

# A chance to dine and golf for charity

## Seaside Kids, SDDA to host annual Hot Rod Classic event Sept. 2

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Two influential local organizations are partners to host the annual Hot Rod Classic Charity Golf Course and dinner and auction. Proceeds will benefit their separate missions of providing free sports programs for kids and developing Seaside's downtown.

The two-part event, put on by the Seaside Downtown Development Association and Seaside Kids Inc., is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The golf tournament at Gearhart Golf Links will begin with check-in and team pictures at 11 a.m., followed by a 12:30 p.m. shot-gun start. Prizes will be given for first-, second- and third-place teams; the longest drive; and the high score — also called "most gross," although it's all in good fun, said Tita Montero, executive director of the downtown association.

The event's title sponsor is Ocean Crest Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadillac of Warrenton, which offers a special hole-in-one prize car.

The dinner and auction will be held at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. Appetizers will be served at 5:30 p.m., when silent auction tables open. Dinner is set for 6 p.m., the live auction for 7 and a raffle drawing for 8:15. Dinner will feature an Italian buffet, including lasagna, garlic bread, Caesar salad and dessert.

The cost is \$135 per golfer on each team, which includes a cart, plus access to the dinner, drawings and auction. There is space for about 25 four-member teams, Montero said.

Dinner is also open to non-golfers at a cost of \$35 per diner. The downtown association lowered the cost for dinner this year to make attendance financially feasible for more locals, Montero said.

"We really tried to price this so the families of kids that are benefiting could participate," she said.

Some of the items for the live and silent auction include bottles of wine, Seattle Mariners tickets, a vacation package to Bend, tickets to the 2016 Jazz Festival, a day with Seaside Aquarium Manager Keith Chandler, fishing trips, a helicopter ride and others.

A 250-ticket raffle drawing for a \$492 golf driver will be held. Dinner attendees will be automatically entered into another drawing for an overnight stay at Chinook Winds Casino Resort, an enterprise of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

### Charity event evolves

The Hot Rod Classic Charity Golf Tournament used to be held in conjunction with SDDA's Hot Rod Happenings car show. The two events split in 2005 because of the amount of preparation they each required, Montero said. The annual car show was renamed Wheels and Waves, and it will be held Sept. 11-13 this year.

Last year, the association moved the charity golf tournament — which retained its name — to the Wednesday between the annual Hood to Coast Relays in late August and Labor Day. The organization also partnered with Seaside Kids Inc. for the first time. The event used to be put on in conjunction with Providence Seaside Hospital.

Proceeds from the event will be split between the two organizations. The event is SDDA's most significant fundraiser, whereas other events focus more on bringing people to town, Montero said. In addition to downtown beautification, funds raised through the golf tournament and accompanying dinner and auction go to subsidize costs for other events and endeavors, such as the organization's car shows, wine walks, holiday coupon book and walking map.



The 2015 Hot Rod Classic Charity Golf Tournament plus dinner and auction Sept. 2 will benefit Seaside Kids Inc. and the Seaside Downtown Development Association. The tournament, held at the Gearhart Golf Links, is an ongoing tradition, but last year's event was the first partnership between SDDA and Seaside Kids.

Moving the event to Wednesday helped make it a "very much local" event, Montero said, adding SDDA, like other nonprofits, depends on locals for sponsorship and support.

"Nothing would happen without the support of our local residents," she said.

### Active leaders tomorrow

Seaside Kids Inc. was started in 1956 by the successful Seaside Post 99 Connie Mack team, hosts and winners of the state tournament. The team then was flown to San Bernardino, Calif., to compete in the title game of the Pacific Coast World Series. By defeating teams from Burien, Wash., and Stockton, Calif., the Seaside team claimed the title.

With funds raised for their California trip, the team members established the nonprofit Seaside Kids Inc., and adopted a permanent adage, said Jim Auld, a Seaside Kids board member. "'No kid would ever have to pay to play,' and that's true today," he said.

The organization promotes free sports programs for boys and girls in Clatsop County, primarily from the Seaside, Gearhart and Cannon Beach communities. The organization annually serves

about 600 kids, from kindergartners to high schools senior, through its programs, which include baseball, softball, football, golf and free swim days.

The organization uses Broadway Field, Norway Field and Wahanna Field. All the necessary expenses — facilities, equipment, uniforms and umpires — are covered by Seaside Kids through sponsorships, member dues and fundraising. The Seaside Kids' motto is, "Active youth today, active leaders tomorrow."

"We're real proud of this organization," said Auld, who was 12 when the Connie Mack team won the championship in 1956. He has remained a part of the program "because I was a Seaside Kid."

Over the years, Auld said, Seaside Kids has thrived because "this community never said no."

The organization's partnership with SDDA for last year's event was successful in terms of participation and support, and Auld hopes the same for this year.

"We'd love to have people there," he said.

For more information or to register, call (503) 717-1914 or email [director@seaside-downtown.com](mailto:director@seaside-downtown.com). To find out more about Seaside Kids, visit [www.seasidekidsinc.org/](http://www.seasidekidsinc.org/).

# Cleanline Surf Shop celebrates 35th birthday

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The parking lot at Cleanline Surf Shop in Seaside was transformed by a festive atmosphere Aug. 13 for the company's 35th birthday celebration.

Featuring food, music, an in-store sale, games and giveaways, the day-long bash replicated the spirit of appreciation for community that has kept the business thriving since owner Josh Gizdavich opened it in 1980.

Compelled by the love of surfing and the need for equipment, which was difficult to obtain at the time, longtime local surfer Gizdavich established Cleanline Surf Shop to support the activity. He added a site in Cannon Beach in the mid-1990s to give more people access to the equipment they need.

As for his clientele, he said, "it's really 50/50" between local enthusiasts and tourists.

"It's visitors all summer long and the locals for the other eight months," he said.

For most of its existence, the shop was located in "a hole in the wall" further down on First Avenue, Gizdavich said. It moved locations to its current building on the corner of First Avenue and Roosevelt Drive five years ago. At that time, he said, with the

increased visibility, business picked up substantially.

Because of the support he's received, Gizdavich wanted to say thank-you in a community oriented way by hosting a public party.

Starting at noon, a portion of the parking lot outside the business was closed off to party attendees. Several vendor booths were set up for companies whose products are sold at Cleanline, such as O'Neill, HippyTree, Billabong, Quiksilver, Lib Technologies, RVCA and OluKai. The Surfrider Foundation, a collection of activists and members working toward sustaining the quality of life and environment in Oregon, also had an informational booth set up.

Live music was provided throughout the afternoon by the Beerman Creek String Band, a North Coast institution; Samsel and the Skirt, of Portland; and the Retroactive Gamma Rays, of Lincoln City.

The shop provided grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and other treats.

"I think it was a huge success," Gizdavich said. "It didn't rain. Everyone got fed."

Additionally, he said, he got to see a number of friends he hadn't in a while, celebrate the tight-knit surf community and say "thank you to all of our patrons."



Josh Gizdavich, the owner of Cleanline Surf Shop, opened the business 35 years ago, compelled by his love for the activity and the local need for equipment.

## Playing safe at the beach

### Be beach smart. Even though the beach is fun, you need to play safe.

The Oregon Coast is a great place to visit. Whether you are looking for seashells, building sand castles, or exploring tide pools, the beach can be a lot of fun.

Remember, the ocean has dangerous waves, logs, rocks and cliffs. Talk to your family and friends about how to play safe on the beach.

### Beware of rip currents

Rip currents are strong currents of water that rush out to sea. They can form on any beach that has breaking waves. If you look closely, you can see a rip current. It will have dark muddy water and be very choppy. You might see foam and other debris floating out to sea. If you see a rip current, stay away! They are very dangerous.

If you are ever caught in a rip current, don't panic. Try to relax and swim parallel to the beach. Don't try to fight the current. If you have trouble swimming, tread water and call for help.

Parents: Be sure always to watch your children closely when they are playing in and around water.

### Don't climb on drift logs

Logs on wet sand or in the water are especially dangerous. The ocean is strong enough to pick up even the biggest log and plop it down on top of you. If you see a log on wet sand, stay off of it.

### Be aware of incoming tides

Tide pools can be so interesting that you might lose track of time. Make sure you know when the tide is coming in so that you don't get stranded. Free tide tables, available at state park offices, information centers and many shops and motels, list the times of high and low tides.

### Be careful on cliffs and rocks

Ocean spray and heavy rains can make rocks and trails slippery and unsafe. Stay on marked trails and behind all fences. They are there for your safety. When hiking, make sure you wear the right type of shoes. Stay away from cliff edges. Don't stand under overhanging cliffs, which can be dangerous.

### Beware of sneaker waves

Watch out for "sneaker waves." These are waves that appear suddenly and are unusually large. They rush up on the shore with enough force to knock you down and drag you out to sea. Keep your eyes on the ocean.

### Understanding tsunamis

There are two types of tsunami warnings that you need to be aware of: a distant event and a local event.

With a distant event, you will be alerted by sirens located throughout the city. Proceed by foot and follow the posted evacuation route signs to higher ground.

With a local event, you will feel a powerful earthquake. Take immediate cover until the earthquake subsides, and then go immediately to higher ground by foot using the posted evacuation routes.



### Know who to call when you need help. In an emergency, call 911.

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