

ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARKDULL



Scattergunners get another crack at waterfowl, as of last Saturday, which marked the opening of the second half of the split season running through until the mid part of January. Reports from all hunting areas, much better than during the first half, due to preceding storms, Bakersfield, Fresno and the Lake areas expect limit shooting. Plenty of birds also at the Salton Sea, Lake Hemshaw and the San Diego reservoirs.

Deep sea anglers filling their sacks with the usual run of the bottom fish off local banks, while those venturing to San Diego take mostly red and ling cod with an occasional yellowtail, weather permitting.

Surf addicts having a ball, Huntington Beach, locally in front of the Riviera and on up to Hollywood Beach all good bets. Another month and 2nd St. in Hermosa will come to life. That's where the two to four pounders come in, giving surf enthusiasts a run for their money.

A tri-club stinger derby held last week between the Gardena, Redondo and Santa Monica Rod and Gun clubs went off without a hitch. Jack Pollock tussled with a 71 pound fat tail, wrecked his boat among other things but brought victory to Gardena. Would call them champs, but they haven't beat the Torrance club yet. Anyway all fished out of small skills at the mouth of the Los Angeles River, better known as the Pacific Sportfishing Landing.

Same spot the week before, Dave Hyde, "Burby" Mercuriades and Chuck Richards had a ball with a bunch of thrasher sharks trolling sardines. Topper for Dave weighed in at 77 pounds, "Burby" at 72 pounds and Chuck's at 70 pounds. Had a few on that they couldn't handle, or so the story goes. Wonder where they got the idea to troll at that particular spot? Regardless, looks like it panned out for them.

Sunday, Paul and Ben Smith, Walt Gilliard and Glenn Price slipped down to Mecca at the hunting club near the Salton Sea and each bagged his share of waterfowl. Which reminds me, I was always under the impression that duck hunters really had it rough, shivering in the blinds from long before dawn until sun down, nothing to eat or drink, cramping their muscles sitting motionless, and all that. Not so for the boys at Mecca. Nothing but service.

Boy from the club comes out to the blind and takes your order for breakfast, lunch, in-between snacks and what ever is wanted, returns promptly with the order filled. Of course the boys pay through the nose, besides getting soft. Won't know how to take it when they hunt elsewhere.

Rod and gun club activities picking up. Heard through the grape vine that Redondo members are working feverishly on their annual barred perch derby. In the past only one trophy was given and that was to the winning team. This year, due to the fact that a team of local families beat all the other teams last year and said in loud clear voices that they thought they deserved a trophy

Lomita Car Club To Sponsor for Chest Drive

The Walters Car Club and the Lomita Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Community Chest charity dance Tuesday evening, Dec. 20, at Lomita Park hall, it was announced here yesterday.

A donation of \$1.50 is being asked for admission to the dance which is scheduled from 8 p.m. until 11:30.

The Shades of Rhythm and the Rhythm Rockers will provide the music while vocals will be presented by the renowned recording artists, The Medallions, Tony Allen, and others.

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EAGLES CLAW BOBCATS TO STAY UNBEATEN

A 10-yard touchdown run in the final 30 seconds gave the Golden Eagles Gra-Y Club a perfect record as they finished their play in the Torrance YMCA Touch Football League with an 18-13 win over the Bobcats last week.

It was Terry Greason who pulled the game out of the fire for the Eagles, who came from behind to nab the victory.

The Bobcats drew first blood in the opening period with a run by Frank Bradford. The Eagles came back to tie the score when Steve McGuire scur-

ried to a touchdown to tie it up, 6-6, at the half.

The Bobcats scored again the

YMCA Prepares for Turkey Shoot Sunday

Torrance YMCA members are hurrying final preparations for their annual holiday Turkey Shoot, set for Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Torrance Police Range, on Crenshaw Blvd., south of Pacific Coast Highway.

Ben Smith, chairman of the affair, said shells will be available at the range for the shoot. Smith is assisted by Sgt. D. C. Cook, of the Torrance Police Department.

third quarter on a pass from Bob Henderson to Jerry McLain. McLain tossed to Bradford for the extra point.

McGuire passed to Greason for an Eagle teedee in the fourth period, but the attempted conversion was missed and the Bobcats still led, 13-12.

With time quickly running out Bill Haggarty intercepted a Bobcat pass to set up Greason's run for the game-winning score.

It was the final game of the season for the league champ Eagles.

Roy Leads Walteria to Grid Crown

The Walteria Mudhens roared back from the short end of an 18-6 halftime tally to trip the Torrance Elks, 28-18, and take the Southern Midget League grid crown last week.

Cliff Roy was practically the whole show for the winners. He ran 35 yards for the Hens' first score and threw touchdown passes of 35, 25 and 30 yards for the other three tallies. Ed Strong, Abel Luna and Dennis Higgins each caught a Roy touchdown heave.

Mike Challa was the big gun for the Elks. He scored first on a 20 yard dash, then passed 45 yards to Tim Roetger and 20

yards to Glenn Acock for the Elks' final two touchdowns. Rick Gomez and John Mewborn headed up the Elks' defense.

Players on the winning Mud-

hens are Roy, Luna, Strong, Higgins, Charles DeHaas, Joe Fish, Ernie Iwata, Jim Zack, Casey Fitzpatrick, Gordon Noble, Rick Hull, Don Vincent, Larry Coberly, Bob Zack, Gerry Brannon and Jim Grimm.

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