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Slice of Life a swinging time

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Sugar Hills Golf Club provided golfers with good spirits, good weather and good fun Sunday as the 14th Annual Slice of Life Golf Tournament was in full swing.

Saturday's wind eased up to provide a great day for golf Sunday. All teams had smiles on their faces and good times on their minds. Seventeen special guests attended the tournament along with 34 local and out of town players.

Denver Broncos alum Wade Manning, a first-time Slice of Life participant, said he came into town early Friday morning to tour the Goodland Regional Medical Center. Manning and his family came out from Denver to enjoy the event.

"It was nice to see the outpatient hospital facility," he said, "and learn about who they treat and where the fund-raising dollars are going."

Laughing and cheering could be heard all around the course, with players enjoying the scramble play and easygoing spirit of the fund-raising game.

"People are very friendly and accommodating," said Ted McKnight, a Kansas City Chiefs Ambassador who has been participating in the event for the last three years. "It is always a pleasure."

Nita McClung was happy to be part of the event.

"It is going great," she said, "and I'm having a ball playing with the

people from Denver we were teamed up with."

As the day progressed and lunch was served, the players got some energy back to finish up the last half. After getting a bite to eat, Broncos alum John Grant smiled, saying, "There are great people and always a lot of fun, and if I could just make a few putts, I would be in heaven."

As the clubhouse filled up and players cooled off, the door prizes and flight announcements began.

In the Acute Flight, the team coming in first was Randy Topliiff, Brent Linin and J.J. Lauby with a score of 57. Mike Elliott, Ben Williams and Chuck Osborne also came in with a score of 57. Rounding out the flight was Dr. Steve Henson, Charlie Ballard and Ron Drinkhouse with a score of 59.

Chronic Flight members in-

cluded the first-place team of Ron Lucas, Jeff Flora, and Roger Saf scoring 66. Coming in second were Alan Townsend, Don Woodburn and Jim Bachman, also with a 66. Third in the flight were Jerry Fairbanks, Ron Pickman and Gary Schlosser with a score of 67.

In the co-ed Malingerer Flight, first place winners were Darwin, Nita and Ryan McClung, posting a 67. Carol McClure, Matt Schields and Dawn Schlosser's team score came in at 69. Finishing out the flight were Jeff Smith, Jaylene Smith and Frank Leydens with a team score of 70.

First place in the women's Malady Flight went to Kim Newell, Carolyn Richards and Christy Kern at 67. A tie occurred for the second and third in the flight among Ramona Livengood, Penny

Livengood and Connie Sheldon, and the team of Mary Ann Elliott, Joyce Moore and Tammy Neal, with both teams scoring 68.

"Everything went great," said Dale Schields, human resources director at the hospital. "There were a few less teams this year, but that meant no waiting on the course. We appreciate everyone who came out to play. We are happy; it is a great event that benefits the hospital."

Brenda McCants, hospital patient relations director, was the social and benefit auction chairperson for the event.

"Overall," she said, "the event was successful. We had a lot of participants. That says a lot about our community and everyone who supports rural health care."



Deb Ihring was congratulated by Marty Moore, wife of Lt. Gov. John Moore, for making the longest put of 24 feet on hole 4 during the 14th Annual Slice of Life Golf Tournament held Sunday at Sugar Hills Golf Course. Photo by Shannon Davidson/The Goodland Star-News

Legion pitching shuts down Ellis

The Goodland American Legion team held Ellis scoreless for a 4-0 shutout behind the pitching of Landon West on Wednesday.

The next action for the American Legion team will as hosts of the Levi Hayden Memorial Tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

Goodland will open the tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday, when they face Calhan, Colo. At 11 a.m., it will be Ellis vs. Wray; 1:30 p.m. Academy Charter vs. Calhan; 3:30 p.m. Goodland vs. Ellis; and 6 p.m. Wray vs. Academy Charter.

Sunday the games start at 8 a.m. with Academy Charter vs. Ellis; 10 a.m. Wray vs. Goodland; 12:30 p.m. Ellis vs. Calhan; 2:30 p.m. Goodland vs. Academy Charter; and 5 p.m. Calhan vs. Wray.

Proceeds from the tournament are used to fund the Levi Hayden Memorial Scholarship, given to a Goodland American Legion senior baseball player.

West pitched the full seven innings against Ellis and faced 29 batters. He gave up four hits, had 12 strike outs and walked five.

The game was scoreless until Goodland got two runs in the fifth. They added two more in the sixth when West singled, Matt Kuhlman had a triple and Wyatt Dautel had a double.

Ellis's best chance of scoring came in the sixth, when they had back-to-back singles, but the lead runner was thrown out at home. Goodland had the Ellis runner in a pickle between first and second when the Ellis runner on third tried to steal home. First baseman Jacob Johnson saw the runner heading for home and threw to catcher Kuhlman to preserve the shutout.



Jacob Johnson made it back to first base safely after an attempting to steal second during an American Legion game against Ellis on Wednesday. Photo by Liz West / The Goodland Star-News

recreation softball scores

The weather is playing havoc with the summer sports schedules and many games are having to be rescheduled because of the rains.

Scores from the games that have been played are

Thursday, June 12

Girls Major

Witzel and Rhea 21, Bankwest 9

Boys Rookie

American Family Insurance 7, Gambinos 4

Coed

Poling Chiropractic 5, Hitchcock 8

First National Bank 3, Mangus Irrigation 15

Monday, June 16

Girls Major

Bankwest 7, Witzel & Rhea 16

Bankwest 9, Crazy R's 19

Finley Motors 11, Crazy R's 4

Boys Rookie

Snappy Snack 10, VFW 11

Gambinos 1, Basgall Construction 11

American Family Insurance 9, Basgall Construction 17

Topside Coed

Janelle's Team 10, Forest's Team 13

Nathan's Team 6, Janelle's Team 7

Janelle's Team 3, Andrea's Team 4

Tuesday, June 17

Men's

Century Feeders 14, Wane's Carpet 9

Wane's Carpet 8, First National Bank 10

Lonny's Quality Auto Body 17, Northern Sun 10

B&K Pumping 8, Tex-Mex 14

B&K Pumping 1, Bud Light 16

Bud Light 17, Northern Sun 19

Century Feeders 7, Tex-Mex 23

Lonny's Quality Auto Body 20, First National Bank 0

Girls Rookie

Dinkel Law Office 10, Dependable Glass 2

Yost Farm Supply 2, VFW 11

Goodland Elks 10, Heartland Carriers 11

Boys Minor

First National Bank 6, Applebees Golf Carts 3

First National Bank 1, The Framing Place 11

Unruh Family Chiropractic 0, The Framing Place 11

summer ball schedule

The summer sports schedule has been jumbled by the recent rains, and many games had to be rescheduled. All games are at Centennial Park.

Schedules for the week

Today

Vo-Tech softball day 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Men's, Boys Minor, and Girls Rookie, scheduled games.

Wednesday:

Co-ed, Boys Major, and 12 and under fastpitch scheduled games.

Thursday:

Make up games for this night include — Coed games from June 11, First National Bank, Bowladium Lanes, Mangus Irrigation, Garcia's Home Furnishings, Poling Chiropractic, and Kears Party Mix. These games will start at 6:30 pm on the northeast and southeast fields.

Girls Major games from June 2 will be made up on the northwest field starting at 5:30 p.m. Teams involved in are Bankwest, Finley Motors and Crazy R's.

Girls Rookie games from June 10 will start at 5:30 for Goodland Elks and Dinkle Law Office.

The boys rookie league will follow starting at 7 p.m.. These are from the June 9 games for VFW, Gambinos, and Basgall Construction. Basgall and VFW will play at 7 p.m. and VFW/Gambinos at 8:15. There will be a K-18 game at Memorial Park.

Friday

There will be a 14 and under fastpitch game against Wray on the southwest field

Saturday

"This is where it gets interesting," said Jason Hickson, city parks and recreation director. "We are having to play some games on a Saturday, to make up the games that have been postponed this summer."

Games will be start at 9 a.m. and the last game will be played start at 11:30 a.m.

On the northeast field will be girls major games from June 9. Boys Rookie games will be on the southeast field from June 2. There will be Boys Major on the northwest field from June 4th.

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