

Season opens in some areas

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HUNTERS SEASON OPENS

September 1, 1978 hunting season opened in some management units in Region 3, Thompson-Okanagan area. Game animals that the season opened for included: white tailed deer; both bucks and antlerless (bow and arrow only), mule (black tailed) and white-tailed deer; bucks only, elk; bulls only, mountain sheep, mountain goat and caribou; bulls only.

Game birds that opened Sept. 1 included — ptarmigan, band tailed pigeon and morning doves.

This weekend coming up, grouse season will open for blue spruce (Franklin) ruffed. Sharp-tailed grouse also opens this weekend in some management units.

I hope all game bird hunters will purchase the special licence area to hunt game birds in the Spallumcheen District Municipality, and the Coldstream District Municipality. The special licence must be purchased on weekday mornings from the Fish and Wildlife Branch Office in Vernon, or from the office of the Government Agent in Vernon. For maps and further information contact the Fish and Wildlife Office in Vernon and Pentiction.

My first interpretation of this special licence ruling was... the way it reads, a daily licence that had to be picked up each morning prior to hunting and of course this would mean a late start for hunting, because neither of the issuing offices open at 8 a.m. This also meant no hunting Saturdays or Sundays because neither issuing offices are open those days.

However, after speaking with Bob Prentice, who is President of the Vernon Fish & Game Club, Bob said "my understanding of the special licence is that it's a one day licence." That statement was a whole new "bag of worms" for me, because somewhere in the ruling did I read that. At any rate, we are contacting the Government Agent in Vernon and will advise the correct interpretation in next week's column.

One thing I do know for certain about this special licence, it is another gimmick for making the hunter pay more money. I wonder just how much of this \$5 licence fee the Municipality gets. However, if you are not sure, I will advise the correct interpretation in next week's column.

There are a few other new changes in the hunting regulations that involve Region 3, so rather than being caught violating one of the regulations, it is better to be late, and actually missing an open season, I suggest you read the 1978-79 regulations carefully.

SEASON LOOKS PROMISING

The 1978-79 hunting season should be a good one, not only for game animals, but game birds and migratory game birds as well. The weather has been just what is adequate for a good hunter harvest without depleting their numbers below a balanced ecosystem relating to their winter ranges.

Same for game birds, especially upland game birds and migratory game birds such as water fowl. It's much too early to know for sure, but the weather has been just what is needed for a good hunter harvest without depleting their numbers below a balanced ecosystem relating to their winter ranges.

Each year I predict the type of winter... conditions we can expect and I base my prediction strictly on signs of nature. It's too early for me to predict what the upcoming winter will be like, because most of the signs that indicate and tell a story, have not happened yet. And further, I have not travelled enough in the forest to form any opinion as to the meaning of similar signs that must be a majority and a general occurrence throughout the area. Now that hunting season is here, I will have the opportunity to view and study the signs on a much larger scale and should be able to make my prediction shortly.

I'll be honest, and say, I don't like what I'm seeing so far. Nature signs are starting to indicate a very early fall and winter, but that is only a guess.

Another prediction and this one is not mine. Although, I must admit, it will probably happen... Due to the present high beef price, the cattlemen's association and ranchers are predicting an increase in rustling activities this fall. In anticipation of this, they will be increasing their Range Patrols throughout the Province.

The present high rate of unemployment and the planned cutback of unemployment benefits could also cause increased rustling and poaching this fall. Rather than waste space on this topic, I suggest you read my column in Tuesday edition of the Vernon Daily News North Okanagan Magazine. The article is all about this.

LOCAL SCENE
Stan Stankov of Pinawa Lake Resort in the Falkland area advises "a good old fishing weekend, despite the inclement weather conditions." The McCaffery party from Kamloops, limited both Saturday and Sunday using flies. Their largest was a three pounder and was taken Saturday. The other fish in the two day limits included one, to one and a half pounders and this all happened on Lady King Lake.

Crown Zellerbach group were also guests at Pinawa last weekend. Jim Edgerton, topped the group with his two pounder, taken from Pinawa.

Pinawa Lake Resort will be open until freeze-up, and I know from previous years, the fishing can only get better until then.

As a result of the foul weather last weekend, fishing information from our local lakes is scarce. Saturday there was some activity, but Sunday was a failure even for big lakes. Unfortunately, this lack of information means, I cannot offer any suggestions for the upcoming weekend.



ON THE LINKS

This week's winners in the Spallumcheen ladies day golf tournament from left to right, included, Rae Banner, Joyce

Jensen and Eleanor Beaulieu. Hanner had the low net runner up, Jensen had the low net and

Beaulieu had the low gross. Missing from the picture is Annela Deen, low gross runner up. (Daily News Photo)

Outdoor Club announces upcoming group functions

Sept. 17, Miriam Townsend 545-8409, will lead an easy short day hike, to Ponderosa Point. Leaving City hall at 10:00 a.m. Bring a lunch, and good walking footwear. Everyone welcome.

Sept. 24, Ted Hope 542-8634, will be the leader for an easy hike to Silver Star, leaving City hall at 9:00 a.m.

Oct. 1, Ken May 542-6248 will lead a long scenic day hike to Cougar Canyon. Meet at City hall at 9:00 a.m.

Several canoeing films are to be shown shortly. If interested in seeing these, please phone Miriam Townsend 545-8409 for viewing date and time.

On Saturday, October 14th, the club social is being held at the Tillicum Valley Lodge. Dinner starts at 6:30, slide show and dancing to follow.

The price will be \$4.50 per person, includes complete meal of barbecued beef, rolls, salads, tea or coffee, and dessert. Also available at Tillicum will be the giant slide, pitch and putt and bar facilities. For further information phone 542-4233. Everyone welcome, but registration must be made to ascertain number of people to serve.

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Nine completed long Lumby ride

The annual Lumby 50 mile endurance ride was held at Mirus Ranch, with nine of the 13 riders entered completing the full distance.

Lynne Christian of Hope rode to first place in the event, while second was awarded to Theresa Mirus of Lumby.

Third place went to Donna Tunnicliffe of Hope.

Fourth place in the event was given to Jim Conn of

White Rock, while Dan Hoff, also of White Rock, got fifth. Sixth place was awarded to Betty Gubelos of Surrey, while seventh went to Janie Neufeld of Vernon. Kim Coulter of Surrey rode to eighth place, while John Tunnicliffe was the final finisher.

The event was judged by Tom Andrews, while Dr. Doug and Dr. Terry Quensel served as veterinarians.

Canada Goose tournament at Spallumcheen

The annual Spallumcheen Golf Course Canada Goose Open tournament will be held Sept. 23 and 24, with more than \$1,300 in prizes being offered.

Golfers from the Okanagan, Interior and all over the Pacific Northwest are expected for the tournament, which only has 20 spots left.

Some of the golfers already signed up for the tournament include Chris Kato from Mission, who was last year's winner and Bruce Huchman from Kelowna, one of the Okanagan's top golfers.

Chariot races to be held in Armstrong now

The B.C. Pony Chuckwagon and Chariot Racing Association race meet will be held Sept. 22 to 24 in Armstrong rather than Osoyoos, as previously planned.

A full slate of 19 pony racing events plus Jackpot Gymkhana will be featured. Also, there will be performances by the Chilliwack Drill Team and Bill Pulver's trained rooster. The show starts at 1 p.m. daily and admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens and children will be admitted for \$1.

A country and western dance will be held Sept. 22 at the Armstrong Centennial Hall, beginning at 9 p.m.

IN EXHIBITION

New West Bruins beat Buckaroos

The Bruins, who scored three times in the last three minutes, got a pair from Ralph Krueger. Singies were added by Randy Irving, Pat McGill, Kent Reardon and Bruce Howes.

The Buckaroos goals were notched by Brad Swedan, Randy Endo, Bruce Cullen and Darryl Carlom.

John Dobson stopped 27 shots for the Bruins while Brad Armitage and Ron Lozati combined to block 40 for Kelowna.

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