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

* You need to feed your stock all year and depending where you hunt will need to pack your own feed in.
* You may have vet bills.
* You will need to work your stock to have them in shape when packing into the high country or when hunting season comes.

In closing just remember, not all stock makes a good mountain horse nor do they make good pack stock.

Bob Bonine
541-408-5489

Our second speaker was Suzanne Linford of Protect Animal Migration (PAM). Suzanne gave an update of PAM, since it started two years ago to reduce mule deer fatalities from animal/vehicle collisions. (AVCs). PAM works with public agencies: ODFW, ODOT, USFS (Deschutes National Forest) and in partnership with OHA and the Oregon Wildlife Foundation.

The first guest speaker this month was Bob Bonine, animal back country packer. Bob gave a presentation on horse and mule pack hunting that was very interesting, showing slides and facts how, why and what to do. “I’ve been packing for 30 years. I was asked to speak on the pros and cons of horse packing into the high country and on hunting trips.”

The pros are:
* Easy to access areas that are difficult to access by foot due to distance.
* You can hunt with little or no pressure from other hunters
* If you make a kill, it’s quicker and easier to get it out
* You can have a more comfortable camp by being able to pack more in.

The cons are:
* You have to have access to or own your own stock.
* You will need access to or own your own trailer and have a pickup big enough to handle a stock or horse trailer.

Crossings can vary from underpasses, overpasses, modified culverts and modified bridges. They pay for themselves over time. Other western states have dozens of them. Oregon has three, with a fourth planned at Gilchrist for elk. PAM is working on getting funding for the ten miles of fencing that is needed for this underpass. OHA, Medford Office, has awarded a grant to PAM that will be used to publish brochures and to develop a website to reach a larger audience in the state to explain this need. PAM is also speaking to various community groups to alert them and to get their support for fencing on the Gilchrist crossing.

PAM is also working in the county to get wildlife unfriendly fencing changed or removed on public lands. Deschutes Co is sending out information on fencing to all residents. PAM is helping get this information ready, both for residents in the wildlife combining zone and for others whose fencing poses severe injury and death to deer who are trying to move across the landscape, often to find water. Jim Mooers, a member on the PAM board and member of the Bend chapter of OHA, is heading up a project to pull down fencing and barbed wire, where it is on public lands and poses a hazard to animals and humans. This will reduce another source of fatalities. Suzanne concluded her presentation with a list of the accomplishments that the Bend Chapter of OHA has done for habitat and wildlife. “These hunters pull on their boots and go out and get the job done,” she said. “That’s why they are the conservation organization.”
Hello from Three Rivers Archers. Even though this is not our normal season for practice we have had a handful of our kids continuing to hone their skills and stay on target. We had 6 of our archers compete in the S3DA State Championships at the Bowtech facility in Eugene, OR. Then just a short time later 3 of those archers flew out to Las Vegas, NV to compete in the S3DA Nationals competition to represent the great state of Oregon... They did a phenomenal job at that and all of their families / coaches are so very proud of them. 2 very determined archers stayed the following three days to compete in the Vegas Super shoot (boy was it a grueling 3 days of archery) they even got to enjoy a night of “shooting with the pro’s” where they got to meet some of their role models and learn very important skills to help them in their competitive goals. Just this last week we had 3 of the same archers compete in the OBH (Oregon Bow Hunters Associations) indoor State Championships in Bend. Through all of this the archers have created numerous long-lasting friendships from around the United States and have increased their knowledge of wildlife management and habitat preservation / restoration so that they and their future families can enjoy the great outdoors.

Kade lorimor-
- S3DA State Champion- middle school male BHFS
- S3DA Triple Crown State Champion- middle school male BHFS

Jaret Lorimor-
- S3DA State Champion- elementary school male BHFS
- S3DA Triple Crown State Champion- elementary school male BHFS

Wiley Long-
- S3DA State Champion- elementary male open
- S3DA National- 1st place- Elementary male open
- NFAA Vegas Shoot- 12th place- Cub male

Caitlin Lohner-
- S3DA State Champion- middle school female BHFS
- S3DA Triple Crown- State Champion- middle school female BHFS
- S3DA National- 4th place- middle school female BHFS
- NFAA Vegas Shoot- 31st place – cub female
- OBH Indoor State champion- cub female BHFS

Dakota Wilson-
- S3DA State- 2nd place- middle school male BHFS
- S3DA Triple Crown- 2nd place- middle school male BHFS
- S3DA Nationals- 1st place- middle school male BHFS
- OBH State indoor-

Skylar Wilson-
- S3DA State- 3rd place- middle school male BHFS

Congratulations to you all!
Bend Chapter

MULE DEER CLASSIC BANQUET

MARCH 24TH, 2018

At The Riverhouse Convention Center

Bend, OR

Join us Saturday, March 24th at The Riverhouse Convention Center for the 26th 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.

Doors Open at
4:00 PM

Dinner served at
5:30 PM

Live Auction starts at
7:30 PM
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 wood-burning 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 $10 each or 3/$25. (value $750)
April Speakers

We have two speakers next month,

1. **JR Lorimore** with “3 Rivers Archers” giving us club updates and what they will be doing next. Our board has approved funding of $1500 to 3 Rivers for helping the kids program.

2. **Dave Jarschke** will be speaking about “sizing up Bears”. That should be interesting right before spring bear season!

Both should be very informative
Please join us!
A few years ago, Mike Sheets had been hunting a very large Mule deer on property off Lower Bridge Road. That deer was poached and Sr. Trooper Travis Ring, OSP F&W ended up making the criminal case. Mike Sheets having not been able to harvest the deer wanted it to go on display with OSP F&W and he offered to help pay for the shoulder mount which was done by Clinton Hall from Redmond. Mr. Sheets provided $400 towards the shoulder mount and Bend OHA recently approved the final $300 payment. This deer scored 210 and was completed in time to be put on display at the ODFW & OSP F&W booth at the Redmond Sportsman Show.

Right-
These Swan and Snow Goose were displayed in the ODFW, OSP F&W booth at the Redmond Sportsman Show. This Swan was an animal poached- the hunter stated he thought it was a Snow Goose. The Bend Chapter of OHA paid to send it to a taxidermist. “We think it is important people can see the difference.”

Be responsible- Know what you’re hunting.

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**Treasurer’s Report**

John Bambe was pleased to report that the current Bend chapter, OHA checking account balance was $73,718.00 as of March 1, 2018.

**Monthly Door Prize**

The March door prize winner was Wendy Jordan. Wendy 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!
Hunter education is required for any hunter under age 18 in Oregon (unless they are hunting on land owned by their parents or legal guardian or are participating in the Mentored Youth Hunter Program).

It’s recommended for adults new to hunting, too, or as a refresher for veteran hunters. The class gives a thorough introduction to the skills hunters need, covering topics like: firearms safety, hunter ethics, wildlife identification, hunt preparation and techniques, and outdoor survival.

The class takes 14-16 hours and requires a $10 application fee. All youth students are required to participate in a live-fire exercise (students who take the workbook or online option do this by registering & participating in a field day). There are three ways to take a hunter education class, go to: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us) to see class listings and dates or 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.

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.
Volunteers Needed

May 11, 12, 13 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. Arriving on May 11th will make it possible to get an early start on the 12th. 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, a good time for all!

The National Guard 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 or the weekend and participate in a worthwhile project. For more information or to sign up contact-

Eric Brown, Bend Project Coordinator  541-647-0424.

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OHA is selling Gun Raffle Calendars for $50.

You get:

- A 2019 OHA Gun Raffle Calendar, different than the regular OHA calendar.
- A membership for a new member (only). If you are already a member, you can give the membership to someone else. It cannot be used to renew a membership. You can pay extra and upgrade it from a new single membership to a new family membership.
- A raffle ticket for the gun drawings. OHA will draw 52 winners and give away one gun each week for all of 2019. If you are drawn, you win the gun of the week, pending background check and registration.
- A $20 Sportsman’s Warehouse coupon

There are a maximum of 2,000.00 calendars to be sold. You have to return the raffle ticket to OHA state office by December 2018 with your name and contact info.

There is a large variety of guns and you can see the gun of the week in the calendar. Values vary.

Call a Bend chapter board member, or come to a meeting for your tickets!
Presidents Report

The Bend chapter currently has 408 members, down about 20 members.
Be sure to pay your annual dues and keep your memberships current! You can renew your membership at the Banquet. You don’t want to miss out!

Bill Littlefield, would like to encourage all members to come to the monthly meetings and join in on our many chapter activities!
Come and benefit from all that OHA is doing to help preserve and improve hunting in Oregon!
We look forward to seeing YOU at this year's youth events, sponsored by the Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association:

Our 5th annual

Youth and Family
OUTDOOR DAY

Saturday, June 2, 2018
Online registration begins April 15th

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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 must have a Hunter Education card
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 is 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 **April 15, 2018**.

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 [www.ohabend.webs.com](http://www.ohabend.webs.com) 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: [www.ohabend.webs.com](http://www.ohabend.webs.com). 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 __________________ State ______ Zip ____________
Phone ___________________ Cell __________ Email __________
OHA Member Number ___________________ (Or) Parents OHA number __________________
College or University to attend __________________________
Address __________________________
School Phone # ___________________ Contact __________________
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 habitat projects in which you participated: __________________________
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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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CALENDAR

03/11        Daylight Savings begins
03/20        Spring begins
03/24        Bend, OHA Banquet
04/05        April Monthly Meeting
05/03        May Monthly Meeting
05/12        Buck & Pole Project
06/02        Youth and Family Outdoor Day