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TODAY'S NEWS

CLUB UPDATE - Earl Skonberg 541.229.2700

Winter League - Over 55 shooters will compete for top gun, team honors and bragging rights during the clubs winter trap league beginning January 8th. Teams were drawn at the annual Christmas party/game shoot but last minute registration is still possible. Contact Russ @ roseburgtrap@gmail.com or call: (559) 679-0279.

Multiplex Trap Shoot – Saturday, January 7, 2023. Sub-gauge will start at 10 am with 50 singles, 50 handicap and 25-pair doubles to follow. You can sign up for all events or individual events as you desire. Be ready for the first squad of singles at 10:30 am. Contact Earl Skonberg (541) 229-2700 or earlskonberg@mac.com if you have questions.

February Gun & Knife Show- With Measure 114 currently hog-tied in State and Federal Court systems, we are moving forward with our next Gun & Knife Show at the Douglas County Fairgrounds February 18 & 19, 2023. Vendor applications have been mailed. If you wish more details or want to reserve at table, contact Del Applegarth at (541) 530-4570.

Measure 114 Update - The same Oregon judge who temporarily blocked Measure 114 from becoming law last week, heard arguments on Tuesday in Burns over whether the voter-approved measure should be put on hold for months – or longer – as a legal challenge brought by gun groups makes its way through the courts.

Less than an hour into the hearing, Harney County Circuit Court Judge Robert S. Raschio ruled that he would keep at least a portion of Measure 114 on hold until the state established a permitting system that would allow for the sale of firearms under the law's new permitting system. "I'm going to continue the temporary restraining order with regards to the permit to purchase because I am convinced that there's irreparable harm to the constitutional right to bear arms under Article 1 Section 27 if I do not," Raschio stated.

Raschio said his order would remain in effect until he received notice from the state that the new permitting system was up and running. Currently, a firearm can be transferred three days after a background check is requested even if the check is incomplete.

Multiple gun rights groups as well as at least two county sheriffs filed a flurry of lawsuits against the measure in the weeks after it passed. At least four lawsuits have been filed in federal court, where the request to temporarily prevent it from becoming law was denied last week by U.S. District Court Judge Karin Immergut, a Trump appointee.

Meanwhile, on Dec. 2, Harney County residents Joseph Arnold and Cliff Asmussen quietly filed a lawsuit in one of the state court system's most rural venues where just one judge – Raschio – oversees the work from two counties. Arnold and Asmussen argue Measure 114 violates the Oregon Constitution. On Dec. 6, just hours after Immergut ruled against the firearms groups in federal court and let most of the new regulations take effect as scheduled, Raschio ruled the other way in state court and agreed to pause the entire thing. According to the lawsuits, there are no training programs available yet and neither the Oregon State Police nor local law enforcement agencies are prepared to issue permits.

"Until that occurs, BM114 operates to effectively eliminate the right to keep and bear arms within Oregon, as no permit can be acquired without training, and no firearm can be acquired without a permit," the lawsuit filed in Harney County Circuit Court states.

The Attorney General agreed with that assessment in a letter to Immergut, the federal judge, early last week asking to delay the permit requirement to give the government time to create a system for issuing them. In her ruling, Immergut agreed to postpone it by 30 days. That was before the decision temporarily blocking the whole law came down in state court and, at least for now, superseded the federal ruling. **More to Come!**

Best bets for weekend fishing:

- Arizona Pond has been stocked this week and should offer some good fishing for young trout anglers over the holidays.
- Early winter fishing for brown trout at Lemolo Reservoir can be great when weather allows.
- Anglers are catching winter steelhead in the Coos and Coquille basins.
- Coho are making their final push through the middle and upper Rogue. This might be the last week for good fishing.
- It's not too soon to look for early steelhead on the Chetco, lower Rogue and Umpqua rivers.
- On the beaches near Charleston, anglers have been catching both redbtail and striped surfperch.

Umpqua River, Mainstem - Chinook, trout, winter steelhead

Fish are moving with the fresh rains that have been coming. Winter steelhead are starting to be caught by anglers. The mainstem is a pretty good bet for those that are eager to start catching steelhead. Anglers are encouraged to submit steelhead snouts in barrels stationed at many boat ramps throughout the Umpqua drainage, or at the ODFW office in Roseburg.

The mainstem is under permanent regulations for Chinook in 2022, which means anglers may retain up to two salmon per day which both could be wild.

Umpqua River, South - Winter Steelhead

Hatchery winter steelhead are expected to make their way up the South Umpqua over the course of the winter. Last year the fishing along the South Umpqua was great. However, the loss of one year of smolts due to the Archie Creek fire will likely result in fewer returns than usual. We have not had reports of steelhead reaching the South yet, but there is a good possibility that they will be starting to show up in the lower reaches as flows come up from the rain.

December Bench Rest Match

Wes Jackson (541) 784-5041

There were five shooters that braved the freezing weather to shoot in the December Bench rest match. At 100 yds. three of the shooters were able to shoot a 250, with Wes Jackson in first with 24Xs. Jeff Whitcomb & Jay Conn tied for second with 22Xs each. At 200 yds four shooters were able to shoot a 250. Buck Williams took first place with 12Xs. Jeff Whitcomb & Wes Jackson tied for second place with 11Xs each. In the final scoring, Wes Jackson was first with 500-35Xs, Jeff Whitcomb was second with 500-33Xs and Jay Conn was third with 500-29Xs.

The next match will be January 15th. Set up will be at 8:00 a.m. and the match will start at 8:30 a.m. For questions contact Wes Jackson at (541) 784-5041.

NAME	CALIBER	100 YDS	200 YDS	FINAL
1. Wes Jackson	30BR	250-24Xs	250-11Xs	500-35Xs
2. Jeff Whitcomb	30BR	250-22Xs	250-11Xs	500-33Xs
3. Jay Conn	30BR	250-22Xs	250-07Xs	500-29Xs
4. Buck Williams	30BR	249-18Xs	250-12Xs	499-30Xs
5. Whitey Williams	6PPC	244-04Xs	245-00Xs	489-04Xs