



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.

SPRINKLE CAMP

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

Saturday, March 24, 7:00am

Meet at Carus School on Hwy 213

Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 pm

TA Truck Stop, Aurora

ODFW Youth Turkey Hunting Clinic

Saturday, March 31, 8:45 am-4:00 pm

White River Wildlife Area, Tygh Valley, OR

Next Month

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 7:00 pm

Canby Rod & Gun Club

Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 7:00 pm

TA Truck Stop, Aurora

Youth Day

Saturday, April 28th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Canby Rod & Gun Club, Canby

Looking Forward...2018

Annual Adopt-A-Guzzler Campout



- ◆ Mark your calendars now
- ◆ Friday to Sunday **June 8-10**
- ◆ Near Millican, Oregon.

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 choose from.

Duane Johnson, Chairman of the Board, Pioneer Chapter Board member since 2003 ; Youth Day Coordinator; Joined OHA in 1996 and is a Life Member.

Q: How old were you when you started hunting and who taught you to hunt?

A: My dad hunted when he was younger but not so much when I was growing up, so I talked him into taking me hunting when I was 12 and that's how my hunting story began.

Q: What should our chapter focus on in 2018?

A: I would like to see the youth become more active in the club, at some point they will be directing the club in the future.

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

A: I love to fish and hunt. Hunting to me is an adventure, being with friends, being in the outdoors. Getting a bear, elk or deer or any game is a bonus.



CHAPTER OFFICERS

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## BOARD MEMBERS

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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 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.

### UPDATE!

Project 100 has been extended through March.

The winners will be drawn at the April 4th membership meeting. As of February 15 we have signed up 88 new members. This is fantastic but we still need a few more to meet our goal.

Sign up a new member and we all win!

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

## CONGRATULATION TO OUR FEBRUARY BUCKS AND BULLS CONTEST WINNERS!

Tim Rozewski scored antlers for our Buck and Bull contest at the February 2018 monthly meeting. Here are the winners in Youth and Adult categories:

### Youth

|             |                 |              |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Deer</b> | 1st prize, \$25 | Trent Hess   |
|             | 2nd prize, \$25 | Riley Bjerke |

### Adult

|                  |                 |                    |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Blacktail</b> | 1st prize, \$50 | Daniel Andrews     |
|                  | 2nd prize, \$25 | Garrett Brandhorst |
| <b>Mule Deer</b> | 1st prize, \$50 | Jeannie Hess       |
|                  | 2nd prize, \$25 | Bob Huston         |
|                  | 3rd prize, \$10 | Steve Hess         |
| <b>Elk</b>       | 1st prize, \$50 | Scott Jones        |
|                  | 2nd prize, \$25 | Terry Jones        |
|                  | 3rd prize, \$10 | Jim Jones          |



## 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**



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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

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## Hunting-related bills gaining momentum

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist

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**HB 4030: Poaching Penalties**

**Summary:** The bill provides that for a misdemeanor under wildlife laws that involves taking or killing of wildlife, in addition to any term of incarceration imposed, courts may impose an applicable fine for a misdemeanor or impose a compensatory fine payable to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

➡ **UPDATE:** This bill had a work session in mid-February. The bill passed out of committee and is now headed to the floor of the House for a vote.

**HB 4015: Conservation/Recreation Fund**

**Summary:** The bill establishes Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund. The bill appropriates fund moneys to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for carrying out activities serving to protect, maintain or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon. The bill also establishes an Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee to review department policies regarding use of fund moneys and make recommendations regarding use of fund moneys for implementing and administering department activities.

In early February, this bill saw many twists and turns. As drafted, HB 4015 included a \$13 million General Fund appropriation to the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund, which represented Oregon's match for federal funding proposed in Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

## ODFW unveils anti-poaching campaign

ODFW has unveiled its response to the OHA budget note asking for the establishment of a statewide anti-poaching campaign. Presented at a hearing before the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources in mid-February, the report narrative states:

"The department proposal focuses on two areas: increasing detection of poaching and enhancing current efforts to deter poaching. Proposed strategies will build upon current initiatives that appear to be working and address shortcomings in the current efforts." Here is a site where you can find that report:

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2018R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/145802>



To hopefully ensure passage, this is the new strategy for the bill:

The general fund request in the bill will be reduced from \$13 million to a minimal level to set up the fund's oversight committee and lay the groundwork for the federal funds. ODFW has provided a rough cost estimate of \$40,000 to get the fund up and running, analyze current/future implementation of the conservation strategy, etc.

Based on those numbers, an amendment will be prepared to reduce the appropriation in HB 4015 to \$40,000.

This approach was proposed to move the bill this session.

➡ **UPDATE:** This bill had a hearing and work session in mid-February (OHA testified in support of the bill). The bill has passed out of committee and now goes to Ways and Means for further consideration.

**HB 4106: County Wolf Damage Funds**

**Summary:** The bill requires:

✓ ODFW to biennially report to the Legislative Assembly regarding estimated

change in Oregon's wolf population.

✓ The Legislature to identify amount of state funding necessary to provide counties with assistance sufficient for carrying out essential features of county programs regarding wolf depredation and financial assistance.

✓ The Legislature to review estimate of change in wolf population prior to making appropriations to funds used for wolf depredation and financial assistance grant program.

✓ The Legislature to establish, to the extent practicable, fund appropriation amounts greater than identified necessary funding amount and reflecting estimated change in wolf population.

This bill has been introduced at the request of: Rep. Barreto (R-Cove), Rep. Witt (D-Clatskanie), Senator Hansell (R-Athena), Senator Baertschiger (R-Grants Pass).

➡ **UPDATE:** The bill had a work session in mid-February and passed out of the committee. It now goes to Ways and Means for further consideration.

See this week's Oregon Hunting Headlines at [www.oregonhunters.org](http://www.oregonhunters.org)

## OREGON ISSUES UPDATE

By Jim Akenson, Conservation Director  
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### More Wolf Plan Meetings:

OHA will continue to be an active stakeholder with the revised Wolf Plan approval process. Additional stakeholder meetings are planned for the coming months, but our focus is clear: let's wrap it up – with hunting as an option in the future wolf management toolbox.

### Ochoco OHV Trail Update:

OHA's attorney has submitted a final summary judgement brief about the potential elk disturbance from this proposed OHV trail system. ODFW has produced and submitted a very strong amicus brief statement supporting our opposition. OHA's Bend Chapter matched State OHA's \$25,000 investment in the litigation, and RMEF has given OHA a \$10,000 grant to help with legal expenses on this important lawsuit.

### Chesnimnus Elk Project:

OHA's Chesnimnus public lands planning group met with USFS, ODFW, The Nez Perce Tribe, and other stakeholders to iron out specifics of public land actions that will help move elk off private land and back onto the National Forest.

### Elk Damage – Landowner Liaison Program Concept:

OHA has been working to produce a Landowner Liaison program proposal – which would respond to big game damage on private property in specific local situations, using responsible hunters to remove or redistribute unwanted elk and deer.

### Elliott Forest Update:

The Elliott is no longer managed by Oregon State Forestry. Division of State Lands is developing plans for future forest and wildlife management on the Elliott property.

## New crossings will save wildlife, human lives and property

By Ken McCall, OHA Resource Director  
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Oregon lags far behind most western states and Canada in providing safe wildlife passage across busy highways. Deer carcasses scattered along Oregon highways and incidents like the recent one involving more than a dozen elk killed west of Portland offer evidence enough. Add statistics such as 1,000 deer killed annually in central Oregon alone – that's more than half the legal harvest of bucks in the six central Oregon units combined – and the reality sets in.

OHA's Bend Chapter has partnered with the US Forest Service, ODFW, ODOT and others to maintain the fencing on the successful Highway 97 Lava Butte underpasses crossing south of Bend.

OHA staff is getting involved in an upcoming second Highway 97 wildlife crossing project planned near Gilchrist.

These efforts are only a start. As Oregon wildlife advocates, we must demand and partner in more safe, effective crossings for wildlife statewide, for the sake of both migrants and motorists. Safe wildlife crossings must be on the long-term planning radar of highway managers at all jurisdiction levels – federal, state, county and municipal. Crossings for wildlife are expensive, require extensive planning and must be recognized and included in highway improvement projects years before they are installed.

All benefit from avoiding the loss of human lives and property, but in saving wildlife, hunters have perhaps the most skin in the game, so we need to be on the frontline in this fight.



## OHA offers dream hunts with A&H tags

OHA and the Oregon Access & Habitat program are partnering to offer several great opportunities to enjoy a dream hunt while supporting OHA's mission as well as wildlife habitat and hunter access.

OHA will offer three A&H hunts this banquet season, starting with a Statewide Elk tag in the auction at the OHA Columbia County Chapter banquet Feb. 24.

The OHA Lake County Chapter will auction a Pronghorn tag at its banquet on April 7, and the coveted Statewide Deer and Elk Combo hunt will be up for bid during OHA's 35th Annual State Convention at Seven Feathers in Canyonville on May 12. The Convention will also host the annual A&H Hunt Raffle's final ticket sales and subsequent drawing.

You can attend the banquets or register in advance to bid by phone on any of these auction hunts. Check the A&H ad in the January/February and March/April issues of OREGON HUNTER for details on these opportunities, as well as Oregon A&H tags offered for auction by other conservation-minded sportsmen's groups. Proceeds benefit Oregon's wildlife habitat and access opportunities.

## OUTDOOR OUTLOOK

### MARCH 1

Central Oregon Sports Show opens

### MARCH 3

OHA chapter banquets:

Pioneer 503-710-1233

Rogue Valley 503-250-3000

Malheur County 208-739-1885

### MARCH 10

Late goose seasons end

### MARCH 17

OHA chapter banquets:

Clatsop County 503-359-3535

Union/Wallowa 541-562-6267

Yamhill County 503-550-4740

Tualatin Valley 503-453-7520

### MARCH 24

OHA Bend Chapter banquet, 541-330-6218

### MARCH 31

White River Youth Turkey Clinic  
503-358-7821

### APRIL 1

Western Oregon spring bear opens

Find more OHA events at:  
<http://oregonhunters.org/events>

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HELP SUPPORT YOUTH EDUCATION & WILDLIFE HABITAT

| 1ST CHOICE                                                                                     | 2ND CHOICE                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Weatherby Lazerguard 30.06                                                                     | Taurus Judge 45/410                                                                             |
| _____ OR _____                                                                                 | _____ OR _____                                                                                  |
| Hawa Model 1500 Welby Scott w Scope                                                            | Bersa Thunder .380 DT                                                                           |
| _____ OR _____                                                                                 | _____ OR _____                                                                                  |
| \$700  CASH | \$300  CASH |

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Drawing September 5th, 2018 at Monthly Meeting @ CRGC

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