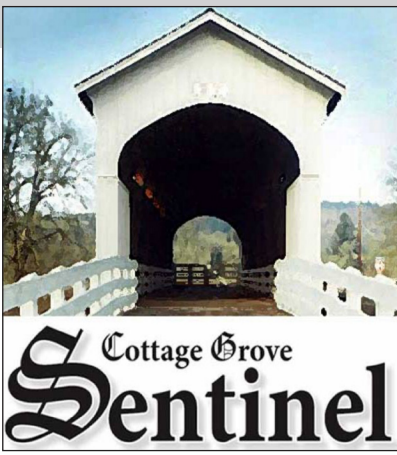


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ODFW RECREATION AND FISHING REPORT

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Warm weather fishing updates and guidance

Updated July 15, 2021

Temperatures have moderated in many areas of the state.

However, drought and low water levels persist and we can expect water temperatures to spike again later in the summer.

Here's what you should know about fishing in these conditions:

- ODFW has adopted emergency regulations for some waterbodies. These include closing fishing during the hottest part of the day, and lifting bag limits for lakes and ponds that are likely to go dry. See the Regulation updates at the top of each zone in the Rec Report for the latest.
- Conditions are right for blue-green algae outbreaks in ponds, lakes and reservoirs. You can find the latest alerts on the Oregon Health Authority website. However, OHA does not monitor all waterbodies, so be leery of any algae blooms you see, and follow these precautions to fish safely.
- Hot water can stress fish out. Anglers can give fish a break by following these tips when fishing in warm summer water.
- Access may be limited by wildfires. To help you navigate the status of popular recreation sites, natural resource management agencies in Oregon have released an interagency status map that shows open, closed and reduced service areas on a single map, regardless of reason for closure.

Register for shotgun skills, pheasant hunting workshops

Shotgun skills classes and adult pheasant hunting workshops are filling quickly.

In these hands-on events you'll learn to safely handle and shoot a shotgun, and participate in an actual pheasant hunt.

A shotgun skills class is a prerequisite to a pheasant hunting workshop. See more details and register.

Sign up for a youth pheasant hunt

Youth Pheasant Hunts give young hunters a chance to hunt in a controlled setting with a focus safety and success.

Here are five reasons they're so popular:

- No adult competition. Youth hunts happen before the official pheasant season begins.
- Emphasis on safety. A review of safety procedures, controlled access and a defined hunting area characterize many of the hunts.
- Increased chance of success. ODFW releases pen-raised pheasants for each hunt, because early success can help build lifetime hunters.
- Available statewide. There are hunt locations from Ontario to the Willamette Valley to the Rogue.
- They're free!



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Inaugural Ore Cart races bring new excitement to Bohemia Mining Days

BY DANIEL FRIIS, KENDRICK MURPHY & DAMIEN SHERWOOD

On July 17, the first ever Ore Cart racing tournament was held at Bohemia Mining Days in Cottage Grove.

The tournament consisted of eight carts in a double elimination tournament with two carts at a time facing each other head-to-head. Three people competed with each cart, two teammates pushing while the other sat inside.

The object of the race was to push

the cart down and back one block of Main Street faster than their competitor. The catch was that once the cart made it to one side of the block, the seated teammate (the "Tommyknocker") would have to load the cart with three heavy sacks before turning the cart around and returning to the finish line.

Contestants professed a variety of reasons for wanting to take part in the race, but the atmosphere of friendly competition remained consistent

see **CART** on B3



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Clockwise from top: E Clampus Vitus put on an athletic performance to come in third in the races; champions D&D Mining Co. brace for another win; the Golden Gamblers sport a unique hood ornament on their race cart; and the top three winning teams line up after a competitive two days of ore cart racing.



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Copeland sweeps Speedweek Championship at CGS

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All roads came to a head at Cottage Grove Speedway on Saturday, July 17.

The historic quarter-mile clay oval hosted the fifth and final round of Speedweek Northwest 2021.

Twenty-eight teams and drivers were in attendance for the event representing the American states of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, and the Canadian province of British Columbia.

Trey Starks, from Puyallup, Washington, was the pacesetter once green flag racing commenced.

Starks would eventually catch some extremely thick lapped traffic in which he would battle with several challengers trying to overtake him.

On lap 10, Colby Copeland was the one to eventually get around Starks to become the new leader of the race.

However, it was no waltz through the gar-

den as Copeland had to deal with heavy traffic and four cautions. Despite the cautions and restarts, Colby managed to keep all contenders in check.

The Roseville, California racer collected his third win of the week and his second straight.

Copeland now has six career Speedweek Northwest feature triumphs for car owners Jim and Annette Van Lare.

Additionally, Copeland won his second Speedweek title, the fourth driver to win it more than once, and ties Brent Kaeding third on the championship list.

Justyn Cox, from West Sacramento, California, and driving the Doug and Kathy Rutz owned entry, ended the race second with third going to Harrisburg's Tyler Thompson. Snohomish, Washington native Chase Goetz, and Garen Linder of Central Point were fourth and fifth in the finishing order.

The Rocket Engines Hard Charger Award

winner was Tanner Holmes from Jacksonville.

Cox was the quickest qualifier in time trials.

Heat race winners included Greg Hamilton of Burlington, Washington, Chico, California chauffeur Brad Bumgarner, Tanner Holmes, and Chase Madjic of Redding, California.

Spirit Lake, Idaho teenager James Setters scored the victory in the consolation feature.

The staff at the Western Sprint Tour wanted to thank all the drivers, teams, and fans that made Speedweek Northwest 2021 such a wonderful time.

For more information on upcoming races, check out the Western Sprint Tour page on Facebook.

Race Results:

Speedweek Northwest Round #5
Saturday, July 17, 2021
Cottage Grove Speedway
Cottage Grove, Oregon

A Feature: 1. Colby Copeland; 2. Justyn Cox; 3. Tyler Thompson; 4. Chase Goetz; 5. Garen Linder; 6. Tanner Holmes; 7. Max Mitty; 8. Jodie Robinson; 9. Brad Bumgarner; 10. John Clark; 11. Chelsa Blevins; 12. Brian Boswell; 13. Jared Hood; 14. Matt Hein; 15. James Setters; 16. Don Trent; 17. Trey Starks; 18. Mitch Hoffses; 19. Logan Forler; 20. Greg Hamilton

B Feature: 1. James Setters; 2. Matt Hein; 3. Brian Boswell; 4. Don Trent; 5. Don Waddell; 6. Brandon Mansfield; 7. Chase Madjic; 8. Steven Snawder; DNS Kinzer Cox; DNS Drake Standley; DNS Pat Desbiens; DNS T.J. Richman

Athlete of the Week



This week's athletes of the week are the members of D&D Mining Co. The winners of the inaugural Ore Cart races donated their winnings back to the BMD organization.



The entire D&D Mining Co. team celebrated after securing their win in the first Ore Cart race tournament.

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