

OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

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

Our **December** meeting was the first meeting with the change in day of week which is the first Thursday of each month. The parking lot was not as packed and on this night there is no Karaoke. We believe those in attendance appreciated being able to clearly hear our speakers. If you were one that stopped coming because of the Karaoke noise, we would encourage you to come back and see for yourself the positive change.



December's speaker was **Tory Kurtz** with the Ochoco National Forest, discussing the forest's "Wild Horse Plan".

"We need the tonic of wildness" stated Richard Nixon as he signed the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act into law allowing the Secretaries of the Dept. of Interior and Agriculture to manage unbranded and unclaimed horses on public lands as wild horses. Following suit, in 1975, with the authorities vested in the Act, the Ochoco National Forest got congressional designation of 27,300 acres for the Big Summit Territory to manage

for wild horses as well as many other multiple uses in that area. An Environmental Assessment was completed in 1975 and following the guidance of the Act, in a thriving natural ecological balance, the 27,300 acre Territory was determined to be able to hold 55-65 horses as an Appropriate Management Level (AML). When the horse herd was above 65, excess horses would be captured and removed from the Ochoco National Forest. For many years, the staff of the Ochoco National Forest managed this Territory in a sustainable way by periodically counting horses and capturing, removing and adopting excess horses above the 55-65 AML. Until 2011.

In 2011, the staff of the Ochoco National Forest captured and removed 12 horses and was challenged by the public because of the date of the 1975 Environmental Assessment and that the environmental conditions were different in 1975 than in 2011 and that the effects of actions on those conditions were no longer valid. The Forest Service determined that a new Environmental Assessment needed to be completed to update the herd management plan. So, the Ochoco National Forest has begun

a new project with an Environmental Impact Statement to update the herd management plan, to validate the Appropriate Management Level (AML) and provide new tools to manage the wild horses in the Big Summit Territory. This is a challenging topic to discuss with the public and some tough decision lay ahead. I was very appreciative of the opportunity to talk about the new project to update the herd management plan to the Bend Chapter of OHA.

I was pleased with the interest and great questions asked. I encourage anyone interested in their public lands and this topic to engage in the project and provide



Holiday Donations

Once again attendees of the OHA Bend chapter decided to donate all monies collected from the raffles in November and December to **The**

Family Kitchen
in Bend.

\$281.00 was collected



DECEMBER Membership Raffle

The name drawn this month for \$350.00 of sporting merchandise was **Larry Kribs** of Bend.

Larry was not present!
Sorry Larry, Yes, you have to be

January speaker

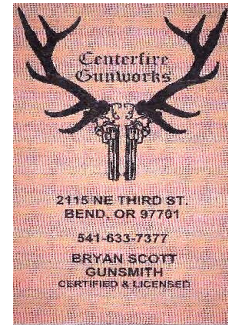
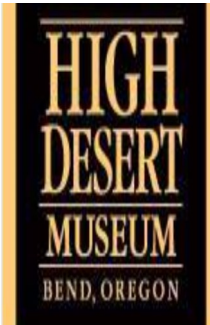
Our first speaker in 2018, will be



David White Ph.D. From
State 4H Development.

His topic will be the program that includes teaching cognition skills of the young marksman, connecting kids and shooting





Mule Deer Classic 2018

Join us for Oregon Hunters Associations 26th annual **Mule Deer Classic** banquet/ fundraiser
March 24th, 2018 at the Bend Riverhouse and Convention Center.

This is the main fundraiser for the year and it enables us to fund chapter habitat projects, scholarships, youth programs and more.

You can help make it a success with a donation or by volunteering at the banquet.

Planning meetings are underway and scheduled to be held at **Round Table Pizza**, Bend on
January 9th and 23rd, February 6th, 20th and 27th and March 6th,
6:00 pm with pizza and soft drinks provided.

If you have been looking to get involved in chapter activities, this is a fun and meaningful way to contribute.

Please bring donations to the meetings so Eric Brown can get them entered into the database, or give them to a
banquet committee member.

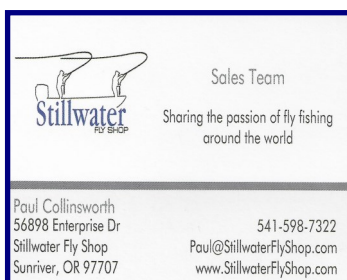
If you have any questions about the banquet, please contact **Greg Petsch** at

g.petsch728@gmail.com

Or call **541-330-6218**

Treasurer's Report

John Bambi was pleased to report that the current
balance of the OHA Bend chapter checking account was \$78,067.00
as of December 1, 2017.





Bend Chapter

MULE DEER CLASSIC BANQUET

MARCH 24TH, 2018

At 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

Join us Saturday, March 24th at The Riverhouse Convention Center for the 26th annual Bend chapter Oregon Hunters Associations 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.

Reserve your dinner and raffle ticket packages on the enclosed order form.

2018 OHA Mule Deer Classic Banquet Registration and Dinner/Raffle Package Order Form

Name: _____ Guest Name: _____
 Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

If your registration is postmarked or received by **February 17, 2018**, you will be entered into the **Early-Bird** drawing. In addition, if you purchase a **package** you will receive an Early-Bird bonus which includes an additional 10 general raffle tickets per person (a minimum \$50 value). **Banquet will be held March 24, 2018, at The Riverhouse Convention Center, Bend, Oregon. Doors open at 4:00 p.m.**

| PACKAGES ¹ | INCLUDES | PRICES | QTY | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------|-----|-------|
| Dinner Only | 1 dinner and 1 MDC event ticket \$50 value | \$50 | | |
| Single Package | 1 dinner, 1 drink ticket, 1 MDC event ticket, 20 general raffle tickets \$155 value | \$90 | | |
| Single Bonus Package | 1 dinner, 2 drink tickets, 1 MDC Event ticket, 2 Special Raffle tickets, 30 General raffle tickets \$250 value | \$130 | | |
| Couples Package | 2 dinners, 2 drink tickets, 2 MDC Event tickets, 40 General raffle tickets \$310 value | \$180 | | |
| Couples Bonus Package | 2 dinners, 4 drink tickets, 2 MDC Event tickets, 4 Special Raffle tickets, 60 General raffle tickets \$500 value | \$260 | | |
| Hunting Party of 10 | 5 Couples Bonus Packages, plus 50 add'l general raffle tickets and a reserved table (write all names on back) \$2750 value | \$1100 | | |
| Spike Dinner (ages 6 thru 11) | Kids dinner, 1 drink ticket, 1 MDC Spike Event ticket (please include names & ages) \$26 value | \$20 | | |
| Yearling Dinner (age 0 - 5) | Kids dinner, 1 drink ticket, 1 MDC Yearling Event ticket, (Please include names & ages) \$26 value | N/C | | N/C |
| Registration only | 1 MDC event ticket and bidder number (no general raffle tickets, no dinner) | N/C | | N/C |
| OHA Membership³ | One year membership/renewal: Raffle ticket in new member/renewal drawing, six magazine issues & OHA calendar. Individual \$35, family \$45, life member \$800 | \$35/\$45 /\$800 | | |

| RESERVED RAFFLE TICKETS ² | PRICE | QTY | TOTAL |
|--|--|-----|-------|
| Varmint Raffle Tickets | \$10 ea or 3/\$25 | | |
| Elk Camp Raffle Tickets | \$20 | | |
| Safe of Guns Raffle Tickets | Ticket only \$45 | | |
| | Package includes \$60 of general raffle tickets \$50 | | |
| Les Schwab Rifle Raffle Tickets | \$10 ea or 3/\$25 | | |
| Choose your caliber & Build your Custom Rifle Raffle- Centerfire Gunworks | \$50 | | |

Total all packages and raffle ticket choices: \$ _____

Visa ____ MC ____ Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

¹All dinner/ticket packages will be given out at the door.

Check Number: _____

² Raffle tickets may be purchased even if you are unable to attend and you need not be present to win.

³ You must be an OHA member to attend or a guest of an OHA member per State OHA policy.

Please mail this form with payment to **Bend OHA, PO Box 6618, Bend, OR 97708.**

For more information or special accommodations call, 541-480-9848, or 541-420-1318

Please invite your friends. You can get more info at our website -- **www.ohabend.webs.com**

2018 MDC Raffle Options

Complete the registration form to reserve your dinner & ticket packages for the **2018 Bend OHA Mule Deer Classic**. Space will be limited to 400 so make your reservation early to guarantee a spot. Send your registration in by February 17, 2018 and receive an entry in the Early Bird Drawing. Everyone attending the banquet (over 16 years old) will receive a ticket for the Mule Deer Classic Event Drawing. All youth, ages 6-16, attending the banquet will receive a ticket for the MDC Spike Drawing with a chance to win a Savage.22LR Autoloading Rifle. Youth, five years and younger, will receive a ticket for the MDC Yearling Drawing. Join or renew your OHA membership at the banquet or show that you are a life member or pledged life member and be entered in the New Member Drawing or Life Member Drawing.

The following raffles tickets are available for advance purchase. Each raffle has a limited number of tickets available. Any tickets not reserved in advance will be available for purchase at the banquet.

Safe of Guns Raffle: Cannon Executive 42 gun, electronic , 60 minute fire rated safe or the choice of one of the following firearms; Kimber Subalpine Mountain Rifle in S/S .300 WSM, Thompson Center Compass 6.5 Creedmore with 4X12 scope, Winchester XPR .300 win mag, Savage 111 XP 30-06 with 3x9 Nikon scope, DPMS Oracle A-15 .223/5.56, Tikka T-3 S/S 7mm mag , Howa Legacy .338 win mag with Hogue stock, or a Springfield Armory XDM .45ACP Bitone semi-auto pistol . Only 175 tickets are available at \$45 each or a ticket package at \$50, which includes \$60 worth of general raffle tickets.

Elk Camp Raffle: This is a card raffle for a 14x16 wall tent (made by Davis Tent and Awning) with internal frame, steel wood-burning stove by Cylinder Stoves of Utah, table, chairs, cot, and other camp items. (Valued over \$1800) Only 156 tickets (cards) available for \$20 each.

Les Schwab sponsored Gun Raffle: Howa 1500 in 6.5 Creedmore with pillar bedded stock, cerakoted barrel , 2 stage match trigger and 4x12 scope. Maximum of 200 tickets are available for \$10 each or 3/\$25. (Value \$899)

Varmint Raffle: Tikka T-3 Lite .223 Stainless Steel with a Fluted barrel and a Zeiss Terra 4x12x40 scope all in camo. A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. (Value \$1300) Sponsored by **Bend Family Dentistry**.

Centerfire Gunworks Custom Rifle Build: In this raffle the winner chooses the caliber and type of rifle; hunting, varmint, long range, or target, with a McMillan stock, Hart, Bartlein, or Brux custom barrel (fluted barrel extra) , Stiller action, Timney trigger, SMR muzzlebrake, Huskamaw or Leupold scope (to be determined) with Talley rings (range compensating turrets available) Coated by **Commercial Ceramic Coating**. Built by **Centerfire Gunworks** (Value \$4,999). Tickets \$50 ea - 200 maximum sold.

Other Raffle opportunities that will be available at the banquet include the following:

Special Raffle: Tickets for the Special Raffle, a Howa .223 with Hogue stock and 2 stage match trigger are included in the bonus dinner packages. Add'l tickets can be purchased at the banquet for \$20 each. Maximum 600 tickets available (\$608 value).

Rose Raffle: Buy your sweetheart a rose and a chance to win a romantic get away. A maximum of 100 roses will be sold at \$10 each (\$570 value). **Sponsored by We Cut Concrete.**

Charles Beckley Scholarship Raffle: This raffle raises funds for college scholarships in honor of Charles Beckley, who passed away in 2004. The featured item is a Sako A7 Roughtech Big Game rifle in 30-06 with a S/S fluted barrel and a Zeiss 3x9 scope. A maximum number of 250 tickets will be available for \$10 each or 3/\$25 (\$1550 value).

Key Auction Prize: Five items in the live and silent auction will be designated as key items. The high bidder on each of these items will receive a key for a one-in-five chance of winning a Springfield Armory XDS Bitone .45 ACP (\$679 value).

Sportsman's Warehouse Raffle: A Howa 1500 7mm Mag with Hogue stock, 2 stage match trigger and 4x12 scope will be offered in this raffle. A total of 300 tickets will be sold for \$10 each or 3/\$25 (\$839 value).

5-Minute Raffle: Raffle tickets will be sold for a period of only five minutes offering a chance to win a Kimber Micro 9mm Desert Tan pistol pkg with Crimson Trace laser grips. A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold for \$10 each (\$790 value).

Youth Upland Hunt Raffle: Portable shooting bench and a Savage 93r17 .17HMR with Accutrigger, ceramic coated and 3x9 scope. Sponsored by Commercial Ceramics. A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold at \$10 each or 3/\$25 (value \$599).



Wolf Plan Update

The Commission voted to postpone their voting/decision on the wolf plan revisions and updates. It appears that some of the edits to the plan created more confusion than clarification and the commission would like to investigate

differences in public land versus private land and how best to accommodate them. It is expected to be back on their agenda in March or April. Watch for updates in the OHA Tracker or the OHA magazine. There is expected to be opportunities to provide comments or testimony to the commission prior to the vote.



The picture above is of a Buck that was recently poached near Pine Mountain where the head was cut off and taken along with the back straps. I have to wonder what the story will be when the shooter brags about this one? The deer have moved into winter ranges and with the rut on they are an easy target for poachers. If you are in an area where these magnificent animals are and see something suspicious such as a vehicle with occupants trying to conceal something make a note of the make, color and license plate of the vehicle along with a description of the occupants and pass it along to a local OSP Fish & Wildlife officer. This deer was located after seeing several birds fly out from the brush. You can also relay your information to the OSP Tip line at 1-800-452-7888.

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Presidents Report

The Bend chapter currently has 440 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!

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A beautiful young Desert Bighorn Ram encountered while Chukar hunting in Eastern Oregon by **Dale Putman**.

Beautiful sights like this are seen often while hunting birds in the desert, in winter. This picture was taken late in January.

Monthly Door Prize

The November door prize winner was **Eric Brown**.

Eric won a **\$25** Gift certificate to **Sportsman's Warehouse**.

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Dale Putman with his Chukar on a ridgetop in Eastern Oregon

“Chukar hunting is done in open country. It’s physically challenging, scrambling up steep rocky hillsides all day. But, you find yourself on top of some rocky ridge or mountain everyday and are amazed and sometimes puzzled by trying to grasp just how far you can see. Or, you wonder, what am I looking at? Is that mountain in Nevada or is that Idaho?

You do see a lot of other wildlife such as the bighorn, lots of coyote, bobcat, birds and I’ve encountered at least once a cougar! Great countryside. Those sites make the climb and the trip worthwhile!”

Have a picture we can put in the newsletter? Send it in!
Share with your chapter, we all want to see your harvest!

Send hunting pictures and tell us a little about them to:

Annual Membership Raffle

Once a year we have a drawing from the entire membership for a \$350.00 gift certificate towards the sporting goods of your choice. You **do** have to be present to win. This year we drew **Carolyn Jarschke**. Carolyn was present at the meeting and gets to go shopping! Congratulations Carolyn!

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Our 14th annual **Youth Upland Bird Hunt** was once again held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Any youth up to the age of 17, who has earned a Hunter Ed card, can participate in this fun event. Two pheasants and three chukars were “planted” for each hunter just before his/her one-hour guided hunt. To ensure the hunter’s success as well as safety, Spence Tabor and Doug Stout worked closely with each hunter at the sporting clays station before the youth headed out into the field. The young hunters took an average of three birds each, with about 20% of the hunters harvesting all 5 of their birds. Since many of our returning participants have reached the age of 17 these last few years, about 2/3 of this year’s young hunters were first-time participants. Some of them had bird hunting experience and others were brand new to the sport. As part of the lunch, we served belly-warming elk chili, to continue the tradition that Dan and Vicki Ramming began years ago. Without our 30 volunteers, we wouldn’t have been able to offer this special event, so thank you for giving up your Saturday for us! Please encourage the youth in your life to complete a Hunters Education class next Spring so that they can join us at the hunt in November. Watch for upcoming class information in the newsletter and on the website of the Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association, as well as on the

The Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association would like to thank:

Karl Findling and Randy and Candy Yow for donating the elk for the chili

John Bambe for taking the bird boxes to Maupin

Greg Petsch, Dave Jarschke, Troy Boyd Spence & Robin for helping Kevin set up on Friday

Dale & Teree Putman and Troy Boyd for helping Kevin and Wendy Borst chop chili ingredients

ALL of the 30 volunteers (and eager dogs), who gave us their Saturday (We could not offer this event without YOU)

Mike Crawford for the use of his property

ODFW Bend Office, for handling the pre-registration

The youth hunters and their adult companions-Thank you for your participation, please encourage your friends/ family to take a Hunters Education class next year so that they can join you at our



Protect Animal Migration (PAM) wildlife friendly fencing project

Protect Animal Migration is a group that is partners with OHA. We support ODFW and ODOT in getting support for wildlife crossings and in reducing hazards that keep deer and elk from migrating. Last year, we focused on wildlife crossings and helped to get some scheduled, but they will take years to complete. Meanwhile, over 1000 deer are hit by vehicles in Deschutes county every year.

In 2018 we will focus on one aspect of this problem by getting wildlife friendly fencing or corridors built where it is most needed on county roads. Many deer and some elk are killed by this fencing or in front of it. Some suffer slow, agonizing deaths.

We are seeking to organize homeowners to participate, and will have several other task forces working on the larger project – outreach, education, hand outs, financial incentives. But one of our biggest needs is for a task force to talk to several fencing companies about their suggestions and to add your own ideas. We think members of OHA would be the best to head up this task force. This wouldn't involve working on any fencing, just to find fencing companies who could propose ideas for fencing that meets landowners needs in the county, to interface with them, as needed, and to coordinate that information with PAM. It will be used to give to homeowners and others in the community.

This project would benefit everyone, because it would prevent homeowners from being cited by the county in violation of zoning requirements, it could offer less expensive changes to existing fencing, and it could also be a source of business for fencing companies.

Please contact me at 541 306-0663 or linfordsuzanne@gmail.com for more information. We also

Volunteer

There are various volunteer events that arise during each year that require our help. OHA members can contact **Eric Brown at 541-647-0424** or come to the monthly meetings to hear about what opportunities are coming up next.

“Our outdoor projects are mostly done for the winter. A few of us will try and patrol the deer fence alongside US 97 before the snow hits. The next project will be in April and May helping out Monty Gregg on the Sisters district with buck and pole fence to install about 3 miles west of Sisters. We hope to gather in April and notch out the bucks with chainsaws in preparation for the May build. I will be making a request for sawyers in the spring. We also hope to gather some interest with other groups (Mule Deer Foundation, RMEF, Oregon Youth challenge ...) and have them come out for the project.”

Eric Brown,



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CALENDAR

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|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 12/25 | Merry Christmas! |
| 01/2018 | Happy New Year! |
| 01/04 | Bend Chapter Meeting |
| 01/09 | MDC Meeting |
| 01/23 | MDC Meeting |
| 01/31 | Harvest reporting deadline, |