

The Niners

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We reminisce on childhood during scramble



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The Niners' first scramble for 2024 was truly an innovative one. The theme was "When I grow up, I want to be a Niner" and indeed it followed that concept with things that made us remember what it was like to be a kid again! Playing a hole using PeeWee clubs, provided to us by the First Tee in Gladstone, was the first challenge reminding us of how tiny we were at 5 or 6 years old. At lunch we played a game where you had to match childhood pictures to the adult Niner. It was such a joy to see the sweet and playful personalities of our youth.

The Niners are proud supporters of the Wilsonville High School Girls Golf Team and want to congratulate them on a successful 2024 season. For the third year in a

row, the Wildcats are conference champions. As for the players, Layla was player of the year again and Evie and Madeline finished second and third in league respectively. In addition, Charbonneau Golf Club's General Manager and Golf Professional Chris Bensel was awarded coach of the year for the third year in a row.

As in earlier issues, highlighting new members is important. This month I would like to introduce Kristina Brown. Before coming to Charbonneau, Kristina lived along the Columbia River on Hayden Island. When she decided to move her family's remodeling business, Chrystal Remodeling, to Wilsonville, moving to Charbonneau, which had always been on her radar, became a reality. It helped that her kids and grandkids live in the vicinity. She continues to work part-time for the business along with her husband. An interesting fact is that for a while they lived on a private airport in Estacada. That seems like an everyday place to live, right? Maybe so when your husband is a pilot. She was encouraged to become a Niner by her neighbors, and we are awfully glad she listened to them.

Our next event, a scramble with a Halloween theme, will take place on May 11. Who knows what will be in store for the Niners. For me, my golf game is scary enough!