

OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

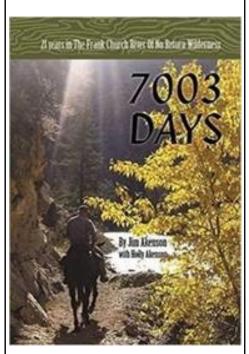
February 2017

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!



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



In1982, **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!

Presidents Report

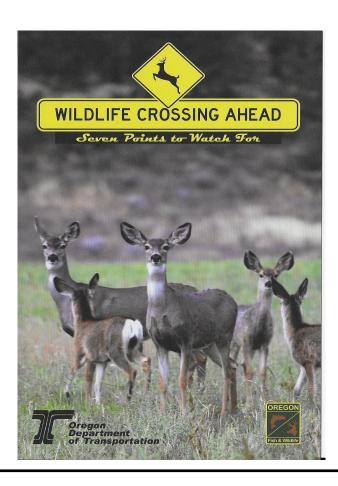
The Bend chapter currently has 420 members, up from 416.

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!



When driving in wildlife areas, you should:

- Watch for the rest of the gang. Deer are pack animals, and rarely travel alone. If a deer crosses in front of you, chances are there are more nearby. Slow down and keep an eye out for more deer darting across the road.
- Slow down and stay alert. Timing is everything. Deer are most active at dusk and dawn: periods when your vision is most compromised. To add to their terrible timing, deer are on the move during mating season (between October and January) when you're more likely to travel after the sun sets. Be watchful for deer, especially after dark.
- Wear your seat belt. It may not prevent a collision, but if the inevitable happens a seat belt can reduce injuries. This is especially true if you lose control and collide with something bigger, and more stationary than a deer.
- Take a moment to reflect. First, look for the road signs. The yellow diamonds with the deer on it are placed in high-traffic areas for deer. You may also spot a deer because their eyes will brightly reflect a car's headlights, making them easier to spot.
- Stay the course. If you see a deer, brake firmly and calmly, and stay in your lane. Swerving could make you lose control of your vehicle and turn a bad situation much worse. Not to mention, deer are unpredictable, and you could swerve directly into their changed path.
- Honk! Some experts recommend that one long blast of the horn will scare deer out of the road. Do not rely on hood whistles or other devices designed to scare off deer—studies have shown them to be largely ineffective at minimizing accidents.
- **7** Contact the authorities. You may be legally required to report a collision with significant vehicle damage.



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 saves 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 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."



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.













Bend Chapter

MULE DEER CLASSIC BANQUET

MARCH 11TH, 2017
The Riverhouse Convention Center Bend, OR



Doors Open at 4:00 PM

Dinner served at 5:30 PM

Live Auction starts at 7:30 PM

 25^{th} March 11th The Riverhouse Convention Join Saturday, at Center for the annual Bend chapter Oregon Hunters Association's Mule Deer Classic Banquet and Fundraiser. Come 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 Enjoy the buffet dinner, enter raffles for 30 firearms and other fellow hunters. 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 :

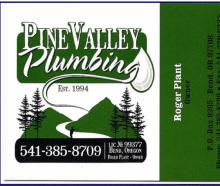
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541-330-6218 or buy them at the banquet.





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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

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!



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

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You can win-come to the meetings!



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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 in 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 as 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 CRITIERIA: 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	o Number	Or Parent	's OHA Number	
College or Univer	sity to attend			
Address		·····		
School Phone # _	C	ontact		
Are you currently	y enrolled in school?	, If not, when	will you enroll?	
What is your plar	nned field of study? _			-
Please describe a	any volunteer wildlife	e or habitat projects ir	n which you participated:	
Please attach the fe	ollowing:			
Transcripts: Officia	al school transcripts			
Letters of Reference personnel. (Do Not l		of reference from teachers	, counselors, community leaders, or ma	nagement
periences which der			tment if awarded this scholarship. Inclu Also please include your ideas on the fi	

**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 reg-

ulations for exceptions and

specific rules

May 13 OHA State Convention

See you at the Mule Deer Classic!