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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

Seda Kolbjorn & Family, Marc Lewis & Family and
Louis Nugent

Tualatin Valley Chapter Banquet —

We have tentatively rescheduled our banquet for
August 21, 2021. We will be contacting the regis-
tered people and will know more later. Stay tuned
as more information will be posted later.

A&H Statewide Deer Tag Auction

Our chapter is auctioning a Statewide A&H Deer tag
April 10th, 2021 at 7pm.
Contact Bryan Cook at 971-270-7035 to get your name on
the list for bidding on the deer tag. A good resource on the
statewide big game raffle and auction hunts as well as the
Access and Habitat Program is at the following website;
<https://myodfw.com/articles/big-game-raffle-and-auction-hunt>
You can always contact us with any questions, our email is
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Big Game Controlled & Premium Hunts—Deadline May 15th

Unlike general season hunts where anyone can buy a tag over-the-counter, controlled hunts are limited entry hunts that require you to apply in advance for the opportunity to draw a tag in a random computerized drawing. Much of Oregon's rifle deer and elk hunting is limited entry—along with all antelope, sheep and goat hunting, and some game birds.

The deadline to apply for a big game controlled hunt remains May 15, but ODFW recognizes some hunters may be concerned about applying due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You can purchase them online at WWW.MYODFW.COM.

****Remember that you must already have purchased an annual hunting license, combination license or a Sportspac to apply for a tag. That can be done online as well****

If you have questions on this, ODFW has a great website with answers at <https://myodfw.com/articles/how-apply-controlled-hunt>

Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle

We can't thank Coastal Farm & Ranch enough as they have once again stepped up to help OHA raise funds. They have donated a Christensen Arms Mesa Titanium .28 Nosler rifle to each OHA Chapter as the prize.



Christensen Arms Mesa Titanium .28 Nosler worth \$1795

Ticket prices are \$20 for 1, 3 for \$50 or 7 for \$100

There are 300 Tickets.

The drawing will be held August 21, 2021 about 8:45 pm at our annual fundraising banquet.

(If this event is unable to take place then an alternative location and time will be selected and we will notify people on social media).



WILDLIFE & HABITAT CONSERVATION

OHA promotes wildlife and habitat conservation at the local and state levels.

How?

- Participating with ODFW on ungulate and predator management plans
- Staff and member participation on workgroups dealing with complex wildlife issues
- Providing reward monies for information regarding poaching through the OHA-sponsored Turn In Poachers (TIP) Program
- Continuously working to elevate Oregon's wildlife crossing programs by working collaboratively with other conservation organizations and within the state legislature
- Investing over \$100,000 for wildlife crossing projects and providing numerous volunteer hours to maintain crossings
- Working on the ground to install and maintain wildlife water guzzlers
- Funding large-scale winter range habitat improvements
- Contributing over \$100,000 to Oregon's bighorn sheep program toward necessary transplanting and disease control



OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

OHA Represents Hunters in Legislature

OHA advocates for hunters and gives our concerns a voice in the legislature. In addition to successfully defeating numerous anti-hunting bills and measures, OHA continues to lobby for tougher penalties for poachers. OHA's full-time presence in the legislature maintains awareness and gives hunters a powerful voice.

OHA Defends Public Lands & Advocates for Public Access

OHA's mission stands firm on the belief that Oregon's hunters, anglers & outdoor enthusiasts should continue to have reliable access to public lands. We firmly believe that public lands should stay public and hunting legacies should be continued.

OHA Increases Opportunities for All Families

OHA fosters the legacy of hunting by creating family-oriented events to enhance the community and legacy of hunting families across all ethnic backgrounds. OHA also works closely with ODFW to develop responsible youth hunting education and hunting opportunities.

Visit the Oregon Hunters Association website for more information
on how to get involved and find your local chapter.

www.OregonHunters.Org

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Check out the upcoming May-June issue of OREGON HUNTER for turkey hunting tips and a path to a higher level of turkey hunting decorum.

Gun bills, coyote contest ban bill on fast track

By Al Elkins & Amy Patrick, OHA Lobbyists
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March saw the first bill deadline come and go in the 2021 Legislative Session. The mid-March deadline stopped the bills that were not going anywhere and extended the life of bills that had hearings and work sessions scheduled for the remainder of March and beyond.

HB 2548 Wildlife Corridor Funding

Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study issues related to funding construction of wildlife corridor road crossings and report to legislature its findings on or before Sept. 15, 2022.

Update: At a February hearing, OHA testified in support. The bill had a work session scheduled in late March.

HB 2728 Coyote Contests

It's back! However, this version has an amendment that protects certain aspects of nonprofit contests (Section 5 of the bill lines 17-19). The bill prohibits a person from conducting or participating in a contest, competition, tournament, or derby that has the objective of taking coyotes for cash or prizes. Provides that prohibition does not apply to raffles conducted by nonprofit organizations if the organization does not award raffle prizes based on number, weight or size of coyotes taken. Punishes violation of

prohibition by maximum fine of \$2,000.

Update: The bill had a work session. An amendment to allow for a county-by-county vote on contest restrictions failed. The bill was passed out of committee and now goes to House floor for a vote.

HB 2844 Beaver Bill

This bill would remove beaver from both the predatory animal designation and rodent listing in statute. It would hamper a landowner's ability to deal with damage-causing beavers by removing them from the current management structure and requiring landowners to now receive a permit, similar to furtaker requirements. No exemption for emergency damage mitigation has been included.

Update: The bill had a public hearing. OHA staff worked with Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon Forest & Industries Council, and the Oregon Cattlemen in a coordinated effort to stop this bill. The bill has not been scheduled for a work session and will not move forward in the legislative session.

SB 630 Elk Damage Tag Bill

Authorizes use of landowner damage tags to take elk on adjacent property with consent of the owner of the adjacent property.

Update: Senator Hansell, the sponsor of the bill, formed a work group to discuss the provisions of the bill in relation to

what is currently allowed under ODFW rules related to damage tags. The workgroup consisted of Senator Hansell, landowners, an OHA representative and personnel from ODFW. The workgroup met twice and decided that current ODFW rules address the provisions in the bill. It was therefore decided that no legislation on this subject would be needed at this time.

Gun Bills

HB 2543 Firearm Transfer Prohibition

Prohibits transfer of firearms by gun dealers or private parties if OSP is unable to determine whether recipient is qualified to receive a firearm.

Update: OHA opposes this bill, which was scheduled for a work session in late March.

SB 554 Concealed Weapon Laws

Authorizes city, county, metropolitan service district, port operating commercial airport, school district, college, or university to adopt ordinances or policies limiting or precluding affirmative defense for possession of firearms in public buildings by concealed handgun licensees.

Update: OHA opposes this bill, which is now awaiting a floor vote of the Senate.

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To learn more about these bills, visit www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws

Volunteers needed to help others learn to hunt

By Amy Patrick, OHA Outreach Coordinator
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OHA is encouraging members to become certified instructors of the Intro to Big Game Hunting course through ODFW. ODFW is interested in certifying OHA members as instructors through their Train the Trainer program, which would allow the courses to be taught

throughout the state.

Members are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to become instructors and begin hosting Intro to Big Game Hunting courses in their local areas. To become certified as an instructor, contact Cat Sandor-Korte with ODFW at catherine.N.Sandor-Korte@state.or.us for more information.

This opportunity is also the initial phase of a larger Learn to Hunt Program that OHA is developing and plans to roll out to chapters this year.

OHA's program includes additional components, such as a library of course outlines and teaching tools, a guide for hands-on day trip modules, and an online resource library.

ODFW unveils archery elk plan

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director
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ODFW has released its initial strategy for moving more eastern Oregon archery elk hunts to the controlled hunt system. On March 11, ODFW issued a release that described the proposal, along with a map and a process for hunters to provide their input. Information is available at the Big Game Review page on the ODFW website at: <https://myodfw.com/articles/big-game-hunting-season-review>

OHA continues to track this proposal and participate in discussions with ODFW staff. OHA representatives are reviewing data and information on the current elk archery hunting, assessing potential impacts if the current proposal is implemented, and making sure our members have an opportunity to engage in the discussion.

Jeremy Thompson, ODFW District Wildlife Biologist from The Dalles, who serves as the agency lead for the process, said in the release, "We have tried to craft a solution that addresses the problems we are seeing in some units, while continuing

to retain as much general season opportunity as possible. We recognize that any change we propose will impact hunters, but we will also be impacting hunters if we do not make a change."

ODFW has a goal of getting a decision on the potential elk archery hunt changes by the June Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting, rather than waiting until the normal meeting date of September when most archery hunters are in the field. Any changes made on the elk archery seasons would not be implemented until the 2022 hunting season.

ODFW will share the information they are using and describe the proposed changes in a meeting specifically for OHA members.

Join us April 28 at 6 p.m. for a Zoom meeting at:

<https://zoom.us/j/98322391188?pwd=S3dVcllhdkFk3d3FLUXVQm1qRW5HZz09>

Meeting ID: 983 2239 1188

Passcode: 045108

Or call in at:

1-253-215-8782 or 1-346-248-7799



OHA volunteers will complete the second half of a buck-and-pole fence to protect the riparian area along Smoke Creek in Lake County during a project on April 24. OHA has provided funding at the state level for the project, which will permit wildlife access but guard against livestock damage. Volunteers will camp at Pothole Springs. For information, contact Joe Giacinto at 541-410-4555 or Eric Brown at 541-647-0424, Ebrown@bendcable.com



OHA chapter banquets change dates, formats

Some OHA chapters have moved banquet dates and others have gone online. Please call the numbers listed for the latest info.

Apr 1-15 Union Co (online) 541-786-1283

May 1-14 Pioneer online: ohapioneer.cbo.io

TBA Yamhill County 503-490-2489

TBA Baker 541-403-0402

TBA Blue Mountain 541-231-4384

TBA Lake County 541-810-1617

TBA Tualatin Valley 503-502-0611

June 5 Redmond 541-233-3740

June 5 Columbia County 949-533-7271

June 9-13 Klamath (online) 541-882-9593

June 19 Mid-Willamette 541-971-3351

July 17 OHA State Convention,
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July 31 Capitol (online) 503-851-8409

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We wish each of you a Safe, Healthy and Happy 2021.****




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