

OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2018



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

September 20, 2018

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.

Stand up for the Land and Water Conservation Fund

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers is a national nonprofit organization, formed in 2004 around a campfire right here in Oregon, that serves as the voice for our fish, wildlife, public lands and waters. At the August meeting, Oregon BHA Chapter Chairman Ian Isaacson spoke to the history, importance, threats and steps being taken by BHA to advocate for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

The LWCF is America's premier bipartisan conservation and access program, reinvesting federal offshore energy revenues into public lands and waters to ensure that we all have access to the outdoors. Congress created the LWCF more than a half-century ago to preserve America's outdoor recreation heritage. Whether through providing funds for a local park, or conserving our wild backcountry, the LWCF guarantees that America's \$887 billion outdoor economy continues to sustain communities nationwide. However, without action by Congress, the LWCF will expire on Sept 30, 2018.

This spring Oregon BHA board member **Chelsea Sassens** flew to Washington DC and met with Sen. Merkley, and representatives' from the offices of Sen Ron Wyden

and Rep. Greg Walden to discuss the importance of the LWCF to the state of Oregon. To date, \$313 million dollars of LWCF funding has gone to protect some of the Beaver State's most special places; many of which are vital to the hunters, anglers, fish and wildlife that share them.

During his presentation, Ian, on behalf of Oregon BHA, strongly encouraged those in attendance, their friends and their family to tell their elected officials in congress to permanently reauthorize and dedicate funding to the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Intact wildlife habitat, healthy waters that support our wild fisheries, and access for hunting and fishing depend on it.

Phone your representatives today and let them know that you're a proud Public Land Owner who fully supports the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Senator Ron Wyden : (202) 224-5244
Senator Jeff Merkley : (202) 224-3753
Representative Greg Walden : (202) 225-6730

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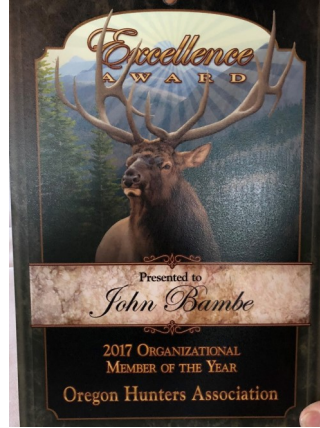
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Hello Bend Chapter,

I am pleased to announce that the Bend Chapter has received the 2017 OHA Chapter Of The Year Award. It was presented to us and I was happy to accept it at the 2018 OHA Summit Conference on August 4th at the Diamond Lake Resort.

I am also happy to report that three of our members also received recognition. John Bambe, who was present, received the award for 2017 Organizational Member of The Year for his hard work and dedication as our chapter treasurer, Greg Petsch received the 2017 Special Recognition Award for his hard work and countless hours invested on our banquet and OSP officer and Chapter member Greg Love was awarded the 2017 Conservationist of The Year Award for his hard work and dedication as a Game Officer.

Congratulations to the Chapter and all of our members for their dedication & hard work and a special thank you to our members who were recognized for their exceptional efforts.

Bob Dixon, 1st Vice President





This last June, Raise 'Em Outdoors hosted an outdoor camp for kids and their parents/families in Terrebonne on the Deep Canyon Ranch. The two day, two night camp was filled with outdoor experiences that brought children and their parents together with fishing, and hunting sports. Children traveled via tractor and hay wagon to stations around the ranch learning sports like archery and how to shoot. How to use a bow ethically and hunting practices, shooting at targets, dinosaurs and a deer 3-D targets. Kids started out shooting air rifles and BB guns. Learning basic rules of shooting, etiquette and how to safely handle a firearm. Each day safety briefs were reiterated and a large part of the course. They took their turn at skeet shooting with a shot gun and learned how to shoot long range rifles at targets, wildlife conservation was stressed. Parents were right along side their kids throughout the day learning with them and being as involved as they would like.



OHA was there to promote the Bend chapter and lent a hand with the stations and did a bit of cooking too! Kevin Borst, Gary Holts, Bill Littlefield, Bob Dixon and Wendy Jordan had fun with all the kids. Our weather was scorching hot but the sun and hayrides added to all the fun. OHA gave out orange hats to all the attending kids and everywhere you looked you could see them being proudly adorned. The kids loved them! Held on active farmland, there were crops of sod, alfalfa, hay and wheat to see and sprinklers were a fun activity in the afternoons to beat the heat. A pond was built to facilitate all the fishing activities of rod and reel fishing and some fly fishing. Prizes go out at the end of camp, sending home souvenirs and memorabilia.

We hear that reconstruction of the pond has already begun making the pond much larger and it will be even more fun next year. Camping next year will also be in a different spot on the Deep Canyon Ranch and will include trees and shade.

Everyone had lots of outdoor fun and were educated in outdoor sports. The hope is families will use all the experiences they had and take up hunting, target shooting and fishing for years to come. It was a very worth while event and OHA hopes the communities will embrace this camp and get involved.



Candy Yow's Ladies Hunting Camp

Due to popular demand, there were two central Oregon ladies camps this year. Originally there was just one, but the camp has become such a sought after event with returning women and first timers that a second had to be added. The education and exposure to hunting skills and techniques was excellent, plus there are classes in orienteering, self defense, back country hunting, what's in your pack, turkey hunting, predators, blind hunting. Hunting skills were experienced by attendees at stations strategically located on the property allowing for attendees to shoot shotguns at clays, pistols, rifles-long range and bows at various targets. Education on how to handle the firearms was stressed and the education continued with handling and becoming familiar with the hunting equipment. Certified volunteers and sponsor staff were present to conduct the classes and the women became excited about the outdoor sport. Some sponsors were present to show their wares and be included in the days events.

Bringing home organic meat and being able to help feed the family became a reality the women could see as a possibility. Many friends were made and all the activities keep everyone running all day during the two and half bright warm sunny days. A pack mule was brought in by Robert Bonine and the women were shown how he packs them while hunting into the back country on horseback. An Elk was brought in and the women experienced skinning and quartering. They were hands on, and they were not shy.

The food was incredible, Candy doesn't let anyone go hungry! Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks were bountiful. Some of the Elk was BBQ'd with lots of beef, chicken and burgers on three Traeger (One of which was given away a raffle) A complete volunteer staff was cooking continuously for two days, it was so good!

Sponsored gifts were given out daily, shirts, hats and great deals on hunting equipment. After dinner activities continued with a hunting fashion show and campfire sharing. Many personal inspirational stories were told around that campfire and women shared how they were feeling empowered by the experiences they had obtained at the camp. How their life experiences were more complete now that they had been to the camp. It was an educational and spiritual experience. A few men were overheard stating they wished they had such a camp to attend. One fellow said he was thrilled his wife would join him in hunting and would not be staying in camp. He also stated he was happy there would be twice as much hunting gear to have!



Candy and Randy Yow have some fun after dinner while the attending women and some husbands enjoy music and laughter.



Candy's second Central Oregon Camp. Ladies from various states in the country come to be educated and experience the outdoor sport of hunting.

Women are the largest growing sector in the hunting industry. Everything from clothing, special guns and bows are manufactured just for women.

Watch out men, they are here to stay!



Bob Dixon, Bend chapter, OHA presented a 3 day, 20 destination trip to a lucky winner the last day of camp in a raffle.



Bend chapter, OHA First Vice President, Bob Dixon (Master BBQ'r for the camp) shows off the new Traeger and helps make a video to send back to the sponsor. An Awesome BBQ!



A tent at the Ladies Camp offered information, OHA Memberships, a vacation raffle, Rifle raffle, T shirts, and hats to the ladies attending.



Above- OHA members volunteering at the second Ladies Camp.

Below- Current Bend OHA volunteers AND new OHA members. Several new members chipped in and volunteered hours of work while their wives took classes.



After many discussions among all attendees, instructors and sponsor officials and OHA volunteers, many of ladies flocked to join OHA in hopes of helping habitat and the future of hunting. Animal numbers fluctuate but are on a down hill slide due to human interference and natural occurrences. The practice of predator balance and the awareness of how humans impact all the species is vital

“Even though I am not actually a hunter, I love to occasionally “go hunting” with my husband, Kevin. I ‘shoot’ with my camera rather than with a shotgun, rifle, or bow. As you all know, exploring new areas, experiencing the scenery and wildlife, hiking and camping, are all so rejuvenating and good for the soul.

I am so thankful that I made the time to volunteer at the **Ladies Hunting Camp**. I didn't have any hunting skills to share, but I do know my way around a kitchen, so I assisted in getting food on the table. This event was so much more than just teaching ladies how to hunt. It was about empowering women; bringing couples and families closer; giving a single mom the skills to enjoy the outdoors with her sons; showing girls that Mom's hunt, so it must be okay to be a hunter; helping a mom learn how to provide “organic, pasture-raised” meat for her family . . . It was the spark that re-ignited the love of hunting that some ladies had given up years before. This event is a beautiful way to keep America's hunting heritage alive and strong.

We were also all reminded of the importance of getting involved. Whether you volunteer at an event, help to restore wildlife habitat, attend meetings, contact politicians, share your passion with others . . . we can ALL do something. “

Wendy Borst Volunteer, OHA member



From the First Vice Presidents' Chair

Bend Chapter Members - We still have officer vacancies within our chapter. As of last May we have a vacancy for chapter President and Treasurer. The President's duties are being handled by the chapter's 1st Vice President and our past Treasurer has agreed to remain in the office until a replacement is elected at this time. Nominations have been called for at the last two chapter meetings without any nominees. The chapter **must** fill these positions. The commitments are not a lot of hours and mentors will be available to help any new officer get their feet under them. The chapter has a great board and everyday operational decisions are made by them and major motions are presented to the membership. The board consists of the officers, members at large, appointees and the past president. Consider getting more involved and be a part of the chapter leadership. Its time to step up and do your part. For more information feel free to contact any board member listed on the back of the news letter and for any nomination please contact me.

The Bend Chapter sponsored three camps this last July that focused on defending and sharing our heritage of outdoors and hunting. The first was a youth camp founded by **Erin Crooks** of Coos Bay, Oregon. For the first time it was held in Central Oregon at the Deep Canyon Ranch in Terrebonne on July 14-15. Her husband serves in the military and she now resides in Virginia with her family. The organization is called **Raise Em' Outdoors** and their mission is getting parents involved with their kids in outdoor activities, focusing on hunting and fishing. This was the second year that the camp was held in Oregon and the first year for several other camps to be held across the country. Attendees aged ranged from 3 yrs. to teens. Parents were required to participate with their children and be a part of the experience. Several Bend Chapter OHA members volunteered at the camp this year helping setting up and getting involved with venues like bow shooting, BB gun, .22 shooting, long range shooting, clays, fishing (the fish were big!) and arts and crafts. We spent many hours cooking for the kids and their families. OHA had a table set up with information and flyers for the fall upland youth bird hunt. We gave every attendee an orange youth OHA hat and it was exciting to see all the orange hats running around the camp. It was a very worth while event, very rewarding and a pleasure to be a part of it. We look forward to being involved with REO next year and encourage you to bring your youth and have some fun!

The other two camps were Candy Yow's Ladies Hunting Camps in La Pine. The camp provides some of the top instructors and trainers in the country. Nearly 100 new women hunters attended these two camps. Another was held in Utah in June. Several OHA members volunteered at the two camps here in Oregon helping with the shooting stations, cooking and general kitchen work, and clean up. OHA had a booth in which we shared with the Ochocco chapter the first camp in which 11 new members were obtained, The second camp, the Bend chapter signed up 21 new members.

These camps provided an opportunity to observe and be a part of the growth in confidence, acknowledge the emotional empowerment that these women experienced by the end of their camp experience. Again, a very rewarding experience and well worth OHA's time and investment to be a part of sharing our heritage and to promote the enhancement of wildlife habitat and access to public lands.

Bob Dixon, 1st Vice President

Fish On !

3 of us fished for Sturgeon with Guide **Greg Gustafson, Sturgeon River Monsters** in The Dalles. Greg is one of our banquet donors. To say the fishing was fantastic would be an understatement. It was non-stop catching with several of our Sturgeon between 9 and 10 ½ feet. This is the 2nd time we have fished with Greg who is very knowledgeable about Sturgeon and how to catch them.

1st photo is a hooked Sturgeon coming out of the water shortly after getting a hook up.

2nd photo is Marcus Fahlgren (Bend OHA Member) foreground with Greg behind him getting ready to release a Sturgeon.

Eric Brown, OHA Volunteer coordinator



GO HUNTING, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU WILL SEE

Gather around the fire and listen to my story, friends.

I decided to take off and go Turkey Hunting the first week in May. I hadn't gone yet because of work and projects to be completed. One of the projects was to test out a receiver hitch I had fabricated for my motor home to pull a new addition to my hunting, a 4-wheeler to check out other drainages while parked. I went to the Ochocos where I know there are Turkeys usually. The first spot was being used, so I went on down the road to another spot to set up. Friday night was quiet, Saturday was no sign or sound of Turkeys and just before dark it unloaded and rained hard, I just made it back to Camp before it really got going. OK, well now, Sunday I was going to hunt in the morning, pack up and go home. It was time to change my area. I fired up the wheeler and took off for 5 miles to a ridge and butte that has been good in the past. On my way up the ridge I was stopping and calling for a response. One location, I noticed movement over my left shoulder and about 150 yards away there was a coyote that must have winded me, running off. I put the call away and continued up the ridge, stopping every few hundred yards to call and wait. After I reached the top of the butte with no sightings or sounds I thought, well, it's been a nice quiet hike up here and I will just mosey down, zig-zagging down the ridge, maybe I'll find a shed antler. Besides, I will just be going home and unpacking to get ready for another week of work once I get back to camp.

It was incredibly soft walking after the rain the night before and I was just in the moment of blissful daydream hunting when I stepped around a low hanging fir tree and spotted a stump that looked like the bark had just slipped off, 40-50 feet down the ridge. Oh, except this stump had black edged ears and a long tail. COUGAR! It was sitting down on the ridge, facing downhill, not knowing I was there! WOW! In front of me was a knee high rose bush. I kneeled down and set the shotgun down pointing downhill. Hum, what to do? I had been packing a tag along every year for 20 years, I usually carry a sidearm when I'm Turkey hunting and this one was a S&W .357 mag that my brother had left to me when he died. OK, I'm all set, how do I play it? I have wanted a Cougar hide all of my life and have never had a full view of one in the wild. I looked downhill where the Cougar was looking, nothing moving, no kittens, no game, no birds. I still had not decided if I should take the shot or not. I knew that when I un-snapped the holster, it would hear it. I covered the holster up with my hand as best as I could and started easing up the snap. SNAP! The Cougars head spun around and focused on me behind the rose bush. I had no camo on and no face mask. You all know the drill, hold still as long as you can, don't make direct eye contact, breath quiet, wait. We held that pose for a while, then it turned it's head around and started looking downhill again. I also followed the gaze and again could not see anything moving. It seemed to be taking a stand to see what came by and was not spooked. Next up, the hammer cock, crap! I know this is pushing it. So again, I pulled the hammer back as soft as I could, CLICK! The head spun again, with it knowing just where the sound came from, only this time it got up from where it was sitting for all of this time and started flanking me to the right, coming a little bit closer, stops and continues watching me. It now starts to flank me to the left and coming closer, it stops and sits down, watching me. A Coyote started to sound off to the north, I say to myself that if it looks that way and gives me a chance to pull up and aim, I will take the shot. It took its eyes off of me to look toward the Coyote, I pulled up the gun and took aim for a center chest shot, the head spun back to focus on me and that sweet S&W trigger let go so smooth I didn't even know there was friction on it. The cat went over backward down the hill and against a fallen log. Since I've always thought it prudent to let an animal with teeth and claws lay still before I approach, I did. I stepped around the rose bush I'd been hiding behind and started down the hill towards the cat. When I got 6 steps, I looked down and saw the scuff marks and blood. That turned out to be much closer than I thought it was. I was thinking if I kept two Cougar bounds between us, I would have enough cushion for safety. Oh well, I got that wrong. I apparently got caught up in the cat and mouse game that had played out with me as an active participant, but I had the role of an 'armed' mouse and that made all of the difference.

I was going to throw it over my shoulder and pack it down the mile or to the 4-wheeler, but quickly changed my mind when I tried a couple of times to get it on me with the turkey vest, shotgun and other gear. I skinned it on the hill, leaving the head and feet in the hide and taking the loins with me. After some trials and tribulations with a slippery hide sliding out of my vest pouch, I made it to the 4-wheeler and to camp. I got it in the fridge, broke camp and went home.

I checked the skull, hide and reproductive tract in with the O.D.F.W.. It turned out to be a young female that had never had kittens. As I was coming out, driving through the ranch ground with new calves running around, I looked out my mirror and saw the butte where I had shot it, not too far away. I felt that I had helped the Turkeys and the calves out with maybe some fawns thrown in that will have a chance to grow up.

Buy a Cougar tag, go hunting, you never know what might show up. I still am amazed that I walked up to a Cougar 40-50 feet away, did our dance and it never knew what I was. I am planning to brain tan the hide so I will finally have a Cougar Robe to look at and remember that day. Oh and by the way, if there is a next time, I'm packing all of the meat out. That loin was the best Pork loin I've ever had, only it was Cougar.

Rod Adams
Bend Chapter OHA



SEPTEMBER SPEAKERS

Our September speaker will be
Crystal Lohner.

Crystal will be speaking about Wilderness Medicine,
just in time for hunting season.

Grab your hat and join us to discuss this vital subject!
It should be a good one!

Presidents Report

The Bend chapter currently has 477 members.
Up 13 from last month,
Welcome all new members!

**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!

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If you know a young hunter, age 17 years and under, who has a Hunter Education card, please encourage their parents to sign them up for our 15th annual Youth Upland Bird Hunt. Registration begins on October 1st at the Bend ODFW Office on Parrell Road. This popular event will be held on Saturday, November 17th. For only \$10, the young hunter will receive exceptional one-on-one instruction from **Spence Tabor** and **Doug Stout** while practicing at the shotgun range before his/her hunt. A guide and experienced bird-dog will be provided for the one-hour hunt. Both pheasants and chukar will be planted in the fields prior to each hunt. We even include a hamburger lunch, complete with belly-warming elk chili and home-made cookies. Don't miss out. Mark your calendars now.

Ground Elk Needed

In order to make the elk chili for our annual Youth Upland Bird Hunt lunch, we need 15 pounds of ground elk by mid-October. If you have a couple of pounds to share, please call Kevin Borst (the Youth & Family Activities Coordinator) at 541-480-7323. Thanks for your help.



Officer Greg Love , OSP, with his son Zach and "Scruffy" the decoy at the OHA Youth and Family Day. At great time was had by all!

Monthly Door Prize

The August door prize
winner was
Wendy Borst

Wendy won a Grizzly Ridge
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win!

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August Membership Raffle

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Right -

Katie McFarland, of Bend, hunted New Zealand earlier this year. The 11-year-old has bagged something like 10 big game animals so far, but this is her best trophy, a red stag taken after an hour-long stalk.

Katie fired four bullets in New Zealand. One to punch the 100-yard bulls-eye to prove she could shoot, one for the red stag and one each for two Nanny Tahr.

Photo by Gary Lewis



Left-

Gary Lewis lost his favorite summer hat in the South Pacific and had to make do with a baseball cap on this New Zealand hunt. Lewis took this Chamois with Nosler's new cartridge - the 22 Nosler and a 55-grain E-Tip.

Photo by Gary Lewis



Right-

Hunting New Zealand's fallow deer the new 22 Nosler, Lewis connected at 297 yards across this canyon.

Photo by Gary Lewis

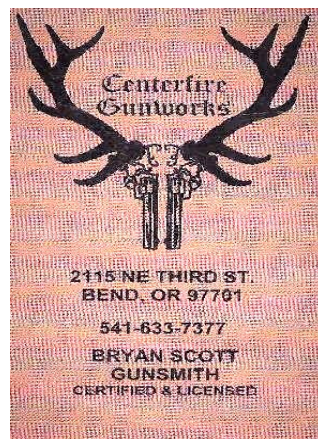


Adventures Galore!

You probably have a few great pictures from your hunting trips *I'm certain you do...*

We all really would enjoy seeing what you brought home and would like to hear a little about how much you enjoyed it!
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October–	NO Chapter Meeting! (Happy Hunting!)
11/15	November Chapter Meeting



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