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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

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Chapter Raffle — The Chapter Raffle Winner is Carl L.
Congratulations to Carl! He chose the Henry Big Boy 44 Magnum.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all that helped out with our annual Fundraising Banquet. Our Board members and their families, sponsors, donors, volunteers, members, auctioneer and master of ceremonies, the event location and caterers – you all deserve a big thank you for all that you did to help make it a successful event. I can tell you that our members were generous and we are so appreciative of you all.

We had some 230 people in attendance and the Bullet Holes & Bulls Eyes 4-H Shooting Sports Club brought lots of volunteers to help out and we thank them for their wonderful help. Thank you to the Young Marines for getting the event started with presenting the flag and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Here is the list of the raffle and game winners, the Les Schwab Raffle winner was Wade Brackin, the Rose Pistol winner was Dillon Kind, the Life Member winner was Steve Hodges, the Key Raffle winner was Greg Parrott, the Membership raffle winner was Tiffany Vuylsteke, the 50/50 game winner was Carl & Rebecca Gamroth, Winners Choice game winner was Sim Bateman, the Dinner Line Gun raffle was Kenneth Edmondson, the Wall Tent winner was Brad Hodges, Early Bird Raffle winner was Rob Clausen, the Star raffle winner was Amy Harlow, the Plinko grand prize winner was Camden Hodges, the Antler Toss grand prize winner was Marty Oppenlander, the Grab Bag grand prize winner was Charlie Kind, and the Corn Hole grand prize winner was Mark Kind. There were quite a few other winners but we cannot list them all. See pictures on the following pages.

****SAVE THE DATE—36TH ANNUAL BANQUET—APRIL 6, 2019****

New Chapter Meeting Location is at Copper River Restaurant & Bar located at 7370 NW Cornell Road, Hillsboro Oregon 97124. Chapter meetings are the third Wednesday of the month and start at 7pm. However, come early to meet with board members or get some dinner before the meeting starts. Our April Guest Speaker is Brian Tindall from Gulch. Come check the new quieter and more private meeting space. The slide show that was running at the Banquet has been posted on our Facebook page.

Chapter Elections will be held at our May 16th Chapter meeting. Ballots will be out in the next newsletter and online in a couple of weeks. You can send them in by mail or send them to our TVCOHA@Outlook.com email.











USFS considers limiting wilderness access

By Ian McCall, OHA Resource Director
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The Deschutes and Willamette National Forests started a public planning effort last June with the objective of reducing visitor impacts and preserving wilderness character on five central Cascades wilderness areas. OHA's Emerald Valley Chapter invited a Forest Service representative to a chapter meeting March 14. Numerous concerns and questions were shared following an introduction and request of audience by chapter president Tony Hilsenrager to listen to the presentation, be respectful of their guest speaker and ask questions specific to the proposal.

Wilderness area access limits are being considered for Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, Three Sisters, Waldo Lake and Diamond Peak. This effort is well underway with the Forest Service analyzing five alternatives, gathering public input on the alternatives and planning to issue a decision in 2018. The situation is apparent overlap on specific trailheads and campsites in the subject wilderness areas specific to the summer seasons.

The trend of loving the wilderness to death is not new, but the idea of restricting traditional hunter access as a response to concentrated trail and trailhead use is. Our members pointed out we are basically a solitary, dispersed use group who want to be separated from the trail crowds to pursue our passion for the hunt. Many ideas, including using our recreational



A new access area on the south coast will open new hunting options to hunters.

hunting permits as an alternative to trail head permits, were discussed. This is a complicated subject that has no easy answers. Our members also pointed out it is not a summer use versus fall hunting season use; our activities range from early scouting to numerous hunt opportunities in the wilderness areas from spring through late fall.

Our input on this issue as responsible hunters is important; there is a clear trend toward our traditional hunting heritage being overrun by new recreation methods and increasing human use of public lands. Please visit the Central Cascades Wilderness Strategies 2017 project at the link below or contact either the Willamette or Deschutes national forests for more information or to make your comments known.

www.fs.usda.gov/projects/psw/mt-58578

Coos Mountain Access Area opens coast lands

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission at its March 16 meeting in Salem unanimously approved the proposed Coos Mountain Access Area project.

The project was brought to the Commission with a unanimous vote of the Access and Habitat state board.

The Coos Mountain project lies south of the Elliott State Forest and north of the Coquille River, increasing the open access in the Tioga Unit by 63,240 acres. The primary landowners are Barnes and Associates and the BLM. Roseburg Forest Products and Weyerhaeuser Company are participating by including some smaller parcels.

This is great news for hunters on the south Oregon coast.

Part of the area is the common checkerboard pattern of private and public BLM managed lands. A block of Barnes and Associates lands connecting public BLM lands near Coos Bay is also included. This is great news for the dedicated elk and deer hunters on the south Oregon coast.

The Tioga Unit has the highest elk management objective in the state, providing 3,000 regular-season 2018 elk rifle tags in addition to late-season bow and muzzleloaders hunts.

In other hunting-related business, the Commission unanimously approved an Access and Habitat small habitat project grants program and appointed Craig Ely to a second A&H state board chair term.

See this week's Oregon Hunting Headlines at www.oregonhunters.org

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 3rd—Board Meeting 7pm @ 21523 SW Kristin Ct, Aloha OR 97003

April 18th— Chapter Meeting ****New Location****
Copper River Restaurant & Bar 7pm
7370 NW Cornell Rd, Hillsboro OR 97124

Guest Speaker is Brian Tindall from Gulch

Elections will be held at the May 16th Chapter Meeting.
More information and ballots in the next newsletter and online.



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