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Membership Monthly Meeting: July 11th, 2019; 6:00pm **Speaker:** Steve Niemela, Asst District Biologist, ODFW
ODFW Denman, 1495 E Gregory Rd, Central Point, OR **Menu:** Free! Grilled Amazingness and Related

The State of Oregon Legislature has Spoken:

They keep proving it over and over again - there will be no relief - the beatings will continue until morale improves. There will be no compromise - "take it and like it" is what we will continue to get from our neighbors to the North. Tolerance and compromise are just words, without meaning, from the very folks that clamor about those sentiments as being central to their belief structure. It's a lie - plain and simple. They don't need us folks: the ones that grow our food/make our meat, move our "prime" merchandise in trucks, create lumber products to build our eco-friendly tiny houses. We just need our sugary-sweet hot drinks, our skinny jeans and electric scooters and all will be right in the world. Hey, we just want to have what you have and we'll tax and regulate you until we get it. Do it our way.

We're going to say it again and again. Anyone not actively participating and promoting and advocating grass-roots organizations like OHA will have no room to quibble when legislation that strikes at the heart of their rights and privileges are enacted. You have to be the change you want to see - complaining and throwing your remote at the TV or ranting on FB aren't going to get it done. It takes people, time and money. It requires that you actually do something to promote a solution instead of simply complaining about the problems. It's an easy thing to understand, but apparently a really hard thing for most of us to do. We'll let someone else take care of it... not our problem, except that it absolutely is our problem. Why do we have to be so stubborn about thinking logic will prevail?

Some folks truly cannot afford to support our efforts and we deeply respect and admire those that make hard decisions everyday about going without. Perhaps part of our outreach should be inviting them along without expectation of gas money for the scouting/hunting trip? Maybe we agree to buy the camp food, provide the range fees/ammo? Maybe we have an old .30/06 (ammo and all) they might be able to use for a fall hunting camp weekend with our extended family? Heck, maybe rather than a case of 24, we buy a box of 20 and a tag for their annual survival celebration (aka birthday)? Beyond those hard-working, economically-challenged folks are a lot of folks that explicitly choose to ignore the realities of the challenge and count on us to cover them. It's frustrating, but we'll continue to provide best efforts for ourselves and, by extension, them as well. The simple questions we need to ask ourselves are 1) How important is this lifestyle to us? and 2) depending on how we answered that question, what are we willing to give up in time and money to help foster the outcome we say that is important to us?

It's an amazingly reasonable \$35 a year to be part of OHA. With that funding commitment, folks get an excellent magazine subscription that includes store coupons worth way more than \$35 from at least two retailers that everyone who does what we do shop in nearly every week of their lives. PLEASE use those coupons - those folks count those things and when they get used, the proof of our value to them, and them to us is reinforced. The annual \$35 OHA membership gains folks access to perspective and learning and camaraderie and support from people who share our lifestyle ambitions for liberty. In that \$35 there is TREMENDOUS value for selfishly-motivated individuals as well as our collective ambitions with respect to supporting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage.

If you want to be inspired, you have to get into the game. How about getting started by passing this newsletter on to a non-OHA friend/family member/business associated who you know, by all rights, should be part of the family?

For the folks who were handed this newsletter: Hey, how are you doing - welcome to the OHA family!

ODFW/RVOHA Denman 3D Shoot - July 28th:

We are pleased to announce the next 3D archery shoot at Denman. Once again there will be 40 targets set up in a variety of hunting simulated situations. We appreciated all the valuable feedback from our first effort and hope you'll come check on our progress this time around. Volunteer opportunities abound - Ricky Clark 530-905-1186.

RVOHA Monthly Membership Speaker Thank You!:

RVOHA would like to thank Nate Bailey for presenting on Successful Flyfishing Techniques for Southern Oregon. Anyone who's heard Nate speak recognizes his passion for his craft - being out on the water and in the bushes!

Oregon State Police Report:

Troopers participated in a Public Relations event held at Sam's Valley Elementary School. The troopers handed out junior trooper badges and wrist bands and discussed OSP responsibilities. There were about 300 kids in attendance and the troopers received very positive feedback from the Sam's Valley residences.

A Trooper was observing hatchery anglers when he spotted one casting over the deadline as well as attempting to hook into a fish. Subject was an 11 year old. The Trooper asked where his father was and he said he left to fish a different hole for awhile. There were two adult males that did claim the juvenile and said they were friends with the father. They were all educated and warned about the deadline, snagging, 6+' leader and treble hook that juvenile was using unlawfully.

Troopers conducted a jet boat patrol on Applegate Lake. The lake is 4 inches from being completely full. 10 boats were checked with several warnings for No Life Jacket and several warnings for not having a fishing license on person.

Troopers received a call from ODFW regarding a hunter that checked in a bear without a bear tag. The bear was seized and the hunter was cited for No Bear Tag.

A Trooper contacted an angler at the Cole M Rivers Dam during free fish weekend who was angling over the deadline. After a brief discussion, including pointing out the clearly defined rules posted just to the angler's right shoulder, the person was given a warning.

Trooper contacted an "after hours" angler at Cole M Rivers Dam after observing the male fishing near the deadline approximately 15 minutes after close. The angler didn't find it strange that everyone else departed the area at 8pm. The angler was cited.

Trooper located 2 anglers on the shore of the Rogue River. The female was unsure if she had a license, and advised that she had one once and thought it might still be valid. The female was cited.

Trooper observed multiple PWCs in use near the Spillway at Lost Creek Lake with what appeared to be young operators. After making contact with an adult male on shore he advised he knew he probably shouldn't let them drive. The adult male who owned the PWCs was cited and the 3 minors were verbally warned.

Working the Cole M Rivers Hatchery area a Trooper observed a subject that appeared to be casting above the deadline, but wasn't able to tell for sure without being recognized. Upon contact, the angler was asked about where he was casting and told that it looked to be in the closed zone. The Trooper further observed two single point hooks on the line, which is prohibited for the area. The subject was cited for prohibited gear.

An OSP Trooper was working a stretch of the Rogue river and noted a California-plated vehicle and a subject angling near the vehicle. The Trooper asked the subject if he had an angling license and subject said it was in his truck. The subject thought that was the end of the contact until the Trooper asked to see it. The subject made a slow walk (*Editorial: walk of shame...*) to the vehicle and produced a California angling license and was cited for same.

Trooper received a call of a subject that had acquired an injured fawn. The subject was interviewed at his residence about why he collected the fawn and the subject said he collected it because it's back was broken and he'd called numerous agencies to try to hand it off for rehab. The Trooper was able to verify the subject had made numerous attempts to pass the fawn on to authorities and he was warned for the collection.

An OSP Trooper watched anglers at the famous Cole M River's hatchery hole and observed 3 individuals fishing, two of which were egregiously attempting to snag salmon. The buddy of theirs was fishing in a normal manner. Upon contact, the two anglers had no answer when asked what kind of method they thought they were using. The two anglers were cited for Attempting to Snag and one was warned for Prohibited Gear (2 hooks).

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Upcoming Membership Meeting Presentations:

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| 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 |
| November 14th | TBD |

Recent Board Actions:

The RVOHA Board of Directors met on June 20th and here is our report out on some of the topics covered:

- Hosted LOGOS Environthon Team Members and Advisor. Their team just won the State level competition and are headed to NC State University to compete at Nationals in July. RVOHA donated \$2000 to support their trip.
- Discussed and approved securing an RVOHA Insurance Policy to protect chapter assets, including equipment and banquet inventory items
- Discussed the 2020 Banquet including planning, program development and various learnings from a recent survey. There is an intention to include more raffle drawings for some impressive prizes this year.
- Discussed the recent YOH Day event result and learnings. We will continue to refine and improve this already well-appreciated effort. Our marketing efforts will be increased next year.
- Discussed OHA State Convention Attendance which will consist of four (4) Members
- Discussed a recent meeting with the Executive and Development Directors of the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy
- Discussed the July 11th Hosted Regulations Review Meeting/BBQ to be held at Denman headquarters

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ODFW Update:

We would like to thank everyone for a successful YOH day on June 8th. The kids had a great time and ODFW appreciates the help we had at the station.

Our district office will once again be assisting the research crew in capturing adult black-tailed deer aspart of our on-going movement study in the Applegate. Several pre-baited sights have been established and now traps need to be deployed. We will have an intern this year to help us with trapping, but we could still use volunteers. This will give OHA members the opportunity to assist us in the fun. Volunteer hours during the work week from 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM will be the most help.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dan Ethridge: 541-826-8774 x 242, dan.d.ethridge@state.or.us

Now that you know if you got your controlled hunt, or not, be sure you log back into your account and officially pick up your correct tag. Those that have a Sports Pac remember to redeem your voucher (Deer, Elk, and upland bird validation) - they are not your tags. If you Etag you still have to go to the online account - purchase from the catalog - and choose your tag. If you have a Sports Pac you will have a "\$" symbol next to your tag. It will populate as zero payment. If you didn't have a Sports Pac, you will have to pay for the tag. If you paper tag, you can go online or to a point of sale and purchase your tag. For those who will need to update your game bird validation it will be the same process as above. Remember to do this prior to the tag deadline sale. If you have any questions, you can call one of the following numbers:

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| Agent Support | 800-293-3762 |
| Controlled Hunts | 503-947-6101 option 1 |
| Licensing Phone | 503-947-6101 option 2 |
| Local ODFW Office | 541-826-8774 option 1 |

RVOHA-Supported High School Shooting Sports Teams:

RVOHA is proud to financially support the local High School shotgun shooting teams, one of which is a combined North/South team while the other is affiliated with Cascade Christian. We are learning that LOGOS has formed a team as well and will be following up in an attempt to support their efforts as well. RVOHA Members will be delighted to know both teams were well-represented at the State competitions (Trap and Skeet) that included nearly 500 total participants (overall participation was more than 750 shooters during the regular season). There will be representatives from our local teams competing at the Nationals competition in mid-July.

It is critical to appreciate what an outstanding opportunity this rapidly growing varsity-level sport represents for our mission of protecting Oregon's Hunting Heritage. Some of the young shooters who participated this year had never fired a gun prior to this experience and with coaching and support, qualified to participate at the State level. Talk about a CAPITAL "R" in terms of Recruitment!!! This is what your generous banquet donations and attendance translate to for the future of our outdoor, sporting lifestyle. Next thing you know, they'll be standing next to/beside something like this and perhaps our support of the high school shooting teams will be one of the reasons why that was even possible?! We have a dream...



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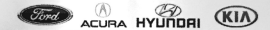


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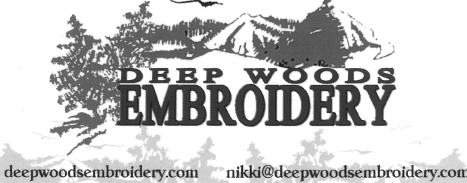
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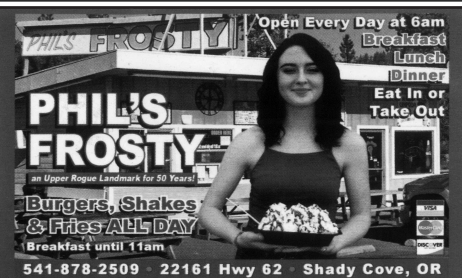
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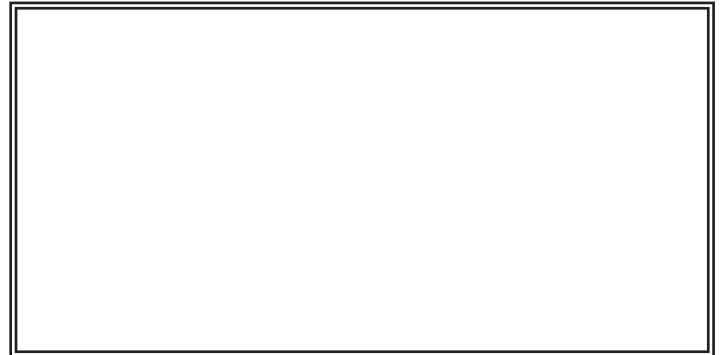


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 - 2nd Thursday of every month
 - Eagles Club, 2000 Table Rock Road; 6:00pm Dinner
- Chapter Board Meetings
 - 3rd Thursday of every month
 - 4175 Old Stage Road; 6:15pm
- **Newsletter Submissions**
 - Pictures, articles and event updates are appreciated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

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July 11th Membership Meeting Venue Change - ODFW Offices/Denman HQ:

Due to a conflict for the July 11th date, the Eagles club is NOT available for this coming meeting. The July meeting will be at Denman Wildlife Area office where RVOHA will host a !FREE! BBQ meal on the lawn. We look forward to seeing, and serving, you for our open to the public ODFW Regulations update meeting.

2020 Banquet Preparations/Donations Start NOW:

The 2020 RVOHA Banquet Committee has already completed their first meeting and are beginning to collect donations for our banquet on March 7th. We thank everyone who has taken the time to share their observations and experiences from our 2019 banquet. After completing a post-event assessment, it looks like our performance scores improved with the additional floor space in the new venue. Membership/Attendee input guides us to areas that we can continue to refine and improve. Some areas still require a little tweaking. It is difficult to manage our family time, work life and volunteering efforts; however, current, and continued, actions by our government leaders consistently remind us how very important our efforts are toward protecting our hunting heritage. Your time, suggestions and cooperation are priceless to our collective progress. Thank you all! Norma, 503-250-3000

Presently we have a wonderful lamp donated, a sizable cash donation, a .410 shotgun and several other items including prints, knives and the like. We have several pistols on order and are pleased to note that this year's Early Bird items will be Three (3) Pistols (previously one Sitka Jacket)!!! Plan on getting your group together and purchase your seats in advance to ensure your seats, help us with our planning and participate in a drawing to potentially win a pistol. Remember that this year tables will accomodate 10-person seating arrangements so make some new friends!

We are going to work nights and weekends to make this event the signature event of its kind in the entire state of Oregon. Join us in the important work of Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage. We are starting early and will be working non-stop over the coming months to achieve our goals.