

# OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER <u>April 2017</u>

# NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 Kelly D's 7:00 PM

1012 SE Cleveland, Bend Come at 6:00 to socialize and have dinnerbring a friend!

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Our May speaker will be JR Lorimor, President of the Three Rivers Archers Youth Program

Our April speaker was Vaughn Briggs. An OHA member and life long hunter, Vaughn recognized a correlation between the need to feed the hungry and the inability to donate wild game due to current laws. Donations of meat obtained from accidents, ranchers, poaching and other circumstances when meat is not processed by a certified butcher is not permitted at this time. Vaughn is currently an advocate in changing those laws by educating Oregonians and starting an organization called "Fair Game" Vaughn stated that 15% of Oregonians have problems putting food on the table, while 33 other states in the US utilize donated game to feed the hungry. A resource to help solve the hunger issue could be at hand if legislation and current laws are changed. We are urged to write to our senator and let him know how we feel.

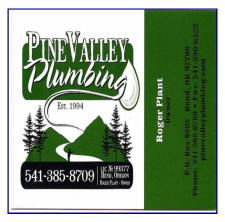


The 25th Mule Deer Classic

Hosted by the **Bend Chapter**, **OHA**, the Mule Deer Classic had its best year ever! A record number of donations and attendees brought larger profits to the Mule Deer Classic than ever before! The Live Auctions, Silent Auctions and Raffles for chances to win items such as Firearms, an Elk Camp Tent, a Vacation to Jamaica, a Youth Hunt, a Harley Davidson, and much more were a hit with opportunities that were certain to please hunters, anglers and the outdoor enthusiasts. An annual event, the Mule Deer Classic gives the Bend chapter of OHA an opportunity to help the preservation and welfare of wildlife and their habitats by way of donations, chapter work projects and the education of current and future hunters. OHA sponsors several events throughout the year to educate youth, giving them hunting & safety skills and opportunities to experience the outdoor sport. State wide issues involving hunting and land use are also a concern for OHA. Preserving habitat and the rights to such experiences for tomorrow's hunters is vital. Thank you to those that joined the Bend chapter and we hope to see you next year!











#### **Recognition of lifetime contributions**

The Bend Chapter OHA discussed the idea of recognizing the many years of contribution provided by Dave Doran and Richard Nelson. Both have served in many different capacities over the years, Dave and Richard have contributed selflessly and generously to the mission of OHA. For their outstanding service, we chose to present each of them with a plaque to show our appreciation. They continue to give generously today.

Many thanks gentleman!





#### **Hunter Education Classes**

Bend area hunter Education Classes are now available. Share this with people who have young ones. There are always people asking when are the classes?

May 1,2,4,8,9,11 Evenings 6:00– 8:30 pm

Bend High School

May 6 Field Day 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

COSSA Range, Millican

Also available on the OHA Bend Chapter Website: http://ohabend.web.com/hunter-education-classes

#### **Presidents Report**

The Bend chapter has 448 members, up from 428 last month.. We welcomed 18 new members from Bend and 2 from La Pine.

**Bill Littlefield**, president, 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 hunting!

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### **Treasurer's Report**

John Bambe was pleased to report that the current balance of the chapter checking account is \$149,815.00 as of April 1, 2017.

After the event expenses of

The Riverhouse at \$21,500.00 The OHA State Office at \$19,700.00 The banquet proceeds were \$51,000.00.

The Mule Deer Classic being a successful event, brought in a nice profit, giving the Bend chapter available funds of \$108,600.00

#### **Monthly Membership Raffle**

The name drawn this month was Mike Mason of Bend.

Mike was present and will receive \$350.00 worth of hunting and sports equipment! You do have to be present to win.

Congratulations Mike!

Do you want to win?
Come next month! You'll have a good time, meet some old/new friends and hear what's going on!

#### The Bend chapter, OHA members approved donations

The McKay Creek Watershed Project, to help fund Juniper removal \$2,500.00

4-H Oregon State Shooting Sports Contest,, Hunting Skills Division, designed to promote positive youth development through healthy competition which include, Archery, firearms, communication skills, hunting skills and Western Heritage \$1,500.00

The taxidermy of a Trumpeter Swan and Snow goose for educational purposes, exhibiting the different species at the High Desert Museum, and other places. Up to \$1,000.00

Three Rivers Archers Club which has a direct impact on kids coming into hunting in Central Oregon. \$1,000.00

Mountain Mahogany plantings east of Bend, a project that is raising funds to plant a large number of Mahoganies over a large area \$5,000.00

Oregon State police for the funding of snow shoes and cameras \$700.00

The board approved purchasing 10, one year, OHA youth memberships for a few Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program cadets that help out with OHA projects and the banquet. \$1,000.00

Other projects to promote community involvement in wildlife / habitat and education will be considered in the near future

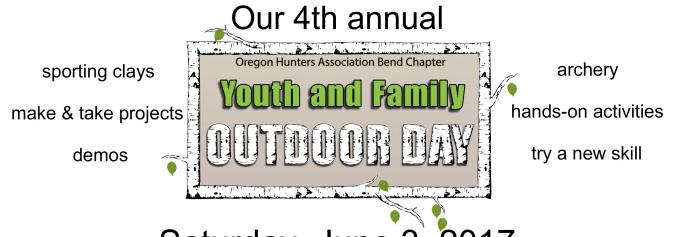








We look forward to seeing YOU at this year's youth events, sponsored by the Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association:



Saturday, June 3, 2017
Online registration begins April 15th

Pre-Registration is required for both events periodically check our website for more info. and registration details: ohabend.webs.com or call our youth and family activities coordinator:

Kevin Borst 541-480-7323

Our 14th annual

Youth Upland Bird Hunt

Saturday, November 18, 2017
Registration begins October 2nd at ODFW

In order to participate in this popular event, youth <u>must</u> have a Hunter Education card

#### THANK YOU TO OHA'S DONORS!

Because of all the generous donations OHA's Bend Chapter received, for the **25th Annual Mule Deer Classic** 

## We had our best year ever!

With gratitude and appreciation we humbly thank all the following businesses and individuals that gave to help make our banquet a success. You rocked!

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# Tag reductions for deer & pronghorn in parts of eastern Oregon due to high winter mortality Baker, northern Malheur, and Union County hunts to see 25-50% reduction

**SALEM, Ore.**—Temperatures never reached freezing for 28 consecutive days and hit as low as -23 in Baker County this past winter. The snow depth exceeded 18 inches throughout the county. District Wildlife Biologist Brian Ratliff compared this year's winter to 1993-94. "It came early, it lasted long and the snow kept accumulating," he said. "We have had winters like this historically but not in the last 10 years." Early spring flight surveys of mule deer showed the winter took a toll on mule deer. Usually, surveys count fawn ratios (fawns per 100 adults) in the mid-30s. This year, 11 fawns per 100 adults on average were counted across the county with some units being as low as 8 per 100 adults. While the average winter loss of adult radio-collared does being studied in the Blue Mountains is around 8 percent, Baker County lost 32 percent. The region's Rocky Mountain elk fared better due to their larger size, so there are no reductions in elk tags. "We saw some elk mortality, as we always do, but it was not significant," Ratliff explained. "Due to their size, elk can generate more body heat at less energetic cost and they can get thru crustier snow easier than smaller ungulates like deer and pronghorn."

ODFW is reducing pronghorn and mule deer controlled tags in the units effected to conserve wildlife populations. Hunters in these units should expect to see fewer yearling animals (spikes and 2-points) this fall. (These age classes made up about 33 percent of Baker County's harvest last year.) Baker County pronghorn and buck tags will be reduced by 50 percent, and two doe hunts on agricultural lands will be cancelled. Union County tags will be reduced 35 percent. Malheur County tags will be reduced by 40 percent in the Beulah Unit and 25 percent in the Owyhee Unit. (The Tag #s Now Available figures will replace what is currently printed in the 2017 Oregon Big Game Regulations.)

Landowner Preference tags will also be reduced. Hunters who have already applied for one of the controlled hunts effected may change their hunt choices free of charge until June 1, 2017. Use the Controlled Hunt Application Change Request form found online and mail, fax or hand it in to an ODFW office (hunt choices cannot be changed through the online sales system).

While surveying big game herds in early spring, Ratliff even saw pronghorn on the frozen Snake River, a sight he's never witnessed during 12 years as a wildlife biologist in the region. "The deer went as low as they could possibly go," he said, referring to deer's annual migration to lower-elevation winter range to survive the winter. "I saw them in places I'd never seen them before. But there was no forage for them that wasn't covered by snow and it was just really tough on fawns." Ratliff says it may take a few years of good fawn production to bring back the population. The above-average snowpack and improved range conditions from all the water this year will help with fawn production and should benefit mule deer and other wildlife populations in the long term.

Contact: Michelle Dennehy Oregon Fish and Wildlife Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us

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Locally District wide we had 25 fawns/100 adults survive the winter which is 56% overwinter survival.

In addition, we had 48 calves/100 cows survive the winter. None of the local tag reductions were adopted. As expected, locally deer were impacted to a greater extent than were elk. Elk actually had very good overwinter survival, while deer survival was lower than average.







April 18 was the first outing for the Deer/Elk fence project which we have taken on. The project is between Lava Butte and Sunriver Junction. Seven OHA members and one ODFW employee braved the rain and snow and occasional sun to accomplish the task of patrolling the fence line and cleaning off fallen branches that were on the fence. Members secured fence wire to posts and removed potential trees that were leaning towards the fence. A large breech was temporarily repaired and members will return with new material to put in a permanent patch. OHA has agreed to regularly patrol the fence line and help make repairs when needed to help prevent wildlife/vehicle accidents along Hwy 97.

Volunteers were Eric Brown, Greg Petsch, Larry Sharp, Roger Points, Willie Moore, Mike Mason and Bob Dixon.

#### Nomination for new board members

Nominations for Board member positions are coming up at the May general meeting. The positions that are up for election or re-election are the following:

Position Current Board Member

1 1st Vice President Nancy Doran

Secretary Wendy Jordan

Project Manager Eric Brown

2nd Member at Large Kevin Borst











#### **Nancy Doran**

#### Recognized for her dedication to the OHA Bend Chapter.

Nancy came to Oregon in 2000 from MD for a job with ODFW. Her degree in wildlife biology and Management qualified her for positions including outdoor skill education coordinator and fisheries biologist. While in Oregon, she became very involved with a variety of groups including OHA and Traditional Archers of Oregon (TAO). She served as secretary for OHA for six years before being elected 1st VP, she has had that position for six years. Nancy also has been treasurer/merchandise chairman for TAO since 2011. She and her husband Dave will be leaving Oregon in June and will be starting a new life in Western MD in the small town of Oakland. Nancy will be joining "The Department of Natural Resources—Wildlife and Heritage Division", as their information and Education coordinator. Part of her job will be the media contact for the agency along with providing content for the website and posting info on Facebook and Twitter. Nancy will be working on outdoor skills education once again by being involved with "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program." While being sad about leaving Oregon, the job in MD is too good to pass up offering her a promotion and the ability to work from home. Dave and Nancy will miss their friends and hope to come home to Oregon to visit.

OHA thanks Nancy for her contribution and dedication.
We will all miss them both!





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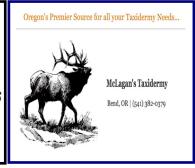
#### **Monthly Door Prize**

The monthly door prize winner was **John Farewell** 

John received a \$25 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse.

Come to the meeting and win!







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#### **CALENDAR**

April 22	Fishing opens – "check regulations or exceptions and specific rules"
April 25	Deadline for the Charles Beckley scholarship
May 13	OHA State Convention
June 3	Youth and Family Outdoor Day

Don't forget to complete your reporting to avoid penalty fees.