



Free-throw shooters in the annual Elks Free-throw Contest put all their thoughts and efforts behind each toss. There are no easy winners, but lots of fun in trying.

Those free throws just don't come too easy in this league

Sometimes it helps to clamp down a little harder on the tongue. Others try to zero in with a hardline eye squint. Some like the two hand set, the overhand pitch or the underhand knuckler. The basic launch in the general direction is also common.

When you're 4'2" and standing at the foul line, the basket might as well be hanging on the ceiling.

Still, a bunch of youngsters showed up recently at the Heppner and Ione gyms to try their luck in the annual Elks Free Throw Shooting Contest. Results from the two schools were compiled and winners were named in six categories.

Each of the top shooters will advance to District competition scheduled for Jan. 28 in Hermiston. And from there it could be on to state or national competition for the real hawkeyes.

Local winners in the 25-shot contest included: Boys: 8-9, Kenny Snider; 10-11, Dave Green; 12-13, Mike Walsingham. Snider canned nine shots, Green hit 13 and three-time winner Walsingham nailed 21.

Girls: 8-9, Jeanne Connor; 10-11, Wanda Riley; 12-13, Michelle LaRue. Connor dropped through seven shots, Riley, bagged eight and LaRue connected on 13.

Fish and Wildlife Dept. compiling new emergency hunt rosters

The Fish and Wildlife Department will begin compiling new emergency hunt rosters, one for each county in Oregon, beginning January 1, 1978. The lists will be effective through June 30, 1979.

Any Oregon citizen over 18 years of age may apply for the emergency hunt list for one county where he would be interested in hunting if an emergency season should be declared. The county does not need to be the applicant's county of residence.

Names of applicants are kept in a card file in the order received beginning January 1. No applications received before January 1 will be placed in the file but anyone who may have applied early can apply again after January 1.

Application should be made on a postcard or other similar-sized card, not by letter. The words EMERGENCY HUNT should appear across the top of the card and the applicant should print his name, address, daytime telephone number, and the name of the county.

Only one card per person can be accepted but if several people wish to apply as a group, they can by stapling their cards together or enclosing them in an envelope.

Applications should be mailed to the Fish and Wildlife Department, P.O. Box 3503, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Emergency hunts are not often called and there is no assurance any will be necessary in the next year and a

half. But if a hunt is called to solve a severe agricultural or other damage problem, hunters from the appropriate county list will be notified in the order their names were received until the necessary number has been reached.

Normally the emergency hunt lists are compiled the first of each year and are good

for the remainder of that year. The 1978 lists, however, will be good through the first half of 1979 and future lists will be set up on a mid-year to mid-year basis.

This year emergency hunts were held in four areas to relieve agricultural damage

problems brought on by large mule deer populations and a shortage of deer food production due to this summer's drought.

Some 495 hunters participated in emergency hunts during 1977 and they took 564 antlerless deer. No further hunts are anticipated this year.

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It's license time again

Sportsmen are reminded that hunting and angling licenses expire at the end of the year. Prices will remain unchanged for 1978 and new licenses can be purchased from more than 1,000 license agents throughout Oregon.

The annual hunting license costs \$7 and the fishing license \$9. A combination hunting and fishing license is available for \$15. The angler who fishes for salmon and steelhead also needs a salmon-steelhead tag which costs an additional \$2.

New licenses are most urgently needed by winter steelhead fishermen and duck hunters whose seasons are in full swing now and continue through the end of 1977 and into the new year.



Wendy Myers (32) pushes off with a jumper against an unidentified Hermiston defender. The Fillies rallied but fell short in their bid for a win against the bigger school.

Filly rally falls short 50-45

Heppner hit five of seven shots in the final minutes of play to pull within one point of Hermiston but the rally fell short as the Bulldogs pulled out a 50-45 win over the Fillies. It was the second close game of the season between the two teams with Hermiston coming out on top in the first

contest by a 44-41 margin. The Bulldogs canned 42 per cent of their shots from the field while the Fillies connected on 37 per cent of their attempts. Hermiston had a healthy rebounding advantage in the game as their total of 44 boards more than doubled the

21 collected by Heppner. Hermiston opened the game with a three-quarters court zone press which they used to build a seven point halftime lead. The lead stretched to 13 points after the third period but Heppner came back strong in the final quarter to

tighten the game. Jackie Mollahan led the Fillies with 13 points followed by Diane Holland with 11, Maureen Healy with 10 and Lori Rhea with eight. Hermiston has handed the Fillies their only two losses in six starts while the Bulldogs have compiled a 7-0 season mark.

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