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BARKER'S POT SHOTS

From excellent to downright lousy were the reports from many waterfowl hunters who gunned the marshes and potholes during the season just past. The general impression in most parts of the state was that waterfowl shooting was considerably below that of previous years.

Actually hunting on the public shooting grounds was better than last year, and hunters may recall that 1956 was a pretty hot season. A grand total of 39,450 birds was taken by some 17,820 gunners on the four shooting areas, Summer Lake, Sauvies Island, Malheur and Warner Valley, which was an increase of some 3,000 birds over the previous year. Over-all success was 2.21 birds per hunter. A sharp drop took place in the number of geese taken, 4,017 as compared to 8,175 in 1956, but a considerable increase in the number of ducks taken, 35,433 as compared to 28,076 last year.

Trout anglers can look forward to a big boost in their chances of creeling good sized fish this summer. Of 3,260,000 yearling fish scheduled for release in Oregon's lakes and streams, some 2,544,000 trout will be released directly for the angler's taking. The remainder, 716,000 salmon and steelhead yearlings, are scheduled for release during the peak of downstream migration to allow these fish a chance to reach the sea.

The largest production is of rainbow trout with more than 2,226,000 in the rearing ponds at 13 hatcheries. All of these fish will be at least 8

inches in length with many going to 10 or more inches. About 179,000 8- to 10-inch cutthroat trout are in the ponds at three hatcheries, and two stations have about 139,000 lake trout of catchable size.

Total fish production for the year will number close to 20 million. This number includes fry and fingerlings as well as the catchable sized trout.

Angler catches of game commission marked steelhead are showing well this year in streams where the program of stocking only yearling fish as a result of the commission's first plant of yearlings in 1955. It might also be mentioned that Lee Whittington of Portland reported last week of watching a pair of steelhead spawning in Crystal Springs creek, a tributary to Johnson creek, where the initial plants were made. This is the first report of spawning activities of these marked steelies, although several small steelhead, assumed to be jacks, were in Crystal Springs creek last winter.

Probably the best return of the yearling plants to date has taken place in the Sandy river where some 90 marked steelhead have been reported by anglers. According to creel checks along the river, this number amounts to about 25 per cent of the total catch of steelhead from the Sandy so far this winter. Last year about 12 per cent of the total catch were game commission marked fish.

We were talking to Charles Hansen, manager at the fish commission hatchery on Cedar Creek, this week and he tells us they are starting release of 120,000 marked yearling steelhead immediately. Also that before the season is over they will release 350,000 steelhead in the Sandy river. Looks like a couple of years from now if we can get a rock to stand on we will be able to catch a few more steelies.

Dallas Defeats Sandy Pioneers

Dallas dropped Sandy 67-50 for their fifth win in league play. The game was played on the Dallas floor.

Gary Henry was high point man for the Dragons. He scored 26 points and was followed by Claude McLean and Murline Fast, each netting 12. Ed Hoffman led Sandy's scoring by sinking 20 points. Bill Henselman and Doug Will followed with 12 each.

According to Ken Servas, the players height made the difference. "They were just too tall".

On Friday night Sandy plays host to the Central team. Game time is 8 PM.

LINE UP:
Sandy 50—Calkins 4, Ludi, Richardson 2, Bjork, Hoffman 20, Schwartz, McDermed, Searls, Henselman 12, Will 12, J.V's.

Sandy 41, Dallas 56.

X-Ray Program Wins Support

ZIG ZAG — Enthusiastic support of the chest X-Ray program was pledged by residents of the mountain area Wednesday evening at a dinner meeting at Zig Zag Inn sponsored by the Mt. Hood Lions Club.

Thirty persons representing every community in the Mt. Hood area heard talks by Mrs. Connie James, publicity director of the state Tuberculosis and Public Health Association and by Dr. Walter A. Noehren, Sandy physician. Both urged that citizens throughout the entire region make a drive for a record turnout when the chest X-ray unit is stationed at Welches on March 20.

Mrs. James showed an interesting motion picture, "Are You Positive?" during the course of her talk.

Mrs. Louis Phelps, president of the Welches school PTA, pledged the support of her group to the chest X-ray program and promised that members of her association would give the health program their strong cooperation.

A brief talk also was made by Georgia Farmer, secretary of the Clackamas County Tuberculosis Association.

Several members of the Sandy Kiwanis club attended the dinner meeting and gave assurance of their support of the chest X-ray program when the unit comes to Sandy on March 21 and 22.

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