OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION
BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
February 2017

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, March 8, Kelly D’s 7:00 PM
1012 SE Cleveland, Bend

Come at 6:00 to socialize and have dinner—bring a friend!

In 1982, Jim and Holly Akenson moved to a log cabin in the backcountry of Idaho seeking adventure and challenge. They managed Taylor Ranch, the University of Idaho’s wilderness research station for the next 21 years.

Jim describes their encounters with wildlife and nature: “tracking wolves and cougars, using mules for transportation and ranch work, and introducing university students to life in the rugged Salmon River Mountains of Central Idaho.”

Please come welcome Jim and hear all about his adventures in March!

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Our March guest speaker will be Jim Akenson, author of “7003 days: 21 Years in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.”

Presidents Report

The Bend chapter currently has 420 members, up from 416. Bill Littlefield, president, would like to encourage all members to invite someone to join, or just invite them to participate in one of our many chapter activities. Come to a meeting, have dinner, meet new people and hear what OHA is all about!

It was announced at the February OHA chapter meeting that the Bend Chapter donated $200.00 to the Bend Family Kitchen to help feed the hungry. Thank you for all donations!
Our February guest speaker was Cidney Bowman, wildlife biologist, from ODOT. Cidney’s presentation highlighted the reduction of animal/vehicle collisions along Highway 97 with animal crossings. Cidney spoke of the current planning of these projects and the funds needed by ODOT and the USFS to construct such crossings. Organizations are urged to consider donating to this cause, as it would save both human and animal lives. The Bend Chapter OHA is also currently working with ODOT and USFS on a project to assist with maintenance of fencing along Hwy 97. You can see a project map at http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION4/pages/STIP.aspx Comments are encouraged.

Also attending the February chapter meeting was PAM (Protect Animal Migration) Coordinator, Suzanne Linford. You may contact Suzanne if you’d like to sign a petition supporting wildlife crossings at linfordsuzanne@gmail.com. Also contact Suzanne if you are interested in helping out. “Mule deer and other wildlife are forced to cross highways and roads to connect habitat patches. Connectivity is urgent as their habitats shrink and fragment. Mule deer are at least less than 50% of their sustainability. Other wildlife species are also affected. Hwy 97 is vital to their movement between summer and winter range. Without additional wildlife crossings, Hwy 97 will continue to be a barrier for wildlife. Wildlife crossings are cost effective, paying for themselves by reducing human and animal casualties as much as 90%, saving lives and contributing to a healthy environment. It is certainly economical to include them as part of a transportation project.”
The Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association is announcing the

25th Mule Deer Classic.

The banquet/fundraiser will be held at

The Riverhouse Convention Center
March 11, 2017.

The banquet is SOLD OUT, but if you want to be placed on a waiting list or if you registered to attend and you can’t make it, please contact:

Greg Petsch at gpetsch@earthlink.net or (541) 330 - 6218.
Join us Saturday, March 11th at The Riverhouse Convention Center for the 25th annual Bend chapter Oregon Hunters Association’s Mule Deer Classic Banquet and Fundraiser. Come at 4:00 for the social hour, where you can enjoy games, enter raffles, preview the live auction, bid on silent auction items, and swap hunting stories with fellow hunters. Enjoy the buffet dinner, enter raffles for 30 firearms and other prizes, hunting and camping gear, trips, artwork, golf, and more.
NEW RAFFLE

Centerfire Gunworks Custom Rifle Build

Buy a ticket for a chance to work with Bryan Scott from Centerfire Gunworks to build your dream rifle. The winner gets to choose the caliber and type of rifle; hunting, varmint, target, long range, etc. The rifle will have a Hart, Bartlein or Brux custom barrel built for your application (fluted barrel extra), McMillan stock, Stiller action, Timney trigger, SMR muzzle brake, a 4 x 16 x 42 Huskamaw Blue Diamond scope (range compensating turrets available for additional $50) with Talley rings and ceramic coating by Commercial Ceramic Coatings, in winner’s choice of color.

Changes or upgrades could have additional charges, to be paid by winner.

Rifle value $4999. Tickets $50 each with a 250 maximum.

Winner will be drawn during the Bend OHA Mule Deer Classic Banquet, March 11, 2017 at The Riverhouse Convention Center. Get your tickets from a MDC banquet committee person or call Greg Petsch 541-330-6218 or buy them at the banquet.

The Riverhouse

Mule Deer Classic (MDC) banquet attendees are being offered special room rates the night of the event. You can obtain a standard room for only $109.00 and a river view room for $119.00.
Do you have a picture you’d like to share? If so, send a photo! Tell us where and when you took it, and if there is a fun story to go along with it.

Email it to Wendy at dixichick1@icloud.com

You could see it here!

Picture submitted by Kevin Borst and his faithful companion, with a nice snow goose taken at Summer Lake
**Annual Membership Raffle**

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Every December the Bend Chapter of OHA has an annual drawing from the entire membership for $350.00. The person whose name is drawn must be present to win. We keep drawing till we get a winner!

Kevin Borst’s name was drawn and he was present at the meeting!

**Congratulations Kevin!**

Hope you bought some great hunting gear!

It pays to attend the meetings!

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*The monthly door prize*

February’s door prize winner was Steve James, of La Pine

Steve won a $25.00 gift certificate to Sportsmen’s Warehouse!

You can win— come to the meetings!
Bend Chapter OHA
Charles Beckley Scholarship Introduction 2017

The Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) has established a scholarship for higher education honoring lifetime member, Charles Beckley, who passed away in 2004. Mr. Beckley was a dedicated OHA member and was among the first hunter education instructors in the state of Oregon. This scholarship furthers OHA’s goal of helping to educate future hunters and outdoor enthusiasts.

Bend OHA is looking forward to handing out multiple scholarships this year ranging from $250 to $1000. The number of scholarships awarded and the amount of each is largely dependent on the amount of money available in the Charles Beckley Scholarship fund and the number of qualified applicants. Funds for these scholarships have been raised from the Charles Beckley raffle at the annual OHA Mule Deer Classic Banquet.

RULES:

Eligible applicants must be new or returning college students enrolled in any accredited trade school, technical school, community college or university.

The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school at which the student is enrolled and will be credited to their account.

The scholarship award is a one-time gift and must be able to be used in the year it is awarded. Any unused funds will be returned to the scholarship fund by the school to be used for future awards.

Applicants must complete the scholarship application form and include an essay explaining why you should be selected. Include any past experiences that demonstrate how your values and experiences align with the OHA mission statement. You may include other materials such as letters of recommendation, photos of you engaged in outdoor activities or community service, past awards, or examples of leadership. Applications must be postmarked by April 25, 2017.

A recipient may apply for the scholarship again in subsequent years; however, winners will be selected from all eligible applicants each year and past success does not guarantee future success. The applicant must be a Bend OHA chapter member or child of a member.

If awarded a scholarship, the recipient will provide the Bend Chapter of OHA with the college scholarship contact information. The chapter will contact the school and arrange for funds to be provided directly to the school.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applicants will be judged on their application, eligibility requirements, volunteer work, essay and other materials provided. Applications will be reviewed by the Bend OHA Scholarship Committee with recommendations to the Bend Chapter board of directors.

For information on becoming a member of the Bend Chapter of OHA please visit our chapter website at: www.ohabend.webs.com. A copy of the scholarship application can be downloaded there.
2017 Bend Chapter OHA Scholarship Judging Criteria

Below is the criteria by which each applicant’s information will be evaluated. Consider the following points when answering application questions or writing your essay.

- Verification of Bend OHA membership or family membership
- Major course of study: Classes directed toward fish & wildlife, wildlife biology, or wildlife habitat may rate higher
- Involvement in OHA or other habitat projects
- Extracurricular participation
- Leadership skills
- Community activities
- Awards
- Work experience
- School transcripts
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay: Content, structure, and grammar
- Hunting or Fishing license and the last year it was validated
- Photos of you engaged in outdoor activities or community service
- An example of a goal you set for yourself and how you accomplished it
2017 APPLICATION

CHARLES BECKLEY SCHOLARSHIP

BEND CHAPTER – Oregon Hunters Association

Submit to: Bend OHA, P.O. Box 6618, Bend, Oregon 97708
Attn: Scholarship Committee

Name ___________________________ Age _________

Address __________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _________ Zip Code _____________

Phone _______________ Cell _______________ Email _______________________

OHA Membership Number ___________ Or Parent’s OHA Number ___________

College or University to attend ___________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________

School Phone # _______________ Contact _______________________________

Are you currently enrolled in school? __________. If not, when will you enroll? ___________

What is your planned field of study? ___________________________________________

Please describe any volunteer wildlife or habitat projects in which you participated:

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Please attach the following:

Transcripts: Official school transcripts

Letters of Reference: Three current letters of reference from teachers, counselors, community leaders, or management personnel. (Do Not Include Relatives)

Essay: Write a one page essay explaining why you will be a good investment if awarded this scholarship. Include any experiences which demonstrate your dedication to wildlife conservation. Also please include your ideas on the future of wildlife conservation, hunting, and shooting.

**NOTE: Please feel free to attach a resume and additional sheets of information to your application.**
Monthly Membership Raffle

The monthly membership name drawn was Greg Gemignani of Bend

Unfortunately, Greg was not present to win. Got to be there!

Come and have some fun!
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CALENDAR

March 8  Chapter meeting  
Guest Speaker - Jim Akenson

March 11  Mule Deer Classic (MDC) at The Riverhouse

April 15  Furtaker reporting deadline

April 22  Fishing opener - check regulations for exceptions and specific rules

May 13  OHA State Convention

See you at the Mule Deer Classic!