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Neskowin Residents Rally to Save Historic Golf Course

Small coastal non-profit raises nearly half of the \$910,000 needed to purchase the golf course

TILLAMOOK, ORE., 27 August 2015— The historic Neskowin Beach Golf Course (NBGC) is a community hub for the Neskowin villagers. A group of local golfers joined forces, with other members of the community, to brainstorm ways they could keep the golf course open after the prior owner decided to close down the ninehole, par 34 course last May. This summer, the NBGC group formed a nonprofit organization through which they are raising funds to buy the course, as well as maintain it.

The group asserts that community ownership will permit the innovative use of the course facilities, so residents of Neskowin village can enjoy the historical space for future community events. "It really is an amazing story. It's a great example of how a whole community can pull together to keep something historic alive for our future generations," says Jeff Linman, NBGC board member.

The new NBGC board-run organization has worked hard to raise more than \$450,000 toward the \$910,000 it needs to purchase the 83-year-old course, clubhouse and manager's residence. Those funds, all raised this summer, are largely from 240 households, all of which were given membership to the golf course.

In early August, the NBGC organization finalized the purchase agreement with the previous owner. Now it just needs to generate the remainder of funds, hire a manager and continue to maintain the course.

Currently, the NBGC group is running the golf course on an entirely volunteer basis, from mowing the greens, to working in the clubhouse, and everything in between. In the meantime, the group continues to host community events, such as free movie nights, disc golf, and croquet tournaments, as well as raise money for the cause.

The Board of Directors and golf committee members welcome the opportunity to answer questions and can be reached by email at NBGC@neskowinbeachgolf. To learn more, follow NBGC news on the group's Facebook page www.facebook.com/neskowinbeachgolfcourse and website at www.neskowinbeachgolf.com or call 503.392.3677.

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