

CCRA current point standings

Columbia County Racing Association point standings as of September 4. The September 17 race was rained out. The next race is September 24.

Sportsman Division – 1. Curt Nusom, Gresham 933. 2. Dan Smith, Scappoose 875. 3. Clyde White, Longview 860. 4. Aaron Elwess, Gresham 842. 5. Bud Russell, St. Helens 830. 6. Sean Fox, Rainier 801. 7. Lisa Liner, St. Helens 746. 8. Jesse Allen, Goble 692. 9. Bob Berg, St. Helens 676. 10. Matt Taylor, St. Helens 666.

Street Stock Division – 1. John Nusom, Gresham 943. 2. Brad Martin, St. Helens 866. 3. Justin McMullen, Deer Island 857. 4. Rick Rehanek, Vancouver 838. 5. Mike Crase, Portland 748. 6. Curt Zelmer, Portland 736. 7. Ken Bryan, Toledo 724. 8. R.T. Cutler, Portland 669. 9. Aaron Snook, Portland 648. 10. Ron Dodge, Vernonia 615.

Modified Division – 1. Doug Davenport, Vernonia 971. 2. Jeremy Martin, St. Helens 890. 3. Clark Tenney, Scappoose 849. 4. Sean Fox 813. 5. Brian Blasier, Scappoose 700. 6.

Sam Jeffers, Scappoose 692. 7. Zelmer 683. 8. Clint Petty, St. Helens 645. 9. T.J. Richman, Portland 525. 10. Mike Harrison, St. Helens 515.

Mini Stock Division – 1. Joel Beehler, St. Helens 982. 2. Brad Beehler, St. Helens 892. 3. Tim Oyler, Warren 814. 4. Kyle Frelich, St. Helens 757. 5. Lisa Oyler, Gresham 708. 6. John Oyler, Warren 703. 7. Charlie Ingram, Portland 691. 8. Jerry Wright, Scappoose 627. 9. Darrin Rye, Deer Island 605. 10. Adam Beehler, St. Helens 546.

Pacific Mini Sprints – 1. Dave Walters, Gresham 1,047. 2. Mike Opoka, Marysville 804. 3. Keith Everson, Marysville 690. 4. Eric Dehning, Centralia 596. 5. Dan Beck, Castle Rock 567. 6. Jesse Shannon, Centralia 474. 7. Tracey Titus, Manzanita 454.

Women's Division – 1. Kathy McMullen, Deer Island 983. 2. Jenae Frelich, St. Helens 937. 3. Morgan Tenney, Scappoose 889. 4. Tiffany Berg, St. Helens 873. 5. Victoria West, Scappoose 625. 6. Cori Rocks, Portland 274.

Power of the People

By W. Marc Farmer, General Manager,
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Grand Opening is Finally Here!

The long awaited day is here for the grand opening of our new building. The transition from our old

building to our new facilities was a successful one. Like any move, we are still emptying some boxes, organizing, moving things around, getting used to new surroundings, procedures and systems, and in general just settling in. After being cramped into an antiquated, outdated, and inadequate facility for the last ten years, it is so much more efficient and comfortable to be in our new facilities.

Our new facility has many new features, upgraded technology, better efficiencies, more space, better flow, and a new security system with video as well as alarm capabilities. Of course the most important aspect is that it is well out of the flood plain so we can continue to function if Vernonia was to experience another flood event.

As I explained to our members at the Annual Meeting in August, we also included upgrades to provide other emergency features during any major events. We upgraded the seismic strength and survivability of the building from a category 3 to category 4 event. That, combined with oversizing our backup generator to handle power for an entire city block, will allow us to use our truck

bays as an emergency facility during an event. It can be heated and used as a triage center, emergency shelter, etc...with plenty of power and lighting. Our parking lot was also designed to allow for a medical evac helicopter to safely land and take off. We also purchased and donated to Wilcox and Flegel a generator to allow for fuel to remain available during a major outage, with the agreement that the tanks be kept at a minimum level. Our new facility is here to serve not only the Co-op and its members, but also the community in which we reside.

Our new facility will be open and available for all of our members to view during our grand opening on Friday, September 30, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will be available to give tours, answer questions, and share some light refreshments. We hope you will take the time to come in and see your new Co-op facility. We are proud of our new building and the care we took in making it a facility that the members and the community can be proud of for years to come.

Five Star Builders will be here to co-host the event and showcase the incredible job they did in constructing the project. We really hit a home run by hiring them, a truly local company, to take on this project from beginning to end and construct this wonderful new facility. They accomplished everything we asked of them and more. The quality of their work, the fact that they listened to and involved us throughout the project, their pressing despite the weather to meet our deadlines, and the excellent people they have been to work with, have made this effort the success that it is. Come and meet some of their team and see the fine work they've done for us.

Wildlife viewing map online

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Wildlife viewing from bird-watching to tidepooling to mammal and amphibian viewing is a popular recreational activity in the state with about 1.7 million people participating each year. Watching wildlife is also an economic driver: Resident wildlife viewers contributed more than \$1 billion to Oregon's economy in 2008, the most recent year surveyed, with day trips, overnight travel and equipment.

About 140 terrestrial mammal species, 30 amphibian species and 30 reptile species live in Oregon. About 275 species of birds breed in the state and another 85 migrate through or spend the winter here. Gray whales migrate off shore and coastal tidepools reveal the secrets of the sea floor. Salmon return from the ocean to spawn in the streams where they hatched, providing a view of an amazing life cycle. Learn where to see them on the ODFW Viewing Map on ODFW's website, http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/viewing/wildlife_viewing_map.asp.

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Columbia reopened for Chinook

Fishery managers from Oregon and Washington reopened some chinook salmon seasons in the lower Columbia River, effective September 16. The additional fishing opportunity is possible due to lower than expected catches of ESA-listed lower river wild tule fall chinook.

Under the rule change adopted at a joint state hearing Monday afternoon, chinook retention will be allowed from Buoy 10 upstream 19 miles to Tongue Point as of September 16 and continuing through the end of the year. The daily bag limit from September 16 through the end of the year will be two adult salmon/steelhead in combination. Coho and steelhead must be adipose fin-clipped, but chinook can be either clipped or not. Retention of jacks is prohibited in this fishery until October 1.

Farther upstream, from Tongue Point approximately 69

miles upstream to the Warrior Rock/Lewis River line, chinook retention (for adults and jacks) closed again effective September 19 and will reopen October 1 through the end of the year. The daily bag limit will be two adult salmon/steelhead in combination. Coho and steelhead must be adipose fin-clipped. When chinook retention is allowed, adult and jack chinook may be retained whether fin-clipped or not.

From the Warrior Rock/Lewis River line upstream to the Oregon/Washington border, chinook retention is currently open and will remain open until the end of the year with no changes from previously adopted seasons.

For more information visit ODFW's regulations update page on the Internet at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/reg_changes/index.asp.

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