**NEXT CHAPTER MEETING**

**November 13, 2019**

Come join us at 7:00 pm for the next chapter meeting! Dinner is at 6:00 pm. The meetings are now held at the:

**Bend Golf & Country Club**
61045 Country Club Dr
Bend Oregon  97702

Just a heads up— The available no-host buffet is a great dinner and we encourage you all to join us as we support this option so that we may continue to hold our meetings here. Please pay John Bambe with cash or check for your meal ($20) so he can keep track. You pay your own bar tab. 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!

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The guest speaker this month was Jennifer Phillips, from the Mt. View Trap Club. Reaching youth and getting shooting sports in schools.

In 2007, only 30 youth in the nation were participating in a trap club affiliated with their local school. Last year, over 26,000 students participated, representing 804 teams in 20 states across the nation.

Youth trap clubs are quickly becoming one of the fastest growing sports and already over 600 students in Oregon are competing. With support from the Oregon State Sheriffs’ Association (OSSA), the new Mountain View High school Trap club, Bend, Oregon is promoting growth and confidence in central Oregon Youth.

The Mountain View High school Trap Club was started in 2018 by a dedicated mother with a daughter interested in competing in trap shooting. After two years of submitting paperwork and working with the school to allow the formation of the club, the Trap Club was born. When the mothers’ son graduated, she passed along management of the team to Jennifer Phillips, another mother whose son had participated on the team his freshman year.

“As a mother, you want to see your children doing something that they enjoy,” stated Phillips. “This activity provides an opportunity for your sons and daughters who may not be interested in more conventional sports, to be a part of a team, learn how to compete and excel.”

At each trap shooting competition, contestants shoot four rounds of 25 targets, firing at targets that are thrown between 48 and 52 yards from the shooter. Scores from each competition are uploaded on the Oregon High School Clay Target League’s website and shooters can see how they compare to other competitors around the state each week. There are currently 17 members on the Mountain View Club and they practice twice a week, driving 60 miles to shoot at the Bend Trap Club, located 30 miles east. “It’s a huge financial and time commitment for families” They spend two hours driving for each practice and the cost for purchasing targets and shells quickly adds up. Most kids will shoot at least 150 to 200 targets each practice.

The Ore. State Sheriffs’ Assoc. donated $500 to the team which will pay for the targets used in all six of the teams competitions this year. All the money raised or donated from local nonprofits goes directly into helping this sport more affordable for our families.

Although it is a young program, the Mountain View Club finished first in their conference and has three team members ranked amongst the top 50 in the state. Last year, four members from Mountain View qualified for nationals, including Phillips’ son. For Phillips, this is about more than winning, “I have seen my son’s confidence grow. He checks the standings every week and works to improve every time he hits the practice range. Although you’re shooting to beat your score, these kids have created a team that is supportive and inclusive. Its fun to watch.”

Cost Annual
Average of ammo per student $300
Average cost of targets per student $240
Cost for Bend trap club Mbrship $ 75
Mbrship to Oregon Clay Target League $ 35
Cost to attend State Tournament $ 35
Cost of shooting vest, hat, t-shirt $ 63

Mission

The USA High school Clay Target league is a division of the USA Clay Target League– a non-profit corporation. The league is the independent provider of clay target shooting sports as a extracurricular co-ed and adaptive activity for high schools and students in grades 6 through 12. The league’s priority are safety, fun and marksmanship– in that order.

Each student must possess League Approved Firearm Safety Certification– Hunters safety or SAFE course.

If you’re interested in knowing more about this trap shooting club, would like to donate or be involved, please contact:

Jennifer Philips, 541-815-7404 or e-mail at: jenmphillips27@hotmail.com
Monday morning in time to join him for breakfast. Picked up my youngest daughter, who was staying with him, and we headed home. Monday night we cut and wrapped the antelope in pubic land. Nice!

Bill Littlefield, Bend, OHA past President, See story below

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Rifle season on JC Oliver Ranch in Bear Valley Oregon. This was my 2nd successful hunt in three years. We got a good harvest this year! My first time ever bow hunting. Next, is rifle deer hunting in Malheur.

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*I got a tip from my friend Bob that there were antelope to the NE about 30 miles and less pressure. I’d have to move camp and get an early start the next morning. Bob told me to head for a certain mountain that is bald. “You can drive to the top of it and glass the desert from up there.” The key he said was to be there at sunrise. The challenge: it was 33 miles from my camp on dirt roads and Google said it would take 2:04 to get there. I loaded up what I needed that night and hit the trail on my side of it dark-thirty the next morning. I made it an hour and watched the sunrise from the top of the hill. I looked over in the NW, and there it was. As I glassed, I saw a few Antelope but since the season was 3/4 over, I think they had seen a little pressure. I didn’t see too many. A couple here, a small herd of 4 there, a lone buck yonder and a small herd of mule deer. That was all I could see from the top of the mountain looking out more than five miles to the west, north and east. The lone buck looked like he had some good mass. I could not see his tops at that distance to know if he was very tall or had good hocks. I decided that I couldn’t make a mile long shot so I had better get off the mountain and get closer. I drove down and around the mountain to access the flats below. They were not as flat as they appeared on the maps. Furthermore, the road was winding along a draw, I couldn’t see more than 200 yards and had no idea where to find my antelope. The landmarks I had chosen from above were nowhere to be seen. I managed to get to a few vantage points and started to get my bearings. While I was looking for the “green patch” I had seen from above, I saw a heard of 30 antelope about 2 miles N of me crossing to the west. I watched them for a couple of minutes and decided to try to work my way in their general direction in hopes of crossing paths with them. On my way there, I saw another landmark that I had picked out where I saw the lone buck heading. I slowly crawled along on the side by looking for him in the distance and along the creek (the draw had a spring at the top and a trickle of water running down it). After going about 3/4 mile, I looked at my 9 o’clock position and there he was standing broadside in the gully about 200 yards away. I quickly pulled my gun out of the gun rack and lifted up my range finder. Just then he ran up the opposite hill and away. He stopped. He was at 350 yards. I dropped in a round and before I could close the bolt, he was off again. This time at 450 yards and looking back at me. I was still sitting behind the wheel. He took off again running further up and away. Now he was above me on the opposite hill and at 500 yards. I noticed the two track I was on, went about another 1/4 mile down the ridge and then cut almost 90 degrees left, crossed the creek and continued to the west. Where he was standing, only about 100 yards from that two-track and he appeared to be parallelizing it. So I started moving N and watched to see what he would do. He took off again and continued west and quickly went out of sight. I followed my two track and soon was about to crest that far ridge I’d seen him go over. I jumped out and went ahead on foot to see if he was up there or if he’d just run off to never-never land. I could not see him anywhere and figured he might have run off. I went back to the SxS and idled up on the top of the little ridge, very slowly, and looking in all directions. It almost leveled off on top going west. As I was going along with eyes wide open, suddenly he appeared at my 10 o’clock position looking at me. He was standing broadside. I ranged him. Right at 600 yards. I slowly got out and walked around the back of the SxS and he didn’t move. I went to the passenger side and using the SxS for some cover I glassed him. He just kept looking at the SxS. After a few minutes, I grabbed some lunch out of the cooler and started eating it as I assessed the situation. It was 11:45am. After 5 - 10 minutes, he stopped looking at me and started looking more down the slope. He seemed more focused in that direction now and stood there for another 5 - 10 min. I had looked away, when I looked back I could not see him. What the heck? I found his horns and part of his head in my optics. He had surprised me and bedded down right there. I was studying the lay of the land. It looked like I might be able to get closer if I circled back around the way I had come, went up (South), then cut back west above him and dropped down on him. Wind was okay. He was in a little swale. I figured it would be maybe 200 yards or less. The zero point for my rifle is 200 and I have about a 10 min. I had looked away, when I looked back I could not see him. What the heck? I found his horns and part of his head in my optics. He had surprised me and bedded down right there. 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I was careful and glancing like crazy. The GPS pin I had placed for him said he should be just below me. 200 yards, then 150 yards, then 100 yards. Why couldn’t I see him?? Then I found a bed 622 yards from the SxS. Too far. Then I found another bed, 600 yards from the SxS. This was the spot. He was not in it. He might have left when I started my loop an hour ago?? Who knows? I had come from south of his bed, the SxS was N-NE, he had come from the East as I had originally. There was a small knoll to the North and I could see a long distance that direction. It would not provide cover or an easy escape. I had positioned myself so that I was near the west edge of the ridge thinking that was his likely exit direction, it was a gently down slope and in the direction of his earlier travels. I wanted to be able to move west quickly if he bolted and be in a shooting position when he stopped to look back. When I found the empty bed, I started looking around further and wider, knowing where he had gone. I could not see him. To the NW, I saw a heard of antelope coming around the knoll to water. A few of them. I confirmed it was 30 with a really nice buck in tow. As I took my eyes off of the herd and scanned back to my right (NE), my eyes caught sight of him. About 187 yards below me and looking at me. He must have led down that swale and I just could not see him over the rise. Or maybe he had moved and bedded again? I quickly dropped to my knees, set my tripod front in me, and ranged him. As I moved, he moved toward me 3 - 4 steps and turned directly facing me to check me out. They are curious creatures. I put my rifle on the rest and a second later, boom. He dropped right there without a movement. All four legs buckled when my 165 grain Nosler Partition went right through his lower neck severing the spine completely. I then turned to the big herd behind and fished them for a minute or two to get footage of the big buck in that group. At the report of my rifle, the big buck ran toward me a few strides and looked in my direction. He was a dandy but chances of closing on him with all his girlfriends was unlikely. He was 750 yards and nothing between me and him but low sage and grass. I went with the bird in the hand. It was less than 600 yards from the SxS. It was 1:35pm. I left my gun and pack there and got the buggy and drove it right to him. In NV it is legal to go off road for recovery but it is strictly out and back. I used the roof as shade. First I punched my tag, then took some pictures, and got my gear out for processing. Then at 2:30, I starting to skin and cut meat. I didn’t even bother to gut him. I went straight skinning and butchering. I had two coolers with me, one full of ice and one empty. I had game bags. I split the ice 50/50 between the coolers. I cut off pieces of the good stuff, bagged it, and put it directly on the ice. By 4:30, I was done and draining any extra water out of the coolers from the melting ice; something I would do every couple of hours to keep the meat dry. By 5:00, I was on the trail again with my prize. By 7:00, I was back at my camp. I quickly loaded everything in the trailer to get on the road that night so I could get home to take care of the meat as soon as possible. Made it to the first town where I got more ice and fuel. Then spent the night and rolled into my brothers place on Monday morning in time to join him for breakfast. Picked up my youngest daughter, who was staying with him, and we headed home. Monday night we cut and wrapped 3/4 of it. The next night we finished up the rest...One more successful hunt in the books. Bill Littlefield
The Bend Chapter would like to announce that we currently have 546 members, up from 538, and 20 new members!

Welcome new members!

We currently have 12 delinquent so please remember to renew your memberships!

You don’t want to miss out!

The chapter would encourage you to attend the monthly chapter meetings and many chapter activities.

Get active in OHA and benefit from all that OHA is doing to help

Preserve and Improve Hunting in Oregon!

By The Way -

The Bend chapter is looking for donations of Elk Burger for the Youth hunt coming up in November. If you’d like to donate a couple pounds call Wendy or Kevin Borst at 541-480-0748.

They make the best chili for all who attend! Yum!
Hello Bend Chapter Members,

As the year end comes closer and our project season comes to an end, I want to take a moment to thank all of the members who have taken time out of their busy summer and fall to volunteer on habitat projects and promote our hunting heritage. Everyone’s efforts no matter how big or small makes a huge impact on habitat and follows the OHA mission.

The Bend Chapter, the members and officers have once again lead the way on some very large projects and were present at many venues to promote our hunting heritage in Central Oregon. Because of their efforts and the efforts of other chapters around the state and the hard work that takes place at the state office, our voice is heard at the policy making levels within the state government and in some cases nationally.

It is important that we do not let this voice go stale, hearing from the same people year after year. We need to hear the voices of the next generation, the policy makers are interested in hearing from the younger generation now more than ever. I will use myself as an example; there are many like me. I have been hunting and fishing for over 50 years. The opportunities to hunt now are not the same as my father had and the regulations are more restrictive. I will agree that there are many reasons for less opportunities but the facts are, there are less because of habitat loss. Habitat loss is human caused and we can control some of that with our voices, our actions and being heard.

There are many organizations that you can become involved with. In Oregon, Oregon Hunters Association is the largest representing the state and we are respected. OHA is a good choice to get involved in. No matter which generation category we fall into, (There are just to many names for all the generations after mine for me to remember.) we will want to help keep the opportunities that we have today, with less controlling regulations. We all need to get involved and have our voices heard. It is our families’ hunting future. It is our responsibility to stand and demand to retain our heritage. You — need to be involved. Our future hunting needs you.

Thank You

Bob Dixon
Chapter President
Bend Chapter Oregon Hunters Association

Wayne Elliott Memorial Youth Upland Bird Hunt

Saturday November 23, 2019
Leaning Tree Property
Powell Butte, Oregon

registration begins
Tues. Oct. 1st

Same location as last year:
Look for map in registration packet

Space is limited.
Sign-up early

Pre-registration required by Monday, November 18th:
Bend ODFW Office 61374 Parrell Road, 541-388-6363
$10 registration fee includes:
clay pigeons with shells, field guide with dog, upland birds, and lunch
Youth must have Hunter Education card

For more information call: Bend ODFW or Kevin Borst 541-480-7323
Oregon Hunters Association teams up with Oregon Youth Challenge Program Cadets to construct Pothole Springs Buck & Pole Fence September 18 - 21, 2019

Bend OHA took the lead for this event and communicated and coordinated the build with Ecotrust Forest Management (EFM), Lake and Klamath OHA Chapters, Mule Deer Foundation (MDF) and Oregon Youth Challenge Program (OYCP). RMEF, BHA and NWTF were invited.

This project took place on the lower end of Pothole Springs on EFM property. A large portion of Pothole Springs and actual location of the Spring is on USFS land which adjoins EFM property. The purpose of the project was to fence out cattle and sheep within the meadow allowing the meadow to restore itself and not be heavily grazed while deer and elk can still obtain access over the fence. Grant dollars aided by OHA funds and volunteer hours which have a value made this project and other buck and pole projects on EFM property possible as it is directly connected to the Mule Deer Initiative (MDI) See below links to learn more about EFM and MDI.

On September 18 three Bend OHA members, Greg Petsch, Rex Parks and Eric Brown set up a camp near the project site and spent the next 3 days prepping the site for the Saturday build. Marty Eisenbraun, EFM Forester began moving the material to the site which had been placed 6.5 miles away while we began clearing the path where the 1,600 feet of fence was to be placed. We had to cut down standing trees along with a large amount of deadfall. Once that was done a large amount of brush had to be cut out using a hand held brush cutter. Material was mainly placed around the site by Marty however we helped when available and Rex spent a large amount of time making sure the material had been placed properly. Just prior to coming to the project we learned that 80 of the Bucks had not been notched and we were expected to notch those bucks. None of us had done this before but Greg and I built a jig and completed the task. On Friday we built two gates at either end of the project so that the following build day we could show volunteers how and what to do. This project would not have come together as it did if the pre work had not been done. Members brought their personal generators, small sledge hammers and cordless drills to use at the project along with 4 ATVs.

The Bend Chapter enjoys a fantastic relationship with OYCP and we were able to arrange the help from 28 eager OYCP Cadets. If you are not familiar with OYCP please refer to the attached web link. This is a fantastic program and past classes have helped us with other conservation projects along with our annual banquet each year.

Not only did we complete the fence build in a timely fashion we were also able to cut up and make piles of tree limbs which were within the meadow.

EFM provided donuts for the group and later pizza for all however the cadets bring their own food as they are on a healthy diet and were not allowed to eat any pizza.

During our site visit on September 11 we learned that the location of where the fence was to be placed had not been cleared and the material had not been placed at the site. Both pictures above are part of the path that had to be cleared.

Left: Greg working on notching bucks.

Right: Rex and Greg loading material to move around site.
During the week in our spare time Greg Petsch and Eric Brown walked the perimeter fence surrounding Pothole Springs on the USFS property to look at the condition of the fence. Most of the fence is wire with some also being buck and pole. It was evident that the fence has not had any maintenance done to it as there were breaks in the wire and trees over the wire. There is also a lot of small growth trees within the meadow. We looked at this as being a future OHA project and I will be contacting the USFS Wildlife Biologist for the area to determine if they have an interest in this.

Volunteers and Hours

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The Bend Chapter, OHA needs you to verify your contact information

We recently reviewed our member records and found that we are missing or have incorrect or outdated phone numbers, email addresses and even mailing addresses for quite a few members.

That information is vital for us to keep each and every member informed about specific activities and projects of your chapter. Please take a few moments to complete and submit your details using any one of the three ways noted on the bottom of the form, below.

Your information is protected and will be held completely confidential for use only in chapter communications.

Thank you and feel free to contact me for any questions.

Bob Buddenhohn
Bend, OHA Chapter Media/Communications
817-472-4272

Bend Chapter Membership Update

Member full name/s __________________________________________

Phone __________________________________________

Mailing address (street) __________________________________________

(city) __________________________________________

(State ,Zip) __________________________________________

E-Mail address __________________________________________

Complete this form on-line at : https://oregonhunters.org/bend-membership-update
Or fax to: 817-277-3310
Or mail to: Chapter PO Box 6618, Bend, Oregon 97708

Correction-
Last month we announced the winner of Oregon OHA’s “Private Land owner Of The Year”
We mis-spelled the name of the winner and would like to let everyone know Keith and Connie Cyrus were selected for this year’s award.
Once again, many thanks for your contributions!
Monthly Door Prize

The August door prize winner was  
**Doug Stout**
Doug won a very nice knife!  
Come to the meeting and win!  
 Seriously, Good Stuff!

November Speaker **11/13/19**

Our speaker this next meeting will be:  
Jammie Bowles from ODFW  
We will be getting an update on the Sierra Red Fox Study  
(for all you hunters, there is no October meeting)

**TIP awards for cash & preference points**
Cash Rewards:
- $1,000 Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, Moose  
- $500 Elk, Deer, & Antelope  
- $300 Bear, Cougar & Wolf  
- $300 Habitat Destruction  
- $100 Gamefish & Shell fish  
- $100 Upland Birds & Waterfowl  
- $100 Furbearers

The TIP program also offers the option of ODFW preference point rewards instead of cash rewards or information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation for the unlawful take/possession or waste of big game mammals.
- 5 points for reporting a case involving Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, Moose or Wolf.  
- 4 points for reporting a case involving Elk, Deer, Antelope, Bear or Cougar

September Membership Raffle

The name drawn for $350.00 worth of Sporting equipment was  
**Brian Cepelak** of Bend

**Where were you Brian?**
YOU HAVE TO BE AT THE MEETING TO WIN!  
We all have a nice evening at the meeting.. Come and meet other chapter members and start having some fun by getting involved. (and bring your friends!)
Treasurer’s Report

John Bambe was pleased to report that the current Bend Chapter’s OHA checking account balance was $73,711 as of Sept. 1, 19. 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.

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New license plate raises funds for safe migration

Highway 97 south of Bend is a hot spot for wildlife vehicle collisions as it runs through a historical deer migration route. ODOT has worked with ODFW, OHA, RMEF and others to build wildlife crossings that allow wildlife to safely cross over or under this busy highway. Currently there are two undercrossings near Sunriver that have reduced wildlife vehicle collisions by 90 percent since 2012. A third undercrossing is under construction north of Gilchrist and more are planned in central Oregon.

OHA has pledged over $100,000 for the project.

The non-profit Oregon Wildlife Foundation (OWF) is currently selling vouchers for a Watch for Wildlife license plate featuring a mule deer and Cascade Range mountain in the background. Once 3,000 vouchers are sold, the DMV will put the plate into production. OWF will invest the proceeds raised from license plate sales to projects that help wildlife move safely within their habitat range.

Visit OWF’s website for more information: https://www.myowf.org/
Tell Congress to Fund Wildlife-Friendly Highway Crossings

As active supporters of our incredible big game migration corridors, you understand the challenges our herds face while traveling between seasonal habitats. We have a chance right now to ensure that habitat fragmented by roads and highways is reconnected by constructing more wildlife friendly overpasses, underpasses and culverts. Help us urge Congress pass a 2020 Highway Bill with dedicated funding for these wildlife crossings.