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Kids develop soccer skills at Camp Kick-a-Lot.

Summer kicks come to Camp Kick-A-Lot

It's time to sign the kids up for Camp Kick-A-Lot at the Warrenton Soccer Complex, 1100 N.W. Ridge Road in Warrenton. The camp is a unique opportunity for kids entering first through eighth grades to learn about soccer, practice skills, dress up in costumes and have a lot of fun.

"It's all about the kids," was Jerry Boisvert's motto when he started the camp 22 years ago. Justin Gagnon plans to carry on the tradition and honor the legacy of Boisvert, who died in January.

There are two sessions. Session 1 is from 2 to 5 p.m. July 16 to 20. Session 2 is

from 4 to 7 p.m. July 23 to 27. Registration is \$75 for one session or \$120 for both sessions until June 30. After June 30, registration is \$90 for one session and \$135 for both sessions.

Campers receive a soccer ball, enjoy a different theme each day, learn the fundamentals of soccer and interact with energetic counselors.

Camp Kick-A-Lot is sponsored by the nonprofit Lower Columbia Soccer Association. Registration for fall soccer is also open. For information, see lcsyasoc.com. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/lcsya>.

Seaside names Tanabe high school athletic director

By Gary Henley
Seaside Signal

Seaside High School has filled a couple of vacancies in the athletic department, as the Gulls head into the summer season.

Aaron Tanabe has been hired as the school's new athletic director, and Demi Lund will take over as the varsity volleyball coach.

Both were approved at a school board meeting June 19.

Tanabe replaces Jason Boyd, the longtime athletic director who is now the vice principal at Seaside High School. And Lund replaces Eric Huntsman as the Gulls' volleyball coach.

Tanabe comes to Seaside after serving as an offensive and defensive line football coach at Valley Catholic for the last four years.

He played football and baseball at Hilo High School in Hilo, Hawaii. That was followed by two years of college football at Southern Oregon before he transferred to Linfield College, where he played his junior and senior years.

Before coming to Valley Catholic in 2014, Tanabe coached at Amity High School. He also taught phys-



MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Seaside's new varsity volleyball coach Demi Lund, when she starred at Mt. Hood Community College.

ical education and health at Jason Lee School in Portland.

At Seaside, he will also teach and serve as an assistant football coach to Jeff Roberts, who also played at Linfield.

"I wasn't a teammate (at Linfield), but I got the chance to know him and had the opportunity to coach against him when he was at Valley Catholic," Roberts said. "He's a young man who's driven, who's coached and played different sports.

"We're looking forward to having his positive attitude in the building, and I think he's



VALLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Aaron Tanabe will take over as athletic director at Seaside High School on Aug. 1.

looking forward to coming to a place where sports are big for the kids, and the community is involved with the school."

Boyd added, "He was looking for an opportunity to be an athletic director, so he's been training, shadowing (Valley Catholic athletic director) Joel Sobotka for the last year."

Getting the Seaside job "allowed him to stay in the area and gives him a student population he could identify with, and a place where he feels he can put down some roots," Boyd said.

Meanwhile, Demi Lund (formerly Demi Belshe) was a volleyball player at Mt. Hood Community College and Car-

roll College in Montana, after a prep career at Roseburg High School. She is married to Astoria High School graduate Dane Lund.

Joining Lund on the Seaside coaching staff will be junior varsity coach Paul Whittle and JV II coach Becky Botkins.

Lund "has done some coaching at Crescent Valley, and last year was a volunteer at Broadway Middle School," Boyd said. "Paul Whittle played some USA club volleyball after high school, so he has good experience. And Becky Botkins is highly motivated, highly organized and works really well with kids."

Another position the Gulls must fill will be varsity baseball coach, following the recent resignation of Joel Dierickx after 21 years as the Seaside coach.

"If the right applicant fell into our laps, we would have some interviews, but right now we want to see what's out there," Boyd said. "We'd like to leave it open for now, because it's important for Aaron to be part of that hiring process."

Tanabe will officially take over as athletic director Aug. 1.

Stember, Loberg capture junior amateur titles at tournament

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Portland's Nate Stember and Olivia Loberg of Bend were the big winners Friday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

The two junior golfers earned titles on the final day of the 88th Bob Norquist Oregon Junior Amateur Championship, held Monday through Friday at the country club.

Stember won the junior boys division (age 16-18), while Loberg won the girls' division (age 15-18). The victories earned Stember and Loberg the title of Oregon Junior Amateur champions.

Stember played Johnny Ward of Lake Oswego in Friday's match play final. The two golfers were each coming off state titles in May.

Stember — who competes for Lincoln High School — took medalist honors in the Class 6A state championship, while Ward was a member of Jesuit High School's state-winning team.

The two players went back-and-forth in Friday's championship match, with Ward going into the 17th hole 1-up. Stember won No. 17 to even the match, and both players had birdie putts on the par-4 18th. Ward left his first putt short by five feet, while Stember hit his three feet past the hole.

Ward missed his par opportunity, while Stember drained his short putt to win his first



CLOCKWISE, FROM ABOVE Olivia Loberg of Bend won the girls' age 15-18 division.

Winner Nate Stember, right, greets Johnny Ward at the conclusion of the Friday, June 29, match at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

The match play winners from the Oregon Junior Amateur championship: Olivia Loberg, Lucas Vanderlip, Nate Stember, Natalie Yen, Ethan Tseng, Jacinda Lee, Adam Wrenn.

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Oregon Junior Amateur title.

Stember will be a senior at Lincoln, and was a member of last year's Team Oregon at the prestigious Eddie Hogan Cup team matches, and earlier this summer qualified for the 2018 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship.

The girls' final was between

Loberg and recent Tigard High School graduate Victoria Gailey. The two golfers went to the 18th hole tied.

Gailey had a long birdie attempt, hitting it past the hole by four feet. Loberg left herself a five-foot putt for par. Both players made par, and the match went to extra holes. On



the 19th, Loberg won the hole and the match.

Loberg is a rising junior at Summit High School in Bend. She won her second-consecutive Class 5A individual state championship in May.

A few local golfers made it to Friday's finals.

In the junior boys' cham-

Also in the second flight, Cameron Krauss topped Seaside's Conner Merrell, 5&4. Merrell won a third flight match, 5&4, over Thomas Gray, before Alex Plummer defeated Merrell, 3&1.

In the boys' age 14-15 championship flight bracket, Brandon Eyre defeated Seaside's Carson Kawasoe, 1-up. Kawasoe responded with a 2&1 win over Cole Rueck in the first flight, but lost 1-up to Andrew Reinhardt in the third round.

In the same age bracket, Collin Hodgkinson defeated Seaside's Curtis Kunde, 4&2, in the second round of the second flight.

The results of championship matches in each division:

Junior boys: Nate Stember (Portland) def. Johnny Ward (Lake Oswego) 1-up.

Girls: Olivia Loberg (Bend) def. Victoria Gailey (Tigard) 19 holes.

Boys: Ethan Tseng (Portland) def. Brody Marconi (Portland) 1-up.

Intermediate girls: Jacinda Lee (Camas, Wash.) def. Kyra Ly (Portland) 2&1.

Intermediate boys: Adam Wrenn (Lake Oswego) def. Tye Dechativong (Beaverton) 1-up.

Pee Wee girls: Natalie Yen (West Linn) def. Cassie Kennon (Bandon) 1-up.

Pee Wee Boys: Lucas Vanderlip (Gold Beach) def. Drew Woolworth (Lake Oswego) 6&5.

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on myself to turn those insecurities into strengths," she said. "I wanted to feel confident in my own skin to help others do the same."

Kennedy Hjelte, of Tualatin, who competed as Three Rivers Outstanding Teen, won the title of Miss Oregon's Outstanding Teen and will also progress to Atlantic City.

Neither Miss Clatsop County Haylie Moon, of Cannon Beach, or Miss North Coast Aubrey McMahan, of Knappa, progressed to the semifinals.

Miss Lane County Hannah Garhofer, who is from Seaside, landed in the top five, claiming fourth runner-up.

Garhofer has been competing on and off in the pag-

nant system since she was 13, and was thankful for another opportunity.

"This program has raised me," she said.

While she didn't get the crown this time, Garhofer said to expect her back on the stage.

"I'm competitive," she said. "I'm not going to stop."

Ballard's platform about confidence and positive body image was particularly relevant, as much of the evening's tone was colored by recent decisions made by the Miss America Organization to rebrand the competition around scholarship by nixing the swimsuit portion and relaxing evening wear standards.

The decision was met with mixed reviews.

For CC Barber, who won Miss Oregon in 2009 and co-hosted the evening, winning a preliminary award for her performance in swimsuit during the Miss America pageant was another avenue to be recognized.

"Had there not been lifestyle and fitness maybe I wouldn't have been able to shine a little bit," Barber said. "It's been about being fit and having stamina to do the job."

Harley Emery, Miss Oregon in 2017, saw the change in the organization as welcome.

"I hope it shows the competition is really focused on intelligence and confidence and communication skills," Emery said. "I think it will change public perception."



R.J. MARX

Taylor Ballard after being selected as the 2018 Miss Oregon.

Ballard sits at the intersection of these two perspectives. Like her own journey suggests, it comes down to finding what gives you confidence.



EVE MARX

Miss Oregon Princesses march in Seaside last Saturday afternoon.

"I've seen the upsides and the downsides of swimsuit," she said. "I've never been more confident in my own skin than on this stage. But I see the direction of

the program and why it's moving that way to be more inclusive. It's a scholarship program, and ultimately, it's about empowering other women."