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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

David Ashby, Dean Bailey and Family, Delinda Bergquam and Family, Julianne Clendenin, William Clendenin, Michael Cornett, Ellie Dille, Jeffery Edwards, Richard Fenton, Kevin Kind, Zach King, Kristina Levelle, Richard Scott and Jim Williams

CHAPTER MEETING DATE CHANGE

We are changing the day of the Chapter meeting to the **Third Tuesday** of the month starting **September 18, 2018 at Prime Time Sports Bar and Grill.**

<u>OHA 2018 Summit</u>—The annual meeting of all of the chapters was a great one this year. There was a ton of information to get out to everyone and they had some really great topics and speakers.

The theme this year was collaboration. Working together with one or multiple other partner agencies and organizations are one way that you can pool your resources to get so much more done. We heard several examples of different ways to fund projects and to get the work done.

One of the biggest projects is the wildlife over/under passes. This is where they fence some six miles in either direction, funnel the wildlife over or under the pass so they don't get out in the roadways and cause damage to not only themselves, but to humans. Highway 97 had a serious problem where more deer were killed by motorists than by hunters or any other means. They've put in one underpass and are starting plans on a second one. We have multiple agencies helping out with this, but they don't have funding for the fencing. OHA is looking to help get funding for the fence portion. Awareness of projects from agencies like Oregon Department of Transportation, will allow people to piggy back off of pending projects so more can get done with the resources that are available. Communication between agencies is becoming more commonplace and planning includes asking about other projects being in the works.

Our Chapter has pledged \$5000 to go to this project and our neighboring Yamhill Chapter has pledged at least \$10,000 with other Chapters also pledging monies. We are hoping to help get funds generated for this upcoming project.

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. It is being drawn at the end of the September Chapter Meeting. You do not need to be present to win, all winners are responsible for their background check fees.

<u>Incentive Raffle</u>—At our Chapter meetings, we also host an incentive drawing for that evening. Tickets are \$1 per ticket and you must be there to purchase them. Prizes are various hunting items and the tickets are drawn after the guest speaker is finished.

A Great Big THANK YOU goes to John Schwend for being our August guest speaker. John and his wife started Hatpoint Target. John is a local guy and has always been an avid hunter. He spent 32 years in the plastics business and after needing to site in his firearms and with the lack of really good ways to mount targets, he really became focused on whether he could come up with a solution using polymer. I have to say that he definitely found a solution that really works. It is light weight, portable and allows you to remove the sticks, wood or polymer, when you are done shooting, even if you shoot into the polymer.

It has multiple mount points so you can choose various sizes of targets. You can stake it down or simply put sand bags on it if it becomes windy or with increased calibers. It does not splinter, so it will not tear up your upholstery. It is a very smartly designed target system. He has a lot of interest from not only hunters, but from rifle and handgun shooters, law enforcement agencies and military for their ranges.

It is still early in the planning yet, but he does have plans to implement, when things take off a little more, for something for archers, better packaging and polymer sticks. Check out Hatpoint Targets on their website at www.hatpointtarget.com or at hatpointtarget on FaceBook, Instagram and Twitter. This product is made in the USA and I am always into supporting our local vendors and you should as well. Just in time for rifle season or they will also make great gifts. If you have any questions you can contact them at info@hatpointtarget.com.

Christmas Party Information

The second annual Christmas Party will be held on 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 also 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 mvallery@frontier.com or Melody Kind at 503-502-0611 or tvcoha@outlook.com

Seating is limited to 150 people

OHA Tualatin Valley Chapter Upcoming Events

Sept 4, Tuesday — Board Meeting 7pm at 21523 SW Kristin Ct, Aloha OR 97003

Sept 18, Tuesday—Chapter Meeting held at PrimeTime Restaurant & Sports Bar 4450 Pacific Avenue, Forest Grove OR 97116 dinner at 6pm and the meeting beings at 7pm

Our Guest Speaker this month is Lora Varju with Ladies Range Day

SAVE THE DATE our 36TH ANNUAL BANQUET on APRIL 6, 2019
Same location at NW Events & Environments

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Commission to hear rule to allow preference points as TIP rewards

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist alvineikins Gyahao.com



A new rule will be considered by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to allow for an alternative reward of controlled hunt preference points, in lieu of the current monetary award, for turning in poachers.

The new rule, based on the "Turn In Poachers" legislation (HB 3158) that was passed during the 2017 legislative session, would provide a monetary reward or preference points to people who report poachers to OSP; provided the information leads to an arrest or citation.

Here are some of the highlights of the new rule:

- Preference points awarded would vary by species. (Points awarded TBD).
- For reported violations involving multiple animals or species, points awarded will be based on the species with the highest point value.
- If more than one person reports the same violation, the rule language will spell out which reporting person(s) will receive the reward.

The rule will be available for review on Sept. 4 on the ODFW website and will be presented by staff to the Commission in September at their meeting in Bandon.

Pro-gun measures bound for ballot

A number of local measures are popping up in the fall election. Groups advocating for "Second Amendment Preservation Ordinances" have been busy in a pushback to the gun control Initiative Petitions 43 and 44 that OHA and our allies helped keep off the ballot.

These local ordinances seek to protect Second Amendment rights by prohibiting local law enforcement from enforcing any bills/local laws that infringe on the Second Amendment.

Josephine County already has such an ordinance. Jackson County has certified one, and five other counties (Columbia, Douglas, Klamath, Lake and Union) will have it on the November ballot. A few others are still in the process (Coos, Curry, Wallowa, Wheeler).

A similar statewide initiative is planned for 2020, as well as one that would mandate gun safety education in schools.

ODFW, OHA tackle big issues

By Jim Akenson, OHA Conservation Director Im Goregonhunters.org

Commission backs marten trapping petition

The Fish and Wildlife Commission heard and saw a petition brought before them on Aug. 3 by environmental groups to eliminate trapping for the Humboldt Marten, considered a rare subspecies living in the coastal mountains of SW Oregon. The Commission voted 3-2 to move the petition forward toward rule-making even though trappers have only harvested one of these marten in the past three years. The petition calls for incrementally increasing restrictions involving a strip of Oregon west of I-5, the Siuslaw and Siskiyou National Forests, and the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (most restrictive). OHA and trapping representatives, who gave testimony opposing this ban, expressed that the petition was more of a foot in the door to stop trapping, in general, than a biological concern given the extremely low mortality of this species from trapping.

ODFW unveils Electronic Licensing System

ODFW has unveiled its new Electronic Licensing System that will begin for 2019. The intent is to eliminate the need for specialized paper for licenses and tags and to provide a cell phone license and tag option utilizing a downloadable mobile application, so cell service is not necessary. The ELS will give hunters a choice of electronic (paperless) or hard copy (paper) options – printable at home like event tickets or coupons. For details, see the September-October issue of Outgoon Hunture.

OHA weighs in on regulation simplification

OHA leaders were given a good summary by ODFW staff of the proposed changes and simplifications coming for 2019 regulations at the Diamond Lake Summit early in August. Input from OHA chapters has primarily shown support for the changes, with a few concerns on bow weight and firearm caliber reductions.

Wolf Plan stakeholder meetings underway

Facilitated stakeholder meetings are currently ongoing for Oregon's revised Wolf Plan. The intent is to get better buy-in for the plan on sensitive issues involving hunting and damage management. OHA is working with RMEF, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, and Oregon Farm Bureau in encouraging maintaining effective management language in the S-year plan revision.



Band Chapter's John Bambe (left) accepts OHA's Organizational Member of the Year Award From OHA Field Director Bryan Cook at the Chapter Summit at Diamond Lake.

OHA presents state awards

OHA has presented its annual awards for individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunters during the previous year.

OHA chapters submitted nominations, chapter representatives and OHA State Board members voted, and awards were presented at the OHA Chapter Leadership Summit Aug. 3-5 at Diamond Lake Resort.

2017 OHA State Awards

Members of the Year (Wildlife) Jerry Riecke & Harry Hansen, Mamath Chapter

Member of the Year (Organization) John Bambe, Bend Chapter

> Chapter of the Year Bend Chapter

Conservationist of the Year Greg Love, OSP in Bend

Turn in Poachers (TIP) Award Tayler Jerome, Yamhill County OSP

Youth Member of the Year Shelby Reed, Klamath Chapter

Special Recognition Awards Mike Ayers, Rogue Valley Chapter Parker Guy, Yamhili County Chapter Greg Petsch, Bend Chapter Fred Walasavage, Mid-Columbia

Chapters hear wildlife | Court rules Elliott issues, pledge support

By Ken McCall, OHA Resource Director Ken@oregonhunters.org

The annual OHA Chapter Leadership Summit Aug. 3-5 was another successful gathering of OHA leaders. The Saturday afternoon session included six guest speakers who shared their expertise on physical connections between our wildlife and habitat resources and building connections between our chapters and other partners in conservation.

The afternoon started with a keynote presentation by Curt Melcher, director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and a seventh generation Oregonian.

Suzanne Linford, director of Protect Animal Migration, and Cidney Bowman. Wildlife Passage coordinator for ODOT, shared information on wildlife/vehicle collisions. Highway 97 wildlife crossing projects and the effects on our deer popu-Intions statewide from vehicle collisions.

Statistically, Oregon is losing more deer on our highways statewide than we as hunters being home to fill our freezers. During the Sunday morning meeting, 10 OHA chapters present responded to a Yamhill County Chapter funding challenge for wildlife passage efforts by pledging a combined \$60,000 to the fencing for a new crossing north of Gilchrist.

Monty Gregg, Ochoco National Forest wildlife biologist, spoke about building strategic partnerships across a range of public land opportunities and teaming with conservation organizations to accomplish landscape level projects.

Tim Greseth, executive director of Oregon Wildlife Foundation, presented ways we can build partnerships and leverage our project funds through grants and agreements with organizations supporting wildlife and habitat improvement.

Nick Myatt, ODFW's Grande Ronde Watershed district manager, closed out the afternoon with a presentation and engagement with members on the department's ongoing regulation simplification proposals and process to date. OHA is summarizing our comments to present at the September ODFW Commission meeting.

property sale illegal

The Oregon Court of Appeals ruled on Aug. 1 that the 2014 sale of 788 acres of the Elliott State Forest to a private timber company was illegal. The lawsuit was brought forward by a coalition of environmental groups contending the sale was illegal under a provision of Oregon Revised Statutes, which framed the creation of the Elliott Forest through a land exchange process with the U.S. Forest Service in the early 1900s. The land transfer from federal to state public management, commonly known as the Millacoma exchange, was designed to consolidate scattered common school fund lands into a manageable block of forest land in the Coast Range.

This is but one of numerous lawsuits related to management of the Elliott and the relation of the income producing objectives of the common school fund lands. The effect of the court decision should reopen some access to the Elliott closed after the 2014 sale of the East Hakki Ridge parcel, located just south of the Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area.

The lawsuit came from the same groups who sued to stop timber sales on the Elliott in 2012. The future management of the forest has yet to be determined, following the 2017 State Land Board decision not to sell the forest in whole, -Kny McCatt.



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 on Friday, Dececember 7, 2018 at 8:00 pm at our Christmas Party at the Meriwether Nat'l Golf Club





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