OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
July 2017

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday August 9, 2017
Kelly D’s 7:00 PM
1012 SE Cleveland, Bend
Come at 6:00 to socialize and have dinner- bring a friend!

Our August speakers will be Randy and Candy Yow. Randy will tell us all about his hunting trip in Africa and Candy will give us an update of how her Women’s hunting camp went this year. Please come join us!

Our September Speaker will be Eric Brown. Eric will be talking about electronic maps and how to use them. Got to know- Just in time for hunting!

Our first July speaker was Ken Hand, Senior Reginal Director for the Mule Deer Foundation. Ken explained what the Mule Foundation is and what they hope to accomplish in the future. The foundation’s mission is to ensure the conservation of Mule Deer and Black Tail Deer, to support ethical hunting and educate the future of our hunting heritage. MDF has five active chapters in Oregon with approximately 700 members. Ken is hoping to organize a chapter in the Eugene/Springfield area and the Pendleton area is looking for volunteers. There is a local chapter in La Pine Oregon. From 2014-2016 the Mule Deer Foundation has contributed over $103,000 towards Oregon Conservation Projects. Contact your local chapter for information or contact Ken Hand directly: 541-281-2224.

Volunteer

“Tomorrows animal habitat and tomorrows hunting experience.”

Our second speaker was Cory Heath from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Cory brought a great deal of information to us in regards to the April 21 Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting. Upland Game Bird and Waterfowl seasons were adopted. Setting bird seasons in April will allow the department to publish the 2017-2018 Game Bird Regulations by early July. There will be a commission meeting September 14-15 in Welches Oregon that you are urged to attend if you can or comment of the website. http://odfw.com

There is an updated DRAFT on the Oregon Turkey Management Plan available for public comment on the website, Furbearer Trapping and Hunting regulations are set for two years periods and were last adopted at the June 9, 2016 meeting. They will not be opened in 2017. The ODFW has initiated a project to simplify the hunting regulations. This will happen in three phases. There are regulation changes you may see in the 2018 Big Game Regulations, you should check out. Legislative changes / House bills will be updated. Since January 2016, eight meetings were held, five with Eastern Oregon stakeholders, followed by three meetings with Western Oregon stakeholders. Landowners and hunters complained about elk damage, management of elk damage and lack of hunter opportunity on private lands. Meetings were to discuss the issue and identify ideas that could help reduce concerns. Several ideas were generated at these meetings. Note, there was not necessarily a consensus on some subjects. However, at least some stakeholders supported each concept and there was enough discussion that the group felt these ideas should be presented for public review and comment.

Cory discussed tags numbers and animal numbers and offered handouts on studies collected on Cougar, Bighorn Sheep, Rocky Mountain Goat, Pronghorn Antelope, Deer, and Elk. Very fascinating information. This last winter took its toll on many animals. It affected the number of animal fatalities and tags issued. It was suggested that Cory Heath visit the Bend chapter of OHA every July to offer the current information to hunters.

You’ve got to be there!
Monthly Door Prize

The monthly door prize winner was Rex Parks. Rex received a nice Knife from Ken Hand, with the Mule Deer Foundation. Come to the meeting and win!

Presidents Report

The Bend chapter currently has 442 members. Be sure to pay your annual dues and keep your membership current! Bill Littlefield would like to encourage all members to come to the meetings and our many chapter activities. Come and benefit from all that OHA is doing to help preserve and improve hunting in Oregon!
Bend, Capital, Ochoco and Tualatin Valley Chapter members began showing up at the Sugarcreek Campground during the week of June 18 with our primary work day being June 24 which would be re-building the wire fence around Frazier Campground. The fence was down in many places due to the fire two years ago. Members worked various projects during the week. The 2012 buck and pole project got some attention this year where a couple of poles had broken.

*Rod Adams (Bend), Wayne Lofton, Lyle Rilling and Bob Garland working,
*Bend members Eric Brown and Craig Boatman work on removing burnt and fallen trees on the Frazier fence line.
*Tom and Josh Newton putting in a new T post at the Frazier fence line. Eric Mighells,

Derr Meadow: Out biggest disappointment this year was finding the Derr Meadow fence to be in an absolute disaster. The fence is down in numerous places with wire broken everywhere. Members started working on the fence but soon realized that attempting to repair the damage was to enormous and most likely with another heavy winter we would see the same results. Discussion needs to occur soon to determine if OHA wants to take on another project at Derr Meadow with the possibility of a Buck and Pole fence line being put in the open areas.

Volunteers present at the 2017 Ochoco project: 386 hours total

**Bend Chapter:**
Roger Points, Greg Petsch, Fred Newton, Craig Boatman, Tom Newton, Josh Newton, Rex Parks, Rod Adams, Dick Masters, Eric Brown, Jim Mooers & Randy Brabham.

**Capital Chapter:**
Larry Larson, Laurie Conly, Chris Conly, Kathy Kinkel, Rich Stutheit & Gwen Stutheit.

**Ochoco Chapter:**
Wayne Lofton, Lyle Rilling & Bob Garland

**Tualatin Valley Chapter:**
Erik Mighells

And many thanks to Paul and Renee Smith who jumped in to help on this project and prepare the Sunday breakfast which was above and beyond what anybody expected. Renee set the bar high on this one!
Volunteer projects are always on the calendar for the OHA Bend chapter. Stay tuned for the next volunteer opportunity!

For volunteer opportunities contact Eric Brown at 541-330-0140

Three Rivers Hosting Archery 3-D shoot Fundraiser

Three Rivers Archery Club will be hosting a 3D Shoot on July 29, 2017 as a fund raiser for the club. It will be held just north of La Pine on private property, on a 1 mile long 25 target course. They are asking for a $25 donation to shoot the course, included will be BBQ Hamburger / hotdogs and soft drinks. They will have several good raffle items such as a guided fishing trip to Lake in the Dunes, a two night stay at a vacation rental in Sunriver, a voucher for a shoulder mount deer from Jim’s Taxidermy and more to come. Three rivers is hoping to raise enough money to purchase a Spartan game camera for OSP and one for the winner of a raffle. Please join Three Rivers Archery Club and have some fun!

Registration 7:30 to 8:30  Shooters meeting 9:00 am  Starts 9:30am

Directions: From Bend: South on Hwy 97 about 22.5mi. From La pine: North on Hwy 97 about 7 mi.

-Turn WEST onto La Pine State Rec Rd. At about 4 miles, turn left/South onto 5th Street. Follow hard RIGHT (Amber Ln) and hard left (Day Rd) follow about 1 mile. Just after S curve, turn Left /East onto Dawn Rd. Follow back about .7 miles to end of pavement. Make a hard RIGHT through marked gate onto the Dusty Trail. Follow signs to parking/ event.  

No Smoking, No Alcohol, No Pets

Pre-register on the website:
3riversarchers.com
Treasurer’s Report

John Bambe was pleased to report that the current balance of the chapter checking account is $96,285.19 as of July 1, 2017.

Monthly Membership Raffle

The raffle winner this month was drawn at the July meeting from the attendees. We will find out who won $350.00 worth of hunting and sports equipment at our August meeting.

You have to be present to win! Do you want to win?

Come next month! You’ll have a good time, meet old/new friends and hear what’s going on!

* Last Season, (left)

**Dennis Hungerford** got this 5x6 after a long hike, almost back to the pickup. Dennis and his friend Dan limped along talking and not paying attention when this elk ran right in front of them at about 60 ft. They were hunting in the Silvies Unit.

All hikes should be this fruitful!

**Michael Hungerford** (right), one winner of the Charles Beckley scholarship came to our July meeting to thank the Bend Chapter for selecting him. Michael will be going to COCC and majoring in Fish Biology. Michael, 18, presently works for the Youth Conservation Corps. Several other recipients of the Charles Barkley Scholarship have come to the chapter meetings to thank us for their scholarships. Its always nice to receive thanks and to hear how they are doing. Scholarships toward education for wildlife, habitat and tomorrow’s future hunters is one of the Bend Chapters’ greatest contributions. Thank you Michael for visiting. We encourage all our young hunters to attend meetings and participate in OHA’s projects. We look forward to hearing from you about how this scholarship adds to your education!
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Our Website: www.ohabend.webs.com

CALENDAR

8/1 General Black Bear
8/3 Antelope Bow
8/9 Bend Chapter Meeting
8/12 Antelope Rifle
8/26 Deer/Elk Bow hunting
9/13 Bend Chapter Meeting
9/30 Eastern Deer season opens

*No License or tag required for Sage Rats!

*No October Meeting - Happy hunting!

11/08 Bend Chapter Meeting

Don’t forget to complete your harvest reporting to avoid penalty fees.