



OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2016

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

**Wednesday, September 28
THIS IS OUR COMBINED
SEPT/OCT MEETING to
minimize interference with
hunting season.**

Kelly D's 7:00 PM
1012 SE Cleveland, Bend

**Our guest speaker will be
Bryan Scott of Centerfire
Gunworks**

**Come at 6:00 to socialize,
have dinner and check out
our new meeting location.**

Current chapter member-ships are 423. Chapter president, **Bill Littlefield**, encouraged all members to invite someone to join or to just invite someone to participate in one of our many chapter activities. If you know some folks who are not members and you think OHA would be a good fit for them, ask them what their interests are, what speaker topics might get them to a meeting or just invite them to join you for dinner. Bill distributed some membership applications to make it easy for us to invite others to join us.

Our guest speaker for August was **Tim McLagan**, owner of McLagan's Taxidermy. Tim gave a great presentation about how to take good

care of your game animals so you can get a quality taxidermy mount. Tim provided an informative handout, as well as lots of do's and don'ts to make sure your animal arrives at the taxidermist in the best possible condition. A copy of Tim's handout is included in this newsletter.

At the very least, Tim recommended talking to your taxidermist before you go hunting and ask questions about the best way to care for your animal, especially if it's a tag you've been waiting a long time to draw. Bottom line is care for the cape/hide just as you would care for the meat you would eat.

THANKS TIM! We appreciate your time.

Our second guest speaker was **Suzanne Linford** of PAM (Protecting Animal Migration). Suzanne introduced herself and spoke about the objective of PAM. Educational and informational materials are being made available all over central Oregon to make people more aware of animal migration seasons and routes with the hope that fewer animals will get killed on roads. Suzanne is getting involved in training others to do presentations and she hopes to expand PAM's presence as opportunities arise. If you want more info, contact Nancy or Bill.

**Treasurer's Report -
John Bambe** reported that, as

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of 7/31/2016, we have \$75,511 in the chapter checking account and \$386 in the mitigation fund. Money in the mitigation fund, which was ODFW money left over after winter range gates were installed in the Broken Top area, will be spent soon.

Chapter president, **Bill Littlefield, Greg Petsch, Eric Brown and Nathan Orf** attended the OHA Chapter Summit at Diamond Lake. Greg was the winner of the fishing derby. Congratulations Greg!!!!

Bill pointed out that Fish and Wildlife Commissioner, **Holly Akenson**, was in attendance and she urged members to write personalized letters to the Commission when they feel it is appropriate. OHA is a powerful force and carries a lot of weight with the Commission. Keep in mind however, letters to the Commission need to be received AT LEAST two weeks prior to a Commission meeting to make sure they are included with the Commissioner's packets.

There was a lengthy discussion among OHA chapters about hiring more help to deal with land management issues, marketing, grant writing, access and other relevant issues. Examples where this additional help would be beneficial include potential sale of the Elliott State Forest and Teaters Road. If this additional help is pursued, more help from the chapters will be needed to pay for the positions, which would/could be two half time opportunities. Additional chapter help would be in the form of more revenue from the banquet being sent to State OHA to pay for the positions. Some good food for thought.

There were presentations by the OHA field staff, the OHA Chairman and President, and ODFW staff as well. The chapter summit is a good event to learn all that OHA is doing.

Bend Chapter Wins Big

The Bend Chapter found out at the Chapter Summit that it was the recipient of two of the most coveted awards presented by the Oregon Hunters Association. More information will be in a future newsletter, but CONGRATULATIONS to **Eric Brown**. Eric was the well deserving recipient of **Wildlife Member of the Year**, while the **Bend Chapter won Chapter of the Year**. Thank you to everyone who makes the Bend Chapter such a dynamic and productive chapter.



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Youth and Family Events UPDATES

The annual Youth Up-land Bird Hunt will take place on Saturday, November 19, 2016 near Powell Butte (the same location as last year). Registration will begin on Monday, October 3 at the ODFW office in Bend. REMEMBER - we need 15 lbs of elk burger for the chili. Please call Kevin Borst at (541) 480-7323 if you can spare some elk burger and/or if you are interested in helping with the event. We also want to remind everyone that any youth who want to participate in the event MUST have their Hunter Education card and MUST bring it with them to the event.

The chapter has purchased \$600 worth of salt blocks for ODFW, to be used at guzzlers. Thanks to **Fred Newton** for finding the lowest price in central Oregon.

Bill Littlefield and Eric Brown will follow up with the appropriate folks and agencies regarding the Bend Chapter helping to maintain the wildlife fencing along Highway 97. Stay tuned for more information. The game underpasses are working

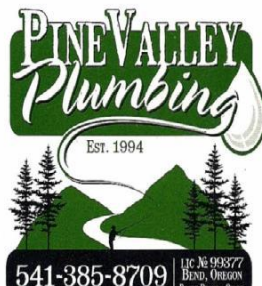
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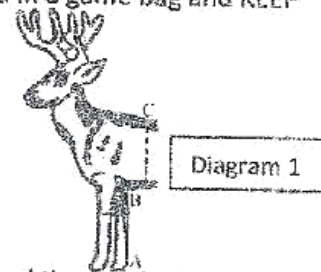
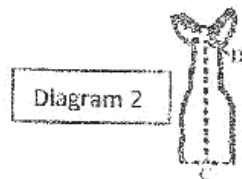
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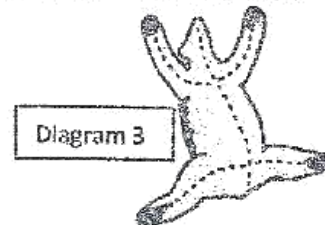
For Shoulder Mounts:

After taking an animal, make your cuts up the back of the front legs (dia. 1). Cut up the back of the front legs (A to B) then back to where your center cut (C) will be. Follow the hair pattern. Then cut all the way around the middle 8" to 10" behind the shoulder (C). Next, make a cut from the back of the skull (D) down the center of the neck to (C) your center cut (dia. 2). Finally, carefully remove the skin from the carcass all the way to the back of the skull (D). There is a joint here called the atlas where the skull meets the spine. Detach the skull from the rest of the carcass and be sure to remove all the neck. Fold the cape in half (skin to skin) and roll up to the back of the skull. Put the head in a game bag and KEEP COOL AND DRY. [Treat your head and cape like you are going to eat it.]



For Lifesize:

Lay the animal on its back and make all of your cuts first. Start with the legs and then make a center cut (dia. 3). Again, follow the hair patterns. Carefully remove the skin from the carcass. Try not to leave large pieces of meat or fat on the hide and keep the hide clean. Detach the skull from the carcass at the atlas joint (see above). You can leave the feet and skull in the hide. Fold the hide long ways in half (skin to skin) and roll the hide from tail to head. Put your hide in a game bag and KEEP COOL AND DRY.



For Bird Mounts:

You must be careful with the bird. Don't let the dog play with it and don't cram it into a pocket. Try to keep the bird dry. To protect the bird from damage, place it head first into a nylon sock. Don't tie the tail end in a knot. Let the tail stick out if the sock isn't long enough. Freeze the bird ASAP or bring it in immediately. If the bird is fresh, your taxidermist can inspect the bird and give you suggestions about positioning. If you bring in a frozen bird in unmountable condition, you may not find out it can't be mounted until your taxidermist thaws it months later. Early season birds don't usually make good mounts due to pin feathers and poor plumage color. If feathers are missing or broken on the wing or tail, they might not make a good flying mount but will look fine standing. Do not gut the bird. Broken wing bones and bloody birds are no problem. As always, KEEP COOL AND DRY. [Treat the bird like you treat your meat.]



DRY CORNER GUZZLER PROJECT

by Eric Brown, Chapter Volunteer Coordinator

On June 7, 2016 Fred Newton and I drove to the Ochoco in preparation for our annual multi-chapter OHA project. During that time, we went to Dry Corner to see if there was damage to the guzzler site.

There was not enough time to gather materials for a rebuild during the chapter campout and we felt that it would be a 2017 project. Shortly after the multi-chapter campout, Fred and I discussed the possibility of getting materials to the site and attempting a rebuild this year so that the site would be up and running in 2017.

On July 27, Fred Newton, Greg Petsch and I returned to Dry Corner guzzler to determine if the tank was damaged. At that time, we removed the old sheeting, from what was the apron, and put together a needed materials list.

Fred Newton shopped around and picked up the needed 2 x 6 lumber and delivered it to Prineville and saw to it that materials would be delivered to the site.

We moved the apron from the old site, putting it partially over the water tank. A hole was drilled in the top of the water tank and a downspout now goes into the top of the tank. We also protected the tank and apron with 2 x 6 lumber and wire, which will hopefully deter any large animals from walking on either item.

We had eight volunteers for this project, which took place on August 9. Everybody drove over on August 8, except for Erik Mighells, who was camping in the area and doing some scouting in preparation for the upcoming hunting season. The old apron was removed from the site and placed in the recycle dumpster at Rager Ranger Station. Guzzler #6 was visited by Fred Newton and Jim Mateski, this time with a level to set the apron at the proper angle. Fred Newton was certain there was a tree that needed to be cut off the fence at guzzler #8 so Greg Petsch, Rich Stutheit and I drove to the site. No tree was found that needed to be removed however, Rich did need a new tire after destroying one on the pine punji stick he drove over.

When Fred and I decided we wanted to try and re-build the site this year, we were not very optimistic that it would happen. Happy to say that when the request was put out, we quickly received enough response from OHA members that a mid-week date could be set. The project went well, members had a good time and there was a lot of satisfaction in getting something done that was positive. All totaled, 162 volunteer hours were spent on this project.



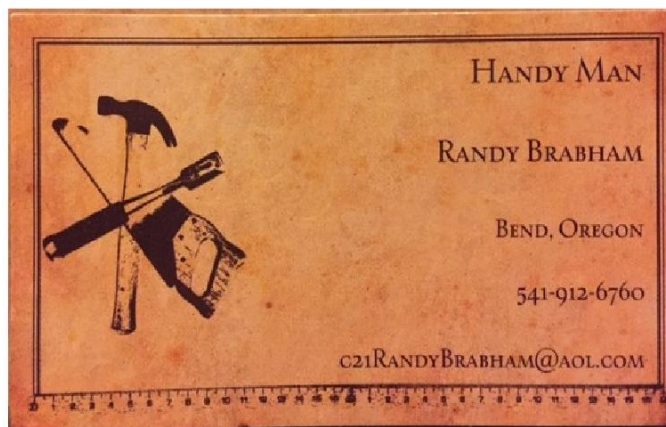
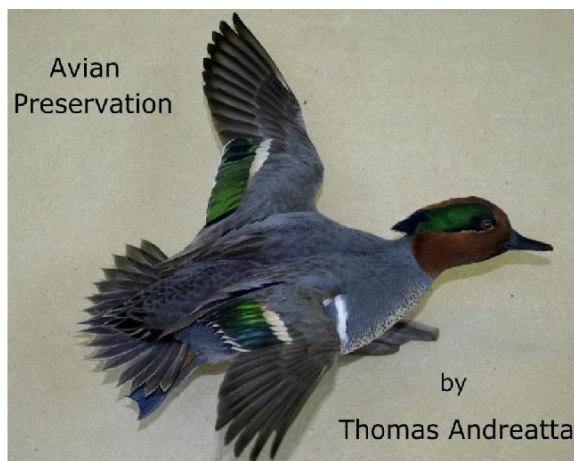
To Left:
Condition of Dry
Corner guzzler
when it was origi-
nally checked on
June 7.

To Right:
Volunteers hard at
work rebuilding the
Dry Corner guzzler.





Dry Corner guzzler crew: L to R standing: Greg Petsch, Dick Masters, Randy Brabham, Erik Mighells (Tualatin Valley Chapter), Rich Stutheit (Capitol Chapter) & Fred Newton. Kneeling L to R: Eric Brown & Jim Mateski.





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PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

A guzzler maintenance project will be held on September 16-17, in partnership with the Lakeview Chapter. They are looking for some help so if you're interested, let Eric Brown know ASAP. Eric can be reached at (541) 330-0140 or ebrown@bendcable.com

AND THE
WINNER is...

The winner of the June monthly door prize was

Doug Stout

Doug received a \$25.00 gift card for
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Want to win? Come to the meeting!!

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE

Jim Fancher from Bend, Oregon
was drawn from the membership to
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MAP INFO ~

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At the chapter meeting, there was some information shared about maps and map apps (say that five times fast) and have better maps in the field. Some suggestions were an application called Avenza that will allow you to put maps on your Smartphone and then use your phone's built-in GPS to make it an effective mapping GPS for the backcountry. Eric Brown provided some additional info below.

http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5340950.pdf

Someone else mentioned that Nat Geo (short for National Geographic) just came out with a new version of their topo map application this last week. It's really good if you are printing maps from your computer and it's FREE.

Another good resource is onXmaps. They have hunting maps you can upload to your Garmin GPS. Their web site is: www.onXmaps.com

One more is www.caltopo.com. It's also free and is a good mapping option. A few of our members highly recommend it.

Make sure you are prepared before you go into the field. ALWAYS carry a map and compass because batteries can go dead or your GPS could fail for some reason.

Don't trust electronics 100%!!

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***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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CALENDAR

**Aug 27th General deer and elk archery
season opens in many units.**

Sept 10-18 Sage grouse season open

Sept 28* Bend Chapter meeting

Nov 2* Bend Chapter meeting

Nov 19 Youth Upland Bird Hunt

**DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR
TAGS PRIOR TO THE START OF YOUR
SEASON TO AVOID ADDITIONAL FEES.**

***meeting dates have been changed to
minimize interference with hunting
seasons**