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

Oregon Hunters Association, Rogue Valley Chapter  
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**Membership Monthly Meeting: June 13th, 2019; 6:00pm**

**Hometown Buffet, 1299 Center Dr, Medford, OR**

**Speaker: Guide Tips for Successful  
Southern Oregon Flyfishing; Nate Bailey,  
On the Fly Guide Service**

**Menu: Choose Your Own Buffet Items**

### **The Truth:**

The current Board is about to change this month, but only modestly. We will be losing one Board Member, an excellent and valued contributor, however RVOHA is fortunate to be adding an outstanding replacement who has considerable experience in hunting/sporting related activities. We are happy to continue serving the membership of RVOHA.

It's safe to say, RVOHA is in a better place today than it was one year ago. The acrimony that existed as some long-tenured and valuable contributors left the Board, and Officer positions, is mostly behind RVOHA. The current Board is diverse and professional in their approach to RVOHA business. The diversity of age groups, professional backgrounds and experiences represented by our Board means this team has a voice for most everyone in our membership constituency. Perhaps soon we can add some gender (female) and ethnic diversity to our team - that would be more important progress for RVOHA. The level of commitment and dedication of the Board is mostly consistent, however our paying jobs do occasionally interfere with our non-profit ambitions. Nonetheless, things get done, relationships are being developed and reinforced with important partners in our community as well as government agencies that support our community.

As a Board, we have done our best to tighten up business controls and position the organization with a sound risk management approach to all that we do. We have challenged many of the RVOHA traditions and tried to make sure your/our money is being wisely employed to support our organizational bias toward Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage. It is our privilege to serve this organization and promote that charter goal.

The most glaring weakness of our organization is our consistent lack of membership participation. Our next most obvious opportunity is to gain members among those, that by stated ambitions and interests, should already be members. It's remarkable to have conversations with those folks who participate in our interests, attend the banquet and yet decline to part with \$35 each year to support and promote our collective goals. The most profound challenge and disappointment for this Board is the shortage of volunteers and committed members, followed shortly behind those that consistently decline to join our team yet benefit from our work (free-riders). It's not unlike another National Association that despite being millions of members strong is still woefully under-represented in our political and legislative conversations.

We host a variety of events to serve the membership and community. By and large the same folks show up every time. It would be our dream to have a new group of folks, perhaps a family here and there, show up for each event asking the simple "How can we help?" question. All of us are becoming complacent to a generational bias toward being served, as opposed to serving others. Most would probably agree, this is not a favorable trend for our country. It used to be that folks were about their community and now we are sadly, mostly, about our individual comfort and satisfaction.

So what's the point of this report out? The point is we're stuck as an organization in terms of relevance. We've grown membership, but a HUGE percentage of the folks we added last year at the Sportsman's show didn't renew. If that trend continues, it means our hard fought efforts to grow could be for naught. They say the trend if your friend, except in our case. Declining hunter numbers, declining license purchases, poor recruitment of new hunters, aging out of current hunters, legislative bans on certain hunting/trapping activities and persistent political attacks on the foundational freedoms of our nation (2A). The pot isn't boiling, but it's certainly getting warm for the frogs and everyone seems to be enjoying the bath quite nicely, thank you.

The 2020 banquet will start to ramp soon. If you've been on the fence about ways to help and can't/won't muster the time, you might like to consider a cash or merchandise donation to the RVOHA Banquet. It may present a tax deduction, and it will definitely represent a positive contribution toward our efforts at maintaining the freedoms and privileges we currently enjoy, but are simultaneously eroding during our watch.

### **RVOHA Monthly Membership Speaker Thank You!:**

RVOHA would like to acknowledge and thank Cidney Bowman (ODOT Biologist) for visiting from Central Oregon to talk about the success and ambitions of additional animal crossings (over and under) on Oregon highways. The first such installation (Lava Buttes) has resulted in an 86% reduction in deer/vehicle collisions. An additional installation, in the form of a giant culvert has been installed on the way to the Coast (Highway 20) and an additional under crossing is planned for the Gilchrist area of Highway 97 - RVOHA has pledged funding to support that effort. RVOHA is pleased to see the excellent results experienced so far and look forward to additional progress of a win-win opportunity for all.

### **Board Service Appreciation/Thank You!:**

May's RVOHA Board meeting represented a milestone in that Ted Morehouse is leaving the Board after a year of service. Ted was brought onto the Board as a steadying influence, at a time last year when things were decidedly unsettled, for one year. Ted will be replaced by Will Sizemore, Sporting Goods Department Manager at Coastal. We are excited to have someone like Will joining our Board of Directors which eases the sting of losing Ted's invaluable service.

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

**OSP was out in force checking a variety of fishing hot spots and issuing warnings and citations, as appropriate...**

In late April, a pair of Troopers worked anglers at Lake Selmac. Several warnings were issued and one citation for No Resident Angling License.

An OSP Trooper assisted the Middle Rogue Steelheaders, and other ODFW volunteers, in constructing an acclimation pool on Skunk Cr. On April 30th between 3500 and 5000 Steelhead smolt were introduced.

In early May, a Trooper covered the Applegate Lake area into the early evening. Three No Angling License citations were issued. Likewise, a group of Troopers operated a patrol flight of the Applegate River. It was closed to all angling at that time. No violations were noted.

Troopers patrolled Reinhart Ponds to check anglers. One subject was cited for No Resident Angling License.

**...and continued to work enforcement opportunities related wildlife matters...**

Utilizing provisions of the recent roadkill recovery law enacted, an OSP Trooper assisted a representative of the Northwest Indian Foundation in salvaging a road killed elk in the Sunny Valley area. A large portion of the meat was recovered and distributed to families in the area.

An OSP Trooper cited and released a male who covered up the fact his juvenile son had harvested a turkey on April 3 during closed season. The turkey was seized and given to an individual on the authorized list.

A Trooper cited and released a male who was living up Birdseye Creek Road for Unlawful Take/Possession of Turkey after a BLM LEO had contacted the male living on BLM property. The male admitted to killing a turkey with a .22 rifle near his encampment last week and was proudly displaying the wings on his camper. He said he was hungry so he shot it. The rifle and turkey parts were seized.

**...while dealing with folks making poor life decisions.**

A Central Point Trooper, with the assistance of the plane, was called to track down two subjects on side-by-sides located in the TMA road closure south of Butte Falls. The subjects were located at the top of Gephard Butte and both drivers received citations for Violation of TMA.

Trooper observed a vehicle parked off road, on property owned by Silver Butte Timber, on the Truck Road just west of Butte Falls. Timber companies in this area had recently had trouble with people driving off road, dumping trash, and stealing firewood off their properties. The vehicle was contacted and a male was observed sleeping in the driver's seat. The Trooper observed a clear plastic baggie with meth residue inside the vehicle, on the center console. The driver was contacted and made aware of the timber property he was on. The male handed over the plastic baggie with meth residue and a glass meth pipe. The male stated he had smoked meth the day before and was waiting for a friend. The male was warned for driving off road and issued a pending citation for PCS-Meth.

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#### Upcoming Membership Meeting Presentations:

June 13th	Guide Tips for Successful Southern Oregon Flyfishing; Nate Bailey, On the Fly Guide Service
July 11th	ODFW Annual Regulation Review, Steve Niemela (ODFW)
August 11th	Stop the Bleed (First Aid); Bill Fisher, OHA Board Member/ABS Paramedic Works
September 12th	Predator Deterrence/Control; Cricket Peyton/Paul Wolf, USDA Wildlife Services
October 10th	OSP Enforcement; Sgt. Jim Collom, Oregon State Police

#### Recent Board Actions:

The RVOHA Board of Directors met on May 16th and here is our report out on some of the topics covered:

- Hosted our partner Jade Keehn, District Habitat Biologist, who presented an opportunity for RVOHA to extend participation in the Clarks Fork Fuels Reduction and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement for \$8000 which will be leveraged to secure a 3x match of Pittman-Robertson Federal Funding. OHA State will contribute \$4000.
- Hosted our partner Denman Area Manager Clayton Barber to discuss YOH day planning as well as the next 3D shoot, tentatively scheduled for July.
- Discussed Hunter Education firearms custody concerns and confirmed those firearms will be stored with A&B Traders while consultation efforts, with legal experts, are completed.
- Reviewed and discussed a proposed facility lease agreement. The facility is where RVOHA Board Meetings and Banquet Meetings are held as well as providing some storage for Chapter assets.
- Discussed and approved voting for the OHA State-wide award nominations. RVOHA (in whole as a chapter and selected members) has five nominations for this year's awards.
- Discussed the June 8th RVOHA YOH Day event planning and execution plans.
- Discussed the 2020 RVOHA Banquet and confirmed Norma Morehouse as Banquet Chair.

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### ODFW Update:

Spring bear and turkey seasons are ending, the mad rush of the controlled hunts deadline is past, and the fall big game and bird season are still months away. Since most of the hunting is slowing down, now is a good time to get involved in our annual regulation setting process. This year, ODFW is entering the third phase of the big game review process. This is the big push where we dig into our hunt structure to try and make things easier for you and solve some long-term problems and inconsistencies.

To help prepare for this process ODFW conducted a survey of 2,000 deer and elk hunters to better understand the goals of our constituents. In addition to that formal survey, we will also be hosting a number of public meetings in collaboration with our local OHA chapters. If you would like to discuss hunting in Oregon, please come and give us some feedbacks in person at the following meetings:

July 9th, 2019  
6:00 PM  
Gold Beach Library  
94341 3rd St.  
Gold Beach, OR 97444

July 11th 2019 (RVOHA Will Be Holding The JULY Membership Meeting at This Location/Time and Will be Providing Meals (Something(s) off the Grill) for All Those Who Attend)

7:00 PM  
Rogue Watershed District Office  
1495 East Gregory Road  
Central Point, OR 97502

July 18th, 2019  
7:30 PM  
Elmer's Restaurant  
175 NE Agness Avenue  
Grants Pass, OR 97526

If you would like to provide comments, but cannot make it to a meeting, feel free to call our local office at 541-826-8774, or email us at [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)





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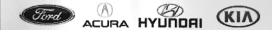


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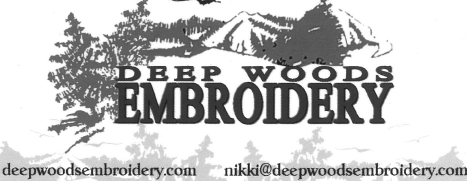
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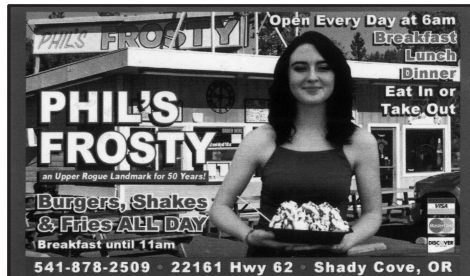
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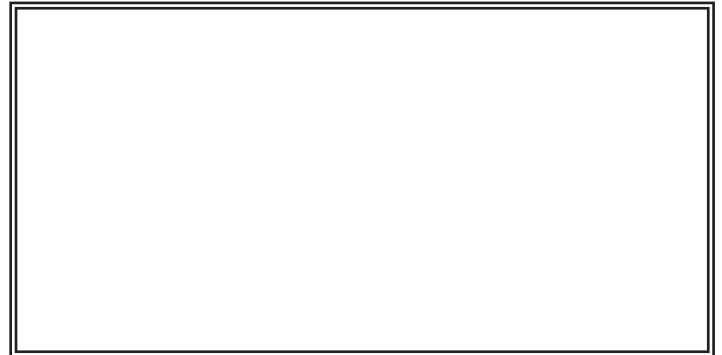
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  - 2nd Thursday of every month
  - Eagles Club, 2000 Table Rock Road; 6:00pm Dinner
- Chapter Board Meetings
  - 3rd Thursday of every month
  - 4175 Old Stage Road; 6:15pm
- **Newsletter Submissions**
  - Pictures, articles and event updates are appreciated
  - Deadline for newsletter submissions is the last Friday of each month

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Rogue Valley Oregon Hunters Association looks forward to seeing you at the June 13th meeting



#### **June 13th Membership Meeting Venue Change - HOMETOWN BUFFET:**

Due to a conflict for the June 13th date, the Eagles club is NOT available for this coming meeting. We will meet at Hometown Buffet Instead. The July meeting will be at Denman Wildlife Area where RVOHA will host a BBQ meal on the lawn. We look forward to seeing you at both venues for our summer meetings.

#### **2020 Banquet Preparations/Donations Start NOW:**

OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!! We are going back to the Armory in 2020 (March 7th). Several days have been devoted to negotiations for floor space and we finally have an agreement we can work with, provided everyone joins our efforts. We have our caterer and bar tender locked in for the date. Our music team (Scott William Perry and Kyle Rawlins) indicated they intend to entertain again and we are tickled about that. The sound system folks will return and we endeavor to do a better job exploiting that technology in this year's presentation.

The fact that our trusted lawmakers set aside the gun bill for this session should not be considered a win for hunters. It is sure to resurface in a short time with more determination than ever. Each of us has an opportunity to do more to fight for our hunting heritage. Please review the financial details in last month's newsletter. Notice the credit card fees we paid. We have no fees when you pay by check. Keep that fact in mind when you sign up for the banquet. Our goal is to seat 500 hungry, like-minded people. That means we need to work with tables for ten people. As you plan your table, please keep your nine best hunting buddies in mind. Used guns were very popular and several inquiries have been received as to availability of prior owned firearms in 2020. To date we have none to offer. All prior owned firearms undergo a comprehensive inspection by a gunsmith before being offered at our banquets. Arrangements for pickup and inspection can be easily accomplished by contacting Norma at 503-250-3000. New and seasoned members are encouraged to phone Norma to discuss opportunities to volunteer.

Wine gifts sold well. Services sold well. We welcome your merchandise donations (new or lightly used - hunting, fishing, shooting, household, etc.). We deeply appreciate your cash donations, which we leverage into merchandise with excellent buying programs supported by important partners in our community. We look forward to your support and attendance at this year's event. Thank you in advance for being part of our team and efforts.