

# Outdoor Rec / Sports

## Chinook season on the Imnaha to close July 3

The Chinook salmon season on the Imnaha River will close July 3. According to Jeff Yanke, fish biologist in Enterprise, the fishery will close because the annual harvest limit will be reached on the closure date.

“Based on catch rates

observed last week in the fishery, we expect to reach our harvest limit by Sunday”, he explained.

With a relatively modest return of Chinook salmon to the Imnaha, Yanke expected a shorter duration fishery in 2016. “We did not see a very large

run this year, but there was some good fishing opportunities provided”, he said. Chinook fisheries in the Imnaha are managed on limits of hatchery adults that can be harvested or wild adults that can be released.

Fishery managers con-

sistently monitor angler effort and catch rates in the fishery to estimate harvest and catch, which is weighed against annual limits. When harvest approaches the prescribed limits, managers close the fishery.

## Cycling Classic

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“It grows a little bit up and down depending on what other races are on the calendar,” Corrine Vegter said. They are working to increase the number of racers to 500 in the future.

According to Corrine Vegter, this race is one of the first that has equality for women with equal pay and distance. In most races, men would be paid \$2,000 and women \$200.

“We think this race is a good race, to be a good example, and show that women can race the same distances and they deserve equal pay. So that is what we do—make sure they get equal prize money,” said Corrine Vegter.

In this race, the women had their own race mechanic in the field, as the men do.

“A lot of races don’t have a mechanic for the women,” explained Corrine Vegter. “And the other thing that makes this race a little bit different than a lot of races is we have far more support cars in every single category.”

To support the racers they had a lead car, a sweeper and three wheel cars for riders with flat tires. No one was left alone in this race and had constant support. On Sunday, they had three medical cars with an EMT and a medical doctor.

Nadine Carter participated in this year’s Cycling Classic. Carter traveled to Baker from Boise, Idaho and has been a mountain biker for most of her adult life. This event was Carter’s first stage race and she is ranked in category four of the women’s categories.

“I actually was going to do this last year but I just decided there was no way I was in shape for it so this is my goal, for the year is to finish this race,” stated Carter. “We love coming to Baker City. I’m from Boise, Idaho, and so we like any excuse to come to Baker.”

In preparation for a race as this, Carter explained she spent time on her bike, riding and climbing. Eating and drinking a lot before the race helped to keep her hydrated and with energy for the race.

Stage one of the event was a 40-mile ride in the Baker and Keating Valley. Stage two was a one mile uphill race against the clock. Stage three was an eleven mile race against the clock. Stage four was a 1K course downtown Baker. Finally, stage five was an 85-mile “Queen Stage” through Union and Baker County to the Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort in the Elkhorns.

## New wolf kill confirmed

Date Investigated:  
6/28/2016

General Area: Kuhn Ridge area – public land  
General situation and animal information: On the morning of 6/28/2016 some firewood cutters found a calf dead on a USFS grazing allotment. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day. The 4-month-old calf was determined to have died the night of 6/27/2016. The carcass was mostly intact, but some muscle tissue of the right hind leg and most of the internal organs had been consumed.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Pre-

mortem bite marks and severe subcutaneous and intramuscular hemorrhaging were found on the rear of the upper hind legs on both sides, as was also found on the neck, throat, and ears. A few premortem bite wounds were also found on the rib areas behind both front elbows.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: Several paired bite wounds which could be measured had a spacing of 1-1/2 to 2 inches. Numerous bite scrapes on the hide were 1/8 to 1/4 inch wide and up to 4 inches long. The locations of the bite wounds on the hind leg and behind the elbow of the dead calf are

commonly observed attack points for wolves. There was deep tissue shredding under the bite marks on the hindquarters and neck.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Numerous fresh wolf tracks were observed for an area of 20x60 yards around the carcass. Two wolves of the Shamrock Pack were confirmed by GPS radio collar data to have been either at the site of the carcass or in the area during the time the calf died. OR23 was within 50 yards of the carcass at 10 p.m. and midnight on 6/27/2016 and OR41 was 1.7 miles away at 6pm on 6/27/2016.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: A llama was confirmed killed by the Shamrock Pack 15 miles north of this site on 5/9/2016.

Summary: The locations, as well as the number, size and spacing of the bite wounds are similar to those observed on other confirmed calf depredations by wolves. This combined with the presence of wolf tracks and GPS radio collar data made proximal to the time of death were adequate to confirm this incident as a wolf depredation by multiple wolves of the Shamrock Pack.

## Powder River Sportsman list out upcoming matches

The Powder River Sportsman's Club's upcoming summer matches and events are as follow:  
USPSA Practical Pistol: July 24, August 28.  
1911 U.S. Cavalry

Dismounted Qualification Course match: August 28 after the USPSA match.  
1911 .45acp only.  
1000 Yard Benchrest: July 30, August 27.  
Steel Varmint Silhouette:

July 16, August 21.  
Cowboy Action: July 9, August 13.  
Service Rifle Match: July 10.  
The Powder River Pistoles (ladies group) are

meeting at the range July 26, August 30.  
Contact Buck Buckner for more information at 541-523-6109.

## Fire restrictions announced

Vale, Ore. – With temperatures rising and relative humidity decreasing, the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Vale District is releasing Emergency Fire Prevention Orders which go into effect on June 29, 2016.

The rules apply to all public lands managed by the Vale District BLM as well as project lands

under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR).

Beginning on Wednesday June 29 the following orders are in effect:

1. You must not build, maintain or attend a camp, stove, or charcoal briquette fire. Liquid and bottled gas stoves and heaters are allowed. If these items are used outside of established

recreation sites, they must be used within an area at least ten feet in diameter that is barren or clear of all flammable materials.

2. Do not smoke outside of a vehicle, trailer or building except within areas free of flammable materials at least six feet in diameter or aboard boats on rivers and lakes.

3. Do not use any kind

of firework, pyrotechnics or exploding targets.

4. Do not operate a chainsaw—these tools can throw sparks and cause fires.

5. Do not park your vehicle or operate any type of internal combustion engines (generators, lawn equipment, etc.) in an area that is not free of flammable material.

6. Do not operate any motor vehicles outside of existing roads or roadways—including cross-country travel until the order is rescinded.

7. Do not operate any automobile or motorized equipment that is wider than 50 inches or has a dry weight of 800 pounds or more, on public lands without a shovel at least 26 inches in length with a blade at least eight inches wide. Also required is a container holding at least one gallon of water or a fully-charged fire extinguisher of at least two and a half pounds.

There are criminal penalties for violating the fire restrictions including fines and jail time.

“Wildfires are incredibly dangerous, destructive, and expensive,” said Don Gonzalez, Vale BLM District Manager. “We’re asking our community to help us protect lives, property and resources with these restrictions.”

These orders remain in effect until they are rescinded. If you see or suspect a wildfire, call the Vale BLM Fire Dispatch Center at 541-473-6295.

## Swim meet results



Submitted Photo.

Riana Scott and Jared Miller.

The La Grande Swim Club sent four athletes to the Howard Jones Senior Meet at Mt. Hood Community College on June 17-19. Two of the swimmers were from Baker City—Jared Miller (17) and Riana Scott (14).

Both athletes represented well, placing in finals each day of the meet. The following are their results:

**Jared**  
200 Freestyle 12th  
400 IM 4th  
100 Back 4th  
400 Free 12th  
200 Back 4th  
**Riana**  
200 Freestyle 15th  
100 Breast 38th  
400 IM 5th  
50 Free 19th  
200 Breast 22nd  
400 Free 10th  
100 Free 14th  
200 Back 11th  
200 IM 16th

## Ladies golf

The Baker city ladies golf club hosted an invitational tournament at Quail Ridge golf course on June 15, 2016. 43 women from Quail Ridge Golf Course (Baker City), LaGrande Country Club, Alpine Meadows GC (Enterprise), Buffalo Peak (Union), and Purple Sage (Boise) competed in the event. Results follow:

Low Gross of the Field: Callie Goss (LaGrande)  
1st Flight: Low Gross: Hanne Larson (PSage); 2nd Gross: Doreen Burnham (PSage); Low Net: Kim Tally (LaGrande); 2nd Net: Dana Endicott (PSage)  
2nd Flight: Low Gross: Myrna Evans (QRidge); 2nd Gross: Linda Taylor (QRidge); Jennifer Godwin (QRidge); Low Net: Karen Woolard (QRidge)  
2nd Net: LaDonna Uttenreuther (QRidge)

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