The next meeting will be at the Black Bear Restaurant in Bend. The Chapter meetings will be held at the Black Bear Restaurant through Sept. at this time. If you are aware of a facility that could accommodate our group for little or no charge please contact a board member.

The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come at 6:00 have some dinner and socialize before the meeting.

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Information was presented by ODFW Deschutes District Wildlife Biologist Corey Heath at our July chapter meeting. Cory went through all the updates changes in regulations and proposed season bag limits and dates. He gave us lots of handouts and talked about:

**Recent changes to Waterfowl seasons**

Two pintail/day limit with in the daily limit of 7 ducks.

**Recent changes to Upland seasons**

- 28 ga and .410 shotgun now legal for turkeys
- Hunters can apply now for sage grouse tags, deadline is Aug 20.

The updated turkey plan is online and available for public comment

**Recent changes to furtaker rules were presented.**

A discussion of the Big Game simplification process, the Dept is now beginning phase 3. Phase 3 is a review of all hunting seasons in Oregon, looking at ways of simplifying actual seasons. Phase 2 was a review of actual OAR’s, many were removed and many are proposed for change/clarification. Specific rule changes were discussed.

A update was given on:

- HB 3158 – Provides cash or preference points for reporting (arrests) for certain wildlife violations.
- SB 372 – Roadkill salvage bill. Rules are being developed, public review will occur, in effect 1/1/2019.
- SB 373 – Urban Deer control program, control done by cities after certain conditions are met. In effect 1/1/2019

Proposed changes to hunts and tag numbers discussed for 2019 seasons.

The new “Electronic License System” was presented. The new system is scheduled to go in effect this fall. Paper documents will still be an option

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Pictured above is Bob Bonine animal back country packer. In March of this year, Bob gave a presentation on horse and mule pack hunting that was very interesting. He showed slides and spoke about why hunters use pack animals and how to use them. Bob has been packing for 30 years. While entering the overview on Bob Bonine’s presentation in the March issue, this writer neglected to add Bob’s actual pictures. Be it from an email error or an oversight, generic pictures were added to enhance the article. At this time we would like to add Bob’s pictures and give a sincere apology. Bob’s presentation was enlightening and very interesting. The chapter thoroughly enjoyed his adventures.

Above, see how bob packs his horses while bringing out the deer and elk. Being outdoors in all the beautiful countryside with breathtaking scenery must make back country animal packing a truly amazing trip!

Thank you again Bob!
2018 OCHOCO MULTI CHAPTER PROJECT
ASPEN EXCLUSION ADJACENT TO FRAZIER CAMPGROUND

27 Bend, Capital, Ochoco and Tualatin Valley Chapter members and family began showing up at the Sugarcreek Campground during the week of June 17 with our primary work day being June 23 which would be re-building a 4 wire fence adjacent to Frazier Campground. This fence was damaged due to a wildfire a few years ago and the purpose of the fence was to keep cattle out of an Aspen stand and stream. A total of 284 Volunteer hours was recorded.

On Thursday OHA members cleared a patch where the fence was to be placed. Trees were cut and removed and brush cleared. Two Buck and Pole fences on the 300 road were inspected and a large tree lying over each fence was removed. The bucks were still standing however a few poles were replaced.

On Friday OHA members went to 12 guzzlers placing ½ Selenium blocks at each site, debris on aprons was blown off and the water bowls cleaned. Capital OHA member Larry Larson (86 years young) and Eric Brown went to G4 and G5 via ATV as these sites are remote and it is no longer practical to drive in with a full sized vehicle. The wire mesh fence which was put in place near Little Summit Prairie several years ago was also inspected and found to be in good condition. Last year work was done on this fence to keep Elk from jumping off a berm and over the fence.

Overall the Guzzlers were in good shape this year with most of them being full however G10 (Dry Corner) was in need of repairs. On Saturday while the main project was taking place 3 Bend and 1 Tualatin OHA member returned to G10 repairing the fence and adjusting the apron which had sagged in places. Supports were placed in 3 locations under the apron and braces put in place. Next year the down spout from the gutter needs to be modified. Also the mesh screen will be modified so that easy access to the downspout exists which will aid in cleaning out the spout.
Main project for 2018 adjacent to Frazier Campground. Above members completing a Rock Jack. Members completing the fence project. Our project was smaller than years past with approximately 1,000 feet of fence line being built.

Steve Jones, Bend OHA member enjoying good conversations with other members at our Saturday evening potluck. Out sign in the background along with another OHA sign were placed in the campground during the week. We had several non OHA members that travelled through the campground ask what we were doing and then thanking us after we explained what we are all about.

Group photo at our potluck dinner. Missing in the photo is Robbie Piehl who is taking the picture.

So what is the message with these group pictures? We are missing 20 and 30 year olds and thin on 40 and 50 year old volunteers. If you want to stay healthy and live long become an OHA volunteer. Our 70 and 80 year old volunteers are a testament to this.

Volunteers present at the 2018 Ochoco project: 284 hours total

Bend Chapter:

Capital Chapter:
Larry Larson, Laurie Conly, Chris Conly, Kathy Kinkel, Teresa Whitehall Rich Stutheit.

Ochoco Chapter:

Tualatin Valley Chapter:
Erik Mighells

And many thanks to Robbie Piehl, Paulina Ranger District Wildlife Biologist who made sure we had a great breakfast on Sunday. And thank you to my wife Debra who spent a little time each day raking the debris off the paved trail around Sugar Creek.

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**Monthly Door Prize**

The JULY door prize winner was Don Clark

Don won a $25 Gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse. Don needs to come back to the next meeting to pick up his card– (We forgot it!)

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

**AUGUST SPEAKERS**

Our August 2nd speakers will be

Ian Isaacson from Back Country Hunters and Anglers talking to us about their mission and the Oregon projects and

Alex Calnan from Benchmade Knives

Interesting topics to be discussed!
Come to our next meeting, learn and be informed!

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**JULY Membership Raffle**

The name drawn this month for $350.00 of sporting merchandise was Bill & Amy Cordiner

Bill & Amy were not present to win! We give this raffle away every month but you have to be at the meeting to get it!

What were you doing that evening?
Get to the meetings!
OPEN HOUSE AT COSSA PARK

On June 16th the Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association (COSSA) hosted an open house at their premier gun range.

At the open house, one of the busiest stations was at Bay 18 where Ron Alvarez and Bill Littlefield advised shooters about hand guns and proposed ballot initiatives. Merrilee Lewis tried a Ruger semiauto 22 under the eye of Ron Alvarez. Photo by Gary Lewis.

A popular station at the open house was the NW Turkey Foundation sponsored wild Turkey shoot. Volunteers taught decoy presentation, calling and shooting. The ammunition was provided by the NRA Foundation. Pictured is Phillippe Freeman with participants. Photo by Gary Lewis.

Every year COSSA member Kris Bales shows up at the open house, either as a volunteer or with grandkids in tow. This time Kris had his granddaughter Mercedes with him. Shooting at the kids station, Mercedes drilled her targets as usual, but she also turned a fly into a good fly with a well placed rim fire round. Look close and you can see the smear. Photo by Gary Lewis.

COSSA encourages everyone to join their membership ranks and take advantage of all that they have to offer to enhance the world of firearms. COSSA is a non-profit organization built on grants, donations and exemplary work and the dedication of many wonderful volunteers. Their plans are to continue to build upon the already outstanding facility that rivals any in the USA.
Scholarships were once again given to two deserving cadets in the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program by the Bend OHA Chapter. The Bend Chapter gives two scholarships per class for a total of four scholarships a year. We are proud of all the cadets that attend ONGYCP and know they work hard to better their futures. Congratulations!
Wayne Elliott Memorial Youth Upland Bird Hunt
Saturday November 17, 2018
Leaning Tree Property
Powell Butte, Oregon

registration begins
Mon. Oct. 1st

Same location as last year:
Look for map in registration packet

Space is limited.
Sign-up early

Pre-registration required by Monday, November 12th:
Bend ODFW Office 61374 Parrell Road, 541-388-6363
$10 registration fee includes:
clay pigeons with shells, field guide with dog, upland birds, and lunch
Youth must have Hunter Education card

For more information call: Bend ODFW or Kevin Borst 541-480-7323
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CALENDAR

07/27-29 Ladies Hunting Camp
08/02 August Chapter Meeting
09/20 September Chapter Meeting
October– NO Chapter Meeting!
11/15 November Chapter Meeting

Not your common house kitty
Stay Safe!
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.

Come to the meetings and hear what OHA is doing. Get involved! It’s fun!

Presidents Report

The Bend chapter currently has 464 members. Down 18 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 hunting in Oregon!