



### **Golden Spike Driving Contest**

The Golden Spike Driving Contest was conceived to provide the public with an educational glimpse into the art of track laying. It takes skill, concentration and muscle to drive four metal spikes into a square metal plate on a railroad tie. This is a timed event. There are two divisions, professional and amateur.

You will be amazed at the quickness and the rhythm these contestants develop through the course of the competition. They start with a large sweeping arch with the spike maul, and gradually lower the arch to a rhythmic movement of their wrists and upper body in a tight compact position. This great event provides an educational and entertaining glimpse into our colorful railroad history.

Join us for the Golden Spike Driving Contest following the Golden Spike Parade on Saturday during Portola Railroad Days.