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Membership Monthly Meeting: July 12th 2018; 6:00pm
Eagles Club 2000 Table Rock Road, Medford, OR

Speaker: ODFW Regulations Update followed by Long-Range Shooting Tips/Techniques with Phil Cicero
Menu: Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert, Soft Drinks \$12

Culture - Who Wins and Who Loses?

Changing culture is one of the most challenging things any group of people, or organization, can undertake. Culture is pervasive in every aspect of our lives. There are three broad cultural characterizations attributable to organizations. The cultures are 1) Warfare; 2) Peaceful Coexistence; and 3) Active Mutual Support. How people relate to each other defines which culture they reflect.

A Warfare culture is defined as "I win; You lose." My singular goal is to ensure my winning while you are assured of losing. Peaceful Coexistence is summarized as "I win; I don't care". If I win, I don't care if you win or lose; my winning is the only real concern. Active Mutual Support is the most attractive, and sometimes most elusive, culture where the ambition is "I win; You win." Sometimes this culture is more commonly referred to as the "Win/Win". So what's the point of defining these terms? They are important because they reflect the opportunity, and challenge, that organizations such as RVOHA deal with relative to similar groups. Our ambition is to reflect a culture of Active Mutual Support where we work closely with similarly motivated and aligned groups to jointly leverage resources, time and volunteer commitments.

RVOHA is made up of people motivated for the cause of "Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage". There are many similar organizations that have their motto, rally cry and/or catchphrase all intended to reflect their biases to outdoor sporting pursuits (i.e. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Bassmaster, National Wild Turkey Federation, Mule Deer Foundation, Trout Unlimited, Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Rogue Valley Shooting Sports Association and on and on). All of these "competing" organizations, have at their core, the desire to support hunting, shooting, fishing and outdoor sporting related activities.

RVOHA wants to continue to grow its membership because membership numbers, volunteer hours and financial support, properly managed and applied, can help us achieve goals collectively that would not be possible to accomplish individually. In the process of supporting the OHA charter, the RVOHA Board of Directors recognizes that we are sometimes "competing" for your time, money and mindshare at the potential expense of other organizations, as well as the daily grind of working, partnering, parenting, and so on. One of the things we don't want to do is have OHA membership come at the expense of other priorities or organizations. At the same time, we want to advocate for as much time and money as you can spare as we face the realities of being part of activities (firearm ownership, hunting, etc.) under relentless political attack. Further, and ideally, we want your OHA membership to be a reflection of your commitment to a host of opportunities to support worthy and noble causes. In our perfect world, your OHA membership would be in addition ("AND") to other memberships and levels of participation. For many people, we know this is very much the case and we are thankful for those facts.

Thank you for your continued support to OHA Rogue Valley Chapter. We, as the Board of Directors, appreciate your support. We relish your participation and attendance of the various sponsored events and are trying to develop content, presentations and programs that support our collective interests. We want you to know that we take the responsibility of being good stewards of this chapter very seriously and our intentions will be to leverage and expand our partnerships with like organizations by supporting their events/charters. We want to be known, far and wide, as an "AND" group as opposed to an "OR" group - Active Mutual Support versus Peaceful Coexistence, or worse Warfare. Here are our contacts so you can help us maintain the level of accountability you should reasonably expect from us.

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Oregon Gun Control Initiatives:

IP43: In response to legal challenges from OHA, NRA, OFF, OOC and others, the Oregon Supreme Court very recently referred the ballot title for this gun-grab petition back to the Attorney General's Office for modification, which essentially runs out the clock for supporters to gather the required signatures by July 6th. Petition 43, which would ban certain semiautomatic firearms based on cosmetic features. Rest assured the initiative's aim will be presented in a bill form during the 2019 legislative session, and if they don't get everything they want, they'll be back with a ballot initiative in 2020.

IP44: Sponsors have now decided not to proceed with gathering the required 84,000-plus signatures to put the petition on the November ballot. Instead they will introduce a bill in the 2019 Legislative Session. If this fails, they will file the petition again in 2020.

View ballot titles for both gun control petitions OHA is opposing at www.oregonhunters.org/documents

Those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety. Benjamin Franklin (1755)

General Membership Speaker "Thank You!":

RVOHA's Board of Directors would like to extend special thanks to recent speakers, Cat Sandor-Korte (ODFW) and Bill Park (OHA Pioneer Chapter President) for sharing their important progress on developing the ODFW "Learn to Hunt" Series. They drove down, and back, from the north Willamette Valley area to share their program ambitions. They role modeled service with that schedule. The program content reflects the 3 Rs (Recruit, Reactivate and Retain) and is specifically targeted to Adults in the 22-44 age bracket. They noted a few things about their learning that we'd like to pass along:

1. In the last 30+ years, Oregon has seen a 30% decline in hunting licenses sold.
2. There is a surprising diversity reflected in sign-ups including some folks who are highly motivated, but with atypical backgrounds where we think of the stereotypical hunters. Good reminder not to judge the book by the cover. There may be people we know, that we may not realize would like the opportunity we take for granted. The program charges \$52 which covers a 1-year OHA membership to the chapter of their choice, range fees, targets, ammunition, class materials as well as typical sponsored items (t-shirts, etc.)
3. The most important part of the program is the "after care" mentoring required. Examples of inviting participants over for a day of hands on one-on-one review of firearms, gear options/choices, scouting techniques/trips and the like.

Upoming General Membership Presentations:

We are looking forward to the next set of presentations scheduled and hope you will prioritize attendance of these meetings where the Friends of Eagles staff will happily serve you a tasty steak, salad, baked potato, dessert and soft drinks for \$12/person. They do a great job supporting our meetings and generate funds for the express purposed of supporting local charities - can't beat the combination!

July 12th:	ODFW Regulations Update/Long Range Centerfire Instruction, Phil Cicero (Jackson County Deputy)
August 9th:	Tactical Handgun Instruction, David Cunningham (Stoneridge Tactical)
September 13th:	Regional Habitat Funding Initiatives, Ken McCall (OHA Resource Director)
October 11th:	Archery Equipment Selection, Setup and Tuning, Matt Blaschka (Dewclaw Archery)
November 8th:	Trail Cameras (options, setup, use, technology and security (Jeff Heil, OHA Board Member)

RVOHA Officer/Board Member Appointments:

Pursuant to Article VII (Chapter Directors), Section 5 (Vacancies) of the Restated Bylaws of Oregon Hunters Association, RVOHA filled two positions during the June 21st Board Meeting. Eric Jordan who was recently elected to the Board for a one-year term was unanimously voted into the Vice President position which was vacant based on Richard Schindler's resignation of the position earlier this spring. There was one-year remaining in Richard's term, so there is no change in Eric's commitment to RVOHA, or vice versa. RVOHA's BOD would like to acknowledge Richard's service to the Board.

The resulting vacancy created by Eric's acceptance of the Vice President nomination and affirmative vote by the BOD was filled by Ted Morehouse. Ted graciously agreed to accept a nomination to serve the one year Board Position and was unanimously voted into the position. The RVOHA now has a full slate (9) of Officers and Board Members.

ODFW Black-tailed Deer Telemetry Research Related Trapping:

ODFW has been researching black-tailed deer for the past two years in the Applegate unit. While the research staff is busy with fawn capture and black bear monitoring, district staff is continuing to trap deer throughout the rest of the Applegate. In April and May we scouted out new sites and added more bait stations to the areas that were set up last year. On May 30th, we began checking traps and have already caught 6 deer and put out five collars in only 6 days of trapping. Our goal for the summer is 10-15 deer, so we are well on our way.



Don Bell Josephine OHA

The project is a lot of fun, we are catching deer, and making an important contribution to big game management. A big thanks to all of the OHA volunteers that have already helped us out. We will continue trapping into early August unless we meet our goals before then. So far, we have made our unit capture quotas early in the week and have used the last half of the week to move traps and get set up for the next week. If any OHA member would like to help check or set traps, please contact Biologist Dan Ethridge at 541-826-8774 ext. 242.

RVOHA Board Meeting Venue Change:

RVOHA has a new home for Board Meetings effectively with the July meeting. The Board was able to identify a new location, owned by a generous OHA member family that will save the organization \$1800 a year in lower rental expenses. We are very appreciative for the generous support of OHA members like Russ and Kathy Gallego. As always, Members are welcome to join us for a Board Meeting to see what goes on in administering the important work of RVOHA. All Banquet Committee meetings will take place at this new location: 4175 Old Stage Road, Central Point.

RVOHA Supports High School Trap Shooting Teams:

RVOHA is proud to have been a sponsor (2017) for the first local high school trap shooting team in the Rogue Valley when RVOHA donated \$1500 to help cover entry fees, ammunition, targets, etc. Cascade Christian was the host institution for a team made up of shooters from several local high schools and was one of 12 teams across the state of Oregon last year. Those 12 teams were made up of 195 shooters. With consistent lobbying efforts over the last three years, approval was granted to create a second local team (Medford High School Trap Team) that is largely made up of North and South Medford students. That team has qualified for Nationals which will take place July 12th-15th in Mason, Michigan and RVOHA provided a donation of \$2500 to help cover the considerable expenses associated with competing at the National event. In addition to advancing to the National tournament, their team also boasts a male team member who is ranked second nationally as well. Cascade Christian's team will send a member to the National event as well.

Oregon High School Trap Shooting is rapidly growing as a high school sport. This year, there were 30 teams in the state comprised of 450 shooters. Shooters can begin competing as early as the 6th grade, but may not letter in the sport until they reach high school. Teams compete at their local venues and post their scores electronically. Those scores determine conference rankings and participation at the state and National competition levels. The National event includes 130 teams from across the nation and each team will shoot 500 targets to determine placings. The coaches for these programs are all volunteers and funding is largely driven by fund raising events and private donations.

The Board was very pleased to hear that roughly half of the team's 22 members had never handled or shot a gun prior to coming out for the team. With patient coaching and support they have learned rigorous firearm safety as well as proper shooting technique. Additionally, all have been required to complete Hunter Education as part of their training. We were impressed and encouraged by the description of how the teams are developing and growing.

It is worth noting that as the state-wide sport/program attempts to grow, with proper sponsorship and lobbying, there is the potential for adding additional teams at Crater, Eagle Point and perhaps beyond. If any of our membership would like to consider supporting those efforts, we have contact information to help facilitate additional investigation and learning.

RVOHA has a new email address! Please feel free to send any questions or observations to roguevalleyoha@gmail.com. We'll do our best to promptly respond!!!

RVOHA Partners with other Chapters to support OSP SIU:

Partnering with Chapters around the state, RVOHA's Board approved up to \$1200 to support the purchase of high-tech surveillance equipment and lightweight backpacking equipment to support wildlife enforcement efforts. We are proud to continue to support OSP and ODFW with donations that protect our natural resources.

The Oregon State Police has a Special Investigation Unit (SIU) within the Fish and Wildlife division. They are a Statewide unit which consists of four full-time detectives, about 10 extended members (uniform field troopers), and a Sergeant. Three of the detectives work with Fish and Wildlife crimes and violations and one detective works environmental cases with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Their focus is to work undercover to camp, fish, hunt, and interact with people who we have information are committing violations, and/or crimes. They use confidential informants to introduce them to the suspects or pay to go on guided hunts or fishing trips with legal guides, or people that are guiding illegally if there is information indicating poaching, trespassing, or other fish and wildlife related crimes. The SIU team documents the information and write search warrants and/or reports resulting in field contact in the field and enforcement action.

The SIU unit also support uniformed game troopers by setting up surveillance on subjects in the form of hidden cameras, trail cameras, eyes on surveillance from a distance, or up close with the possible suspects. This allows the field game troopers the time to concentrate on being visible in the field and enforcing the laws while others work in the background building harder cases that normally won't be made without being under cover. To accomplish both goals, they use specialized equipment including lightweight backpacking gear to be able to get several miles in the back country. They use small covert cameras that can be hidden or buried in the ground to avoid detection to get photographic/video evidence of the suspect(s) committing the crimes (illegally taking or destroying our natural resources).

OHA TRACKER:

Anti-poaching funds in budget:

OHA is lobbying to keep funds for the anti-poaching awareness campaign in the ODFW budget that will be submitted to the Governor by Aug. 31. The Department of Administrative Services will work with the Governor's office to develop the Governor's Recommended Budget for the 2019-21 biennium, which is usually due to go to the legislature by Dec. 1. OHA lobbied during the 2017 Legislative Session for a budget note to the ODFW budget that required the department to develop an anti-poaching awareness campaign. That budget note passed, and in 2018 ODFW presented to the Oregon Legislature an anti-poaching campaign. In June of this year, the anti-poaching campaign was officially adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission into their 2019-21 budget request.

Felony poaching concept eyed:

OHA will participate in a July meeting to discuss making certain poaching crimes a felony. OHA is working with OSP and members of the Legislature to develop the felony poaching concept to be put into bill form and introduced in the 2019 Legislative Session. Once we have a draft of that proposed legislative concept we will present it to OHA members.

Wolf Plan - Stakeholder Meetings/Final Input:

OHA participated in selecting the meeting facilitator. The remaining meetings are supposed to occur between now and the Aug. 3 Commission meeting. We will continue be a stalwart on keeping wolf management options and hunting language "as is."

Ochoco OHV Trail Update:

OHA's attorney did a thorough job presenting our case of elk displacement concerns, or moving elk from public to private lands, at the federal court hearing in Pendleton on May 22. OHA opposes the Summit Trail proposal because the proposed route runs through early summer elk calving and fall security areas. ODFW backed us with a strong amicus brief statement, along with other plaintiffs. A recommended decision will occur later this summer and will go to a full district judge to review and certify.

Hunting Regulations Simplification:

OHA presented our letter of input on regulation simplification at the June 8 Commission meeting in Baker City. Follow-up questions by commissioners focused on research available on caliber size and bow weight effectiveness - and suggested staff pursue these findings. Some concern on enforcement effectiveness was also raised.

Chesnimnus Elk Project:

Recently OHA met with the Private Landowners group and described our recommendation to extend (only within designated elk corridor) the green dot closure dates to include archery (deer/elk) and rifle deer seasons (Aug. 25 - Nov. 12). The USFS is now referencing the Public Lands group (OHA) elk corridor as a recognized unit. Holding elk where the hunting public can access them is our goal.

Elk Damage - Cold Springs/Gurdane Areas:

Renewed activity is happening on the Cold Springs and Gurdane Area crop damage issue, with proposed elk removal actions slated for August and September. The landowners are interested in discussing damage tag use with OHA and area hunters.

Non-Lead Education:

OHA representatives participated in an Ammunition Symposium in Lewiston, Idaho, at the Jack O'Connor Heritage Center hosted by the Nez Perce Tribe. Besides our involvement, many Idaho shooting clubs were present, along with state fish and wildlife and federal agencies from three states. Jim Akenson was one of the invited speakers, and he talked about the hunter's legacy in wildlife conservation and keeping non-lead ammunition use as a voluntary choice for hunters and not mandatory.

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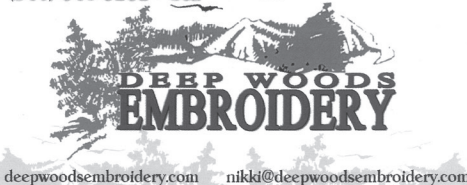
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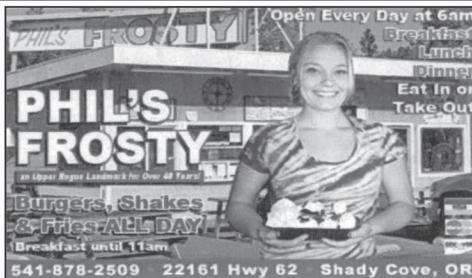
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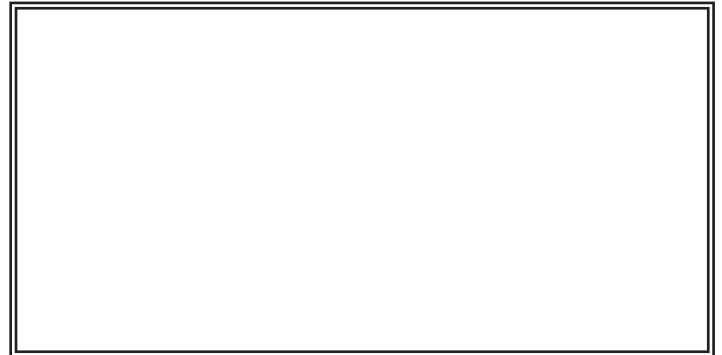
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Rogue Valley Oregon Hunters Association looks forward to seeing you at the July 12th meeting



The RVSSA (Jackson County Sports Park Shooting Range) Board has withdrawn the offer of a use contract with RVOHA. Effective July 1, RVOHA members will subject to the normal use fee structure. \$5/day/shooter, \$25/year for individuals and \$40/year for a family of two adults and children under 18. RVOHA's Board of Directors will be pursuing additional redress on the matter.

2019 Banquet Planning:

The banquet planners will be meeting soon, at our new office location, to finalize the strategy for moving our annual banquet to a larger venue. There is much to consider and we will need to expand our staffing at the banquet to accommodate this exciting growth opportunity for our chapter. Our goal is to continue to utilize our great caterers and bar staff while gaining additional attendee seats, display space and considerably more elbow (and mingling) room. Hosting friends to the banquet is a great way to introduce people to OHA and we strongly encourage you to plan early. Soon we will be announcing "the place to be" on March 2, 2019. We are looking forward to this new opportunity for expanding our banquet fund raising, all with the expressed intention of using those funds to Protect Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage. For those interested in supporting the Banquet Committee, please contact Norma Morehouse at 503-250-3000. Banquet preparation meetings will be held at the 4175 Old Stage Road location. We look forward to seeing you on March 2nd!!!

Upcoming Events of Interest:

Rogue Valley Ducks Unlimited Banquet August 4th - Jackson County Expo; Contact Richard Moyer @ 541-773-8736