

## Signal Sports

# Rains prevails at Seaside Invitational golf tourney

The conditions started out bad, then got worse Monday afternoon at Gearhart Golf Links, for the Seaside Invitational girls golf tournament.

It got bad enough that the annual invitational was stopped after nine holes, which sent the seven teams home a little earlier than expected.

Golfers battled rain, hail, wind and soggy conditions on the course before the decision was made to end the tournament at nine holes.

The rain-shortened tournament was won by Scappoose, which finished ahead of teams from Astoria, Banks, Molalla, Seaside, Tillamook and Valley Catholic.

Chloe Hunt led Astoria with a 50.

### Seaside boys golf team keeps on rolling

The Seaside boys golf team improved to 2-0 in Cowapa League play, with a 326-389 victory in golf's version of the Clatsop Clash on April 9 at the Gearhart Golf Links.

Seaside's Sam Hinton was medalist with a 75, while teammate Shane Fritter was second with an 80, followed by Aaron Richardson at 81.

Kevin Lacoste had the other counting score for Seaside with a 90, with Josef Barbic rounding out the Gull golfers with a 102.

Will Keeran and Joey Voeller both shot 95 to lead Astoria. Also competing for the Fishermen varsity were Kirk Fausett (98, personal best), Ron Schumacher (101) and Arthur Clark (102).

Hinton and Richardson played together in the first group and had quite a battle between themselves, at least after Richardson took a 10 on the second hole.

Throwing out that hole, the two went back and forth with the duo recording 23 pars and four birdies between them. Fritter added two more birdies and was tied with Hinton through 13 holes before Hinton birdied the next two holes. Lacoste added a birdie for the Gulls with a two on the 15th.

"We had some troubles out there today," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch, "but we were still able to put up a decent score. Sam was solid again today. He had his highest



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Seaside's Sam Hinton chips a shot on the green of the 14th hole of the Fish Invitational at the Astoria Country Club April 6. Hinton was medalist in the April 9 match at the Gearhart Golf Links.

score of the year and was still only 3-over-par. Aaron was able to overcome a 10 on the second hole, with the help of two two's, and posted a respectable number."

### Gulls score big at Meet of Champions

The Seaside girls track team racked up 63 points, finished second in the team standings and won four different events Saturday, April 11, in the annual Meet of Champions at Willamette University in Salem.

The meet features some of the top athletes from around the state.

Newport won the girls' team title with 89 points, topping the field of 32 schools. Elmira was first in the boys' team standings, with Seaside fifth.

For the girls, Allison Kilday again swept the hurdle events, winning the 100-meters in 16.15 seconds, and the 300-meters in 47.15, the top mark in Class 4A this year.

Also on the track, Charlotte Blakesley ran a 5:06.88 to win the 1,500 meters; Elizabeth Barnes, Blakesley, Kelly Willyard and Kilday teamed up to win the 1,600-meter relay in 4:20.56; and the Lady Gulls were second in the 400-meter relay (51.76) behind Cascade.

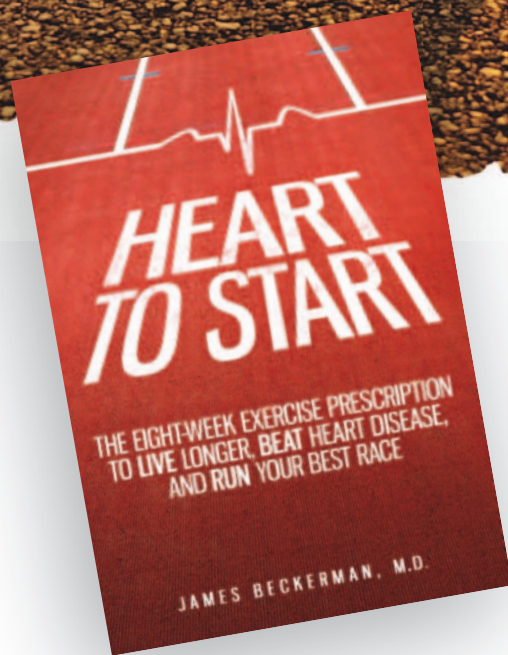
On the boys' side, Seaside freshman Rafi Sibony was second in the 3,000 meters in 9:24.18, just ahead of teammate Bradley Rzewnicki (9:25.66).

Juneau Meyer had the second-fastest time in the 400 meters (51.89).



Seaside golfer Caroline Kotson is well-protected against the elements in Monday's golf invitational.

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