

Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage

## ROGUE VALLEY REVIEW OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

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**Membership Monthly Meeting: October 11th 2018; 6:00pm**  
Eagles Club 2000 Table Rock Road, Medford, OR

**Speaker: Archery Equipment Selection, Setup and Tuning, Matt Blaschka (Dewclaw Archery)**  
**Menu: Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert, Soft Drinks \$12**

### Amazing Experiences Anyone Can Have... If We'll Help Them:

The thrill of a bull elk bugling furiously through the night is truly amazing. They begin miles away and as the night progresses they make their way down the long ridge toward camp until they are certainly no further than a couple hundred yards distant. Hunkered down in your sleeping bag in the below-freezing, clear night air, the whines, squeals, chuckles and combinations of them all are remarkable music to a hunter's ears. After a few nights, the bulls started getting names and extra attention come daylight. It's said that bulls can lose 20% of their body weight during the rut which isn't at all hard to imagine when you hear them screaming through the night. The sky is ink black, except that it isn't because there are more stars shining than you can possibly imagine, or count. In fact there are so many, the sky looks almost milky, yet there's not a cloud in the sky. The coyotes sing along, here and over there.

Covering miles and miles, up and down and all around... and then it happens. Those few seconds where the mistake is made and someone diligent and skilled is there to capitalize on that mistake. The saying is "they have to be right every single time, and we just have to be right once" is suddenly made true. A long night (1:30am) in the cool crisp air comes next - one bull won't be singing any more. There's such jubilation in the process of claiming the prize of nearly 300 pounds of the tastiest organic protein you might ever enjoy. Of course the misery of hauling it out of the draw to the top of the ridge (for its final ride down the mountain, precariously stacked and packed onto the four-wheeler) is the "yang" to the jubilation's "ying". A good night's rest and the next day you hope to answer this simple question: Is there anything more palatable than onions sauteed in butter with lightly-seasoned medallions of tenderloin cooked perfectly medium-rare in that same mash of butter and onions? The answer was unanimous - No, there is NOTHING tastier!

The 3 Rs (Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation) must be cornerstones of our efforts at RVOHA. We have no choice but to do our individual and collective best to introduce new, and perhaps old, hunters to this wonderful game. We need to identify and cultivate opportunities for others we know to have these experiences. We have to become servant leaders and subordinate our selfish personal interests to promote opportunity for others. All of us have someone we can point to right now who's expressed some measure of interest in what we do, and learning how we do it. How many of us have slowed down long enough to make that/this experience possible for them?

A recent study indicated that recruitment of hunters into the sport requires a concentrated 2-4 year commitment complete with scouting trips, gear reviews/selection discussions/shopping sprees(!), range days, actual hunting efforts, field dressing experiences, meat processing and so on. It's not a trivial task to take on, but can be incredibly rewarding. There are a lot of folks who say, at this point in their own efforts, that they get more pleasure out of seeing someone else get involved and have success than they do when they succeed. For those who have the time, interest and motivation we'd like to encourage you to make coming hunting seasons a teaching and mentoring platform for your family, friends and that person who's just been waiting for the opportunity to experience what we take for granted. There's usually a spare seat in the truck for most of our adventures - start imagining who might be a potential occupant for that seat next time you are headed out for a hunting related activity or event. Think about involving them in your trips to shows, events, banquets and the like. Introduce them to the people that make up our community. Networking isn't just for jobs, it's how we promote and build our community and preserve a way of life.

Thanks to all of our members for their support of RVOHA and the activities we are attempting to support as a team of dedicated and motivated volunteers.

*"In a civilized and cultivated country wild animals only continue to exist at all when preserved by sportsmen. The excellent people who protest against all hunting, and consider sportsmen as enemies of wild life, are ignorant of the fact that in reality the genuine sportsman is by all odds the most important factor in keeping the larger and more valuable wild creatures from total extermination."*

Teddy Roosevelt

*"Without question, the Red Ryder BB gun is the most important gun in the history of American weaponry."*

Ted Nugent

*"Gun control laws in the United States are woefully inadequate. In our vast society guns should have no reasonable role."*

Ted Kennedy

**Ken McCall (OHA State Resource Director) Speaker "Thank You!":**

RVOHA would like to thank Ken McCall for providing an excellent presentation on wildlife passage (echoing and emphasizing information shared in last month's newsletter) as well as some pertinent information regarding OHA's success in partnering for Access & Habitat ventures with the private timber company Hancock Timber Resources Group. Ken discussed the various roles local chapters play and their integral contributions to program successes. He further noted the Oregon Conservation Strategy - [www.oregonconservationstrategy.org](http://www.oregonconservationstrategy.org) and elaborated on the process in which Regional Projects are identified. He discussed the eight (8) Eco-Regions in the state - RVOHA is part of the Klamath Mountains Eco-Region. Finally he talked about the potential partners, including, but not limited to - RMEF - MDF - Oregon Wildlife Fund - ODFW - ODOT - USFS - BLM - and more that OHA would be wise to engage.

**Stoneridge Tactical Drawing "Thank You!":**

At our September Membership Meeting, Stoneridge Tactical (David Cunningham 541-499-4706) sponsored our first winner of a certificate, good for one year, representing free participation in Stoneridge Tactical's Tactical Handgun class (\$125 value; 8 hours). We are thankful for Stoneridge Tactical's generous donation of training.

**New RVOHA Website:**

RVOHA, with the support of the State Office and a local digital media consultant, have built a new and improved website. It is functional, but not fully complemented with information. We are working on that and hope to make it a meaningful communication platform for our membership at <https://oregonhunters.org/rogue-valley-chapter/>

**Upcoming Membership Meeting Presentations:**

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)
December 13th:	Horn Night; ODFW New Online Licensing System Review, Steve Niemela (ODFW)

**Please feel free to send any comments, questions or content suggestions to [roguevalleyoha@gmail.com](mailto:roguevalleyoha@gmail.com)**

**We'll do our best to promptly respond!!!**

**“3000 Plus” Membership Drive (Subject to Change and Modification at RVOHA's Board's Discretion):**

The drive will begin October 1, 2018 and end February 24, 2019 (end of Jackson County Sportsman's Show)

1. All RVOHA members working at least one four (4) hour shift at the Sportsman's Show will get 10 referral tickers
2. The drawings will take place on March 2nd, 2019 at the annual RVOHA banquet
3. All entries will be completed on the specific application form created and circulated in the newsletter, provide at the general membership/Board meetings and the Sportsman's Show.
  - a. Tickets will be distributed to the tumbler prior to the Banquet
  - b. There will be at least three drawing pools: (New/Extended Memberships, Referral Memberships, Overall Last Chance (and up to six drawing pools)
  - c. Drawing pools 1, 2, and 3 will have first, second and third prizes.
  - d. Drawing pools 4, 5, and 6 will have only one prize for each drawing.
4. Drawing Pool 1(New/Extended Memberships):
  - a. Each new member or one that renews/extends their membership during the membership drive timeframe will be given one drawing ticket for each year represented in their new/extended membership period (i.e. new 1 year member gets 1 drawing ticket, existing member extends 5 years and gets 5 drawing tickets and so on)
  - b. Any new or existing member that upgrades their membership to a LIFE MEMBERSHIP (PAID IN FULL ONLY) will get 10 drawing tickets. Any existing LIFE MEMBERS (PAID IN FULL ONLY) will get 3 drawing tickets to honor their prior commitment to OHA.
  - c. First prize for this drawing pool will be a Ruger SR45 .45ACP, Model 3800; Crossbreed IWB Supertuck Holster, Classic Gun Belt and Tuckable IWB Mag Carrier
  - d. Second prize for this drawing will be a Vortex 1300 range finder
  - e. Third prize for this drawing will be a Badlands SuperDay Pack
5. Drawing Pool #2 (Referral Memberships):
  - a. Each member that refers a new member will get a drawing ticket for each year represented in that new membership period.
  - b. Any member who extends their membership will get a referral drawing ticket for each year they extend their own membership period.
  - c. Any member that refers a new member to a LIFE MEMBERSHIP (PAID IN FULL ONLY) will get 10 drawing tickets. Any existing member who upgrades their membership to a LIFE MEMBERSHIP (PAID IN FULL ONLY) will get 10 drawing tickets.
  - d. First prize will be a Kimber Montana Rifle
  - e. Second prize will be a Vortex 1300 range finder
  - f. Third prize will be a Badlands SuperDay Pack
6. Drawing Pool #3 (Overall Last Chance):
  - a. All NON-WINNING tickets from Drawing Pools #1 and #2
  - b. First prize will be a Ruger Precision Rifle Model 18029, 6.5 Creedmore
  - c. Second prize will be a Vortex 1300 range finder
  - d. Third prize will be a Badlands SuperDay Pack
7. In the event the drive achieves certain milestones for NEW membership acquisition (250, 500 and 1000), EVERYONE who was in Drawing Pool #3 will be eligible for Drawing Pools 4, 5 and 6.
  - a. In the event the drive results in 250 NEW members, a fourth drawing pool (4) for a \$250 shopping event at Sportsman's Warehouse or Coastal will occur.
  - b. In the event the drive results in 500 NEW members, a fifth drawing pool (5) for a \$500 shopping event at Sportsman's Warehouse or Coastal will occur.
    - i. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE \$250 EVENT.
  - c. In the event the drive results in 1000 NEW members, a sixth drawing pool (6) for a \$1000 shopping event at Sportsman's Warehouse or Coastal will occur.
    - i. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE \$250 EVENT AND THE \$500 EVENT.

We are taking away the excuses - the excuses around our previously fervent request for you to recruit new members. Now EVERYONE has reason to upgrade/extend/renew/begin their membership as part of RVOHA!!! We have not done this before, so bear with us. If the Board learns that we missed something in trying to consider how to execute this effort, we will reconvene and communicate our decision. Bear in mind this is an effort to reward and encourage membership; something we shouldn't really have to do. However we think it will be fun and we have a vision of 3000 members for RVOHA, on our way to 5000; so do your part and extend your membership and recruit several more.

**PLEASE USE THE FORM IN THIS NEWSLETTER TO SUBMIT ANY MEMBERSHIPS. WE WILL BE SURE TO FORWARD THEM ALONG TO THE STATE OFFICES. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO ENSURE, TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY, THAT EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATES GETS CREDIT FOR PARTICIPATING. IF YOU WANT TO TRY TO ENSURE YOU GET CREDIT, PLEASE MAIL THE APPLICATION TO THE PO BOX IN ADDITION TO SCANNING AND EMAILING IT TO OUR NEW GMAIL ACCOUNT.**

**IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS EFFORT, COME TO A MONTHLY MEETING. IF YOU WANT TO COMPLAIN, PLEASE SKIP ATTENDING THE MEETING AND NOMINATE YOURSELF FOR NEXT YEAR'S BOARD ELECTION CYCLE.**

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Check ALL applicable boxes:  **New Membership**     **Renewal**    \*Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual** –  Annual \$35     2 Years \$65     3 Years \$90     8 Years \$210     Junior \$10     Student \$12.50  
 Business \$75     Life \$800     Pledge Life \$100    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Family** –  Annual \$45     2 Years \$80     3 Years \$115     Family Life \$900     Family Life Pledge \$100    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Denman Pheasant Hunt:**

The annual Youth Pheasant Hunt was held at Denman Wildlife Area on the weekend of September 15th/16th this year. The event was an outstanding success, as 166 youth participants (9 more than last year), and as many accompanying adults, pursued pheasants during the youth hunt event. There were 500 pheasants were released on the wildlife area over the weekend. The young hunters logged a total of 475 hunting hours. This year's hunters averaged 1.0 bird per hunter, and a total of 169 birds were taken. Many local dog handlers volunteered to assist the youth in finding their birds - we deeply appreciate their support and efforts. Of the hunters, 62% reported that they had hunted over a dog. Breakfast and a hotdog lunch were provided by United Hunters and Sportsmen Inc. Former ODFW district biologist Rick Warner and former habitat biologist Vince Oredson ran the trap range for the shooting clinic. The Oregon Hunters Association (RV) and the Rogue Valley Retriever Club purchased over half of the pheasants for the hunt. Food and prizes were provided by Umpqua Dairy, Layton Refrigeration, and White City Taco Bell. The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive, as usual.

### **ODFW Forage Seed Giveaway:**

The annual ODFW wildlife forage seed giveaway will be Monday, October 1st, 2018. Seed is available to the public at no cost, thanks to donations from the Rogue Valley Chapter Oregon Hunter Association (RVOHA), which are matched by federal funds granted to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The forage mix includes a blend of plant species selected to attract both watchable wildlife species, game birds and mammals. The seeds can grow without irrigation and should be planted in the fall so that they are ready to sprout with fall rains.

Forbs and grasses are an important part of healthy wildlife habitat. This mix includes non-native grasses and herbaceous species that provide critical food resources for animals during the fall and winter when native forage starts to become less nutritious as it matures and senescences. Species include subterranean clover, timothy, plantain, Persian clover and orchard grass. These pasture-adapted species can out-compete non-native and invasive plant species such as yellow star-thistle, which provides very little forage value for wildlife. Understory plants are also useful for stabilizing soils and providing ground cover to control dust and reduce erosion. The mix is not suitable for healthy habitats such as woodlands and grasslands dominated by native species; these areas already provide suitable forage for wildlife.

Interested landowners are eligible for a 15 lb bag of seed which can cover 1 acre of habitat. Seed can be picked up at the Denman Wildlife Area ODFW Office on 1495 E Gregory Road (Central Point, OR, 97502). Bags are usually gone before the end of the day, but ODFW will continue the giveaway until everything is gone. This year, RVOHA doubled the size of their donation to one (1) ton of seed, which means that we now have enough seed available to create and enhance 267 acres of wildlife forage habitat.

### **Oregon State Police Report:**

A Trooper out of Grants Pass was dispatched to a complaint of a deer, or possibly two deer, that had been killed on a marijuana grow. The Trooper requested assistance from patrol to respond to the known marijuana grow. Last year a large buck had been found dead in the area and it was suspected that it may have been shot at the same grow site. The Patrol Trooper was called to assist in securing the scene, which is a fully fenced and gated residence/grow with "No Trespass" signs. The Trooper contacted the reporting party (RP) and could see a dead fawn deer from the RP's residence on the grow's property. The RP stated after hearing the shots, she went to the edge of her property and saw the suspect and a 5-year old boy walking away from the dead fawn. The boy said, "Dad, you got two." The suspect had a rifle in hand. The Trooper contacted the male subject at the fence and the suspect agreed to meet the Troopers at the entry gate. The suspect, a caretaker, and not the landowner, denied access to the property without the owner's consent, and denied any knowledge of the dead deer or any wrong doing. The owner who was fighting fires was contacted by phone, but the call dropped before access consent could be granted. Another Trooper was coming on duty and was called to assist. That Trooper began writing a search warrant and after about two hours was putting the finishing touches on it when the suspect called to confess. The suspect admitted to killing the young spike after making an effort to scare off the deer which were eating the marijuana plants. When the deer did not run after the warning shots, he admitted to shooting at and hitting the young buck with his .22 rifle. He said that the fawn visible from the RP's property was one that he had shot at the previous day, with a .20 gauge shotgun, to scare it off and only found it after he went to check on the buck he knowingly shot. The suspect stated he had a guilty conscience and did not want to keep lying in front of his son. The .22 was seized and the suspect cited for Unlawful Taking Antlerless Deer and Unlawful Taking Spike Deer. A third deer was also found in the area after the suspect confessed to killing the two and shooting at numerous others.

OSP would like to offer special thanks to the Rogue Valley Chapter for the funding/donation of the thermal imaging device last year. OSP has been using it weekly during hunting season to address potential spotlighting issues. The OSP plane has been using it and with the assistance of the FLIR (Forward-Looking InfraRed), OSP has made some great spotlight cases from the air. Thank you to our RVOHA Membership!

## **ODFW Believes Killed Cougar is First to Kill a Human in Oregon:**

ODFW ended cougar capture operations because all available evidence shows the cougar killed on Sept. 14 in the Mt. Hood National Forest is the one responsible for the state's first fatal cougar attack. The cougar killed was detected on a trail camera set right at the site where the attack occurred on hiker Diana Bober, 55. Over the previous week, no other cougar was detected in the area. Cougars are territorial. Males have larger home ranges (50-150 square miles) while a female home range is usually 20-30 square miles. Trail cameras were first set at the attack site on the Hunchback Trail, then expanded to about a 35-square mile area around that site, and eventually a roughly 78-square mile area. No other cougar was detected on this network of 31 cameras set on trails, wildlife corridors, saddles and other areas where cougars are likely to travel, adding to the evidence that the cougar responsible was killed on Sept. 14.

The cougar's age also plays a role in evidence. The female cougar killed is several years old, and by that age cougars have an established a home range. The lack of any other cougars in the area suggests this cougar was in its home range when it attacked and killed Diana, and that it is unlikely another cougar is responsible. After the cougar was killed on Sept. 14, it was immediately bagged to prevent any contamination of evidence during transport and flown by Oregon State Police to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife Forensics Lab in Ashland. The lab has been analyzing evidence from the cougar's body and evidence from the scene of the attack. However, the lab is unable to extract any relevant DNA from evidence collected at the attack scene to use for a comparison to the DNA from the cougar killed on Friday. The analysis has been challenging due to contamination of evidence at the original attack site. Several days passed between when the fatal attack likely occurred and when Diana was discovered and evidence collected. Heavy rain did fall during that time period, further contaminating evidence. The cougar weighed 64.5 pounds, which is within the normal weight range for female adult cougars. Her exact age is still to be determined. Several TV stations and newspapers have interviewed OHA staff, who have stressed the need for better cougar management, specifically with hounds.

## **OHA Eyes Concepts for Poaching Bills:**

After many months of meetings with legislators and their staff, representatives from OSP, ODFW and OHA submitted 2019 legislative concepts as part of an "anti-poaching campaign." The bill drafts address these three poaching issues:

### **Problem #1 - Increase Some Wildlife Crimes to Felonies**

Poaching of Oregon's wildlife and natural resources is a serious issue, but does not have serious enough consequences in the form of penalties for some crimes. Crimes such as unlawful take of wildlife, waste of wildlife, egregious violations such as spree killing of wildlife and the purchase or sale of wildlife for commercialization only have Class A Misdemeanors penalties associated with them. In many cases this is viewed as too lenient of a punishment by the public, and not a deterrent to poaching activity.

### **Problem #2 - Increase the Violation Category for Some Wildlife Crimes**

The penalties associated with violations of certain wildlife offenses that do not involve the taking of wildlife are too lenient. Certain violations that are committed by poachers prior to killing of wildlife are only a D violation, which carries a minimal fine of \$110 and does little to change their behavior. OHA seeks increased penalties for hunting from a motor-propelled vehicle, hunting with an artificial light, and shining an artificial light on a game mammal, predatory animal or livestock while in or near a motor vehicle and while in possession of weapon.

### **Problem #3 - Definition of a resident angler/hunter**

The current definition of residency has wording that is subjective and open for interpretation. Specifically, the wording of "temporary absence" in the current definition of resident makes it difficult to prosecute cases of non-residents falsely applying for resident hunting and angling licenses in Oregon.

Bill drafts should be available sometime in late October or early November.

## **Commission OKs Regulation Changes, Preference Points for TIPsters:**

The Commission approved rules to allow people who provide information to the Turn In Poachers (TIP) program leading to an arrest or citation the ability to choose to receive (in lieu of cash) five preference points in cases of unlawful take, possession or waste involving moose, mountain goat, bighorn sheep and wolves, and four preference points for cases involving bear, cougar, deer and elk.

## **New RVOHA Member Seeks Hunting Partner:**

New RVOHA member Doug Howat (541-776-7991) is looking for a hunting partner. He has been hunting alone in recent seasons and his family would like him to enjoy the field with another hunter, for safety's sake. Mr. Howat's enthusiasm for hunting was obvious through the phone. He is accustomed to hunting in the vicinity of Howard Prairie, but is open to other opportunities and would just like to continue deer hunting while honoring his family's wishes. Please reach out to him!

### **OHA Prevails in Lawsuit for Elk Habitat in Ochocos:**

A Magistrate Judge, in an August recommended ruling, sided with the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) and other groups who filed suit to stop the U.S. Forest Service from building an additional 137 miles of off highway vehicle (OHV) trails in critical elk habitat on the Ochoco National Forest. OHA filed a lawsuit in 2017 challenging the Record of Decision by the Forest Service to implement the project. On August 27th, Magistrate Judge Patricia Sullivan in Pendleton issued her Findings and Recommendations in the case, which ruled for OHA on four of the five claims made against the project.

Finding that the Forest Service made an “arbitrary and capricious” decision to approve the project, she recommended that the Record of Decision be set aside. The judge’s finding would essentially kill the project unless the Forest Service goes back to the drawing board. A final ruling is expected in the next few months. OHA’s claims that the project violated road density standards in the Ochoco National Forest Plan and didn’t adequately address protection for elk during calving and rutting seasons prevailed. The Ochoco Mountains have historically been some of the best habitat for deer and elk in Oregon. Information published on ODFW’s website reveals that hunting contributes more than \$14 million to central Oregon’s tourism economy and more than \$104 million to the statewide tourism economy on an annual basis.

Jim Akenson, OHA’s conservation director, was pleased with the recommended decision. “We fought for elk, and won,” said Akenson. “OHA did everything they could to participate in the Forest Service planning process and raise their concerns about impacts on elk security and habitat,” added Paul Donheffner, OHA’s legislative committee chairman. “We filed this lawsuit as a last resort. This was a very good day for OHA, other conservation groups that value the Ochocos, and for elk. Prevailing against the federal government is no easy match. This is a great victory for OHA and our mission.”

### **Grouse and Quail Hunter Wings/Tails:**

Forest grouse hunters should have a banner year in southwest Oregon and state wildlife biologists ask successful hunters to donate a wing and tail for research. The season for both forest grouse and mountain quail in western Oregon opens September 1 and runs through January 31, 2019. Hunters should look for bright blue collection barrels placed at major road junctions or highways in hunting areas, while some are located at ODFW offices and popular rural markets.

The wings and tails provide information on hatch date, recruitment, age and sex ratios of these birds, giving biologists a better understanding of grouse populations to help set hunting seasons. An entire wing and whole tail including small rump feathers should be removed. Hunters can use paper bags in the collection barrels for the parts and mark harvest date, county taken and general location. For specific barrel locations, please contact the ODFW office closest to your hunt. Douglas County: 541-440-3353; Coos County: 541-888-5515; Curry County: 541-247-2112; Jackson and Josephine counties: 541-826-8774, Refer to the Game Bird Regulations for specific grouse and mountain quail identification tips. It is illegal to shoot spruce grouse in Oregon.

### **2019 35th Anniversary Banquet Planning Update and Preview:**

The banquet planning team is working with the staff at the Medford Armory to develop a mutually-beneficial contract with them for RVOHA’s March 2, 2019 party/fundraiser. With the proposed venue change, we should have enough elbow room to raise our bidder paddles without significant risk of physical injury to each other, or ourselves. We are excited to imagine how much the extra and ample space to move around will improve our ability visit with our friends and to display the many amazing items we will be offering for bid.

Some of our members have recently made donations. If you are adding to your collection of prints look for the Wayne Dowdy “Summer Snow” or the Carl Seyboldt “Rams” donated by Allan Pingle. We acquired from Noel Moore a canvas by Bill Phillips “Sunset Sentinel”. All works are beautifully framed and ready to display in your home or office. Mr. Moore also provided a large bronze called “The Intimidator”. This impressive piece will fit nicely in any home or office. David Montgomery generously donated framed prints of elk and bird dogs.

For those who’d prefer to wade right into the action, Braveheart Safaris owners Joe Viljoen and his son Zen have made a full safari donation (including three species of game animals) to their lodge in South Africa. Google Braveheart Safaris to see what they are all about, including a cape buffalo charge and some timely knife work to prevent a horrific outcome for Joe.

Locally, there is a smallmouth bass fishing trip or, if the sea calls you, there are two tuna trips available. Expect to have the opportunity to bid on several private access, escorted and guided hunts local to our area. We expect to be offering both adult and youth hunts. Finally, there will be numerous firearms and what we expect to be the most extravagant number and quality of items we’ve been privileged to offer in the last decade. Please plan to attend this amazing event.



35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet - March 2, 2019  
 Rogue Valley Oregon Hunters Association  
 Medford Armory  
 1701 South Pacific Highway

Doors open at 4:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm, Drawings & Raffles at 6:00 pm  
**All Funds Raised Stay in Oregon and Support Local & State OHA**

**Ticket Packages:**

**\$275 Benefactor#:** 1 dinner, 1 benefactor drawing, 2 drink tickets, \$500 in general raffle tickets (\$670 value)  
*#Benefactor Raffle: 1 out of 10 Benefactors wins a SPECIAL PRIZE!!!*

**\$125 Basic:** 1 dinner, \$120 in general raffle tickets (\$180 value)

**\$60 Mini:** 1 dinner (\$60 value)

<input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Basic Package		<input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor		<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Benefactor Guest Meal (*only one available w/Benefactor Package)		<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Mini Package	
Name:			Phone:		Guest Name:		Life Member #
Address:				City:		Zip:	
Payment Method:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash:	<input type="checkbox"/> Check #:	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card # and security code			Card exp. date:	
Business Name:			*Non OHA Members Add Membership Fee: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> Family: \$45				
Email address				Signature (for credit cards only)			<b>Total Enclosed:</b>
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Corporate tables (combinations of Benefactor and Basic Packages ONLY) may be purchased at an approximate 5% discount to regular price. Please state dinner seating arrangements preferences: \_\_\_\_\_. It is the committee's desire to exceed your expectations for an enjoyable evening as items are presented in both silent and live auctions. Please bid early and often as this event is dedicated to the generation of funds to assist OHA in meeting the organization's mission of Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage.

**Corporate Table Price Schedule:**

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|----|--|------------------------|
| 1. | 1 benefactor package plus 1 guest meal = \$315.00 + 6 basic packages (\$750.00)<br>(8 meals + 2 drink tickets)                 | Total <b>\$1010.00</b> |
| 2. | 1 benefactor package @ \$275.00+ 7 Basic packages = \$875.00.<br>(8 meals + 2 drink tickets)                                   | Total <b>\$1090.00</b> |
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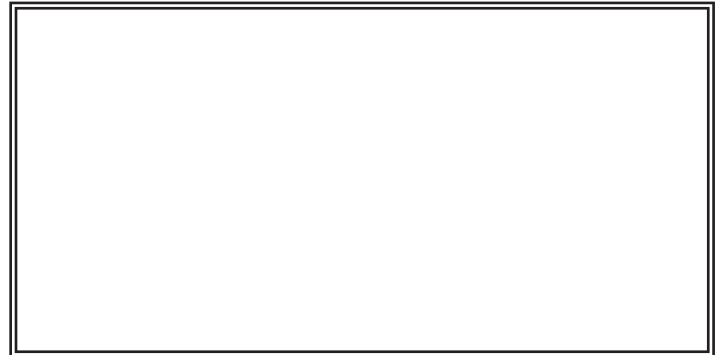
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Rogue Valley Oregon Hunters Association looks forward to seeing you at the October 11th membership meeting



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 be 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 filing a grievance with the Jackson County Commissioners, the Oregon Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Service.

#### 2019 Banquet Planning:

The 2019 Banquet committee will meet Monday, October 15th at the RVOHA headquarters (4175 Old Stage Road) at 6:00 PM. All RVOHA members interested in the planning, purchasing, organizing and soliciting of merchandise please plan to attend. We are also inviting those members who will work the night of the banquet to attend this meeting. This is an important meeting to insure a great celebration commemorating RVOHA'S 35th "party" on March 2, 2019!

The RVOHA Board of Directors determined that for the 2019 Banquet attendees will be required to be members. Members are entitled to sponsor one guest each (spouse, significant other, etc.). We surveyed/reviewed several other OHA chapters as well as other conservation groups to establish this position. We are declining to continue past practices that many times prevented members from attending our banquet when non-members were in attendance.

We would like to thank and acknowledge those members who have already donated items in response to our request in last month's newsletter. We have some excellent new sponsors and donors stepping forward to support our efforts. Please continue to review the contents of your gun safes, your storage units, your homes and your garage (s) where you might have accumulated treasures that aren't quite as important to you as they might have once been, but would be incredibly valuable to RVOHA in improving the entire banquet experience for everyone involved (more stuff = more winners = more money to Protect Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage). Please continue to canvas your contacts list for potential donors (equestrian riding lessons, knife-makers, artists, service providers, guides, etc.)

For those members that haven't donated in the past, but are feeling motivated to do so now, please contact Norma Morehouse at 503-250-3000 or Bryan Coggins at 541-601-9905. Thank you in advance for your generosity.