

**PIONEER CHAPTER** 

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# OHA Mission: Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage

September 2018

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**Adopt-A-Highway** Saturday, September 8, 7:00 am Meet at Carus School, Hwy 213 & Carus Rd

**Banquet Committee Meeting** Thursday, September 13 at the Skou residence. Contact David Scott for details

TWO WEEKENDS! Pioneer Chapter Site-In Days Saturday & Sunday, September 15 & 16 Saturday & Sunday, September 22 & 23 Canby Rod & Gun Club



**Duck Box Route** Saturday, September 19, 7:00 AM Meet at Forest Service in Estacada for breakfast

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

## Next Month

*Monthly Meeting* Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 7:00 pm Canby Rod & Gun Club

**Board Meeting** Wednesday, October 31, 7:00 pm TA Truck Stop, Aurora

## HELLO EVERYONE,

Welcome to September!

All you archery hunters should be out hunting and hopefully having great luck. As we are moving into the hunting seasons I know the last thing on your mind is the banquet but I work on it year round even during hunting season.

We are constantly looking for donations, so while you are doing business with different companies ask them if they would be willing to donate something. Remember that we still have the donation contest running so be sure to ask David Scott for details if you need them.

Registration forms should be mailed to David Scott at 2725 SE Concord Road, Milwaukie, OR 97267. Please do not send them to a different address as they may not reach me in time. Early Bird cut off is December 1st this year so get your registrations in early. You don't want to miss out, especially if you want a specific table as some of the tables are already sold out.

Thank you and good luck hunting!

David Scott Banquet Coordinator



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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>.



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- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit <u>www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards</u>.

#### **PIONEER HAPPENINGS**

As you may know, long time OHA member and volunteer Jan Whitney passed away. In her honor, the Pioneer Chapter donated funds to 3 organizations in her name. The following received those funds:

> Molalla Gun Club Molalla Food Bank OHA Memorial Fund



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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

2019 PIONEER CHAPTER OF OHA REGIS	TRATION FORM
PACKAGES	PRICE # of Packages Tot
<u>Baby Bear</u> : 1 Dinner and 1 Attendance Ticket and \$30 worth Raffle Ti PAPA BEAR = BEST BUY!	ckets \$30.00/
Mama Bear: 1 Dinner, 1 Attendance Ticket and \$60.00 worth Raffle T	Tickets \$55.00/
Papa Bear: 2 Dinners, 2 Attendance Tickets and \$120.00 worth Raffle	Tickets. <b>\$105.00</b>
Extra Dinner Tickets: May be purchased with any package	\$20.00/
Note: Non-members add \$35.00 for 1	l year membership
Or \$45.00 for a Family mem	bership
At least one membership per registration must be p Membership must be current at time of Banc	
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Short Wall Presale \$50.00/_\$	or 3 for \$25.00
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All seats will be assigned to ensure seating!	Phone Number a Must
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# Commission to hear rule to allow preference points as TIP rewards

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist alvinelkins@yahoo.com



A new rule will be considered by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to allow for an alternative reward of controlled hunt preference points, in lieu of the current monetary award, for turning in poachers.

The new rule, based on the "Turn In Poachers" legislation (HB 3158) that was passed during the 2017 legislative session, would provide a monetary reward or preference points to people who report poachers to OSP, provided the information leads to an arrest or citation.

Here are some of the highlights of the new rule:

✓ Preference points awarded would vary by species. (Points awarded TBD).

 $\checkmark$  For reported violations involving multiple animals or species, points awarded will be based on the species with the highest point value.

 $\checkmark$  If more than one person reports the same violation, the rule language will spell out which reporting person(s) will receive the reward.

The rule will be available for review on Sept. 4 on the ODFW website and will be presented by staff to the Commission in September at their meeting in Bandon.

# Pro-gun measures bound for ballot

A number of local measures are popping up in the fall election. Groups advocating for "Second Amendment Preservation Ordinances" have been busy in a pushback to the gun control Initiative Petitions 43 and 44 that OHA and our allies helped keep off the ballot.

These local ordinances seek to protect Second Amendment rights by prohibiting local law enforcement from enforcing any bills/local laws that infringe on the Second Amendment.

Josephine County already has such an ordinance. Jackson County has certified one, and five other counties (Columbia, Douglas, Klamath, Lake and Union) will have it on the November ballot. A few others are still in the process (Coos, Curry, Wallowa, Wheeler).

A similar statewide initiative is planned for 2020, as well as one that would mandate gun safety education in schools.

# **ODFW, OHA tackle big issues**

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

#### Commission backs marten trapping petition

The Fish and Wildlife Commission heard and saw a petition brought before them on Aug. 3 by environmental groups to eliminate trapping for the Humboldt Marten, considered a rare subspecies living in the coastal mountains of SW Oregon. The Commission voted 3-2 to move the petition forward toward rule-making even though trappers have only harvested one of these marten in the past three years. The petition calls for incrementally increasing restrictions involving a strip of Oregon west of I-5, the Siuslaw and Siskiyou National Forests, and the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (most restrictive). OHA and trapping representatives, who gave testimony opposing this ban, expressed that the petition was more of a foot in the door to stop trapping, in general, than a biological concern given the extremely low mortality of this species from trapping.

#### **ODFW unveils Electronic Licensing System**

ODFW has unveiled its new Electronic Licensing System that will begin for 2019. The intent is to eliminate the need for specialized paper for licenses and tags and to provide a cell phone license and tag option utilizing a downloadable mobile application, so cell service is not necessary. The ELS will give hunters a choice of electronic (paperless) or hard copy (paper) options – printable at home like event tickets or coupons. For details, see the September-October issue of OREGON HUNTER.

#### **OHA** weighs in on regulation simplification

OHA leaders were given a good summary by ODFW staff of the proposed changes and simplifications coming for 2019 regulations at the Diamond Lake Summit early in August. Input from OHA chapters has primarily shown support for the changes, with a few concerns on bow weight and firearm caliber reductions.

#### Wolf Plan stakeholder meetings underway

Facilitated stakeholder meetings are currently ongoing for Oregon's revised Wolf Plan. The intent is to get better buy-in for the plan on sensitive issues involving hunting and damage management. OHA is working with RMEF, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, and Oregon Farm Bureau in encouraging maintaining effective management language in the 5-year plan revision.



Bend Chapter's John Bambe (left) accepts OHA's Organizational Member of the Year Award from OHA Field Director Bryan Cook at the Chapter Summit at Diamond Lake.

# **OHA** presents state awards

OHA has presented its annual awards for individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunters during the previous year.

OHA chapters submitted nominations, chapter representatives and OHA State Board members voted, and awards were presented at the OHA Chapter Leadership Summit Aug. 3-5 at Diamond Lake Resort.

#### 2017 OHA State Awards

Members of the Year (Wildlife) Jerry Riecke & Harry Hansen, **Klamath Chapter** 

Member of the Year (Organization) John Bambe, Bend Chapter

> **Chapter of the Year Bend Chapter**

**Conservationist of the Year** Greg Love, OSP in Bend

Turn In Poachers (TIP) Award **Tayler Jerome, Yamhill County OSP** 

Youth Member of the Year Shelby Reed, Klamath Chapter

**Special Recognition Awards** Mike Ayers, Rogue Valley Chapter Parker Guy, Yamhill County Chapter **Greg Petsch, Bend Chapter** Fred Walasavage, Mid-Columbia

## Chapters hear wildlife | Court rules Elliott issues, pledge support

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

The annual OHA Chapter Leadership Summit Aug. 3-5 was another successful gathering of OHA leaders. The Saturday afternoon session included six guest speakers who shared their expertise on physical connections between our wildlife and habitat resources and building connections between our chapters and other partners in conservation.

The afternoon started with a keynote presentation by Curt Melcher, director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and a seventh generation Oregonian.

Suzanne Linford, director of Protect Animal Migration, and Cidney Bowman, Wildlife Passage coordinator for ODOT, shared information on wildlife/vehicle collisions, Highway 97 wildlife crossing projects and the effects on our deer populations statewide from vehicle collisions.

Statistically, Oregon is losing more deer on our highways statewide than we as hunters bring home to fill our freezers. During the Sunday morning meeting, 10 OHA chapters present responded to a Yamhill County Chapter funding challenge for wildlife passage efforts by pledging a combined \$60,000 to the fencing for a new crossing north of Gilchrist.

Monty Gregg, Ochoco National Forest wildlife biologist, spoke about building strategic partnerships across a range of public land opportunities and teaming with conservation organizations to accomplish landscape level projects.

Tim Greseth, executive director of Oregon Wildlife Foundation, presented ways we can build partnerships and leverage our project funds through grants and agreements with organizations supporting wildlife and habitat improvement.

Nick Myatt, ODFW's Grande Ronde Watershed district manager, closed out the afternoon with a presentation and engagement with members on the department's ongoing regulation simplification proposals and process to date. OHA is summarizing our comments to present at the September ODFW Commission meeting.

# property sale illegal

The Oregon Court of Appeals ruled on Aug. 1 that the 2014 sale of 788 acres of the Elliott State Forest to a private timber company was illegal. The lawsuit was brought forward by a coalition of environmental groups contending the sale was illegal under a provision of Oregon Revised Statutes, which framed the creation of the Elliott Forest through a land exchange process with the U.S. Forest Service in the early 1900s. The land transfer from federal to state public management, commonly known as the Millacoma exchange, was designed to consolidate scattered common school fund lands into a manageable block of forest land in the Coast Range.

This is but one of numerous lawsuits related to management of the Elliott and the relation of the income producing objectives of the common school fund lands. The effect of the court decision should reopen some access to the Elliott closed after the 2014 sale of the East Hakki Ridge parcel, located just south of the Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area.

The lawsuit came from the same groups who sued to stop timber sales on the Elliott in 2012. The future management of the forest has yet to be determined, following the 2017 State Land Board decision not to sell the forest in whole,  $-K_{EN}M_{C}C_{ALL}$ 



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### **OREGON HUNTING SEASON CALENDAR**

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

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Raffle drawing September 5th at monthly meeting!

