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## Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

*Robby Bailey & Family, Rodney Buswell, Mike Cibulka, David Tones Dias, David Foster, Barron Glover, Ryan Godsey, Perry Herbst, Destiny Hisel & Family, Nick Kelton, Sherry Larson, Steve Varuska and Robert Ward.*

**Our Annual Tillamook Forest Target Shooting Area Clean Up was a Success.** A HUGE THANK YOU to Steve Hodges, Kirk Nolan, Tony Kind, Shelley Kind, Kevin Kind, Jackson Kind, Dillon Kind, Charlie Kind, Connolly Kind and Connie Phibbs for coming out during the heat and actually doing the hot and dusty work of raking, picking up all the debris left behind from shooting, plus the junk dumped there. Thank you to **Mike and Sharon Parr** for once again donating supplies to facilitate the clean up. Such as rakes, buckets and fantastic magnetic sweepers which helped out so much.

We also have to give a shout out to **Trash No Land volunteers** as well. They were doing a clean up of the target shooting lanes and came over and gave us hand after their event. They are a non-profit that clean up recreational target shooting sites.

You can find them at [www.trashnoland.org](http://www.trashnoland.org) and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/trashnoland>.

This year was the worst yet as far as accumulated trash. Usually we can do at least two sites. However, this year, the first site had so much trash and dumped items that it completely filled the dumpster. I really don't want to get the old soap box out, however, some people don't seem to police their own brass or do any kind of picking up of their targets and other items that they should take out with them. They are taking things out to shoot like old TV's, old toilets, furniture and tires. Then they shoot them up or blow them to pieces and leave it there. To me this is a no-brainer—whatever you bring in, you should also take out. Getting off the soap box now, thank you everyone out there that does have some common sense and do not trash public spaces — you are appreciated.

**CHAPTER MEETING DATE CHANGE** — We will be changing the day of the Chapter meeting to the **Third Tuesday** of the month starting with the September Chapter Meeting. September 18, 2018 at Prime Time Sports

**Quarterly Gun Giveaway** — OHA members, 12 years of age and over, that attend our Chapter meetings, will receive one ticket entry into the giveaway for each chapter meeting they attend. The prize for this quarter is a Howa 1500 6.5 Creedmoor.

## **\*\*Archery Tag Deadlines—August 24th\*\***

If you have any hunting photos that you would like to share in our newsletter, please send digital images to [tvcoha@outlook.com](mailto:tvcoha@outlook.com) or email Melody Kind at [hidden\\_valley1@hotmail.com](mailto:hidden_valley1@hotmail.com) or text them to 503-502-0611.



**A Great Big THANK YOU goes to Taylor Jerome for being our July guest speaker.** Taylor is an Oregon State Police Trooper in the Fish and Wildlife Division. There are only 118 OSP Fish and Wildlife Game Wardens through out the state of Oregon. These troopers perform game warden duties as well as all of the regular duties of an OSP Trooper. Trooper Jerome gave a great presentation and went over highlights from some cases over the last year including someone damming up an area on Lee Falls, traffic from the Eclipse, an incident where there was a cougar under a porch, the Chevy Avalanche hitting all of the elk on Highway 26 and the Stringtown Road Elk Massacre.

Troopers do want you to call them with information because they can't be everywhere. They do rely on the public for information. Some good information to get, if you can, is a description of the person(s) and what they are doing. A description of the vehicle and a license plate is ideal. If you have video or pictures they can use that as well.

Trooper Jerome also went over some things that will be coming up in the future. That the Road Kill Bill will take effect on January 1, 2019. Fish and Wildlife regulation simplification is going into effect as well and we will get our first look at them. OSP is rolling out new colors on their vehicles. They will be silver and this change will be a savings to tax payers.

Here is Trooper Jerome and his partner, Trooper Thomas's contact information:

Trooper Taylor Jerome 503-707-2728 email address [tjerome@osp.state.or.us](mailto:tjerome@osp.state.or.us)

Trooper Rod Thomas 503-474-7328 email address [rthomas@osp.state.or.us](mailto:rthomas@osp.state.or.us)

You can also contact the Hotline at 1-800-452-7888 or OSP(677)

## **OHA Tualatin Valley Chapter Upcoming Events**



### **Christmas Party Information**

The second annual Christmas Party is Friday, December 7th, 2018. This is a family event and there will be lots of fun activities for our younger members. We're planning on a coloring contest, youth raffles and a visit from Santa. Of course there will be a bucket raffle and a silent auction among other festivities for everyone.

It will again be held at the Meriwether National Golf Club—5200 Rood Bridge Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123

Dinner prices are \$40 per adult and \$10 per youth. To register please contact either Lori Vallery at [mvalley@frontier.com](mailto:mvalley@frontier.com), Melody Kind at 503-502-0611 or [tvcoha@outlook.com](mailto:tvcoha@outlook.com)

**Aug 7, Tuesday — Board Meeting 7pm at 21523 SW Kristin Ct, Aloha OR 97003**

**Aug 15, Wednesday—Chapter Meeting—held at PrimeTime Restaurant & Sports Bar at 7pm, 4450 Pacific Avenue, Forest Grove OR 97116, dinner at 6 pm if you would like to join us**

**\*\*Our Guest Speaker this month is— John Schwend with HatPoint Target**

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

**The location is the same at NW Events & Environments.**

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**Newsletter in email** — If you would like the Chapter Newsletter emailed to you instead of it being mailed out to you, please contact Melody Kind at 503-502-0611 or send an email to [TVCOHA@Outlook.com](mailto:TVCOHA@Outlook.com) with the email address where you would like it to be sent.





**Thank you to our clean up Volunteers — Steve Hodges, Kirk Nolan, Tony Kind, Shelley Kind, Connie Phibbs, Kevin Kind, Jackson Kind, Dillon Kind, Charlie Kind, Connolly Kind plus a couple of people that stopped by after helping with the Trash No Land clean up!**





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# OHA TRACKER



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## OHA works at Baskett Slough for youth hunt

By Ken McCall, OHA Resource Director  
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OHA and Venture Scouts are painting and dressing blinds in July and September at Baskett Slough in preparation for the new youth waterfowl hunt that will take place Sept. 22 and 23. Thanks to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, pro-hunting comments from hunters and OHA chapter volunteers, Baskett Slough NWR is offering this new opportunity for young hunters.

The hunt is highlighted in yellow on Page 26 of the 2018-19 Game Bird regulations, and in the Fall issue of OHA's award-winning quarterly junior newsletter *Yearlings*.

Visit [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Baskett\\_slough/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Baskett_slough/) to learn about and apply for the hunt. Registration is limited.

## Fire danger extreme; check these links before you hunt

Fires began raging across Oregon in July, threatening public hunting access as hunting season approaches.

For the latest fire restrictions, visit these websites:

Northwest Interagency Coordination Center:

<https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/information/firemap.aspx>

Oregon Department of Forestry:

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/Restrictions.aspx>

## Good Neighbor Authority offers opportunities for wildlife habitat improvement projects

The 2014 Farm Bill and 2014 Appropriations Act opened the door to cooperative projects across federal (U.S. Forest Service, BLM) boundary jurisdictions with State and private lands. The Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) is another tool for partnerships in habitat improvements. Oregon Department of Forestry has taken advantage of this authority on timber sales to improve forest health while Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has recently started an effort to seek opportunities for Oregon's wildlife habitats.

GNA is another tool in the partnership toolbox for conservation organizations like OHA to engage collaboratively with other wildlife and habitat supporters and our management agencies. Similar legislation is on the 2018 Congressional agenda.

## ODFW announces new electronic licensing system

By Jim Akenson, OHA Conservation Director  
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Implementation of a new electronic licensing system is scheduled for Dec. 1, ODFW recently announced. This will eliminate the need for specialized paper for licenses and tags. The electronic system will give hunters a choice of electronic (paperless) or hard copy (paper) options.

By March 2019, hunters will be able to load a mobile app that will upload and report information (such as validating a tag) when a cell signal, or WIFI signal, is unavailable, and then the system will automatically load the information once a signal is obtained. Stay tuned for more details on the pending system.

## Proposed controlled hunt tags dip for 2019

The total proposed controlled tags for 2019 decrease slightly, less than 2 percent. Proposed controlled deer tags are dropping 1.5 percent, while both elk and pronghorns are declining 1.5 percent. Bighorn tags will be down 2 tags, or 2.4 percent; mountain goats will stay the same, with 24 tags offered statewide.

The one increase will be spring bear having an additional 1.8 percent tags available. The biggest tag decline is with mule deer, and is mostly related to the impacts of the severe winter of 2016-17.

## Regulation simplification raises questions from OHA

OHA's primary questions/concerns about proposed regulation simplification focus on changes that reduce kill effectiveness and/or make enforcement more difficult. This includes caliber size and bow weight for larger game such as elk. OHA has recommended staff pursue research findings with pertinent test results, and we are waiting for a summary of statewide big game meetings where hunters gave input prior to producing final comments. OHA recognizes that many of the simplification proposals are positive, with no concerns raised.

See the full slate of proposals at <https://bit.ly/2spD7KJ>

## Wolf Plan stakeholder meetings scheduled

Two or three facilitated Wolf Plan stakeholder meetings will be conducted between early August and mid-September. OHA will be unwavering on keeping wolf management options and hunting language "as is." We also feel the population estimating system needs an update to include hunter observations – possibly modelled after what Montana has used for several years.

**See this week's Oregon Hunting Headlines at [www.oregonhunters.org](http://www.oregonhunters.org)**

## OHA pays rewards for arrest made in case of deer shot with target arrows; new case pops up

Oregon State Police Troopers from the Fish & Wildlife Division in Central Point on June 28 charged a suspect with maiming two Jackson County deer with target arrows, and OHA and others are paying rewards that were pledged for information leading to an arrest.

The charges resulted from a three-month investigation that began on April 27, when Troopers responded to reports of two live deer that had been shot with arrows and the arrows were still in the deer.

The deer were located and tranquilized, with assistance from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The arrows were successfully removed without further injury to the deer. The deer were shot with older type arrows that had practice field tips and not broadheads.

OHA's Turn In Poachers (TIP) Reward Fund offered its standard \$500 reward for a deer case, while the OHA Rogue Valley Chapter pledged another \$1,500. Dewclaw Archery of Medford contributed \$500 and Ashland Archers at the Ashland Gun & Archery Club added \$100 for a total of \$2,600.

OSP charged 36-year-old Daniel Logsdon with unlawful take/possession of antlerless deer, first degree aggravated animal abuse and failing to report accurate information as a sex offender.

OSP is now asking for the public's assistance in identifying whoever is responsible for shooting a female deer in the head with an arrow on or about July 4.

An OSP officer and ODFW biologist responded to the 800 block of San Souci Drive west of Roseburg on July 6. The arrow was removed and the deer returned to its small fawn nearby.

Anyone with information is asked to contact OSP dispatch at (541) 440-3333. An informant offering information leading to an arrest can remain anonymous and still collect a TIP reward from OHA.

## Gun initiatives fail to make ballot

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist  
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The 2018 Initiative Petitions 43 and 44 are dead. After weeks of motions filed by OHA, NRA and other gun rights groups, OHA and others prevailed before the Oregon Supreme Court.

The Court agreed with us, and ruled that the Oregon Attorney General had violated Oregon laws that require ballot titles and summaries to be impartial and fair. The Court directed the AG to revise the ballot title for 43, but with time running out, the petitioners on both measures pulled out.

Both groups have said they will be back. We expect to see language from both petitions introduced in bill form during the 2019 Legislative Session, which starts in January.

IP 43 would have restricted the sale and use of most semi-automatic firearms, and banned their use on public lands for hunting, target practice or self defense.

IP 44 would have required restrictive gun storage and had negative impacts on youth hunting opportunities.

These two measures were the greatest assault we've ever seen on our right to hunt and defend ourselves. This was a tremendous victory for OHA and we greatly appreciate the support and cooperation we received from the NRA legal defense teams.

## Workgroup moves ahead on anti-poaching campaign

A workgroup, made up of OHA representatives, legislators, ODFW, OSP, Department of Justice and others, is drafting anti-poaching legislation for the 2019 session that begins in January. The initial discussions center around making a violation of the wildlife laws a Class C Felony if the offense is committed with a culpable mental state. Specific bill language will be forthcoming.

The anti-poaching campaign that OHA is working on has several moving parts. One of these parts is the addition of felony provisions for certain wildlife offenses. OHA is a strong supporter of steps to help deter and combat poaching. Our hope is that establishing higher monetary fines, jail time and losing hunting and gun rights will significantly contribute to deterring individuals from poaching.

These anti-poaching efforts stem from the anti-poaching awareness campaign that is included in the ODFW agency proposed budget. The proposed agency budget request for 2019-21 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. OHA will lobby to keep the anti-poaching campaign funding in the budget throughout this process.

### OHA 2019 GUN RAFFLE CALENDAR

OHA will give away a gun a week in 2019!

For \$50 you get:

- 2019 Gun Raffle Calendar.
  - Chance to win 1 of 52 guns raffled (\$289-\$1,500).
  - New OHA Membership.
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## CHAPTER RAFFLE

**Our Next Chapter Raffle has started** — Contact a board member to get tickets or come to an upcoming event or Chapter Meeting. If you win, then you have your choice of the following:

Howa 1500 20" Hvy .308 w/Bipod & Scope (\$899), Springfield Armory XDM .45 (\$659) or a Legacy Pointer O/U 20 Ga. Shotgun (\$674). Tickets are 1 ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20.

The drawing will be held Dec. 7th, 2018 at 8:00 pm at our Christmas Party at Meriwether Nat'l Golf Club in Hillsboro. There are 1000 tickets printed—License #R4930A.



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