OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION
BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
April 2017

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!

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 dinner—bring a friend!

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

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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.

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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!
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:

Our 4th annual
Youth and Family OUTDOOR DAY
sporting clays
make & take projects
demos
archery
hands-on activities
try a new skill

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 must 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!

A Kleene Sweep Chimney Svc
Abby's Legendary Pizza
Accolades
Ace Hardware, La Pine
Adventure Motor Sports, Sunriver
Angie Hoffman - Salon 41
Anytime Fitness – La Pine
Ark Animal Clinic
Aspen Lakes Golf Course
Battle Creek Outfitters
Bend Carpet & Air Duct Cleaning
Bend Distillery
Bend Equine Medical Center
Bend Family Dentistry
Bend Golf & Country Club
Bend Heating
Bend Pawn
Bend Pet Express - East Side
Betty Brown
Big Cat Sticker Shack
Big Country R.V.
Bill Beckley
Bi-Mart
Bits & Pieces Framing
Black Butte Resort
Black Canyon Woodworking
Blue Sky Firearms
Bob Dixon
Boot Barn
Brentwood Mills
Brian's Cabinets
Building Specialties
Cabela's Springfield
Camp Chef
Candy Yow Extreme Desire
Carino's
Carl Buddig
Carol Garibay

Cascade Pump & Irrigation
Cascade Street Distillery - Sisters
Centerfire Gunworks
Central Composites
Central Lakes Marine
Chevrolet of Bend
Cinder Butte Meat
Classic Hair Design
Commercial Ceramics
Confluence Fly Shop
COSSA Park
Country Catering
Cow Creek Tribe
Cowboy Dinner Tree
Crane Prairie Resort - Pat & Jody
Schatz
Crimson Trace
Custom Exhaust Specialty
Cylinder Stoves of Utah
Dan & Vicky Ramming
Dandy's Drive-in Bend
Dave & Nancy Doran
Dave Jarschke Taxidermy
Dave Jarschke Woodworking
Davis Tent & Awning
Dealin in Signs
Deborah Lannen
Delta Defense, LLC, USCCA Inc
DeWild Art Glass
Diamond Lake Resort
Dick Masters
Dick's Sporting Goods
Doug Nelson
Dr. Thomas Rheuben, MD
Drew's Boots
East Cascade Security
Eastside Gardens
Eric Brown
Ferguson’s
Figaro's La Pine
Four Rivers Guide Service
Give Em The Boot
Good Life Brewing
GTS Interior Supply
Gun Dog Supply
Gun Traders
Havalon Knives
HD Hydrographics
High Desert Museum
High Desert Sage Rat Guide
Home Depot - Bend
Inn at Otter Crest & Kristina
Lannen
Instant Landscapes
Iron Mountain Studios
J & A Custom Designs
Jack's Upholstery
Jake's Diner
J-Dub
Jeff Jones
Jerry's Outdoor
Jerry's RV
Jim Akenson
Jim Mateski
Jim Mooers
John Bambe
John Zigler Auto Repair
Jon & Jackie Nash
Juniper Golf Course
Just A Barber
Kelly Smith
Kenetrek
Ken's Sporting Goods
Kevin & Wendy Borst
Kings Razor - Richard
Newberry
Knife River
La Pine Animal Hospital
La Pine Auto Supply NAPA
La Pine Liquor Store
Larry Garibay
Larry's R.V.
Leatherman Tool Group
Les Newman's Quality Outdoor Wear
Les Schwab Tire Center
Leupold
Linda Bauman–The Main Event, Salon
Little Deschutes Gardens
Lori Koerner-Wild River Real Estate
Lost Creek Armory
Lost Tracks Golf Club
Madras Marine
Marilyn Clark - The Main Event, Salon
Marsha Hutchison
Mary Petsch
Maul's High lakes Spas
McLagan's Taxidermy
Metal Art Welding
Midway USA
Mike Taylor
Mike's Auto
Mossberg
Motion and Flow Control Products
Nancy Watts
NAPA on 27th St, Bend
Nitro Safaris
Nosler
O'Hair's Salon - Tracy Newton
Oregon Pack Works
Oregonsmithing, LLC
O'Reilly Auto Parts, Bend S.
Paint Masters
Pape Machinery
Pappy's Pizzeria
PAR Automotive & Equipment
Service & Repair, Sunriver
PARR Lumber - Bend
Pedigo Electric Bikes
Performance Authority
Pine Tavern
Pine Valley Plumbing
Ponderosa Pizza, La Pine
Postal Connection
Precious Cargo Seafood Co.
Predawn Adventures
Primo Tile
Pro Knot
Randy Brabham
Rawhide Gear
Rays Food Place La Pine
Red C Farms
Red Carpet Car Wash
Redmond Black Rifle
Rex Parks
River Roofing
River Run Chiropractic - La Pine
La Pine Feed & Pet Supply
Riverhouse on the Deschutes
River's Edge Golf Course
Robberson Ford Sales
Rod Frederick
Round Table Pizza
Russell Industries
S&S Auto Parts, La Pine
Sage Canyon Outfitters
Salishan Spa & Golf Resort
Studio Sabai
Sturgeon River Monsters - Greg Gustafson
Sud-N-Shine
Sun Country Engineering
Scott Logging
Sisters Saloon
Smolich Motors
Sportsman's Warehouse
Spring River Tree Service
Springfield Armory
Springfield Armory & Commercial Ceramics
Springtime Irrigation
Stand on Liquid
Stark Street Lawn & Garden
Steve James
Stillwater Fly Shop
Sunriver Brewing Co
Superior Tractor
Supply Depot
Susan Loomis
Ted Blocker Holsters
The Corner Store
The Harvest Depot
The Outpost
Thompson Chiropractic
Tig Tactical
Tracker Leather
True North - La Pine
Twigs - La Pine
Vaughn & Patsy Pieschal
W.T. Equipment
Wash & Lube Time
We Cut Concrete
Wickiup Station Sports Pub
Widgi Creek Golf Club
Wilco
Wild River Real Estate
Wild River Tree Service
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.

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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 over-winter 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:

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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!

Nancy Doran

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.