

## OUTLOOK GOOD FOR HUNTERS AS DEER SEASON OPENS

A good population of deer and a promise of pleasant autumn weather is the outlook for the 200,000 plus nimrods eagerly anticipating the opening of buck deer season October 3.

John McKean, chief of operations of the game division for the Oregon State Game Commission, states, "The outlook for the 1953 deer season is very good in that bucks were not heavily cropped in western Oregon last fall and the mild winter has permitted an excellent carry over of 1952 fawns. The wet spring has provided the animals with plenty of good food thus keeping them in good shape. Also, the fact that the season opens in the dark of the moon will be beneficial to hunters since deer are more apt to be moving about in the daytime."

This optimistic summary of the deer population points toward good hunting next month.

Later, a four-day either-sex season will be in effect from October 17 through the 20th, inclusive. A similar season held in 1952 had no detrimental effect on Oregon's deer herds. An expansion of the area open for hunters' choice hunting was put into effect to give a wider dispersal of the hunters. Most national forests in eastern Oregon will be open this year. Some concern was expressed by private landowners last year at the large concentrations of hunters in certain areas of eastern Oregon.

In western Oregon, the hunter's choice area is again restricted to agricultural lands where resident deer have caused considerable damage to high value crops.

McKean continues with, "Although it is difficult to forecast the weather and general hunting conditions that will prevail during the hunting seasons, the commission has authorized comparatively liberal regulations which should provide Oregon's million hunters ample opportunity for outdoor recreation with a minimum of hazard to other enterprises and resources."

## PreHunting Season Warning Issued

A pre-hunting season warning issued to the hunters of California by their game department is one that the hunters of Oregon would do well to heed.

With more than 200,000 hunters going afield in search of the various game birds and animals of the state, a few timely suggestions have been put forth. These are suggestions for hunters as an aid in preventing serious ill effects from overexertion.

1. Act your age and know your physical limits.
  2. Avoid vigorous hill climbs and difficult drives if aware of a heart condition.
  3. Do not hunt to the limit of your endurance.
  4. Be alert for unusual shortness of breath or pain in the chest as warning of overexertion.
  5. Attempt to condition yourself for the opening day by frequent hikes several weeks in advance of the first hunting day.
- Oregon had a number of deaths last year attributed to overexertion during the hunting season and it is hoped that hunters will protect themselves by heeding the above suggestion.

## Controlled Season Drawing Held

Drawings for permits to hunt in the controlled season areas this year were held September 24 at game commission headquarters in Portland.

Approximately twenty people witnessed the streamlined drawing which was over within an hour of the time it started. Permits were mailed to the winners on September 25 which will give plenty of time to prepare for the hunt.

Over 4,200 applications were received for the 700 permits with the Tillamook elk area being the most popular. The Indian Creek controlled elk season was second best in the eyes of the hunter and the Adams controlled deer area trailed in popularity with only 743 applications.

Out of the 4,200 applications, 153 had to be rejected. The majority were eliminated because they applied more than once in more than one area. Several persons had filled in this winter license number, but the most flagrant violation of the regulations and the spirit of good sportsmanship was the applicant who applied three times in each of the three areas. Needless to say, all applications were rejected.

## Duck Stamps Now At Post Office

Migratory waterfowl stamps, commonly referred to as "Duck Stamps" are now available at U. S. Post Offices. The stamps are 13 cents and depict a blue-winged teal, mallard, woodcock, and a pair of waterfowl. The stamps are available at the post office or by mail. The stamps in their possession will do no harm. The cost is two dollars.

Oregon's duck season goes on October 17 and extends through December 1. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Printed vignettes of the waterfowl regulations will be available to hunters from September 1 to October 1.



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A part of Harris Beach Park the camp is nestled among natural evergreen shrubbery and small trees on high ground across the highway from the park picnic grounds. Few camps of this nature can boast of a view of the Pacific from all points.

Work is progressing nicely on the 32 camp sites and five trailer camp spaces which are grouped in

practically a circle with a utility building in the center that will be easily accessible by all camps. The sites are so arranged that each camp is a unit unto itself with natural greenery screening it from the next. Each will have an outside fireplace. Even the trailer camp occupants may use this means for cookery if they desire. Electricity and water will be available.

The foundation for the 20-foot by 34 foot utility building is in and work has been started on the frame work. This will, house showers, restrooms and facilities for laundry. The septic tank for this building is a huge affair with thick reinforced concrete walls.

Roy Weideman, contractor, is enthusiastic about the efforts which were made in the planning to save all the natural beauty of

Who is slowest in making a promise is most faithful in fulfilling it.—(Jean Jacques Rousseau)  
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the landscape. Roads, parking spaces and paths will be graded this season and blacktopped next year. Work is expected to be completed by December first.

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