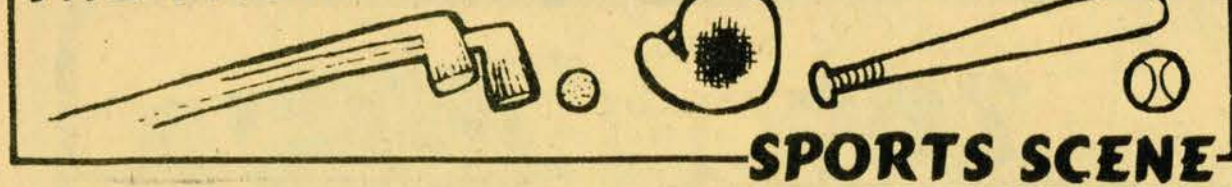
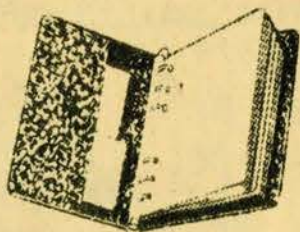


THE FACTS



Sports Record Book

by Brian Jaybush



THE 'GOLDEN' RULE

If Bill Muncey curses women drivers on the highway, what's he going to do on the high seas?

Well, maybe not exactly the high seas, but on the racecourses for the Gold Cup unlimited hydroplane race at Tri-Cities July 27 and Seafair August 3, Muncey and the other unlimited hydro drivers may have cause to blast their horns and yell, "Woman Driver!" as they roar past the Salami Special hydro (sponsored by the Oberto Sausage Co., if you're wondering). Because, as of now, the person the Oberto people want to drive their speedboat is Ms. Patricia Clotta.

"I'm not in this because of women's lib," says Mrs. Clotta, 32, mother of two children. "I've wanted to be given this chance for a long time, but nobody would let me in before. It's not just a spur of the moment thing. I feel that if a woman can do something, she should be given the chance to do it. I think a woman should maintain her femininity. But... women should be allowed the same opportunities as men."

However sympathetic George Byers, Chairman of the Unlimited Racing Commission, might be, he sees an immediate problem with Mrs. Clotta's appointment as chief pilot for the Salami Special. No, it's not the usual you would expect, of finding separate dressing rooms or that the job's too tough or whatever. It seems that the fact Mrs. Clotta is a woman doesn't bother Byers at all. The problem is very simple: a "Golden" rule, "There is nothing in the Rule Book about women," Byers says. But...

"In order to be allowed to drive in a Gold Cup race, you must have driven at least one unlimited heat within the past two years. It has nothing to do with whether or not the driver is a woman. Under our rules she simply would not be qualified."

Mrs. Clotta has never before driven a hydroplane; in fact, she admits to never having driven anything faster than a water-skier tow boat. But, she says, she has "spent a lot of time around the pits."

All hope is not lost, though; there is a way around the "Golden" rule. "The only way I can see that the rule might be waived," Commissioner Byers says, "is if the driver has a good history, a good background, in driving limited inboards. This is something the drivers have to vote on."

"If they feel a man (sic) has a good background and they want him to be allowed to race, then the rule can be waived. Otherwise, they're going to have to find another driver."

At least, for the Gold Cup. None of this hassle applies to the Seafair race August 3; if the Oberto people want Mrs. Clotta, or anyone else for that matter, to pilot their boat in Seattle, he, she or it will be welcome.

Of course, it might help if he, she or it would put up some money to help cover the new \$75,000 the City of Seattle has suddenly decided it wants Seafair to pay for maintenance and crowd control. Otherwise there might not be a Seafair race. Of hydroplanes anyway.

I wonder if Mrs. Clotta would like to try her luck at barebacking in a dolphin race?

International Little League News

by Harold Pilkington

FIFTH ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC A SUCCESS!

Lake Wilderness was the scene of our Fifth Annual Family Picnic last Saturday, July 12, with everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoying themselves!

Arriving late because of a meeting with All-Star officials in White Center, yours truly gussed down generous amounts of the following: hamburgers, potato chips, potato salad, tossed green salad, hot dogs, fried chicken, cake, cookies, watermelon, and a beverage! Whew, where's the Alka-Seltzer?

And then the highlight of the afternoon--a family softball game--men vs the women, and then coaches vs the players in the second contest. Everyone was laughing and having loads of fun in these games.

Previous to the games, Mr. Henry Donaldson who coaches the Broadway Kiwanis Mets, was presented a plaque for his continued dedication and support to the youth of the International Little League. Mr. Donaldson is the elder statesman of our league, however, one of the youngest at heart! He accepted the plaque graciously and with all modesty by thanking us for our thoughtfulness. He said he didn't know how long Father Time would allow him to be around. Mr. Donaldson, we wish for you many more years in the coaching ranks molding the youth of our community!

Playing softball for nearly three hours and enjoying every minute of it, especially the antics of coaches, players, parents and friends, I called an end to a perfect day with my fellow coaches and friends.

Aqua Facts

Andrew W. Cole, Jr.



Last week and from time to time, I have given definitions of specific terms related to Aqua (water) Facts. Also from time to time I will include inserts of safety tips related to water environments. The reason for these practices is due to the fact in circulating among the people around the Pacific Northwest, they give me feedback on my articles and relate to me that two of the most important areas that need educational attention are the definition of unfamiliar words and the first aid factor related to being around water.

Safety note of the week-----Don't swim alone. Swim in supervised areas and with someone who is capable of giving you an assist if trouble develops.

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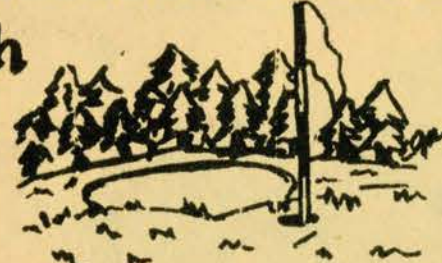
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Swing with Fir State GOLF

by Bill Bell



Again, we had an excellent picnic at Spanaway Park. The weather was cooperative, and hundreds of people crawled across the landscape, including having to content with a country and western show most of the day. Many of the golfers participating in the club play claimed the awful racket affected their play, perhaps accounting for many of the atrocious scores. Fifty players turned out for the golf play, later joining family and friends for another soulful picnic. There were prizes for Low Gross, Low Net, Long Drive, and Closest to Hole for men and women. Among the women, Iris Valley did her thing by taking the Low Gross honors. Mary Valmore won low net. For the Long Drive, Mrs. Vera Wright, daughter of Oliver Keyes, one of our club members, really smashed one. She is quite a golfer, and if the duties of mother of two tots permits, hopefully she will join our other excellent women players more often. On the tricky little par 3, 110 yard 14th hole, Dorothy McKnight planted a shot seven feet from the hole to win closest to hole honors.

Among the men participants, Al Hainston continued his assault on par by slipping to three over par 75 to take low gross honors. Low net went to Pete Costello who netted 69, shooting a gross score of 76. Roscoe Richmond broke his back on the Long Drive for 0-9 handicappers, bombing one 300 plus yards. The contention is he used an illegal ball, but if one looks at him, he's about the size of an interior guard for the Green Bay Packers. Roscoe, Art Stanley, Jim Benton, Oscar Flowers, and Bob Duckworth could match any professional football line in size and strength. They are awesome (we could toss Ozzie Moore and John Valley in there too, but they might perish). Bryant Andrews unleashed a massive drive also to win long drive among 10-15 handicappers. The 16 and up handicappers did not sign the marker, suggesting no one hit one in the fairway, or they were all short knockers. Fitzgerald Beaver saved his best shot for closest to hole honors, dropping his ball only three feet from the stick on the tough 165 yard par 3 seventeenth hole. He then knocked in the putt for a birdie and picked up quite a few "marbles" (ask Tony Bowser).

The third round of the Club Championship was also played at Spanaway. Team Captain Harvey Potter reports the scores of the nine competitors were absolutely atrocious. Wallace Montgomery continues to lead by two strokes over M. Harrison, four over W. Ponder, eleven over Bill Butler, fourteen over Bill Bell, fifteen over J.J. Jackson, seventeen over John Valley, twenty eight over Hamp Allen and thirty four over Paul Dillard. So, either Wallace is playing extraordinarily well, or the rest of us stink.

Harvey Potter wishes to remind club members to complete their President's and Captain's Cup plays according to the schedule - as posted at the clubhouse - or face disqualification. Applications for the Fir State tournament in August are available at the club house on Empire Way. Sign up early to avoid confusion. Don't forget the Eastside Club tournament this month locally, and the Leisure Hour affair in Portland August 3, 4, 5. Congratulations go out to the Hampton Allens who are to celebrate 32 years of wedded bliss this week. Mrs. Allen is especially to be commended for her ability to keep Hamp in harness for these many years, for "he's a jolly good fellow." If you don't believe it, ask him. My apologies to John Valley for suggesting his wife, Iris, is quite a lady for remaining with him for so many years. He was really upset over this. So, I take it all back and suggest instead I can now understand why Iris is the "irrepressible" lady she is to have survived so long.

Glad Martha West is back playing regularly after an illness. I apologize for not having the names of a couple others reported ill, but a speedy recovery to all those shut in. Don't forget your assessment for the club house. We really need your help if this is to be a successful venture. Let's not be a typical you-know-what group. Let's make this go. So until next week, keep your feet on the ground, and quit your b-----.

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Sportin' Life

by Dennis J. Harrington



to the Class A club in his home habitat and subsequently finished 11-6 on the season. Some 12 months hence his record had dipped to 9-3 with the Idaho Falls team, this slight decrease in effectiveness due primarily to an incidence of arm trouble.

The following annum he started every other day, a practice supposedly initiated by a Bengal scouting executive with the end object being to determine the durability of his wing for possible future promotion to the parent nine. Needless to say, the soreness that had plagued him the summer previous returned with a vengeance and by schedule's termination his overworked appendage hung limp as a beached mackerel. Upon completion of the exhibition slate the next spring when no offer of advancement was forthcoming and his muscle miseries persisted he quit the game in disgust. Embittered, he vowed never to have anything to do with the Doubleday innovation again. But the infinite has a habit of pre-empting the resolve of humankind and this would be the outcome in Williams' case.

Within a short time of joining the Bakersfield Sanitation Department he earned an appointment to supervisor, a position which served to support his growing family for a span of 12 years. During the latter half of his tenure in the used food business he began umpiring Little League contests as a reluctant concession to a competing son. Before long he moved up to the high school level and still later undertook the calling of collegiate games. In the winter of 1969 he journeyed to St. Petersburg, Fla. as an enrollee in the Major League Umpire Development Program and immediately impressed the instructors with his poise and knowledge of the "blue-bird" profession. That spring he accepted employment with a minor league in the Northwest and a new career had been born.

While laboring in a Class A circuit a year hence he was personally singled out for commendation by Fred Fleig, director of umpires for the National League, and in January of 1971 received an invite to work the major league spring training schedule. He went to Texas for Double A duties in April just to shift a month thereafter to the International League, the last rung on the ladder to the bright lights, and remained there throughout the 1972 slate. That fall he and his wife Shirley were preparing to leave for Hawaii and an assignment in the Little World Series when the telephone rang. Within moments his future submitted to drastic alteration. The big top beckoned and, at this writing, he is embroiled in his third campaign in the National League.

Despite the attention and publicity accorded him most recently his basic philosophy continues unchanged. The word "overhustle", a self-coined description, permeates his speech when conversation concerns goals achieved and the means proposed for maintaining their acquisition. In all the areas of his life this term constitutes a pervading theme. Art Williams, a black man who having made it now fully intends to confirm the status quo.

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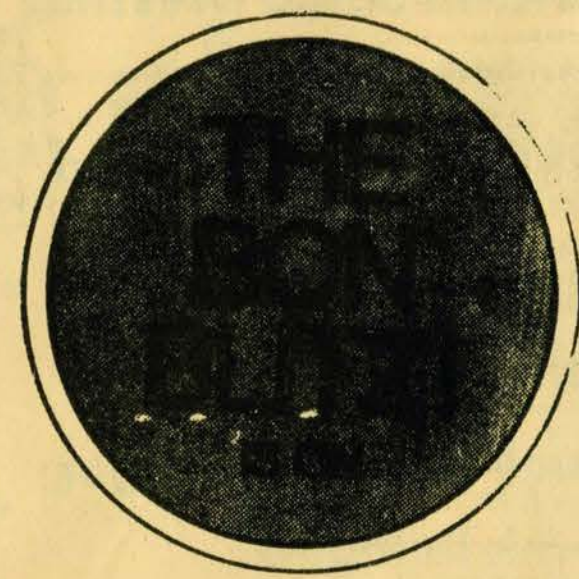
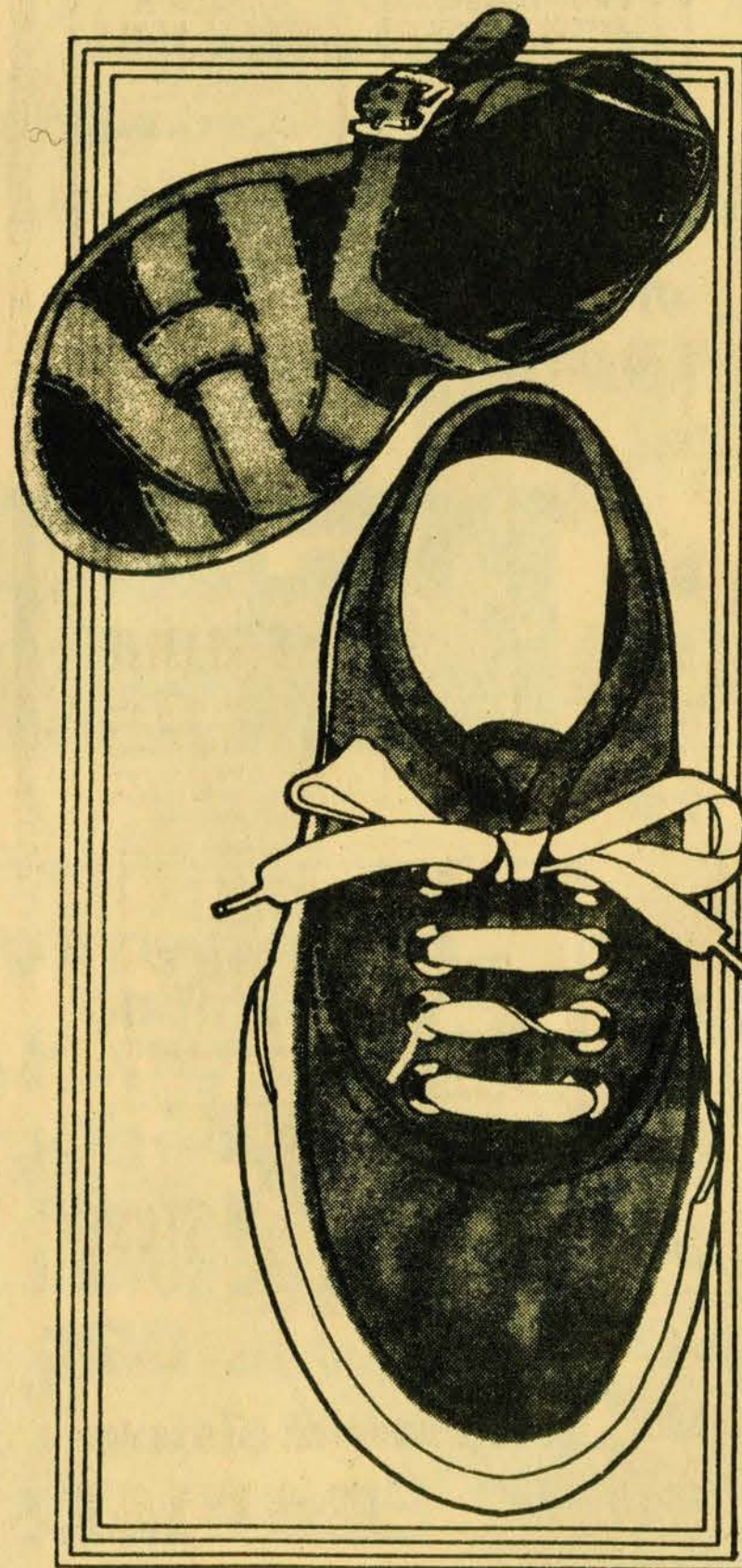
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