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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

John Botts, Richard Brahy & Family, James E Hartshorn, Kyle Lee, Geronimo Mata, Robert Scott, Benjamin Stone, Brian Symonds, Dallas Underwood, Buster VanLoo and Jason Wuertz & Family.

The Annual Fundraising Banquet



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Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle

Coastal is sponsoring a raffle for every OHA chapter. The prize is a Nosler M48 in 300 Win Mag. It has a green w/black web stock and a burnt bronze cerakote finish on the 24" barrel and action. The MSRP on this is \$1995. The maximum number of tickets sold is 300. The tickets are 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50 or 7 for \$100.



The drawing will be at our banquet on April 4, 2020 probably about 8pm.

Our "Any One" Raffle is being drawn at 8pm March 31st, 2020.. If you would like tickets then contact any board member. The raffle prizes if you should win are your choice of one of the items listed below;

- ◇ Legacy OHA 12 Gauge O/U (Walnut stock) (\$599)
- ◇ Howa 1500 22-250 American Flag Pattern (Muted) (\$859)
- ◇ Bowtech Carbon ICON DLX Compound Bow (\$945)
- ◇ \$750 Cash Prize

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A BIG THANK YOU to Howard Baker and Jesse Winkler of the Timber Beasts BB Gun team for being our February speakers. The Timber Beasts have been around for over 40 years. Participants range from ages 8 to 15 years old. They teach marksmanship, discipline, self-control, responsibility, gun safety, types of firearms, safe carries, determining dominant eye, building a proper site picture, shooting positions, range commands, integrity, teamwork and positive characters traits that are life-time lessons.

The Timber Beasts are a club dedicated to the education of safe gun handling and the discipline of marksman shooting, their motto is **Promoting a Positive Shooting Experience**.

They have two sessions the first is 6 weeks, they must attend the first to be able to be eligible for the extended session. They create five member teams who compete to go to Nationals in Rogers, Arkansas. They shoot in four shooting positions—standing, sitting, prone and kneeling. They shoot a muzzle-loaded single-shot BB Gun, the Daisy AVANTI Champion Model 499, billed as the most accurate BB gun in the world. The guns cost \$105 each. They don't really have the facility to handle a large turn out of students so they don't really advertise it anymore, they rely on word of mouth. They shoot out of the Knights of Pythias building in Forest Grove.

At one time there were up to 12 teams on the West Coast however now the Timber Beasts are the one and only program of it's kind on the West Coast. When they go to compete at the State level they have to split up their shooters into different teams to compete against each other.

The Timber Beasts fundraise all year to cover 100% of the trip to Rogers, Arkansas for the shooters and coaches—that's a five shooter plus two alternate team and they have to pay for airfare, room and board and food. It's a great experience for the shooters. Participants that make it to Nationals must sit out a year in between trips due to the educational requirement.. They get help from organizations like OHA, they take their BB Gun Range to events to earn money and offer help to earn money. To earn their funds to go to Nationals.

At Nationals, they compete with 72 other teams across the USA—there is no classification break between ages so a 5 year old could be shooting against a 15 year old. They shoot in all four positions. There is also a written test that is worth and additional 100 points.

Jesse has been in the program for 6 years and when she has gone to Nationals 3 times, she scored a perfect 100% on the written test. She says that after she ages out of the program that she will continue on with shooting sports. She said that she has had great experiences with the Timber Beasts and going to Nationals has enabled her to experience different life styles, accents, and training regiments. It is fun and it has taught her lessons that she will always use as well as a love of shooting.

Something people may not know is that 60+ colleges give out scholarships for shooting sports.

If you would like to contribute or find out more about them;

You can contact Howard Baker at hrbaker887@gmail.com or the Timber Beasts have a website and Facebook page, see them on Facebook under Timber Beast BB Gun Team or their website is timberbeastsbbgun.com .

If you have any hunting photos that you would like to share in our newsletter, please send digital images to tvcoha@outlook.com or email Melody Kind — hidden_valley1@hotmail.com or text them to 503-502-0611.

Tony & Shelley Kind with John V. at Sage Canyon Outfitters



Sportsmen's Show Booth Volunteers—Shelley Kind, Marty Lindstrand and Rob Ward



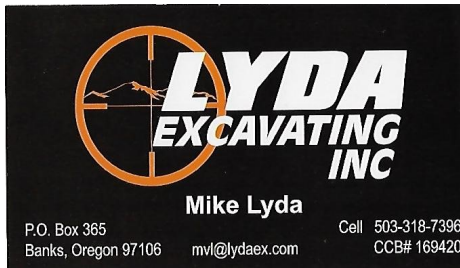
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****CHAPTER MEETINGS****

Chapter meetings are held the Third Tuesday of each month at:
Prime Time Restaurant & Sports Bar in Forest Grove

We want to thank everyone for supporting not only this Chapter but OHA as a whole organization. OHA does great things and it takes a lot to keep it going. It would not be possible without our members, volunteers, and support personnel, partnering organizations and local businesses. Together we are protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunting heritage. We would like to say thank you to those that have stepped up so far to support our annual fundraiser; Curt Jacobs, Family Fun Center, Camp Dakota, Oaks Park, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, MoPop, KingPins, Work Sharp, Sky High Sports, Viejo Cancun Tequila and these businesses;



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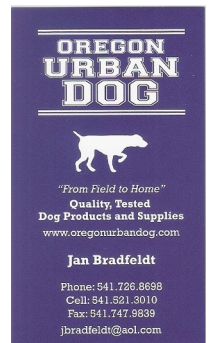


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Les Schwab Tire Centers Raffle

Les Schwab is once again stepping up for OHA.

This years raffle is for a \$750 gift card to Les Schwab for Goods and Services.

Tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25, 7 for \$50

Youth Turkey Hunting Clinic

April 4, 2020

8:45 am – 4:00 pm

**Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's
White River Wildlife Area**



For Youth ages 8 - 17

Space is Limited! Registration Deadline March 30th, 2020

HUNTER EDUCATION CARD IS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND!

To register call Mel Kind at 503-502-0611 or email TVCOHA@Outlook.com. Registration fee of \$10 includes lunch for youth. Lunch is available for adults & families for a donation.

A map and directions will be provided to participants one week before the event.

TURKEY CALLING: Learn turkey vocabulary and calling techniques. Experiment with a variety of calls to have a successful hunt.

TURKEY HUNTING TECHNIQUES: Learn the tricks, tips and strategies you need to know to become a successful turkey hunter.

ALL ABOUT TURKEYS: Turkey identification, behavior, scouting techniques, turkey sign identification and how to locate turkeys in the woods.

Turkey Equipment and Resources: Learn the variety of equipment available for turkey hunting. Learn available resources and how to find places to hunt turkeys.

SHOTGUN SHOOTING AND PATTERNING: Learn how to pattern your gun, establish effective ranges and hold your gun as the big tom approaches.

Archery:

Learn the basics of Archery, get to practice shooting on 3D Targets





Gun bill and initiatives pointed at Oregon hunters

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist
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The 2020 legislative session started in early February, and bills affecting hunters are being heard and voted on at a very fast pace. Here are a few of the bills that OHA is actively following:

- **HB 4005 Gun Storage Bill** – This bill requires a gun owner or possessor of firearm to secure firearm with trigger or cable lock, in locked container or in gun room except in specified circumstances. Imposes strict liability if stolen gun is used to injure or kill someone. It would also decimate youth shooting sports. OHA has submitted testimony against the bill. A work session was held in the House Committee on Judiciary. Two amendments were adopted that only make the bill worse. One amendment says you will not be required to lock up your self-defense firearm if you are completely alone in your home and all your doors and windows are locked. The bill was moved to the House Committee on Rules, where we expect it to linger until just before the end of this legislative session. This bill is in the House Committee on Rules, where it was scheduled for a work session on Feb. 21.

- **HB 4075 Bans Coyote Contests** – An amendment was added to the bill that allows for OHA to continue its current practice of holding coyote contests. The bill passed out of the House Committee on Natural Resources. A House floor vote saw the bill pass with 42 ayes, 16 nays and 2 excused votes. The bill was sent to the Senate, where it was assigned to Senate Committee on Rules. The bill is still awaiting a hearing.

- **HB 4052 Residency Bill** – This is the bill that OHA requested as part of our anti-poaching campaign. This changes some ambiguity in statute related to the definition of residency by amending residency requirements for wildlife license, tag and permit applications. In order to claim residency, a person must have resided in Oregon at least six months before applying for tags, licenses or permits. The bill was passed out of House Committee on Natural Resources by a 7-0 vote during the first week of the session, and the bill passed the floor of the House the second week by a vote of 59 ayes to 1 excused. The bill now goes to the Senate. The bill was assigned to the Senate Committee on General Government and Emergency Preparedness. A hearing was held on the bill, and it passed out of committee and was scheduled for a Senate floor vote on Feb. 24.

- **HB 4091 Sage Grouse Fund** – This bill establishes a "Sage-Grouse Mitigation Program In-Lieu Fee Fund." The money in the fund goes to ODFW to support, restore, protect, or increase habitat for sage grouse. The monies for this fund would come from developers paying an in-lieu fee for mitigation rather than doing on-the-ground mitigation activities. The bill, during the first week of the session, was passed out of House Committee on Natural Resources by a 7-0 vote and passed the floor of the House the second week by 59 ayes to 1 excused. The bill passed out of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and was scheduled for a vote on the Senate floor on Feb. 24.

- **SB 1543 Group Sports Pac** – This bill would create a Group Sports Pac for

hunting and fishing events for disabled veterans. The bill had one hearing, where a work group was established to "fine-tune" the bill. At issue is what groups qualify for these benefits and if the Group Sports Pac should apply to hunting. During the second week of the session, an agreement was reached on an amendment to the bill. OHA testified in support of the amendment, which removed hunting from the bill, before the Senate Committee on Veterans. The bill was then amended in committee and passed out of committee unanimously. The bill passed the Senate floor 29 ayes to 1 excused. The bill was assigned to the House Committee on Natural Resources and had a hearing. A work session was scheduled for Feb. 25.



Update on Gun Initiatives

- **IP 40** – Requires locked gun storage, reporting stolen guns, strict liability for injuries. OHA appealed the draft ballot title in cooperation with the NRA, and our case is awaiting a decision by the Oregon Supreme Court.

- **IP 60** – Regulates semi-automatic guns and large-capacity magazines.

- **IP 61** – Sale/transfer of certain semi-automatic firearms requires gun dealer, safety course, waiting period, age 21.

- **IP 62** – Prohibits firearm magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition; provides for exceptions. Allows persons who have magazines over 10 rounds to keep them.

OHA is working closely with other pro-hunting organizations in opposing these measures and HB 4005 in the short legislative session.

OHA working to redistribute Oregon's elk herds



By Jim Akenson, OHA Sr. Conservation Director
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One of the greatest challenges facing elk populations and elk hunting is the issue of elk seasonal distribution. Recently ODFW posted a big game forum for a month, ending March 3, to offer hunters a chance to weigh in on season structures and comment on issues regarding elk hunting in different regions of our state. These comments were somewhat directed by lead-in questions pertaining to region, weapon type, species hunted, and bag limits. Many comments addressed lack of game availability, the negative effect of predation, and hunter crowding.

In reading through these, it seemed apparent that many hunters responding are limited in elk knowledge to only the "in-season" situation with elk distribution and did not address or show awareness of elk distribution the other times of the year and how that might influence hunting opportunity in many units.

For a variety of reasons, a significant proportion of elk have moved to private pastures and rangelands, to small coastal towns and their suburbs, and away from our public land. The result of this movement is conflict and situations that are hard to resolve. ODFW has responded, in part, by offering expanded elk damage hunts, such as the general cow hunt opportunities for the upcoming hunting season on both sides of the state. It has yet to be seen if this is a good or bad approach in resolving elk distribution issues. OHA has contended through various forms of input that each elk distribution situation is different and requires unique responses with a bag of options that utilize licensed hunters as one of the primary tools.

When herds of 4,000 elk are camping on private property in winter and spring within eastern Oregon's Columbia Basin and Ukiah units, how can we expect them to all return to – and stay on – public land during the periods of time we want

to hunt them? In many cases, as soon as hunting pressure intensifies on public land, the elk beeline to the security of familiar private ground. Or, on the coast in Warrenton and Gearhart, where elk dine on yards and golf courses, what will it take to move them back into the surrounding forests?

The answers are varied, but the approach must be acceptable to hunters. In addition to the recent big game forum, we will have other comment opportunities this summer as the 2021 regulations are proposed by ODFW staff and then presented for approval by the Commission.

OHA will share the schedule for district regulation meetings and pertinent commission meetings. OHA staff will also provide points of concern for testimony and advise on an approach for input. You may be the most knowledgeable source about your favorite elk hunting unit, so stay involved, informed and engaged.

Shows of goodwill: OHA takes mission's message on road

By Amy Patrick, OHA Outreach Coordinator
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OHA staff and volunteers are taking OHA's show on the road this winter, meeting and greeting sportsmen at sports shows every weekend in February and early March.

OHA's participation in sportsmen's shows and outreach venues continues to be a great way to share our message with the pro-hunting community. As our messaging evolves, so does our ability to communicate OHA's mission to a broader section of the public. Our mission, "Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage," takes on many forms and it is imperative that we communicate our efforts with a cohesive and authentic manner that engages people not familiar with what it means to be a member of OHA.

Our most compelling message is our extensive conservation work, as it captures our mission statement perfectly and challenges certain biases people may hold toward hunters. We should take



Hunting and public lands advocate Randy Newberg visited the OHA State & Yamhill County Chapter booth at the Pacific Northwest Sportsman's Show, where he visited with OHA Outreach Coordinator Amy Patrick.

every opportunity to champion our work as an Oregon-centric organization that mobilizes our membership to provide

donations of time and money for wildlife crossings, water guzzlers, wildlife-friendly fencing, and numerous other projects. These talking points meld well with chapter-level project information to effectively communicate the breadth of our commitment to conservation.

The most compelling part of our conservation work is that it is not limited to meeting rooms and legislative or legal venues; we put boots on the ground and hands in the dirt to accomplish the tasks of conserving wildlife.

There are many other great messages to champion as we present OHA to both the hunting community and the general public: protecting hunter rights, striving to increase access opportunities, and working with ODFW on wildlife management plans are great examples of our work throughout the state. Communicating our message in an effective and approachable way increases our opportunities to build our membership base and, subsequently, the overall strength of our organization.



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March 17th — Chapter Meeting 7 pm— Guest Speaker is Jered Goodwin with ODFW

Come at 6 to meet the board and or eat dinner with us.



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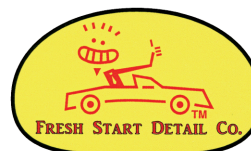


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