OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER November 2019

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

December 11, 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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This month we had three speakers the first being Brock McCormick, Supervisory Wildlife Biologist for the Deschutes National Forest, Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District.

Mountain Mahogany restoration is important for the ecological health of Central Oregon. Its unique treeshrub growth form provides habitat for invertebrates, small mammals and birds; it has the ability to fix nitrogen in the soil, improving ship support from Oregon Natural the young soils of the high desert Desert Association) and requesting

pleted planning and published a result in 8,000 plants planted over



decision memo to focus mahogany restoration efforts on 4,300 acres of the East Fort Rock area. Ten key areas were identified with input from ODFW that includes buttes and lava pressure ridges, both with existing but struggling mahogany populations or good potential to support new stands. The project has been broken out into multiple phases to allow for adaptive implementation based on monitoring results. With funding support from OHA (Bend and Emerald Chapters) phase 1 was completed in FY18, planting 4,000 plants across 82 acres, monitoring those plantings (with additional partnerwith nutrients to benefit the larger the sowing of plants for phase 2.

ecological community; and it pro- With those plants ready this comvides optimum browse value for ing spring, the Deschutes National mule deer, which can help sustain Forest is again seeking partnership healthy populations. In 2016, the with OHA to implement phase 2 of Deschutes National Forest com- the project. Phase 2 is expected to

> 220 acres and will continue monitoring and seed collection to prepare and inform continuing restoration efforts.

The objectives of this project are to produce healthy, abundant and well distributed populations of mountain mahogany; support retention and improve the health of existing mountain mahogany stands; shift the trajectory of mahogany occurrence in key wildlife locations toward a historically accurate and sustainable condition; and improve habitat

quality for one of Oregon's most prized mule deer populations.







Zumwalt Prairie Bull Elk Hunt

I want to thank OHA for drawing my name in the raffle this past March and the Nature Conservancy for the opportunity to hunt on the Zumwalt Prairie. The Prairie is an amazing area, hunting there was a great experience. Over the two and half days of my hunt we saw approximately 70 bulls primarily in the side canyons of Camp Creek and the Imnaha River. Our excellent guide service was provided by Tyler Houck, but I did have to remind him that the average age of my two friends and I made us a geriatric team! Although bulls were plentiful getting into position for a shot was not easy– with over two and a half days of hunting I logged about 20 miles of hiking, mostly side hilling in the canyons. Pictured above is Tom Goodall on the left and winner Larry Hansen on the right.

> So glad you had a successful, great time Larry! We will spread the word!



Austin Russell with his Ochoco Unit Bull harvest. Great job Austin!



Firearms & Shooting Supplies Lost Creek Armory, LLC 100 N.E. Bend River Mall Ave. Suite 110 Bend, OR 97701 (near ShopKo in the Bend River Plazabetween the Recruiting Center and China Sun Buifet) **Tom Lewis** (541) 389-GUNS (4867)





The Nevada Jarbidge Wilderness Hunt was a very tough hunt. Steep and high elevation country. We had a good time but feel very fortunate to have gotten one given the small number of Elk and limited sign.

Another good year for Bill Littlefield! Congrats!



CALENDAR			
12/11/2019	December Chapter Meeting		
12/25/2019	Christmas		
01/01/20	New Years Day 2020 Licenses required Cougar season opens		
01/08/20	January Chapter Meeting		
01/31/20	Most upland bird seasons end		

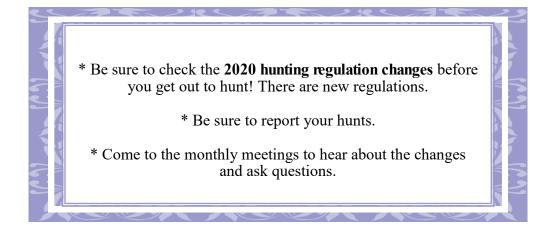
The **Bend Chapter** would like to announce that we currently have 537 members, down 9 from 546. (6 new members!)

Welcome new members!

We currently have 4 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 the many chapter activities.

Get active in OHA and benefit from all that OHA is doing to help <u>Preserve and Improve Hunting in Oregon!</u>







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From the Presidents' Chair



Hello Bend Chapter,

This month I have a very exciting announcement that I feel honored to share with everyone, but first a little history and give credit where credit is due.

About a year ago past President, Bill Littlefield presented an idea at a board meeting during a discussion on how to get our youth and non-active members more involved. The idea was a Bend Chapter Youth Board. The board would have the same make-up as the regular chapter's board and the mission would mirror the chapters and OHA with one addition. That addition would be to communicate with and focus on getting our chapter's youth and non-member youth involved with OHA. Why? Today's youth uses different platforms to communicate on than our adult members. Most of the members use Facebook, our youth doesn't. We needed to find a way, a more efficient way to promote our hunting future, heritage and the development and maintenance of wildlife habitat to our youth. Who better to deliver that message than the youth of our own chapter? The question of how to recruit the right youth was a difficult one.

A few months later I had an opportunity to lean up against a tree and have a conversation with the founder of Three Rivers Archers. He was attending the Bend chapters' Youth and Family Day with some of his club members, volunteering at the archery station. We started talking about the concept of the youth board and JR Lorimor was excited about the idea and thought it was a good path to take to get youth involved with OHA and the OHA Mission. At the time the chapter had an opening on the board that had become vacant by a long time servant of the Bend Chapter. Richard Nelson was hoping that we could find someone new with fresh ideas to get involved on the board. I told JR if he would be interested in filling that position on the board as our Youth Advisor I was confident that the rest of the board would approve the appointment. He told me he would be very interested in that position. Within two days the board had approved JR's appointment as Youth Advisor and JR was off and working in cracks of time in-between Three Rivers Archers, coaching, his hunting, family, work and serving on three other boards that pertained to youth activities.

On November 20th JR held a meeting of prospective youth members along with other OHA members. I am very pleased and honored to announce the members of the very first Bend Chapter's Youth Board.

President - Brock Guthrie Vice President - Carson Phillips Treasurer - Josh Newton Secretary - Carlie Holm General Board Member - Jaret Lorimor

Advisor - JR Lorimor (Chapter Board Director - Youth Advisor) Advisor - Charlie Cookson (Chapter Board 2nd Vice President)

I want to give a big thanks and express my personal appreciation and the appreciation of the chapter board to Bill Littlefield, JR Lorimor and Charlie Cookson for helping this idea become a reality.

Bob Dixon Chapter President









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November speaker 2-

Jamie Bowles, wildlife technician for the Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, gave an update on the Sierra Nevada Red Fox Project. This project was started in 2016, with the objectives to capture and place GPS collars on Sierra Nevada red fox (SNRF), an Oregon Conservation Strategy species, and determine their home range size, habitat use, and den site requirements. SNRF are a montane subspecies of red fox, native to the Cascades of Oregon and California, and likely have a small population size. Montane red foxes have special physical characteristics that are advantageous to living in high elevation areas, such as fur-covered foot pads and small body size, to help them move quickly across the snow, and coat colors that blend into their surroundings.

Since the start of the project, 14 individual foxes have been captured a collared. Preliminary analysis of the collar data has shown that the foxes have approximate home ranges of 139 km², utilize mountain hemlock and subalpine- alpine meadows, and prefer to use lava flows and earthen holes for both rest and natal dens. Over the years of this study, data on sources of mortality has also been collected, with the highest known source being vehicle strikes in areas where many dens aren't far from the roadways. This has been observed in both high elevation and low elevation areas.

This will be the last year for the SNRF study here in Central Oregon, however, the data collection will continue until the last collar deployed has reached its end date. After that, the data analysis will be completed, and a more detailed report of findings will be available.

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November speaker #3

Tyler McRae, Heart of Oregon Corps gave us an update -

We are extremely grateful to OHA membership and board for supporting the Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Ochoco crews and the work they accomplished in 2019. Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (COYCC) is a partnership between Heart of Oregon Corps (HOC), the US Forest Service (USFS), and the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC). The purpose of this program is to complete natural resource projects on public land while providing jobs, training, and career options for local young people. The COYCC program had a successful 2019 season and ran for eight weeks over the summer. HOC was able to serve 67 Central Oregon young people—40 male and 27 female—on 15 crews. Our partner, COIC, ran three additional crews in the program, serving 14 more young people and bringing the total to 81 youth served program-wide. Crew members earned over \$230,300 in wages (\$261,020 in wages and fringe) for more than 20,450 hours of service on public lands.

We had great recruitment response this year; as part of our outreach efforts we visited 14 high schools, spoke on radio programs, and attended career fairs, as well as recruiting via social media platforms. There were 168 applicants for 75 crew member positions.

All crew members received training in tool use for jobs ranging from fencing to trail construction to planting and caging plants. In addition to those skills, the extra benefit of COYCC is the element of employability skills training. Crew leaders and US Forest Service personnel worked with youth to find strategies to overcome their barriers so that they could get to work on time, understand their paychecks, develop a routine, act professionally, and represent the program in their appearance and words. Additionally, crew leaders each bring their own brand of expertise to their crews. We had a crew leader with a TV meteorology background, for example, who shared weather knowledge with his crew, and another leader with a Forest Service botany background who shared her expertise.

We surpassed our goal of 1,000 acres and improved 1,475 acres of public land, in addition to completing 42 miles of fencing and trail work.

Ochoco Crews and Accomplishments:

The Crook County (Prineville) crews primarily worked in the Ochoco National Forest, with Jefferson County (Madras/Culver and Warm Springs) crews helping on occasional projects.

COYCC 2019 Season Report

HOC works with partners to recruit all local youth age 16-18, but we focus our efforts on recruiting youth that face barriers to success. In Crook County, 60% of the COYCC youth were considered disadvantaged, 7% reported having a disability, and 13% were considered low income. In Jefferson County, 75% of the COYCC youth were considered disadvantaged, 15% reported having a disability, and 25% were considered low income. For 20% of Crook County and 25% of Jefferson County crew members. COYCC was their first employment experience. The program actively develops employable job skills and teamwork and serves as an introduction to a range of USFS work. Crew leaders and USFS specialists work side-by-side with youth, providing natural resource education and acting as mentors and job coaches. The shared resources of the partners involved in COYCC give youth participants great work experience, but also show them potential career paths, lifestyles, and recreation opportunities that they may not have known about before. Amy E., a crew member, said, "I was planning on getting a job as a barista, but now I know that I can do this type of work and I think I want to do that." A season of COYCC exposes crew members to the vast areas of public land where they live, and forges a connection to that land through work and service projects that are recognized and celebrated by each community. This program has a long history in the Forest Service, and since it evolved into a partnership model, has benefitted from the expertise of its partners and support organizations. Young people across Central Oregon have a fantastic opportunity to grow in this program and we continue to be impressed by our alumni that start a career path, make a change in their life, or use public lands previously unknown to them because of COYCC. Please see the attached documents and don't hesitate to contact HOC with any other requests or information! Thank you again for your support of COYCC. Central Oregon youth, and our public lands.

Summary of accomplishments for 2019 Crook County COYCC program w/Heart of Oregon Corps, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council and the Ochoco National Forest.

Career/Future:

• Each crew member received 3 hours of hands on assistance creating a USA Jobs account and resume.

• All crews participated in career day held at Wildcat Campground where they learned about a variety of occupations and careers available in natural resources.

Recognition:

• The crews were recognized and thanked by the Ochoco National Forest at a barbeque at the Ochoco Forest Camp Pavilion.

• The crews were also recognized and thanked at the year-end celebration event in Bend.

Community Service:

• 3 crew days assisting the Fire Prevention team at the Crook County Fair.

Natural Resources:

• Caged riparian shrubs/trees at six different locations, approximately 1064 plants protected on approximately 11.5 acres of riparian habitat. (Primarily along McKay and Deep Creek)

• Maintained 26 exclosures with approximately 27 miles of fence line protecting roughly 605 acres of aspen, riparian and other sensitive habitats. (Other than OHA, COYCC is the only other mechanism the Forest Service has to maintain exclosures)

• .8 miles new fence construction and reconstruction, protecting approximately 13 Acres of riparian and aspen habitat. (Includes reconstruction of portions of the Derr Meadow Fence as well as an aspen stand up the West Fork of Mill Creek)

• Removed 1.8 miles of fencing from the forest. (1.5 miles of this was old fence on the ground in the Three Forks area)

• As part of a joint restoration project with the Crooked River Watershed Council the crew removed an old irrigation pipe.

• Removed/surveyed invasive plants on 450 acres.

• As part of the restoration/reforestation of Bailey Butte Fire the crews conducted vexar maintenance and installation on 29 acres on areas planted following the fire.

- Planted approximately 1,100 Willow cuttings along 4 different creeks.
- Pruned lower limbs of trees on 35 acres of the Blevins Seed Orchard.
- One crew day of protection and maintenance at the Clarno Stool Beds.
- Facilities upkeep at 3 different locations.

Tyler McRae Heart Of Oregon 541-633-7834 office Heartoforegon.org

Mule Deer Classic 2019

The Bend chapter Oregon Hunters Association announces its

"27th annual Mule Deer Classic"

The banquet/fundraiser will be held at the Bend Riverhouse and Convention Center March 14, 2019

This is the main fundraiser for the year and it enables us to fund chapter habitat projects, scholarships, youth programs and more.

You can help make it a success with a donation or by volunteering at the banquet! Planning meetings are underway and scheduled to be held at

Pappy's Pizzeria-20265 Meyer Dr. Bend

On December 18, January 15 and 29, February 19 and 26, March 3 and 10.

6:00 pm with pizza and soft drinks provided.

If you have been looking to get involved in chapter activities, this is a fun and meaningful way to contribute!

Please bring donations to the meetings so we can get them entered in the database, or give them to a banquet committee member.

If you have any questions about the banquet, please contact Susan Myers at <u>susanmyers@sbcglobal.net</u>

Or call **541-639-5024**

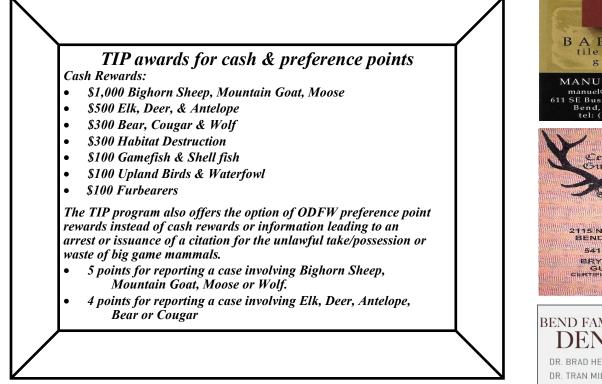
We appreciate your help and look forward to seeing you there!

Monthly Door Prize

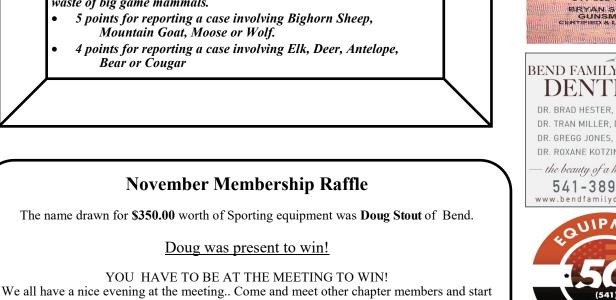
The November door prize winner was **Wendy Dixon**. Wendy won a \$25 Gift Certificate from Sportsman's Warehouse. Come to the meeting and win! Seriously, Good Stuff!

December Speaker 12/11/19

Our speaker this next meeting will be: Julie Unfried from Pheasants Forever / ODFW, "Sage grouse and the local Implementation Teams."



You can win raffles and get some new gear!)





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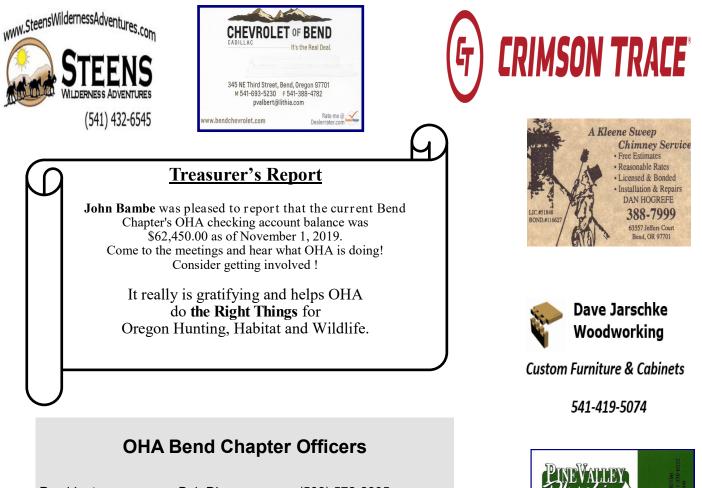
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OHA seeks part-time Conservation Director: visit https://oregonhunters.org

Rec fund committee, elk salvage rules set

By Jim Akenson, OHA Sr. Conservation Director Jim@oregonhunters.org

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission at its Oct. 11 meeting in Ontario established rules on two topics of interest to Oregon's hunters:

 Establishing Conservation/Recreation Advisory Committee to advise spending of the new Oregon Recreation Fund;

 Rules for the use of elk meat when kill permits are authorized to help landowners with property and crop damage.

Recreation-Conservation Committee:

In the 2019 session of the Oregon Legislature, HB 2829 was passed to create an alternative funding source for fish, wildlife and outdoor recreation. A task force created in 2015 proposed the funding alternatives recommended to the Commission. This committee will have nine members from across the state. OHA gave testimony encouraging representation from the hunting community. OHA is pulling together partners from other hunting organizations, through a sign-on letter, to support our call for representation. Elk Meat Disposition:

The Commission also voted to adjust rules related to how elk meat is distributed after kill permits have been used for damage control. The new rule is intended to lessen the burden on landowners in processing the elk carcasses, and it gives the landowner, or landowner agents, the opportunity to retain an elk carcass. The first priority of meat use would be delivery to food banks or other charitable organizations. OHA testified that public hunting should always be the preferred method of damage abatement, but making sure that the meat is utilized should always be the top concern.



How you store your guns for safe keeping and self-defense may no longer be your decision.

Gun storage IP receives ballot title

By AI Elkins, OHA Lobbyist Alvinelkins@yahoo.com

The Oregon Elections Division on Oct. 10 received a draft ballot title from the office of the Oregon Attorney General for the gun storage Initiative Petition 2020-40 for the November 2020 election.

The draft ballot title reads: "Requires firearms be locked during storage/transfer, loss reported, minor's use supervised; imposes penalties/liabilities."

Comments on the draft ballot title were due by Oct. 24. OHA worked with gun rights advocacy groups in submitting comments

The new ballot measure states:

A person who owns or possesses a firearm shall, at all times that the firearm is not carried by or under the control of the person or an authorized person, secure the firearm:

 With an engaged trigger or cable lock.... · In a locked container, equipped with a tamper-resistant lock

The measure also addresses guns being used while hunting by stating that this measure does not apply if the unsecured firearm was obtained for the purpose

of hunting, trapping or target shooting, during the time in which the person is engaged in activities related to hunting, trapping or target shooting.

You can find a copy of the ballot measure here: http://oregonvotes.org/ irr/2020/040textpdf

This ballot measure is basically the same as Ballot Measure 44 from 2018. OHA and our allies were successful in the Oregon Supreme Court in stopping that before it got to voters. It is also similar to parts of SB 928 that was defeated in the 2019 Legislative Session. The gun owner would be responsible and liable for a stolen gun even if it is locked up. Like earlier attempts, there is no reference at all for stiffer penalties for those who actually steal guns.

"Ban Home Defense" should be the title of this ballot measure, because it requires that your self-defense firearms be locked away. OHA will be working with gun rights advocacy groups to help defeat this ballot measure. Stay tuned; the fight has just begun (again). If this measure gathers enough signatures, it would appear on the November 2020 ballot.



The Bend Chapter OHA, held its annual Wayne Elliott Memorial Youth Upland Bird Hunt November 23



The Leaning Tree property in Powell Butte, Oregon was the perfect location again this year with 35 young hunters attending. 114 Chukars and 74 Pheasants were hunted throughout the day showing that there are some skilled young hunters in Central Oregon!

Hunters enjoyed the crisp morning and sunshine showing off shooting skills at the clay shooting area after a short refresher course on hunter safety, then dogs in the lead, they hunted the Leaning Tree property, many getting their limit of birds. A cleaning table was present and hunters were assisted in the skinning and cleaning of the birds. Lunch was provided with hamburgers and all the fixings with the best darn Elk Chili ever! Everyone had a great time, good food and successful hunting!

<u>Thank You</u> to Wendy and Kevin Borst for doing all the leg work and cooking & <u>Thank You</u> to the **37 volunteer OHA members** that put in their time, experience and muscles to help make this event so great! Sign up your young hunters next year for this great experience!









Mateo Hungerford proudly shows off his early morning bird.



Some hunters brought their own hunting dogs. It's a fascinating thing to watch!





Birds are placed head-under wing beneath the bushes to ready them for the hunt.





Kona the chukar dog! Never been hunting, it just comes naturally! Good dog Kona!

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Meet the OHA Bend chapter's first ever Youth board!

You will be hearing more in the future about this group of young and exciting youth. J.R. Lorimor is working with the youth board along with other volunteer OHA members to get our future hunters involved in OHA activities and projects . There is already talk of involvement in the Sportsman's Show in Redmond and other opportunities. This youth board will be getting started right away planning their next years projects and goals. The Bend Chapter is very excited for these energetic board members to spread the news of upcoming events to other future young OHA members. Be ready to hear how they will help shape tomorrows animal habitat and our hunting heritage!

Pictured left to right is :

Josh Newton,	Treasurer	16
Brock Guthrie,	President	15
Carlie Holm	Secretary	14
Jaret Lorimor	Gen. Brd	12
Not pictured-		

Carson Phillips Vice President 16