



OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2016

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wed. Aug 10th, 2016
Kelly D's 7:00 PM
1012 SE Cleveland, Bend

Our Speaker in August will be Tim McLagan of McLagan's Taxidermy. He'll provide pointers on how to protect your trophy for the best taxidermy outcome.

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

We did not have a guest speaker in July. In place of it we showed several photos and a few videos of recent habitat projects that the Bend chapter has participated in or organized.

There were plantings, guzzler repairs, juniper cutting, lodgepole pine cutting, and enclosure fencing projects. It was great to see so many chapter members working together for the benefit of wildlife.

If you are one of the people who has taken time to come out and join in one of our projects, THANK YOU! If you haven't done so yet, please come and join us. We have a

lot of fun while we are volunteering. Here are some things you don't always see in our monthly newsletter that might be of interest.

Membership: Our membership level in Bend is at 423 currently. Prior to the

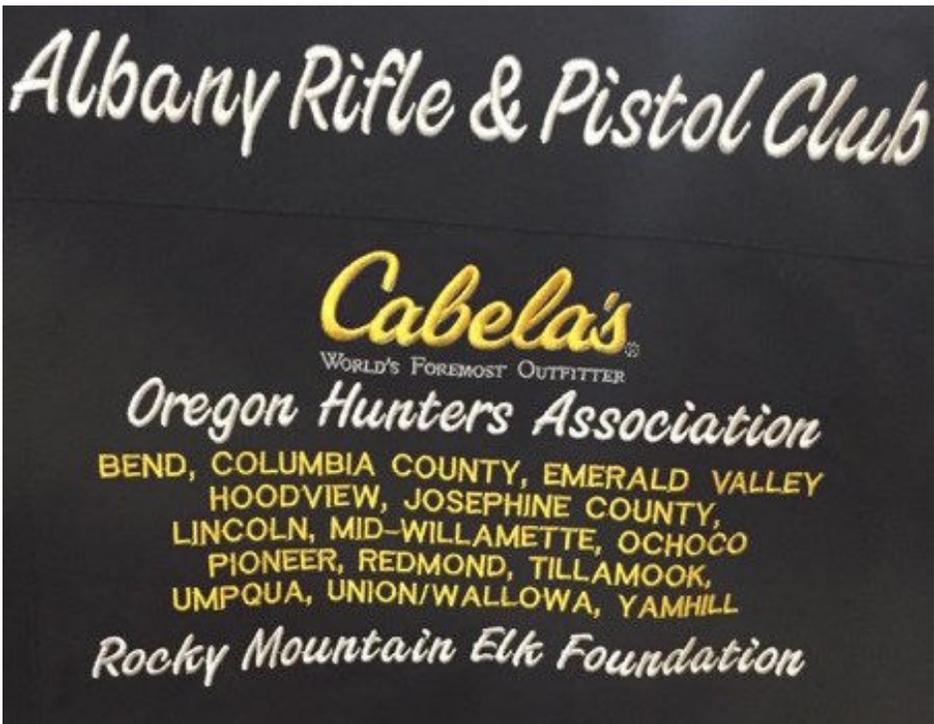
give us a try. We would gladly welcome them to the organization.

We previously reported that Karen Smith of Bend, a long time active member of the Bend chapter who for years planned and organized our ban-



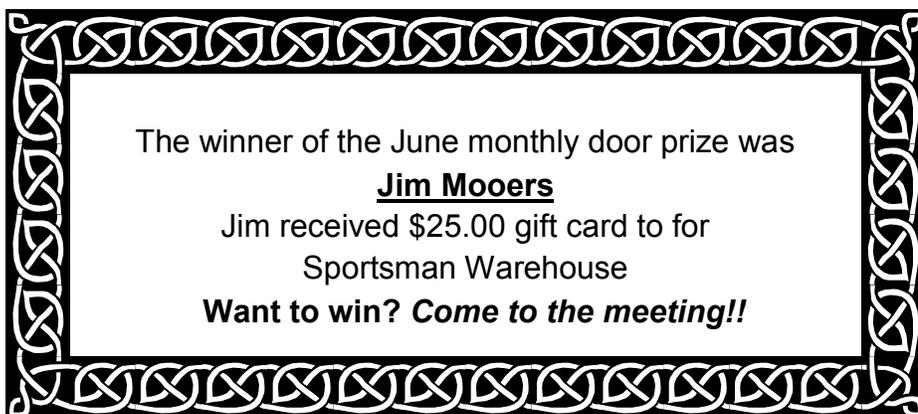
recession, we had grown to just a few under 600. During the recession we dropped to about 385 members. We've been slowly building back up. If you know other hunters who are not OHA members, please ask them to

quits and always worked with the board members passed away. Some of us attended a nice gathering of family and friends at her home to remember her and reflect on her many contributions. She will be missed.



The above image is a picture of the embroidery on the back of the jackets for the 4-8 Shooting sports state competition.

300 youth from all around our state participated in marksmanship, hunting skills, communication skills and western action shooting. Thanks to the help of many people and organizations including OHA, the shooting sports contest was a tremendous success. The Bend chapter received a very nice thank you letter from the organizers





The “Level” Award

Fred Newton and Robbie Piehl won the highly coveted “Level” award after arriving at one of the guzzlers without a level. They were convinced that the guzzler’s apron had settled due to the winter snow load and they spent a lot of time loosening all the u-bolts, adjusting it up on one side, and re-tightening them. So much so that they ran their drill out of battery power. They kept raising it more and more until after a couple of hours of work, and several iterations, they decided it was “close enough.”

They returned later with a level to check it. As the story goes, it had been right all along and they had to put it back to where it was when they started. The moral of the story is keep a level handy when checking guzzler aprons. The “Level” award was a level with a magnet that Fred can keep in his Jeep so that next time he’ll have something more accurate than eyeballing it. It turns out that trying to eyeball a guzzler apron on a steep slope is not very accu-

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Crescent Thinning Project Summary

The weekend of July 8 – 9th was the 2nd annual campout on the Little Deschutes River near Two River North and Hwy 58 for Bend and Emerald Chapter members that once again came together to work on habitat improvement in a large wet elk calving meadow nearby. A total of 10 members camped and on Saturday we saw the accumulation of 13 Bend Chapter members, 4 Emerald Chapter members and 6 USFS personnel conducting tree falling and brush piling in the meadow. In 2016 OHA expand the project clearing out fingers that jutted out from the meadow along with widening the overall perimeter. During our work day there were 13 chainsaws constantly downing trees with others using loppers to snip off the small Jackpine trees and also stacking the cut up trees for future burn piles. This year saw a dramatic increase in mosquitos so those that had bug spray were very popular people. The meadow was also very wet with most of the sawyers working in several inches of water. It was rather rewarding to see so many people working hard despite the conditions and not one complaint was heard.

During the weekend some OHA members found time to wet a fly on the Little Deschutes which was pretty hard to pass up since the river was a stone's throw from our camping location. Saturday evening our camping group went to Manley's tavern at Crescent Lake Junction for there well known Chicken and Spuds. The bonding between chapters has been very important with the sharing of ideas, learning new ways to do things and making friends. Eric Brown



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Teaters Road Update

The landowners that gated off Teaters Rd have a tentative agreement with the BLM office in Prineville to build a new road along the NW side of the ranch property and dedicate the road to the county. The owners of the property would pay to build the road. If they don't have it done by early August, they will open the old road during the fall for hunting and finish the new road in the spring. Stay tuned for more updates.

OHA just purchased two tons of salt blocks to have for supplying salt/minerals at the guzzlers we maintain. Carefully shopping allows us to save over \$150 dollars off of the typical price thanks to Fred Newton.

We are putting together a crew to monitor and repair the game fencing south along Hwy 97 between Bend and Sunriver. We are working on the details of this fencing maintenance agreement with the FS, the state Hwy department and ODFW. We will be able to drive along the fence in vehicles or ATV's to conduct the repairs. There is money budgeted for the materials so all we need now is some volunteers to agree to be on the team. If we can get 6 or more people, it should be a pretty manageable job. Contact Eric Brown at 541-330-0140 if you'd like to consider it further.

One of the guzzlers in the Ochocos burned up mostly during the fire last year. Fred Newton has a plan. The OYC kids will haul the materials into the site by hand since we can't drive to it. Once those materials are in place, Fred will take a small crew in to rebuild the apron and secure the fencing. Let Fred know if you can help. 541-389-1321. Four helpers should be enough.

There is a chapter leadership summit happening in early August at Diamond Lake. Four people from the Bend chapter are planning to go and represent you. Eric Brown was nominated for wildlife mem-

Have you been thinking of attending an OHA meeting?

You should! There's always something new, information on hunting, hunting areas /habitats and the latest news on wildlife issues. We have guest speakers every month on subjects you will want to hear about!

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity and to get out and meet some really great people? Come to a meeting and see what's going on.

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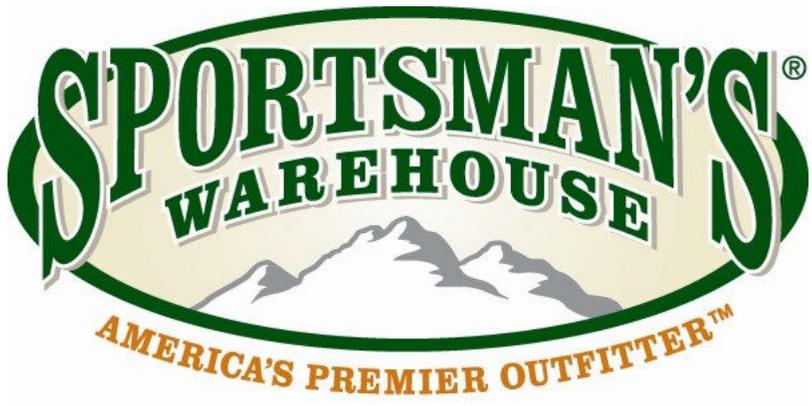
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CALENDAR

Aug 5—7th Chapter Summit

Aug 13th Pronghorn opens in many units.

Aug 27th General Deer and Elk archery season opens in many units.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR BIG GAME TAGS PRIOR TO THE START OF YOUR SEASON.