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## **ROGUE VALLEY REVIEW OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION**

Oregon Hunters Association, Rogue Valley Chapter  
PO Box 1748 Medford, OR 97501

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**Membership Monthly Meeting: April 11th, 2019; 6:00pm**

**Eagles Club 2000 Table Rock Road, Medford, OR**

**Speaker: Oregon State Police Enforcement;  
Sgt. Jim Collom, OSP**

**Menu: Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad,  
Dessert and Soft Drinks (\$12)**

### **The Reality of the Challenge:**

Sometimes you can't appreciate the magnitude of the challenge you've been describing until you've seen it again first hand. Los Angeles county has 10 MILLION residents - there are 40 MILLION Californians. The density of people and cities and housing is remarkable - in some ways overwhelming when you are blessed to call Southern Oregon home. There are 4 MILLION people in all of Oregon (10% of the California total). Oregon will continue to attract Californians which based on their experiences will have no idea what to make of a group of people devoted to protecting certain rights and privileges. They just don't know because that's not what they do. It might be a bit of an exaggeration, but green space in Los Angeles county seems to be the bike paths and walking trails under miles of high voltage power lines, or the narrow two-foot strip of grass between the sidewalk and street. It's just a completely/profoundly different environment. No wonder they come screaming up I5 to plant themselves in the 200,000 person Rogue Valley.

So we talk about the importance of RVOHA membership (and other memberships) and of recruiting new folks to the game. We talk about keeping folks involved and providing opportunities. We talk about the fights and challenges that will never cease. Then you have these experiences and you recognize that our profound failure to rally our collective efforts in membership and service and advocacy stands us a good chance of being shutout of something that is viscerally important to us. It's part of our humanity, upbringing and family lifestyle. We all hear the common refrain of "that won't happen here". Anyone believing that isn't paying attention to the realities of declining hunter numbers in Oregon and across the nation. "Oh, I'll just move to Idaho." Here's the bottom line, we better get it in gear or we are in big trouble because the majority of growth in Oregon isn't coming from traditional, legacy Oregon households that were tied to the land in logging, ranching, fishing, farming, hunting and so on. The times are changing and our failure to be appropriately represented in serious conversations about habitat access, habitat quality, forestry practices, etc. are unforgivable. There are roughly 1150 members of RVOHA in a Valley of over 200,000 residents. At best, if half those residents are children, there are roughly 100,000 adults. The means RVOHA has a membership of roughly 1.2% of the Rogue Valley. The national average of hunters is 4%, or about 13 MILLION hunters. From a Statewide perspective, it isn't any better. There are roughly 10,000 OHA members for 330,000 hunting licenses sold in Oregon which means 0.3% of hunters in Oregon have chosen to be represented by OHA in their interests. Remembering back to the Oregon population of 4 MILLION means 8% of Oregonians are hunters. So whether you're talking about 1.2% for RVOHA or 0.3% for OHA, our ambitions for maintaining an ability to influence legislation and regulatory matters is much weaker than it should be. There is influence in numbers and dollars and we are not meeting expectations.

The sky is falling, the sky is falling... Consider ourselves warned. We get the behaviors we accept. Bottom line, if we're not willing to spend \$35 annually to improve our odds of being able to continue to do something we literally spend thousands of dollars preparing for and executing each year, we aren't really serious about staying in the game. And that sentiment extends to all of the family members, friends and otherwise that we don't recruit like we should. These are the good old days and we need to do everything in our power and authority to make them last.

### **Pays to Attend Drawing (2019):**

For each member that attends the monthly membership meeting (second Thursday of every month - 6pm), they will be entered into a drawing to win a cerakoted, OHA-logo'd Legacy International Over/Under Shotgun. For those who have been attending the meetings, the Board would like to get your feedback on how you feel the meetings are going. Do you enjoy the content and cadence of the event? What, if anything, might you suggest as things to consider in making the experience even more valuable? If you are NOT attending, what would encourage you to try us out and take in a meeting? Different venue, different food, different speaker content, less raffle, more raffle, etc? We want the meetings to benefit our membership and find as much common ground as possible in doing so. Thanks!

### **Nate Bailey (Spring Turkey Hunting, Southern Oregon Hunting) Speaker Thank You!:**

RVOHA would like to extend a hearty thank you to Nate Bailey for his informative spring turkey hunting primer. Nate is a passionate outdoor enthusiast with a special affinity for spring turkey hunting ("the spring version of elk hunting"). He shared a wealth of knowledge and perspective regarding the tools, tips and tactics for increasing your odds of spring turkey hunting success. From scouting to tactics Nate covered the details of to getting into birds and have success doing so. If you'd like to retain Nate's service for a guided spring turkey hunt, you might give him a ring at 541-951-6952.

### **Stoneridge Tactical Drawing Thank You!:**

At our March Membership Meeting, Stoneridge Tactical (David Cunningham - (541)-499-4706) sponsored free participation in Stoneridge's Tactical Handgun class (\$125 value; 8 hours) for the final time. We are thankful for Stoneridge Tactical's generous donations. Winners - Please pick up your certificate from the team at Stoneridge Tactical (411 N Front St, Central Point, OR) as soon as possible.

### **Oregon State Police Report:**

Troopers from the Central Point office received a call of a dead elk in the Prospect area. The location of the deceased elk was across the street from a controlled antlerless elk hunt. The elk was located and found to have likely been shot. There was also another blood trail that started from near where the dead elk was located. A trooper followed that trail for a few miles but the blood had stopped and the trail was eventually lost. Troopers are actively investigating this.

Troopers from Central Point responded on a complaint of shots heard and an elk that was dead in the Table Rock area near Medford. Both landowner and a late antlerless elk hunts were currently open. This portion of BLM has a CFR that prohibits firearms from being discharged, but does not prohibit hunting. When Troopers arrived they saw the herd still balled up and spooked. From the road they could see a dead elk that the RP had informed them about. They checked the area at the normal parking areas that access the BLM property the dead elk was on, but did not locate a suspect vehicle. They did, however, locate the suspects a short time later when they were seen walking toward the elk. Troopers contacted the hunters and found that one, a licensed disabled-hunter had a late season elk tag, and had shot and killed a cow elk. The killing of that elk did not violate any state regulations, but did violate the CFR of discharging a firearm. The Troopers found, however, that the able-bodied assistant in his attempt to aid the disabled hunter unlawfully shot and killed a second elk located about 300 yards from the first elk. He claimed he believed it was the same one shot by the tag holder, and did not realize two elk were down until he walked up to the first one. This was about the same time he saw the Troopers approaching. The CFR violation was forwarded to BLM Rangers for follow up. The elk was seized and donated to charity, the able-bodied hunter's assistant was cited for exceeding bag limit on elk.

Two Troopers from the Central Point office teamed up for an ATV patrol within the Jackson TMA road closure. Upon getting to a closed gate the Troopers stopped and listened for ATVs. Within a few seconds they heard ATVs below them. They were able to contact two Razor ATVs as they came out from a closed road and onto the open road. After clearing those two ATVs, the Troopers followed tracks that had gone around a gate and into the road closure. They were able to overtake three road closure violators about four miles into the closure. Two Razor side by sides and a Suzuki SUV. The Suzuki was buried in a mud hole. After leaving those they returned out to an open road and "marked" a commonly violated road. Upon coming back to that road the markers they had placed had been moved. They went about a half mile up the closed road to find a couple discarding yard debris from a trailer. During the five (5) hour ATV patrol the Troopers issued several citations and warnings for various littering, ATV, motor vehicle and road closure violations. In addition they contacted about eight citizens that were not violating any laws and seemed glad to see the Troopers up there. The Troopers answered many questions in regard to ATV and road closure issues as well as just chatting.

A Trooper from Central Point was checking ATVs when he came upon a van stuck in deep snow and a male digging frantically trying to get it unstuck. The Trooper assisted in digging and moving the vehicle a short distance a few times, until the heavy right foot of the driver again buried the van. The Trooper was frustrated when after numerous digging and failed attempts to get the van out the owner asked "Do you think my chains would help?" The Trooper answered with his out loud voice "Why yes I believe they would". It doesn't matter what the Trooper said on his inside voice. The man didn't seem to know how to put chains on. The Trooper put them on and freed the van in only a couple of minutes.

A Trooper from Central Point responded to a report of an injured Canada Goose. The goose was reported to have an arrow stuck in it. The Trooper responded and eventually found the goose on an island above Power House rapid near Gold Hill. The goose could not be reached with any OSP craft safely. A kayaker tried to catch the goose with no success. It could not be determined for sure, but it appeared to be the same goose that had an arrow sticking out of from the Expo Ponds near Central Point several months prior. No one could catch it then either. As of now, unless the goose goes down hill physically, it will likely live out its days with an arrow sticking out of it.

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**Upcoming Membership Meeting Presentations:**

April 11th	Oregon State Police Enforcement; Sgt. Jim Collom, OSP Wildlife Enforcement Division
May 9th	Protecting Animal Migration; Cidney Bowman, ODOT Biologist (Suzanne Linford/PAM)
June 13th	Guide Tips for Successful Southern Oregon Flyfishing; Nate Bailey, On the Fly Guide Service
July 11th	Predator Hunting/Control, TBD
August 8th	Stop the Bleed (First Aid); Bill Fisher, OHA Board Member, ABS Paramedic Works

**Banquet Summary:**

RVOHA turned in a record performance on March 2nd where we grossed over \$23,000 more than our prior year's banquet. The top-line haul of \$140,000+ represents a new milestone for our efforts at fund-raising and included a new record for attendance (379). Our net increased over \$8,000 - more funds to apply in our mission of Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage. Anyone attending the banquet enjoyed some outstanding food and drinks as well as our party entertainment provided by Scott William Perry and Kyle Rawlins. Wow, we crushed that part of the event. The Live Auction was robust and included some spirited bidding for some outstanding items. We have some opportunities on our Silent Auction, Games and General Raffles. The Board had an excellent post-event discussion and are excited about some proposed changes. The Mystery Gun was a show-stopper (literally). We'll have better signage next year, make ourselves stand out more to support improved sales and customer service questions. Hopefully everyone appreciated the convenience of a dramatically improved checkout process. We learned a lot and are open to your constructive feedback. Thank you again for being part of this event!!!

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### **ODFW Update:**

I wanted to take this opportunity to say how much we at ODFW appreciate the support and collaboration that we have experienced with the Rogue Valley Chapter of OHA. I am proud of our long history of working together, and am excited to see that it has grown even stronger over the past couple years.

During our helicopter elk surveys this year, we were able to get a more accurate herd comp than ever before thanks to the use of the Digital SLR camera, with image stabilization, that we received from RVOHA. The Galaxy tablets that RVOHA purchased are now back from our tech people in Salem with new software installed, and we are looking forward to using them on our spring deer surveys to collect data in real-time while in the field. Another innovation. Last year, RVOHA helped us improve Oregon's habitat through funding, and boots on the ground labor. In the months ahead, we will work together on the youth turkey clinic, Young Oregon Hunters Day, and our first Denman 3D Archery shoot.

We have been humbled by the dedication of your membership, your Board, and your leadership. Your collaboration means a lot to our team, and to me personally. One of the best examples of your membership in action has been Don Albrecht, and I wanted to take a brief moment to recognize Don's years of service with RVOHA and as ODFW Jackson County Coordinator for Hunter's Education. Don has been a passionate leader, mentor, and advocate who has dedicated countless hours to the betterment of our wildlife, habitat, and traditions. Don would take the initiative to be proactive in many arenas and issues, and at times he has challenged our agency, but always with the intent of making things better, and we appreciate that. It has been a pleasure working with Don and all of you. There are a lot of changes ahead for all of us, but I am looking forward to working on these issues with RVOHA.

Sincerely,

Steve Niemela

Rogue District Wildlife Biologist



### **ODFW/RVOHA/JCOHA Dasher Meadow Work Party:**

Upcoming Habitat Work Day - Saturday, April 27th. Volunteers are needed to help pile slash and debris from a conifer removal project as part of restoration efforts at Dasher Meadows (Josephine County, 1 hour west of Selma on Illinois River Road -> NF-4105 -> NF-152). We will meet at the Ray's Parking lot in Selma at 9 am, and can carpool up to the project site. Please bring work gloves, sturdy boots, water, sunscreen, and snacks. Lunch will be provided, and we will work until mid-afternoon. We'll need a few heavy lifters (trunks may be up to 8 feet long and 10 inches wide), but there will also be plenty of work for the rest of us collecting debris and pulling saplings!

To sign up, please contact Jade Keehn, Habitat Biologist, at 541-826-8774, ex 232.

### **Recent Board Actions:**

The RVOHA Board of Directors met on March 21st and here is our report out:

- Discussed the initial Arthur R. Dubs Foundation Grant Application to support Young Oregon Hunters (YOH) Day, Cascade Christian/Medford High School Trap Teams, Denman Youth Pheasant Hunt, Oregon Stewardship Program, Crater High School Hunter Education Class, Access & Habitat funding (C2 Ranch) that enables Youth Hunting opportunities (Turkey and Deer), Funding for the Bill Kirk Scholarship Program and Ducks Unlimited Greenwings.
- Discussed support and participation in the ODFW/RVOHA Youth Turkey Hunting Clinic (4/6).
- Discussed the 2019 Banquet results, reviewed feedback and brainstormed ambitions for changes for the 2020 event.
- Discussed a donation to support David's Chair, an organization that supports hunters with mobility challenges, and approved the donation of a shotgun for their upcoming fund-raiser event.
- Discussed and approved submission of several nominations for Statewide OHA awards
- Discussed Hunter Education firearms custody concerns and determined to secure those firearms with A&B Traders for sale at the 2020 banquet. Discussed the possibility of funding ODFW owned and managed HE firearms.
- Discussed and declined to maintain the Medford Chamber of Commerce membership.
- Discussed the annual renewals around the Sportsman's Show and follow-up contact strategy effectiveness



# ROGUE VALLEY OHA 2019 ELECTION

VOTING MEMBER's NAME

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by April 15th or turn your ballot in at the April 11<sup>th</sup> general  
membership meeting. (Jeff Heil)

## FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS...

If you have a family membership, your family is allowed two  
ballots. If you would like to cast two ballots, please make a copy  
of this ballot and turn in/mail both of them. Thank you.

## RVOHA Election Ballot:

This is YOUR opportunity to determine the leadership of RVOHA. In addition to the candidates reflected on this ballot, you may write-in a candidate for the Vice President, Treasurer or At-Large Board positions (conceivably you could write-in three (3) At-Large Board Members). As reflected on the Ballot, you have several options for your vote. You can present it to Jeff Heil (Election Chair 541-621-9091) at the April 11th Membership Meeting (we will have 100 ballots available at the April 11th meeting), make arrangements to provide it to Jeff or mail it to the RVOHA Post Office Box. Any ballots mailed must be post-marked by April 15th. All other Ballots must be received by April 15th. Finally, family memberships are entitled to TWO (2) votes. Please make a copy of the ballot in that case. Please be aware that all ballots must include your name and membership number for them to be counted. Thank you for taking the time and care to vote for our election. The continuing, and potential new, Board Member participants look forward to serving in a manner that Protects Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage.

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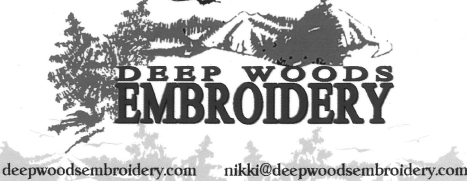
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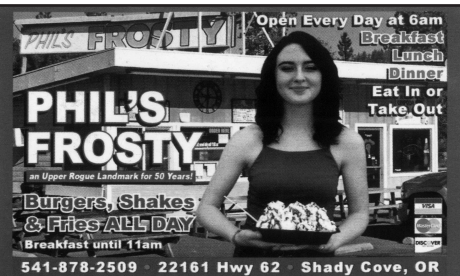
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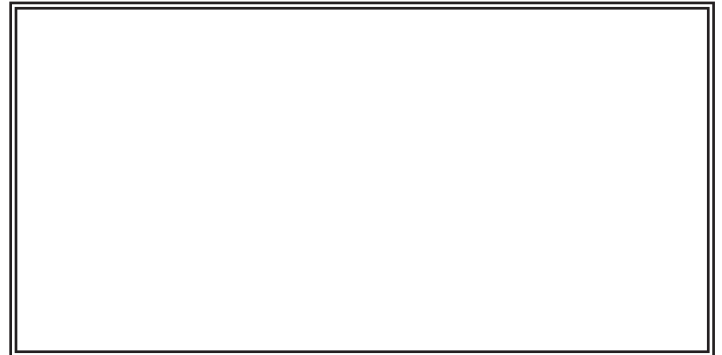
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Rogue Valley Oregon Hunters Association looks forward to seeing you at the April 11th membership meeting



#### **YOH DAY (June 8th):**

Young Oregon Hunters (YOH) Day is scheduled for June 8th. Last year RVOHA hosted about 120 youngsters and we anticipate even more for this year's event. Spread the word and come help us celebrate the introduction of a new generation of Sportsmen and Sportswomen to our ranks.

#### **2020 Banquet:**

The 2019 Banquet was a resounding success - THANK YOU!!! We are already working toward our next big event on March 7th, 2020. We learned that used firearms are an excellent offering. We are hopeful that those of us who might have quality, previously-owned and cared for firearms, no longer in use, will consider donating them for our signature event next spring. RVOHA life-member and avid supporter (also a quality gunsmith!), Val Albert at A&B Traders, has agreed to handle any used firearms including inspection, test-firing, cleaning and preparation for the event. As an FFL, he will also facilitate all the required NICS tasks associated with legal and appropriate transfer of the firearms. Please consider clearing your safe and closets this summer and get us a head start on fund-raising and marketing.

We confirmed that wine and destination/overnight events are highly-coveted and appreciated items. For those of you with an excess of fine wines, RVOHA would gladly enjoy making them part of our exciting offer. The gift baskets created for the most recent event were strong sellers. Likewise, with the growing popularity of VRBO, Homeaway, and AirBnB-like services, there are probably several opportunities to grow that piece of our offer. Perhaps some local show tickets to compliment those offerings would represent a robust, attractive package for a bidder?

We learned that we can comfortably accommodate 379 people in our new venue and will expect to host in excess of 400 folks for next year's event. We are already looking to add several additional specialty item raffles and re-tool some of the overall offer we feel will allow us to more effectively market our event, result in more winners and most importantly net RVOHA additional funds to Protect Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved and support the efforts, please contact Norma Morehouse at (503)-250-3000, and she will gladly introduce you to many exciting opportunities.