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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly Meeting Wednesday, August 1, 2018, 7:00 pm Canby Rod & Gun Club

Guzzler Project Saturday, August 4, 8:00 am Meet at Jake's Diner in Bend for breakfast

Adopt-A-Highway Saturday, July 14, 7:00 am Meet at Carus School, Hwy 213 & Carus Rd

Banquet Committee Meeting Thursday, August 9 at the Skou residence Contact David Scott for details

Clackamas County Fair Tuesday-Saturday, August 14-18 Fairgrounds in Canby, OR

Duck Box Route Saturday, August 25, 7:00 AM Meet at Forest Service in Estacada for breakfast

Board Meeting Wednesday, August 29, 7:00 pm TA Truck Stop, Aurora

Next Month

Monthly Meeting Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 7:00 pm Canby Rod & Gun Club

Pioneer Chapter Site-In Days Saturday & Sunday, September 22 & 23 Canby Rod & Gun Club

Board Meeting Wednesday, September 26, 7:00 pm TA Truck Stop, Aurora

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.

Sam Saunders, Pioneer Chapter Board Member

Growing up in West Seattle, I had very few chances to go hunting, we were a fishing family. My Dad and Step Granddad got invited to go after deer, and at 13 I had my first adventure. No gun, no tag, but I was hooked. Got to go a couple more times in high school, but didn't get serious until moving to Oregon in 1970. Gone every year since then except for two.

I've been an OHA member for nearly 15 years, and wish I'd gotten involved much earlier.

My most embarrassing moment came on a hunt on the Rogue river when I spotted a massive blacktail buck with jet black antlers in a clearcut at 150 yards . While my companions watched, I managed to miss 4 times while he trotted off. When I checked my scope later, I was shooting 4 feet low. I've never gone out again without sighting in my rifle before the season.



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#### Volunteer Work Party for U.S. Fish & Wildlife

When: Friday, September 14th from 9:30 am - 12 pm. What: We'll find and collect vegetation to dress the blinds, camouflaging them for the upcoming youth hunt weekend.

Where: Meet at Baskett Slough Refuge, at the white office/barn building located at 10995 Hwy 22 / Dallas, OR 97338.

What to Bring: We'll have gloves and all of the supplies but volunteers should bring water and dress to get messy.

RSVP to Samantha Bartling: <u>samantha_bartling@fws.gov</u>.

## JULY GUZZLER TRIP

Thanks to all the people who took the time to go over and take care of the guzzlers. Dave Scott headed up the crew which included Jim, Scott, Kyle Jones, Dean Kieling,



Anthony, Riley, Kasen Bjerke, Nohea Taylor, Chris Shepard, Dan Bryant, Caden Kudel and Tino Fox.

Jim Jones and Tony Bjerke's crew hauled water to the south side and filled guzzlers as needed. Dan and his crew went to the north side and handled the guzzlers there. The group met at the cattle guard by Moffitt 1 for lunch and debriefing. All had a wonderful trip.

#### Thank you all for a job well done!

Scott Norris, Project Coordinator

*Editors Note*: The next Guzzer trip is Saturday, August 4th. Meet at Jake's Diner in Bend for breakfast at 8:00 am. For more information call Scott Norris at 503.928.1639.

#### **PIONEER HAPPENINGS**

Here it is August already and we are getting geared up for the **Clackamas County Fair in Canby.** As you might know, in September we will draw for the current raffle we are selling tickets on. We are looking for new people to step up and help. Bryon mentioned that he might be interested in taking over the set-up for the Canby gun shows. We also need someone to help with the Expo gun shows.

If you are interested contact David Scott at 503-710-1233 or come to the monthly meeting at the Canby Rod and Gun Club on Wednesday, August 1st at 7:00pm and let us know.

On another note, ticket sales for the Banquet are really starting to come in. So don't delay! Get your tickets today. Happy hunting!

Thanks, David Scott



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Pioneer Chapter OREGON HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION

23rd Annual Fund-Raiser Banquet

March 2nd, 2019

Join us on March 2, 2019 at the Clackamas County Fair Grounds for our 23rd Annual Fund-Raiser Banquet. Get in on the early registration and beat the crowd. Complete this form with all your party members listed and send with payment to DAVID SCOTT - 2725 SE Concord Road, Milwaukie, or. 97267.

There will be no tickets paid for at the door. All packages must be paid for by February 4th 2019

Early Bird Prize "Remington 1911 R1-S Semi Auto 45". Early Bird Deadline December 1st, 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.

David Scott at 503-710-1233

NOTE: Once you register, your tickets will be held at the door.

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# OHA works at Baskett Slough for youth hunt

By Ken McCall, OHA Resource Director Ken@oregonhunters.org



OHA and Venture Scouts are painting and dressing V blinds in July and September at Baskett Slough in preparation for the new youth waterfowl hunt that will take place Sept. 22 and 23. Thanks to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, prohunting comments from hunters and OHA chapter volunteers, Baskett Slough NWR is offering this new opportunity for young hunters.

The hunt is highlighted in yellow on Page 26 of the 2018-19 Game Bird regulations, and in the Fall issue of OHA's award-winning quarterly junior newsletter *Yearlings*.

Visit https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Baskett_slough/ to learn about and apply for the hunt. Registration is limited.

#### Fire danger extreme; check these links before you hunt

Fires began raging across Oregon in July, threatening public hunting access as hunting season approaches. For the latest fire restrictions, visit these websites: Northwest Interagency Coordination Center: https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/information/firemap.aspx Oregon Department of Forestry: https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/Restrictions.aspx

# Good Neighbor Authority offers opportunities for wildlife habitat improvement projects

The 2014 Farm Bill and 2014 Appropriations Act opened the door to cooperative projects across federal (U.S. Forest Service, BLM) boundary jurisdictions with State and private lands. The Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) is another tool for partnerships in habitat improvements. Oregon Department of Forestry has taken advantage of this authority on timber sales to improve forest health while Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has recently started an effort to seek opportunities for Oregon's wildlife habitats.

GNA is another tool in the partnership toolbox for conservation organizations like OHA to engage collaboratively with other wildlife and habitat supporters and our management agencies. Similar legislation is on the 2018 Congressional agenda.

# **ODFW** announces new electronic licensing system

By Jim Akenson, OHA Conservation Director Jim@oregonhunters.org

Implementation of a new electronic licensing system is scheduled for Dec. 1, ODFW recently announced. This will eliminate the need for specialized paper for licenses and tags. The electronic system will give hunters a choice of electronic (paperless) or hard copy (paper) options.

By March 2019, hunters will be able to load a mobile app that will upload and report information (such as validating a tag) when a cell signal, or WIFI signal, is unavailable, and then the system will automatically load the information once a signal is obtained. Stay tuned for more details on the pending system.

#### Proposed controlled hunt tags dip for 2019

The total proposed controlled tags for 2019 decrease slightly, less than 2 percent. Proposed controlled deer tags are dropping 1.5 percent, while both elk and pronghorns are declining 1.5 percent. Bighorn tags will be down 2 tags, or 2.4 percent; mountain goats will stay the same, with 24 tags offered statewide.

The one increase will be spring bear having an additional 1.8 percent tags available. The biggest tag decline is with mule deer, and is mostly related to the impacts of the severe winter of 2016-17.

#### **Regulation simplification raises questions from OHA**

OHA's primary questions/concerns about proposed regulation simplification focus on changes that reduce kill effectiveness and/or make enforcement more difficult. This includes caliber size and bow weight for larger game such as elk. OHA has recommended staff pursue research findings with pertinent test results, and we are waiting for a summary of statewide big game meetings where hunters gave input prior to producing final comments. OHA recognizes that many of the simplification proposals are positive, with no concerns raised.

See the full slate of proposals at https://bit.ly/2spD7KJ

#### Wolf Plan stakeholder meetings scheduled

Two or three facilitated Wolf Plan stakeholder meetings will be conducted between early August and mid-September. OHA will be unwavering on keeping wolf management options and hunting language "as is." We also feel the population estimating system needs an update to include hunter observations – possibly modelled after what Montana has used for several years.

## OHA pays rewards for arrest made in case of deer shot with target arrows; new case pops up

Oregon State Police Troopers from the Fish & Wildlife Division in Central Point on June 28 charged a suspect with maiming two Jackson County deer with target arrows, and OHA and others are paying rewards that were pledged for information leading to an arrest.

The charges resulted from a threemonth investigation that began on April 27, when Troopers responded to reports of two live deer that had been shot with arrows and the arrows were still in the deer.

The deer were located and tranquilized, with assistance from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The arrows were successfully removed without further injury to the deer. The deer were shot with older type arrows that had practice field tips and not broadheads.

OHA's Turn In Poachers (TIP) Reward Fund offered its standard \$500 reward for a deer case, while the OHA Rogue Valley Chapter pledged another \$1,500. Dewclaw Archery of Medford contributed \$500 and Ashland Archers at the Ashland Gun & Archery Club added \$100 for a total of \$2,600.

OSP charged 36-year-old Daniel Logsdon with unlawful take/possession of antlerless deer, first degree aggravated animal abuse and failing to report accurate information as a sex offender.

OSP is now asking for the public's assistance in identifying whoever is responsible for shooting a female deer in the head with an arrow on or about July 4.

An OSP officer and ODFW biologist responded to the 800 block of San Souci Drive west of Roseburg on July 6. The arrow was removed and the deer returned to its small fawn nearby.

Anyone with information is asked to contact OSP dispatch at (541) 440-3333. An informant offering information leading to an arrest can remain anonymous and still collect a TIP reward from OHA.

# Gun initiatives fail to make ballot

By AI Elkins, OHA Lobbyist alvinelkins@yahoo.com

The 2018 Initiative Petitions 43 and 44 are dead. After weeks of motions filed by OHA, NRA and other gun rights groups, OHA and others prevailed before the Oregon Supreme Court.

The Court agreed with us, and ruled that the Oregon Attorney General had violated Oregon laws that require ballot titles and summaries to be impartial and fair. The Court directed the AG to revise the ballot title for 43, but with time running out, the petitioners on both measures pulled out.

Both groups have said they will be back. We expect to see language from both petitions introduced in bill form during the 2019 Legislative Session, which starts in January.

IP 43 would have restricted the sale and use of most semi-automatic firearms, and banned their use on public lands for hunting, target practice or self defense.

IP 44 would have required restrictive gun storage and had negative impacts on youth hunting opportunities.

These two measures were the greatest assault we've ever seen on our right to hunt and defend ourselves. This was a tremendous victory for OHA and we greatly appreciate the support and cooperation we received from the NRA legal defense teams.

## Workgroup moves ahead on anti-poaching campaign

A workgroup, made up of OHA representatives, legislators, ODFW, OSP, Department of Justice and others, is drafting anti-poaching legislation for the 2019 session that begins in January. The initial discussions center around making a violation of the wildlife laws a Class C Felony if the offense is committed with a culpable mental state. Specific bill language will be forthcoming.

The anti-poaching campaign that OHA is working on has several moving parts. One of these parts is the addition of felony provisions for certain wildlife offenses. OHA is a strong supporter of steps to help deter and combat poaching. Our hope is that establishing higher monetary fines, jail time and losing hunting and gun rights will significantly contribute to deterring individuals from poaching.

These anti-poaching efforts stem from the anti-poaching awareness campaign that is included in the ODFW agency proposed budget. The proposed agency budget request for 2019-21 will be submitted to the Governor by Aug. 31. The Department of Administrative Services will work with the Governor's office to develop the Governor's Recommended Budget. OHA will lobby to keep the antipoaching campaign funding in the budget throughout this process.



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#### **OREGON HUNTING SEASON CALENDAR**

August 1	Bear Season opens
August 11-19	Standard Antelope Season
August 24	Bow tag sale deadline
August 25-Sept 23	General Bow Season opens
September 10	Fall turkey application deadline
September 28	Tag deadline for rifle deer, bear & cougar
September 29	Deer Rifle Season opens

TD RATHER B:E HANNEG Raffle drawing September 5th at monthly meeting!

