in the female division, while partners Jillian Smalley and Lyall Arey also took silver in their division. The first time unified team of Misty Larsen and Jessica Sexton took bronze. All three teams earned the sportsmanship awards for their respective divisions.

The Athletics team (track and field events) traveled to Milton-Freewater for competition.

With more than 60 athletes, many medals were earned including a come-from-behind bronze medal finish for the relay team of Cassidy McQuinn, Jeff McEachran, Timothy Tichy and Cameron Goldie, who are coached by Di Fordice.

A high point of the competition experience began even before boarding the bus. Each athlete was presented with a card made by the leadership students at Sandstone Middle School encouraging them to do well in competition.

"We are one program and these cards made by students at Sandstone were just one more unifying factor for our team," said Angela Schneider, local program coordinator.

Special Olympics provides year-round athletic training and sports competitions for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. To participate, athletes must be age 6 or older. There is no charge to participate.

The next sports season for the local program is bowling, which begins Sept. 1 at Desert Lanes in Hermiston. Signups are Monday, Aug. 21, from 4-5 p.m. at The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. For more information about participating as an athlete or volunteer, call Angela Schneider at 541-314-0166.

### Golfers to tee-off July 15 for Agape House fundraising tournament

Scramble for Food is Saturday, July 15, with check-in at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9 a.m. at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla.

The cost is \$60, which includes pastries, green fees, lunch, prizes

on each hole and awards. Carts must be reserved through the golf course.

A four-person format, people can sign up with a team or be added to others. The deadline to register is

Saturday, July 8.

For more information, call Dave Hughes at 541-571-7293, stop by Agape House at 500 Harper Road, Hermiston, or call Big River at 541-922-3006.

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