



Repairs to the Sandy High School football field and track began last week. The track will be resurfaced as soon as workmen finish the drainage work on the football field. Everything should be completed by the time SUHS lines up for its first game this September.

Photo by Mark Floyd

## Bowman's ups sports slate; eyes Cup team

Rippling River and Red Lion at Bowman's is gearing up to expand and promote its recreation and sports programs.

The Welches resort is less than a tankful of gas from Portland and outdoor enthusiasts have access to the 27-hole golf course, as well as horseback riding, volleyball, swimming, water polo, fishing, croquet and, of course, year-round skiing on Mt. Hood, courtesy of the Palmer Chairlift.

Marji Palmer was hired in mid-June to take over as professional tennis instructor and direct the resort's program. She previously worked in Palm Springs, Calif.

Arriving with her was Steven Pierce, also of Palm Springs, who took over the marketing and promotional operations of the development's sports and recreation program. That encompasses everything from golf to tennis, cycling, swimming, hiking and even kiteflying.

According to general manager Steve Taylor, the recent expansion of the recreation department is only the beginning. Rippling River-Red Lion will be adding indoor sports to their program with the construction of a \$2 million facility to accommodate racquet sports.

"Within a two-year period we anticipate to construct a multi-facet indoor facility to accommodate tennis, racquetball, a swimming pool, a jacuzzi, saunas and an exercise room," Taylor said.

He added that in the interim period prior to construction, a "number of exciting new things will be taking place." Taylor hopes to get the United States Davis Cup tennis team to stay at Bowman's for its upcoming tournament to be held in Portland in October.

Taylor said that he and Rippling River developer Carl Bright sent a letter to team coach Arthur Ashe offering the complete use of the resort's facilities.

"We have invited them to be complimentary guests at the resort, to practice for the upcoming tournament," Taylor said. "We will provide them with free rooms, meals, as well as limousine every day down to the tournament."

## SUHS track and field to get long-awaited repairs

The Sandy High School track and football field are being repaired at last.

Work began last week in the renovation of the drainage on and around the football field, a job which should be finished this Friday, according to SUHS business manager Joan Hay.

"We're doing some long-needed

repairs," she said. "Every 10 yards, they're tearing up the field, digging down and putting in gravel. They're doing a beautiful job. Drainage has been a problem and there have been gullies every 10 yards. Now there will be mounds.

"It will be nice," she added. "We

won't lose anyone between the cracks."

Willow Bend of Sherwood is handling the drainage work. Their bid on the job was \$39,450.

The ground which has been torn up is being reseeded as the work progresses and Hay said the field will be ready for Sandy High's opening game next

month.

When the drainage work is complete, work will begin to resurface the track. Atlas Track of Lake Oswego, the same firm contracted to do the Cedar Ridge track, submitted a bid of \$35,200 for the job.

One final bit of repair work will take

place in the parking lot. The lot consists of some rather large rocks which have long been a source of complaints for the school district. SUHS will remove the large rocks and lay down crushed gravel.

A total cost won't be available until nextweek.

## Bill passed to raise fishing and hunting license fees in 1982

A bill has passed the Legislature which will raise some hunting and fishing license fees beginning in 1982. The bill was introduced by the Fish and Wildlife Department to help meet rising costs, largely due to inflation.

The price of the resident hunting license will go from \$7 to \$8 and the resident angling license will climb from \$9 to \$12. The resident juvenile angler license (for anglers age 14 through 17) will go from \$2 to \$4.

The nonresident 10-day angling license which has been \$10 will be \$18 after this year, and the nonresident season license goes from \$25 to \$30. The daily angler license which is available to both resident and nonresident anglers will be increased from \$2.50 to \$3 in 1982 and \$3.50 after that. The biggest percentage increase is for the salmon-steelhead tag which now costs \$2 and will cost \$5 beginning the first of next year.

The special bowhunting license which is required in addition to the hunting

license is eliminated after this year since there are now separate bowhunting tags for deer and elk, and a proposed upland bird stamp which was in the original bill was dropped in the final bill.



by Ken Durbin

When the new fees go into effect, license agents are also authorized to charge 50 cents for each document they issue instead of 25 cents which is now charged. The license and tag fee increases are expected to bring an additional \$5 million during the next two year period.

District wildlife biologists have been busy the past few weeks conducting brood surveys for most species of

upland birds.

Since it is never possible to get a 100 percent count of upland birds, or most other wildlife for that matter, biologists rely on sample counts to give an indication not only of total bird numbers, but also of the success of the spring nesting season.

On the basis of the trend information the Department will develop proposals for bird hunting seasons for this fall. The Fish and Wildlife Commission will consider the staff proposals for upland birds and waterfowl, as well as those from the public Aug. 21 in a meeting at Fish and Wildlife Department headquarters, 506 SW Mill Street in Portland. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and the public hearing will start about 9 a.m. After the close of public testimony the commission will decide on the 1981 seasons.

One biologist put it colorfully and well when he suggested that most upland birds are "annuals" in the same sense that some flowers are "annuals." By that he meant that most upland bird populations consist largely of birds less

than one year old.

Upland birds like pheasants, quail, chukar and Hungarian partridge characteristically produce large clutches, often 10 to 14 young or more. Of these, most perish in their first year of life. If that were not true there would be continually growing populations of birds that would soon outstrip their living space and food supply.

In some years a few more birds survive through the winter or production is better than average and populations increase. In other years a grim winter takes its toll or production is poor and populations decline. In upland bird species these increases or decreases are tied so directly to weather that there is little man can do to influence the trends except through activities that improve or destroy habitat. Hunting seasons take a part of this annual surplus but are actually only a small part of the annual mortality factor.

For several years now winters have been mild enough in most areas to allow good numbers of birds to survive through the winter. The last two years

this was also combined with successful nesting seasons and populations of most species have done well. This was reflected last year by the highest chukar harvest ever recorded in Oregon, and better than average seasons for most other species.

This past winter was one of the mildest in a long time and it allowed much larger than average numbers of adult birds to survive through the "pinch" period. The potential existed this spring for excellent production and some of the highest upland bird populations in years. But the same persistent rains that fell on much of the state through most of June also dampened the prospects for record production.

Wet and cold weather during the time when eggs are hatching and the young are still very vulnerable is the greatest concern of any biologist concerned with upland bird management. A large clutch can be eliminated or reduced to only a few survivors in short order by a chill rain.

If an entire clutch is lost, the hen will usually reneest and she may still bring

off a large brood on her second or even third attempt. This happened last year and during their brood counts biologists saw broods of widely varying age. Production was very good in most areas.

But if most of the brood is wiped out, yet there are a few survivors, the hen will usually raise those rather than trying to reneest. And production will necessarily be smaller. This year, although there was an excellent carryover of adult birds through the winter, early indications were that many adults either did not nest, were not successful in nesting or had lost many of their young to the wet, cold weather. Observers were seeing many birds, but few young, and the broods usually were small.

Lately, however, biologists in many areas are starting to see more broods of younger age chicks indicating some successful reneesting attempts. Soon all the census results will be in and a much better picture of prospects for upland bird hunting this fall will emerge.

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## Picking top athletes at SUHS quite a chore

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Someone asked me the other day who I thought were the best athletes I had seen during my three years of covering Sandy High School.

That's a good question.

It's not something you can answer off the top of your head. Certainly there have been some top notch athletes during the past three years. But how do you rate them? The answer is — very carefully.

The best female athlete has to be Michele Cleland. Cleland, who is now a sophomore at Oregon State University, was probably the most awesome volleyball spiker in the state during her senior year. She was named to the state all-tournament team and led the Pioneers to a second place finish.

Cleland was also a track standout, winning all three throwing events at district and placing in the shot put and discus at state. She set school records at OSU last year as a freshman.

But what made Cleland stand out was her

determination. She was probably the toughest competitor the school has seen in recent years, male or female. When Michele made up her mind to do something, you simply got out of her way. There was no chance of stopping her.

The choice for the best male athlete is a little tougher. There have been a few who stood out in one sport and a few who competed in several sports. But perhaps no one has the potential, or the athletic ability, of Scott Skipper.

Skipper will be a junior at SUHS this year and already he is being compared to Gresham's Brian Crouser, who won all three throwing events at the state track meet a year ago. Skipper isn't quite on a level with Crouser yet, but he hasn't had the time to concentrate on track. There's also football and wrestling.

Skipper was one of the few sophomores to start on the SUHS football team in the past few years. And he did it on offense and defense. In wrestling, Skipper came one match away from qualifying for state. In fact, he had the district champ on his

shoulders at one point, the same district champ who went on to win state.

It is in track, however, where Skipper's athletic ability stands out. He is already a state caliber javelin thrower, his shot and discus marks are among the best in the district and he can do everything, as his first place finish in the state decathlon indicates.

Skipper is the most versatile male athlete I've seen at Sandy; his female counterpart is Gayle Roth.

Roth will be a senior at SUHS this fall and she can do it all. For the past two years she has been the leading runner on the Pioneer cross country team and Sandy finished sixth at state last season. As a freshman, Roth was on the gymnastics team in the fall and competed at the varsity level.

In the winter, Roth trades in her track gear for a swim suit. She has placed in the top five at state the last two years in the freestyle and could win a title this year.

In the spring, it's back to track and Roth placed sixth in the state in the 800 meter run. She won the girls state heptathlon title and can compete in any event her coaches ask

her to and pick up points.

Both the volleyball and basketball coaches at SUHS have said they would trade their eye teeth for a chance to get Roth on their teams, another tribute to her ability.

The award for the coach's dream, however, would have to go to Donna Nelson. Nelson is a distance runner and the hardest worker I have seen in three years at SUHS. While most high schoolers spend the summer relaxing, Nelson has run 40 to 50 miles a week and adhered to a strict non-sugar diet.

For those of you who can't relate, that means about seven miles a day and no soft drinks, ice cream or candy.

The Pioneer junior would run 1,000 miles a week if her coach told her to. The best compliment I can think of comes from a coach who said if he had 10 Donna Nelsons he could win a state title, regardless of the sport.

There are, of course, other standout athletes too numerous to mention. But when the chips were down and you needed a clutch performance, I wouldn't trade those four in for anyone.