



# OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

## BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2016

### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wed. March 9, 2016

King Buffet, 7:00 PM

2000 NE 3rd St. Bend

Come at 6:00 to socialize and have dinner before the mtg.

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The speaker in March will be **Mikal Moore, biologist with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)**. This will be a great presentation to hear with spring turkey season just around the corner.

Come join us!

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### What happened at the meeting:

We had two guest speakers. First, **Kate Chandler**, president of the High Desert Shooting Sports Foundation (HDSSF), gave us an update about the new location for the Redmond Rod and Gun Club. HDSSF is the fundraising arm of the Redmond Rod and Gun Club. HDSSF is now a 501(C)3 and they have received a Conditional Use Permit for the old Halligan Ranch property, which they have officially purchased. The purchase was final on November 30, 2015. The Club has a ten year, \$5 million plan to complete the range; this includes the \$1 million used to purchase the property. Work parties have been taking place for the past five weeks, with over 200 man-hours being invested, primarily focused on infrastructure for ac-

cess. Kate said they want to get the rifle and pistol ranges ready to go because these are their money making ranges. Right now, the Club has secured a \$26,000 grant from ODFW and is optimistic about money from the NRA. There are also two houses on the property and both have been leased, with the rent money covering about half the mortgage payment for the property. Membership for the Club is up and their most recent banquet sold out.

The lease is up on the old Redmond Rod and Gun Club in June so they are asking for help in trying to get the infrastructure (gravel roads and berms) so they can get things moved from the other property. If you are interested in helping and/or have access to gravel and/or heavy equipment, please contact **Chris** at: [rrgcbuild@bendbroadband.com](mailto:rrgcbuild@bendbroadband.com)

Chris is the construction manager for the club. If you want more information or want to contact **Kate**, she can be reached at: [hdssfpres15@outlook.com](mailto:hdssfpres15@outlook.com).

Information about the Redmond Rod and Gun Club can be found at: [www.redmondrodandgun.com/](http://www.redmondrodandgun.com/)

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**Troopers Greg Love and Rich Young, with OSP**, were our second guest speakers. They gave a brief presentation about how to release your pet from a trap, should they get

caught. The traps they spoke about were snares, leg holds and conibears. Traps in this area are usually set to catch bobcats and coyotes and are typically leg holds or snares. When pelt prices go up, inexperienced trappers make poor choices in trap locations and are often not very familiar with trapping regulations. Greg shared some techniques for safely removing your pet from snare and leg holds. Unfortunately, if your pet is caught in a conibear trap, there may not be a lot you can do and your pet may not survive. If your pet is caught in a trap, it is still illegal for you to move, remove or alter the trap in any way. You should notify OSP as soon as possible with the location of the trap. If possible, make a note of the trapper number on the trap (all trappers are required to have this info on their traps) and let OSP know that number as well. Traps are required to be checked every 48 hours (for most sets). Drowning sets are required to be checked every 24 hours. Traps on private property can be checked every 72 hours. If you have questions about traps and/or trapping, contact your local ODFW office for more information.



**President's Report: Bill Littlefield**, chapter president, updated members about some on-going issues. The owners of Teaters Road, in the Ochocos, contacted the chapter to let us know that they have a formalized proposal to solve the road/access issue. Basically, the landowners plan to construct a new four mile road that will have the same access points as the previous road. The landowners will request the old road be decommissioned (which requires an act of Congress). As a result of the new road, there will be 160 acres of landlocked BLM-managed lands that the property owners would like to acquire through either a direct purchase or a land swap. The landowners would like to keep existing gates and access points closed until the new road is complete, to prevent vandalism and trespassing problem in the interim. They hope to have the new road completed by August, in time for hunting season. The landowners will also assume responsibility for all construction costs. On-going maintenance of the proposed new road is still up in the air. Nothing has been confirmed yet on this issue; this is all still a proposal and an attempt for all parties to come to a mutually beneficial solution and compromise.

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**Doug Stout** updated the chapter on a few issues. With the legislative session starting, there are two bills moving through the process that have to do with wolves and their delisting in Oregon. Doug urged members to contact Governor Kate Brown and their local legislators to request support for HB

4040 and SB 1557. Contact Doug if you want more information. His phone number is on the back page of the newsletter.

Doug also wanted to let us know that the Chapter Board responded to a request from the Oregon Youth Challenge (OYC) about the awards fund that we provide them. OYC cadets are an important part of our annual Mule Deer Classic fundraiser and provide a lot of help. The chapter increased the number of awards that we provide (four, \$400 awards) and weighed in with OYC administrators regarding the criteria for getting an award. OYC is very exciting about the awards and our partnership in providing these to cadets.

Lastly, Doug is involved with the Cline Buttes Recreation Association. They are doing a planting/restoration project on Saturday, February 27 on some overgrazed BLM - managed lands. Doug would love to see this project be a joint effort with OHA and asked if anyone was interested in helping. If you would like to participate, please contact Doug. His phone number is on the back page of the newsletter.

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Member of the Year ballots were tallied by **Richard Nelson**. Richard will take care of getting a suitable recognition item and it will be presented at the banquet on March 12. Good luck to all those who were nominated.

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**Treasurer, John Bambe**, reported that, as of January 31, we have \$49,430 in the chapter checking account and \$386 in the mitigation fund.

The **Mule Deer Classic** is just around the corner and there are still opportunities of you want to get involved. **Greg Petsch**, MDC chairman, has meetings scheduled for:

**February 16**

**February 23**

**March 1**

All meetings are at Round Table Pizza and begin at 6:00.

**The Mule Deer Classic is almost sold out!! Capacity is 300 and we already have 250 registered. Don't miss out. Send in your registration today, if you haven't done it already. Once all the tickets are gone, they're gone.**

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**Kevin and Wendy Borst** reported that the Family Outdoor Day will be held on June 4 on the Cyrus property near Sisters. Meetings will be scheduled once the Mule Deer Classic is done. Stay tuned for more info.

The winner of the monthly door prize was  
**Doug Stout.**

Doug received a \$25 gift card for Sportsmen's Warehouse.

**Where were you?**

## VOLUNTEER PROJECTS PAGE

from

Eric Brown, Chapter Volunteer Projects Coordinator

### 2016 LATE SPRING AND SUMMER PROJECTS

- May 7: Flymon Project. Juniper cutting and stacking near Lake Billy Chinook. Stay on the pavement except for the last ¼ mile. The Oregon Youth Challenge young adults will once again send a team to participate.
- June 24–26: Multi Chapter Ochoco Aspen/Guzzler Weekend. Main project is on Saturday with a HUGE potluck Saturday night. Sunday morning breakfast is a group event with the Forest Service doing the preparation. This is an annual event that you should not miss. It is not on father's day this year so no excuses!
- July 9–10: Crescent Tree Thinning. We will once again stay along the Little Deschutes River and at the end of our Saturday work party go to Manley's for chicken and spuds. Emerald Chapter will likely work with us again. For more information contact Eric Brown , Project Coordinator @ 541-647-0424 or [Ebrown@bendcable.com](mailto:Ebrown@bendcable.com)

### THANK YOU TO SOME OF OUR LONG TIME VOLUNTEERS

**Dick Masters, Dick Nelson, Fred Newton, Dave Doran, Rex Parks, Nancy Doran, Greg Petsch , Bill Littlefield. & Rod Adams.** I would consider myself fairly new to OHA, being a member for less than ten years, but looking back, I have come to appreciate all the various tasks that the aforementioned individuals have done over those years. There are many more OHA members that are boots on the ground people when it comes to our outdoor projects, banquet preparation and other activities in the field, but I believe these members deserve a special thank you. Please pass on your appreciation to them as well. ~ Eric

### BANQUET

**Greg Petsch** has been leading us in preparation for, what has the makings of, another great banquet. Look for the life size elk statue just outside the banquet doors when you arrive as that will be an auction item. The Safe of Guns has been expanded! For the last two years, the Safe of Guns has sold out early so we added only 25 additional tickets this year and another gun to give away. That is correct; we want to give away SIX GUNS or five guns and a safe. There will be however, seven guns to choose from!! Stillwater Fly Shop has donated a \$1300 fly rod and reel and Scott Logging has once again donated a load of logs. Many additional fantastic items will also be available. Don't miss out. The event is nearly sold out so don't delay or you might have to wait until next year.

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### MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE

**Dale Olson** of bend was drawn from the Bend Chapter membership to win, but was not present.

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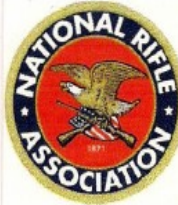


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### **CALENDAR**

<b>February 23</b>	<b>MDC planning meeting 6:00 Round Table Pizza</b>
<b>March 1</b>	<b>MDC planning meeting 6:00 Round Table Pizza</b>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>Bend Chapter meeting</b>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Mule Deer Classic The Riverhouse</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>ODFW Commission meeting - location TBA</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Spring turkey season opens</b>

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