



Upset win

Wooden Hutch's shortstop looks the runner back to second base while he guns down the batter at first. Despite this type of fielding play, the first-place Wooden Hutch team fell to last-place Camp's Lumber in the regular season

finals. This weekend the city tournament gets underway with games Saturday and Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. at the field at Sandy Elementary School.

Photo by Brad LaBrie

During summer season

Campers keep recreational sites busy

BEAR SPRINGS R.D.

Campgrounds — Timothy Lake and Clear Lake are usually filled by Friday evening. Campers are reminded that Clackamas Lake campground and campgrounds along the Barlow Road are open as alternatives. Campers can also use dispersed areas (outside developed campgrounds) with proper tools — bucket, long-handled shovel and axe.

Road Conditions — All roads are in driveable condition. Motorists should remember that the roads into Keeps Mill and Linney Creek campgrounds are not recommended for trailers.

Trail Conditions — The Twin Lakes-Frog Lake Buttes Trail loop is the recommended trail this week. Although the Twin Lakes area is popular with users, few people make the effort to go up to Frog Lake Butte. This is an excellent time to go on this loop of some nine miles. The floral display is dying out, but the huckleberries are just ripening. Be sure and take water, as there is none along the trail.

ESTACADA R.D.

Campgrounds — Lazy Bend, Roaring River, Carter Bridge, Fish Creek, Armstrong, Lockaby, Sunstrip and Kingfisher are open for a \$2 fee charge. North Fork Crossing, Lookout Springs, Hambone Springs, Twin Springs and Frazier Fork Turnaround are all open free of charge.

Road Conditions — Most roads are open. Watch for log and travel truck traffic during weekdays.

Trail Conditions — All trails are open. Due to the wet spring, wildflowers are ablaze in mountain meadows this year. Backcountry users should catch a great view of Perseid Meteor Shower this week.

Lakes, Rivers, Streams — Summer steelhead run has been exceptional this year. Fishing for trout in the high lakes has also been good.

Special Notice — The Clackamas River has claimed another life this year. Rafters, please be prepared before you attempt the Clackamas River. Have sturdy multi-chambered rafts; heavy, strong paddles; life jackets and wet suits. Most important, be experienced in whitewater conditions and go with someone who is well-trained. The Clackamas has claimed 110 persons in the past 10 years. Most of these victims, like the most recent one, did not have proper equipment or training.

HOOD RIVER R.D.

Campgrounds — Pollalie, Sherwood, Robinhood and Lost Lake are all open with a fee charge. Open without fee are Wahtum Lake, Rainy Lake, Kingsley, Kinnikinnik for day use only. Hood River Meadows is closed.

Road Conditions — N-13, N-28, S-100, N-100, S-161 and Highway 35 all have

logging traffic. N-13D to Scout Lake has heavy gravel truck traffic. A portion of Cloud Cap Road will have road work in progress until September. A portion of S-12 is closed for bin wall construction with traffic routed over S-161.

Trail Conditions — Pacific Crest No. 2000 is open. Timberline Trail No. 600 still has patchy snow. Other district trails are open and maintained.

Lakes, Rivers and Streams — Lost Lake and Laurence Lake have only fair fishing due to hot weather.

Special Notice — Children's guided hikes are being given at Lost Lake on Saturdays. Check at Lost Lake Guard Station for details.

CLACKAMAS R.D.

Campgrounds — All campgrounds are open except Pegleg Falls which is under rehabilitation. Olallie Lake is usually filled up by Friday afternoon or evening.

Road Conditions — All roads are open.

Lakes, Rivers and Streams — Fishing is so-so. Some good size steelhead out of the Clackamas River.

COLUMBIA GORGE R.D.

Campgrounds — Eagle Creek is open with a fee charge. Eagle Creek Overlook is reserved through the district only. Call 665-0151 or 375-2276 for information and fees.

Road Conditions — All open and driveable.

Special Notices — At Multnomah Falls on Aug. 16-17, the Cascade Locks Historical Society will display items and discuss Columbia Gorge history.

ZIGZAG R.D.

Campgrounds — All campgrounds are open.

Road Conditions — Road 27 to Zigzag Mountain and S-32 to Fir Tree Campground and Kinzel Campground are in poor condition and are not suited for low cars. On U.S. 26 up Laurel Hill, traffic may be delayed for long periods due to construction of a new truck ramp.

Trail Conditions — The Zigzag district's part of Timberline Trail No. 600 is now in good shape and all trails in the district are now being maintained.

Lakes, Rivers, Streams — Trillium Lake will be stocked again Aug. 15 as will the Salmon River, Lost Creek and Camp Creek.

Special Notice — Conditions on Mt. Hood for climbing are poor due to rock fall and some mud slides about 10,000 feet. Rock fall danger is increasing daily and is especially dangerous after 8 a.m. Climbing is not recommended at this time of year. Inexperienced climbers should not attempt to climb the mountain. For those who choose to climb, the use of helmets is strongly advised.

County parks offer backyard of beauty

Clackamas County parks put water play, fishing, hiking and boating in our own backyard and that "backyard" is one of the most beautiful in the Pacific Northwest, according to Park Advisory Board Chairman Will Rutherford of Tualatin.

The 900 acres of County parks offer low cost, close-to-home outdoor recreation to residents, with activities ranging from a bicycle moto-track at Riverside Park in Clackamas to exploring old growth stands of Western Red Cedar at Eagle Fern Park between Estacada and Eagle Creek.

Although short of urban parks, the County boasts a wealth of nearby recreation areas and spectacular natural settings. Park land averages only 7.5 acres per 1,000 population in urban areas, but that average jumps to about 45 acres per 1,000 in the rural parts of the County.

Nine County parks are improved and maintained, with two of them leased to private operators due to a shortage of county funds.

Mountain enthusiasts can stop at Hoodland Park east of Highway 26 at Zigzag, not only for a picnic and enjoyment of the "small fry" play area, but also for directions to local services or recreation spots. Tennis courts are also available. The Hoodland Chamber

of Commerce and senior citizens are now maintaining a public information booth in the A-frame park building.

Overnight camping beside a sparkling creek or under towering firs is less than a 45 minute drive from urban areas. The 180-acre Metzler Park, five miles south of Estacada off Highway 211 offers wilderness campsites along Clear Creek as well as baseball, volleyball, horseshoe pits and flush toilets. The 100-acre Barton Park off Highway 224 on the Clackamas River includes both primitive and improved campsites.

Reservations for overnight camping and for group picnics are available by calling 655-8521.

"For your next weekend outing, try one of the county parks," said Rutherford who points out that the Park Advisory Committee has published a "Guide and Map to County Parks" as an aid to energy saving outdoor enthusiasts. The Park Guide is available at the Clackamas County Department of Environmental Services, 902 Abernethy Road, Oregon City.

The nine-member volunteer park advisory board assists the county in identifying park needs, encouraging public use and promoting volunteer assistance.

Golf meet aids cancer

The Clackamas County Chapter of the American Cancer Society was the real winner in the annual Buck Heiser Memorial Golf Tournament at Mountain View Golf Course Saturday.

The Mountain View men's club raised more than \$1,100 for the chapter.

Individual winners in the Men's A Division were Steve Smart, low gross, while Jim Blashfield, Carl Gray, Greg Rogers and John Hannan tied for low net.

In the Men's B flight, Dick Long took gross honors. Low net was recorded by Chuck Ruegg, Kevin Beaudoin and Mike Beaudoin. Second net went to

John Wold and Mark Harmsen.

Women's A flight gross winner was Charlotte Plank. Evelyn Painter and Peggy Stahl shared net honors.

Mary Wetzel had low gross in the Women's B flight with Dorothy Olbrich carding low net score.

Calloway men's winner was Tim Collins with Dick Pollard, Bruce Zerung and Dave Pollard tied for second. Among Calloway women's scores, Tracy Harrington was first, Valerie Dillard second and Patrice Normand, third.

Prizes were donated by local individuals and businesses.

Mt. Hood swim club has good showing

Boasting five new members and solid performances from its old reliables, the Mt. Hood Aquatic Club made a good showing in the Region 12 AAU Long Course Masters Swimming Championships over the weekend at Mt. Hood Community College's Aquatic Center.

Stan Carper, Dale Carper, Barbara Stewart, Dick Hodge and David Bernstein all made their debut for the Mt. Hood club. Stan Carper, a former all-American performer at the University of Washington, won all five of his races in the 25-29 Men's class and set a new national age-group record by swimming the 100-meter freestyle in 56.31 seconds.

His other victories came in the 1,500 freestyle, 400 individual medley, 50 butterfly and 200 freestyle.

Carper's five first places were matched by Martha Keller in the 75-79 women's class. Keller took the 50-, 100-, 200- and 1,500-meter freestyle events and added a win in the 50-meter butterfly.

Dale Carper (20-25 men) won the 100 breaststroke and finished second in the 100 freestyle. Stewart (25-29 women) recorded firsts in the 50 and 100 breaststroke. Hodge (35-39 men) was second in the 1,500 freestyle and sixth in the 50 freestyle.

Bernstein (55-59 men) took third in the 1,500 freestyle and second in the 400 freestyle.

Of the regular Mt. Hood club members, Donna Brown (20-25 women) had firsts in the 100 and 200 freestyles and the 50 butterfly.

Richard Clark (25-29 men) was third in the 100 freestyle. Fred Sprenger (45-49 men) had victories in the 50, 200 and 1,500 freestyles and was runnerup in the 100 and 400 freestyles and 50 backstroke.

Eric Guest (50-54 men) had firsts in the 50 and 100 freestyles and took second in the 50 breaststroke.

Sam Ierulli (55-59 men) won the 200 freestyle and finished second in the 50, 100, 400 and 1,500 freestyle.

Gil Young (55-59 men) was the victor in the 200, 400 and 1,500 freestyles, was second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 50 freestyle.

Joe Malon (55-59 men) had seconds in the 200 and 1,500 freestyle was third in the 400, fourth in the 100 and fifth in the 50.

Sprenger, Guest, Young and Keller also took part in relay races in their own age groups.

Altogether, 166 national top-ten-ranked times were recorded.

Recommendations being made for 1981 rules

Fishery biologists with the Fish and Wildlife Department are in the process of developing recommendations for 1981 angling regulations.

They would like to consider public suggestions in the process so anglers are encouraged to get any suggestions for change down on paper within the next week or so and send them to the Department, P.O. Box 3503, Portland 97206, or to the Department's nearest regional office. Addresses of all seven regional offices are listed on the back of the 1980 angling booklet.

Although not all public recommendations result in changes in the regulations, many rules have been modified over the years because of input from anglers with good ideas. It does no good to complain or make suggestions after the regulations are set.

Staff recommendations will be published in early September for public comment. And a public meeting is scheduled for Sept. 20 for presentation of proposals from the

staff and the public, to the Fish and Wildlife Commission. In order to be considered with staff recommendations, all public recommendations should be submitted on or before the Sept. 20 hearing.



by Ken Durbin

Following this hearing recommendations that were presented by the public and any revisions in staff proposals will be publicized.

Another public hearing is scheduled for Oct. 24 and 25 to make final comments on staff and public recommendations. New recommendations from the public are less likely to be considered at that time, though, because there would not have been time to publicize them. By this

procedure the Commission tries to minimize last-minute surprise changes in the angling regulations. Immediately following public testimony on Oct. 25, the Commission will make their decisions and adopt final angling rules for 1981.

Beachcombers on Lincoln County shores have been alarmed recently by the presence of hundreds of dead and dying penguin-like birds. The birds are, for the most part, common or California murre chicks that have recently left the nest.

The losses are not unusual says Dale Snow, assistant supervisor of the Fish and Wildlife Department's Marine Region. They occur to some degree each year. But the numbers seen this year are greater than usual.

The chick deaths are most likely caused by several interacting circumstances, Snow says. Common murre chicks are found along the Pacific coast all the way from Alaska to California. They form nesting colonies on rocky headlands and islands during June and July.

When chicks are ready to leave the nest they are not yet able to fly so they jump from the rocks into the sea. This accounts for some loss. Disease may also be a factor during some recent years. It has been theorized that a disease can spread easily and quickly in the dense colonies. However, disease does not appear to be a factor in the losses this year, Snow says.

The most commonly accepted explanation for murre chick mortality is parent-chick separation. When the chicks jump from the rookery nest they become highly vulnerable to weather and oceanic conditions. Unable to fly, they are also unable to forage for themselves. So those chicks that become separated from the parent bird stand a poor chance for survival. Strong northwest winds and choppy seas probably contribute to the rate of separation and to losses from starvation and exposure.

Adult birds are also found dead at this time of year, Snow says. The adult losses are probably related to stress from molting and possibly lack

of food, or both. Murre chicks feed heavily on small fish. When these fish are present the birds feast; when they are not there is famine.

The presence of small fish, Snow says, is related to plankton; plankton growth is tied to upwelling which brings organic rich water to the surface to trigger plankton bloom. Upwelling is related among other things to wind direction. Any disruption of the cycle can delay or prevent this chain of events, and it has been suggested this may be the case this year.

There is evidence that murre populations are much higher than normal this year, Snow says, and this, even with normal rates of loss, would result in more dead birds on the beach.

One experienced birder who has been observing the Yaquina Head murre rookery for several years reports the highest number of murre chicks this year ever recorded. The largest number seen on the rookery in past years was 196. His Aug. 6 count tallied

1,015.

One observer who has maintained careful records of dead birds in 4.6 miles of Lincoln County beach reported finding 176 birds in 1978, 144 in 1979 and 431 so far this year. Most of this year's loss came ashore as dead birds at the end of July. Dead murre chicks are also more abundant on the beach near the rookery at Yaquina Head, with more than 700 found on four miles of beach on Aug. 7.

There is no indication the die-off is related to man-caused factors, Snow said. Checks for toxic materials have come up negative.

Natural systems have built-in checks and balances to keep population size in line, says Snow. Nature can be harsh and while the losses are upsetting to many people, they are natural and probably inevitable. There appears to be no cause for particular alarm, Snow says. In spite of the larger than usual losses of chicks there remains a healthy population of murre chicks along Oregon's coast.