

## Gearhart Bowl fall leagues kick off soon

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Fall bowling leagues are now forming for Gearhart Bowl, 3518 Highway 101 N.

League play begins in September, and length of league varies within the different formats. There is a minimum of four people per team. If less than four, Gearhart Bowl can assist in placing bowlers with a group.

Forms are available at [www.gearhartbowl.com](http://www.gearhartbowl.com), or call 503-738-5333 for details.

The fall leagues include: The "Monday Night League" — 33 weeks, beginning Sept. 12.

Tuesday Night League includes 21 weeks of bowling, beginning Sept. 13. Wednesday Night League begins Sept. 14.

Gearhart Bowl's new "Thursday Night Football League" begins Sept. 8. In a new scoring format, the only scores that count are Strikes (touchdowns), worth seven points; and Spares (field goals), worth three points.

Gearhart Bowl's big screens will be showing Thursday Night Football during league play.

# Team 911 beats SEPRD in softball championship



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"Team 911" responded to the call last week, winning the Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District's softball league championship. The team is sponsored by Public Coast Brewing in Cannon Beach, but comprised of a significant amount of Seaside Fire Department staff and volunteers. In the championship game, Team 911 defeated "SEPRD," 12-4.

## Get teed off for a good cause in golf tourney fundraiser

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It will be a day of golf and fun at the Seaside Golf Club Saturday, Sept. 24, in the first annual Sunset Park and Recreation Golf Tournament.

The event will benefit the organization's foundation's scholarships that support "access to positive life activities for children, youth and adults" in the South County.

There will be prizes and contests throughout the tournament, with food and beverages available for purchase. Family and friends are welcome.

The golf tournament will be a four-person, 18-hole shotgun-style tournament. Tee-off time is 9 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Seaside Golf Course, 451 Avenue U.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Carts are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

E-mail [sunsetparksandrecfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetparksandrecfoundation@gmail.com) to sign up and select a tee time. Cash and checks are both accepted. Checks can be made out to Sunset Park and Recreation Foundation. Respond by Aug. 31.

# Seagull soccer gets a jump on the 2016 season

## Gulls look strong in tournament

By Gary Henley  
EO Media Group

WARRENTON — It's a long ways to November, but fans of the Seaside boys soccer team have to be encouraged with the early results.

The Gulls looked to be in mid-season form over the weekend in an annual "pre" preseason tournament.

Today is the first official day of fall sports practice, but nowadays — with summer tournaments, open gyms and conditioning camps — most teams in most sports like to get a jump on things. And some local soccer teams took it a bit further over the weekend.

The players were playing and the coaches were coaching in Astoria's annual preseason tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Lower Columbia Youth Soccer complex.

Other than a shorter time limit on games, every scrimmage looked pretty much like any regular season game.



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Seaside's Jackson Januik, right, appears to jump out of the fog in a soccer scrimmage against Henley.

Or, in this case, playoff game ... since many of the teams that took part will end up in the state playoffs a few months from now.

Participants included the Astoria, Catlin Gabel, Henley, Hidden Valley and Seaside boys; with the Astoria, Banks, Catlin Gabel, Henley, Hidden Valley and Klamath Union girls.

"It's just a brilliant tournament that (former Astoria coach) Bill

Patterson and LCYSA with Astoria puts on," said Seaside boys coach John Chapman. "There's some good schools here. Being local, we're honored to take part in some of these games.

"Going into daily doubles, it's a great opportunity to see where our boys are, what we need to work on, and where we need to focus," he said.

Chapman's team got off to a great start, as Seaside defeated Hidden Valley 4-0 Friday.

The Gulls also jumped out to a 3-0 lead over Henley, in a 9 a.m. contest Saturday morning. The Hornets — a Class 4A semifinal team last year — scored two goals in the second half, as the Gulls won 3-2.

Seaside's first goal came from Colton Carter, off a give-and-go from teammate Jackson Januik; Januik assisted on a second goal; and Irving Contreras converted a penalty kick in the closing seconds of the first half.

"That's a great league they have down there (the Skyline Conference), with Hidden Valley, Mazama, Phoenix and Henley," Chapman said. "We don't get to see those teams until a playoff situation. A little early-season flavor helps us see how those leagues do."

Seaside's main challenger in the Cowapa League could be Astoria. The Fishermen scored five first half goals in a win over Class 5A St. Helens Friday, despite not having their coach.

Tim Fastabend — who coached the Astoria boys last year and was recently named the girls' varsity

coach — was on the sidelines for both in the weekend scrimmages.

"I think the boys and the girls looked real good this weekend," Fastabend said. "It was mainly just a chance to give all the young kids a chance to play."

"These facilities are so nice, and Camp Kiwanilong was open to everybody — it's just a real nice opportunity for the North Coast to show everyone what we have," Fastabend said. "The University of Oregon women's team was here earlier in the summer, OES was here for a few days ... and we had 150 kids here this weekend."

Lee Cain will coach the Astoria boys this season, but Cain was in Mexico on a field trip with students, which included several players for the Astoria girls.

The Lady Fishermen had a nice start, as Hailey Ranta scored in the opening minutes against St. Helens Friday, before the Lions answered with five unanswered goals.

Astoria goalkeeper Lexis Law suffered a wrist injury later in the weekend, but the extent of the injury was not known.

# Visiting player's parents met while playing beach volleyball here

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On the Turnaround, New York City's Josh Sweigert and Katie Nicholls shared the energy of competition and a pitch-perfect 70-degree day on the beach with coed doubles partners Joey Burda and Katie Dyk.

Nicholls — who was making her first trip to Seaside — and Sweigert flew in for the tournament from New York City late Thursday. A three-hour delay deposited them in Portland at 4 a.m., only hours before their first matches.

The trip is an annual one for Sweigert, a Portland native, who has appeared in 16 Seaside volleyball tournaments.

"My parents actually met playing beach volleyball here, so it was kind of like part of their marriage," he said. "I grew up with it being part of my family."

Rounding out the family affair, Burda, who now lives in metro Portland, is a former volleyball teammate of Sweigert's cousin.

"This is an awesome atmosphere," Dyk, from Medford, said. "Everyone is very laid back. You just make friends with whoever's around, listen to music, hang out, play pick-up games — it's just a very fun atmosphere."

They were just a few of the 1,500 teams and 3,500 com-

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petitors. Seaside Chamber of Commerce President Brian Owen estimated more than 10,000 visitors attended the event.

Behind the scenes, organizers Thilavanh, Deng Thepharat, and Mike Griffin — "the bad boys of volleyball" — described a smooth-running event and hailed the launch of a new scheduling program. The cellphone application enables players to check online for court assignments and times, eliminating needless waits and confusion.

"The difficulties have been the newness of how we're running the format, everybody's not really familiar about going on the electronic brackets, but given a tutorial on it they're fine," Griffin said.

"The system works as planned," Thilavanh said. "People are loving that the schedule is online. There's

no center bulletin boards to worry about checking their matches. They can watch matches. It's been great."

"It's paid off in spades," Owen added. "What I'm hearing from local merchants, is that when people arrive coming off the beach, they aren't complaining not knowing when they play next, having to be stuck on the beach waiting for the bracket boards to be updated, they're actually able to shower and have lunch and



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"Bad Boy" volleyball organizer Deng Thepharat and Seaside Chamber of Commerce President Brian Owen.

come back and play their matches."

Even better, "This is probably the best weather out of my many years playing in this tournament," Thilavanh added.

"This is what we call 'Chamber of Commerce weather,'" Owen said.



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