

FROM The RIVER'S EDGE

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The first Doc Spratleys to come to my attention were brought back from the Kamloops country of British Columbia. Along with the flies came tales of an amazing fish catching ability.

The first feature of the fly to attract ones attention is the winging of the fly. The tail feather fibres of the Ringneck Pheasant have long been a staple fly tying material. Individual fibres are a good body material. The softer rusty fibres near the base of the feather are good for winging the slim semi-streamers of which the Doc Spratleys are now the most well known. The black barred stiffer fibred center section of the feather makes ideal wings of the quill type for either strip wing

patterns or conventional wet fly ties. The Lowrey is a well known wet fly that uses this for winging.

The Doc Spratley's are a low silhouette fly so that the soft base fibres are the only satisfactory wing. Likewise to achieve this same slim effect throughout, the hackle (grizzly) should be applied as a beard, that is, a bundle of hackle fibres tied on the underside of the hook opposite the wing fibres. The tail also is a whisk of hackle fibres, again grizzly. The bodies are either black or red on the originals from Canada, ribbed with medium silver tinsel. The Canadian samples also had a peacock herl head. As originally conceived, the Doc Spratley is a sparsely tied streamer.

I have seen a few from local tiers that are not just so well tied. The body is ribbed with narrow silver with many more turns, the wing is twice to three times as bulky as it should be, and the whole silhouette is lost by a heavy wound hackle. Although tied on the correct 3x long hook, the proportions are so heavily up as to make the fly appear to be on a standard wet fly hook. It is obvious the original was tied to imitate a small minnow or baitfish of some sort. These bushy imitations lose that minnow like characteristic entirely.

Another local tier, Ed Matteosky and I were discussing the Doc Spratley a couple of years ago. We had some Canadian samples in hand. At the time we both

wondered why all we had ever seen had either red or black bodies. Yellow has always been an attractive color to fish. Perhaps the life in those Canadian lakes was such that the fish had no "yellow" experience. We knew that the trout in Oregon did. Ed just happened to have a trip planned for Prineville Reservoir for that weekend, so he thought perhaps he should do a little experimenting. He tied up some Doc Spratleys in red and black, and then tied up a few more with a yellow body and ribbed them with gold tinsel.

I saw Ed the following week and asked him how the yellow bodied Doc Spratleys worked. "They outfished both the red and the black two to one," was his reply. It seemed Ed and his two boys had so many fish on they had to release several for each one they kept, and the yellow bodied Doc Spratley was the reason.

Whenever some new fly comes out of Canada, take heed. That seems to be where the original Carey Special was conceived also, and you know how good that is. And now, the Doc Spratleys are keeping up the image.

Frosh have good players; need more

The Sandy High frosh appear to have a good football team again this year.

We'll know more after our first game with Canby here on Sept. 20," said coach Brad Hanna.

Hanna and Ron Grantz again will coach the frosh team. Last year the Frosh A team under their direction had a 4-3 record.

"We only have about 30 players right now," said Hanna, "and in order to run both an A and B team we must have over 30 players."

The coaches are hopeful by the end of this week to have enough players to suit two teams.

"We've got some tough guys this year," said Hanna in sizing up his squad. "They are quick and big."

Football passes still available

Although the first home game has been played, season tickets are still available for the final four home Sandy High football games. The games left include Canby on Friday night.

The other home games include Sweet Home, Molalla and Forest Grove.

There are special prices for adults, grade school students and senior citizens are admitted free.

All passes can be purchased at the high school during the school day or at the box office on night of games.

BOWLING

Mt. Hooders 9-6-73

	W	L
Cedar Plaza	2	1
Dea's In & Out	2	1
Sandy Funeral Home	2	1
Ore. Trail Svcs	1 1/2	1 1/2
Williams Thriftway	1 1/2	1 1/2
Jennie Welches Ant	1	2
Pioneer R.E.	1	2
Mt. Hood Welding	1	2
High individual game and series: Jennie Welches Antiques 781 and 2,233.		
High team game and series: Addie Perry 197, Barbara Johnson 501.		

Sandy Men's 9-6-73

	W	L
Sandy Rexall	4	0
Cedar Plaza	4	0
William's Thriftway	3	1
McKinnon Ent	2	2
Meier Dairy	2	2
Clackamas City Bk	1	3
Swails Pibg	0	4
Smith Motors	0	4
High team game and series: Sandy Rexall 2,645; McKinnon Enterprises 937.		
High individual game and series: Dennis Brantley 221; Steve Yarrow 579; Butch Espersen 214; Butch Espersen 578.		

City finds sewer leaks

Half of Sandy's sewer system was smoke bombed by the city maintenance crew last week. City officials reported finding at least 15 major leaks in the system which must be repaired.

TV missing

A television valued at \$538 was stolen from Edgfield Manor in Troutdale Sept. 6 or 7, Term last year. Law School enrollment was 417.

Sandy pool schedule

NEWBURY	SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
School Inst. 8:30-9:30	School Inst. 8:30-9:30	School Inst. 8:30-9:30	School Inst. 8:30-9:30	School Inst. 8:30-9:30	Beginner Lessons 9:00-11:00	
Swim Team 3:30-6:30	Swim Team 3:30-6:30	Swim Team 3:30-6:30	Swim Team 3:30-6:30	Swim Team 3:30-6:30	Swim Team 11:00-1:00	
	Other Baby 5:00-5:15		Other Baby 5:00-5:15			
Adult Swim 6:30-7:00	Adult Swim 6:30-7:00	Adult Swim 6:30-7:00	Adult Swim 6:30-7:00	Adult Swim 6:30-7:00	Public Swim 1:00-4:30	Public Swim 1:00-4:30
Wood Lessons 7:00-9:00	Public Swim 7:00-9:00	Public Swim 7:00-9:00	Public Swim 7:00-9:00	Public Swim 7:00-9:00		
Adult Swim 8:00-9:00		Wood Lessons 7:30-10:30				

Sandy runners strong in early competition

The Sandy High cross country runners are running at Estacada today in their first league action.

The runners went to an invitational meet last week at Tillamook and coach Ed Hug was pleased with the efforts by the Pioneer runners.

Mike Whisner and Doug Buhler were the only varsity runners for Sandy while a host of Sandy runners were in the JV

competition. Whisner finished fourth in varsity after running in third spot most of the way. Meanwhile Buhler finished a strong race in 21st position out of the 140 runners in the race.

The top JV runner was Gary Peterson who finished fourth, while he was followed across the finish line by teammates Dave Pursel, Richard Myers, and John Irwin. These three finished in the 20's and 30's out

of the 130 runners in the race. The finishes by Whisner and Peterson were the best marks ever for Sandy runners in this meet, according to Hug.

"We have had little work so far," said Hug, "and the effort put out by the Sandy runners was better than I expected for this early in the season."

The meet with Estacada begins at 4 p.m. then the runners will host Silverton on Sept. 17.

The Silverton team is expected to be one of the top teams in the league. This meet will begin at 4 p.m. at the athletic field.

Duden, Eggers top card in Oregon Trail classic

Glendoveer's do-it-all pro Bob Duden did it again Friday, claiming the third annual Oregon Trail Savings Golf Classic with a sizzling 65 at Gresham Golf Club.

Host pro Bill Eggers was hot on Duden's tail, finishing 33-33-66 over the 18 hole event.

Duden claimed \$300 in prize money for his effort and also hit paydirt in two other categories with his amateur partners.

Gresham Golf Club's Chris Dawkins tied with Stan Garrett and Ed Nederkorn for top

amateur gross in the match with a 73, one over par.

Don Desmini took top amateur net award with a 62. Foursome best ball winners were Phil Mitchell, Walt Rose, Ed Nemyer and Wally Palmburg at 56.

Two some best ball honors went to Jerry Mowlds and Don Desmini, 59.

Duden fired a five under par 31 on the front nine at Gresham and coasted home with a 34 to finish seven under.

JV's play first game at Newberg

The Sandy High School JV football team will begin play Thursday, today, at Newberg. The JV's were to have played a game at Bend last weekend, but the game was cancelled.

The JV coaches are Len Eaton and Greg O'Meara. The coaches now have over 25 players out for the team.

"I'm optimistic about the season," said Eaton, "the players seem anxious to play and we have some who have good experience."

The game today will begin at 3:30. Next week, the JV's will play Canby there on Sept. 20 at 5 p.m.

OSU will begin classes Sept. 25

Final preparations for the opening of the 105th school year are under way at Oregon State University.

Faculty Day is scheduled Sept. 13 with separate college-school staff meetings planned on days preceding and following.

New freshmen and transfer students will begin arriving

Sept. 17 for pre-school orientation and advising. Registration for all students will be Sept. 20 and classes will start Sept. 25.

An enrollment of between 14,700 and 15,000 is forecast, down slightly from last year's 15,209.

A new deferred tuition-fees payment plan will be initiated this fall to help students and their families better meet the rising costs of higher education. Under it, students may pay one-third of their tuition-fees at registration each term; another one-third three weeks later; and the final one-third a month after that.

Faculty Day speaker this year will be H. J. Belton Hamilton, U.S. Administrative Law Judge, Portland.

Annual messages will be given by President Robert MacVicar and Dr. Roy E. Lieuallen, chancellor of the State System of Higher Education.

A highlight of Faculty Day will be the presentation of two all-university distinguished professor awards. Outstanding teaching awards will be announced in college-school meetings.

The Law School is the first and only unit of the University to adopt the two-semester year. All other colleges, schools and departments of the University operate on a three-term year, as do all other institutions of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

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LOW WATER levels in area streams is of major concern to all this year. The continuing days of hot weather have continued

to lower the level of the streams. This photo shows the low level of the Sandy River above Revenue Bridge. (Post Photo)

Hawk call catches grouse

Ruffed grouse have few natural enemies that walk on the ground, and that's probably one reason they aren't normally afraid of human beings. They wise up in a hurry.

however, where they're hunted heavily. Their natural enemies are owls and hawks and this can be used to put more grouse in the bag. Hunters have reported seeing

a hawk perched in a tree, keeping an unrelenting watch over a brush pile where a grouse was hiding. If this war of nerves was interrupted by a human, forcing the hawk to fly, the grouse still hung tight and just about had to be kicked out by the hunter before it would fly.

So grouse hunters have worked to imitate the call of a hawk. This will make a grouse hold, where it would be long gone otherwise.

Hawk or other predator calls are for sale at sports stores. Some hunters have learned to call with their mouths. This is good, for it can be made so much more quickly, unless a person is a basketball referee and has learned to go full speed with a whistle in his mouth. Either way, a predator call can help in holding grouse.

This predator call is especially good on windy days when the grouse tend to be a little more wild, or when they're in open country where they don't have as many places to hide.

One good method of hunting grouse is to use the triangle method. Two hunters spread out 20 yards or so on either side of the dog and move forward slowly, then converging back in the place where the grouse is supposed to be.

The grouse won't flush back over the dog in most cases and one of the hunters who are moving in on it will get the shot.

Few birds have as much personality as grouse, and maybe that's the reason that when you find a grouse hunter, you've found a man who is zany about hunting them.

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