

Trout prospects good for Saturday's opener

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has been busy stocking the state's lakes and streams in preparation for the opening of general trout season, April 25.

A mild winter with less than normal snow buildup, and steadily warming weather, should contribute to better than average access to fishing waters. It should also improve early angling conditions.

For the same reasons, access to campgrounds on opening weekend should also be better than average.

Although most waters will open this Saturday, some areas will remain closed, including the Sandy River system. The Sandy, and several other rivers, will be closed to protect young salmon and steelhead fingerlings.

The Sandy and all its tributaries will be closed to trout angling until May 23, as will all coastal rivers, most streams in northeast Oregon and a few higher lakes.

Anglers should pick up a copy of the 1981 angling regulations booklet available free wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold. Separate rules and regulations may exist for specific waters.

Most angling regulations remain unchanged from last year. A reduction in the daily stream trout bag limit from 10 fish to five remains in effect this season. A few waters have more restrictive limits. Most lakes and reservoirs still retain the 10 fish daily bag limit.

Although many waters will be stocked with pan-sized trout before the opener and in coming weeks, other areas will not be stocked until water conditions have improved. Some waters will not be stocked at all, but will be managed for wild fish.

Many local areas will be open and stocked for the April 25 opener.



Trout fishing season will officially get underway this Saturday, April 25 at most lakes and streams in the area.

Photo by Mark Floyd

Ironically, some of the best fishing may be in Roslyn Lake and the Mt. Hood Community College pond, which are open all year. They will be stocked for opening day, however.

Also stocked will be Estacada, Harriet and Timber Lakes as well as Johnson Creek in the Portland area.

One of the area's most popular spots is the North Fork Reservoir on the Clackamas River. The lower portion of the reservoir, from North Fork Dam to

markers a half-mile downstream, will remain closed until May 23 to protect steelhead smolts. The rest of the river should be a good prospect.

The main stem of Eagle Creek will be closed to all angling from the mouth up to the concrete bridge above Eagle Fern Park from April 25 to May 23. It will be closed to all angling between the concrete bridge and the hatchery intake from April 25 to Sept. 26. Anglers should check the regulation booklet for special instructions.

High lake fishing will depend on snow conditions, but lakes under 3,500 feet could be accessible and free of ice because of the mild conditions. The road to Timothy Lake was open and the lake was free of ice, but conditions may have since changed. The U.S. Forest Service is removing hazardous trees from campgrounds there, but at least one will be open this weekend.

Conditions could change by opening day, but Portland General Electric has drawn the lake down quite low. Boat launching may be difficult.

Water conditions should be excellent for those anglers going over the mountain to central Oregon. Hood River and the East Fork Hood River are in good shape and will be stocked. However, the area from Polallie Creek to Parkdale, where the highway is washed out, will not be stocked. The main stem of the Hood River will not open until May 23.

Lost Lake, Laurence Lake and Kingsley Reservoir should all be open with road access by opening day. Rock

Creek and Pine Hollow reservoirs are open year round, but will be stocked again.

Barring late storms, the Deschutes River should be in good condition for opening weekend. Special regulations are in effect downstream from the Pelton dam. The daily bag limit is two trout, 12 inches or more, per day. Artificial flies or lures are the only bait allowed, except for a small area immediately below Sherar Falls.

All rainbow trout 20 inches or longer will be considered steelhead. The season for salmon remains closed by emergency action until June 22.

The White River will be stocked in the Tygh Valley area and conditions are good.

Angling at Prineville Reservoir should be fair for trout, good for brown bullhead, but just fair for bass. The reservoir is open to year-round angling and boat ramps will be operable.

Ochoco Reservoir is also open year-round, but trout fishing should be excellent in late April.

Kokanee angling should be good in the Metolius arm of Lake Billy Chinook. Lake Simtustus will be stocked with about 25,000 trout prior to the opening and should provide good to excellent angling.

Fair to good angling is expected at Antelope Flat Reservoir where 12 to 18 inch trout are catchable. Walton Lake, however, will probably be blocked by snow.

Haystack Reservoir is open year-round, but angling for trout is poor. The Crooked River will be fair, but unstocked.

The Upper Deschutes River will be stocked with rainbow from Wickiup Dam downstream to Sun River. Brown trout catches could be good if the water remains clear.

Breakfast set this weekend for anglers

The Sandy Fire Department will host its annual Sportsmen's Breakfast this Friday and Saturday, April 24-25.

A meal of ham, eggs, pancakes, milk and coffee will be served beginning at 6 p.m. Friday. The breakfast will continue until noon, Saturday.

It will be held at the newly constructed Sandy Fire Hall.

Tickets for the breakfast and the raffle are available at the door or from department volunteers. Items to be raffled include a cord of wood, a tachometer, a fishing pole and miscellaneous camping gear. Raffle tickets are \$1 each.

Proceeds will go toward the volunteer organization, the department's scholarship fund and other charitable activities.

Tickets for the breakfast will cost \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and children under 12.

Ranger district seeks help for projects

The Zigzag Ranger District is seeking summer volunteers to perform maintenance projects during the months of June, July and August.

The volunteer program is being expanded this summer after a successful first season in which 40 volunteers took part in 14 projects, according to District Ranger Charles Smay.

This season's projects include revegetation of heavily used sites, litter pickup, facility repairs, maintenance of hiking and cross country ski trails and maintenance of campgrounds and back-country sites.

Most of the work will involve the use of hand tools such as axes, long-handled pruning saws, shovels and axes. The tools and training will be provided by the Forest Service.

The majority of the projects will be accomplished during single day trips; other projects may require camping out for one or more nights.

Participation in these work projects is a good opportunity for families and community groups to help out.

Work projects will usually be organized for weekends during the summer, although other dates may be arranged. Volunteers will meet at the Zigzag Ranger Station and travel to the work sites or trail heads. Transportation to the sites will be provided.

Individuals or groups interested in participating in the volunteer program should contact the Zigzag Ranger Station. Include the number of people in your group, their ages, any special limitations they may have and a tentative schedule of availability.



Chris Crabtree clears the bar at 10-6, his season's best, to place in the pole vault during Sandy's 75-70 loss to Canby. Teammate Rod Edwards waits to catch the pole.

Pioneer girls dominate

Sandy spikers split with Cougs

by MARK FLOYD

Winning 13 of 15 events, the Sandy High girls track team blitzed Canby Thursday in a dual track meet, 87-40.

But the Cougars won the boys competition 75-70.

The Pioneers opened the girls competition by winning the 400-meter relay in 54.9 and were never headed. Sandy showed strength in the field events as well as on the track, allowing the Cougars just two wins.

Paige Daugherty scored wins in the discus, 109-10, and the shot put, 33-8 for Sandy. She also placed third in the javelin behind teammate Stephanie Hagstrom, who won with a toss of 121-5.

Gayle Roth, who is recovering from a tonsillectomy, showed few signs of rustiness as she snared three wins in the meet. Roth came up with a fine 5-0 leap to win the high jump, then came back to win the 200 meters, 28.47, and the 110-meter high hurdles, 17.61.

Another multiple winner was freshman Sharon Jensen. Jensen took the long jump with a 15-7½ effort and held on to take the 400 meters in 1:03.80.

Another freshman, Sue Phebus, scored an upset victory in the 100-meters for her first win of the year. She was timed in 13.7, just ahead of another Sandy freshman, Crystal

Caulkins, second in 13.83.

The Pioneers came up with wins in the distance events as well. Renee Hess ran a well-paced race and overtook Canby's Joan Schriever on the last lap to win the 1,500 meters. Hess was timed in 5:17.39.

Donna Nelson and Laura Stringham also ran controlled races and crossed the finish line together in the 3,000. They were timed in 11:40.4.

The Sandy boys got three big wins from Steve Metelak, but it wasn't enough as Canby came up with a win in the final event, the mile relay, to nip the Pioneers.

Metelak won the triple jump, 37-2, the 800 meters, 2:06.6, and cross the finish line together with teammate Sam Romey in the 1,500 meters. Both were timed in 4:22.8. The double in the middle distance runs was a good one for Metelak, who is one of the better boys in those events in the Timber Valley League.

The performance of the freshman Romey was also encouraging. His time in the 1,500 broke the school freshman record by some seven seconds and he also took third in the 800 in a speedy 2:07.6.

Scott Skipper turned in a personal

best in the javelin, tossing the spear 183-3 for the win. Sandy swept the event as Richard Doering, 156-2, and David Paugh, 145-6, took second and third.

Paugh also won the discus, coming up with a throw of 133-7½ to lead a Sandy sweep. Skipper won second in the shot with a put of 47-1½.

The sophomore Skipper also roared to a win in the 200 meters, with a personal best of 23.6.

Another fine mark was turned in by Bob Nippert, who cleared 6-0 in the high jump for the win, his best mark of the season.

Canby, however, scored wins in the sprints, hurdles and both relays to put the Pioneers away.

Sandy won the boys junior varsity competition by a 63-53 score. Best marks were turned in by Paugh in the shot, 40-11; Brian Prosser in the 200, 24.2; and Steve Pettingill in the discus, 117-7½.

The Pioneers also won the girls junior varsity competition, 51-46. Freshman Jacqui Pullen scored wins in both hurdles races to lead the way.

Sandy will host Oregon City this Thursday in a big TVL dual meet. First events are scheduled to begin at 3:45 p.m. on the SUHS field.

Pioneer netters clobber Canby

The midseason slump is over for the Sandy High girls tennis team.

The Pioneers overcame a 5-2 loss to Estacada this week by topping Molalla 4-3 and trouncing Canby 6-1.

Estacada came to town looking for revenge after the Pioneers had upset them earlier in the year. And they got it as Sandy won the first and last matches and the Rangers won everything in between.

Sandy Yantes won at No. 1 singles for Sandy, beating Leah Hoppon 6-4, 7-5. And at No. 4 doubles, it was Alice Schoppert and Tracy Tool over Estacada's Ruth Cartile and Sharon Buckley 6-2, 6-0.

Tami Shafer lost a tough match at No. 2 singles for Sandy as Kathy Wilson scored a 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 win. Wilson won the tiebreaker 7-3. At No. 3 singles, Becky Henry topped Sandy's Jody Robbins 6-2, 6-0.

At No. 1 doubles, Lisa Dye and Sharon Bagley topped Sandy's Julie Coleman and Sandy Shreeve 6-3, 6-2. Becky Rodrigues and Pat Wesslink lost at No. 2 doubles to Estacada's Jill Steubs and Diane Branson 6-4, 6-2. Sammie Bootin and Teresa Hay stopped the Pioneers' Sue Hartke and Zina Seal 6-1, 6-4.

The Pioneers turned things around against Molalla. Shafer beat Jackie Stafford 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1 singles and Yantes knocked off Janet Peters by an identical score at No. 2 singles.

Molalla picked up a win in the other

singles match as Sandy Abraham topped Robbins 6-4, 6-1. The Pioneers were upset at No. 1 doubles as well, as Joanie Schaefer and Sharon Bergstrom edged Coleman and Shreeve 6-4, 7-6. But Sandy got back on track at No. 2 doubles as Wesslink and Rodrigues won 6-2, 6-3 over Bonnie Coates and Emily Friedrich.

At No. 3 doubles, Molalla's Kay Schliming and Laura Novak nipped Seal and Schoppert 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Sandy clinched the win at No. 4 doubles as Tool and Denise Shokey won 6-3, 6-1 over Buffy Bird and Denise Lichty.

The win over Canby was particularly gratifying. The Cougars had beaten Sandy in the first round, but the Pioneers were primed and scored a 6-1 win over their hosts.

Yantes won 6-1, 6-3 over Donita Kraxberger and Shafer took the No. 2 singles with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Kristin Woolhiser. It was the first league loss suffered by both Canby girls and the Pioneers made it convincing. Robbins also won with a hard-fought 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 win over Debra Daly.

Coleman and Shreeve were back in form, topping Kim Plantz and Julie Jacobsen 6-1, 6-1. At No. 2 doubles, Rodrigues and Wesslink scored a 6-1, 7-5 win over Audrey Stutzman and Vickie Zolnikov. Seal and Tool beat Canby's April Snider and Lisa Spalding 6-2, 6-4 at No. 3 doubles.

Canby's lone win came at No. 4 doubles as Cindy Richert and Karen



Becky Rodrigues

Van Winkle outlasted Schoppert and Shokey 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

"It was a great match," Sandy coach Debbie Hunter said. "Sandy Yantes and Tami Shafer just played super and our No. 1 doubles moved a lot better."

The wins boosted Sandy's league mark to 4-4. Four full matches remain and portions of two makeup matches.