



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 C A M P

DATES TO REMEMBER

Banquet Committee Work Party

Saturday, February 3rd, 7:00 pm
At the Skou's in Beaver Creek

Monthly Meeting

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

Buck and Bull Antler Contest-Come early at
5:00 pm if you have antler's to be
measured.

Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show

Wednesday-Sunday, February 7-11
Portland Expo Center

Portland Gun and Knife Show

Saturday & Sunday, February 17-18
Portland Expo Center

Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 pm
TA Truck Stop, Aurora

Next Month

Pioneer Chapter Banquet—SOLD OUT

Saturday, March 3
Clackamas County Fair Grounds, Canby

Monthly Meeting

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

Looking Forward...2018

Youth Day

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

Adopt-A-Guzzler Family Campout

June 8th-10th
Millican, OR

MEET THE BOARD

For those of you that can't make it out to the monthly chapter meetings, the board will come to you through the newsletter. In the coming months we will feature a Chapter Officer or member of the Pioneer Chapter Board for you to meet.

We gave our board members a list of questions they could to choose from.

Terry Jones

our board secretary,
will start us off.

Q: How old were
you when you
started hunting?

A: I got a late start.
My dad refused to
take me until I was
out of diapers.

Q: Who taught you
to hunt?

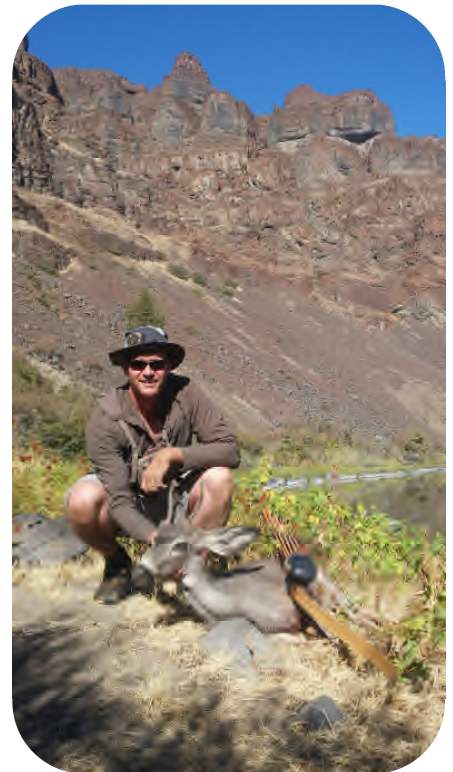
A: My dad for the
most part, but I also
got help from my
mom and her
brothers.

Q: How long have
you been an OHA
member?

A: About 15 years

Q: What's one thing you would like our members to know
about you?

A: I believe it is important to give time to help wildlife. I
have taken on the role of secretary because it is easier to
find volunteer to do the fun stuff. Which, I also like to get
out and do as much as possible.



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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 Stoege 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 27 we have signed up 66 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

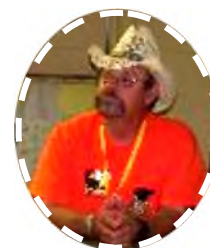
At our January general meeting, Buck Teasley was awarded the OHA State Level Special Recognition award.

At the same meeting our President, Bill Parks, showed the plaque we received from the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in appreciation of our financial support.

BANQUET UPDATE

February already and our banquet is less than a month away. This year the banquet sold out in record time by December 22nd. Hopefully you managed to get your tickets early. If you missed out you might want to think about getting next year's tickets now. Thank you to everyone who participated in the donation Contest. We had some really good items come in. Scott Jones won the Papa Bear package for the highest dollar item, Leroy Miller won the Mama Bear package for the combined highest dollar amount, and Rich Steuer's name was drawn for the Mama Bear package in the participation drawing. Congratulations to the winners! Donations will still be accepted through Feb 17th.

David Scott
Banquet Coordinator



COYOTE EARS CONTEST

This year-long event begins March 1st and runs through the end of February of the following year. Bring your coyote ears to the monthly meeting and each time you do you receive one ticket per pair of ears.



There are 3 one hundred dollar (\$100.00) winners drawn from all tickets. The drawing is held at the March monthly meeting.

The deadline to turn in coyote ears for the March drawing is the end of February. For more information call Duane Johnson, 503.829.2912.

**OREGON HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION
PIONEER CHAPTER**

**SHOTGUN AND ARCHERY
YOUTH DAY**

AT CANBY ROD AND GUN CLUB
Saturday April 28, 2018 9am -2pm

20 Gauge



Archery



410 for Beginners



OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 8 TO 18

25011 S. Molalla Forest Rd.,
Canby, Oregon 97013

****ACTIVITIES****

Clay Target Shooting-Beginning Archery
20 & 410 Gauge Youth Shotgun, Raffle
Door Prizes and
Hamburger & Hotdog Lunch

- The shooting range will be open for youths interested in clay target shooting with shotguns.
- All youth shooters are required to attend orientation/instruction class before shooting.
- Eye and ear protection is required at all times for shooters and will be provided along with shotgun and shells.
- Coaches will be present for one-on-one shooting instruction and safety.
- A parent or legal guardian must be present.

Lunch is included in the \$10.00 youth range fee.

BSA Shotgun Merit Badge instruction for Boy Scouts (\$15.00-Includes Lunch)

Lunch is available for attendees or spectators for just \$5.00 per person

Pre-registration is requested-Limited entry on event day

To register or for more information contact:

Call Duane Johnson @ 503-829-2912

Or email : elkhunter14@msn.com

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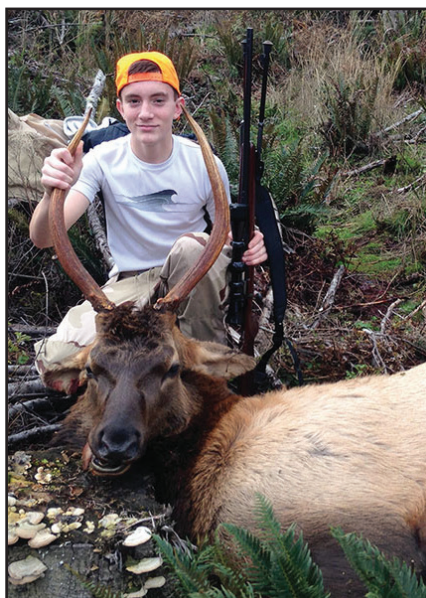
Commission approves access project on Hancock coast lands

By Ken McCall
OHA Resource Director

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission at its Jan. 19 Salem meeting approved a three-year access project on 190,000 acres of private western Oregon timberland managed by Hancock Forest Management. The primary source of funds comes from the \$4 surcharge on hunting license purchases, with supplemental funding from the 2014 federal Farm Bill's Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program.

The access project includes Hancock-managed lands located mostly within the Stott Mountain-Alsea and Trask Travel Management Areas (TMAs). Two primary benefits noted by ODFW Access & Habitat (A&H) program coordinator Isaac Sanders are hunter access during fire season and access to land-locked federal forestland normally closed by private land gates. Fire season access is allowed until Industrial Forest Protection Level (IFPL) reaches class IV. According to Sanders, "IFPL rankings above class III are not common in the Oregon Coast Range." When fire precautions reach IFPL class IV, all industrial operation is prohibited; in effect, the forests are closed to nearly all uses.

Bowhunters and early-season rifle hunters now have access options not available prior to the adoption of Hancock's proposal, a proposal that was well researched and vetted by the South



GRANT CARLETON

The project preserves access to 190,000 Hancock-managed acres in western Oregon.

Willamette A&H regional council and A&H state board. An important benefit of the proposal is early-season hunters having access to quality early seral forage in timber harvest areas on private lands. Similar forage openings are mostly unavailable on adjacent public lands. Both the BLM and Forest Service managed lands intermingled with Hancock.

OHA recognizes the real costs to landowners of public access. We also recognize maintaining access for hunting is a key to the A&H program's success and our future hunting experiences. Besides fire danger, other landowner concerns with public access to private lands include additional road maintenance costs, property damage, trash dumping, poaching and vandalism.

OHA, Hancock, A&H and Commis-

sion members have all encouraged seeking ways to partner with hunters for access and wildlife habitat improvements. Hancock staff members are open to these contacts and are already planning projects with local OHA chapters to improve big game forage. We are also exploring ways to partner with Hancock and other private timberland owners to reduce the costs of public access and increase access opportunities.

Oregon's population has doubled over the last 50 years. Every day more Oregonians seek access for outdoor recreation uses other than hunting and fishing; some mostly unheard of in 1965 are now common. The constant is hunters bear the bulk of both the access and wildlife management that goes into these projects while many other outdoor users reap the benefits. The free and easy access most of us knew growing up will never return. We must continue our efforts to find alternative public agency funding to help support and protect our hunting heritage.

Familiar faces join state A&H board

In other actions, the Commission appointed two new A&H state board members from a group of qualified applicants. The new Hunter Representative is Nathan Bailey of White City. Bailey is a hunting and fishing guide active in several outdoor organizations, including OHA. Newly appointed Landowner Representative is Amy Patrick of Sublimity. Patrick is a farm and woodland owner and former Director of Forest Protection for Oregon Forest and Industries Council. She spoke about the realities of public access impacts to private timberlands at OHA's 2017 Chapter Leadership Summit.

OHA to present TIP update to Commission

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist

OHA State Vice President John Gander was invited to present an update on the 2017 Turn In Poachers (TIP) program at the February Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting in Portland. The presentation includes details on the purpose of the program, how the program works, and the revenue that the program received and awarded in 2017. OHA last year increased the reward amounts and paid a record \$24,200 to informants in 2017

OHA, stakeholders attend Wildlife Services meeting

Representatives from OHA, Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Farm Bureau, and the Association of Oregon Counties and Oregon Sheep Growers Association met in Salem in mid-January to hear a presentation by Dave Williams, State Director of the USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services program, on the program budget and what to expect for services in 2018. Williams discussed the different categories of services his program offers and the projected expenses related to each. Future meetings will be held with stakeholders to determine what anticipated service levels are needed and what alternative funding sources might be available.

Sportsmen's Caucus sets sights on poaching in '18

The Oregon Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus met in mid-January to plan for the upcoming 2018 Legislative Session, and Priority One for this session is to support legislation that addresses curtailing poaching in Oregon. As part of this plan, caucus members will support legislation aimed at strengthening court procedures. The caucus has asked for a presentation on the anti-poaching campaign budget note prepared by ODFW. A legislative reception in February is planned, as well as a fishing derby event for the spring.

Fast Tracks 🐾 🐾

Legislative Session 2018: What's Ahead for Hunters

The gavel falls in early February for the start of the 2018 "Short Session." Here is what is on our radar to date:

Conservation Bill:

This is a bill concept that would allocate \$13 million from the general fund to support conservation programs administered by ODFW.

Restitution Bill:

This bill will give the courts a bridge between the crime of the unlawful taking of wildlife and the penalty/restitution provisions currently in state statute, to better enable sentencing in poaching cases.

As always, OHA will post and update all the bills we are following in the Tracker and on our newly remodeled OHA website: www.oregonhunters.org

Report on anti-poaching campaign due from ODFW

OHA had a budget note on poaching included in the recent ODFW budget document that was adopted by the 2017 legislature that calls for the creation of a statewide anti-poaching awareness campaign. A report by ODFW to the legislature is expected during this winter's short session.



**Check out and follow
OHA's Instagram:**

<https://www.instagram.com/oregonhuntersassociation>

We post photos from projects and events throughout the year that further our mission. Please check it out!

Early winter mild for big game herds

By Jim Akenson, Conservation Director

With moderate temperatures and open winter range slopes, the mid-winter deer, elk, and antelope status is looking positive at this point in the winter, although some regions are reporting lower-than-desired fawn ratios resulting from last year's cold, snowy, and prolonged winter.

Doug Cottam, ODFW state wildlife program administrator, indicated that certain parts of the state are showing results of this hangover effect where deep, crusted snow caused an almost complete loss of the 2016 deer and antelope fawn and kid crops.

Units in southern Baker and northern Malheur Districts and a few other spotty locations are still in a recovery mode after the brutal winter of 2016-17. Wallowa County units are showing good doe-to-fawn ratios at mid-winter.

In general, this winter will allow much higher survival rates for the 2017 fawns.

As for elk, ODFW staff indicated that this mild winter has produced fewer damage complaints, and generally elk are using traditional winter ranges with minimal weather-caused stress factors.

We still have late winter conditions to experience and predation variables to consider, but right now the prospects are bright looking to the future.

See OHA at a February sports show near you

FEBRUARY 2-4

Eugene Boat & Sportsmen's Show

FEBRUARY 7-11

Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show

FEBRUARY 16-18

Douglas County Sportsmen's & Outdoor Recreation Show

FEBRUARY 23-25

Jackson County Sportsmen's & Outdoor Recreation Show

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OR

Mathews Compound No Cam HTX Bow with Case
and Accessories from Pacific Crest Archery

OR

Beretta A400 Explor Action Semi-Auto
12 Gauge 3" with Chokes

— OR —

\$1,000



CASH

Valued at \$1,500 Each
Need Not Be Present To Win

\$5.00 per Ticket - Only 2000 Tickets Printed
Drawing February 11th, 2018 at Sportman Outdoor Show