# OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2018



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2018

Kelly D's 7:00 PM 1012 SE Cleveland, Bend Come at 6:00 to socialize and have dinner- bring a friend !

## Where will Oregon's wolf numbers be in 2022? Just look east!

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By Jim Akenson, Conservation Director, February OHA Bend chapter speaker.

The above bar graph from Idaho is self-explanatory, wolves will increase at a steady rate until management actions are applied, or food resources are exhausted forcing them to move on. In Idaho, population wolf management through hunting and trapping took 15 years after the original introduction to kick-in. You can see in the above graph that the start of hunting and trapping in 2009/10 produced a leveling-of-the-curve. Elk and deer surveys from Idaho have indicated a slow recovery of elk and deer herds that were in zones having significant wolf predation but now have beneficial wolf harvest. For a regional comparison, Montana has followed a very similar population curve as Idaho going from an estimated 55 wolves in 1995 to 670 fifteen years later in 2011. Montana also now hunts wolves, although with quotas per



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unit similar to the way Idaho started their active management. Looking further west, the population growth for Oregon and Washington is also comparable to each other, but with a more recent starting point. Between 2009 and 2016, Oregon and Washington went from 13 and 12 wolves to 110 and 114 (minimum estimate) respectively or a very similar population growth rate for each state. Oregon's estimated wolf population for 2017, circled in red above, is well on its way to being "robust" like our neighboring state to the east. The current draft wolf plan does adneed dress the for hunting "eventually", or upon the next planning period in about 2022, but the clock is ticking. The plan is close, it just needs to be adopted through Commission vote. The current plan had been slated for approval in April 2018, but that has been postponed indefinitely, apparently to gain better stakeholder

buy-in of the plan. We sportsmen cannot let this plan approval delay indefinitely, we need to move on to real population management, and preferably before 2022! It doesn't take rocket science to illustrate that active wolf population management is essential on or before 2022 or we are not going to have much surplus big game available for hunter harvest. The time is now to express our concern - let the Fish & Wildlife Commission know what you want to see, such as manageobjective ment numbers for wolves, establishing controlled hunting and trapping of them as soon as possible, and maintaining an active assessment of wolf predation impact on deer and elk.

#### It is time to speak up!

Jim Akenson Conservation Director Oregon Hunters Association jim@oregonnhunters.org 541-398-2636 http://www.oregonhunters.org

# Mule Deer Classic 2018 The Bend chapter **Oregon Hunters Association** announces its "26th annual Mule Deer Classic" The banquet/fundraiser will be held at the **Bend Riverhouse and Convention Center** March 24th, 2018 This is the main fundraiser for the year and it enables us to fund habitat projects, scholarships, youth programs and more. You can help make it a success with a donation or by volunteering at the banquet! Planning meetings are underway and scheduled to be held at Round Table Pizza, in Bend, February 20th and 27th, and March 6th. 6:00pm with pizza and soft drinks provided. If you have been looking to get involved in chapter activities, this is a fun and meaningful way to contribute. Please bring donations to the meetings so Eric Brown can get them entered in the database, or give then to a banquet committee member. If you have any questions about the banquet, please contact Greg Petsch at g.petsch728@gmail.com Or call 541-330-6218 We appreciate your help and look forward to seeing you there!

# <u>January 2018</u> Membership Raffle

The name drawn this month for \$350.00 of sporting merchandise was **Matthew McFarland & Family** of Bend. The McFarland family was <u>not</u> present to win! Where were <u>you</u>?







Firearms & Shooting Supplies Lost Creek Armory, LLC 100 N.E. Bend River Mall Ave. Suite 110 Bend, OR 97701 (near ShopKo in the Bend River Plazabetween the Recruiting Center and China Sun Buffet) **Tom Lewis** 

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# Bend Chapter

# MULE DEER CLASSIC BANQUET MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

At The Riverhouse Convention Center Bend, OR



Doors Open at 4:00 PM

Dinner served at 5:30 PM

Live Auction starts at 7:30 PM

Join us Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at The Riverhouse Convention Center for the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Bend chapter Oregon Hunters Associations Mule Deer Classic Banquet and Fundraiser. Come at 4:00 for the social hour, where you can enjoy games, enter raffles, preview the live auction, bid on silent auction items, and swap hunting stories with fellow hunters. Enjoy the buffet dinner, enter raffles for 30 firearms and other prizes, hunting and camping gear, trips, artwork, golf, and more.

Reserve your dinner and raffle ticket packages on the enclosed order form.

# 2018 MDC Raffle Options

Complete the registration form to reserve your dinner & ticket packages for the **2018 Bend OHA Mule Deer Classic.** Space will be limited to 400 so make your reservation early to guarantee a spot. Send your registration in by February 17, 2018 and receive an entry in the Early Bird Drawing. Everyone attending the banquet (over 16 years old) will receive a ticket for the Mule Deer Classic Event Drawing. All youth, ages 6-16, attending the banquet will receive a ticket for the MDC Spike Drawing with a chance to win a Savage.22LR Autoloading Rifle. Youth, five years and younger, will receive a ticket for the MDC Yearling Drawing. Join or renew your OHA membership at the banquet or show that you are a life member or pledged life member and be entered in the New Member Drawing or Life Member Drawing.

# The following raffles tickets are available for advance purchase. Each raffle has a limited number of tickets available. Any tickets not reserved in advance will be available for purchase at the banquet.

- Safe of Guns Raffle: Cannon Executive 42 gun, electronic, 60 minute fire rated safe or the choice of one of the following firearms; Kimber Subalpine Mountain Rifle in S/S .300 WSM, Thompson Center Compass 6.5 Creedmore with 4X12 scope, Winchester XPR .300 win mag, Savage 111 XP 30-06 with 3x9 Nikon scope, DPMS Oracle A-15 .223/5.56, Tikka T-3 S/S 7mm mag, Howa Legacy .338 win mag with Hogue stock, or a Springfield Armory XDM .45ACP Bitone semiauto pistol. Only 175 tickets are available at \$45 each or a ticket package at \$50, which includes \$60 worth of general raffle tickets.
- Elk Camp Raffle: This is a card raffle for a 14x16 wall tent (made by Davis Tent and Awning) with internal frame, steel woodburning stove by Cylinder Stoves of Utah, table, chairs, cot, and other camp items. (Valued over \$1800.) Only 156 tickets (cards) available for \$20 each.
- Les Schwab sponsored Gun Raffle: Howa 1500 in 6.5 Creedmore with pillar bedded stock, cerakoted barrel, 2 stage match trigger and 4x12 scope. Maximum of 200 tickets are available for \$10 each or 3/\$25. (Value \$899)
- Varmint Raffle: Tikka T-3 Super Lite .223 Stainless Steel with a Fluted barrel and a Zeiss Terra 4x12x42 scope all in camo. A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. (Value \$1605.) Sponsored by Bend Family Dentistry.
- Centerfire Gunworks Custom Rifle Build: In this raffle the winner chooses the caliber and type of rifle; hunting, varmint, long range, or target. With McMillan stock, Hart, Bartlein, or Brux custom barrel (fluted barrel extra), Stiller action, Timney trigger, SMR muzzlebrake, Huskemaw 3-12x42 Blue Diamond LR scope with Talley rings (range compensating turrets available)
  Coated by Commercial Ceramic Coating. Built by Centerfire Gunworks (Value \$4999) Tickets \$50 ea 200 maximum sold.

#### Other Raffle opportunities that will be available at the banquet include the following:

- **Special Raffle:** Tickets for the Special Raffle, a Howa .223 with Hogue stock and 2 stage match trigger are included in the bonus dinner packages. Add'l tickets can be purchased at the banquet for \$20 each. Maximum 600 tickets available (\$608 value).
- **Rose Raffle:** Buy your sweetheart a rose and a chance to win a romantic get away . A maximum of 100 roses will be sold at \$10 each (\$570 value). Sponsored by We Cut Concrete.
- **Charles Beckley Scholarship Raffle:** This raffle raises funds for college scholarships in honor of Charles Beckley, who passed away in 2004. The featured item is a Sako A7 Roughtech Long Range rifle in.300 Win Mag with a fluted barrel and a Zeiss 4-12x42 scope . A maximum number of 250 tickets will be available for \$10 each or 3/\$25 (\$1600 value).
- **Key Auction Prize:** Five items in the live and silent auction will be designated as key items. The high bidder on each of these items will receive a key for a one-in-five chance of winning a Springfield Armory 45 ACP XDS Bitone pkg (\$789 value).
- **Sportsman's Warehouse Raffle:** A Howa 1500 7mm Mag with Hogue stock , 2 stage match trigger and 4x12 scope will be offered in this raffle. A total of 300 tickets will be sold for \$10 each or 3/\$25 (\$839 value).
- **5-Minute Raffle:** Raffle tickets will be sold for a period of only five minutes offering a chance to win a Kimber Micro 9mm Desert Tan pistol pkg with Crimson Trace laser grips. A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold for \$10 each (\$790 value).
- Youth Upland Hunt Raffle: Portable shooting bench, a Savage 93r17.17HMR with accutrigger, ceramic coated, camo stock and 3x9 scope. Sponsored by Commercial Ceramics. A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold at \$10each or 3/\$25. (value \$750)







# **The Riverhouse**

is offering special room rates for the **Mule Deer Classic** Banquet attendees

A "non-river view" room will be <u>\$99.00</u> per night

And a "river view" room will be <u>119.00</u> per night.

Call Lia Barth @ 541-617-7167 or email: <u>lbarth@vestahospitality.com</u>

If you're coming from out of town, let them know you need an early afternoon check-in

## March Speakers

We have two speakers next month, first, **Robert Bonine**, a wilderness horse packer. Robert will be talking to us about horses and hunting.

Second, **Suzanne Linford** giving us an update on animal migration and protecting it. Please join us!



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# **CWD Update for the Bend chapter**

ODFW has created a new working group to review our current Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) rules with the intent of changing certain rules (if necessary) in order to try and keep CWD out of Oregon.

CWD is not known to currently be present in Oregon. The ODFW has sampled thousands of deer/elk through the years and never had a positive test result from instate. However, in the fall of 2017 a CWD positive mule deer was brought into Oregon by a hunter hunting in MT. OSP/ODFW responded and acquired as many infected parts from the animal as possible. ODFW's goal is to try and prevent any central nervous system (CNS) tissue from entering OR from any CWD positive State.

CWD is a **cervid** (deer, elk, moose) **disease**, that is 100% fatal, and is caused by abnormal folded proteins called prions. The disease can be spread through tissues, saliva, urine, and feces. Once the disease is present in the environment, it can be impossible to eliminate.

#### If you, or a friend, hunt out of state, please be very familiar with Oregon's CWD rules and help keep Oregon CWD free.

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# **Monthly Door Prize**

The January door prize winner was **Jim Mooers** Jim won a **\$25** Gift certificate to **Sportsman's Warehouse**.

Come to the meeting and win! Bring a friend, have a good time visiting with old and new friends!



Gus Smith and Dick Ingraham on a early goose hunt near Burns last summer.

## For youth who plan to hunt in 2018, the time to sign up for the hunter education class is <u>now.</u>

Photo by: Gary Lewis garylewisoutdoors@gmail.com





Staff report

Hunter education classes start in Bend on February 26. In Crook County, classes start in early April. Harney County classes start February 12. Registration is required in advance. Visit the Department of Fish and Wildlife web site at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us">http://www.dfw.state.or.us</a> to see class listings and dates.

Call 541-388-6363 for more information.

In Oregon, there is no minimum age for hunting. If a child can pass Hunter education, they can hunt rabbits, squirrels, coyotes and birds. To hunt big game, a hunter must be at least 12-years-old, unless they are enrolled in Oregon's Mentored Youth Hunter Program.

Outside of the MYHP, Hunter Ed is mandatory for anyone under the age of 18 that intends to hunt anywhere other than on family land.

Every child may be exposed to guns at some point. Safety education teaches a respect for firearms and archery equipment that can keep them and others safe.







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Volunteers Needed

On Saturday May 12 we will be building a buck and pole fence about 3 miles from Sisters on National Forest land. The purpose is to protect an Aspen stand. The buck and poles will be purchased by the Mule Deer Foundation and our chapter will purchase the nails. Preparatory work will be accomplished by Heart of Oregon.

On the primary work day we will be drilling and nailing two bucks together and then drilling the poles and nailing to the bucks. The Capital Chapter will likely send some volunteers and camp near the location. Dry camping will be available with a possibility of a potluck Saturday night.

Oregon Youth Challenge will be sending two squads or 28 young adults to assist. Local RMEF Project Coordinator will be soliciting volunteers from RMEF so we hope to have several different groups participating. This project will surround an approximate 8 acre area. We will likely use a few Quads to haul in materials however our main job will be to drill and nail the bucks and poles. This is a project that is close to home so we encourage you to come out for the day and participate in a worthwhile project. For more information or to sign up contact-

#### Eric Brown, Bend Project Coordinator at

541-647-0424.

March -

# Mule Deer Classic

volunteers are needed. Call Greg Petsch <u>541-330-62118</u>







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We look forward to seeing YOU at this year's youth events, sponsored by the Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association:



Pre-Registration is required for both events periodically check our website for more info. and registration details: ohabend.webs.com or call our youth and family activities coordinator: Kevin Borst 541-480-7323

# Our 15th annual

# Youth Upland Bird Hunt

Saturday, November 17, 2018 Registration begins October 1st at ODFW

In order to participate in this popular event, youth <u>must</u> have a Hunter Education card



## Bend Chapter OHA

### Charles Beckley Scholarship Introduction 2018

The Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) has established a scholarship for higher education honoring the life-time member Charles Beckley, who passed away in 2004. Mr. Beckley was a dedicated OHA member and was among the first hunter education instructors in the state of Oregon. This scholarship furthers OHA's goal of helping to educate future hunters and outdoor enthusiasts.

Bend OHA is looking forward to handing out multiple scholarships this year ranging from \$250 to \$1000. The number of scholarships awarded and the amount of each is largely dependent on the amount of money available in the Charles Beckley Scholarship fund and the number of qualified applicants. Funds for these scholarships have been raised from the Charles Beckley raffle at the annual OHA Mule Deer Classic Banquet.

#### RULES:

Eligible applicants must be new or returning college students enrolled in any accredited trade school, technical school, community college or university.

The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school at which the student in enrolled and will be credited to their account.

The scholarship award is a one-time gift and must be able to be used in the year it is awarded. Any unused funds will be returned to the scholarship fund by the school to be used for future awards.

Applicants must complete the scholarship application form and include an essay explaining why you should be selected. Include any past experiences that demonstrate how your values and experiences align with the OHA mission statement. You may include other materials such as letters of recommendation, photos of you engaged in outdoor activities or community service, past awards, or examples of leadership. Applications must be postmarked by <u>April 15, 2018.</u>

A recipient may apply for the scholarship again in subsequent years; however, winners will be selected from all eligible applicants each year and past success does not guarantee future success.

The applicant must be an OHA member or child of a member.

If awarded a scholarship, the recipient will provide the Bend Chapter of OHA with the college scholarship contact information. The chapter will contact the school and arrange for funds to be provided directly to the school.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applicants will be judged on their application, eligibility requirements, volunteer work, essay and other materials provided. Applications will be reviewed by the Bend OHA Scholarship Committee with recommendations to the Bend Chapter board of directors.

See <u>www.ohabend.webs.com</u> for information on joining the Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Assoc.

For information on becoming a member of the Bend Chapter of OHA please visit our chapter website at: <u>www.ohabend.webs.com.</u> A copy of the scholarship application can be downloaded there.

# 2018 Bend Chapter OHA Scholarship Judging Criteria

Below is the criteria by which each applicant's information will be evaluated. Consider the following points when answering application questions or writing your essay.

- Verification of OHA membership or family membership
- Major course of study: Classes directed toward fish & wildlife, wildlife biology, or wildlife habitat may rate higher
- Involvement in OHA or other habitat projects
- Extracurricular participation
- Leadership skills
- Community activities
- Awards
- Work experience
- School transcripts
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay: Content, structure, and grammar
- Hunting or Fishing license and last year it was validated
- Photos of you engaged in outdoor activities or community service
- An example of a goal you set for yourself and how you accomplished it



#### 2018 Application CHARLES BECKLEY SCHOLARSHIP BEND CHAPTER- Oregon Hunters Association

Submit to: Bend OHA, P.O. Box 6618, Bend, Oregon 97708 Attn: scholarship Committee

Name			Age	
Address				
City				
PhoneCell		Email		
OHA Member Number		Or) Parents OHA number		
College or University to attend				
Address				
School Phone #				
Are you currently enrolled in school?	If not,	when will you enroll?		
What is your planned field of study?				
Please describe any volunteer wildlife or l	nabitat projects i	n which you participated:		

#### Please attach the following:

Transcripts: Official school transcripts

Letters of reference: Three current letters of reference from teachers, counselors, community leaders, or management personnel. (Do not include relatives)

**Essay**: Write a one page essay explaining why you will be a good investment if awarded this scholarship. Include any experiences which demonstrate your dedication to wildlife conservation. Also please include your ideas on the future of wildlife conservation, hunting, and shooting.

**\*\*NOTE**: Please feel free to attach a resume and additional sheets of information to your application.

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## Our Website: www.ohabend.webs.com



#### CALENDAR

02/27	MDC Meeting
03/01	Bend, OHA Chapter meeting
03/11	Daylight Savings begins
03/20	Spring begins
03/24	Bend, OHA Banquet

#### 2018 OHA Mule Deer Classic Banquet Registration and Dinner/Raffle Package Order Form

Name:	Guest Name:
Address:	City, State, Zip:
Phone:	Email:

If your registration is postmarked or received by **February 17, 2018**, you will be entered into the **Early-Bird** drawing. In addition, if you purchase a **package** you will receive an Early-Bird bonus which includes an additional 10 general raffle tickets per person (a minimum \$50 value). **Banquet will be held March 24, 2018**, at **The Riverhouse Convention Center**, Bend, Oregon. **Doors open at 4:00 p.m.** 

<b>PACKAGES</b> <sup>1</sup>	INCLUDES	PRICES	QTY	TOTAL
Dinner Only	1 dinner and 1 MDC event ticket \$50 value	\$50		
Single Package	1 dinner, 1 drink ticket, 1 MDC event ticket,20 general raffle tickets\$155 value	\$90		
Single Bonus Package	1 dinner, 2 drink tickets, 1 MDC Event ticket, 2 Special Raffle tickets, 30 General raffle tickets \$250 value	\$130		
Couples Package	2 dinners, 2 drink tickets, 2 MDC Event tickets,40 General raffle tickets\$310 value	\$180		
Couples Bonus Package	2 dinners, 4 drink tickets, 2 MDC Event tickets, 4 Special Raffle tickets, 60 General raffle tickets \$500 value	\$260		
Hunting Party of 10	5 Couples Bonus Packages, plus 50 add'l general raffle tickets and a reserved table (write all names on back) \$2750 value	\$1100		
<b>Spike Dinner</b> (ages 6 thru 11)	Kids dinner, 1 drink ticket, 1 MDC Spike Event ticket (pleaseinclude names & ages)\$26 value	\$20		
<b>Yearling Dinner</b> (age 0 - 5)	Kids dinner, 1 drink ticket, 1 MDC Yearling Event ticket,(Please include names & ages)\$26 value	N/C		N/C
Registration only	1 MDC event ticket and bidder number (no general raffle tickets, no dinner)	N/C		N/C
OHA Membership <sup>3</sup>	One year membership/renewal: Raffle ticket in new member/renewal drawing, six magazine issues & OHA calendar. Individual \$35, family \$45, life member \$800	\$35/\$45 /\$800		

RESERVED RAFFLE TICKETS <sup>2</sup>	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Varmint Raffle Tickets	\$10 ea or 3/\$25		
Elk Camp Raffle Tickets	\$20		
Safe of Guns Raffle Tickets Ticket only	\$45		
Package includes \$60 of general raffle tickets	\$50		
Les Schwab Rifle Raffle Tickets	\$10 ea or 3/\$25		
Choose your caliber & Build your Custom Rifle Raffle- Centerfire Gunworks	\$50		

#### Total all packages and raffle ticket choices: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Visa MC Card Number	Expiration Date		
Name on Card	Signature		
<sup>1</sup> All dinner/ticket packages will be given out at the door.	Check Number:		
<sup>2</sup> Raffle tickets may be purchased even if you are unable to attend and you need not be present to win.			
<sup>3</sup> You must be an OHA member to attend or a guest of an OHA member per State OHA policy.			

Please mail this form with payment to Bend OHA, PO Box 6618, Bend, OR 97708.

For more information or special accommodations call, 541-480-9848, or 541-420-1318

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