



OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2016

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

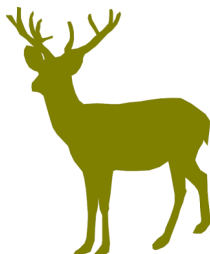
**Wed. February 10, 2016
King Buffet, 7:00 PM
2000 NE 3rd St. Bend
Come at 6:00 to socialize
and have dinner before
the meeting.**

President's Report

The Bend Chapter currently has 424 members. New members are Joshua O'Brien & Adam Young of Bend. Please contact Bill to be added to the chapter email list at:
bvlittlefield@bandcable.com

Emails will not be shared with other groups or organizations. Emails will be used for chapter and hunter information only.

- * Meeting notices
- * Club social activities
- * Important hunting related alerts



**Guest speakers for January
Greg Jackle & Matt Keenan
from
Oregon Department of
Fish and Wildlife.**

Greg Jackle gave a presentation on the "Oregon Mule Deer Initiative - Past, Present and Future." The initiative is a study of the mule deer, their habitat, how disturbances, disease, predators and current laws affect populations and migration. The Mule Deer Initiative will be expanding their GPS collar program into more units in Oregon.

Matt Keenan spoke about wild turkeys, both the Merriam's and Rio Grande. He explained when and how they were introduced into Oregon, mostly due to damage situations, and where they are predominately located. Turkeys are often captured, boxed and released into new locations away from towns and ranchers where they will not be a nuisance to their surroundings, making them available for hunters. Currently, during 2016 spring season, three birds are allowed statewide. Refer to your hunting guide for details.

Watch and report any suspicious activity to the TIP line.

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Or call

**Gregory Love
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Fish and Wildlife Division
541-480-7097**

Treasurers Report

John Bambe reported that the Bend chapter account currently has \$49,267.34. There is also \$385.98 in the mitigation fund, which is money leftover after gates were purchased for Broken Top winter range closure.

Mule Deer Classic Banquet Meetings

**6:00 pm
Round Table Pizza**

**Meeting Dates:
Feb 2, 9, 16, 23
March 1**

The Mule Deer Classic will be held Saturday, **March 12, 2016** at **The Riverhouse Convention Center**.

Donations and volunteers are needed. call **Greg Petsch** if you'd like to offer assistance.

Elk Management Objectives – Guidelines

The Oregon Hunters Association is being given the opportunity to participate in meetings initiated by ODFW – District Biologists, to give input on elk management objectives (MO's). These objectives address the overall population, and bull – cow ratios, for each Wildlife Management Unit considered elk hunting units. Hunter opportunity, through tag numbers and seasons, will be influenced by these decisions. If you are representing OHA in this process then please review and consider these bullet points regarding elk in Oregon:

- Need to maintain or increase current elk numbers as much as possible – anticipating a population reduction in wolf activity areas (especially NE & SW Regions in near future).
- Number allocations need to factor in landscape distribution issues (elk being on private land as much, if not more, than on public)
- Bull-cow and cow-calf ratios need to be factored in – and reassessed regularly, with regulations responding to change, and making sure that bull ratios are high enough.
- Need to maintain traditional (social) quality of hunting heritage (avoiding crowding).
- Maintain accurate elk population monitoring through aerial surveys: numbers + distribution and tracking the private versus public lands being used.
- Maintain good record keeping of private property access for hunters (similar to what appears in regulations but more specific than just percent public).
- Monitor overall habitat quality – factoring in winter range condition and effect of seasonal drought conditions. In essence, what is the carrying capacity of the elk range?
- Factor in damage: using “an adaptive to the situation” assessment. This is not to say there are any elk de-emphasis units, but to consider elk damage situations case by case.

Additional Information:

Keep in mind that Oregon has widely varied habitats and land uses where elk occur. These bullets might only be partially applicable to your part of the state, or the Wildlife Management Units that you are working with. Feel free to call the people at the numbers below. Vic and Walt are retired ODFW District Biologists and they have been through this process before. I'm familiar with it too as are several OHA Board members.

Vic Coggins:	541-263-0335
Walt Vandyke:	541-216-1242
Jim Akenson:	541-398-2636

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE

Dan Gage of Bend was drawn from the Bend Chapter membership to win.
Dan was not present.

You missed a great meeting!
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Monthly Door Prize

The door prize winner this month
was Dick Nelson!

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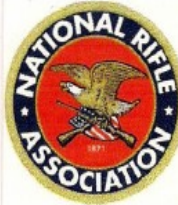


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CALENDER

February 2	Mule Deer Classic meeting
February 9	Mule Deer Classic meeting
February 10	Deadline to apply for spring bear controlled hunt tags
February 10	Chapter Meeting
March 3	Central Oregon Sports Show opens - Redmond
March 12	OHA Bend chapter banquet
March 13	Daylight savings time begins

DON'T FORGET TO REPORT!!