

Sportsmen Bring County \$687,000 in Year

Economic impact of hunters and fishermen in Morrow county was revealed in statistics by Glen Ward, state game agent, in a talk before the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Figures compiled in a study through the Statistical Department at Oregon State University indicate that last year hunters and fishermen spent an estimated \$687,000 in the county while on outings here, Ward said.

The average deer hunter was in the county for 4.7 days and spent \$9.55 per day. Thus, the 5,762 hunters spent an estimated \$258,000. Some 1,800 elk hunters each spent an average of \$9.55 for each of 6.2 days or \$115,000. A total of 10,429 hunter days on upland game birds at \$4.79 per day found these bird hunters contributing \$48,000.

Those 2150 who came to shoot waterfowl along the Columbia and paid \$4.79 for their average expenses added about \$10,000, Ward said.

Anglers along the Columbia River, and in Willow and Rhea creeks spent an estimated \$4.98 per day. Their total of 51,000 days meant some \$256,000 in income to the county. This does not include fishing in Bull Prairie, although many visitors pass through the county, because the reservoir is not located in the county.

Fawn Production High
Ward, in his interesting talk which included slide presentations of work with fish and game, said that 78 fawns were produced in this area last year for every 100 doe deer.

"Any time more than 70 are produced, it is very good," he said. An inventory of elk showed 53 calves produced for each 100 cows, but the count shows that there are only nine bulls for each 100 cows.

This low figure on bulls means that there will be a shorter season on elk, he said.

Last season in his district 7,700 hunters took 3,159 bucks and 1,800 antlerless deer for a 64% success factor, he said.

Ward had many more interesting observations. The past winter brought a low loss on game because of mild temperatures. In the Ditch Creek area some pine plantings have shown an 80% loss because of elk using the seedlings for forage.

Last year Ward received 48 deer and elk complaints, and sometimes it is necessary for the Game Commission to kill elk to help landowners solve their problems.

Another interesting observation made was that "antelope showed up on this side of the mountain for the first time this year in many years."

Success Higher Here
The 56% hunter success around the state for deer hunters is well below the 64% in this district which includes Morrow, Wheeler and Gilliam counties, as well as parts of Sherman, Grant and Wasco counties.

Special hunts, such as those for muzzleloaders only, and another scheduled as a trophy hunt, where kills are limited to four point bucks or more, are set up for coming seasons.

Ward also showed methods of planting fish in lakes and streams where access is difficult. Airplanes are now often used to stock remote lakes. Work of clearing barriers in streams that prevent migration of salmon was also shown in the slide presentation. He showed chemical treatment of lakes to eliminate trash fish, and

other operations of the game commission.

Appraisers Visit
The state game agent said that appraisers from the commission have checked local impoundment sites, and appear to be running into one difficulty—finding property being held for a higher price than the state can pay for it by law.

He said that another site, in addition to those mentioned last week, is being considered, Judge Paul Jones said later that it is the Penland Prairie site, located 1 1/2 miles and over a ridge from the Ditch Creek Guard station.

"I imagine that we will have an impoundment within the next couple years," Ward said.

President Herman Winter was in charge of the meeting. The chamber reaffirmed its stand calling for the sale of Bureau of Land Management lands in north Morrow county and will present this stand in a resolution at the BLM public hearing scheduled in the Morrow county courthouse July 12.

Swim Classes To Start July 6

Swimming classes at the Heppner municipal pool are scheduled to start Thursday, July 6. Instruction will be given to beginners, intermediate and advanced swimmers in the series of ten classes. Junior and senior life-saving will be given if the demand justifies classes at this level.

Everyone interested in the classes is asked to report at the pool at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5, so students can be classified and schedules can be set up. A basket fee of \$1.50 should also be paid at this time.

If the classes are not too large, the instructor will take a few four and five-year-olds if they are tall enough and parents think they are ready.

Second series of classes will begin July 24.

Instruction will be given by Stuart Dick, certified Red Cross senior lifesaver and Red Cross water safety instructor.

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Oregon Farm Calendar

*Indicates New Dates

- June 29—July 2
Morrow County 4-H Camp.
- June 30
Pendleton Experiment Station Field Day.
- JULY—
 - July 1-2
4-H Geology Camp, Northeastern Oregon, Union & Wallowa Counties.
 - July 11-13
Northwest 4-H Forest Camp Columbia County.
 - July 13-16
4-H Camp, Grant County, Lake Creek Recreation Camp.
 - July 22
27th Annual Willamette Valley Ram Sale, Linn County Fairgrounds, 10 a.m., Albany.
 - July 24-30
National Farm Safety Week.
- AUGUST—
 - August 6-12
Range Management Youth Camp, Grant County.
 - August 8-12
Jackson County Fair, Medford.
 - August 9-12
Umatilla County Fair, Hermiston.
 - August 15-19
Washington County Fair, Hillsboro.
 - August 16-19
Grant County 4-H Fair, Fairgrounds, Canyon City.
 - August 17-20
Polk County Fair, Rickreall.
 - August 21-24
Oregon State Fair, 4-H Horse Show, State Fairgrounds Salem.
 - August 22-25
Morrow County Fair, Heppner.
 - August 24-27
Wasco County Fair & Rodeo, Ttyh Valley.
 - August 26-27
Morrow County Rodeo, Heppner.
 - August 28—September 4
Oregon State Fair, Salem.
- SEPTEMBER—
 - September 7-9
Grant County Fair, Canyon City.
 - September 8
Oregon Turkey Improvement Association Annual Meeting, Ramada Inn, Tualatin.
 - September 29—October 7
Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland.
- OCTOBER—
 - October 20-22
Horseman's Short Course, Withycombe Hall, OSU.
- NOVEMBER—
 - November 1-3
16th Annual Oregon Weed Conference, Marion Hotel, Salem.
 - November 4
10th Annual Purebred Ewe and Ewe Lamb Sale, Rickreall.
 - November 8-10
Oregon Association of SWCD's annual meeting, Lakeview.
 - November 10
Polk County Holiday Fair, Rickreall.
 - November 16-18
Western Oregon Livestock Association Annual Convention, Salshan Lodge, Gleneden Beach.
 - November 26-30
National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago.
 - November 29—December 1
Oregon Cooperative Council of Oregon annual meeting, Marion Hotel, Salem.
 - Oregon Horticultural Society annual meeting, OSU.



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Fred Schones operates his own barber shop in Selfridge, North Dakota. He also serves on the board of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., with headquarters at Flasher.



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