

Sauvie Island offers unique hunting experience

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Sauvie Island offers a waterfowl hunting experience which may possibly be unique anywhere in the U.S. so close to a large

metropolitan area like Portland. It attracts and holds up to 250,000 ducks and 30,000 geese each winter and its regulations are designed to serve the needs of a wide variety of hunters.

If you want to go hunting knowing you have a reserva-

tion waiting for you, there is an area on Sauvie where this is possible. If you'd rather go on the spur of the moment and don't mind the first come, first served system, you can use your wits and experience to try to select the best available spot. If you would rather wander about riverbottom wetlands unhindered by unit boundaries, designated shooting sites or daily shooting fees, there is also an area for this.

To understand the Sauvie Island Management Area you must think of it in three parts. For management purposes the hunting area is divided into the North Unit, the west-side area and the east-side area.

The North Unit has the fewest regulations. It contains at least eight lakes (varying with the rains and the level of the Columbia River), and Cunningham Slough meanders nearly the unit's full length, emptying

into Multnomah Channel. The unit is reached by driving to the end of Reeder Road on the Columbia River side of the island where parking is available. The entire unit is accessible by walking or by boat from the Columbia River or Multnomah Channel.

Hunting is permitted seven days a week during the waterfowl season with no check-in or out required. Steel shot is required in the North Unit as it is everywhere on the management area, but the only other regulation are those governing waterfowl hunting elsewhere in the state.

The west-side area consists of five hunting units including Steelman, Holman Point, Mud, Seal and Crane units. These units are open to public hunting on dates published in the Oregon Game Bird Regulations. About 90 hunters can be accommodated on the west-

side units on any given day.

Hunting is by \$5 permit issued on a first come, first served basis at the west-side check station. The check station is located about a quarter of a mile beyond the end of the blacktop on Sauvie Island Road which follows the dike on the Multnomah Channel side of the island. Hunters are free to select their hunting spots in three units on the west-side area while two have designated shooting sites.

The east-side area is the most complex in terms of regulations. It is also usually the best hunting area although the west-side equals it at times.

This is a heavily diked area with many canals and floodgates so water levels can be controlled. The east-side area is farmed to provide food crops for wintering waterfowl and cover on shooting days for hunters,

and areas are flooded prior to and during the season. The amount of hunting area depends somewhat on the amount of rainfall and the units usually do not support their full quota of about 165 hunters per day until after the heavy fall rains begin.

Hunting in the 12 east-side units is by reservation with any opportunities not taken by reservation then open on a first come, first served arrangement. Application for reservations is made in ad-

vance on cards available from sporting goods outlets in the Portland metropolitan area or by writing the Portland office of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Parties of up to four hunters may apply together.

Instructions for applications are found on the cards. Those who are successful in the drawing receive a notification slip which is exchanged for a \$5 permit at the east-side check station on the morning of hunting.

The station is located near the center of the east-side area just off Reeder Road.

Some hunting units have numbered posts indicating the spots where hunters must hunt within the unit. In others you choose your own spot. The Oak Island unit has established blinds and those with reservations check-in and out at a self-service station at the entrance to the area.

Although all this sounds pretty complicated in print, the whole system works surprisingly smoothly. The regulations are designed to provide a kind of hunting opportunity that will suit a wide variety of hunters, without excessive conflict and overcrowding. Maps of the North Unit, west-side area and east-side area are available from the DFW and would be helpful to hunters new to the island.

SRD volleyball results

Truck Designs began the second half of the season in a great way by upending previously unbeaten Buckboard Pizza, 13-15, 15-11 and 15-10, while Joe Koch Ford, continually improving, struck quick in winning their matches against Mt. Hood Cleaners, 15-11, 15-7, and Cedar Ridge, 15-6, 15-9.

Mt. Hood Cleaners defeated a new "B" division team, Cedar Ridge, 15-3, 15-9.

All teams should note that there will be no games on Nov. 11 due to the Veteran's Day holiday.

The second half of the "A" division volleyball league started off with a new team and a few surprises. Mt.

Country Realty lost two matches to Carlson Chevrolet and Calamity Jane's. In the evening's second match, Carlson Chevrolet, which participated without the services of injured Ralph Hogate, lost to Calamity Jane's, 15-7, 15-8.

"A" division	
W	L
Castile Construction	5 1
Mt. Country Realty	5 3
Calamity Jane's	4 4
Carlson Chevrolet	1 1

"B" division	
W	L
Buckboard Pizza	3 1
The Store	3 3
Truck Design	3 3
Mt. Hood Cleaners	4 6
Joe Koch Ford	3 7
Cedar Ridge	0 2

SYL basketball results

Over 125 are participating in the Sandy Youth League basketball program.

The SYL officers wish to thank the many people who have volunteered their time and efforts in timing, scorekeeping and refereeing of the games.

Last week was the first of competition for the league.

Oct. 22 results

D 45, F 36
A 21, C 20

Oct. 23 results

E 48, G 33
One 29, Two 8

"A" League standings
(Seventh and eighth grade boys)

W	L
D	1 0
E	1 0
F	0 1
G	0 1

"B" League standings
(Sixth grade boys)

W	L
A	1 0
B	0 0
C	0 1

"C" League standings
(Sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls)

One	Two	Three
1 0	0 1	0 0

Oct. 29 schedule
(C is Cedar Ridge, S is Sandy gym.)

B vs. C, 6:30 p.m., (S)
D vs. G, 7:30 p.m., (S)
2 vs. 3, 8:30 p.m., (S)

Oct. 30 schedule

1 vs. 3, 6:30 p.m., (C)
E vs. F, 7:30 p.m., (C)
A vs. C, 8:30 p.m., (C)

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"B" League standings
(Sixth grade boys)

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C	0 1

"C" League standings
(Sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls)

Individual game: Helen Walker, 219; Individual series: Helen Walker, 582; Team games: Pioneer Real Estate, 798; Team series: Pioneer Real Estate, 2,154

Oct. 22

W	L
Williams Thriftway	14 10
Pioneer Real Estate	13 11
Accent Hair	13 11
Town & Country	12 12
Michaels Pre-cast	12 12
Sheppards Con.	12 12
Jennie Weiches	11 13
Dirt & Aggregate	9 15

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