

Hunters, Fishermen Must Take Own Game Says Comms.

By Mill Guymon
Bag limits for all species of Oregon's game birds, big game animals, and fish have

always been set with the idea in mind that individual hunters and fishermen will shoot their own birds or big game, catch their own fish — or go home empty handed. Thus the limited ability of some hunters and fishermen offset the high success averages of others. The harvest of fish and game crops are

more or less kept in bounds in this way.

The percentages are upset when skilled fishermen and sharpshooters catch fish and kill game to fill bag limits of every unsuccessful member of hunting and fishing parties.

This practice is not only illegal, but hunters and fishermen also have a moral responsibility if they are to claim the name of sportsmen. The illegality of such acts is well pointed out in the Game Code and hunting and fishing regulations. A deer tag issued to a hunter entitles that hunter to kill and tag one deer, if he is fortunate enough to do so. The salmon license issued to an angler permits him to catch his daily bag limit and no more. The same limitations hold true for trout fishermen, the elk hunter, the steelhead angler, the bird shooter. There is no provision anywhere in the laws or regulations which authorizes "party hunting or fishing."

Furthermore, laws specifically state that it is illegal to loan, borrow, or transfer any such licenses, tags, or coupons, or to procure, purchase, obtain, or possess more than one general hunting or angling license or salmon license, or more tags or permits than what the current regulations and bag limits allow.

From a moral standpoint, the real hunter and fisherman is bound by the unwritten sportsman's code of ethics. He would no more consider filling his companion's game bag or creel than he would holding up the corner drug store. But he will gladly share his catch or kill when day is done with other members of his party less fortunate than he.

The real sportsman will share the good fishing rifle, the hot duck blind, the good fence row, or tule patch so that all members of his party will have equal chance to score. He will assist in the teamwork to flush game from the coverts. He plays the game according to the spirit of the chase and the rules of fair play.

Too many so-called hunters and fishermen these days have a warped conception of the sport of hunting and fishing and head for the outdoors with the sole intent and purpose of killing or catching everything they can. They openly brag of their prowess and how they fill larders in the neighborhood.

We have often listened to game hogs of this kind brazenly tell of killing five or six bucks during the season, tagged by other members of his hunting party or parties. For the hunter—or hunters—who did the tagging, it must be a hollow victory to return from such a hunt and tell other friends about his wonderful success — and the buck he didn't kill.

Now, limiting out is great and provides the hunter or fisherman with a wonderful feeling or self-satisfaction, providing he does the killing or catching himself. But how many times have you heard the story "we limited out," and have one braggart recount glowing episodes while other members remain silent. Some appear a little ashamed, perhaps of their own inability, or maybe of the braggart who filled all the limits.

Not long ago one of these game hogs called and became quite belligerent when he learned he was allowed only one salmon-steelhead license. He had already caught 35 salmon — so he said — and was put out because he was forced to tally 19 of them on his own license. And he wasn't through yet, because he had a few more friends that needed their license filled.

This is the type of individual who will beat you to a favorite fishing hole regardless of how many fish he has in his own creel. He will hog the best blind, killing birds well beyond his limit although other hunting buddies may be having poor shooting. He will maneuver to the best stand or vantage point so he can down as many bucks as possible that might be flushed from a thicket, then pick the big rack for himself and patronizingly dole out the remainder. In addition to breaking the law by taking excessive numbers of fish and game, he intimidates his partners by forcing them his excess. And I have never seen one yet that wasn't a blowhard.

Actually, in many instances bag limits and even length of seasons could well be increased on numerous species of fish and game if it wasn't for the poachers and

Oregon Heart Ass'n Advises Care When Going Hunting

Every male who has been in service, and almost everyone who has seen a war movie remembers the drill sergeant's barking out: "Take care of your gun and it will take care of you."

However, with fall hunting not too far distant, the Oregon Heart Association advises you hunters to: "Take care of yourself BEFORE you take care of your gun." The gun can sit on the shelf for a year and come off it in good condition. A few minutes of lubrication may be all it needs. Not so the hunter who is out of shape. Sudden or unusual exercise may prove dangerous.

Even if he isn't completely rusty, the man planning a hunting trip may need more than a quick application of body oil in his joints. The best judge of his condition and what he needs is his doctor, the Association says.

Getting into condition for the abnormal demands of the hunt is imperative if the hunter himself doesn't want to wind up among the by now too-familiar seasonal statistics that report more hunters dying of heart attacks than of gunshot accidents.

The thrill of the hunt need not be linked with a heart attack for either the normally healthy man or even one who had a heart condition. Both can go and enjoy the outdoors if simple precautions are taken beforehand. The first move should be to consult the family doctor.

He'll gladly explain why the hunter who has no physical checkup in years or has followed no regular routine of exercise frequently is in more peril than the animal he stalks. There's not much point in going hunting if one doesn't come back. And the undue exertion and excitement of hunting increases the risk for one who's out of shape or heading for heart trouble but doesn't know it.

game hogs who flagrantly violate the rules. But, as we pointed out at the beginning, the take of fish and game crops must be kept in bounds. As a result, the real sportsman must suffer at the hands of those with little conscience.

The hunter is advised to go to his doctor weeks before he plans the trip. If he is out of shape, his conditioning must be done gradually and follow a routine. The recovered heart victim should tell his doctor exactly where he plans to go and under what conditions he will hunt.

The doctor probably will specify just how far he can go, taking into consideration the terrain, the altitude, duration of the hunt and the patient's attitude. There will be one condition that the man with a heart condition does not hunt alone.

Any hunter who gets winded should never hesitate to call time out, even if his companions rib him as a softy. If they insist on going ahead, he should let them go. Taking a load off his feet may take an overload off his heart.

The advice for a hunter is quite simple:

Take warm clothes, but not weighty ones that add to the burden of rifle, ammunition and pack. Eat moderately and, if he must drink, do it sparingly. Discretion, however, indicates passing up alcohol entirely when a rifle is being carried. If the hunting area is at a higher altitude than usual, the hunter should get there a few days early so that his body can adjust before it is called to take the stress and strain of the hunt. Avoid getting overheated or too cold. Know what to do if someone gets a heart attack and if you have a heart condition. Make certain your companions know that place where the medication is kept.

A hunter who follows his doctor's orders and common sense advice has an extra argument on his side when the nip is in the air and his wife gets that hurt look of "temporary widowhood"

My Neighbors



"Darn it, Fang—must you follow me everywhere?"

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I have filed my Final Account in the Estate of Johannes Plambeck, deceased, with the Court Clerk of Marion County, Oregon, and the Court has set the 6th day of November, 1967, at 9:15 o'clock A. M. and the Circuit Court Room as the time and place for hearing objections thereto and for the settlement of said estate
ELSE DOROTHEA ALLEN, Executrix of the Estate of Johannes Plambeck, Deceased.
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Attorneys for Executrix
Sept. 28, - Oct. 5-12-19-26

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I have filed my Final Account in the Estate of William Chester Hollinshead, deceased, with the County Clerk of Linn County, Oregon, and the Court has set the 6th day of November, 1967, at 9:15 A. M., and the District Court Room as the time and place for hearing objections thereto for the settlement of said estate.
DEAN HOLLINSHEAD, Executor of the Estate of William Chester Hollinshead, Deceased.
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