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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

Joshua Rice, Doug Robbins, Jose Salame, Justin Smith and Jason Solano

Our Youth Event at the I'm Hooked and Free Fishing Weekend at Henry Hagg Lake on June 2 and 3rd was a huge success. We had 850 registered youth on Saturday and 450 on Sunday, not including all the adults that came with kids and all the volunteers. We have to thank I'm Hooked for inviting us to their event and Archers Afield for loaning us the youth bows, arrows and quivers. We setup a four lane shooting station and at times we had so many kids that our neighboring booth, the Oregon State Police, came over and helped out teaching the kids archery. We also have to give a huge shout out to the Timber Beasts BB Gun club for bringing out their inflatable BB Gun range and manning it for us. Our booth was the most popular booth. The Clatsop Chapter brought out the youth outreach trailer, so OHA was well represented and many families learned what OHA is all about. (See some of the pictures on a following page)

I really can't thank our Chapter board members and their families enough for all of the hard work they did for this event. Our Chapter even went above and beyond helping others from loaning equipment, to hauling gear when the event was over. It was great to see us fostering relationships and just being all around good people. That's definitely an example that we want our youth to follow.

Next year is I'm Hooked, Inc's 30th year and they want to make the event the biggest event to date. They plan to really advertise it, even in televised media, so save the date now and plan for the whole family to join us June 1st & 2nd, 2019!

Quarterly Gun Giveaway—OHA members, 12 years of age and over, that attend our Chapter meetings, will receive one entry into the giveaway for each chapter meeting attended. The prize for this quarter is a Howa 1500 6.5 Creedmoor. Our first quarter quarterly gun giveaway winner was Robert Maderos and he is a newer member. It was only the second meeting that he attended, so you too can be a winner just by attending the Chapter meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, at the PrimeTime Sports Bar in Forest Grove. This is a family friendly restaurant.

The Tualatin Valley Chapter Gun Raffle Winner—The winner of the Gun Raffle, drawn on June 20th, was Wade Brackin. He chose the AR-556 rifle.

June 20th—Big Game controlled hunt results are available. Check your draw results by visiting the My Hunter Information page at or.outdoorcentral.us/or/hunterreport or call Controlled Hunts at 503-947-6102 or 1-800-708-1782.

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



A Great Big THANK YOU goes to Ryan Beebe from Wallrest Performance Poncho, for being our guest speaker for the month of June. Ryan hails from Colorado, but has been in Oregon for several years now. He explained how the concept of Wallrest Performance ponchos came to be. It's a common issue that most Oregonians deal with. What could that be, you might ask? How to stay dry and warm in the rain, wind and cold, while still participating in the activities that you love. In this case Ryan and his business partner were coaching girls soccer, but also trying to keep them as warm and as dry as possible, under the circumstances, with Oregon's weather.

They tried pop-ups and umbrellas, but those were dangerous with the wind. Blankets just got sopping wet and the standard plastic ponchos weren't much help at all and certainly didn't last beyond one outing. They saw the need, came up with a solution. They set about bringing a waterproof, windproof and breathable four person poncho that fit over the bench, so the kids could sit under it and stay warm and dry, while waiting to play. It could unzip to become a blanket or a shelter, really whatever you need to use it for. Of course it's easy to see how it's versatility could be applied to so many other uses than just athletics. Such as fishing, hunting, hiking, etc. They tape all of the seams and now rip-stop has been added. The material is treated with DWR (Durable Water Repellent), so it is breathable and the water can roll off, not pool and be absorbed into clothing or blankets. Clean up is easy. Wash it off with water and brush it off or wash it in your washing machine with technical soap like you do with any of those types of fabric.

They pack very small and you can easily carry them in your pack or keep a couple in your vehicle or boat. There are fleece lined options to keep you warmer. They have different color choices as well. They can zip from the top or from the bottom. It's a better quality, cost effective, utilitarian and one size fits all product, unless you are under five feet tall, but they are planning to fix that soon.

They are always looking to improve the product and are working on UV absorbing material to make you more undetectable to the animals. Some camo patterns and colors are coming out soon as well, including a safety version. We look forward to seeing them. You can check them out on social media on Facebook, Instagram, or Pinterest at Wallrest—Performance Poncho on Instagram. Or check out their website www.wallrest.com. They have a fulfillment center in Beaverton, so you'll get your order within a few days. Check them out, we've tried the product and definitely recommend it.

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 with the email address where you would like it to be sent.

Timber Beasts—Our local Timber Beasts BB Gun Club sent seven shooters to Nationals on June 29th. Congratulations to their dedication and hard work. They had a record 60 youth sign up for this last season. We support them and you can too. They are on Facebook under Timber Beasts BB Gun Team or call to find out how you can help out. Call or email Howard Baker at 503-357-5423 and hrbaker887@gmail.com. You can see how they did at nationals and or follow them during the season by going to this website <https://www.orionresults.com/timberbeasts>

OHA Tualatin Valley Chapter Upcoming Events

July 14, 2018 — Saturday — Tualatin Valley Chapter—Tillamook State Forest Target Shooting Area Clean Up. For more information contact Tony Kind at 503-290-6143.

December 7, 2018 — Friday — Tualatin Valley Chapter Christmas Party at Meriwether National Golf Club, Hillsboro, OR. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Lori Vallery at mvallery@frontier.com.





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OHA TRACKER



Gun initiatives hit crunch

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist
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For the past month OHA has been working with NRA to combat Initiative Petition 43, which would restrict ownership of semiautomatic firearms, and Initiative Petition 44, which would implement tight restrictions on gun storage and make honest gun owners responsible for deeds done by criminals with stolen firearms.

After weeks of motions on Petition 43 filed by OHA and various gun rights groups, the Oregon Supreme Court approved the ballot title to give the petitioners the go-ahead to start gathering the required signatures. The IP 44 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.

Petition 43, which would ban certain semiautomatic firearms based on cosmetic features, went to the office of the Secretary of State for preparation of the template for signature gathering with a deadline of July 6 to collect more than 84,000 signatures.

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

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.

Major issues moving forward

By Jim Atkinson, OHA Conservation Director
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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 concerns 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. I was one of the invited speakers, and I talked about the hunter's legacy in wildlife conservation and keeping non-lead ammunition use as a voluntary choice for hunters and not mandatory.

HELP WANTED

Full or part-time

CONSERVATION

DIRECTOR



- Flexible 20 or 40 hours per week
- \$22/hour + part health reimbursement

Job Summary: primary duty is to advocate for Oregon's wildlife, habitat and sportsmen, and represent OHA in meetings and public appearances.

PRIMARY FUNCTIONS

- Follow important conservation issues and keep OHA advised of their potential impacts on Oregon hunters and wildlife.
- Assist OHA chapters in organizing at the local level to be involved in habitat and wildlife management in their areas.
- Promote the conservation goals and accomplishments of OHA through the media, social media and public speaking engagements as assigned by OHA State Coordinator, including public agency meetings and legislative hearings.
- Review resource management plans as directed, and prepare and submit comments for OHA.
- Maintain daily contact with OHA State Coordinator and prepare written reports for the State OHA Board of Directors that include a timetable of work completed and planned.
- Effectively communicate with a wide range of stakeholders on land use and wildlife issues.
- Assist with the annual OHA State Convention and annual Chapter Summit workshop.
- Perform other duties that may be assigned by the OHA State Coordinator.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES

- Degree in natural resource field or work experience equivalent and working knowledge of wildlife and land management.
- Computer skills & knowledge, such as word processing, e-mail and Internet skills. Spreadsheet and database program skills a plus.
- Strong interpersonal, writing and public speaking skills.

For an application or information, contact the OHA State Office, 541-772-7313, DO@oregonhunters.org
Application deadline: Aug. 10, 2018

Recent actions favor wildlife, hunters

By Ken McCall, OHA Resource Director
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Farm bill moves to Congress

The U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee passed the 2018 Farm Bill on June 13. The passage moves the Farm Bill to the U.S. Congress.

Hunters across the country recognize the Farm Bill is about more than farming, as the bill includes funding for the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP). Federal funds are distributed to participating states through a fund match process.

For Oregon, that has meant additional funding for the Open Fields program and support for numerous Access and Habitat program funded access projects on private lands.

Three other key programs that are important to hunters, wildlife and habitat include additional funding benefits through congressional passage:

- ✓ The Environmental Quality Incentive focuses on farming practices that benefit wildlife.
- ✓ The Regional Conservation Partnership funds wildlife habitat projects on a landscape scale.
- ✓ The Agriculture Conservation Easement Program supports wetland and agricultural easements.

Each program benefits wildlife and habitat by funding different elements of habitat conservation.

The 2014 Farm Bill has provided key VPA-HIP funding for our hunting and wildlife interests. Passage of the 2018 Farm Bill will do the same over the next few years as existing programs expire, such as Green Diamond access in southwest Oregon, Hancock Forest Management access in northeast Oregon, and the Open Fields Columbia Basin and Willamette Valley private land game bird hunting access program.

The same funding source has supported numerous habitat projects. The funds are directed at improving and maintaining both public access and wildlife habitat on private lands.

Please encourage our Congressional delegation members to support the 2018 Farm Bill.

Murrelet uplisting reversed

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on June 8 reversed its February decision to uplist the marbled murrelet's status to endangered on the Oregon State listing of threatened and endangered species. The commission's 4 to 2 vote was in favor of not upgrading the bird's status.

The reversal resulted from new information on the size of the murrelet population in Oregon. Changes in how the forest-dwelling, but ocean-foraging birds are counted from forest counts to ocean counts gave new and updated information on population trends.

OHA supports management policies that don't result in additional species listings to threatened or endangered status while providing the many benefits of our forest lands. 🌲

This action is a welcome but possibly temporary development for both Oregon's state and private timberlands and critical big game habitats on Oregon's coastal forests. Additional restrictions that would have accompanied murrelet uplisting place similar requirements on timber harvest outside the federal forests, forests already severely restricted

to age and size limits in harvesting commercial trees.

In addition, the private landowners of Oregon's small woodlands would have faced timber stand age limits affecting their once-in-a-lifetime effort to grow family tree farms to a typical timber rotation size/age class prior to harvest.

Potential limits on removing trees in the 60 to 80 age class are a disincentive to woodland crop owners in most cases.

Forage opportunities created by harvests on industrial and state forest lands would also be affected by restricting harvest of trees arbitrarily deemed habitat simply based on tree age.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

July 18th — 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—Tayler Jerome
from the OSP Wildlife Division****



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