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ROGUE VALLEY REVIEW OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION



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Membership Monthly Meeting: September 12th, 2019; 6:00pm

Eagle's Club
2000 Table Rock Road, Medford, OR

**Speaker: Predator Deterrence/Control, Paul
Wolf/Cricket Peyton, USDA Wildlife Services**

**Menu: Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Cake
and Soft Drinks \$12**

OHA Summit:

If you are feeling the need or urgency for encouragement about OHA and its future, you should figure out a way to attend the annual summit meetings at Diamond Lake. If you want to understand the immense challenges OHA and we as sportsmen face, you should figure out a way to attend the annual summit meetings at Diamond Lake.

It's nearly impossible to adequately characterize the amount of effort a crew of mostly volunteers put forth to promote and Protect Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage. It's alternately inspiring and daunting. The paid staff of OHA are an impressively passionate and earnest group. For their efforts, they are routinely and roundly criticized. Yet, they press on and continue the battles raging with respect to issues the rest of us cry out as important. We decry the lack of game, the lack of access, the lack of tags, the lack of bulls and bucks, the lack of predator management, the lack of forestry management and the lack of common sense. And then we take a LONG look in the mirror and ask ourselves, what did we do yesterday, last week, last month or last year to support any of those lackings? Did we volunteer to conduct surveys with our partners at ODFW, did we manage to renew our OHA membership in a timely manner to save the organization chasing us, did we join any new conservation organizations to help give them the clout necessary to get a meaningful seat at the table, did we volunteer for last weekend's work party, did we donate and/or attend the OHA banquet (or any others for that matter), did we qualify for our Hunter Education certification to teach a new generation how to hunt, did we head to the range with some interested friends to show them the ropes, did we head out early with our calls and walk the mile in to try to control those predators we're so aggravated about, did we send any emails/make any phone calls to local, state or federal representatives, did we offer to man an RVOHA booth at the recent Denman 3D shoot to attract more memberships? For most, the simple answer to any and all of those questions is no. We understand that folks are busy - stunningly, so are us volunteers and volunteering certainly doesn't reduce the hectic nature of our lives - won't yours either.

What's the point? We all have different priorities and that's understandable. What's not understandable is the fact that we add nearly 200 new members each year only to have many decline to renew. Is it because they don't see the value of an OHA membership? How do they make that assessment? Do they read these newsletters and/or the OHA Hunter magazine? Do they come to the membership meetings and learn? Do they participate in/attend our youth events to see the progress made? Or is it really just too much to provide \$35 to support something "important" when none of the other stuff is important enough to result in a change in behavior resulting in active participation?

At Summit the OHA staff (Jim, Ken, Bryan, Mike, Karl, Amy, etc.) that assertively and professionally lobby our points of view talked openly about the apprehension they feel when they line up against opposing views and get to describe our 10,000 members when those folk get to describe their 30,000, 70,000, 100,000+ constituencies. There is strength in numbers - voting blocks change elections, elections change policies, policies change culture. Regardless of your views, the stark contrasts should be clear to anyone paying attention to the United States these days.

"Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country." JFK. If you think about that as something other than a catchy sound bite, it's actually an indictment and edification of the challenge our current set of behaviors trumpet everyday. We keep thinking someone should make it happen for us because our logical and emotional arguments are so undeniably coherent. Those of us that want to see others step up to take care of their business don't always seem willing to do the same for their own business. In our case, that business is Promoting and Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage. So the next time you're thinking about our lackings with respect to any of those three things, how about making a commitment to do something about it by not just describing the problem, but actually joining us as we search for solutions? You won't go lacking for opportunities - trust us we're covered up by them every day.

RVOHA Monthly Membership Speaker Thank You!:

RVOHA would like to thank Board Member Bill Fisher for coordinating an informative presentation on Stop the Bleed. It is an excellent program all members are encouraged to learn more about. Several members of the Asante team were in attendance to provide an outstanding slide presentation followed by a hands on demonstration of direct pressure and tourniquet techniques. For those that didn't make it out to the presentation, consider reviewing the content at www.bleedingcontrol.org. All Board Members have a list of Asante's *Stop the Bleed Kits and Supplies Resource Sheet* if you'd like to review that as well. We are very appreciative of the these folks for taking their time:

Jackie DeSilva (ARRMC Trauma Program Manager)
Heather Timmons (ARRMC Trauma Program Manager)
Matthew Edinger (ARRMC Trauma Program Analyst)
William Schmidt (Asante Safety and Emergency Preparedness Educational Specialist)
Aaron DeSilva (Surgery Center of Southern Oregon)

Oregon State Police Report:

Troopers conducted a boat patrol of Lost Creek Reservoir. Numerous boaters and anglers were contacted. One boater was cited for violating a no wake zone after passing the patrol boat. He was also warned for no throwable floating device and no boater's education card in possession.

OSP and ODFW combined forces to conduct a drift boat patrol on the upper Rogue River. About 20 anglers were contacted with five citations were issued - two for No Angling License, one for Prohibited Gear-Leader Length exceeding 6 feet and two for Snagging. The snaggers were at the Bets Hole which is a popular holding spot for Wild Salmon. They were casting and side jerking in an obvious attempt to snag salmon. The anglers could not explain their fishing method except that one said that was how he fishes for bass in Washington. (Ed: Jerk fisherman?)

Trooper responded to a bear complaint. A yearling black bear was laying next to the landowner's truck and was only able to lift its head - it had been there for hours. The bear was dispatched and removed.

A Trooper working the Rogue River near Shady Cove observed a subject angling in a remote location. On contact, the subject had an angling setup for trout. When asked if he had an angling license he said he forgot it. His ID was given and an on-line check showed that he hadn't purchased a license since 2017. When the Trooper tried to issue a citation the subject had quickly left the area. To be continued...

OSP responded to a call regarding a deer shot with a pellet gun. The suspect/reporting party (RP) advised he observed the deer kick through his garden netting and begin eating his tomatoes. The RP then used a pellet gun to "harass" the deer, but according to the RP, the deer dropped immediately after the shot. The wound was located in the neck. The deer was donated to Wildlife Images and the suspect cited.

An OSP Trooper observed a female angling on the Rogue River who stashed her pole behind her boyfriend and some rocks. She advised she doesn't fish because it's gross and there's fecal matter in the water. She admitted to holding the pole as the line was stuck but the pole still had a weight and hook attached. The female was cited.

Trooper contacted five fishermen angling in the Holy Waters on the Rogue River. All five anglers, non-residents (three of which did not have licenses), were using barbed hooks in a fly-fishing only area. The three anglers were cited for No Non-resident angling license and all five were warned for Prohibited gear. At around 9pm, two of the same anglers were observed fishing below the Cole River Hatchery Spillway, which is closed after 8pm. One of the non-licensed anglers was still fishing without a license. The anglers were shown the large sign stating fishing hours, which they were standing next to. They appeared stoned, stunk of marijuana and being under 21 years of age, were warned for MIP-MJ.

Trooper observed a known male launching a driftboat at Casey State Park, on the Rogue River. The male quickly departed into the river with a young boy about 12 yrs old. Trooper ran the male's information and found he had a felony warrant for his arrest for FTA-Weapon Assault. The male was hailed back to shore and was taken into custody. The Trooper was then approached by State Park Staff about a male trespassing at Casey State Park. Apparently the male was given a 90-day exclusion order from all state parks two days prior for indecent exposure at a campsite at Joseph Stewart State Park. The male admitted to knowing he was banned from all state parks. The male stated he had a handgun in the glove compartment of his truck, but the male had a denied/revoked CCW for mental health issues. After waiting for a responding patrol to assist, the male was taken into custody. Both males were transported to, and lodged at, Jackson County Jail. One male was warned for No AIS Permit.

OHA State Summit:

The OHA State Summit at Diamond Lake was well-attended and appreciated. The remarkable progress of our organization was on display at all times. Topics and presentations ran the gambit and provided excellent instruction and encouragement to those in attendance. Banquet results were discussed and RVOHA was recognized for producing the second highest net in the state, just behind Bend and well clear of the other chapters.

RVOHA was privileged to support several annual award winners announced at Summit. Briannah Fisher (RVOHA Life Member) was named Youth Member of the Year. Jade Keehn (Denman-based Rogue Valley Habitat Biologist) was named Conservationist of the Year. Ted and Norma Morehouse were Special Award of the Year recipients for their tireless, and relentless, work in support of RVOHA. Bryan Coggins was named Organizational Member of the Year.



Jade Keehn, Conservationist of the Year



Ted and Norma Morehouse Special Award



Bri Fisher, Youth Member

OHA Strategic Plan:

The next page highlights the Strategic Plan of Statewide OHA. The importance of its content are manifest in the growing and continued influence OHA has in helping shape public policy, legislation and of course, public perception of issues related to land use, public land remaining public, gun control, forestry management, wildlife habitat preservation/enhancement, predation management, wildlife crossings and a whole host of other important issues. Statewide OHA put almost \$700,000 to work on these issues last year and aspires to spend more. We grossly under represent our volunteer contributions as a result of our collective failure to report hours, nonetheless, we did report 32,000 hours last year. That is a lot of effort directed at protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage.

This document and process is consistently evolving to reflect new learning and re-prioritizations based on the needs of our constituency. Follow along and join in to see just how much of a difference a group of determined and dedicated people can have in changing the dialogue and culture of our amazing state.

OHA Communications Plan:

In accordance with our growing and continued reliance on social media to communicate opinions and solicit support, OHA has hired a part-time subject matter expert to help further refine and evolve the OHA marketing message/ mission. Amy Patrick is partnered with State Board Member Cindy Rooney with the express intention of driving more valuable and timely content across the state and chapter accounts. In the meantime consider following as many of the OHA Chapters as possible as well as other conservation-minded groups such as RMEF, DU, MDF, PF, NRA, etc. The sharing across various platforms and media sources will expand the reach of OHA's network and subsequent influence ... plus you might learn some stuff. That sounds like a winner to us.

RVOHA AmazonSMILE:

RVOHA is pleased to advise the membership that you can now participate in supporting our organization EVERY time you make a purchase on Amazon. RVOHA is now registered and 0.5% of all purchases so designated will now be provided to RVOHA. We will continue to look for ways to raise funds and awareness of our ambitions. Thank you for considering how your efforts might support ours - come on in, the water is fine!!!

<https://smile.amazon.com/> is the URL to get you started. Once you've logged into your account, select Oregon Hunters Association Rogue Valley and you've begun to support our efforts with every purchase. How sweet is that?!



Oregon Hunters Association

The Voice for Oregon's Hunters

2018-2020 Strategic Plan

MISSION

“Protecting Oregon’s Wildlife, Habitat, and Hunting Heritage”

VALUES

- We are respected leaders in all areas of our mission, expressed through our goals and strategies and applied by our local chapters
- We are an influential force, working with government, organizations, and the public
- We are a trusted partner with agencies
- We promote science applied to decision making
- We recognize that the young people of today are the hunters of tomorrow
- We believe that everyone – from all ethnic and social backgrounds – should have the opportunity to hunt in Oregon
- Volunteers are key to our accomplishments

WHO WE ARE

OHA is the leading hunter organization in Oregon. We promote responsible wildlife management and conservation of huntable wildlife, enhanced hunter opportunity, and sharing of our hunting heritage. We do our work through on-the-ground volunteer habitat projects by local chapters, communication with lawmakers and wildlife agencies, and support for Oregon State Police efforts to stop poaching of wildlife. We communicate through our magazine *Oregon Hunter*, chapter newsletters, our annual state convention, and social media. We raise funds and support through our chapter banquets. We have 27 chapters representing nearly 10,000 members.

GOALS AND STRATEGIES

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

- Ensure abundant huntable wildlife through influencing decisions and collaborating with ODFW, other agencies, and sportsmen.
 - Research and develop position statements; review species plans, management objectives, and hunting seasons;
 - Participate in ODFW, agency and legislative discussions of policy and rules.

CONSERVATION

- **Engage in conservation issues that are regionally significant**
- Ensure healthy wildlife habitat through local on-the-ground projects
 - Provide funding and technical support to chapter project proposals
 - Engage in land use issues that affect sportsmen opportunities
 - Provide funding and technical support to chapters for wildlife enhancement projects.
 - Review land use proposals for effect on wildlife, hunting, and public access

HUNTING HERITAGE

- Enhance the image of our hunter heritage and the commitment to responsible wildlife management and conservation by hunters
 - Public outreach through programs and media
- Engage youth and new hunters
 - Provide field opportunities and hunter education
- Connect through social media

ORGANIZATIONAL

- Enhance communication and operational effectiveness, both internally and externally.
 - Ensure adherence to bylaws, policies, procedures, and 501(c)(3) requirements throughout the organization
 - Encourage communication through social media
 - Acknowledge chapter and member accomplishments
- Increase funding stability
 - Apply for new grant sources

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

- Encourage membership growth and retention
- **Use latest media tools including: podcasts and YouTube**
 - Use chapter and state banquets to engage current and prospective members
 - Conduct effective membership drive
 - Engage family participation through projects and programs

VISION

OHA is the model for sportsmen and women, promoting responsible wildlife management and habitat conservation in Oregon. This model enables all generations to experience these resources now and into the future.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Total Per Year	Target*
Membership numbers	14,000*
Habitat projects completed	45
Funds spent on projects that benefit Oregon’s wildlife & sportsmen (statewide)	\$250,000
Volunteer hours – annually	25,000
Habitat acres improved	90,000*
Number of youth and new hunters participating in OHA programs	2,500
Representation by OHA members and staff at key public meetings (statewide)	100%*
Increase in social media metrics (membership + public)	150%
Fighting poaching in Oregon (TIP program)	\$15,000
Grants – Meyer Memorial Trust	\$10,000

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☐ Business \$75 ☐ Life \$800 ☐ Pledge Life \$100 \$ _____

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Upcoming Membership Meeting Presentations:

September 12th	Predator Deterrence/Control; Cricket Peyton/Paul Wolf, USDA Wildlife Services
October 10th	OSP Enforcement; Sgt. Jim Collom, Oregon State Police
November 14th	"How to" Hunt Videography Training; Sage Davis, YouTube: Chasing Moby
December 12th	RVOHA Horn Night
January 9th	Effective Public Testimony; Jim Akenson, OHA Conservation Director

Recent Board Actions:

The RVOHA Board of Directors met on August 15th and here is our report out on some of the topics covered:

- Determined that the RVOHA-owned firearms previously loaned to ODFW Hunter Education (HE) will either be donated to ODFW HE or included in the RVOHA Banquet. If these firearms are not of interest to ODFW HE for whatever reason, RVOHA will identify those that are and work on a donation/procurement of those firearms.
- Discussed the 2020 Banquet including pricing, early bird drawing, benefactor packages, life member drawings, program development, new drawings and lots of new donation ambitions. The \$60 "Mini" package tickets will be Youth only (under 18) for the 2020 banquet. Complete pricing is forthcoming. All tables will be 10 seats.
- Discussed the report out of the \$8000 Arthur Dubs Foundation Grant RVOHA received around the first of the year. That grant support last fall's Denman Pheasant Hunt, Spring Youth Turkey Clinic and YOH Day. \$16,500 was granted for the period beginning July 1, 2019 to support ODFW Denman Youth Pheasant Hunt, Spring Youth Turkey Clinic, YOH Day and to develop more A&H opportunities with our partners at ODFW and local private landowners.
- Discussed and authorized purchase of 2000 pounds of forage seed with ODFW - same as last year.

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<https://oregonhunters.org/rogue-valley-chapter/>

ODFW Update:



Mathew Vargas (ODFW) and Ricky Clark (RVOHA Board Member) man the ODFW booth at the second ever 3-D archery event at Denman Wildlife Area held on Sunday, July 28th. Participants were happy for the opportunity to practice their archery skills prior to the upcoming season. The result was very well-received with over 100 participants in attendance. This project is a cooperative effort between ODFW and the Rogue Valley Chapter of Oregon Hunters Association.

The Denman Wildlife Area 3-D archery shoot features 40 three dimensional animal targets on a two mile walking course. The target trail includes access that is about one-third by gravel roads and two-thirds by established walking trails. All targets are numbered and the course is clearly marked. Participants typically shoot two arrows per target with distances varying

from 10 to 100 yard with a majority of targets placed at 10 to 60 yards. The course is located on Denman Wildlife Area on the Military Slough tract, behind the green gate on Touvelle Road. The course and registration booth are located at the end of Touvelle road. Porta-pottis are available at central locations along the course. We look forward to putting on these events in the future with RVOHA continued support and cooperation. The next event will likely be in March, 2020.

Wolf Update and Predator Deterrence Workshop:

Workshop on September 7th, 2019 8:00 AM-5:00 PM; Jackson County Fairgrounds, Mace Building, Central Point, OR

Free BBQ dinner provided by the Jackson County Stockmen's Association and the Watchable Wildlife Foundation
Field demo on September 8th, 2019 9:00 AM-12:00 PM; 1328 Bigham-Brown Road, Eagle Point, OR

Additional information and free registration (required by 9/4/2019) at: <https://jacksoncounty.eventbrite.com/>

DAY 1 - September 7, 2019, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

8:30 Welcome

- Randy Wolf, Moderator and Jackson County Wolf Compensation Committee Chair
- Bob Strosser, Jackson County Commissioner

8:45 Agency Updates

- Jim Biddle, Commissioner, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, State of Oregon wolf perspective
- John Stephenson, USFWS Wolf Coordinator, Federal Wolf Management
- Steve Niemela, ODFW, Implementation of the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan in Jackson County

9:45 Case Study #1 - The Wood River Wolf Project

- Suzanne Stone, Wolf and Livestock Coexistence Specialist
- Larry Schoen, farmer and four-term County Commissioner in Blain County, ID

10:30 Break

10:45 Non-lethal Tools

- Nate Libel, ODFW Assistant Wolf Coordinator, bone pile removal
- Brie Owens, Working Circle, range riders

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Non-lethal Tools (cont.)

- Paul Wolf, Wildlife Services, techniques and assistance in Jackson County

2:00 Case Study #2

- Cameron Krebs, Eastern Oregon rancher, on the ground implementation

3:30 Break

4:00 Panel Discussion (1 hour)

- All Presenters

5:30 Dinner Served

DAY 2 - September 8, Site Visit, 9 AM to 12:00 PM; 1328 Bingham-Brown Rd., Eagle Point, OR

9:00 Welcome and Introductions

9:30 Assessing the Landscape and How Predators See Opportunity

- The Right Tool in the Right Place, Obtaining/Managing Tools, Managing Livestock, Changing it up, Getting Help

12:00 Wrap-up

Note: Please bring good outdoor shoes, binoculars, sunscreen, hat and water.

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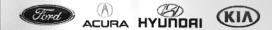


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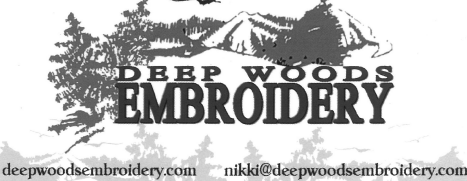
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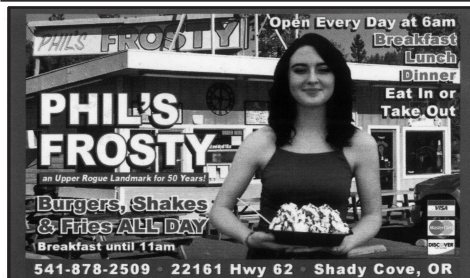
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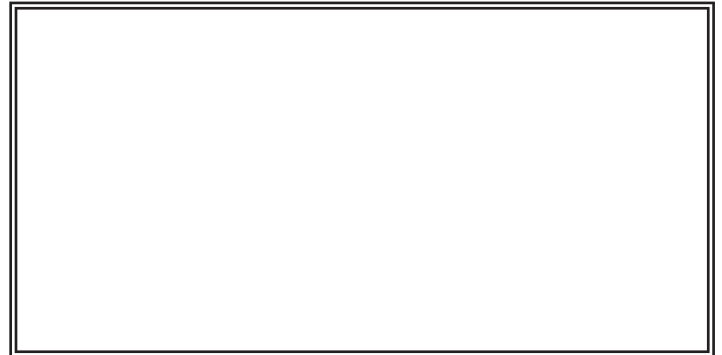


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 - 2nd Thursday of every month
 - Eagles Club, 2000 Table Rock Road; 6:00pm Dinner
- Chapter Board Meetings
 - 3rd Thursday of every month
 - 4175 Old Stage Road; 6:15pm
- **Newsletter Submissions**
 - Pictures, articles and event updates are appreciated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

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September 12th Membership Meeting Venue - Eagles Club:

Come out, have a nice steak, participate in the membership raffle and then learn about a subject near-and-dear to our hearts, Predator Control. Cricket Peyton and Paul Wolf will be presenting valuable information and supporting your questions for our September Meeting. You don't want to miss this, or any others coming up.

2020 Banquet Preparations:

This summer's Summit was filled with information that relates to our Chapters current business. New purchase programs for banquet merchandise were discussed and we look forward to taking full advantage of them. The most significant DOJ regulatory change is the decrease in the value/amount that requires OHA to maintain information records for prizes won in raffles. That limit decreases from \$600.00 to \$200.00 so we will be asking for your patience in meeting these requirements. Fortunately, our methods record all prizes regardless of value. We are looking forward to your support and participation at our March 7th banquet event.

At the August general membership meeting the question was raised as to how RVOHA handles a donated, previously-owned gun. Restating that information seems appropriate. Prior-owned guns are presented to a gunsmith/FFL (Federal Firearms License). In our case Life Member Val Albert (A&B Traders) receives, inspects and certifies that the gun is in proper working order. In order for the banquet records to be current in the computer and for the donor to receive their receipt for their tax records, RVOHA's banquet chair (Norma Morehouse 530-250-3000) receives the gun and transports it to Val. Alternatively, this can be accomplished by a coordinated appointment at A&B Traders. He safe keeps the gun for the owner and RVOHA as the responsible as FFL. He brings the prior-owned gun(s) to the banquet and returns them to his shop at the conclusion of the banquet. The winners of the respective guns go to his shop to complete their background check (NICS - National Instant Criminal Background Check System).

Ticket and table price adjustments are being made so watch your newsletter next month. The 2020 RVOHA banquet is shaping up to be another great guns party. Keep March 7th open and invite/bring all of your friends.