

EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Baggett

Early Upland Bird Season Begins Sept. 1

While explaining the story of Noah and his Ark to her assembly of mesmerized pupils one afternoon, the Sunday-school teacher told of how Noah, after having been on the water for well over a month, discovered that land was nearby by sending a dove out from the beast-laden craft and watching it return with an olive twig.

"But the rest of the story," she added, "is that old Noah sent the dove out again—with its mate—to see when they might return."

Intending to explain that the doves eventually found a place to nest and had begun to propagate their species, she continued: "A day passed, with no sign of the pair. Then another day, and another. Even after several days, the doves still hadn't returned to the Ark."

"Now, does anyone know what that meant?" she asked.

"Ain't no doubt in my mind," piped an exuberant Johnny. "It means dove season done opened up in eastern Oregon, pure and simple."

This year, the season for mourning doves and several other eastern Oregon upland game-bird species begins September 1. At the present, the prospects for a successful dove opener looks good, but that will remain largely dependent upon the weather. Plenty of birds appear to be available now, but a sudden cooling trend could send them southward.

If previous dove-hunting outings have left you virtually birdless, perhaps you should consider the tact of successful dove hunters: Don't hunt these fleet-winged little migrants like you'd hunt pheasants or quail; let the doves come to you. Scout areas with high dove activity a week in advance of the season and secure permission to hunt the good-looking spots (if private property.)

The experts advise to learn which direction the doves enter their daily feeding area (usually a grain field) from their roosting sites. By positioning yourself near the edge of the field along this route before daylight during the season, you set yourself up for a successful morning hunt. Likewise, the same spot will often prove productive for evening shooting, as long as the birds go roost during legal shooting hours.

In warm, dry weather, doves often will seek water periodically during the middle of the day. Hence, if you have discovered where they leave the field to go for a drink, you can intercept them en route, effectively extending your hunt to an all-day affair.

Regardless of how productive this tactic is, many hunters lack the patience to take a stand and wait for doves to pass overhead, preferring to walk through feeding areas and bust the birds as they are flushed. For these hunters, a word of caution: make sure to identify your target. Our Oregon state bird, the western meadowlark, often cohabitates with doves, and though the two species are only vaguely similar in appearance, the pretty songbird can be mistaken for game by the inexperienced or by those too quick on the trigger.

Dove season runs through September 30, with a daily bag limit of 10 and a possession limit of 20.

Also slated to open September 1, blue and ruffed grouse season runs through October 28. Three birds of each species may be taken per day, with six of each in possession.

A two-day season for sage grouse runs September 22-23 for hunters who have drawn one of the 1,015 available permits. A season total of two sage hens may be taken by each permit holder. To apply, consult the regulations sheet available now at licensing outlets, and mail the required information to the Department of Fish and Wildlife by the August 24 deadline.

Willow Creek Country holds 6th annual couples tournament

Willow Creek Country Club held its sixth annual Couples Tournament Aug. 4-5. Forty couples played an 18-hole Chapman competition on Saturday and a 4-person team scramble on Sunday.

At the end of Saturday's competition John Boyer and Anita Boyer and John Edmundson and Vicki Brookshire were tied for low gross of the field with a 63. A sudden death play off determined the champions, with the Boyers winning the 1990 title on the third hole of the playoff.

Earl and Carol Norris won low net of the field with a 46.

Other winners were:
First flight low gross: first-John Edmundson and Vicki Brookshire, Baker City, 63; second-John and Clara Sue Pickens, Spokane, 66; third-Bill and Sally Dyer, Condon, 68; fourth-Eddie and Bev Gunderson, 71; fifth-Darrel and Bev Wilson, 72.

First flight low net: first-Gary Watkins and Cindy Jarvis, Bend, 47; second-Dave Gunderson and Pat Edmundson, 47.5; third-Cliff Harris and Lois Hunt, 49.5; fourth-Jerry and Ann Cutsforth, Kennewick, WA., 50; fifth-Ed Struthers and Sophia Smith, 54.

Second flight low gross: first-Les and Jan Paustian, 73; second-Vern and Wanda Willis, Maupin, 76; third-Larry and Kerry Pettyjohn, Burbank, WA., 77; fourth-Elmer and Muriel Palmer, 78; fifth-Randy Olseon, Gresham and Barbara Watkins, 79.

Second flight low net: first-Earl and Peggy Fishburn, 46.5; second-Doug Gunderson and Lucille Massey, 48; third-Gene and Luvilla Sonstegard, 48.5; fourth-Mike and Lorrie Smith, 49; fifth-Mark Jarvis, Bend and Robanai Disque, 53.

Special event winners for Saturday were:

Women: K.P. first flight-Vicki Brookshire; second flight-Norma Pledger, Sisters; straight drive first flight-Sonia Smith; second flight-Patty Olson, Gresham; K.P. second shot No's 9 and 18 first flight-Bev Wilson; second flight-Neoma Bailey.

Men: K.P. first flight-Dave Gunderson; straight drive first flight-Eddie Gunderson; second flight-Doug Gunderson; K.P. second shot No's 1 and 10 first flight-John Pickens, Spokane; second flight-Mark Jarvis, Bend.

Chip-Ins by Randy Olson, Kerry Pettyjohn, Mike Smith, Cindy Jar-

vis, Sara Riney, Eddie Gunderson, Dave Richards, Doug Gunderson and Gene Sonstegard.

Other special awards and recognitions were given to: Randy Olson, Dave Gunderson, Les and Jan Paustian, Leonard Hauke, Portland, Patty Olson, Bill and Norma Pledger, Larry Pettyjohn, Robanai Disque, Harry Fray, Milwaukie and Jill Hauke, Portland.

Sunday 4-person Scramble winners were: first-Eddie and Bev Gunderson, Gene and Luvilla Sonstegard, 56; second-John and Clara Sue Pickens, Dave Richards and Neoma Bailey, 58; third-Lee and Eileen Padberg, Bill and Norma Pledger, 59; fourth-six way tie Roy and Juanita Martin, Duane Disque and Michelle Fray; Larry and

Virginia Rice, Les and Jan Paustian; Bob and Suzanne Jepsen, Elmer and Muriel Palmer; Darrel and Bev Wilson, Frank Bailey and Darla Richards; Gary Watkins, Cindy Jarvis, Larry and Kerry Pettyjohn; Randy Olson, Barb Watkins and Jerry and Ann Cutsforth, all with a score of 60; tie for 10th place-John and Anita Boyer, Leonard Hauke and Patty Olson; Bill and Sally Dyer, Vic and Beckie Bowman with a score of 61.

Special events were:

Women: K.P. first flight-Juanita Martin; second flight-Michelle Fray; straight drive first flight-Sonia Smith; second flight-Norma Pledger.

Men: K.P. first flight-Jerry Cutsforth; straight drive first flight-Darrel Wilson; second flight-Rick Johnson.

Door prizes were donated by the following local businesses: Cal's Service Center, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Kinzua Corp, First Interstate Bank, Coast to Coast, Devin Oil Company, Morrow County Grain Growers, Gar Aviation, R & W Drive In, Country Rose, Wheatland Insurance, Gardners Men's Wear, Peterson's Jewelers, Sears, Les Schwab, Court Street Market, Cal's Cafe, Cheri's Hair and Nails, Shoe Box, Van Marter & Kahl's Insurance, Murray's Drugs Inc. and Gazette-Times.

This year's tournament committee were: chairpersons-Gary and Barb Watkins; assistant chairpersons-Duane and Robanai Disque; committee members-John and Pat Edmundson, Darrel and Bev Wilson, Bob and Suzanne Jepsen, Earl and Peggy Fishburn and Mike and Lorrie Smith.

Pre-school getting ready for year



Shelly Key (left) and Carol Williams

Photo by Joyce Hughes

Shelly Key and Carol Williams are pre-school teachers for the upcoming school year.

Carol, Heppner, is returning for her second year as a pre-school teacher. She and her husband, Roger, have two children, Jenny, 8, and Michael, 11.

Shelly, new to Heppner pre-school this year has had experience as a care-giver at Heppner Day Care.

Shelly and her husband, Tim, have two children, Emily, 4 and Abby 2.

Pre-school will begin Tuesday, Sept. 4, for four-year-olds and Wednesday, Sept. 5, for three-year-olds.

Cost for four-year-olds is \$50 a month; cost for three-year-olds is \$25 a month.

For more information call Heppner Day Care, 676-5429.

Heppner native promoted to V-P at Security Pacific



Kathleen Jansen

Heppner native Kathleen W. Jansen has been promoted to vice president of Security Pacific Bank's Business Banking Group. Her responsibilities will include developing new commercial loan relationships, managing a \$20 million loan portfolio and supervising three financial analysts.

Jansen joined Security Pacific

Bank in 1985 as a financial Analyst. Previously, she worked three years as a petroleum geophysicist for Gulf Oil Company.

She is a 1989 graduate of Portland State University's masters program, having earned an MBA in finance. In 1982 she earned a bachelor of science in geology from Oregon State University. She also attended the Northwest Intermediate Commercial Lending School. She is a 1978 graduate of Heppner High School.

Jansen is a member of Security Pacific Bank's internal speaker's club, the Oregon Orators, and SecuriTeam, the bank's volunteer organization. She is also a member of City Club of Portland, the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and St. John Fischer Catholic Church.

She and her husband of eight years, Richard, reside in southwest Portland. They have one child. Her hobbies include hiking, golfing and sewing. She is the daughter of the late Dr. Wolff.

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Steer wrestler makes dad proud



John Jones and his dad have won steer wrestling titles

Every parent wants his child to do well, and many hope their children will follow in their footsteps. In his eight years as a professional steer wrestler, John W. Jones Jr. has made his father proud.

John Jones Sr. and his son are the only father/son duo to have won both the rookie of the year award and the world champion steer wrestler title. Jones Sr. claimed the rookie title in 1970; Jones Jr. won the rookie award in 1981 and earned his first world champion's title in 1984.

But since that date, John Jr. has claimed two more champion's gold buckles with back-to-back world championships in 1988 and '89.

Whereas Jones entered the 1988 National Finals Rodeo in sixth place, he owned a lead of almost \$12,000 as he headed for the 1989 Finals. Jones' lead demonstrated his mastery of the event, considering that he's competed in only 54 rodeos during the 1989 season, about half as many

as most of his competitors.

But with the lead came anxiety.

"When you're out in front it always seems like it's the hardest to maintain it," said Jones. The night before the final round, Jones found he couldn't sleep.

"I don't remember ever having a hard time sleeping. Sherrie (his wife) couldn't either," Jones said.

It's been said that worry is the price that's paid for something that's bound not to happen. Despite his worries, Jones never lost his world standings lead through 10 rounds of high-paying NFR competition.

Jones placed five times at the finals and piled up \$23,019 in earnings. He finished the NFR in second place with a time of 70.5 seconds on 10 steers for an additional \$17,446 paycheck.

When it was all over, Jones' 1989 event earnings totaled \$94,304, nearly \$19,000 over runner-up Ote Berry of Checotah, Okla.

With three championships behind

him, Jones plans to ease up on his rodeo activity and devote more time to other interests.

"I'm giving it one more shot, and then that's it for me," he said.

Jones, who owns a ranch and a produce business, plans to spend time with his wife, Sherrie, and their two daughters, Katie, 3, and Shannon, 1.

John Jones will compete in the PRCA rodeo to be held this weekend in Heppner.

W.C.C.C. Golf

W.C.C.C. Ladies

August 7, 1990

Flight A: low gross-a tie between Jan Paustian and Anita Boyer; low net-a tie between Carol Norris, Lois Hunt and Betty Rietmann; least putts-Pat Edmundson; long drive-Pat Edmundson; K.P. second shot-Betty Rietmann.

Flight B: low gross-Suzanne Jepsen; low net-a tie between Harriet Evans, Bernice Lott and Neoma Bailey; least putts-Bebe Munkers; long drive-Suzanne Jepsen.

Flight C: low gross-Maggie Izzett; low net-Martha Munkers; least putts-Lynnea Sargent; long drive-Martha Doherty.

Hostesses for the day were Bernice Lott and Lynnea Sargent with 31 ladies attending.

The Flag Tournament will be held Aug. 16.

Club Championship
August 9, 1990

Flight A: champion-Pat Edmundson; second-Anita Boyer; third-Lois Hunt; K.P.-Mary Beamer and Eileen Padberg; chip in-Jo Pettyjohn; birdie-Neoma Bailey.

Second flight: champion-Mary Beamer; second-Neoma Bailey; third-Juanita Martin; K.P.-Anita Boyer; chip in-Cathy Cutsforth; birdie-Pat Edmundson.

Third flight: champion-Bebe Munkers; second-Cathy Cutsforth; third-Lucille Massey; K.P.-Pat Edmundson; chip in-Neoma Bailey.

July 31, 1990

W.C.C.C. Ladies

Flight A: low gross-Pat Edmundson; low net-Martha Peterson; least putts-Jan Paustian; chip ins-Suzanne Jepsen #7 and Betty Rietmann #5.

Flight B: low gross-Mary Beamer; low net-a tie between Joe Pettyjohn and Luvilla Sonstegard; least putts-Harriet Evans; chip ins-Eileen Padberg #3, Jo Pettyjohn #5 and Lucile Peck #7.

Flight C: low gross-Lynnea Sargent; low net-Martha Munkers; least putts-Lynnea Sargent.

Putting competitions: A-Lucille Peck and Kay Anderson; B-Luvilla Sonstegard and Jo Pettyjohn; C-Lynnea Sargent.

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