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Settler's Park community Yard Sale 2895 17th street June 12th and 13th. Fri-Sat 8am - 3pm. No early sales. Public Welcome! contact Jackie 541-523-0200.

License sticker shock!



THE OUTDOOR COLUMN
By Todd Arriola

I was reminded recently, mostly by myself, since I haven't done much scouting as of this writing, that spring black bear and spring turkey seasons end soon--on Sunday, May 31st, to be exact.

While I had purchased a bear tag earlier (no turkey tags yet), I thought about the future costs of hunting and fishing.

From the looks of the proposed license and fee schedule from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) for 2016 and beyond, let's just say that there may be a mix of happy and unhappy campers.

First, the good news: youth licenses are proposed to either remain at the same rate, or to see an actual decrease in the cost.

The resident Juvenile Sports Pac, Youth License, and Juvenile Turkey Tags, at \$55, \$10, and \$10.50 respectively, are expected to be the same cost, through 2020.

The resident Youth Combined Angling Tag, Youth Upland Bird Stamp, and Youth Waterfowl Stamp are expected to decrease in cost, from \$8.50, \$8.50, and \$11.50, to \$5, \$5, and \$4, respectively, beginning in 2016. The

changes in non-resident fees are certainly notable, the biggest change being a decrease in cost for both the Youth Upland Bird Stamp and the Youth Waterfowl Stamp, from \$38.50 to \$4.00, in 2016. It's a mystery to me, too, sports fans.

That's the extent of the good news, regarding fees—short and sweet.

Now, the not-so-good news: the resident Annual Hunter license fee is proposed to increase from \$29.50 to \$33.50, and the Senior Hunter license fee from \$13.75 to \$20.50, in 2016. We're luckier than non-residents, whose annual hunting license fee increases from \$148.50 to \$167 in 2016.

For most of the hunting tags and validations, the average increases will be from \$0 to almost \$6 in 2016. Two exceptions are the Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat tag fees, set to increase from \$122.50 to \$138.00 in both cases. The only fee in that category for non-residents that isn't proposed to stay the same or increase is the Bear Tag fee, set to actually decrease from \$190.50 to \$15.50, in 2016. No, that's not a typo.

Anglers will see increases, too, with most from \$0 to \$5.

The largest jumps in cost are the Resident Senior Angler Tag, from \$15.00 to \$25.00, the Adult Combined Tag, from \$26.50 to \$35.00, and the Hatchery

Harvest Tag, from \$16.50 to \$25.00, in 2016.

The biggest change there for non-residents is the Non-Resident 7-Day Tag, from \$59.75 to \$75, in 2016.

Shellfish licenses increase by \$2 for residents in 2016, and by \$5.50 for non-residents.

"New License Concepts" include the following: Ocean Endorsement, \$10, Pioneer Fee, \$6, Premier Hunt Series (Applications), \$8, Unique Fish Opportunity Raffle, \$8, and multi-year licenses. Again, it's a mystery to me, too.

Last up are the resident Sports Pac, Combination, and Senior Combination licenses.

Tipping the scales as "Least Likely To Create A Fan Club" is the Sports Pac, currently \$164.75, and set to increase to \$185 in 2016. In second place is the Senior Combination, from \$25.50 to \$41.50 in 2016. With a mere \$7 increase, from \$58 to \$65 in 2016, the Combination comes in third.

What does all of this mean?

For starters, we probably shouldn't make a habit of pissing off seniors, or anyone else directly contributing to nearly 40% of ODFW's funding.

Additionally, though there are a few significant decreases noted in the fees expected in 2016, there are mostly some very significant increases, and that fact won't be taken lightly by hunters and anglers, local or not, passionate about keeping the traditions alive in 2016, and in future years.

Good luck with your adventures!

Catfish Derby

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Pies, cakes and breads sold by the Huntington Christian Center Women's Guild as well as booths selling jewelry, fishing gear and an assortment of both new and used items were available. One of the favorite gathering spots in the park was the fish tank where all the entries were kept before being released back into the river.

Lion's Club Treasurer and Derby Master Mike Raney reported, "This years number of registrants for the Derby is the largest we have had since 2002. We had 209 register last year and 297 this year."

This year's winners in both the Junior and Senior Categories are as follows:

Heaviest Cat Senior Division and Heaviest Cat of the Tournament, Tod Roberts 31.06 lbs

Heaviest Cat Junior Division, Kaidan Blair 25.86 lbs

Saturday Juniors:

1. Kaidan Blair 25.86 lbs
2. Noah Cloutier 19.4
3. Evan Cloutier 11.04
4. Aaron Despain 10.05

Sunday Juniors:

1. Kaidan Blair 10.75 lbs
2. Tom Johnson 9.70
3. Sam Hoen 8.31
4. Evan Cloutier 8.12

Monday Juniors:

1. Noah Cloutier 11.35 lbs
2. Pyper Haworth 10.22
3. Evan Cloutier 10.07
4. Kainein Miror 9.14

Saturday Seniors:

1. Tod Roberts 31.06 lbs
2. Curtis Black 30.77
3. Levi Cloutier 27.29
4. David Blair 23.03

Sunday Seniors:

1. Ted Hansberger 22.72 lbs
2. David Blair 17.16
3. Lon Raney 15.10
4. Brian Mclean 15.03

Monday Seniors:

1. Alan Crites 30.44 lbs
2. Phillip Morford 26.19
3. Dave Wallace 19.77
4. Casey Mason 19.26

Daily winners received for Senior Division, 14 & older, 1st Place \$50, 2nd Place \$25, 3rd Place \$15, 4th Place \$10. Junior Division, 13 & younger, 1st Place \$30, 2nd Place \$15, 3rd Place \$10, 4th Place \$5. Trophy for Heaviest Cat of the tournament in each Division was also given as well as the \$500 for Heaviest Cat Overall.

This event is the fund raiser for the Lion's Club's 4th of July Fireworks Display which they put on free for the public every year at Farewell Bend State Park at dusk.

Ladies bridge results

The May 22 Quail Ridge Ladies Bridge winners are: 1st Carmen Ott, 2nd Pat Cook and 3rd Della Steele.

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NE ZONE HUNTING

Spring bear and turkey hunting close May 31.

BAKER COUNTY

Check the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest website or call them for the latest on Forest Service Rd 39 construction and detour route information. Remember it is a designated snowmobile route until April 15 and is not maintained for passenger travel until mid-June. The southern 18 miles may be closed due to construction, please call or check the website ahead of time.

Black Bear The warm and dry winter has left much more country snow free than usual. Green up has begun to appear in the lower elevations. The mild weather will have bears out and more active in the early part of the season. Look for bears close to timber stringers feeding on open ridges. Successful hunters need to remember to check in their bear within ten days of harvest. It cannot be frozen and propping open the mouth will help in aiding tooth collection later.

Turkey season is here. Look for spring turkeys to be moving from wintering grounds to their nesting areas. Listen for males to be calling early and late in the evenings to help locate gobblers. With snow levels higher than normal expect turkeys to be at slightly higher elevations this year.

Cougars can be found throughout Baker County but hunters should target areas with high concentrations of deer and elk. Setting up on a fresh kill or using distress calls can all be productive techniques.

Hunters are required to check in the hide of any cougar taken, with skull and proof of sex attached. Remember to pick up a 2015 tag.

Coyote numbers are good throughout the district. Try calling in early morning and late afternoon. Remember to ask for permission before hunting on private properties.

GRANT COUNTY

The P.W. Schneider Wildlife area is closed February 1st through April 14th. Herbicide application to stop spread of invasive annual grasses is happening on the wildlife area, more information.

BLACK BEAR: Most of our snow is gone from mid and low elevation areas of the district, roads can be easily accessed. The best strategy for finding bears this time of year is to sit on a spot with a good view of open canyon sides and use binoculars or a spotting scope to locate them. The animals will feed off and on during all daylight hours and patience is the order of the day when spotting spring bears. Hunters are reminded all bears are required to be checked in within 10 days of harvest.

TURKEY numbers have been on the rise for the past few years in the district. Most of our snow is gone from mid and low elevation areas of the district. By opening day the turkeys will begin to move from their wintering areas up into nesting areas. The best strategy for finding them this time of year is to travel the forest roads or hike into areas where turkeys might be and call for them or just listen for their calls early in

the morning.

Cougar hunting remains open. Successful hunters should remember that check-in of the hide with skull and proof of sex attached is mandatory; see the regulations for details. Remember to pick up a 2015 tag.

Coyote numbers are good in most of the district. Coyotes may respond to distress calls. Try calling in the early morning and late evening.

UNION COUNTY

Bear numbers are strong in all of Union County and hunters have a good chance of filling a tag. Look for bears on open South slopes. Access to national forest lands should be excellent due to the light snow pack this winter. Many forest roads will be soft with early snow melt, take care not to cause unnecessary ruts.

Turkey numbers look good in Union County and chances of finding a Gobbler should be better than last year. Hunters will increase their chances of success by staying out in the field all day. Walking into hunting areas that are not reachable by vehicles can produce enjoyable, uninterrupted hunts. Birds are well distributed by midseason.

Cougars are common in Union County. Focus on game rich areas with long ridgelines or saddles that cats typically travel. Setting up downwind of a deer or elk killed by a cougar can be productive. Nonresident hunters can include a cougar tag with others tags for only \$14.50. All cougars taken must be checked in within 10 days of harvest; call for an appointment

before check in. Remember to pick up a tag for 2015.

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WALLOWA COUNTY

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BLACK BEAR: Spring bear season ends on Sunday May 31st. The early spring weather this year has allowed our bears to move

into their summer mode of behavior 3-4 weeks earlier than usual this year, many bears are already at higher elevations and only active mornings, evenings, and at night. Consequently, the bear hunting has been slow. Although a good density of black bears exists throughout the district, bear hunters should try hunting them with predator calls rather than the usual spot and stalk techniques.

TURKEY: Spring turkey season also ends on May 31st. Turkey numbers have increased this year in the district and they overwintered very well with the warm winter that we had this year. Hunting has been very good with several toms taken and hunters seeing many toms, especially young jakes. Turkeys have spread into nesting areas

throughout the forested areas at this time. The best strategy for finding them is to travel the forest roads or hike into areas where turkeys might be and call for them or just listen for their calls early in the morning.

Coyote: Good numbers of coyotes can be found throughout Wallowa County. Calling coyotes with rabbit distress type calls has been effective for hunters. It is important to choose areas with abundant coyote sign and little human activity.

Cougar numbers are moderate throughout Wallowa County. Most lions are taken incidental to other hunting; however, calling with fawn bleat, or locating a cougar kill and waiting for a cat to return are often successful techniques.

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