

Upland bird hunting improves

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With the eastern Oregon pheasant population up 35 percent, chukkar numbers up 23 percent and Hungarian partridge showing a 46 percent increase in numbers, upland bird hunters can look forward to excellent prospects this fall.

Most other upland species are either holding ground or showing an increasing trend. In general, large populations of upland birds carried through last year's mild winter, and even though nesting success was sharply reduced in many areas by cool June rains, overall upland populations remain very good.

Duck hunters can look forward to a migration flight nearly as good as last year with a Pacific flyway forecast for only a four percent reduction over last year. The Dusky Canada Goose, which winters in the Willamette Valley, has again suffered heavy brown bear predation on its Copper River Delta nesting grounds, but the lesser Canada has had an excellent nesting season. Other subspecies of Canada geese continue to increase and the snow goose has had its best production in 15 years. Although populations of cackler and white-fronted geese remain small they had a good production year and regulations will again afford them special protection.

Game bird seasons set recently by the Fish and Wildlife Commission generally reflect the good populations available this year.

Pheasant season will open Oct. 17 and run through Nov. 29 with a bag limit of three cocks per day in eastern Oregon and two on the west side and Klamath County. Possession limits are nine on the east side and six on the west. One hen pheasant will be allowed in the bag during the last week of the season in Malheur County only.

Valley quail season will correspond with pheasant season in western Oregon with a daily bag limit of five, 10 in possession. On the east side the season will run from

Oct. 17 through Dec. 31 with a bag limit of 10 and possession limit of 20.

For the elusive mountain quail a west side season will run from Aug. 29 through Nov. 3 with a five bird bag limit and 10 birds in possession. The season was also reopened in a very limited way east of the Cascades following a two year closure. Dates are the same as the valley quail season, Oct. 17 through Dec. 31, but a bag and possession limit of only two birds was set. When quail break into sudden buzzing flight identification can be difficult and though valley quail and mountain quail habitat are usually different, the populations do overlap in some areas. The small east side mountain quail limit will not encourage deliberate pursuit but allows for the occasional mistaken identity.

The footsore crowd that pursues chukkar and Hungarian partridge is in for another banner year. Last year provided the highest harvest on record and this year the populations are even higher. The season will open with deer season on Oct. 3 and extend two weeks longer than last year—through Jan. 31. The daily bag limit will again be eight birds and the possession limit 24.

Although there is little partridge hunting in western Oregon, a few birds are

Volleyball meeting

For persons participating in the Sandy Mountain Volleyball League, a mandatory referee clinic will be held Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Sandy Community Senior Center.

A qualified official from the Portland Volleyball Association will conduct a two-hour training session in order to familiarize players with U.S. Volleyball Association rules, which will allow team members to officiate upcoming league games.

For more information contact the Sandy Recreation Department at 668-5569.

available on public shooting areas and the season for chukkar and Huns on the west side and Klamath County runs concurrent with pheasant season and the bag limit is four per day, eight in possession.

Forest grouse seasons are similar to last year. In eastern Oregon the season opens for blue and ruffed grouse on Aug. 29 and continues through Sept. 27. In western Oregon the season runs Aug. 29 through Nov. 3 and then reopens again from Dec. 19-31 for the Christmas holidays. Daily statewide bag limit for forest grouse is three per day, nine in possession.

Although sage grouse populations are up substantially in some areas, they are still low in others and the closed season which went into effect in 1976 will remain in force this fall.

Upland game staff biologist Ralph Denney told the Commission he will probably come to them next

year, barring heavy winter losses, with a recommendation for a controlled sage grouse hunt, permits limited by area. This would allow harvest in areas where populations are high yet give adequate protection in other areas.

A 1982 spring gobbler season with two separate hunt periods was again set in the same areas where seasons were held this spring. Turkey populations in Wasco County remain stable and the same number of tags was authorized as last year. The popular south Wasco area was split in half, however, with half the previous tag numbers allocated in each area. The northeast area will have a season similar to 1981.

Although Rio Grande turkeys, first introduced in the wild near Medford in 1975, have continued to expand their range, little evidence of reproductive success was seen this spring.

1981 GAME BIRD SEASONS

UPLAND GAME BIRDS	OPEN SEASON (all dates inclusive)	OPEN AREA	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Blue and Ruffed Grouse	Aug. 29 - Sept. 27 Aug. 29 - Nov. 3 Dec. 19 - 31	Eastern Oregon Western Oregon (Hood River & Wasco counties)	3 3 3	9 9 9
Sage Grouse	NO OPEN SEASON			
Chukkar and Hungarian Partridge	Oct. 3 - Jan. 31, 1982 Oct. 17 - Nov. 29	Eastern Oregon Western Oregon and Klamath County	8 4	24 8
Cock Pheasant	Oct. 17 - Nov. 29	Eastern Oregon Western Oregon and Klamath County	3 (1) 2	9 (1) 6
Valley Quail	Oct. 17 - Dec. 31 Oct. 17 - Nov. 29	Eastern Oregon Western Oregon	10 5	20 10
Mountain Quail	Oct. 17 - Dec. 31 Aug. 29 - Nov. 3	Eastern Oregon Western Oregon	2 5	2 10
Turkey	No Fall Season.	Controlled Spring Gobbler Season set for 1982		
MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:				
Mourning Doves	Sept. 1 - Sept. 30	Entire State	10	20
Band-Tailed Pigeon	Sept. 12 - Oct. 11	Entire State	5	5
Duck (includes mergansers)	Oct. 17 - Jan. 17, 1982	Entire State	7 (a)	14
Coot	Oct. 17 - Jan. 17, 1982	Entire State	25	25
	Oct. 17 - Jan. 17, 1982	Western Oregon	2	2
	Oct. 17 - Jan. 17, 1982	Eastern Oregon	3 (b)	6
	(see following exceptions)			
Goose	Oct. 17 - Dec. 31 Oct. 17 - Oct. 30 Oct. 31 - Jan. 17, 1982 Dec. 12 - Feb. 1, 1982	Baker & Malheur counties Klamath & Lake counties Klamath & Lake counties Entire State	2 1 (c) 3 (b) 4	2 2 6 8
Black Brant	Oct. 17 - Jan. 17, 1982	Entire State	8	16
Common Snipe	Oct. 17 - Jan. 17, 1982	Entire State	8	16

(a) Bag limit may include not more than 2 redheads or 2 canvasbacks or one of each daily, not more than 4 redheads or canvasbacks in the aggregate in possession.
(b) Daily bag limit is increased to 6 provided 3 are dark geese and 3 are white geese. White geese are snow geese and Ross' geese. All other geese are dark geese (Canada, cackling, white-fronted).
(c) Daily bag limit is increased to 3 provided 1 is a dark goose and 2 are white geese. The possession limit is increased to 6 provided 2 are dark geese and 4 are white geese.
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Sandy sports summary

Prospects good for soccer team

This might just be the year that Lon Welsh's soccer team turns the corner.

"I'm optimistic about this year, but carefully so," said Welsh, the man who has guided the Sandy Union High School program through seven years of change.

This is their third year "as an organized, official team," he said earlier this week.

And, he has three forwards with 28 years of accumulated experience.

Senior Bill Groombridge has been playing under Welsh since his freshman year. "I'm looking for big things from him," Welsh said.

Also starting as forwards last year were Tim Pullen and Joel Dose. They are both sophomores this year.

And, said Welsh, the beatings they took last year because of their youth could be avenged this year.

Three senior mid-fielders also return to the starting lineup this season. "Their stability will carry us through," Welsh said.

He said that his three mid-fielders reported to practice in excellent shape. They had to. Mid-fielders reportedly average 14 miles a game.

The three mid-fielders are Bill Mathews, and identical twins Clark and Craig Watts.

"If we don't beat 'em, we'll certainly confuse them," Welsh joked.

The program is just now starting to see the effects of the feeder programs, like grade school teams, the Cascade Soccer League and the Sandy Youth Soccer League, Welsh said.

The team played three 20-minute halves yesterday in a jamboree in Estacada. There first home match will be played on the field south of the high school the 18th against Barlow.

They'll probably be on their new field after that.

In other fall sports, the gymnastics team will be in action here at 7 p.m. on the 16th. And, the annual cross country meet will be the 18th.

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Sandy High's Cal McKinnis, 5'11" senior guard, lead the Pioneer varsity football team to an upset 8-6 opening win against Jackson. He was a leading solo tackler with a solo quarterback sack and a key fumble recovery.

Enjoy great pizzas & good times at Paola's!