Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage

ROGUE VALLEY REVIEW OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

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

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

Speaker:

RVOHA Horn Night Hosted by Don Pritchett

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

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year:

God Bless America. It is nearly impossible to properly capture the totality of blessings we enjoy as citizens of the United States. We are so thankful for the rights and privileges of this great nation. As a warrior nation, we have successfully, and repeatedly, met every requirement for preserving our freedom. All have sacrificed some; some have sacrificed all.

The RVOHA membership is uniquely blessed to call Southern Oregon home. We get half the rain of those folks to the north, and twice what they get to the east. It's just about perfect - enough to be green, but not so much that we have to take rain gear too seriously. The sun shines a lot and the mountains are risen up all around us. Fresh water lakes and rivers dot the landscape - fishing, lounging, swimming, rafting and more. We have amazing opportunities to pursue our outdoor avocations that are really only limited by the time we have to devote to them. The weather this year has been amazing. We nearly skipped fall on our way to winter with just the lightest hint of forest fire smoke. We are so blessed.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to pursue all manner or big game, small game, game birds and more. Miles and miles and miles of government land available for our access and enjoyment. We pay for these lands, sometimes directly/ sometimes indirectly, and for the stewardship of those same lands - we should be privileged to use them. As part of land stewardship we enjoy great partnerships and support with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon State Police (OSP), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), C2 Ranch, Southern Oregon Land Conservancy (SOLC), Arthur R Dubs Foundation (ARDF) and many more. We will continue to seek more partnerships in support of OHA's mission of protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage.

We wish our membership the best of the season's greetings recently passed and those upon us. That during this time we'd all work just a little harder at being our best selves for those around us. Have a great holiday season!

RVOHA Election:

The annual election process for the RVOHA Board is rapidly approaching. Nominations for RVOHA President, Secretary and Four Board Member positions will be open on January 1st and close on February 15th. Nomination forms will be available at the January and February monthly membership meetings and be filled out and returned to Zach Lycett, RVOHA Board Member and Elections Chairman, at those meetings. Alternatively, nomination can be made by email to Zach at ZLycett@harryanddavid.com and roguevalleyoha@gmail.com.

For those interested in serving, there will be an opportunity to present a summary of your qualifications and interests in serving as part of a future membership newsletter and, in person, at the March membership meeting. We look forward to seeing who has a heart and desire to serve our noble cause.

RVOHA Scholarship:

RVOHA has begun its annual scholarship program. In the November Board Meeting, Ted Morehouse was appointed to the Chairmanship position and Board Member Zach Lycett will be providing close support. Ted will be working to assemble a team of evaluators/judges, distribute the applications and work with local teachers, counselors, school administrators, and parents/students to identify the best and brightest as RVOHA Bill Kirk Scholarship recipients for support of their continued education and/or training in fields support the RVOHA biases toward natural resource stewardship. We are pleased with the continued progress of this great program and to have Ted in this role.

RVOHA Monthly Membership Speaker Thank You:

RVOHA would like to thank Jeff Heil for once again sharing his unique experience and enthusiasm for game cameras. It was clear to anyone in attendance the level of functional and experiential expertise Jeff has accumulated over the years. It's always fun to see someone with a passion, share it with others. We are very fortunate to have someone of Jeff's talent and expertise willing to share their knowledge. If you'd like to learn more, Jeff is always willing to help.

Oregon State Police Report:

On Saturday October 26th at approximately 120pm, Trooper received a call in reference to a poached doe on upper Lake Creek Road. The Reporting Party was located along with the doe, which was not salvageable. No further evidence was located and there is no suspect at this time.

On Sunday October 27th at 4pm, Trooper had a multiple warrant arrest associated with a Medford traffic stop. The subject was lodged in the Jackson County jail on three outstanding warrants.

Trooper gave a Powerpoint presentation to the Grants Pass OHA chapter with approximately 30 people in attendance.

Trooper received a complaint of two subjects snagging salmon on the Applegate River. He observed the two for approximately 45 minutes and saw no sign of snagging. When they left the river one was found to be in possession of a non-adipose fin-clipped trout (cutthroat). Subject was cited and the fish was seized.

In response to several calls from ODFW about anglers using bait on the Rogue River, Trooper worked the upper Rogue River. Two anglers were contact at the Chief Hole, one using a sinker, hook and shrimp. The other was using a bobber, fly and shrimp. He knew it was fly only and at first denied using the shrimp. When informed he was being watched, he admitted to using a piece of shrimp on the end of the fly. Both subjects were cited for angling prohibited method: Bait.

On 11/3/19 Trooper was following up on a trespass case and attempting to contact 3 suspects. All three had been photographed via game camera at multiple locations. Only one of the suspects was willing to speak with Trooper. He admitted wrong doing and a criminal citation was delivered to his residence. The other 2 known suspects have not returned calls and their residence is gated/posted. Charges will be forwarded to the DA.

Trooper received a call over the weekend from a hunter that was set up in a tree stand on a very large private property parcel in the Shady Cove area when he heard a large caliber rifle shot near his location. The hunter decided to get down and investigate as it was currently archery season. The hunter located a father and his 15-year old son with a recently taken buck. The hunter was able to gather enough information to know that the 15-year old son was the one that took the deer and that it looked to be taken by rifle. Trooper was able to locate the hunters and after a long conversation with the father he eventually said that his son got in a hurry and took the buck with his rifle rather than archery. The father was advised that the son was under his supervision and he was cited for Aiding/Counseling in a wildlife offence criminally and that a report would be forwarded to the District Attorney's office for charges on the son. The deer and rifle were seized as evidence.

RVOHA Horn Night - December Membership Meeting:

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 Banquet Participation:

This year Kyle Rawlins will, once again, be drumming up (pun intended) a musical ensemble to entertain our banquet attendees. If you were there last year, you'll appreciate the toe-tapping fun the band added to last year's event.

As you can imagine, the effort associated with putting together this signature event is significant. There are myriad volunteer opportunities and we encourage you to consider a role in preparations, a role in set-up, a role in take-down and anything/everything in between. Contact Norma Morehouse to learn more. 503-250-3000

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife ODFW Report:

Save the Date: ODFW/RVOHA Co-sponsored Bear and Cougar Hunting Workshop on January 23rd, 2020

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Rogue Watershed, in collaboration with the Rogue Valley Chapter of OHA, will be hosting our first bear and cougar hunting workshop on January 23rd from 6:00pm-8:00pm. This workshop will be held in the conference room of the Rogue Watershed District office on the Denman Wildlife Area at 1495 East Gregory Rd in Central Point. This is a chance for aspiring predator hunters to come out and learn various hunting tactics for bear and cougars that will make you more successful in the field. We will start the evening with ODFW biologists giving a brief overview of bear and cougar biology, our agencies management plans for these species (bear management plan, cougar management plan), and a quick history on bear and cougar without the use of dogs or bait. Please keep in mind that this event is intended to be a workshop to learn and share techniques, and may not be the best time to debate current law or management policies. *Editorial: Come to learn or teach, not to explain your position on the matter(s)*.

On a yearly basis there are more cougars harvested now than ever before, proving that people can be successful in harvesting these animals without the use of dogs, but the challenge is considerable. If you or someone you know has been consistently successful in harvesting bears or cougars and would like to share your knowledge with other hunters please contact our office at (541) 826-8774 to be placed into a speaking time slot. We will be sharing a more detailed schedule of speakers, topics and time slots later in the year. *Editorial: It is highly probable that RVOHA's BOD will be purchasing some raffle/drawing items (calls, etc.) for this event as well as providing refreshments. We are excited to help develop, and support, this valuable content for all Oregon Hunters.*

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you.

-The Rogue District Wildlife Staff

RVOHA Hunter Access/Turkey (...maybe more...) Hunting Opportunities:

RVOHA, with support from ODFW and the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy are working several access projects, specific to local turkey hunting opportunities, and perhaps beyond. For some landowners, wild turkeys have become a nuisance issue and landowners routinely reach out to ODFW with complaints. RVOHA is working in coordination with ODFW to try to identify and create opportunities for safe and ethical hunting of those turkey populations. In all cases, we anticipate making membership in RVOHA a prerequisite for access to these opportunities.

RVOHA is currently working on access hunts on the Rogue River Preserve "Heart of the Rogue", which is managed by Southern Oregon Land Conservancy. The present ambition is to provide youth and/or adult-onset hunting opportunities on this unique piece of land in Eagle Point, just off 234, along the Rogue River. We imagine providing RVOHA Board Member escorted hunts on the property and are working to schedule the meetings that will facilitate that outcome. Presently our hope is to reach an agreement with the SOLC to host youth/adult-onset turkey hunters who participate in the spring youth/ adult onset turkey clinic scheduled for April 4th, 2020 at Denman. The Youth season opens April 11th-12th, 2020.

Based on a referral from ODFW, RVOHA has met a landowner with 70 acres in Eagle Point who would like our support in helping drastically reduce turkey populations on their property. One RVOHA Board Member has surveyed the property with the landowner and another is going to try a fall hunt to see that we can safely and effectively utilize the property. Once we have determined a success profile for the property we will investigate youth and adult-onset hunting opportunities, both fall and spring, as a priority. We are expecting those to be Board-escorted/chaperoned hunts to manage access in the best way possible. If those efforts go as hoped, we would then imagine some form of lottery drawing for access and work with the landowner on the safest and most convenience/least disruptive way of affording the winners access to the property. We are proceeding deliberately here because we want to get this experience "right" and use our learning as a platform for additional conversations.

There is another property of 700 acres that will be the next to explore. Additionally, there may be an opportunity with a very large commercial landowner. This effort is in its infancy and we will keep the membership advised on our progress.

Finally, the Board is working with SOLC on a nutria hunting opportunity on the coast. The property is adjacent to developed areas and will require some intensive review to make sure hunting these vermin will be practical, effective, safe (and tasty???). The Board will identity members to do some advance scouting on the property to see what might be possible. At which time that review is complete, we again imagine some form of lottery to identify those RVOHA members who would be permitted access to the property.

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) Hunts: Youth 4-day Deer Hunt, Youth 2-day Turkey Hunt, Adult 4-day Bear Hunt (C2 Ranch) 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) 7mm Mag King Desert Camo Weatherby Rifle (Bob Ferreira) New England Firearms 410 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; 20ga Remington 870 Express Shotgun; 410 Mossberg Shotgun; 410 Shotgun (6) Platinum Table Rifles Kimber Classic Limited Edition 6.5 Creedmoor (RVOHA) (2) Remington R1 1911 45ACP Stainless Steel with Walnut Grips (RVOHA) Weatherby Camilla Vanguard 6.5 Creedmoor (RVOHA) Prior Owned: Smith and Wesson Model 1500 .338 Rifle with Scope Prior Owned: Remington 700 7MM-08 with Leupold Scope \$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 Fishing on Lost Creek/Applegate Lake, Outdoor Edge Skinner, Scrimshaw Finger Hole Knife, \$50 Coastal Gift Card, NWTF Knife Set, NRA Knife (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) Red Dot Sights (RVOHA) Electronic Game Calls (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, Hand-Tied Fleece Blanket (Marcia Coggins) Lady Liberty Silver Dollar (Southern Oregon Pawn) Kenetrek Boots/Gaiters (Kenetrek/RVOHA) Carhartt Embroidered Jacket (RVOHA) Carhartt Jacket (Crater Chain Saw) Miscellaneous Home Decor Items (RVOHA) Miscellaneous Camping Items (RVOHA) Antler Fire Starter/Browning Model 722 Lockback Knife (Andy Scofield) 10K White Gold Pendant with 14K White Gold Necklace (Southern Oregon Pawn) Patio Heater (Jahnke Heating) ODFW Deer Count Ride-along with Steve Niemela (ODFW) Seven Feathers Overnight Accommodations/Food Credit (Seven Feathers) Four (4!) Guns - Stoeger Shotgun, Winchester Shotgun, Ruger AR-15, Ruger 10/22 (Dr. Tom Terbeck)



36th Anniversary Banquet - **TBD**, 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 Basic Package	□ \$300 Benefactor	 \$65 Benefactor Guest Meal (*only one available w/Benefactor Package) 	□ \$60 Youth	
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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.	Platinum Table (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:

December 12th	RVOHA Horn Night
January 9th	Strengthening the Hunter's Voice; 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 November 21st and here is our report out on some of the topics covered:

- Discussed possible turkey/nutria/additional hunting access opportunities
- Discussed the RVOHA Banquet including donations and operational details pace is behind ambitions presently
- Approved 10 Gift Card Purchases (we have 4 from prior events already) to Support RVOHA Horn Night
- Approved Ted Morehouse as 2020 Bill Kirk Scholarship Chair
- Discussed possible donations for additional habitat opportunities
- Discussed potential donation to bolster State OHA staffing and marketing initiatives
- Discussed and agreed in principle to support another Hunt-to-Home Goat Carcass funding opportunity as well as providing light snacks/beverages and OHA-branded hats for the event
- Approved Zach Lycett as the 2020 RVOHA Elections Chair
- Approved funding support for an ODFW/RVOHA co-sponsored predator hunting workshop on January 23rd
- Approved an ODFW Denman Workparty date and refreshment support for February 1st
- Discussed 2020 Budget Development Priorities and Process

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- 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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2020 Banquet Date Change: OVER THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND THE MEDFORD ARMORY ADMINISTRATION ADVISED RVOHA THAT THE MARCH 7TH DATE WILL NOT WORK AS THAT DATE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AT THEIR MILITARY DRILL WEEKEND. SOMETHING'S YOU JUST CAN'T ANTICIPATE, HOWEVER WE WILL RALLY AND FIGURE OUT THE NEXT BEST DATE. AS SOON AS WE DETERMINE THE REVISED DATE WE WILL COMMUNICATE IT VIA FACEBOOK AND THE NEWSLETTER.

2020 Banquet Preparation:

We are pleased to announce a wine donation for each of our banquet tables. 2 Hawks Winery (Ross Allen) has graciously agreed to provide a bottle of white and red on each and every table - let's sell out and enjoy some tremendous wine on the house! Don't worry beer will be aplenty for those of that persuasion.

DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD DRAWING - TICKETS PURCHASED BY

DECEMBER 15TH. At this time there are only 70 participants in the drawing for THREE (3!!!) Springfield Range Officer 45ACPs with rosewood grips. Don't snooze and miss a chance for a fine handgun. We thank all the Early Birds for their promptness. For those interested in the Wall of Guns and Big Horn raffles and auction guns, our selections include Springfield, Kimber, Christensen's, Weatherby, Remington, Legacy and Citadel. Working with hunters to choose guns is like taking kids to a candy store. The manufacturers are very kind to OHA and our friends at Coastal Farm and Ranch, Sportsman's Warehouse and Blackbird Shopping Center are giving us great assistance in preparing for another successful, and fun, banquet.

Success is measured in different ways. The banquet gives us an opportunity to see and visit old friends and to be introduced to new members. The variety of items to be won or bought will be exciting. Our caterer (Yummy's) has proved himself over and over and our bar (Rockin' Diamond) knocks it out of the park every year. Your generous bids, purchase of raffle tickets and supporting our various games provide the funds to support our local and State obligations. You are the absolute key to the future of OHA. Thank you for joining us for enjoyable evening and contributing to the success of the OHA mission.