



OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016

Kelly D's 7:00 PM

1012 SE Cleveland, Bend
Come at 6:00 to socialize, have dinner and check out our new meeting location.

Our speaker for November will be **David White** with 4-H

Our speaker for the September meeting was Leo Parsons, a meat cutter and processor. A video was shown and Leo explained what was being done and offered different suggestions for field dressing and explained that there were a few very important procedures that should be identified to ensure the proper care of your animal harvest. Keeping the meat clean and cooling it down as quickly as possible was stressed. Don't be afraid to use cool water, it won't affect the meat. Tips on preserving and harvesting as much meat as possible included the "aging" or hanging of meat, which he explained was not necessary for wild game. "Reskinning" the meat wastes precious meat when too much time has passed.

*Shoot it / Bleed it
Process it / Take it in !*



We heard from **Greg Love**, Oregon State Police, in regards to the current big problems with poaching. Greg strongly urges everyone to keep a look out for suspicious activities and to call the 800 number on the back of our hunting licenses to report it. Report violations including persons entering restricted areas or road closures, night activity that seems unlawful or suspicious and all potential poaching behaviors. Making that phone call saves the reporter from filing paperwork and allows law enforcement officers to respond quickly. Cell phone pictures are great too!

Get involved! Stop Poaching!



Bill started to suspect that Larry was not the experienced hunter he claimed to be.

Highway 97 Deer Fence Maintenance

The Bend Chapter is discussing the possibility of taking over the maintenance of the deer fence along Hwy 97 from Lava Butte to Sunriver. Currently, **Nancy Breuner**, ODFW, patrols the fence line on a quad four times a year and after major storms. She takes care of minor problems and reports any large maintenance needs to the USFS, who then come out and repair the damaged fence. There is a three-way partnership between ODFW, USFS and ODOT who purchase fence materials for repair. In August **Eric Brown** did the maintenance with Nancy which covered nine miles and took three hours. If OHA takes over this project, it will be done with the use of side-by-sides and/or quads. Small branches pushing into the fence can be cut out with loppers while some leaning trees were removed with an axe and after major storms a chainsaw will likely be the needed item. According to **Susanne Linford**, High Desert Museum Interpreter, "the wildlife

crossing at Lava Lands is the only wildlife crossing in Oregon, and it represents the best hope for mule deer survival and the continued presence of many other species. It has reduced animal vehicle collisions by 94%, and the associated costs of \$1200-\$6100 per animal. By reducing the costs of collisions, wildlife crossings pay for themselves in a few years." If you have an interest in participating in this project if we move forward with it contact Eric Brown @ Ebrown@bendcable.com

The Presidents Report

The Bend Chapter currently has 418 members, down from 423, as of the last meeting. Our chapter president, **Bill Littlefield**, would like to encourage all members to invite someone to join or just invite them to participate in one of our many chapter activities. If you know people that love to hunt and be outdoors and think they would be an asset to our chapter, ask them if they would like to join you for dinner, attend a meeting, hear a speaker and find out what the Bend chapter is all about.

Treasurers Report

As of September 1, 2016 The Bend Chapter OHA has a balance of \$72,618.00 in the checking account and \$386.00 in the mitigation fund. The remainder of money in the mitigation fund, which was ODFW money left over after winter range gates were installed in

The September monthly door prize

Winner was **Rex Parks**

Rex received a \$25.00 gift card for Sportsman's Warehouse

Want to win? Come to the meeting!!

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE

Danielle Baughman and Family of La Pine

were drawn from the membership to receive \$350.00!

The Baughman family was not at the meeting. Do you know them?

Let them know what they missed out on!

Sorry you weren't here Danielle!



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CHECK THIS OUT!

This photo comes to us from Thomas Goodall, who was kind enough to share his hunting experience. Thomas set out on a hunting trip in western Alaska this year with his brother, a resident of Alaska, hunting by boat for a spot and stalk opportunity.

The antler spread is 50 inches! What a huge animal!

“Every piece of moose was harvested. The village shared in the moose, including the bones for soup. Nothing goes to waste.”

Thank you Thomas for sharing this wonderful photo.

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MAP INFO ~ JUST IN TIME FOR HUNTING SEASON

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](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 on Xmaps. 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%!!

Be safe and good luck during hunting season.

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You are invited to a lunch & learn!



There is a new Volunteer Enrichment opportunity for **October!**

There will be a **Lunch & Learn** on Tuesday, October 18th from 12:00 - 1:30 in the Aspen/Ponderosa Room at the Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District Office at 63095 Deschutes Market Road.

Please join us to hear Susanne Linford, High Desert Museum Interpreter, who will be speaking about the Lava Lands Area Wildlife Crossing and the importance of it helping mule deer and other species' survival.

Here is an overview of her talk:

Telling An Urgent Story

The wildlife crossings at Lava Lands is the only wildlife crossing in Oregon and it represents the best hope for mule deer survival and the continued presence of many other species. It has reduced animal vehicle collisions by 94%. For thousands of years, the corridor bisected by Highway 97, has been a migratory route for mule deer. Twice a year they migrate between the summer ranges in the forests of the Cascades and the winter ranges in the lower elevations near Fort Rock, but with development and traffic on Highway 97 reaching 20,000 cars per day, their migration routes are being broken, leaving them stranded in our yards where they will not survive. Other species use this crossing as well, and are connected to the biodiversity in this ecosystem. If mule deer go, then a whole food web will go down, affecting many other forms of life: animal, plant and human. With mule deer in decline for over 20 years and now reaching less than 50% of their sustainability, telling their story at the only crossing that can help them migrate, will hopefully save some lives and touch some hearts.

Suzanne Linford is an interpreter at the High Desert Museum in wildlife and social history.

She is also an advocate for protecting animal migration. Please RSVP to Stacey Cochran, at 541-383-5530 or stacey.cochran@discovernw.org, if you plan to attend.



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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.
Come get involved!***

Questions? Feel free to give a member a call. You'll find their numbers on the back page.
See you soon!




Good luck hunting everyone!



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CALENDAR

Oct 18	Lunch and Learn (see info on page 6)
Nov 2*	Bend Chapter meeting
Nov 19	Youth Upland Bird Hunt
Dec 14	Bend Chapter Meeting

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

***Meeting date has been changed to
minimize interference with hunting
season.**