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BARKERS POT SHOT

We've mentioned the unit hunt system for taking antlerless deer several times before but consider it worth bringing up repeatedly in order to acquaint as many hunters as possible with the new program.

Despite the excellent coverage by newspapers there will be some unhappy hunters who fail to get the word or fail to understand fully how the system will work.

The latter becomes apparent from the many letters received by the game commission from hunters requesting various points to be clarified. This week's column will be in the form of a question and answer session, with the writer attempting to answer many of the questions asked and also attempting to foresee questions that might be brought up by hunters for consideration.

Q. What is the difference between the unit hunts and the controlled hunts?

A. The unit hunt areas have been established as permanent management areas whose

boundaries may encompass one or more deer or elk herds or deer or elk herd ranges. Controlled hunts are not permanent and encompass small areas within units where special attention is required. Controlled hunts are set up primarily to alleviate agricultural damage or to lure hunters into remote areas where a greater harvest is desired.

Q. My license agent has only one type of application card. Is this the card to be used for all types of hunts?

A. Yes. Insert the name of the species to be hunted and the area or unit in the designated space. Use a separate card for each species of big game.

Q. May I apply for both the unit deer and controlled deer areas?

A. No. A hunter may apply for only one permit or tag for each species of big game. He may apply for one deer, one elk, and one antelope, but not for two of each.

Q. Does the unit permit allow me to take two deer,

A. No. The permit allows

the holder to take a deer of either sex within the unit and during the time for which the permit was issued. Both the regular deer tag and permit must be attached to the animal taken.

Q. Does the controlled deer tag allow me to take two deer.

A. Yes. The controlled hunts require a fee of \$5 for an additional deer tag. The additional fee and tag allows the hunter to take a buck on his regular deer tag and a second deer on the controlled tag. In some controlled areas the deer may be either sex, while in others it must be an antlerless animal.

Q. Does the controlled elk or unit elk permit allow me to take two elk?

A. No. No fee is charged for the unit or controlled permit. The permit validates your unused elk tag for the designated area and time.

Q. If I kill a buck during the regular season may I still hunt on the permit?

A. No. The permit is not valid without a regular unused deer tag. The controlled and unit elk permits are also not valid without an unused elk tag. The \$5 controlled deer

tag is valid by itself in the designated area.

Q. I have a unit deer permit while my hunting partner does not. May we hunt together?

A. Yes. You and your partner may hunt buck deer anywhere in the state during the entire season. However, if you have not filled your tag before the unit season begins and you intend to hunt for a doe, you must hunt within your unit. Your partner may also hunt with you in your unit for buck deer. Permits are not transferable.

Q. How soon must I apply to be in on the drawings?

A. The earlier the better. Deadlines are as follows: Antelope and Wallowa controlled hunt, August 6; deer management units, August 18; all other controlled deer hunts, controlled elk and unit elk hunts, September 15.

Q. When will the drawings be held?

A. Antelope and Wallowa controlled hunt drawing, August 11; deer management units, August 25; other controlled deer seasons and elk seasons, September 22.

Q. How soon will I know whether or not I have been

successful in the drawings?

A. Hunters who are successful in the drawings will be mailed their permit or tag within a week following the drawing. Successful applicants in the antelope and the Wallowa controlled deer drawings should receive their tags by August 20; those in the deer management units will receive permits by September 10 and those in the controlled deer, unit elk and controlled elk drawings by October 6. Applicants who have not received permits or tags by the above dates may assume they were not successful in the drawings.

Q. If I am not successful in the drawings, is there any other possibility of obtaining an either-sex deer permit?

A. Yes. If there are tags or permits available in some other controlled or unit area following the drawings, unsuccessful hunters may re-apply for the surplus tags or permits.

Q. I hunt in a party of four. Would it be best for each of us to file single applications or for the entire party to file on a single application?

A. It depends on whether all four of you wish to obtain the either-sex permits. By filing a single application for the group you either get permits for all or lose out completely. Losing out completely also applies by filing separate applications. You decrease the chances of all four obtaining a permit by filing separately but increases the chance of at least one in the party being successful.

Q. What do I do with the application form after I have filled it out?

A. Mail it in a large legal sized envelope to the game commission, 1634 S. W. Alder in Portland. DO NOT FOLD THE APPLICATION FORM. The application form is the IBM card used in the drawings and will not go through the electronic machines if it is folded. Any folding or other mutilation will disqualify the applicant.

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Connie Macks To Play Boring

Friday night, August 8th, sees the local Connie Mack team going up against the Boring semi-pro team of the Tualatin Valley league in a game to determine the championship of Sandy and surrounding territory.

Boring did not do too well in the Tualatin Valley league this year winding up in seventh place in the eight team league. Sandy has fared even more poorly in the Connie Mack League ending the first half season in last place. Both teams have been plagued all season by absentee players with Boring coming up with only seven players and Sandy at least once being forced to forfeit games when not enough players showed up to field a team.

Among the Sandy area residents playing for Boring are George Potter, Gary Skala, Buck Woodward, Leon Nilsen, Lauren Hill, Al Schmitz, Ray Lekburg and David Naas. Ray Lekburg is leading the team at bat with a 450 average followed by Buck Woodward and Leon Nilsen.

The Sandy Connie Mack team is composed of 16 to 18 year olds from the Sandy area.

Game time is 7:30 at the High School diamond. A collection will be taken up at the game to pay for the lights.

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