

# GAME COMMISSION SETS BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

The Oregon Game Commission, August 14, in Portland established upland game bird and waterfowl seasons for 1971, tightening up slightly from the liberal regulations of last year. Rules were based on game biologists' surveys which indicated only a fair crop of upland birds, good flights of ducks, and fair production on western Canada and Great Basin Canada geese.

Recognizing light hunting pressure on chukar, partridge and quail and despite only fair production, the Commission set a long season on these birds. The ringneck pheasant season was shortened by one week because of a continued decline in pheasant production.

The Commission also expects excellent flights of waterfowl this fall and set the longest possible within the federal waterfowl framework but reduced the bag limit on Canada geese in western Oregon and in Baker and Malheur counties.

Hunters will open the bird seasons September 1 for mourning doves and band-tailed pigeons. The season will extend through September 30. Bag limit for doves is set at 10 per day, 20 in possession, while the bag limit for bandtails is set at 8 daily, 8 in possession.

Shotgunners may take after blue and ruffed grouse in eastern Oregon September 4 through September 26. An early grouse season is also scheduled for the high Cascades September 11 through 19 in the area and to run concurrently with the High Cascade Buck Season. In western Oregon the grouse season will extend from October 2 through October 31. Bag limit in all three areas is set at 3 grouse daily, 6 in possession.

Poor production for sage grouse prompted a closed season on this species except in southern Malheur County over the Labor Day weekend September 4, 5, and 6. The bag limit is 2 daily and 4 in possession.

The longest hunting season on the calendar will be for chukar and Hungarian partridge October 2 through January 23, 1972. Area open for this long season includes all of eastern

Oregon. Bag limit is set at 8 partridge per day, 16 in possession. Also, the Commission set a limited chukar and Hun season in western Oregon and at Ladd Marsh October 16 through November 14 with a bag limit of 4 partridges per day, 8 in possession. The season on the west side is to take advantage of surplus chukars from the E.E. Wilson Game Farm which will be released on various public shooting grounds.

Pheasant and quail hunting will get underway at 8 a.m. October 16 and extend through November 14. In eastern Oregon only the quail season extends through January 23. Bag limit for cock pheasants in eastern Oregon except Klamath County is set at 3 per day, 9 in possession. In western Oregon and Klamath County the bag limit is 2 per day, 4 in possession. Quail bag limit for eastern Oregon is 8 per day, 16 in possession, while that for western Oregon is 5 daily, 10 in possession.

The general turkey season in that portion of the state east of the Cascade summit and north of highway 26 is set for November 20 through 24. Bag limit is one turkey. A spring gobbler hunt is also scheduled April 29 through May 7, 1972. A total of 250 tags will be issued.

Waterfowl hunters have a long season extending from October 9 through January 9. Bag limit on ducks is set at 6 per day and 12 in possession. In the Columbia Basin counties the season is extended through January 23 and the bag limit increased to 7 daily, 14 in possession. Bag limits for coots and mergansers are the same as last year.

Some decline in western Canada geese prompted the Commission to reduce the bag limit on these birds in Benton, Lane, Linn, Polk, and Yamhill counties to 2 per day, 4 in possession. A reduction is also noted for Great Basin Canada geese in Baker and Malheur counties and the Commission set a bag limit of 2 daily, 2 in possession. Goose bag limit in the rest of the state is set at 3 per day, 6 in possession. The goose season was also extended to January 23 in Wasco, Sher-

## NYSSA SWIMMERS PLACE AT MOSCOW

The Nyssa Swim Team was well represented by three of their members at the State Swim Meet held at Moscow last week.

Julie Anderson (13) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry (Andy) Anderson placed fourth out of 40 contestants in the 50 and 100 yard free style competition. Beth Calhoun (12) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Calhoun placed 8th and 9th in the same events. Julie just missed placing third by what is called a "touch out", which is missing by just a fraction of a second. The timers used at the meet record the time within one-thousandth of a second.

Duane Griffin (16) son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burruss placed 12th in the 50 yard free style swim.

The swimmers were accompanied by Lorinda Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Calhoun and her mother.

## Reserved Seats For Football

Gene Chester, Nyssa High School principal, said that reserved seats will go on sale Thursday for the new bleachers.

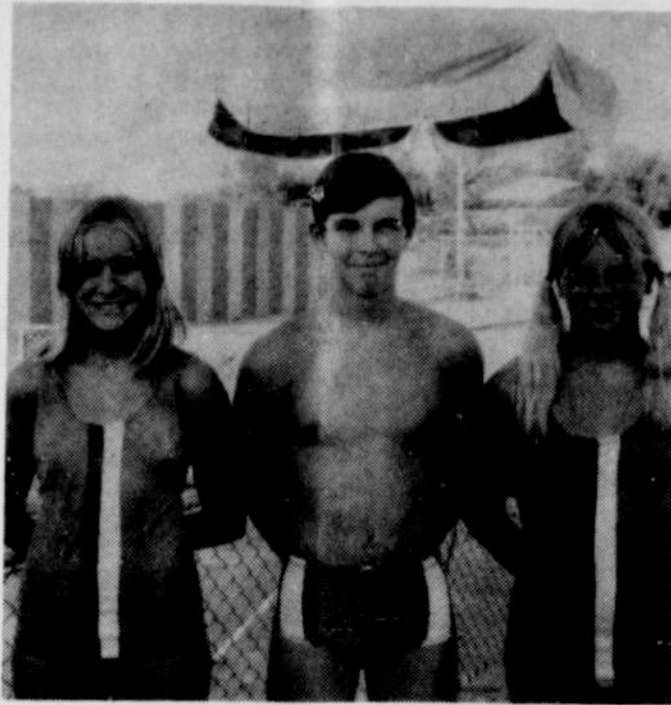
The seats are located in front of the dog house between the 45 yard lines, and are being sold by the Bulldog Boosters to help defray some of the athletic costs. They will sell for \$5.00, and are in addition to the regular ticket price.

Chester said that season tickets will go on sale next week. Those interested may call the high school office or Arleigh Adams. The new bleachers are installed, and will extend between the 10 yard lines. Six 18-foot sections will also be placed on the visitors side of the field.

man, Gilliam, Morrow, and Umatilla counties where large numbers of lesser Canadas are expected.

The black brant season extends from November 20 through February 20, 1972 with a bag limit of 4 per day, 8 in possession. Snipe may be taken from October 9 through December 12. The bag limit is 8 per day, 16 in possession.

## Swim Meet Winners



Swimmers who won awards at the swim meet in Moscow last week are Beth Calhoun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Calhoun; Duane Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burruss; and Julie Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderson.

## ELK AND COUGAR APPLICATIONS DUE

Elk hunters interested in obtaining an antlerless elk permit this year have just over one week left in which to file an application if they wish to be included in the drawings. The deadline is August 24, the Game Commission reminded hunters, and the drawing to determine successful applicants is scheduled for September 3.

The deadline and drawing dates also apply to hunters filing for a cougar tag. The cougar season is scheduled December 1 through 31 and limited to 100 tag holders. This year the entire state will be open except the portion south of Highway 20 and east of Highway 395. Any cougar taken must be tagged with a metal seal at the nearest Game Commission office within 48 hours.

To be included in the drawings, applications must be received at the Game Commission's Portland headquarters no later than 5 p.m. on the deadline date. Late applications will not be considered until all others have been processed.

Hunters are reminded that an-

terless elk permits are restricted in number and all units and special areas are expected to be heavily oversubscribed. Applications for the Rocky Mountain elk permit seasons are obtained with the purchase of the Rocky Mountain elk tag. Applications for the Roosevelt elk permit seasons are obtained with the purchase of the Roosevelt elk tag.

Persons interested in the cougar season must apply on the controlled season application form. This form is obtained at license agencies.

## Grocers Alerted To Fake Food Stamps

The United States Department of Agriculture is alerting Pacific Northwest Food dealers that a number of counterfeit \$2 food coupons have been passed in Portland.

All bogus coupons recovered so far show use of blue ink instead of black ink to print the serial numbers. The background of the counterfeit coupons is white rather than bluish, the fishnet scrollwork around the borders is poorly printed, and the surface is smooth, whereas genuine coupons have printing impressions on the surface.

## OSU TO START FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Football is just around the corner, and much closer than you think.

Oregon State's 1971 squad begins assembling next weekend, prior to the opening practice session which is scheduled for Monday, August 23. The Beavers report on August 21 for physical exams and on August 22 they pose for publicity pictures at "Picture Day."

Coach Dee Andros, who is starting his 7th season at OSU with a record of never having experienced a losing campaign, is counting on some 39 hold-over lettermen and a large group of sophomores.

The Beavers open at Athens, GA against the University of Georgia. The home opener is at Corvallis on September 18, a week later, when the Beavers take on the University of Iowa Hawkeyes. This will be the annual "Kiwaniis Kids Day" game.

After that, in order, come Michigan State, UCLA, California, Arizona State, Washington, Stanford, Arizona, Washington State, and Oregon. The Arizona State fracas is the lone Portland appearance, and Corvallis games include Iowa, Stanford, and WSU.

On the surface, it would appear that Andros could start 11 lettermen on offense, possibly seven on defense. Oregon State's "front four" on defense was depleted through graduation. The defensive secondary, the best in the PAC-8 last fall, returns intact, headed by Jim Lilly.

The quarterback job is uncertain, but with two fine candidates, Lettermen Jim Kilmartin and Steve Endicott. The latter is recovering from wrist bone surgery, and his status is indefinite. Even if completely healed, he faces tough competition from Kilmartin, who finished last year as No. 1 and had a good spring session.

Grocers have been given a list of serial numbers on the bogus coupons recovered, and cautioned to be on the lookout for other counterfeiters with different numbers.

Attempts to pass face coupons should be reported to the nearest food stamp office of USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, or to the U.S. Secret Service office in Portland.

## Rare Song Bird Found In Wallowa Mountains

It's nothing unusual for a wildlife biologist on his days off to angle for trout or perhaps sit in a cold duck blind over a flock of decoys, but it might be considered a busman's holiday if he headed for the outdoors to seek out and study wild critters that are part of his daily routine.

That's what Rex Baxter, summer assistant game biologist at Enterprise, chose to do when he had two days off from his regular wildlife chores in Wallowa County. Instead of relaxing during the short vacation, Baxter slung a backpack, headed for the high Wallows, and traveled the length of the Hurricane Divide from Legore Lake to Granite Creek, camping overnight near Twin Peaks.

Of significant importance during his two-day journey was the sighting of three (possibly four) Wallowa gray-crowned rosyfinches in the Twin Peaks area. This beautiful Oregon bird is listed as a nationally status-undetermined species by David B. Marshall in his booklet entitled "Endangered Plants and Animals of Oregon."

The gray-crowned rosy finch is a bird of high mountain elevations. It's name implies it has a pronounced grayish cap on its head. Striking shades of brown and pink cover the body, with the pink hues covering much of the wings and rump area. Its length is about 6 1/2 inches. Sound is a high-pitched chirping. It nests among the cliffs and rock slides and it is mainly an insect eater.

During the two-day pack trip our enterprising biologist also spent much time studying the activities of 15 mountain goats, 12 observed on the Hurricane Divide and 3 near the summit of the Hurwall Divide. Three goats appeared to be large billys, four others were adult nannies each with a kid, and four were sub-adults or yearlings.

Baxter observed nine goats in one band, three females with kids and three yearlings. He studied the animals as they made their way down the steep mountain slopes to drink at a small snow-fed lake below. The females cautiously led the way, stopping frequently to survey the area below. All three kids

playfully ran and jumped about, butting each other frequently. Head-to-head jousts took place and frequently one kid would sneak up from behind to butt another in the rump. The entire group moved away quickly after drinking, ascended the slopes at a brisk pace, and settled down near the top of Twin Peaks among the rocks. In addition to numerous other small birds and animals, Baxter encountered several large mule deer bucks summing on the divide and reported observing numerous elk signs within 100 feet of the top of Twin Peak.

## Women Golfers Play For Best Ball

Heleen Hammer and Ruth Robertson teamed up for a 35 net score to take first place in the best ball tournament, Tuesday, Ladies Day at the Ontario Municipal Golf Course.

In second place was the team of Norma Southern and Evelyn Hendricks with a 36 1/2 net score and Audrey Wilson of Nyssa and Joyce Whittet followed with a 39 score.

August 31, the ladies group will sponsor a potluck, at which time the ladies are reminded to sign up for the fall leagues, which begin September 7. Next Tuesday, August 24, will be the regular Ladies Day golf tournament at the Ontario Municipal Golf Course.

## Bowling Meeting Planned For Aug. 19

The Men's Bowling league presidents and secretaries are urged to attend a meeting Thursday (today) at 8:30 p.m. at the Nyssa bowling alley. This meeting is also open to all members of these leagues.



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