

Record year for big game hunt auctions, raffles

SALEM — ODFW's 2018 auctions and raffles for 26 special Oregon big game hunting tags grossed a record \$1,019,730 this year, breaking the previous record of \$882,787 set in 2017.

Winners of these tags can hunt during an extended season and in an expanded hunt area.

A total of 145,105 raffle tickets were sold, grossing \$380,730 and breaking previous records for raffle sales. Raffle winners were drawn at

the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) state convention on May 12 at the Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville.

(A list of winners is available at www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/auctions_raffles/raffle_winners.asp)

The auction of 13 special big game tags grossed \$639,000. The Governor's combination deer/elk tag went for \$78,000, breaking the previous record of \$70,000 set in 2016.

The funds raised for deer and elk tags sold at auctions and raffles go to ODFW's Access and Habitat program, which opens millions of acres of private land to hunting access and improves wildlife habitat.

Proceeds from the pronghorn, bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain goat tags help fund research and management of those species.

The sportsmen conservation groups that sponsored the auc-

tions at fund raising banquets of their organizations in the past few months also get to keep 10 percent of the auction proceeds (\$63,900).

Those groups include local, state and/or national chapters of the Wild Sheep Foundation, Mule Deer Foundation, Oregon Hunters Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Safari Club International, and National Wild Turkey Federation.

Free camping, day-use during State Parks Day June 2

More than a dozen state parks are holding free events that day, and camping is free at all tent, RV and horse campsites. Day-use parking will be free June 2 and 3 at the 26 parks that charge a day-use fee.

Fishing is also free June 2 and 3, courtesy of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Several free fishing events will be held that weekend by ODFW and partners.

Find out more at www.myodfw.com/articles/2018-free-fishing-days-and-events.

"State Parks Day is our way

of thanking Oregonians for their commitment to our state parks," said Lisa Sumption, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director. "We invite people to discover a new park or revisit an old favorite."

State Parks Day is organized by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) and has been held annually since 1997. This year, OPRD partnered with Oregon Lottery to sponsor events at Milo McIver State Park, The Cove Palisades State Park and Wallowa Lake State Park.

Eighteen state parks will

host free events Saturday June 2:

Participating coastal state parks will include:

- Fort Stevens State Park
- Humbug Mountain State Park
- Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park

Events include barbecue picnics, a family safety fair, outdoor concerts, ranger-led hikes and more.

Full details about events at each park can be found at www.oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=v.dsp_featureArticle

&articleId=229

To guarantee a campsite for State Parks Day, reserve online at oregonstateparks.org or call 800-452-5687, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

While campsite rental is free, an \$8 non-refundable transaction fee is required at the time of the reservation. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance of your stay.

Approximately half of state park campgrounds accept reservations.

Little from 1B

a member of each team described.

Team A—The season is over. You worked very hard this year. Your team only lost one game. You finished the year in second place. How do you feel?

Respond in your head.

Team B — The season has finally ended. Once again you only won one game and finished next to last place. How do you feel?

Again, respond in your head.

Most of you probably responded with positive feelings for team A and not so feel good as a member of team B.

What if I told you there were only two teams in the league. They played only one game and Team A lost the game. The actual standings would be Team B 1-0 and Team A 0-1.

Try and rationalize why you responded the way you did. Most people like winners and the feelings that come with the victory.

Many but not all sports fan will "jump on the bandwagon" of a winning team.

As a freshman in 1966-67, my Warrenton High School JV basketball team went undefeated. As our winning streak continued we played with larger and larger crowds.

Unfortunately the varsity was not winning. By season's end, some fans were leaving after our game. Fan support grew for us and not for the varsity.

My junior basketball season we won only three games and often to small crowds.

Where was the love?

All you need to test this theory is to compare the atten-

dance records of the Siuslaw and Mapleton football teams during the past decade.

You could also check the attendance for any of our local sports teams to see the difference during winning and losing seasons.

Regardless of the final score our athletes and coaches are working hard to be successful. They try to win and deserve our vocal support at their contests.

If you have time on your hands (and who doesn't) go to some games and support the Vikings and Sailors as they battle to win!

Fishing from 1B

BEST BETS FOR WEEKEND FISHING

Just a few of the highlights from this week's Recreation Report:

• Early summer steelhead are being caught in the Siletz River.

• It's worth repeating, trout fishing has been amazing on Diamond Lake.

• Lost Creek Reservoir will be stocked with 10,000 rainbow trout this week.

• The spring Chinook run is getting serious on the North Fork Santiam.

• Henry Hagg Lake and North Fork Reservoir will be getting 10,000 trout this week — Each!

• The Powder River below Mason Dam has been stocked with 9,000 trout.

• Spring Chinook fishing is heating up on the Umatilla River.

SALMON

May/June means spring Chinook in rivers and basins from Tillamook south to the Siletz. By August attention turns to fall Chinook and coho. There is a rare opportunity to fish for chum salmon (catch-and-release only) on the Kilchis and Miami rivers beginning in mid-September.

STEELHEAD

These ocean-going rainbow trout are divided into two runs: winter and summer. For those that prefer frostbite to sunburn, winter steelhead begin entering area rivers and streams from November and December (depending on the timing of the fall rains) and runs can continue through April.

Summer steelhead returns begin in early April to early June in the Nestucca, Siletz, Trask and Wilson rivers. Summer fish will continue to arrive through late summer and early fall, sometimes overlapping with winter returning fish.

TROUT

Cutthroat trout live in these coastal rivers and streams. Although resident fish may be small, they are feisty and fun to catch. Fishing these cool, shaded waters also can provide a welcome

respite from the summer heat. In late summer, look for sea-run cutthroat to migrate from the estuaries back to freshwater to spawn. These can be large, hard-fighting fish.

Dozens of lakes and ponds throughout the zone are stocked with rainbow trout from February through May and, for some, again in October.

WARMWATER FISHING

— SOUTH COAST

The south coast area extends along the Oregon coast from Yachats south to the Oregon-California border. The area offers some of the most productive and scenic warmwater fishing in the state with excellent fishing for bass and panfish available in large waters such as Mercer Lake, Siltcoos Lake, and Tahkenitch Lake.

Tenmile Lakes located south of Florence is renowned for its crappie and trophy bass fisheries, and the site of bass tournaments.

Anglers should also try one of the many smaller lakes scattered along Highway 101 and throughout the coastal dunes area, or Triangle Lake closer to the Willamette Valley.

The warmwater fish available in the south coast area include: Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, bullheads, black crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, green sunfish, warmouth and channel catfish

FEATURED WATERBODY

— TENMILE LAKES

North and South Tenmile Lake provide some of the finest warmwater fishing on the Oregon coast. Located on the east side of Highway 101 mid-way between Reedsport and Coos Bay, the combined lakes offer nearly 2,000 acres of water and miles of shoreline to fish for largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and brown bullhead catfish.

Much of the property around Tenmile is privately-owned and the lakes are best fished by boat, but a fishing dock at Tenmile Lake County Park in the small community of Lakeside is wheelchair accessible and a great spot for kids.

There also is a campground and boat launch at the County Park. Spinreel Campground (U.S. Forest Service) on the west side of Hwy 101 offers camping for those wanting an extended stay. Several area resorts and marinas also provide camping spaces, lodging and boat rentals.

Fish generally range from 1 to 4-pounds, but a 6-pound bass is not uncommon.

Bass fishing is best during periods of warmer water from spring through early fall. When spring water temperatures reach about 60 degrees F, the bass move into shallower water to spawn. During the spawn, lures and jigs that imitate prey such as small fish and crayfish, and soft plastic worms work well.

Spinnerbaits, buzzbaits and other surface lures are also effective. Anglers should target areas around willows, docks, logs or vegetation that provide a combination of cover and patches of open water.

Good locations include the Black's Creek arm and railroad trestle crossing on North Lake, and the Coleman and Templeton arms of South Lake.

CRAPPIE

Anglers catch crappie in both lakes with good fishing in the spring and throughout the summer. Best fishing is in the calm water along the shoreline, in the many small coves and inlets. Crappie anglers should target shaded areas with wood structure including submerged brush and trees, downed logs and docks. The fish are often found in schools at depths of 10-15 feet.

A good set-up is light spinning tackle with 4-pound test line and a light-colored 1/32 ounce jig. Have an assortment of garland-style and curly tail jigs in a variety of bright, neutral, and dark colors and sizes.

Use a tapered panfish bobber and change the depth of the jig until you find fish. Allow the jig to sink then retrieve slowly.

Fishing is best early and late in the day, but a mid-day breeze can also trigger a bite. Crappie abundance can go through cycles every

SCORES & STANDINGS

WOMEN'S GOLF

Ocean Dunes Ladies Night

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018



COURTESY PHOTO

Gross winners with a score 34 were (from left): Debbie Goetschi, Lynnette Wikstrom and Lucy Maestas-Sheer.

GOLF

Ocean Dunes Scramble winners

MAY 12, 2018



COURTESY PHOTO

Net team winners (left) with a score of 51 were Jeff Noonan and Ardis Noonan; gross team winners with a score of 64 were (from left) Rick Post and Kyle Nelson.

MEN'S GOLF

Ocean Dunes

THURSDAY MAY 10, 2018

GAME OF THE WEEK FOR THE OCEAN DUNES MEN'S CLUB 4 MAN TEAM SCRAMBLE: GROSS: FIRST PLACE: DOUG KING, BOB LABROUSSE, JERRY MULVEY AND CARL PALONE (63)

SECOND PLACE: CARL HRUSKA, RICHARD KAPRIELIAN, ROD McCULLOCH AND DAVE OLSON (64)

KP #4 JEFF EARNSHAW; KP #8 RON SCHREIBER; KP #12 DIRK ANDERSON; KP #16 DOUG KING

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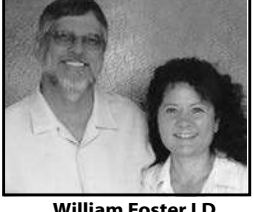
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