

Sports

One sweet bike ride



With lots of hills and unpredictable weather, the Salem Bicycle Club's annual Peach of a Century is a real tester to wrap up the summer. FILE PHOTO

Salem's 'Peach of a Century' event coming Aug. 26

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Registration is open for the Salem Bicycle Club's annual season-finale Peach of a Century bicycle rides August 26 on routes designed to see how much you got in shape during the summer.

The ride, which begins and ends

at Chemeketa Community College, is in its 32nd year.

The Peach is not a race but offers multiple fully-supported rides. There is a full-century 100-mile, 76-mile metric-century, and a 66-mile route.

Each ride features rest stops that include food, water, sports drinks, restrooms and friendly vol-

unteers. There will be a piece of fresh locally made peach pie at the end.

Riders can register at salembicycleclub.org. Registration forms are available at the local bicycle shops around Salem. Pre-registration deadline is August 17. There will be day-of-ride registration. For more information email:

peach@salembicycleclub.org

The Peach is a major fundraiser for the non-profit education, advocacy and touring Salem Bicycle Club. Cost: \$30 adult, \$8 for 18 and younger accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is a \$2 discount for bike club members. You also can order a sandwich to be delivered to the Stayton rest stop for \$7.50. Optional commemorative long-sleeve T-shirt is an additional \$18.

Need a fishing license? There's an app for that



Fishing

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This could be right out of the "dog ate my homework" excuses file.

Beginning with the 2019 fishing and hunting license and tag cycle, Oregon is going to an electronic licensing system.

You will be able to buy those documents as well as validations online and download them directly via a mobile app to your smartphone or tablet.

Once on your device, the app works even when it is offline, which also allows you to electronically record fishing and hunting success on the tags on the app while on the water or in the field.

Or you can go old school and print your documents on your home or office printer and fill them out the traditional

way with a pen.

So no more waiting for documents that you ordered online or by fax to arrive in the mail.

And procrastinators (we're not mentioning any names, you understand) no longer have to look for an agent at 0-dark-30 to buy a shellfish license en route to the beach or bay, said Jay Remy, the deputy administrator in the Information and Education section at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Electronic Licensing System (ELS) has a scheduled launch date of Dec. 1, the traditional pre-Christmas kick-off for sales.

Remy said that beta testing — computer-speak for dry run — will begin within a few weeks. But the system already is in use in several states.

Bonus!

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Beginning Dec. 1, you will have the option of putting your Fish and Wildlife fishing and hunting licenses, tags and endorsements on a smart phone or tablet. HENRY MILLER/SPECIAL TO THE STATESMAN JOURNAL