

OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

January 9, 2019

The next meeting will be on Jan 9, at the **King Buffet Restaurant** in Bend. The Chapter meetings will be held at the King Buffett on the second Wednesday of each month through March 2019. 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.



November speaker

Heart of Oregon Corps Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps

About Heart of Oregon Corps

Heart of Oregon Corps inspires and empowers positive change in the lives of young people through jobs, education, and stewardship. The aim is to improve economic and social vitality while increasing pathways out of poverty. Heart of Oregon prepares tomorrow's workforce today. In 2000, Heart of Oregon Corps (HOC) grew from the desire to lead youth into roles as engaged, successful members of their communities.

Almost 19 yrs later, HOC operates six programs: Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (COYCC), AmeriCorps, Stewardship, Youth Build, Camp LEAD, and the Heart Of Oregon

Thrift Store. These programs follow a work, earn, learn model that help youth develop self-confidence and financial self-sufficiency.

Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps

Heart of Oregon's COYCC employs 93 Central Oregon teens each summer, giving them the opportunity to build a strong work ethic, practice leadership skills, and complete natural resources projects on public lands. Youth earn minimum wage for 279 hours of work over the course of an 8-week long summer program.

COYCC is one of the largest conservation corps in the country. Youth work alongside USFS specialists, completing natural resource projects and many backlogged USFS projects on Central Oregon's public lands. The accomplishments of these crews is instrumental in improving and maintaining our local national forests, safeguarding communities from wildfire, and teaching young people about career opportunities in conservation and natural resource management. COYCC directly addresses youth unemployment issues while simultaneously addressing issues in public land restoration and natural resource management.

COYCC's 2018 Season

In 2018, COYCC served 78 youth (93 counting COYCC partner, COIC's 3 crews). Of the youth served, 17 were Crook County youth, 39 were Deschutes County youth, 18 were Jefferson County youth, and 4 were Klamath County youth. 40% of them had never had a job before. The participants reflected the diverse demographics of this region—3% reported as multi-racial, 1% as "other," 11% Hispanic, 10% Native American, and 68% white. 12% of COYCC

participants reported a disability. 3% of them were current or former foster children. 41% came from low income households, and 40% were disadvantaged. The COYCC youth completed 18,800 hours of work and earned over \$203,000 in wages.

Conservation and Education

Overall, youth in the COYCC program improved 1,390 acres of public land in the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests, and the Crooked River National Grassland. This conservation work included fire fuels reduction, invasive species removal, trail maintenance, riparian restoration, fence building and repair, and recreation site maintenance. Many COYCC youth grow up near Central Oregon's spectacular public lands with very limited opportunities to experience them. Heart of Oregon aims to help these youth develop a sense of stewardship and pride in protecting and conserving the esteemed public lands of Central Oregon.

Each project completed throughout the summer also serves as an educational opportunity. As with any good teaching experience, crew leaders and USFS partners make it a priority to explain the "why" behind each project. Youth learn about the importance of fuels reduction, weed removal, etc. as well as learning technical skills involved in each of these types of projects. When youth leave the program, they often have a new perspective on their surroundings.

In addition to the daily hands-on educational, environmental, and skill-building opportunities, this program also hosts events to enrich the experience of participants and give them more opportunity to succeed in work and life. Cont.



College Day
July
2018

On July 10th, COYCC partner, Central Oregon Community College (COCC), hosted crews at an annual College Day event. At this event, crew members learned what kinds of natural resources educational pathways are available at the college, walked through the process of getting financial aid, and learned about public lands field work being completed by the local college students this season. Youth also got to tour the campus, where they were shown various buildings and departments based on their own educational and career goals.

On August 9th, youth attended Career Day, where they met with 13 different natural resource agencies – federal, state, and NGOs. This was different from a traditional “Career Day” setting, where young people are lectured on a wide variety of career pathways with little to no hands-on engagement. Instead, it was a pro-active opportunity for youth to experience conservation career paths, while simultaneously networking and meeting with potential employers. Youth were able to take home resource packets, join mailing lists, and sign up for post-season trainings, like the seasonal hiring workshop hosted by HOC’s partner agencies to help youth prepare their 2019 summer applications.

Integration

2018 also witnessed a successful continuation of Camp LEAD integration into COYCC crews. 8 Camp LEAD graduates (youth with disabilities) were hired to complete the final 3 weeks of COYCC, joining an already existing crew to create fully integrated crews. These camp graduates arrived on the job with professional and technical skills they had acquired at Camp LEAD, using curriculum that aligns with their Youth Transition Program work through Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation.

This opportunity gave the camp graduates the opportunity to immediately practice the skills they had learned at camp—from leadership and self-advocacy to time management and tool safety. Further, the COYCC youth already in the program were able to practice their leadership skills with the incoming crews, acting as this aspect of the program benefits all involved.

Youth Impact

At the end of the season, Heart of Oregon COYCC collects feedback from participants through a written survey. Samantha E., 16, of Deschutes County, stated, “I’m proud of myself for getting up early every morning for work and still doing my job well.”

Cheydon H., 16, Jefferson County resident and member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, shared that her proudest moment in the program was when “I was told I was one of the hardest workers on my crew.” Klamath County participant Jason W., 17, overcame physical disabilities and kept pace with his fellow crew members throughout the program. Crew leader, Casey P., stated, “Despite his physical limitations he always showed up early, ready to go, worked extremely hard, and never complained. Jason helped keep crew morale high by telling jokes, and always smiling, even while digging fire line in the 90 degree heat on a steep mountainside.”

Heart of Oregon consistently finds, year after year, that COYCC has a huge, positive effect on youth. 85% of youth reported an increase in workforce preparedness and 90% reported feeling better about their future. 98% felt that their success in the program was good, great, or excellent, helping them boost their confidence for future employment opportunities. COYCC produces real, tangible results for local youth to gain valuable work experience and natural resource conservation education.

2018 was an exciting and successful season for COYCC; the program witnessed new, exciting projects that will bring long-term benefits to the Forest Service and visitors to local national forests—like the splitting, stacking, and wrapping of firewood. COYCC’s presence was strengthened in Klamath County and within the tribal community. A main focus of 2018 was also creating more opportunities for youth with disabilities to gain confidence and skills. The COYCC program is building resilience within the Central Oregon community through a “work, learn, earn” model, preparing Central Oregon youth for a successful future.

*Bend’s “Alpha”
Crew, 2018*



*Bend’s “Alpha”
Crew, 2018*



*Crook County Youth in the
Ochoco National Forest, 2018*



Bend Chapter

MULE DEER CLASSIC BANQUET

MARCH 16TH, 2019

**At The Riverhouse Convention Center
*Bend, OR***



**Doors Open at
4:00 PM**

**Dinner served at
5:30 PM**

**Live Auction starts at
7:30 PM**

Join us Saturday, March 16th at The Riverhouse Convention Center for the 27th annual Bend chapter Oregon Hunters Associations Mule Deer Classic Banquet and Fundraiser. Come at 4:00 for the social hour, where you can enjoy games, enter raffles, preview the live auction, bid on silent auction items, and swap hunting stories with fellow hunters. Enjoy the buffet dinner, enter raffles for 30 firearms and other prizes, hunting and camping gear, trips, artwork, golf, and more.

Reserve your dinner and raffle ticket packages on the enclosed order form.

2019 MDC Raffle Options

Complete the registration form to reserve your dinner & ticket packages for the **2019 Bend OHA Mule Deer Classic**. Space will be limited to 400 so make your reservation early to guarantee a spot. Send your registration in by February 15, 2019 to receive an entry in the Early Bird Drawing. Everyone attending the banquet (over 16 years old) will receive a ticket for the Mule Deer Classic Event Drawing. All youth, ages 6-16, attending the banquet will receive a ticket for the MDC Spike Drawing with a chance to win a Savage .22LR Semiauto Rifle. Youth, five years and younger, will receive a ticket for the MDC Yearling Drawing. Join or renew your OHA membership at the banquet or show that you are a life member or pledged life member and be entered in the New Member Drawing or Life Member Drawing.

The following raffles tickets are available for advance purchase. Each raffle has a limited number of tickets available. Any tickets not reserved in advance will be available for purchase at the banquet.

Safe of Guns Raffle: Rhino Kodiak 32 gun, electronic , 40 minute fire rated safe or the choice of one of the following firearms; Kimber .300 WSM Subalpine Mountain Rifle S/S with carbon fiber stock, Browning A-Bolt III 7mm mag , Howa Legacy .338 win mag with Hogue stock, Winchester XPR 30-06 , Thompson Center Compass .300 win mag with Nikko Stirling 3.5-10x44 scope , Pointer 12 ga Semi auto shotgun, Ruger American .270 with Alpen 4-12x40 scope, Howa Legacy 6.5 Creedmore with Hogue stock , or a Springfield Armory XDM bitone in .45ACP. Only 200 tickets are available at \$45ea or a ticket package at \$50ea, which includes \$60 worth of general raffle tickets.

Elk Camp Raffle: This is a card raffle for a 14x16 wall tent (made by Davis Tent and Awning) with an internal frame, steel wood-burning stove by Cylinder Stoves of Utah, table, chairs, cot, and other camp items. Only 156 tickets (cards) available for \$20 each. (Valued over \$1800.)

Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle: Nosler Custom Model 48 Trophy Grade 300 WSM w/Cerakote, Bell & Carlson stock, accuracy guaranteed sub MOA. A total of 300 tickets will be sold at \$20ea, 3/\$50, 7/\$100. (\$1895 value)

Varmint Raffle: Sako A7 Coyote 22-250 with 24" fluted barrel , Ceramic coated and a Zeiss Terra 4x12x42 scope . A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Sponsored by We Cut Concrete. (Value \$1500.)

Centerfire Gunworks Custom Rifle Build: In this raffle the winner chooses the caliber and type of rifle; hunting, varmint, long range ,or target. With McMillan stock, Hart, Bartlein, or Brux custom barrel (fluted barrel extra) , Stiller action, Timney trigger, SMR muzzlebrake, 4-16X 42 Huskamaw Blue Diamond LR scope with Talley rings (range compensating turrets available) Coated by **Leavitt Works Gunsmithing**. Built by **Centerfire Gunworks** Tickets \$50 ea –which includes \$60 worth of general raffle tickets 200 maximum sold. (Value \$4999)

Beckley Scholarship Raffle: This raffle raises funds for college scholarships in honor of Charles Beckley, who passed away in 2004. The featured item is a Sako A7 S/S Big Game Roughtech .30-06 with Minox 3- 9x 42 scope. A maximum number of 250 tickets will be available for \$10 each or 3/\$25 (\$1600 value).

Youth Upland Hunt Raffle: Howa Patriot 6.5 Creedmore ,hvy barrell w/muzzle brake, 2stage match trigger, adj. AR butt stock, 6-9" adj. bipod, 30mm 4-16x50 LR scope, all cerakoted, w/ lockable hardcase. Sponsored by Bend Family Dentistry. A maximum of 250 tickets will be sold at \$20 each or 3/\$50. (Value \$1500)

Other Raffle opportunities that will be available at the banquet include the following:

Special Raffle: Tickets for the Special Raffle, a Springfield Armory XD Mod 2 bitone .40 S&W are included in the bonus dinner packages. Add'l tickets can be purchased at the banquet for \$10 each. Maximum 400 tickets available (\$595 value).

Les Schwab Raffle: This raffle has two prizes from Sig Optics. 1 Kilo 2200 BDX range finder and 1 Whiskey 3 scope 4-12x50mm SFP Hellfire Quadplex Illuminated Retical. Tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25 or 7 for \$50. (Value \$1138)

Sportsman's Warehouse Raffle: A Howa 1500 .308 with Nikko Stirling 4-16x44 scope and pillar bedded Hogue stock, 2 stage match trigger, adj. Bipod all in Kryptek Highlander Camo will be offered in this raffle. Sponsored by Sportsman's Warehouse. A total of 250 tickets will be sold for \$10 each or 3/\$25 (\$913 value).

5-Minute Raffle: Raffle tickets will be sold for a period of only five minutes offering a chance to win a Kimber Micro 9 S/S 9mm pistol pkg with Rosewood Crimson Trace laser grips and Kimber IWB Micro 9 Holster A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold for \$10 each (\$790 value).

2019 OHA Mule Deer Classic Banquet Registration and Order Form

Name: _____ Guest Name: _____
 Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

If your registration is postmarked or received by **February 16th 2019**, you will be entered into the **Early-Bird** drawing. In addition, if you purchase a **package** you will receive an Early-Bird bonus which includes an additional 10 general raffle tickets per person (a minimum \$50 value). **Banquet will be held March 16th, 2019, at The Riverhouse Convention Center, Bend, Oregon. Doors open at 4:00 p.m.**

PACKAGES ¹	INCLUDES	PRICES	QTY	TOTAL
Dinner Only	1 dinner and 1 MDC event ticket \$50 value	\$50		
Single Package	1 dinner, 1 drink ticket, 1 MDC event ticket, 20 general raffle tickets \$155 value	\$90		
Single Bonus Package	1 dinner, 2 drink tickets, 1 MDC Event ticket, 2 Special Raffle tickets, 30 General raffle tickets \$230 value	\$130		
Couple Package	2 dinners, 2 drink tickets, 2 MDC Event tickets, 40 General raffle tickets \$310 value	\$180		
Couple Bonus Package	2 dinners, 4 drink tickets, 2 MDC Event tickets, 4 Special Raffle tickets, 60 General raffle tickets \$460 value	\$260		
Hunting Party of 10	5 Couple Bonus Packages, plus 50 add'l general raffle tickets and a reserved table (write all names on back) \$2550 value	\$1100		
Spike Dinner (ages 6 thru 11)	Kids dinner, 1 drink ticket, 1 MDC Spike Event ticket (please provide names & ages) \$26 value	\$20		
Yearling Dinner (age 0 - 5)	Kids dinner, 1 drink ticket, 1 MDC Yearling Event ticket, (Please include names & ages) \$26 value	N/C		N/C
Registration only	1 MDC event ticket and bidder number (no general raffle tickets, no dinner)	N/C		N/C
OHA Membership³	One year membership/renewal: Raffle ticket in new member/renewal drawing, six magazine issues & OHA calendar. Individual \$35, family \$45, life member \$800	\$35/\$45/\$800		

RESERVED RAFFLE TICKETS ²	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Varmint Raffle Tickets	\$10ea, 3/\$25		
Elk Camp Raffle Tickets	\$20		
Safe of Guns Raffle Tickets	Ticket only	\$45	
	Package includes \$60 of general raffle tickets	\$50	
Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle	\$20ea, 3/\$50, 7/\$100		
Centerfire Gunworks Raffle - Choose your caliber & Build your Custom Rifle	\$50		
Youth Upland Hunt Raffle	\$20ea, 3/\$50		
Beckley Scholarship Raffle	\$10ea, 3/\$25		

Total all packages and raffle ticket choices: \$ _____

Visa _____ MC _____ Card Number _____ CVC# _____ Expiration _____
 Name on Card _____ Signature _____

¹All dinner/ticket packages will be given out at the door.

Check Number: _____

² Raffle tickets may be purchased even if you are unable to attend and you need not be present to win.

³ You must be an OHA member to attend or a guest of an OHA member per OHA policy.

Please mail this form with payment to **Bend OHA, PO Box 6618, Bend, OR 97708.**

For more information or special accommodations call, 541-480-9848, or 541-420-1318

Please invite your friends. You can get more info at our website -- **www.ohabend.webs.com**

WHAT DID YOU TAKE HOME?



This bull was taken by my daughter's boyfriend on our family hunting trip in the Murderer's Creek Unit. It was a group effort to pack it a couple miles back to camp. That's my grouse, taken while I was elk hunting a few days later. Saw an elk about an hour after shooting the grouse but could not make a shot on it. All-in-all, a great hunt with family and friends.

Ross Scrocca



New member, **Justin Joo** ventured out on an extra retention day in September with his fishing and hunting buddies to seek out the mighty Sturgeon.

They hooked a few and brought in a nice keeper that day!

Nice fish Justin!



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Bend Chapter OHA Donates Scholarships to the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program

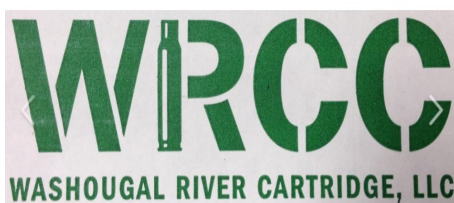
On December 10th, **John Bambe** and **I** attended the awards dinner for the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program to present two scholarships. For those of you that are unaware, the Bend Chapter of OHA donates four scholarships a year to exceptional cadets.

As Always, it was very rewarding and satisfying to attend this function. This year was a little different in that ONGYCP had two recipients of our scholarships sit and eat with John and I.

John and I both enjoyed getting to know the cadets and we both were impressed with their interest in hunting. So much so, that John and I made an on the fly decision to also donate a junior membership to both cadets.

Also extremely noteworthy was that the ONGYCP leadership decided to supplement both of the OHA scholarships an additional \$500.00 which gave John and I the honor to present two very deserving cadets scholarships for \$1000.00 on behalf of the Bend Chapter of OHA. ONGYCP has no shortage of scholarships that could be supplemented so the fact that ours was chosen is a huge compliment to the mutually beneficial relationship which has been forged between the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program and the Bend Chapter OHA.

Doug Stout,
2nd Vice President
Bend Chapter, OHA



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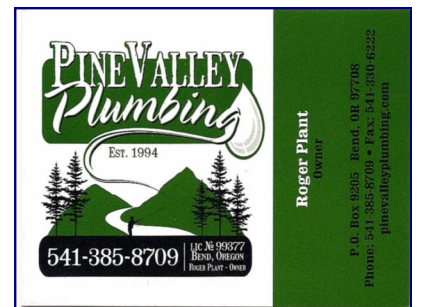


Volunteer

On December 8, two Bend OHA Members (Roger Points and Jon Nash) patrolled the Deer Fence between Sunriver and Lava Butte reinstalling several brackets and removing a few limbs. Overall the fence was in good shape and is ready for winter. Eight total hours were donated to this project. Each time after the work is completed a document is put together with pictures, volunteer hours and what was done. This document is sent to ODFW, USFS, ODOT and State OHA. It is important in that it links all these agencies together showing our commitment to this project and future deer fence projects. It helps the other agencies with grant requests as it shows a fantastic partnership.

If you would like to get involved with our projects contact

-Eric Brown, Bend OHA Project Coordinator.



Bend Chapter Christmas Donation

This year the Bend Chapter OHA decided to donate 100% of raffle funds from the meetings to the Bend Family Kitchen which totaled \$330.00!

Thank you to all that donated!

Mule Deer Classic 2019

The Bend chapter **Oregon Hunters Associations** announces its
“27th annual Mule Deer Classic”

The banquet/fundraiser will be held at the
Bend Riverhouse and Convention Center
March 16th, 2019

This is the main fundraiser for the year and it enables us to fund chapter habitat projects, scholarships, youth programs and more.

You can help make it a success with a donation or by volunteering at the banquet!

Planning meetings are underway and scheduled to be held at Round Table Pizza, Bend, January 16th, 30th. February 20th, 27th, and March 6th.
6:00pm with pizza and soft drinks provided.

If you have been looking to get involved in chapter activities, this is a fun and meaningful way to contribute. Please bring donations to the meetings so **Eric Brown** can get them entered in the database, or give them to a banquet committee member.

If you have any questions about the banquet, please contact

Greg Petsch at: **g.petsch728@gmail.com** Or call **541-330-6218**

We appreciate your help and look forward to seeing you there!

Want to grab reservations for a room at the Riverhouse the night of the banquet?

Use the code “Events 19” and get a 20% discount from the regular room rates at The Riverhouse.

Also—Do check Orbitz, Kayak etc. so you get the best rate possible!

2018 Annual Raffle Drawing

The Annual Raffle was drawn this month. Each year at our December meeting, we draw one name from the chapter meeting attendees. The name drawn this year was Wendy Jordan. Wendy won \$350.00 to be used towards the purchase of sporting goods gear. Congrats Wendy!

You can win too! Be at the December meetings!



From the First Vice Presidents' Chair

Happy Holidays Bend Chapter OHA,

This year is coming to an end and a new one will start with many projects and opportunities to support and volunteer for in 2019. The first will be the **Mule Deer Classic** annual banquet on March 16th at the Riverhouse Convention Center in Bend. Look in this newsletter or on our web page (oregonhunters.org) for details and registration forms. Register early, this banquet sells out fast with approximately 400 guests. The banquet is our largest fund raiser for the year and bank rolls almost all of our projects and financial support of events that promote our heritage of hunting or preservation of habitat. The banquet requires a lot of work and donations for a success. If you are interested in getting involved contact Greg Petsch or any other board member listed on the back of your newsletter. There is something for everyone.

The Bend chapter accomplished a lot in 2018, which has been reported in several issues of your newsletter and at regular member meetings. There's been one project that there hasn't been a lot of reporting on and that is the 2018 OHA Calendar Membership Drive. OHA printed up 2000 calendars for new members and with this calendar, the new member received a one year membership, a \$20 gift certificate for Sportsman's Warehouse with the purchase of \$100 or more and a chance to win a gun every week in 2019. Many existing members purchased the calendar and gifted the membership to friends and family. Many new members of OHA joined for the opportunity to win a gun and some joined because they believe in the mission of OHA. The Bend chapter at first took on 100 calendars and sold them all. We then took on 25 more for the NW Women's Hunting Camp and sold all of those. In November, 3 Rivers Archers wanted to do a membership drive for us and we begged the state for 25 more and they sold all of them. I'm proud of every member who worked hard to sell the calendars in an effort to boost the OHA membership across the state. The Bend chapter gained several new members bringing our membership number to 508 and with each calendar sold the chapter received \$5 earning the chapter \$750. GREAT JOB!!

If anyone has an unsold calendar in your possession or a sold calendar you have not turned the stubs in on yet, please contact John Bambe as soon as possible. His contact information is on the back of this newsletter.

I hope to see new faces at the next meeting on January 9th or at the banquet committee meeting on January 16th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year !
Bob Dixon
1st Vice President



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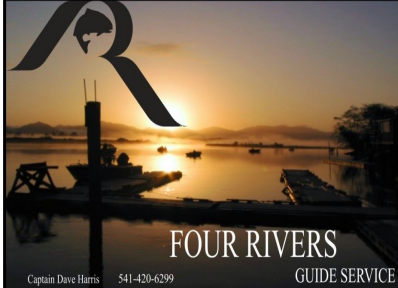


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Treasurer's Report

John Bambe was pleased to report that the current Bend Chapter's OHA checking account balance was \$66,759.00 as of December 1, 2018.

Come to the meetings and hear what OHA is doing!

Consider getting involved, it really is gratifying and helps OHA fight for the rights of our future hunting .

**Happy
 New
 Year**



The “Manage Our Wolves Act” H.R.6784 which removes federal protection of Canadian Gray Wolves paving the way for scientific management has passed the house.

H.R. 6784 now goes to the U.S. Senate to be voted on. It is extremely important that this bill passes. Canadian Gray Wolves, like any other large, top tier predator, need to be managed to insure a healthy and balanced predator to prey ratio.

The very well documented and publicized catastrophic decline of the Northern Yellowstone Elk Herd leaves no doubt as to what happens when wolves are allowed to expand their numbers and territory without any form of management. It was not until protection was lifted and scientific management began that the decline of the Northern Yellowstone Elk halted. Now the elk herd is very slowly increasing.

Currently, wolves in Oregon are expanding their numbers and territory at an alarming rate with very little to no management and elk herds are starting to suffer. Extremely low elk calf survival rates are being observed and that is how it started in Yellowstone.

H.R. 6784 will go a long way to establish proper and prudent wolf management here in Oregon. I would like to encourage all of you, that are concerned with the future of big game hunting in Oregon, to call Senator’s Merkley and Wyden and urge them to **VOTE YES** on **H.R. 6784** the “Manage Our Wolves Act”.

I have provided Senator’s Merkley and Wyden’s phone numbers below.

Senator Jeff Merkley 202-224-3753

Senator Ron Wyden 202-224-5244

Thank you,

Doug Stout
Bend Chapter 2nd V.P.



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Monthly Door Prize

The November door prize winner was
Ranata Thommen

Ranata won a **\$25** gift
certificate from
Sportsman’s warehouse

Come to the meeting and win!

Seriously, Good Stuff!



DECEMBER SPEAKERS

The Bend Chapter speakers this next month will be **Cory Heath**, ODFW speaking about the new electronic tag system and the post season animal numbers. We are also hoping to have present an OSP- fish and wildlife division officer to tell us about the law enforcement part of this new process.

Also speaking, **John McCommas**, Dept. of Agriculture Wildlife Dept., sharing with us about hunting Feral Hogs in Oregon. You'll want to be there!

December Membership Raffle

The name drawn this month for **\$350.00** of sporting merchandise was
Robert Buddenbohn.
Robert was **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?
This is an exciting raffle to win! Come to
the meetings, it may be your name drawn!
(You know you want to!)



Forget the spray bottle! Grab the Rifle!

1st Vice Presidents' Report

The Bend chapter has **508** members as of .December 1, 2018

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!

Come and benefit from all that OHA is doing to
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(and you'll have a good time!)

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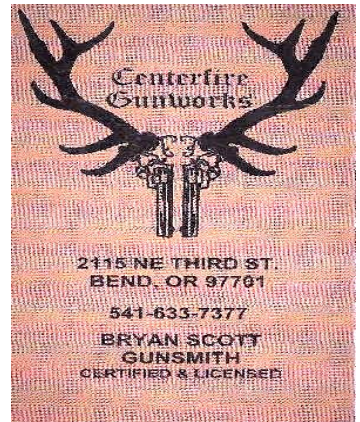
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OHA submits cougar bill concepts to Legislature

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist
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OHA has submitted two cougar bill concepts for introduction in the 2019 Legislative Session. The two concepts stemmed from a November workgroup led by Rep. Sprenger (R-Scio) that OHA attended. At the end of the group meeting, Rep. Sprenger asked for legislative concepts for the 2019 Legislative Session.

The OHA board members and staff who attended the workgroup (Steve Hagan, Paul Donheffner, John Thiebes, Jim Aken-son and Al Elkins) worked with the OHA board and designed two concepts that will be put into bill form. The concepts are:

- 🐾 Establish a position within ODFW to train and coordinate cougar agents used by ODFW. If passed and funded, this position would coordinate contracted cougar agents in zones to help maintain zone cougar quotas.

- 🐾 Where available, allow ODFW to contract with agents to assist in cougar population management. If passed, this would redistribute unused zone quotas to agents to administratively assist in removal within the allowable mortality cap.

The next step in this process is for the concepts to be written in bill form and then introduced during the 2019 Legislative Session that begins in January.

Anti-poaching campaign will go to Legislature

The anti-poaching campaign stemming from a budget note OHA had attached as part of the ODFW budget was not included in the Governor's Recommended Budget that was submitted to the 2019 Legislature. So, an anti-poaching campaign legislative concept will be submitted to be introduced in the 2019 session. The concept involves addressing poaching by focusing on two areas: increasing detection of poaching incidents and enhancing current efforts to deter poaching. This multi-year strategy involves multiple agencies and partners in a coordinated effort to:

- ✓ Increase public awareness of the impact of poaching

- ✓ Increase reporting of poaching incidents
- ✓ Increase law enforcement detection of poaching
- ✓ Ensure consistent prosecution and punishment of poaching

OHA joins SageCon Coalition

OHA has joined the SageCon Coalition to help secure funding for the state's Sage Grouse Action Plan. The funding will help meet the challenges to the sage grouse population, including the increase of large wildfires and invasion of rangelands by juniper and non-native annual grasses.

Elliott State Forest could become OSU research forest

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Oregon's State Land Board (SLB) voted unanimously on Dec. 18 to direct state land managers to work with Oregon State University's School of Forestry to follow a vision of the Elliott State Forest as a research forest.

As a research forest, the Elliott would maintain public ownership and access, provide educational opportunity, recreation and research on the 85,000-acre south coast forest.

To us as hunters, the results would mean some level of habitat improvement for big game by active forest management and a chance to be at the table in future forest plans.

There are still hurdles to clear before this idea becomes a reality. Two key requirements for success are creating a financial plan that will provide the \$121 million cost of "decoupling" the forest from the Common School Fund financial requirements and creating a Habitat Conservation Plan to address the fish and wildlife species requirements of the federal Endangered Species Act.

OSU is one of seven organizations that responded to the SLB's October request for submitting interest in managing the Elliott.

The February SLB meeting will include discussion on public participation in the Elliott's future. OHA will continue our involvement by representing our hunting, habitat and public access interests.

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