



# PIONEER CHAPTER

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**OHA Mission:** To provide an abundant huntable wildlife resource in Oregon for present and future generations, enhancement of wildlife habitat and protection of hunter's rights.

## S P R I N G K E C A M P

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### **Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, January 3, 7:00 pm  
Canby Rod & Gun Club

#### **Collectors West Gun & Knife Show**

Saturday & Sunday, January 27-28  
Clackamas County Fair Grounds, Canby

#### **Board Meeting**

Wednesday, January 31, 7:00 pm  
TA Truck Stop, Aurora

#### Next Month

#### **Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 7:00 pm  
Canby Rod & Gun Club

#### Looking Forward...2018

#### **Pioneer Chapter Banquet**

Saturday, March 3  
Clackamas County Fair Grounds, Canby

#### **Youth Day**

Saturday, April 28th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Canby Rod & Gun Club, Canby

### **OHA IN OUR COMMUNITY**

#### **December Projects:**

Our booths at two shows, **Canby Knife and Gun Show** and the **Collectors West Knife and Gun Show** were staffed by a total of 11 OHA members. We talked to many people about what OHA is all about and sold Raffle tickets.

Six members also manned a table at Sportsman's Warehouse on December 9-10.

**For January Volunteer Opportunities or**  
for more information call:

**Rich Steuer**      **503.654.6949 or**  
**Dick Crawford**   **503.778.0856.**



### PASS IT ON

#### **From the President's Desk...**

My grandfather and I spent countless hours in pursuit. It never seemed to matter whether it was for trout, steelhead, bass, catfish, furbearers, squirrels, deer, or elk. The important thing for me was that I was the recipient of decades of experience. Without the mentoring that I received from him, my life experiences would have been nowhere near as rich as they are. Most of us have someone in our lives that taught how to do something. Whatever the area, the benefit of the mentoring was essential to passing on a heritage.

We have an opportunity to partner with ODFW to pass on our heritage of conservation and pursuit of big game animals. **The Learn to Hunt Rifle Skills & Knowledge Workshop** that ODFW is facilitating is designed to assist people aged 22-44 that are new to hunting in acquiring the skills required to experience a safe and enriching activity. They launched the program in August in cooperation with the Pioneer Chapter, the Hoodview Chapter, and Canby Rod & Gun Club (CRGC). The next workshop will take place on February 3, 2018 and will also be at CRGC.

The participants not only receive instruction, they receive a membership to OHA. This win-win will give us an opportunity to train people that may not have anyone in their circle of influence that could teach them. With the declining number of people that support hunting rights, participate in enhancement of habitat, and strive to provide abundant wildlife, it is a challenge to pass on our heritage.

Please consider joining your fellow Pioneer Chapter members Jake Burroughs, Norman Yoder, and myself as instructors for this program. If you are not able to participate in the event in February, please join in on the next workshop. People that are opposed to hunting rights and want predators to annihilate big game populations will not be the people stepping up to this opportunity. It is up to us.

**Please help us to Pass It On.**

~ Bill Park

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018

## PROJECT 100

Project 100 is a membership drive with the goal of adding 100 new members to our chapter.

For each new member you sign up, you receive an entry into an incentive raffle for one of two grand prizes; a Stoeger over-under 16 ga. shotgun and a Savage 17 HMR. The new member you sign up can also win a Savage 17 HMR. Sign up five new members and you automatically win your choice of a Leatherman tool, a Kershaw knife or a Buck knife.

**It's easy!** Sign up a new member, bring their completed application and dues to the next meeting to receive credit.

**As of December 13 we have signed up 56 new members. Keep up the good work!**

**For more details or questions call Tim Sowa @  
503.829.8695.**

This membership drive continues through February so you still have time to win.

## OREGON HUNTING SEASON CALENDAR

**January 1- Dec 31** Opening General Season Cougar

**January 31 AVOID THE FEE**

**Mandatory Reporting Deadline** for big game tags with a season date that ended on or before December 31, 2017. Go to:  
[www.reportmyhunt.com](http://www.reportmyhunt.com) **OR** call  
1.866.947.6339

### Small Game Seasons

<u>Beaver</u>	Nov. 15-Mar. 15
<u>Bobcat</u>	Dec. 1-Feb. 28
<u>Gray Fox</u>	Nov. 15-Feb. 28
<u>Red Fox</u>	Oct. 15-Jan. 15
<u>Marten</u>	Nov. 1-Jan. 31
<u>Muskrat/Mink,</u>	
<u>Raccoon,</u>	
<u>River Otter</u>	Nov. 15-Mar. 31

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**Pioneer Chapter  
OREGON HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fund-Raiser Banquet**

**March 3rd, 2018**

Join us on March 3rd, 2018 at the Clackamas County Fair Grounds for our 21<sup>st</sup> annual banquet fund-raiser. The doors will open at 3:30pm to preview auction items and play some games and check out the raffle items you would like to win.

**There will be no tickets paid for at the door. All packages must be paid for by February 5<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

**Early Bird Prize "To be determined". Early Bird Deadline January 21, 2018**

**Note: The registration form has changed. All seats at the banquet will be reserved. So make sure to assign a party leader and put all the names on the form to ensure you all sit together.**

Ladies, you can always get your man that has everything a gift certificate to the banquet now and avoid the rush. Get it for his birthday, anniversary or Christmas. All you need to do is contact David Scott at 503-710-1233 or mail a check to OHA Pioneer Chapter C/O David Scott -2725 SE Concord Road Milwaukie, or. 97267.

**NOTE: Once you register, your tickets will be held at the door. However, if you get a certificate of any kind, you may pick it up or have it mailed to you.**

**2018 Pioneer Chapter of OHA Registration Form**

| <u>Packages</u>                                                                             | <u>Price</u>    | <u># of Packages Total</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| <b><u>Baby Bear:</u></b> 1 Dinner and 1 Attendance Ticket and \$30 worth Raffle Tickets.    | <b>\$30.00</b>  | ____/____                  |
| Papa Bear=Best Buy!                                                                         |                 |                            |
| <b><u>Mama Bear:</u></b> 1 Dinner, 1 Attendance Ticket and \$60.00 worth Raffle Tickets.    | <b>\$55.00</b>  | ____/____                  |
| <b><u>Papa Bear:</u></b> 2 Dinners, 2 Attendance Tickets and \$120.00 worth Raffle Tickets. | <b>\$105.00</b> | ____/____                  |
| <b><u>Extra Dinner Tickets:</u></b> May be purchased with any package                       | <b>\$20.00</b>  | ____/____                  |

**Note: Non-members add \$35.00 for 1 year membership**

**Or \$45.00 for a Family membership**

**At least one membership per registration must be purchased if not a member.**

**Membership must be current at time of Banquet March 3rd, 2018.**

**NOTE: Tall Wall Presale \$100.00 \_\_\_\_ / \$ \_\_\_\_ Les Schwab Presale \$10.00 Each: \_\_\_\_**  
**Short Wall Presale \$50.00 \_\_\_\_ / \$ \_\_\_\_ or 3 for \$25.00 \_\_\_\_**  
**Membership: \_\_\_\_ / \$ \_\_\_\_ Total Sales \_\_\_\_**

**All seats will be assigned to ensue seating!**

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**Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_**

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JIM WARD

## Wolf Plan vote gets postponed

By Jim Akenson, OHA Conservation Director  
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After the December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting where OHA was part of a panel presentation on the revised Wolf Plan, the plan is still undergoing edits and revisions, striving to garner stakeholder support and ultimately a thumbs-up vote from the commissioners.

We had thought that a vote was imminent for the Jan. 19 meeting in Salem, but that decision date has been set back, and we don't know how far yet.

The OHA approach is straight forward – to maintain as many management tools as possible looking ahead into what's called Phase III of wolf management, and to eventually manage wolves like bears and cougars. The current plan language includes "tools" that will include actions by certified hunters and trappers and eventually site-specific controlled hunts.

OHA has become allies with other sportsmen and livestock organizations who also see high stakes for Phase III wording on wolf management. At the last Commission meeting, there were two invited panels, with OHA presenting on the pro-management panel, alongside the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, the Oregon Farm Bureau, and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. On the opposition-to-management panel were Cascadia Wildlands, Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife and Oregon Wild. That panel was especially opposed to plan language that provides for eventual use of controlled hunting



WENAH/ODFW

*Stakeholders have had their say. Now the Commission needs to adopt the revised Wolf Plan.*

in any form by any description or hunt definition.

Written testimony from OHA members is still encouraged. When doing so, it's important to recognize that the original plan of 2005 and updates in 2010 and 2013 all identified hunting or "controlled take" as a critical management tool for wolves once numbers warranted. The wolf advocates seem to have forgotten that fact. Therefore, we need to keep this vital tool on the table for wildlife managers. We also need to encourage this thing being put to vote as soon as possible. If you want to help, send emails to: [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)

For some input content, here is the wording from the OHA summary slide shown at the recent Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting:

OHA wants to see the finalized 2018 plan be respectful of the species existence, yet protective of our opportunities to hunt big game, protect our property, rural life-style, and local economy. This will ultimately entail wolf population management using controlled hunting as a primary tool.

## Ochoco lawsuit moves forward

OHA's lawsuit challenging the Ochoco National Forest's decision to approve 137 miles of ATV trails in the heart of elk habitat is moving ahead.

The U.S. District Court in Pendleton consolidated the several lawsuits that were filed and issued a litigation schedule in early December. The parties are currently attempting to resolve the contents of the administrative record, which will hopefully be done by late January. Briefing on the merits of the case will begin in late January and oral argument before Judge Patricia Sullivan in Pendleton is anticipated in late May 2018.

The judge also approved a motion to allow ODFW to file an amicus brief on behalf of plaintiffs, which is welcome news. Having ODFW on our side is a big plus, because the Forest Service completely ignored the wildlife science regarding elk disturbance and motorized travel in making their final decision.

# Legislature eyes conservation, poaching bills

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist  
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The Oregon Legislature goes into session in February of 2018, and OHA will be sorting through about 2,000 bills that will be analyzed to determine what we will want to support, oppose or stay neutral on.

Here is what we know is coming up so far:

## Conservation Bill:

This is a bill concept that would allocate \$11 million from the general fund to support conservation programs administered by ODFW. The bill is coming from the office of Rep. Helm (D-Beaverton). A draft of the bill is scheduled for a late December release. OHA will analyze the bill to determine what effect it will have on wildlife and habitat programs administered by ODFW.

## Poaching Budget Note:

OHA had a budget note addressing poaching included in the recent ODFW budget document that was adopted by the 2017 legislature. The note calls for the creation of a statewide anti-poaching campaign and requires ODFW to report to the 2018 Legislature on how such a campaign will be implemented. The Oregon Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus has made dealing with poaching in Oregon its top priority for the 2018 Legislative Session.

## Poaching Law Bill:

The Oregon Legislative Caucus will support a bill by Rep. Helm (D-Beaverton) that will give the courts a bridge between the crime of the unlawful taking of wildlife and the penalty/restitution provisions currently in state statute.

As always, OHA will list all the bills we are following in OREGON HUNTER, the OHA Tracker and our OHA website.



## State board positions open; file by Feb. 1

This year OHA State Board positions for President, Secretary, Northwest Director, Midwest Director and Northeast Director are up for election.

The State Board also invites applications for a new Youth Ambassador position – a youthful individual 18 to 25 who is passionate about OHA's mission and would enjoy serving a two-year term on the board.

A board member serves without pay, except for administrative support as required, travel and accommodation costs in the performance of the board member's duties.

For details about OHA State Board service, see Page 44 of the January/February issue of OREGON HUNTER.

## Salmonberry Trail update: Hunting or No Hunting?

By Ken McCall, OHA Resource Director  
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The December 2017 answer is yes on public lands, landowner choice on adjacent private lands. OHA has heard many recurring "no hunting on Salmonberry trail" reports. No hunting claims again followed a November 2017 call for volunteers to serve on an advisory council for planning the eastern "Valley" trail segment from Banks to Timber. OHA contacts with three major agency planning leaders confirmed hunting is not a planned prohibition. The reality is the trail regulations have yet to be written and you can help guide that process.

Planning the proposed 86-mile trail connecting Banks and Tillamook is a multimillion-dollar and multi-year effort in four segments; the "Valley" segment from Banks to Timber is the current focus. The advisory group for the Valley segment is limited to local participants in the Timber to Hillsboro area.

Please contact OHA Resource Director Ken McCall if you wish to be involved. For Salmonberry Trail information, visit: <http://salmonberrytrail.org/>

## OHA partners with ODFW in Learn to Hunt workshops



A new partnership between ODFW and OHA chapters is providing beginner-level adults who are between the ages of 22 and 44 with the knowledge and skills required to hunt big game. The partnership includes training volunteers from OHA chapters to facilitate four Learn to Hunt workshops: Rifle Skills & Knowledge, Archery Skills & Knowledge, Hunting Techniques & Scouting, and Field Dressing & Butchering.

After going to [www.Myodfw.com](http://www.Myodfw.com), clicking on Workshops & Events, selecting the desired workshop, and paying the \$52 fee, participants can attend a workshop. The next Rifle Skills & Knowledge Workshop is scheduled for Feb. 3 at Canby Rod & Gun Club located at 25011 S. Molalla Forest Rd., Canby, OR 97013. The list of items provided by ODFW includes training for instructors, venue (classroom and range), class notebook, weapons (firearms or bows), projectiles (cartridges or arrows), lunch, Range Safety Officers, and instructors.

OHA has an opportunity to assist by promoting the program and volunteering as instructors. Participants will also receive a one-year membership to OHA (their choice of chapters). They will join us in our mission to protect Oregon's wildlife, habitat, and hunting heritage. Specifically, this presents an unprecedented opportunity to partner with ODFW to promote, protect, and pass on our hunting heritage. Together we can start them on their path to becoming safe, ethical, and conservation-minded hunters.

After their journey begins, we are the perfect group to provide them with support and new information at monthly meetings, opportunities to participate in habitat and wildlife projects throughout the year, and mentors who will help them in the field during hunting seasons. Our engagement with them is vital to ensure an enduring commitment to our mission and long-term retention of new hunters.  
—BILL PARK, OHA PIONEER CHAPTER PRESIDENT AND JENNY AMMON, ODFW OUTDOOR SKILLS PROGRAM

See this week's  
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