

## GOLFERS 'CHIP IN' FOR GOOD CAUSE



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More than 70 golfers participated in this year's Siuslaw Open, held at Florence Golf Links.

## 'Chip In' Cont.

The annual Siuslaw Open Golf Tournament was held Sept. 8 at Florence Golf Links, benefitting Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS).

The event was sponsored by Oregon Pacific Bank, Abel Insurance, Florence Dental Clinic, PeaceHealth, Banner Bank and Johnston Motors.

Seventy-two golfers converged on Florence Golf Links to raise more than \$11,000 that will go to help support families and individuals who face various forms of crisis in the Siuslaw region.

For the first time, the tournament used the Calloway scoring system.

Team Mans of Justin Mans, AJ Davidson, Jeff Noonan and Jake Wells came in first place with a team score of 56.

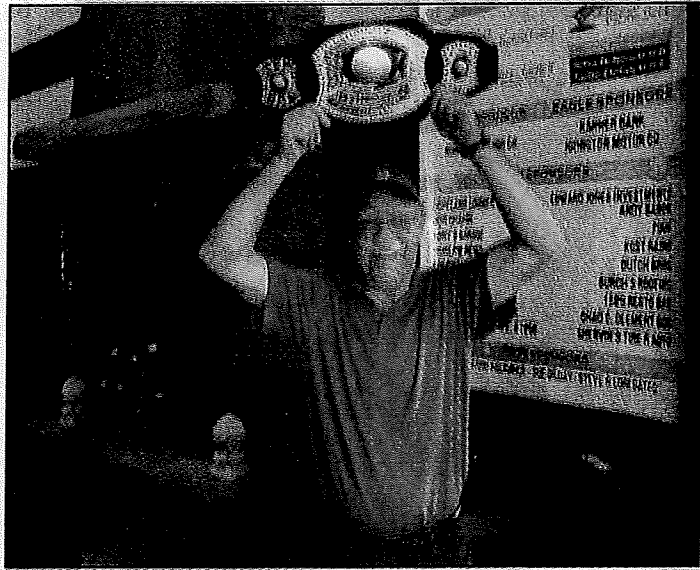
Team Mulligans from Eugene, consisting of Marcutio Carcamo, Mark Chase, Johnny Fox and Jonothan Backer, came in a close second with a score of 57.

Longest Drive was won by Caryn Barab and Nick Decker. Each received a \$50 gift certificate to 1285 Resto Bar.

AJ Davidson won the closest to the pin on the eighth hole.

The coveted putting contest saw a rematch of last year's final between Robert Ybarra and Rick Yecny. Last year, Ybarra won the competition in a "putt-off" with Yecny. This year, however, Yecny went on to win the competition outright.

Dixon Golf was back again to showcase its products and give golfers a chance to win



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**Rick Yecny holds up his Putting Contest belt after winning this year's contest. Last year he lost in a "putt-off."**

golf clubs and gift certificates. New this year was the "Chip In For the Cause" chipping Contest." Golfers were given three attempts to chip off the back patio of the clubhouse 55 feet downhill to three kiddie pools full of water.

If they successfully landed any one of their chips in the pool, they received a \$30 gift certificate donated by Florence Golf Links.

There were six golfers that were successful in hitting their target. The chipping contest was such a big hit that some golfers stayed after the tournament to give it another try.

Grocery Outlet, Ninkasi Brewery, Fred Meyer and individuals provided drinks and snack for the golfers, and the hamburger lunch was provided by The Grill at Florence Golf Links.

Other sponsors of the event

included: Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate, Copeland Lumber, Siuslaw News, Dutch Bros, Chad E. Clement DDS, Edward Jones Investments, Burch's Roofing, Tony's Garage, Don Chapin, Shervin's Tire & Auto, Florence Elks Lodge, KCS Radio, Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, State Farm Insurance-Sue Gilday, Steve & Lori Gates and the SOS Board of Directors.

SOS Executive Director, Bob Teter said, "I want to thank all the sponsors, volunteers, staff, tournament host Florence Golf Links and general manager Rick Reed and his wonderful crew and especially the planning committee of Justin Young, Andy Johnson, Rick Yecny and Dr. Brian Holmes."