

OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2018



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

JULY 5, 2018

The next meeting will be at the Black Bear Restaurant in Bend. The location for our future meetings is still up in the air for now. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come at 6:00 and have some dinner and socialize before the meeting.

Our first speaker of the evening was **Karl Findling**. Karl is the newest Representative on the OHA Board of Directors; representing S.E. Or., Owyhee Sportsmen Coordinator, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers. Karl presented -

"Public Lands Crisis: A Hunters Perspective".

Karl Findling spoke about the multitude of threats affecting our Public Lands. He explained the decline in hunter numbers nation wide will create a cascade of funding shortfalls for fish and wildlife departments—including Oregon. Karl Spoke of the Multiple Use mandate and the increasing impacts that can keep us from enjoying OUR 640 Million acres of Federal Public Lands.

One example is here in Central Ore. The four Central Cascade Wildernesses; Diamond Peak, Waldo Lake, Three Sisters, and Mt. Jefferson, are slated to have a new permitting system. Overuse at trailheads is leading the USFS to limiting the number of Over-nighters.

Thus the proposal for limited permits effecting our ability to recreate, or hunt in those areas. A number of Bend Chapter members were present to testify. Many more topics were discussed. He encourages members to get involved with helping to stop the many threats to our way of life on Public Lands. Whether one contacts their elected officials, joins conservation groups or volunteers. He made it clear that we need to act now, to stop the erosion of our rights to use Federal Public Lands.

Using emotions instead of facts doesn't work. See these websites for more facts:

www.backcountryhunters.org

www.sportsmensaccess.org

Member Opinion

As sportsmen, and primarily hunting as a sport, many hunters claim to be Conservationists. Are we, as Sportsmen and women, "true" conservationists? The North American Model of Wildlife Management has been primarily funded since 1937 by hook and bullet taxes. We hang our hat on the fact that WE fund the day-to-day management of our states' wildlife. But, today is it enough?

Today, hunters' numbers are in decline. So, what's next for wildlife agencies across this country with declining P-R monies?

Do we recruit new hunters, or look outside of hunters to help?

I believe we must look beyond hunters and anglers funding ALL wildlife management. There are currently groups proposing that the hikers, bikers, bird watchers and other Public Land users share in the burden of funding wildlife management. I believe we engage those that are seeking a "back-to-nature" experience with food. We attract the locavores trending now; where the concept of getting closer to knowing where our food comes from, or growing our own food. Organic meats that wild game provides, may be a foot-in-the-door to these new ideals about WHOM should support wildlife. I also believe introducing new ethnic groups to hunting.

Do you support, donate to or belong to other Conservation groups? Groups like TRCP, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, RMEF, TU, DU, Mule Deer Foundation and many more that help our wildlife. I look for businesses that support Conservation, such as Patagonia, giving 1% of profits to select Conservation groups. We should support those that give.

Karl J. Findling

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Our Second speaker this month was
Candy Yow -

“Ladies Hunting Camp”



What is hunting to women? We as women have the same desire to provide for our families as a man does, few things in life are more rewarding than putting food on the table for our family. We also have a strong desire to feed them the healthiest food available, wild game is the healthiest, most organic meat out there. On top of that, we have that strong desire to see what God created, the wildlife, the back country, the beauty and serenity of it all. When we go hunting we wrap all this into a perfect package, fulfilling the “Whole Circle of Life” which brings wholeness to each of us.

As everyone knows there have always been women hunters, but over the past 10 years it has grown to the fastest growing segment of the hunting industry. I think because women have always hunted but didn't really think of themselves as the hunter. The industry as a whole didn't either, we wore our husbands or father's hand-me-downs, shot their rifles or bows, and just mostly did it to put food on the table, not saying we didn't try for the biggest buck or bull, but our goal was to provide for the family. If anything was labeled as a ladies product it was basically “shrink it and pink it”. I preferred the hand me downs as I am not into pink much, but now we have gotten the industries attention and products are being designed and manufactured with the lady in mind. Products that perform as well as a mans but are built and designed to work for a women.

Having hunted my whole life but never thinking of myself as a hunter until I met Randy, my husband 8 years ago, he was working on putting a show on National TV. I jumped in with both feet and helped make that happen. I was blown away with how the industry was changing for women. I attended numerous shooting classes and helped with organizations like OHA where women were making a larger presence, that is when I realized women needed something to help them learn the skills, build confidence and learn safety outside of a husband or father. Hence, “Ladies Hunting Camp”. As you are aware, it has grown faster than anyone imagined and we are basically not sure how or where it is going. All we know is we want to continue. Anyone who has attended can witness the way it is changing women's lives, empowering them, building confidence and helping them go achieve their dreams. If nothing else it is getting them outdoors to see and be a part of God's beauty.

Our group is working hard to put together sponsors that we think will not only help us achieve this, but can in the end help these ladies along too. Groups such as OHA provide yearlong activities, conservation and learning opportunities as well. I can't stress conservation enough. We are fighting it every day just to keep our public lands public, our wildlife from being destroyed by predators and our hunting and gun rights from being taken away. Without groups like OHA, I can only imagine what it will be like when our grandchildren are our age. Women need something they believe in, a cause that helps what they love and find important. I think this is a perfect fit for our camp, getting them involved in a group that will help keep these activities alive for future generations.

Candy Yow
Ladies Hunting Camp
Extreme Desire TV Co-Host
Oregon Access & Habitat Board Member
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P.S. There are still a few spots open for the
Ladies Hunting Camp July 20-22
weekend! Candy@ladieshunting.com
(volunteers are still needed for this event too!)

Monthly Door Prize

The JUNE door prize winner was
John Blocker

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

Come to the meeting and win!
Come see what all the fuss is about!

JULY SPEAKERS

The July Speakers will be
A representative from **ODFW**, presenting info on
the proposed

Rule Changes and Tag & Hunt Changes

"Topics all hunters should want to know!"
Come to our next meeting and be informed!



JUNE Membership Raffle

The name drawn this month for **\$350.00** of sporting merchandise
was **Stan Porter** of Sunriver.

Stan was **not** present to win! We give this raffle away
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PAST PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The Bend Chapter of OHA is doing well and is on track for another great year. We are focused on the OHA mission statement and doing all we can to make a difference. The funding we have raised in recent years has allowed us to be involved in many hunting related activities. We have really been able to get the attention of people who influence the way hunting in Oregon will go. Wildlife managers, land managers, politicians, community managers, developers, conservationist and media sources talk to us, ask our advice and listen to our inputs. But with all that good news, comes some not-so-good news. We just held our elections for 2018. Five positions were up for re-election. We were not able to recruit a single new candidate.

The same individuals can't continue to do the work for all the hunters in Oregon. If you are a hunter, and I know you are, why not give back for a couple of years at just a few hours a month? The hunting community needs you. The future of hunting is counting on you.

Two positions still need to be filled; Treasurer and President. John Bambe has agreed to continue the treasurer duties for a few more months in hopes that we can find a replacement. John has been our treasurer for six years I think, which is 3 terms. It's time for someone else to step up and volunteer. The president's position is now vacant. Your 1st and second vice presidents will cover the duties until a president can be found. If you would be interested in getting involved in your bend chapter please call Bob Dixon, 1 Vice President at 503-572-2805. Take your turn at helping our a great organization and the Bend Chapters future!

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Summer is here! Getting ready for hunting yet?

What have you harvested this year so far? We know you probably got a few great pictures!

Yes, you did-

We would all enjoy seeing what our members brought home and would like to hear a little about how much fun they had doing it!

Don't be shy, share with your chapter!
 Please send a picture and what happened to:
 dixichick1@icloud.com.
 (Don't make me beg)

Youth & Family Day



The Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association presented its 5th annual Youth and Family Outdoor Day on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Cyrus Ranch near Sisters. We were blessed with beautiful weather, plenty of sunshine, and just a few puffy clouds scattered across the intensely blue sky. The view of the Cascades was unbeatable and the numerous Ponderosa Pines offered welcomed shade. We are happy to report that the number of participants increased to 140 this year, of which 62 were adults and 78 were kids. With the help of over 60 volunteers, we were able to provide 18 informative, fun, active, hands-on stations. Nearly 20 of those volunteers were members of Three Rivers Archers! Not only did they offer superb instruction at the archery station, both the kids and the adults jumped in to help wherever it was needed. Cub Scout Troop 18 also helped us that day. They took turns watching over our Static Gamebird display and Outdoor Quiz, while conducting their meat snack stick fundraiser. Our shotgun instructors,



Spence Tabor and Doug Stout, make quite a team. Their popular sporting clays station is always the first to get active and the last to shut down. We added two new activities to our event this year: a black powder demo given by Ed Ludwig, and Jim Mooers offered the chance to learn how to throw an Atlatl. Participants had the opportunity to make-and-take several projects, including a birdbox, fishing fly & lure, as well as several camp crafts. Numerous other outdoor skills were introduced, such as navigating with a map and compass, how to set up a campsite, fire safety, how to stay safe when exploring, fishing basics, hunting basics . . . There was even a BB gun range. A wealth of knowledge and



even more fun were available at this event. Thanks to Bigfoot Beverages, we had some new selections of refreshing cold drinks to quench our thirst. It was so rewarding to see these families enjoy all of the activities together. Thank you to EVERYONE who did their part to make this event a success. If you have not yet experienced our Youth and Family Outdoor Day, plan on joining us next year. Our event is the Saturday after Memorial Day. Online registration begins around April 15th on our website: ohabend.webs.com. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Without our sponsors, supporters and volunteers, we would not have been able to hold this family event.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO :

Oregon Hunters Association Bend Chapter (and our friends & families), Connie and Keith Cyrus (owners of the ranch), Central Oregon Sporting Clays & Deshoots Youth Sports, Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, National Wild Turkey Federation, Bi-Mart, Three Rivers Archers, Hunter Education Instructors, Oregon State Police, Deschutes County Search and Rescue, Cloverdale Rural Fire Dept., the fly fishing community & Confluence Flyshop, Ducks Unlimited, Cash and Carry, Mikes Fence Center, Gary Lewis Outdoors, Bigfoot Beverages, Accolades, NPG of Oregon (FOX Central Oregon), Bill Littlefield & Dale Putman (webmasters), Dave Jarschke & Greg Petsch for bird box prep, Larry & Carol Garibay (Cornhole game construction), Cub Scout Troop 18, Fire Web (Gene Hosksin), Bend Outdoor grill Rental, Ranch Country Outhouses.



We appreciate you!



Treasurer's Report

John Bambe was pleased to report that the current Bend chapter's OHA checking account balance was \$ 87,060.00 as of June 1, 2018.

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The central Oregon Beldings Ground Squirrel or "Sage Rat" has long since been an issue for ranchers and farmers alike. Sage Rats burrow holes into the ground to make their nests, degrading pastures and crop fields and quickly populating an area while ranchers' animals injure themselves in the holes. Farmers can loose large percentages of their crops to the cute little rodents appetite, leaving the farmer with little profit. Wherever sage rats gather, famished badgers soon will follow. Badgers can eat a lot of sage rats, but also dig holes both deeper and wider than the sage rats' modest -sized accommodations. A badger hole can break an animals leg (or a riders neck). There are several ways to deal with this issue but the most popular is to allow hunters to target practice in the fields. Its unlikely that any other species will provoke so many hunters into firing so many rounds of ammunition this year! Sharpening up on hunting skills, getting the scopes and range finders dialed in and just plain shooting at the moving targets is a great start to readying yourself for the hunting season coming up. Sage rat shooting is also is an ideal family sport. Unlike deer and elk hunting, it rarely requires a long hard hike through steep and rough country, with the locals willing to have their property rid of the rodents, outings can be had.

Although you can legally shoot Sage Rats any time of year, rats are most active and visible after the snow melts and before the grass grows high enough to hide their furry, 10 inch long bodies. By mid summer most sage rats have started their long sleep, which usually continues until late winter so now is the time to get out and sight in a rifle before the autumn big-game seasons start.

Permission from the property owners needs to be granted before pursuing such an adventure. Now days some farmers and ranchers deal with guides to make sure their property, livestock and crops will not be damaged and preference's followed . Some don't. Find out whether there are irrigation pipes or livestock sharing the field or pasture with the rats. No farmer or rancher is willing to swap a few dozen dead sage rats for a pipe with bullet holes or a shot up animal. Some land owners try to profit from sage rat hunting but some wont charge you and will gladly let you shoot, some will actually give you bullets! Most land owners are more than happy to allow you to go shoot as many rats as you can find.

Check with local farmers you know and see if they have a place to shoot or check into finding a local guide. Guides are listed on line and in the local papers. Happy shooting!





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Presidents Report

The Bend chapter currently has 482 members. Up 10 members since last month!
Be sure to pay your annual dues and keep your memberships current
you don't want to miss out!

The chapter would like to encourage all members to come to the monthly meetings
and join in on our many chapter activities!

Come and benefit from all that OHA is doing to help preserve and improve
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