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ROGUE VALLEY REVIEW OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

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Eagles Club 2000 Table Rock Road
Monthly meeting 6:00 pm. May 10th 2018

Program: Speaker: non-lead bullets; Leland Brown
Menu: steak and trimmings

RVOHA Numbers Count!

Our organizational mission is to promote and protect Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunting heritage. These are the "good ol' days" and as an organization we need to embrace the opportunity, and privilege, of bringing more people into our community of dedicated sportsmen and conservationists. This includes working diligently toward increasing our membership numbers to amplify our voice in a variety of legislative and regulatory forums.

Depending on the reference data, there are an estimated 13-14 million hunters nationwide (total US population of 325 million, or about 4% being identified as hunters). In the 1970s, hunter numbers were about 40 million by some counts. Of all hunters in the US, it is estimated that over 50% are over the age of 50. The reactivation of past hunters as well as the recruitment and retention (3 Rs) of new hunters is critical to the future of this wholesome and positive activity. The Rogue Valley has over 200,000 residents presently and at a 4% hunter rate (certainly a low assumption given the demographic of the Rogue Valley), RVOHA could reasonably expect a membership of roughly 8,000 members. We have about 1,000 members presently, which is outstanding, but also indicates our opportunity for growth. Think of the legislative influence a membership of that magnitude could bring to bear and what a role model RVOHA could represent to the other OHA chapters throughout the state of Oregon. Think of the opportunities for volunteer service and the fund-raising opportunity a banquet to support even more members might look like!

Most of our members know at least one business associate, family member or friend who isn't an RVOHA member, but enjoys hunting. Perhaps we have grown, young adults that have left our households to form new households? Maybe money is tight for avid hard-working outdoors people who might enjoy membership, but have had a tough time fitting the financial commitment into their family budget? Whatever the circumstances, if each of us who can would encourage those people to become members, our membership ranks would swell immediately. Perhaps you have a business associate, friend or family member with an upcoming birthday or graduation event that you'd like to note with an RVOHA membership gift for them? That may be the best \$35 you ever spend. Whatever your reasoning and rationale, we'd like to encourage you to sign someone up and give them the opportunity to be part of this important organization dedicated to maintaining, enhancing and preserving Oregon's hunting heritage.

Every one appreciates the profound impact a few votes can have on issues of critical importance to the future of hunting and related activities. We represent the front line of support to maintaining our present rights. The fact is, there are people who pay money to organizations not so they can do something in particular, but instead, their membership in a cause is wholly targeted on preventing someone else (us!) from doing something they don't want us to do (hunt). We can sit idly by and watch the numbers slowly erode, and with it will come loss of privileges and a way of life that has been integral to this nation, and state, for decades. As Sean Connery famously said in *The Untouchables* "What are you prepared to do?!"

Thank you to our membership for their financial support to RVOHA. We hope to see you at an upcoming General Meeting presentation, Board Meeting or volunteer opportunity. We welcome and encourage your active participation in our dynamic, positively-biased organization.

Bryan Coggins

President-elect: RVOHA

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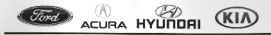


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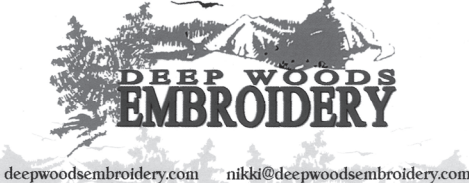
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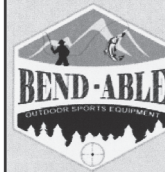
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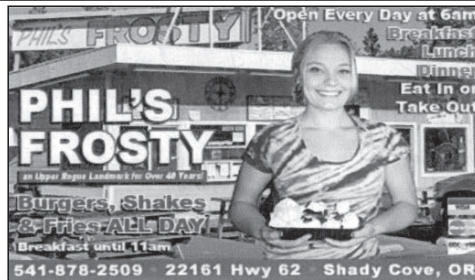
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This Spring and Summer ODFW will begin three separate research and management projects in the Rogue Watershed. We have a lot to do, and could use some help. If you have time and want to have a direct experience with wildlife research, please take a look at the projects below, give us a call, and volunteer. Volunteer hours during the work week from 7:00 AM- 5:00 PM will be the most help.

For the first time, ODFW is planning to conduct a range-wide survey of western pond turtles. This is our last chance to provide data to the US Fish and Wildlife Service before they decide whether to list the species as federally threatened or endangered. We have hired an intern, but will need a constant supply of volunteers to assist with data collection. Although turtles are obviously not a game species, hunters have a long history of being conservation leaders and I hope some of you will help with this project. Please contact Steve Niemela: (541)826-8774 x 239, or steve.a.niemela@state.or.us

If you are looking for an opportunity more directly related to big game, our research crew will begin investigating the causes of mortality in black-tailed deer fawns this summer. For those of you who hunt the Applegate and are concerned about predation, this is your chance to help with research that will provide direct on the ground data and shape future management decisions. The project will give you the opportunity to monitor radio-collared does, capture fawns, and determine the cause of mortality. Please contact Chris Bottom: 541-826-8774, or christopher.r.bottom@state.or.us



I've got a great picture.
This is Brett Loper
(former JOCO OHA
president) and Don Bell
(OHA member) helping
us capture and collar a
doe. If you look closely
Don has on his ODFW
volunteer hat.

Finally, we will continue to capture adult black-tailed deer as part of our on-going movement study in the Applegate. In May, we will pre-bait with salt, and deploy traps on sites with the most activity. In June, we will begin trapping deer, which will give you an opportunity to handle and radio-collar live animals. Please Contact Dan Ethridge: 541-826-8774 x 242, dan.d.ethridge@state.or.us

Youth Turkey Clinic Recap

The Rogue Valley Oregon Hunters Association believes that introducing new participants to the hunting and outdoor recreation lifestyle is important for many reasons. RVOHA's mission is to promote and protect Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunting heritage and proudly participated in the subject event recently held at Denman Wildlife Area on March 31st. On a beautiful, sunny spring day, Oregon Hunter Education, Oregon Hunters Association and ODFW staff members hosted 30 youth hunters, and their parents/chaperons, eager to learn what it might take to become successful wild turkey hunters. In addition to the aspiring hunters and their families, four (4) ODFW staff members, seven (7) Hunter Education Volunteers, three (3) OHA volunteers, two (2) Bend-Able Outdoor Sports Equipment Representatives and three (3) support staff/observers were in attendance. Through the generous donations of several sponsors, including RVOHA, this event was free for the young hunters to attend. Don Albrecht, current OHA Board Member, and Jackson County Hunter Education Area Coordinator played a very effective, and important, leading role in organizing and managing the day's events.

The agenda featured an overview of Oregon's wild turkey introduction efforts, started in earnest in the 1970s, that has created an amazing hunting opportunity for all Oregonians. Immediately following that, the young hunters got a comprehensive review of wild turkey biology and behaviors. The content was rich and the presenting ODFW staff members enthusiasm for turkeys, and turkey hunting was front and center throughout. After a brief break, four groups of young hunters were divided up and sent to a robin-round set of presentations/stations including: 1) Decoys, Blinds and Camouflage; 2) Archery (Five 3D turkey targets were routinely skewered); 3) Shotgun (both patterning and trap stations were available to participants) and 4) Calling (types of calls, call designs and calling sequences). The educators and volunteers at each station did an excellent job of conveying their expertise, and passion, relative to their specific skill.

At noon, between rotations of stations, the young hunters, their parents/chaperons and all of the volunteers enjoyed a lunch of what else, turkey sandwiches and the typical accompaniments. After all skill rotations were complete, the entire group was re-assembled for a turkey field dressing presentation that was immediately followed by a series of raffles. Each participant was awarded raffle items such as calls, DVDs, gloves and masks, field seating pads, etc. And if that wasn't enough, seven lucky hunters were awarded randomly drawn cards with contact information for arranging a private land hunt for a wily, and thunderous, Tom! At least three of the hunters will be accompanied by "guides" to help make their experience everything it can be.

RVOHA is incredibly proud to be able to support this kind of opportunity and are hopeful that demand will warrant additional presentation days in future years, perhaps even to include a day dedicated to introducing novice adult hunters to the fascinating and fun opportunity that is wild turkey hunting. We would like to acknowledge the following OHA members who helped support this event - Don Albrecht (Hunter Ed), Gretchen Albrecht (Hunter Ed), Hunter Albrecht (Hunter Ed), Don Pritchett (Hunter Ed), Mel Weeks (Hunter Ed), John Drach (Hunter Ed), Jeff Heil, Zach Lycett and Bryan Coggins. In addition, we'd like to thank ODFW staff members Steve Niemela, Clayton Barber, Dan Ethridge and Matthew Vargas as well as Hunter Education volunteer Wes Smoker for their generous show of support and enthusiasm.

Finally, a special thank you to the RVOHA membership who's financial support makes our participation possible. We hope you will keep this opportunity in mind for next spring and invite your family and friends to be part of the fun.

Turkey Clinic Participants Putting Skills to Work





17th ANNUAL Young Oregon Hunters Day

May 19th, 2018, 10am-2pm Denman Wildlife Area
1495 E. Gregory, Central Point, Oregon

Free- ages 5-16 Free Lunch Provided Parental Consent & Chaperone Required
Free Drawing, must be present to win

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Game Calling – T-Shirt Coloring – Tomahawk Throw – Fishing Game



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2018 ELECTION RESULTS

As we all know the deadline to turn in ballots was April 15th. On April 17th this years appointed election committee and a new RVOHA member met to tally the votes. All tallied information will be shared. We had a total of 76 ballots returned on time and counted. 2 were post marked for April 16th and did not get opened or counted. There were 17 family memberships and 42 single memberships that voted.

PRESIDENT POSITION VOTES:

BRYAN COGGINS: 68 votes

WRITE IN: RON SHERVA - 3 votes RICH SCHINDLER - 1 vote

TREASURER POSITION VOTES:

RICH MOYER: 72 votes

WRITE IN: NONE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTES:

BILL FISHER: 68 votes

ERIC JORDAN: 55 votes

JEFF HEIL: 69 votes

RON SHERVA: 18 votes

STAN ALEXANDER: 13 votes

WRITE IN: NONE

Congratulations Bryan, Rich, Bill, Eric and Jeff. We look forward to working with you all in the next year.

Your Triple Checking Election Committee,
Zach, Ken and Erwin

Banquet Committee Information

The banquet committee is taking a well-deserved break. It is my hope that each member is resting in some exotic location where gentle breezes are cooling them and warm sunshine is providing all the vitamin D they need. Some research is occurring for a larger venue as our membership grows. The State Office has extended gratitude for their RVOHA check in the amount of \$16,926.86. And best of all is the feedback from the 2018 attendees who report they enjoyed the evening, prizes, auctions and all their many friends.

2018 Bill Kirk Memorial Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to Garrett Arman a senior from St. Mary's High School for being selected as the 2018 RVOHA \$2500 Bill Kirk Memorial Scholarship recipient. Garrett was presented with a jumbo check at our annual banquet on March 3rd after being selected from a field of eleven stellar applicants. He has been an avid hunter and fisherman his entire life, is an outstanding student athlete at St. Mary's High School and plans to attend Oregon State University this fall to study biology.



L-R Ron Sherva, Garrett Arman and Don Albrecht



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- Eagles Club, 2000 Table Rock
- 6:00 pm

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- Deadline for newsletter submissions is the last Friday of each month

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Rogue Valley Chapter Oregon Hunters Association. **We look forward to seeing you at our May 10, 2018 meeting.**



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The Rogue Valley Chapter bids farewell to life member Bill Ferguson. Bill's services to OHA include Chairman to the State Board of Directors and legal counsel. He was very active in his local Chapter and could be counted on to be an Early Bird Applicant to our annual fund raiser. He was an eager participant, taking joy in out-bidding certain friends and always had a great story for his table to enjoy. He was surrounded by his loving family as he took his last stand. The family is requesting his hunting companions and OHA friends to join them at the Rogue Valley Country Club, where he was former president, for a celebration of his life at 3:00 P. M. Saturday, May 12, 2018. Please bring photographs and stories for their memory book.

OBIT:

Thomas Edward Malot, 80, of Central Point, Oregon passed away Thursday, March 29, 2018. Arrangements in care of Rogue Valley Funeral Alternatives, 541-770-6505.