

OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

February 2020

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

March 11th, 2020

Come join us for dinner and conversation at 6:00 pm for the next chapter meeting. The presentation starts at 7:00 pm. Meetings are now held at:

**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 separately. Please come experience the Bend OHA meetings!

Visit our website:

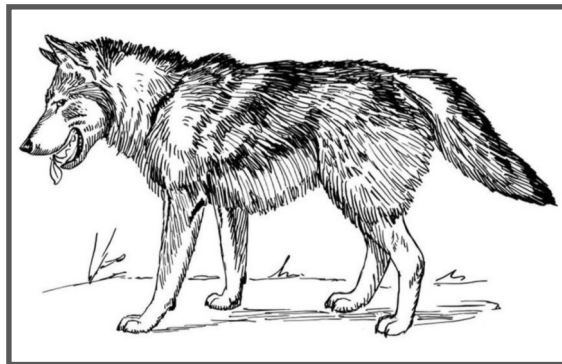
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This month we had two speakers the first was **John Stephenson from the US Fish and Wildlife Services and his topic was "Wolves in Oregon."** It was a thorough presentation and covered current distribution, movement, livestock protection and predation, and current methods of deterrent.

All wolves in Oregon came from Idaho after reintroduction releases in 1995 and 1996. Idaho had 856 wolves by the end of 2008. By

2011 there were five known packs in Oregon. In 2011 OR7 which had a GPS tracker became famous for his trek across Oregon. There was actually a movie made about him called OR7-The Journey.

He spent most of 2012 in California and in 2013 he returned to the Klamath area. In 2014, he spent time in the Rogue river area south of Crater Lake. There he met and



paired with a black female and started the Rogue Pack.

60% of the wolves in NE Oregon are gray and 40% of them are black. Around White River near Mt Hood, all of them are Gray. Their diet consists of deer and elk but mostly elk. OR7 while being tracked covered 70 miles in 27 hours alone. Don't think they can't cover the ground.

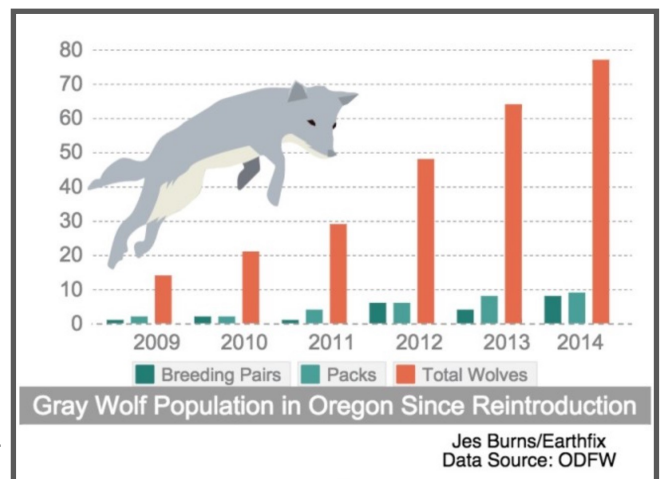
The most successful deterrents appear to be Fox Lights which are a random light pattern and Fladory electric fencing. This is a hot fence that has ribbon or streamers on it to make them more vis-

ible. But both of these are somewhat temporary because wolves are smart and they figure them out.

It's expected that the USDA will probably delist wolves in Oregon in 2020, at least in parts of the state.

About 12-15% of Oregon's wolf population is currently wearing a GPS collar. They tend to last about 3 years if all goes well but they also have a high failure rate; many don't last or survive. Collars have been instrumental in helping biologist learn more about wolf behavior, travel and dispersement. The goal is to have at least one in each pack but it is a constant effort to work toward that. ODFW has a place on their website to report wolf sit-

ings. Someone in the crowd asked what the ODFW budget is for wolf studies and management and where those funds come from. Being that John is with US-FWS, he wasn't sure.



Our second speaker this month was Holly Higgins from Silvies Sporting Dog Club. Holly has been involved in bird dogs and bird hunting for many years. She is particularly associated with the Amateur Field Trail Clubs of America or AFTCA for short. There are currently 19 clubs in the US and Canada, 1 in Mexico and 1 in Japan. We are considered region 10 which is made up of 6 clubs that hold several competitions each year. Back in 1989 the Century Club” was started to disperse funds to private land owners that support their competitions through land use permission, habitat management, and access.

Some of the AFTCA clubs are over 100 years old. The parent organization is American Field which is a Sporting Dog Association. They put out a weekly magazine.

<https://americanfield.villagesoup.com>

Holly is organizing a youth field trail. The property she has secured for the event is in Eastern Oregon 12 miles east of Crane. A landowner there has about 7000 acres total. The property has both huns and chukar populations naturally. They will use pheasants and chukars for the field trial. The date of the youth field trail will be Nov 14th, 2020. You can learn more about it on Facebook by searching for Youth Field Trail Alliance. Ages for kids will be 6—14. Experienced and trained dogs will be available for loan for kids that don’t have a dog or don’t have one with the appropriate training and experience. OHA will provide more information as this event date nears.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/youthfieldtrialalliance/>

We will link to the magazine and the Facebook page from our OHA chapter FB page.

News from ODFW

Corey Heath gave us a report. The fall herd counts were shared by ODFW and the numbers for deer don’t look good. District wide in Central Oregon, they only counted 38 fawns/100 does, the lowest ever recorded and that was going into winter. It will be lower than that coming out of winter. They also counted 19 bucks/100 does. As a result of these low counts, they are proposing an emergency tag reduction of roughly 30% for 2020 fall seasons. Think about that before you plan your fall hunting trips.

ODFW already had concerns about mature doe survival because does are what control the herd population overall. As you know, mule deer numbers have been in decline for several years. Now with

fawn survival being so low, their concerns are only raised even further.

In NE Oregon, on the west side of the Blue Mountains, they had a concerning 90% whitetail disease related die off.

ODFW collared 13 more deer in the Tumalo Range. This is the last capture and collar in this study which has been going on for about 4-5 years already now.

ODFW is also looking for public input. They’ve created a public input/feedback forum where you can visit to enter comments about the hunting in Oregon. Here is the web address.

<https://www.oregonbiggameforum.org>

From there you should find forums for deer, elk and general hunting issues.

Website Is Updated

If you have not visited the OHA Bend Chapter website lately, you should. We’ve added a lot of useful information and links. We hope you will find it useful information and encourage you to visit it often to find out the latest news related to Hunting In Oregon.

<https://oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter/>

OHA Bend Chapter 2020 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.

OHA Bend Chapter 2020 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 number and last year it was validated
4. Two letters of recommendation
 - a. One personal reference: non-relative and non-school
 - 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: _____



CALENDAR

March 14th	Chapter Banquet —. Mule Deer Classic at The Riverhouse (SOLD OUT)
March 31st	Last day for Oregon's Bird Hunting Preserve Season
April 1st	Some of the Spring Bear seasons open. Others open April 15
April 4th	Hood River Chapter—Youth Turkey Hunting Clinic
April 15th	Oregon's General Spring Turkey Season opens
April 15th	OHA deadline to nominate state OHA awards.
May 5th	Big Game Controlled Hunt Application Deadline (except spring Bear)



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The **Bend Chapter** currently has 580 members, up 9 from last month and a new chapter record.

A warm **welcome** to our new members!

We currently have some delinquent members so please remember to renew your memberships.
You don't want to miss out!

The chapter encourages 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
Preserve and Improve Hunting in Oregon!

Quote of the Month

“Go afield with a good attitude, with respect for the wildlife you hunt and for the forest and fields in which you walk. Immerse yourself in the outdoor experience. It will cleanse your soul and make you a better person.”

-Fred Bear



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OHA - Bend Chapter would like to congratulate Monty Gregg, Forest Wildlife Biologist on the Ochoco National Forest. Monty was recently recognized at the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society meeting on Thursday February 6th and was the recipient of the 2020 Oregon Wildlife Society Conservationist of the Year award. Monty was nominated by Karl Findling of the Oregon Hunter's Association, who wrote:

"Monty Gregg has been a huge advocate for collaborative conservation projects for years. He tirelessly advocates for collaborative habitat projects. When on the Deschutes National Forest—Sisters R.D., Monty was able to provide projects for the various conservation organizations and works tirelessly coordinating projects that benefit all wildlife. In 2018, Monty was a guest speaker for the OHA Summit. He presented his action plan to increase landscape-scale projects and we launched his idea in 2019—The, "All Hands, All Brands, for our Public Lands," idea, for a collaborative work project. Now on the Ochoco NF, he has found worthwhile projects that OHA has incorporated into annual Regional Habitat improvement projects....The latest project drew over 100 volunteers from 12 conservation organizations in the Ochoco N.F. The three-day project fenced three aspen stands critical to wildlife and excluded domestic livestock. Next year, the project heads to Williams Prairie, and the hope is to move all across the Ochoco N.F. to protect and enhance wildlife-critical areas, which become landscape-scale projects."



December 8th, 2019

Dear Mr. Doug Stout,

Thank you letters received from OYCC cadets that received OHA scholarship awards.

My name is Tevon McCornack and I am in the second platoon eagles of class 58 and I wanted to give you a huge thank you for the scholarship. Before OYCP, I would have never imagined getting something like this and me and my family are super appreciative. After I graduate from OYCP, I plan on going back to my high school while taking college courses at RCC to give me the upper hand for when I join the military. I will also be working at discount tire as a lube tech to help pay for college. I plan on making the ARMY my long-term career and this scholarship will help me immensely towards making my dream a reality. By getting this scholarship it will save my dad and myself a lot of heartache since we won't have to scramble money together to get me into college. I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity that you have given to me and I promise to you that I will make the most of it.

Sincerely,

Tevon McCornack



Dear Mr. Doug Stout,

Hello Mr. Stout, I hope the day is treating you well. My name is Adrien Tharp. I am one of the recipients of the OHA's scholarships through Oregon Youth Challenge Program. I am writing in part because I am require to, but mostly because I find it in good practice to thank people who give you something. What your associate has gifted me is more than a simple scholarship, it's a chance.

I plan to put the money from the scholarship into good and simple use. I am going to use it pay for my tuition for a Taxidermy school in Redmond, where it will help me pursue a possible career in the field. I had been worried about saving money for the school as I have to help support my household, but with this scholarship, I have less than a thousand dollars to save before I am able to pay the tuition in full.

I will start the five-week program in the summer. Though the dates are not yet set, I am eager to attend as soon as possible. I feel that I will excel in the field of taxidermy with some instruction on the basics and may be able to enter the industry one day soon. I feel that it is a dying art among people my age and I think this is a great opportunity for me to enter a field that, I believe, is starting to grow barren.

I want to once again thank you for the opportunity. I look forward to seeing you at the graduation if you choose to attend.

Regards,

Cadet Adrien Tharp



Chapter Business Summary:

- Joe Giacinto volunteered to be our chapter project coordinator. The idea was nominated and seconded and passed a chapter vote. WELCOME to the board Joe.
- State OHA office will be accepting nominations for member awards until April 15th. If you know someone who you feel is deserving of recognition, please share your nomination with a chapter board member.
- ODFW is looking for a couple of volunteers to help out on the Sierra Fox Study. As you may recall, they have been baiting capturing photos of some in the Oregon Cascades where they were previously thought not to exist.
- OHA was watching and commenting on several gun bills in the state house and senate. Those appear to be stalled for the moment. OHA will continue to keep an eye on them. You are invited to comment on SB1538 or HB4036 to let your opinion be known.
- Bighorn Ram Poached in NE Oregon. Tip reward increased. For more info visit the OSP game division website. To provide information to help solve this crime, please call the TIP hotline 800-452-7888. You can receive a cash reward or 5 big game preference points for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the poacher who did this.



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MARCH 14TH, 2020

At The Riverhouse Convention Center
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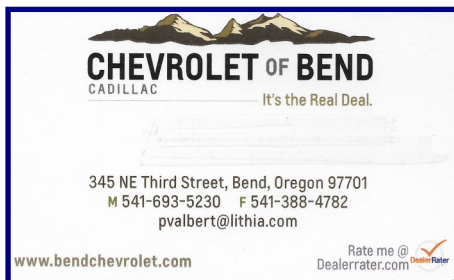


Doors Open at
4:00 PM

Dinner served at
5:30 PM

Live Auction starts at
7:30 PM

This year we will be handing out ticket packets in the lobby starting at 3:00pm. Come early to prepare your tickets and avoid the lines at 4:00.
(Door still open at 4:00.)



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Treasurer's Report

John Bambe reported that the current Bend Chapter's OHA checking account balance was \$31,665 as of Feb 1, 2020.

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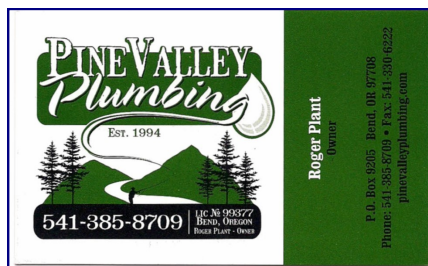
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Monthly Door Prize

The January door prize winner was **David Sweet**.
David won a \$25 Gift Certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse.

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February Membership Raffle

The name drawn for **\$350.00** worth of Sporting equipment was **Tom Wallace** of Bend.

Tom was not present and therefore did not win

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March Speakers

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Heather Aldrich, from Bravo Wall Tents will be speaking about Bear Hunting. Heather is a passionate bear hunter and you're sure to get useful information and perspective.

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Banquet Update

The Chapter's Mule Deer Classic banquet is sold out. We are anticipating another successful event.

A hear-felt Thank You to all our volunteers and donors. Those of you who pre-registered will be able to pick up your ticket packages in the lobby area at 3:00pm. This should prevent the long line at the door. The doors will open at 4:00pm.

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