

OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

March 2019

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

APRIL 10, 2019

The next meeting will be April 10th at

BEND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB,
61045 Country Club Rd. Bend Or
starting at 7:00 pm.

Come at 6:00, have some dinner
and socialize before the meeting.
(Limited menu available)



The March speaker was **Monty Gregg**, OHA Member, Liaison for the Turkey Hunting Federation through the US Forestry Service.

Although wild turkeys are actually not “native” to Oregon and many of the United States, it is suggested that fact be arguable. Many findings have shown turkeys have been around a very long time. In recent years wild turkeys have been caught and planted in areas around the state to promote new areas for the birds to thrive.

Monty explained the habitat and areas Wild Turkeys are bound to be found. Stating that “Every Forest in Oregon likely has Wild Turkeys” They are usually scattered in lower elevations depending on the snow levels, just below the snow lines in the spring months. Turkeys are usually found around a natural water source like springs, creeks etc.; areas with good

foraging, green open areas where the turkeys have plenty of space to observe their surroundings. Turkeys have excellent sight and hearing. Sneaking up on Turkeys is difficult, any sounds or movement can end a chance to make a shot. It was suggested that you get out just before first light to find an area to hunt, setting out any decoys as quietly as possible, then making yourself comfortable before calling in the birds. Often times you will find Turkeys roosting two-thirds the way up a slope, staying high to see and hear if its safe, gliding down to feed in the open areas, and marching back up the slope in the evenings to roost.

Turkey calling was covered also. There are strategies for calling Wild turkeys just as there are for other wild game: Deer, Elk Etc.

The Toms will be in protective mode for the Hens early in the season, so using calls such as coyote, owl or crow calls will get their attention. Calling in Turkeys later on to encourage them closer to you are done by doing gobbler calls, using a slate, a yelper or a harp for mouth calls. There are many different kinds of calls for turkeys. Suggested was U-Tube to get ideas for calling, but the recommendation given was to experiment, mixing up the calls adjusting to what works that day.

“Listen to the hens and try to imitate what you hear.” Whining and mild yelps often will get Turkeys moving too. Sometimes even a door slamming will let you know Turkeys are around.

Be aware while calling in Wild Turkeys, when bird calling is going on, other wildlife hear it too. You never know what may wander in and it may be a predator. You don’t want those creeping up behind you! Many a cougar or coyote have been seen while hunting these birds.

Turkey hunting vests and packs were addressed, all primarily simple. Attire that allows the hunter to access their calls easily, providing mobility to shoot without additional noise and having the capability

to strap on the birds for hiking out.

As always, the best information you need before hunting in the mountains or remote areas is to know where you are going, know the terrain, know how to survive in the wild and have the proper items with you to be equipped for anything that may or could happen. Turkey hunting is fun for everyone and a great way for young hunters to get started. Consider researching this sport and sharing it with the family.

Thank you Monty for talking to us about Wild Turkeys, you were enlightening and entertaining!



APRIL SPEAKER

Our speaker in April will be **Candy Yow**, OHA member and State board member for Access Habitat. Candy will be talking to us about Access Habitat, a part of ODFW.

\$4.00 out of every hunting license goes towards Access Habitat, getting access to private land and providing habitat for wildlife. Access Habitat also auctions off tags throughout the year to raise money to provide opportunities for so many.

Come to the meeting and hear about Access Habitat.

Also

Come learn about what you need to know to protect Oregon hunting rights and your future in hunting.





From the Presidents' Chair

Hello Bend Membership,

We had another great banquet this year with over 400 guests! The newsletter will include all of the numbers in the coming April issue. You can be proud of your chapter, for the funds that are raised are used in Oregon. Many of those dollars stay here locally to protect, develop and enhance wildlife habitat and to promote our future hunting

The Bend Chapter members number well over 500 hundred as of the last few months. Your membership is greatly appreciated and your chapter needs you! We need you to be an active participating member in helping OHA meet our mission. We strive to protect wildlife, habitat and the right to our future hunting heritage. We as hunters and gun owners are at a critical cross-roads at this time. With all of the legislation being proposed on a daily basis in Salem, Their intent is to take away your gun ownership rights and hunting heritage.

In addition, there are a lot of interested parties out there wanting the use of our natural forestlands and countryside. Not all of them look at the outdoors in the same way OHA and hunters do. ATV and Bike trails and outdoor activities that will destroy the natural habitat and movement of wildlife has to be addressed and preserved. OHA is the largest conservation group in Oregon and our voice is heard when we speak. Take the time to speak civilly and informed.

Officer elections for your chapter are coming up with nomination in May and elections in June. Many of your officers and others attended meetings and volunteer at projects have served for many years in several positions. Your chapter wants to see you involved in any way that is possible for you. There are many ways to be involved; attending meetings, volunteering at projects, being involved on a committee or serving as a chapter officer. If you are interested in exploring the opportunities to serve as an officer or on a committee in your chapter, feel free to contact me or any board member listed in this newsletter. All new officers will get mentoring as needed. All officers serve on the board and our chapter board works as a team.

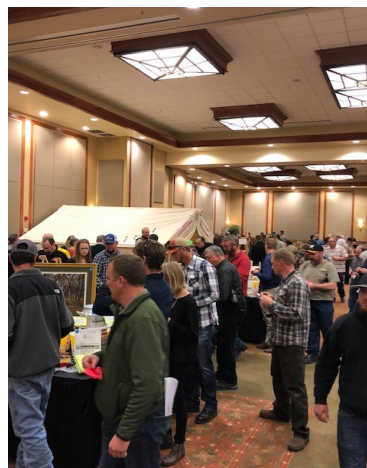
Positions that will be open for nominations in May are, 1st Vice President (currently vacant), Secretary, Member At Large - Youth Events. We have one appointed position open as well for Banquet Coordinator. Please consider helping out your OHA chapter.

I hope to see you at the next meeting on April 10th.

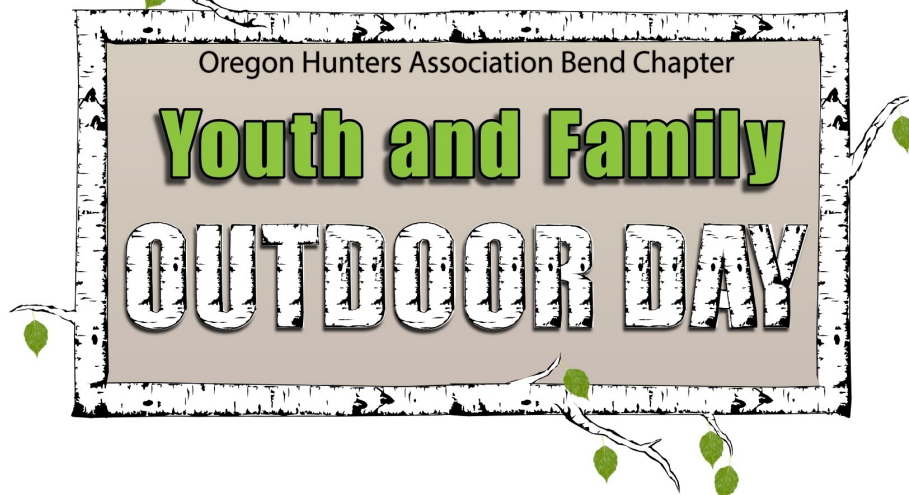
Bob Dixon
Bend Chapter President



Once again cadets from the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program assisted the Bend chapter OHA at the annual Banquet. Commendable attitudes and helpfulness were appreciated as they assisted in making the night a success!
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Some of the great programs available to local groups and individuals funded by the **Friends of NRA** are:

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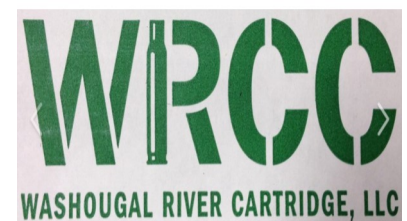
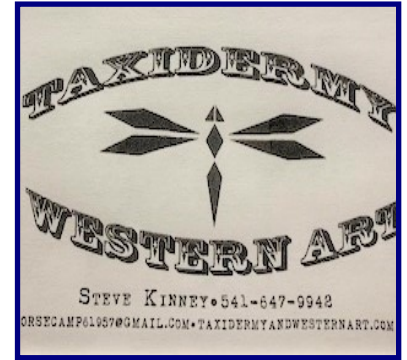
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March Membership Raffle

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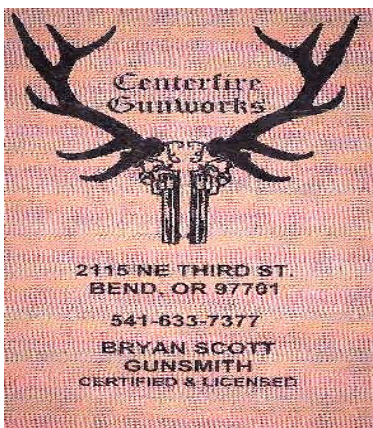
Kevin was **not** present to win!

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Presidents' Report

The Bend chapter has 541 members as of March 2019!

(and rumor has it we added quite a few new members at the banquet, numbers will be acknowledged in next month's newsletter!)

Welcome all new members!

The chapter would like to encourage all members to come to the monthly meetings and join in on our many chapter activities. If you're wondering what's going on in Oregon, and what OHA is doing about it, Get involved! You aren't going to hear about it in the news!

Our chapter is active, involved
and gets results!

Come find out what you can do for your chapter
and be apart of it!

Be sure to pay your annual dues and keep your memberships current, you don't want to miss out!

Help Preserve and Improve Hunting in Oregon!

(and you'll have a good time!)

Volunteer

"All Hands, All Brands" June 21-23

A rendezvous style gathering is being planned for June 21 through the 23rd in the Ochoco's near Rager Ranger Station. Volunteers and working for wildlife groups are encouraged to come help out at this work party weekend. We need a larger turnout for this project, this is a "Boots on the ground" buck and pole fencing project that also provides hands on certification for those that would like a forest Service Chain Saw Certificate. All hands are welcome to come help out!

Save the dates and talk to your buddies, wildlife and habitat groups. This should prove to be a worthwhile and fun event. More information will be available soon, available camping and a pot luck are sure to be part of the event. Consider joining us. Contact Eric Brown for more information.

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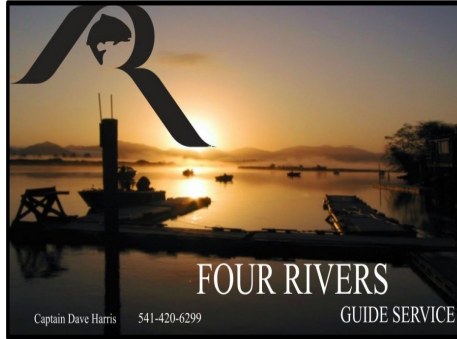
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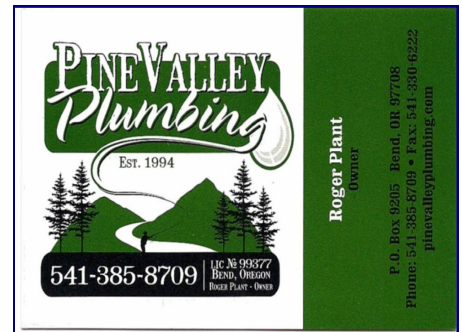
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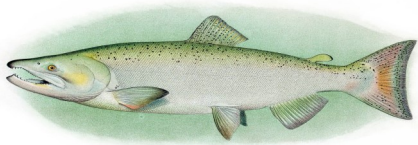
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Treasurer's Report

John Bambe was pleased to report that the current Bend Chapter's OHA checking account balance was \$60,237.00 as of March 1, 2019.

Come to the meetings and hear what OHA is doing! Consider getting involved !

It really is gratifying and helps OHA
do the right things for Oregon hunting, habitat and wildlife.



VOLUNTEER



Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

The upper Deschutes basin Salmon and Steelhead reintroduction program is looking for volunteers to help with spring Chinook fry stocking.

Volunteers are needed to help do backpack stocking in the Crooked River Canyon, Whychus Creek, and the Deschutes River canyon. This requires hikes ranging from 1 to 3 miles round trip. The hikes are strenuous and steep, with the weight of the backpacks typically average between 25-35 lbs. The fry put into bags and then loaded into backpacks for the hike down. If people are interested and do not have a backpack ODFW has a few that will hold a bag of fish.

Backpack stocking will be conducted on March 26th, with everyone meeting at the Crooked River Ranch church. Maps will be provided by ODFW reintroduction biologist for those interested. The Crooked River Canyon stocking will be completed first and then ODFW will provide lunch for volunteers that help out for the backpack section, then the Deschutes section will be completed. This will be the last fry stocking event where fry will be backpacked into the canyon sections, due to a management change to a completely smolt driven program for reintroduction efforts in 2020, so those that have not done this before or really enjoyed it previously this will be your last opportunity.

Volunteers are also needed to help stock fry via buckets on the Metolius River, and it's tributaries, and Whychus Creek if people are not able to physically backpack fry. These stocking events will occur on March 26th and March 27th with ODFW, USFS, and PGE.

Please contact Taylor McCroskey at taylor.mccroskey@state.or.us or 541-325-5296 if you are interested in volunteering.

Volunteers that sign up will be contacted with directions and meeting times for each specific event. Thanks to all of the volunteers, we could not complete this work without your help.

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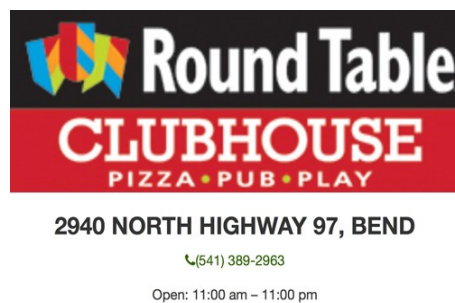
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Oregon gun control bills expected to roar to life

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist
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March is going out like anything but a lamb in the Oregon Legislature, where many hunting-related bills are still going through the legislative process. OHA is tracking more than 1,700 bills daily and attending countless hearings and work group meetings on bills. Deadlines for respective chamber work to be completed are fast approaching, so it's now a question of just how many bills will make it out of committee before the deadline. Stay tuned.

Where are the Gun Bills?

No action has been taken on any of the gun bills we are following. The rumor is that a gun bill hearing will be scheduled for the first part of April. No word yet on what gun bill will be heard. Look for the latest on the gun bills through our OHA action alerts. You can sign up for OHA's e-mail updates and alerts at

<https://oregonhunters.org>

Bills That Are Moving

- HB 2068 Percentage of Nonresident Tags: Increases percentage of nonresident tags that can be issued for hunting of black bear, cougar and antelope within areas that may be issued by drawing.
Update: Bill has passed House and is now in Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.
- HB 2069 Unallocated Game Hunting Tags: Removes requirement that State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue leftover game mammal hunting tags to anyone first-come, first-served; allows ODFW to restrict leftover tags to those who have not drawn a tag.
Update: Bill has passed House and now is in Senate Environment and Natural Resource Committee.
- HB 2293 Residency Requirements: Amends residency requirements for purposes of licenses, tags and permits related to wildlife.
Update: Work session scheduled for March 21.
- HB 2294 Commercial Urine Products: Requires that any commercial product that contains or is derived from cervid urine and designed for luring, attracting or enticing cervids be from herd free of chronic wasting disease.
Update: Bill has passed House and is now in Senate Environment and Natural Resource Committee.
- HB 2361 Multiyear Resident and Nonresident Hunting Licenses: Requires State Fish and Wildlife Commission to establish and prescribe fees for multiyear resident and nonresident hunting licenses. Sets agent fee for issuance of each multiyear license at \$5.
Update: Work Session scheduled for March 26.
- HB 2747 Fish & Wildlife Commission Membership: The bill eliminates the provision that the Fish & Wildlife Commission will be made of members of the general public and instead lists various interest groups that must be represented.

Update: A workgroup has met and offered some changes in the bill. Amendments are being drafted.

- HB 2795 Cougar Bill: Creates a pilot program that allows a person to use dogs in the hunting and in the nonlethal pursuit of cougars within a county that elects to participate in the pilot program.

Update: Hearings have been held. No action on bill since the hearing.

- HB 2841 Information Disclosure: This bill allows ODFW to refuse disclosure of information relevant to department ability to manage or protect described fish or wildlife species or individual members or populations of species. Exempts information from disclosure as public record.

Update: Workgroup has drafted amendments for the bill.

- SB 723 Coyote Hunting Contest Ban Bill.

Update: A hearing has been held on this bill. We will fight this bill in the Senate and in the House.

More information about bills:

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/list/>

You can find your legislator at:

www.oregonlegislature.gov/FindYourLegislator/leg-districts.html

See OHA legislative updates: <https://oregonhunters.org/legislative-news>

Wolf plan vote, new regs highlight wildlife issues for spring ,By Jim Akenson, Sr. Conservation Director, Jim@oregonhunters.org

• Wolf plan input: In the wake of the recent postponing of the wolf plan vote by the Fish & Wildlife Commission, we are now waiting to see the final draft revision, which will be essential for our final OHA input. We will encourage members and chapters to provide input at the appropriate time. Watch for bullet points to emphasize in upcoming newsletters.

• Waterfowl regulations: Next waterfowl season there will be one pintail allowed rather than two as per recent years. The reduction in the pintail bag limit for 2019 is due to the population status of pintails last spring. The estimated breeding population in the traditional survey areas in Alaska and Canada was 2.37 million, the lowest since 2005 and down 40 percent from the long-term average (1955-2017).

• Big game regulation meetings: Summer is when the hunting season recommendations are formulated by ODFW, which include several public meetings across Oregon in July. If you have specific ideas, or concerns, please attend one of these meetings, which will occur in each region of the state. We will post the specific locations, dates, times once they are announced – likely for May chapter newsletters.

• Electronic Licensing: The hunting aspect of electronic licensing starts with turkey and spring bear tag purchases. Remember, you can do this with vendor assistance and print a paper copy or try the electronic version, assuming your smart phone has the right application (see page 4 of the 2019 Big Game Regulations). Earlier problems with duplicating individual registrations have been remedied.

OHA Bend Chapter 2019 Scholarship

OHA awards scholarships to applicants based on the criteria identified herein while pursuing areas of study and careers that support OHA's mission of "Protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunting heritage."

Who is eligible for an OHA scholarship?

Eligible applicants must be new or returning college students enrolled in any accredited trade school, technical school, college or university. Applicants must be in a field of study which aligns with OHA's mission. Fields of study may include, but are not limited to: fish & wildlife, wildlife biology, forestry, environmental policy & planning, environmental law, public lands management, wildlife law enforcement, natural resources.

Who is not eligible for an OHA scholarship?

The following individuals and their family members are **ineligible** for awards: OHA officers and directors, members of the selection committee, trustees, and substantial financial contributors.

What criteria are used to judge applicants?

Applicants are judged on their application, eligibility requirements, volunteer work, essay and other materials provided. Applications will be reviewed by the OHA Scholarship Committee with recommendations to the board of directors. Below are the criteria by which each applicant's information will be evaluated. Consider the following points when answering application questions or writing your essay.

- Major course of study
- Involvement in OHA or other habitat projects (applicants will not be limited to OHA members)
- Extracurricular participation
- Leadership skills
- Community activities
- Awards
- Work experience
- Essay: Content, structure, and grammar
- Photos of you engaged in outdoor activities or community service
- An example of a goal you set for yourself and how you accomplished it

How are scholarship funds dispersed?

The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school at which the student is enrolled and will be credited to their account. The scholarship award is a one-time gift and must be able to be used in the year it is awarded. Any unused funds will be returned to the scholarship fund by the school to be used for future awards.

What must I do to be considered for an OHA scholarship?

Applicants must complete the scholarship application form.

A recipient may apply for the scholarship again in subsequent years; however, winners will be selected from all eligible applicants each year and past success does not guarantee future success.

If awarded a scholarship, the recipient will provide OHA with the college scholarship contact information. OHA will contact the school and arrange for funds to be provided directly to the school
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CALENDAR

04/15/19	Last day for 2018 reporting
04/21/19	Easter
05/12/19	Mothers Day
05/27/19	Memorial Day
06/16/19	Fathers Day
06/21-23	Ochoco Chapter rendezvous near Rager Ranger Station

OHA Bend Chapter
2019 Scholarship Application
Send Application & Required Documents to:
Oregon Hunters Association.
P.O. Box 6618
Bend, OR 97708

Eligibility:

Applicant must:

1. Be a graduating high school senior planning to pursue a degree at an accredited institution of higher education as a full-time student, or be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student.
2. GPA of 3.0 or higher
3. Be a current Oregon resident.
4. Submit all scholarship application requirements to the address above postmarked by April 15, 2019.

Requirements:

Please provide the following documents to ensure a complete application:

1. Completed application form
2. Official high school transcript
3. Hunting or fishing license and last year it was validated
4. Two letters of recommendation
 - a. One personal reference: non-relative and non-school official
 - b. One professional reference: non-relative, can include school official
4. Essay of 1 to 3 pages (select one of the options):
 - a. Explain how you would protect Oregon's wildlife and habitat.
 - b. Explain how you would promote and protect the hunting heritage of Oregon.
 - c. Explain the role of hunting and sportsmen in Oregon's wildlife management.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Current School: _____ Current GPA: _____

School you attend/plan to attend: _____

Field (s) of study: _____

Awards received and/or leadership positions held: _____

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Extra-curricular and volunteer activities in which you are involved:

Are you/your family a member of the Oregon Hunters Association? _____ Yes No _____ If so, briefly explain your participation:

Are you an active hunter? _____ Yes _____ NO If so, please share your hunting experience to date:

Recent hunting and/or fishing license #: _____ Year of issue: _____