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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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Speaker:



Membership Monthly Meeting: November 14th, 2019; 6:00pm

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

Trail Cameras Tips Jeff Heil, RVOHA Board Member

Menu: Turkey/Trimmings, Cake and Soft Drinks \$12

### Come on in:

Apathy is our worst enemy, and a slow progression of change can lull us into an unintended acceptance.

Jim Akenson, OHA Conservation Director in Oregon Hunter Magazine, July/August 2019 Edition

Anyone who's heard Jim talk won't be at all surprised to internalize the wisdom of that single sentence. He was specifically addressing the myriad issues OHA is trying to keep a tab and pace on, but he might as well have been talking about any number of social and/or political matters, at the state and national levels, that we observe every day. "Won't ever happen" is the most frequent rationalization heard when folks are invited and encouraged to join the active fight. We challenge you to look at matters that wouldn't have been uttered in mixed company 20 years ago, that are now legislatively-mandated against all sorts of reason and logic, and still hold that view. We have United States Presidential candidates promising, not threatening, to strike at the very fundamentals of our individual and collective rights. It's staggering the level of apathy we observe with the sad and pathetic response of "won't ever happen." If that's really how we feel, we are a flock of ostriches getting ready to bury our heads in the sand - and the sand is so hot it's about to turn into molten glass. Come on Membership, and non-Membership that by all rights should be members, it's time to get in the game. Apathy is a lack of interest, enthusiasm or concern. Yep, that's a bunch of us.

We're collecting banquet donations presently and the pace is disappointingly modest for a robust economic condition. Last year there was a palpable energy in how folks were responding to our efforts. This year, doesn't seem like the passion and energy are anywhere near last year's levels and rather than people coming to us in generosity, we're having to ask, and follow up, and ask again. Interesting fact that may only interest us - we routinely have folks wanting to buy tables for the banquet and resist our expectation to have RVOHA memberships be part of the purchase. Membership is what brings OHA clout when Jim and others are lobbying positions for our benefit. We NEED membership and we need funding to support experts like Jim and Karl and Bryan and Amy - we think we need the banquet for many reasons.

But maybe the banquet isn't as important to our community as we imagined? If it is to you like it is for us, please evaluate how you might assist our hard work with a donation, volunteer commitment and ticket purchases. While it's true that hunting is usually an individual or small group activity, maintaining the rights and privileges we enjoy today, and hopefully into the future, will always require a concerted community effort. You might, too, consider giving us a try at the monthly membership meetings. There is good fellowship, food and learning to be had. For a time we experienced an uptick in monthly membership meeting attendance - upwards of 80 (8%) folks, but now we're back to the same 40-50 (4-5%) stalwarts, give or take, that make it a priority each month to share friendship and commitment. There's hope for our future as hunters, but only with an appreciable change in attitude and approach. We are going to have to start being a little more biased to "we", than "me." We need to focus intently on efforts that might not be easy or convenient for us, but are important for our community of hunting interests. Remember, apathy is our worst enemy.

#### **RVOHA Horn Night:**

Most of us hope for that once-in-a-lifetime buck or bull, but very few of us will have that record book moment of skill and perseverance or amazing good fortune. A lot of us will take legal animals that won't scare any of the Boone and Crockett, Pope and Young or Safari Club International records. Nonetheless, all of the animals we harvest are trophies and worth the stories that come with them. For that reason, we want to encourage you to bring your horns, regardless of size, for our December membership meeting. We will have certainly have classes that are about the biggest and "best", but we are also going to have a class for those that did the work (or got lucky), had success and should be rightly proud to tell their story. Please bring your trophy to share with the membership - we want to see your success.

#### RVOHA Monthly Membership Speaker Thank You:

RVOHA would like to thank Sgt. Jim Collom, Oregon State Police for summarizing the resource base and operational missions of the OSP Wildlife Enforcement team based across our state. RVOHA deeply appreciates the partnership it enjoys with OSP and Jim - or his team members - regular attendance of our membership meetings. By show of interest at the meeting, the OSP report each month represents a highlight of the RVOHA newsletter. Enjoy this one...

#### Oregon State Police Report:

Trooper assisted local drug enforcement on a search warrant and seizure of a large quantity of illegal marijuana plants.

Troopers responded to an injured hawk which was netted and transported to Wildlife Images by two ODFW volunteers.

Troopers conducted a decoy operation near Lake Creek which was abandoned after it was discovered that a cougar appeared to be stalking the observer.

Working the elk opener in the travel management area near Prospect, the OSP pilot located a vehicle traveling a nongreen dot road. A Trooper caught up to the subjects on the main road and the operator was cited. The pilot also located another vehicle in a non-green dot road close to that location. Subject was cited and said he was unaware of the travel management restrictions. He was provided a map and educated on the reasons for the closure.

Trooper contacted an elk hunter driving an ATV in downtown Prospect. The hunter said he was driving to make a phone call for his wife to come pick him up. The ATV did not have an OHV decal - a citation and warning were issued.

During Cascade Elk Season troopers participated in a afternoon/evening flight in the Prospect area. The pilot located 8 ATV's being operated on a closed road - two of the subjects were cited and the rest warned for Operating in Violation of the TMA. The troopers, along with ODFW, camped out in a wall tent provided by ODFW. The next day, the pilot located two other vehicles in the road closure. Both sets of drivers were cited for being on a non-green dot roads.

Trooper assisted Josephine County on a search warrant at a Grants Pass residence after noting two sets of antlers that looked to be this year's, with a deer carcass still hanging. Trooper arrived to find the only occupant didn't have any big game tags or a license. The suspect didn't say much except that he collected one set as it was said to be a road kill and the other was from a dead deer on the roadside. He was cited for possession (x2) and the carcass was donated.

Trooper was within half a mile of a county channel broadcast road rage complaint location and located one of the vehicles. The driver was hanging out the window proudly displaying his middle finger to the other driver. Trooper contacted the driver who had an expired registration and was taken into custody on an Oregon State Parole Board warrant while being issued citations for DWS and Driving Uninsured. Other charges are pending for other violations.

Trooper responded to a complaint of suspicious hunting activity within the city limits of Ashland. A local resident reported observing a male loading a deer into a pickup while parked on a city street. The reporting party approached the male to inquire about the deer but the male drove off. A license plate and make of pickup was provided. Trooper arrived on scene and contacted multiple neighboring residents. Trooper found a short blood trail leading from a bush, which was against a neighboring house, that lead to a row of hedges along the city street. The evidence indicated the deer may have been shot while bedded next to a house and loaded into the pickup while parked on the street. The suspect was located and interviewed. The male suspect admitted to shooting a large buck black tail deer as it laid in its bed under a large bush against a house. The male stated he shot from inside his vehicle while parked on a city street in Ashland. The male had dumped the buck deer and rifle on the Tiller/Trail Highway after the incident, which the Troopers and suspect had recovered. The deer was found to be a trophy class 4x4 buck. Further investigation found where the bullet exited the buck deer and penetrated the house above the home's front door. The male was charged with Hunting Prohibited: Within City Limits, Unlawful Take/Possession of Buck Deer, Unlawful Use of Weapon, and Criminal Trespass II. He was warned for Hunting on Public Roadway and Failure to Validate Tag. A second male passenger will be charged with Aiding in Wildlife Offense and Criminal Trespass II. The buck deer and rifle offense and Criminal Trespass II.

Trooper responded to a complaint of a dead cow elk off of Dead Indian Memorial Road in Jackson County. While attempting to locate the cow elk, Trooper discovered several hunters field dressing an elk and suspected they may be the cow elk poachers coming back to claim their spoiled elk. Upon contact it was discovered that the reporting party of the cow elk had shot a spike bull this day within 300 yards of the cow. No suspect as to the shooter of the cow.

Trooper responded to a report of a freshly-killed black tail buck off of Foots Creek Road in Jackson County. The reporting party heard two rifle shots several hours prior to discovering the buck. Upon investigation, the deer had been deceased for over a day and therefore was unsalvagable. No suspect has been identified.

#### Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife ODFW Report:

If you're looking for new places to hunt this season, consider taking advantage of the following private land access areas. These properties are part of ODFW's Access and Habitat Program, which is supported by the collaborative efforts of private landowners, local conservation groups, and resource and land managers.

#### Jackson County: C2 Ranch Youth Guided Hunt (Dec. 15 - Jan. 5)

The C2 Cattle Company, a 9500 acre ranch near Medford, is working with RVOHA and ODFW to allow 10 youth deer hunts during the Rogue Unit Youth Deer (630T) season from Dec. 15, 2019 - Jan. 5, 2020.

- Youth hunters must possess a 630T Rogue Unit Youth Deer controlled hunt tag, or be eligible to participate through the Youth "First Time" program for a 600-series tag.
- Each hunt will be for one day and the Ranch will provide a guide for each hunter. A parent or other adult may accompany a youth hunter.
- Interested hunters can enter a drawing to hunt the property by sending the following information to ODFW's Central Point Office:
  - o Youth's Name,
  - Youth's ODFW ID (or DOB),
  - o Address,
  - Parent's Email, and
  - Parent's Phone Number.
- Submit entries by mail (ODFW Rogue District, RE: C2 Youth Deer Raffle Entry, 1495 East Gregory Road, Central Point OR 97502), phone (541-826-8774 x 232), fax (541-826-8776), or email (roguehuntraffle@gmail.com). Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on November 29th, and winners will be drawn on December 2nd.

#### Jackson Cooperative Travel Management Area (Oct - April)

The Jackson Cooperative Travel Management Area began in 1995 and provides access to Hancock Forest Management, Murphy Timber Investments, LLC, and Lone Rock Resources lands. The project area also includes public lands managed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, BLM, and State of Oregon. Road closures and law enforcement presence increase habitat effectiveness for wildlife, resulting in a higher-quality hunting experience. This area provides hunting access for deer, elk, bear, cougar, quail, grouse, turkey, dove, pigeon, coyote, and squirrels. For maps, visit https://www.dfw.state.or.us/maps/travel\_management\_areas/jackson.pdf.

#### Curry County: New River Aleutian Goose Area (Sept - Mar)

'By-Permission' access provided to a large private ownership shared by four landowners, with excellent access to an otherwise remote adjacent wetland area of BLM lands. This opportunity is supported by Delta Waterfowl and Josephine County OHA. The New River Area represents the only large-scale waterfowl hunting opportunity on the Southern Oregon Coast south of Bandon, and provides access to large populations of Aleutian geese. For more information, visit: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/maps/access\_habitat/ new\_river.pdf or contact the Gold Beach ODFW Office at 541-247-7605.

For more resource on hunting in SW Oregon, visit ODFW's Recreation Report at https://myodfw.com/recreation-report.

#### September Denman Youth Pheasant Hunt Recap:

RVOHA Members will be tickled to hear the success of this year's event. With support from our friends at the Arthur R. Dubs Foundation, RVOHA increased its purchase of pheasants by 50%. The results were amazing.

The Denman Wildlife Area Youth Pheasant Hunt was held September 14th-15th this year, with 133 youth participants and as many accompanying adults participating. A total of 680 pheasants (compared to 500 last year) were released on the wildlife area over the weekend. Birds were purchased by the Rogue Valley Chapter of Oregon Hunters Association and the Rogue Valley Retriever Club.

The kids logged a total of 273.5 hours of hunting and took 675 shots. Thanks to the boost in extra birds this year, participants achieved the highest-recorded success rate per hunter EVER in the 26-year history of the Youth Pheasant Hunt. Participants averaged 1.61 bird each (1.0 per hunter last year), with a total of 215 birds harvested (169 harvested in 2018).

Many local sportmen's groups and local vendor contributed to the event, as well as dog handlers and other volunteers.

#### RVOHA 2020 Banquet Donations - We Need Your Support!!!:

2021 Spring Bear Hunt and Lodging (Rocky Jones Big Game Guide Service) Missouri Whitetail Deer Hunt (Oak Creek Ranch Whitetails) Rimrock Taxidermy Youth Shoulder Mount (Jim Turcke) Jerry's Jet Boat Tours (Chetco OHA Chapter) Diamond Lake Resort Weekend Retreat & Fishing (Diamond Lake Resort) (4) 1911 .45ACP Springfield Range Officer Pistols (RVOHA/Springfield Armory) (4) Springfield Saint .223/5.56 Rifles (RVOHA/Springfield Armory) Weatherby Rifle (Bob Ferreira) New England Firearms Shotgun (Bob Hearth) **RVOHA Previously-Owned Firearms** Remington 700 .30/06 Scoped Rifle Ruger M77 MK2 .223 Scoped Rifle Savage Model 10.243 Scoped Rifle Savage Mark 2 .22LR Rifle Savage Mark 2 .22LR Rifle (6) Platinum Table Rifles Kimber Classic Limited Edition 6.5 Creedmoor \$250 Cash Donation Sponsorship of the Tee Game (Phil's Frosty) \$350 Cash Donation (Anonymous) \$800 Cash Donation Sponsorship (Global Pacific Environmental) Gun Case (Richard Moyer) Stone Glacier Backpack (Stone Glacier) Youth Introductory Handgun Training Classes (Phil Grammatica) Concealed Carry Couples Handgun Classes (Phil Grammatica) Books: Cooking Game Birds, Bowhunting the West & Beyond, Trophy Blacktails, Life in the Scope (Scott Haugen) DVD: Dressing, Skinning and Caping (Scott Haugen) Smallmouth Bass Fishing on Lost Creek or Applegate Lake (Bryan Coggins) T-shirts, Hats, Hoodie (Willies Drift Boats) Frozen Meat Package (Rogue Meats) Game Cameras, Ear Protection Muffs, Night Vision Monocular (Coastal Farm and Ranch) Baseball Caps, Tshirts, Mug, Water Bottle (Springfield Armory) Sitka Gear Galore - Pants, Jackets, Gloves, Gaiters, Base Layers!!! (Sitka/RVOHA) \$250 Plumbing Gift Certificate (Curtius-Huntley Plumbing) Scrimshaw Finger Hole Knife (Bryan Coggins) Red Dot Sights (RVOHA) Electronic Game Call (RVOHA) Memoirs of a Backcountry Bio (Vic Coggins) Portable Safe (Good Guys Guns) (2) \$100 Gift Certificates Bill's Glass (Bill's Glass and Windshield) Shed in a Box (Eric Jordan) \$200 Gift Certificate Medical Eye Clinic (Medical Eye Clinic) Eye Exam, Glasses or Sunglasses with Unlimited Options/Upgrades \$1000 value (Central Point Eye Care/Dean Brown) (2) Oil Changes (OilStop) \$25 Gift Certificate (Smart Foodservice) DP24MF Battery (Battery Systems) Cabela's Dinnerware (Cabela's/RVOHA) (2) Cougar Lane Lodge Overnight Accommodations (Scott McNair) Western Themed Lamp (Marcia Coggins) Lady Liberty Silver Dollar (Southern Oregon Pawn) Kenetrek Boots/Gaiters (Kenetrek/RVOHA) Carhartt Embroidered Jacket (RVOHA) Miscellaneous Home Decor Items (RVOHA) Miscellaneous Camping Items (RVOHA) Your Name/Company Name Here Your Name/Company Name Here



# 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet - March 7, 2020 Rogue Valley Oregon Hunters Association Medford Armory 1701 South Pacific Highway

Doors open at 4:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm, Drawings & Raffles at 6:00pm All Funds Raised STAY in OREGON and Support Local and State OHA Iniatives

# **Ticket Packages:**

\$300 Benefactor# :1 dinner/1 benefactor drawing/2 drink tickets/\$500 in general raffle tickets - \$670 Value1
 #Benefactor Raffle: 1 out of 10 Benefactors wins a SPECIAL PRIZE!!! 1
 \$125 Basicc: 1 dinner/\$120 in general raffle tickets - \$180 value 1

\$60 Youth: 1 dinner (18 and Under Only))

□ \$125 □ \$300 Basic Package Benefactor		<ul> <li>\$65 Benefactor Guest Meal (*only one available w/Benefactor Package)</li> </ul>	□ \$60 Youth	
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Business Name:		*Non OHA Members Add Membership Fee:		
Email address		Signature (for credit cards only)	Total Enclosed:	
Mail Form & Payment to: RVOHA P.O. Box 1748 Medford, OR. 97501 or Contact Norma Morehouse at 503-250-3000				
Purchase Packages by <u>December 15th 2019</u> to enter the Early Bird Drawing! Please confirm your membership is current!				

Please state dinner seating arrangements preferences: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is the committee's desire to exceed your expectations for an enjoyable evening as items are presented in both silent and live auctions. Please bid early and often as this event is dedicated to the generation of funds to assist OHA in meeting the organization's mission of Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage.

## **Corporate Table Price Schedule:**

1.	1 Benefactor/9 Basics (10 Seats) 1 x \$300/Benefactor = \$300 + 9 x \$125 = \$1125 = \$1425 Retail (Save \$130)	Price \$1295.00
2.	5 Benefactor/5 Guests (10 Seats) 5 x \$300/Benefactor = \$1500 + 5 x \$65 = \$325 = \$1825 Retail (Save \$130)	Price \$1695.00
3.	5 Benefactor/5 Basics (10 Seats) 5 x \$300/Benefactor = \$1500 + 5 x \$125 = \$625 = \$2125 Retail (Save \$130)	Price \$1995.00
4.	10 Benefactors (10 Seats) 10 x \$300/Benefactor = \$3000 Retail (Save \$105)	Price \$2895.00
5.	<b>Platinum Table</b> (10 Seats) 10 x \$300/Benefactor = \$3000 + \$1000 (FMV Firearm) = \$4000 Retail (Save \$	Price \$3895.00 105)

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#### Upcoming Membership Meeting Presentations:

November 14th	Trail Camera Tips and Techniques; Jeff Heil, RVOHA Board Member/Amateur Shutterbug
December 12th	RVOHA Horn Night
January 9th	Effective Public Testimony; Jim Akenson, OHA Conservation Director
February 13th	ODFW Habitat Enhancement Project Development, Jade Keehn, ODFW Biologist
March 12th	Turkey Hunting Tips and Techniques; Nate Bailey, Southern Oregon Hunting

#### **Recent RVOHA Board Action:**

The RVOHA Board of Directors met on October 17th and here is our report out on some of the topics covered:

- Hosted Jade Keehn, ODFW Habitat Biologist, to discuss potential coordinated habitat funding opportunities across several agency partner groups. Some of the options look very promising and Jade will be reporting back.
- Discussed the 2020 Banquet including pricing, donations, and operational details.
- Confirmed the Board's decision to donate three (3) firearms (shotguns) identified by the ODFW Hunter Education Area Coordinator to the ODFW HE program. The ODFW HE AC ultimately declined the donation, so the shotguns as well as the remaining RVOHA-owned firearms (.22s, .30/06, .223 and .243) will be presented as part of the 2020 RVOHA Banquet. The ODFW HE AC was encouraged to present requests for donations in the future.
- Confirmed plans to update bank signatories based on changes in the Board.
- Discussed Scholarship Chair opportunity.
- Confirmed 2020 dates for Jackson County Sportsman's Show (2/21-23), Youth Turkey Clinic (4/4), YOU Day (6/6) and Denman Pheasant Hunt (9/19-20)
- Confirmed the nomination and appointment of Nichole Hickey to the RVOHA Board. Congratulations Nichole!!!

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

# Rogue Valley Review - OHA





- General Member Meetings
- 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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## November Monthly Membership Meeting Menu Change:

After failing to actually adjust the menu for October's meeting, we will try to do so in November - come out and see how we do. This month the kind folks at the Eagles will be serving a seasonal favorite - turkey. Come enjoy a toddy, some turkey and a tantalizing, informative presentation regarding trail camera tips and techniques.

#### 2020 Banquet Preparation:

...AND WE ARE OFF AND RUNNING!!! The first platinum table this year was sold to SHOWER DOORS AND MORE. Ron and Angela Harris reserved their table in August. They are long-time, strong supporters of RVOHA and always bring great fun to our party. They are truly Early Birds this year. At this point we have sold five (5) platinum tables, all of which will be topped with a Kimber Classic Limited Edition in 6.5 Creedmoor. Here are the other Platinum table purchasers: OBEX Company, Timberland Logging, People's Bank and Global Environmental/Marquess & Associates/S&S Sheet Metal Who else is ready for PLATINUM?

The first benefactors' tickets sold this year go to the Lacy family (Phil's Frosty in Shady Cove). We truly appreciate our Early Birds! Donations are noted in this month's newsletter. Each day begins at the computer entering items and attendees. If you have items to donate call Norma at (503) 250-3000, or see her at the monthly general membership meeting. Reviewing the catalog of items, we have received about one third (1/3) the items we need to set up a proper and pleasing banquet. We do the heavy lifting of organizing and presenting the banquet items, but our local community and members must do their part. With the strong economy it seems we should far outstrip last year's offer, but not so far? Help us?

Remember the deadline for entry in the Early Bird drawing is December 15, 2019. There will be three Early Birds, each drawing winner will receive a Springfield Range Officer .45ACP pistol. March will be upon us very fast. Don't postpone making your donations or buying tickets. Our Chapter has a reputation for having fun and profitable fundraisers - be a part of it all. Don't miss this awesome opportunity.