

OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2019

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Aug 14, 2019

Come join us on Aug 14th, for the next chapter meeting! The meetings are now held at the :

Bend Golf & Country Club
61045 Country Club Dr.
Bend, Oregon 97702

Just a heads up – the country club requires us to issue one check at the end of the night for food, so please pay John Bambe with cash or check for your meal. You will pay your own bar tab separately. Dinner will be buffet style. It's a great place for us to meet, has everything we need for a great meeting and the view is beautiful! Please come experience the Bend OHA meetings!

July's Guest Speaker: Corey Heath the head biologist in the Bend office of ODFW. You can visit their website at <https://www.dfw.state.or.us>.

If you missed it, you missed a good one. Corey provided the chapter with our own private overview of the proposed big game changes that will be presented to the commission for the 2020 big game season. And there are a lot of changes coming (potentially).

In an attempt to simplify the regulations, 127 different big game hunts could get consolidated into 49 hunts. You might ask, does this mean a similar reduction in tag numbers? No. The total number of tags are slightly reduced but the simplification of hunts is meant to make it easier for those of us who go into the field to figure out the regs and stay legal. Here are a few changes that stand out.

There is a new system being proposed for damage control and management. This will be a damage tag

that you can purchase at any license agent. It will primarily only be good for private land but will not be limited to a single land owner's property. ODFW has created some mapped areas where damage has been a significant problem and this tag will be good in any of the mapped areas. You'll still have to get permission to hunt on private lands. Also, if you already had a tag for elk that year, you would not be able to purchase an additional elk tag. This would be your only elk tag.

There's also proposed changes to sheep hunting. Due to the fact that some of the big horn sheep herds have reached populations objective and since there aren't any new areas that have been identified to establish new herds, ODFW is proposing adding some ewe hunts. Along with this proposal, comes language change to allow a hunter both a once is a lifetime ram and a one in a lifetime ewe. Currently the regulations just says once in a lifetime big horn sheep. Some of the John Day Sheep hunts are being combined because the sheep move around so much. Your tag could become good for either side of the river. Tag quantities should not change.

Western Oregon Deer changes: In the past the hunts were broken into bucks with two points or better and doe or spike hunts. The change proposes any buck with a visible antler and then the doe hunts will be doe only. That's the way it has been in eastern Oregon and again will make things more consistent.

If you've been a high-cascade elk hunter, be prepared for a change. ODFW is recommending this become a controlled hunt. The number of hunter has continued to increase in this hunt and the number of elk has continued to decrease so a change is needed in order to manage the popu-

lations according to objectives.

If you've been using deer or elk urine as an attractant or as a cover scent, that's being done away with. CWD (chronic wasting disease) can be spread through urine and this is a move to try to keep CWD out of Oregon. But don't go through it out in the woods because that could cause the spread of CWD this is supposed to help prevent. Instead, dispose of it in your trash and have it contained to the local landfill or watch for ways to dispose of it properly to avoid spreading the problem.

There are a few new late season mule deer hunts being proposed. This is not because the mule deer are doing better. They are not and mule deer populations are still on the decline. This is because of damage and where these deer take sanctuary late in the year is on public lands. I won't spoil it for you. Watch for changes in the regs next year that indicate some new late season hunts (if the commission agrees to them).

For Pronghorn hunts, staff is recommending slightly later and longer seasons when the temperatures have dropped a little bit. This should reduce fire risk and wildfire conflicts. They are proposing new season dates from Aug 22 to Sept 6.

For Mountain Goats, they are proposing longer seasons as well in order to improve the hunting experience. Goat tags too are once in a lifetime so you should be allowed the time you need to have a great experience and a successful harvest. And with inconsistent starts to winter seasons, a hunter might need to hunt earlier or later depending on how soon old man winter decides to come visit.



From the Presidents' Chair

Bob Dixon

Raise 'em Outdoor camp for kids was a big success. OHA was a major donor again this year. Over 100 kids attending this camp up out of Terrebonne. Archery, guns fishing, and other outdoor skills were on the agenda.

We received a request for a letter of support from ODOT for the new Hwy 97 fencing project south of La Pine. We provided a letter last year and this was just to notify them of our continued support for the project.

We received a letter from the Forest Service of their decisions notice for the Cascade Wilderness Strategies project which we participated in. If you've been following this, you know that OHA and other sporting groups were effective in getting some changes from the original draft plan to benefit hunters while still being supportive of the wilderness objectives.

Your chapter held a board meeting on June 26th.

We presented two scholarships to Oregon Youth Challenge members of \$1,000 each. Kevin and Doug were there in person to present them.

This fall Sportsman's Warehouse will be holding another Bucks and Bulls contest. OHA was asked to be a key sponsor again. We'll bring it up at this August meeting for discussion and a vote. If you drew a buck or bull tag, keep this in mind if you are able to fill your tag with a trophy this fall.

A few of your chapter leaders attended the OHA Chapter Summit at Diamond Lake recently. We'll provide an update on subject that face OHA in the coming months at our next meeting. It's always nice to network with other chapters to learn what works and doesn't for them and how OHA can make an important difference for hunters and sportsman in Oregon.

Meal Notice

For our general meeting meals, we are switching to a buffet style dinner. Cost will be \$20 per person and includes the gratuity. We have a 20 meal minimum so please come and join us for dinner. The food at the Bend Golf & Country Club has been very good. The reason for the switch is this is the busy season for the Country Club with golf in full swing and the kitchen is too busy to support our chapter members ordering off the menu and their regular club members ordering off the menu too. They just can't keep up.



Event Summary



Shootin' the Bull—Pint Night at Bridge 99 Brewery, August 1st.

About 35 people showed up to our social event at Bridge 99. At least a half dozen were new members that came out to meet us. I think most of them signed up recently at the Ladies Hunting Camp. Corey Health gave an abbreviated summary of those big game changes for 2020 and answered questions. It was a pretty nice night and a good time to share a beer and hunting stories. Keep your eyes and ears open; there's a rumor going round that we'll probably do it again soon.



Report on the Northwest Ladies Camp

The Northwest Ladies Hunting Camps held their two Oregon camps SE of La Pine in July. There were about 30 ladies the first weekend and 50 the second weekend. OHA had volunteers there to help out with various activities from shooting skills to kitchen duty. We also set up a booth and gave out information about OHA and what we do for the hunting community. We sold some memberships, some gun raffle calendars, some OHA swag, and made a few new friends.

Less I forget, we also provided the funding for their dinner on Friday night of the second camp prepared and delivered by Country Catering.

We did not attend their Utah camp but we hear it went very well. These camps continue to grow. Ladies make up the fastest growing hunting demographic. Let's support them and welcome them to our ranks.

If you know a young lady or a not-so-young lady who would like to improve her hunting skills, this would be a great thing to recommend or to gift to her. It's helps them establish a support network and the coaching at the camp is top notch. Participants range in age from teens to 70's. No one goes home disappointed or empty handed.

Reminder to pick up your tag(s)
before the start of the season.



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Monthly Door Prize

The May door prize winner was :
Richard Nelson. It was also his birth-
day. He won 4 new York steaks from
Cinder Butte Meats

Come to the meeting and win!

AUGUST SPEAKER

Our speaker this next month will be:
Maureen Rogers. Her topic is "Lady
Gets a Gun." She'll be talking about
introducing ladies to shooting.

Come hear what she has to say
and how OHA can help.

Fall Meeting Schedules:

Reminder that our fall meeting schedule
gets adjusted to minimize the conflict with
fall hunting seasons.


September meeting will be held on
September 25th.

NO October meeting!

The November meeting will November
13th which is back on our schedule as the
2nd Wed of the month.

December is on schedule as the second Wed
of the month.

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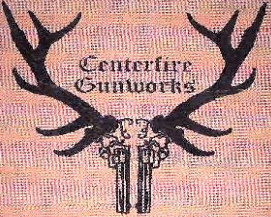
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JULY Membership Raffle

The name drawn for **\$350.00** worth of Sporting equipment was Duane E. Smith of Bend
(not present)

YOU HAVE TO BE AT THE MEETING!

We all have a nice evening at the meeting, come and meet the attending chapter members
and start having some fun by getting involved. (and bring your friends!)
(You can win raffles and get some new gear!)



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Presidents' Report (In case you missed it)

Hello Bend Membership,

Chapter officer elections were held at the June meeting. I want to welcome Charlie Cookson as our new 2nd Vice President and Bob Bud-denbohn as our new Member At Large - Media. These are two very busy members who have elected to carve a little time out of their lives to serve in a leadership roll for your chapter.

I also want to thank Doug Stout for stepping up into the 1st Vice Presidents roll and Keven Borst for serving another term as our Member At Large - Youth Events.

We did not have any nominations or volunteers for the open positions of Secretary or Project Coordinator. We are very appreciative to Wendy Jordan and Eric Brown for continuing to fill those rolls until we can fill them. Wendy has served as the chapter secretary for two terms and Eric Brown has served in his roll for 3 1/2 terms. I also want to extend a big thank you to Dale Putnam for his service to the chapter as our past Member at Large - Media. Dale continues to mentor Bob until he is ready to take the reins.

Board member Richard Nelson resigned from his position on the board as an adviser to the board this last May. We want to thank Richard for his many years of service to the Bend Chapter of OHA. He held many positions in the chapter and is very appreciated and respected. One of Richards hopes is that we could fill the position with some new blood. I am very pleased to welcome JR Lorimor to the Bend Chapter Board of Directors as our new Member At Large - Youth Advisor. Even though Jr is a very busy man he comes to us with some great credentials and ideas. He is the founder and a coach of 3 Rivers Archers, a wrestling coach in La Pine and spends most of his time, when not at work or hunting with his family, working with youth. I see and hear his passion for working with youth every time I'm with him.

I appreciate all the new faces in the leadership of our chapter and the remaining officers filling in or taking on an additional term. We still have officer and board positions open. If you can carve out 5-10 hours a month to be part of the leadership of your chapter, please feel free to contact me or any other board member to answer any questions you might have.

See you at the next meeting.

Bob Dixon



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Your chapter is currently looking for nominations or volunteers for the following positions:

- ♦ **Banquet Chair:** Greg Petch and Mary Petch have chaired the banquet for several years now. They have stepped down. It's time to find someone who is willing to try to organize and lead this effort. It's our only fund raiser of the year so it's a big deal. However, we have a great group of volunteers who know their role and responsibility and will continue to support a the new chair.
- ♦ **Secretary position:** Wendy Jordan has been at it for years. She is holding out hope that someone new will be able to take over and draft the newsletter and keep minutes for the board meetings. This is a really good way to keep up with the chapter new and activities.
- ♦ **Project Coordinator:** Eric Brown has been in this role since Y2K almost. He's done a great job but says it is time to let someone else run coordinate a great group of volunteers with our various projects. Most projects have activity that repeats from year to year so much of the groundwork is in place for a new coordinator. This is a really great way

Treasurer's Report

John Bambe was pleased to report that the current Bend Chapter's OHA checking account balance was \$85,116 as of July 1, 2019.

Come to the meetings and hear what OHA is doing!
Consider getting involved !
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do the right things for Oregon Hunting, Habitat and
Wildlife.



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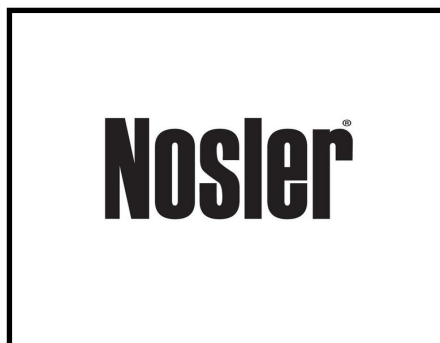
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CALENDAR

08/10/19	Standard Antelope Season Opens in Oregon
08/14/19	Bend Chapter Meeting
08/23/19	Bow Tag Sale Deadline
09/25/19	Bend Chapter Meeting
11/13/19	Bend Chapter Meeting