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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members
Ken Balsiger, Travis Johnson, Riza & Tim Lesser,
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Family, James McNames, Matthew Norman &
Family, Donald Sanders & Family, Dyllon Sather,
William Sneed, Lance Street and Wade Zuver.

Remember to apply for your Oregon Big Game
Applications for controlled hunts by May 15, 2023 —
The only ways you can apply are online using a credit card
or at a license sales agent. You can apply online at
<https://odfw.huntfishoregon.com/login>. Oregon no longer
accepts faxed or mailed applications.

Our Youth Event is June 3 & 4th out at Henry Hagg
Lake Boat Ramp C and we need volunteers Saturday
7:00-4 and Sunday 7-3 to help with instructing/helping
people learn how to handle & shoot a bow, signing people
up for various things, helping with axe throwing (plastic
axes) and at the BB Gun range. If you are
interested in taking a shift or helping all
day please let Kirk 503-701-2852 or Tony
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TEENS & OREGON MUSTANGS



A BIG THANK YOU to Erica Fitzgerald of Teens and Oregon Mustangs for being our guest speaker and talking about the program that she and her husband Josh founded in 2009. Erica was inspired to start the program after she and her husband Josh competed in the Extreme Mustang Makeover in 2008. She was excited to introduce this to the youth knowing they would learn just as much as the mustang they were gentling. Fitzgerald Farms is where they do the bulk of the work.

Teens and Oregon mustangs have taken the “I want a horse one day” dream to a whole new level. Trainers ages 10 and over are given the opportunity to spend their summer vacation doing something that most only dream about. They have 100 days to gentle and train a mustang or burro. They return to showcase their horsemanship skills and their hard work while competing for prizes even including a grand prize trophy saddle. A live horse auction/ adoption follows the award ceremony. The auction/adoption places horses in adoptive homes. The trainers receive the proceeds from the auction minus a \$25 BLM transfer fee if they are not keeping their mustang.

Teens and Oregon Mustangs is sponsored by the Youth and Yearling Challenge, created by Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF) and modeled after the adult Extreme Mustangs Makeover event. Along with the support of MHF, and the Oregon Bureau of Land Management, Teens and Oregon Mustangs is an independent 501C3 non-profit that accepts donations from the community to help fund the event and provide trainer incentive money for the youth.

The youth sell raffle tickets for a fundraiser, the 2023 Summer Mustang Adoption Pro-

PRIZE 1
Cabela's Outdoorsman Series
5,000W/4,000W RV-Ready
Portable Generator with
Wheel Kit

PRIZE 2
Cabela's Outdoorsman Series
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Portable Generator with
Wheel Kit

PRIZE 3
Outland Living FireBowl
with 2 Bass Pro
Director Chairs

PRIZE 4
ECOXGEAR EcoBuilder
Pro Waterproof
Bluetooth Speaker
with 2 Hydroflasks

NO NEED TO BE
PRESENT TO WIN

Teens & Oregon Mustangs
SEPTEMBER
1-2-3

**2023
MUSTANG
ADOPTION
CHALLENGE
RAFFLE**

\$10

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PRIZE 1: Cabela's 4000W Generator
PRIZE 2: Cabela's 48 in Griddle
PRIZE 3: Outland Firebowl and
2 Lounge Chairs
PRIZE 4: EcoBuilder Pro Waterproof
Speaker with 2 Hydroflasks

gram is at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene September 1-3, 2023—you can watch the competition, you can purchase a mustang. The online auction is September 3, 2023 Live, online bidding will be available check Facebook or their website at teensandoregonmustangs.org starting in July. There are many ways to help if interested get in touch, it's a great cause and helping out our natural resources as well. You can sponsor a teen or purchase a hoodie or T-shirt from their online shop. Or even volunteer or house a mustang.

Volunteer Opportunities coming up.....

April 29 & 30 8-4—Jewell Meadows Wildlife Refuge Fence rebuilding

They are replacing 3300 feet of wooden and wired fencing mostly at the main viewing area. Please bring your own gloves, this is hosted by RMEF Mark Allard roadking1995@onlinenw.com is the contact. Tent Camping on the Beneke Creek Tract is allowed for this event starting Friday afternoon April 28th.

June 3 & 4 Sat 7-4 Sun 7-3 — TV Chapter Youth Event with I'm

Hooked at Henry Hagg Lake, Gaston OR Boat Ramp C

Community mentors will help guide your children to learn about outdoors, fishing, water safety, boat safety, how to shoot a bow, shooting a BB gun, fitness and other fun activities.

June 3 — 8:30– 2:30 Bald Mountain Clean Up – Yamhill County Sheriff's

Office is bringing back their annual public lands clean up. The clean-up focuses on BLM land as well as ODF, USFS and private timberlands. The main area is the BLM ground that encompasses the “Upper Nestucca OHA Area” and is heavily hunted in the fall. From Carlton, take NW Meadowlake Rd and NW Nestucca Access Rd to a left turn onto Bald Mountain Access Rd after 16.8 miles. The road is paved and was obvious, but your GPS might suggest that you'll go on NW Bald Mountain Access Rd for 3.6 miles and then continue on Bald Mountain Access Rd for 2.6 miles. The parking area is up to your right and you'll find a vault toilet and picnic area.



Tualatin Valley Chapter 2023 Election Ballot

NAME:	MEMBER #:	
POSITION	CANDIDATE	VOTE
Vice President		
Candidate	Kirk Nolan	2 Year Position
Write In		
Treasurer		
Candidate	Melynda Roland	2 Year Position
Write In		
Director 1		
Candidate	Mike Vallery	2 Year Position
Write In		
Director 3		
Candidate	Steve Hodges	2 Year Position
Write In		
Director 7		
Candidate	Vacant	2 Year Position
Write In		

If you would like to join our board, you can certainly write in your name or contact one of the current board members. To be a board member you must be an OHA member in good standing. Be able to attend the board meeting the first Tuesday of each month and respond via email, text or phone on issues that come up in between board meetings or Chapter meetings the 3rd Tuesday of each month with exception of months with our Annual Fundraiser.

IMPORTANT - Please write your member number on your ballot.
*****If you have a family membership, then you may vote twice*****

Please send your ballots to the OHA Tualatin Valley Chapter mailbox at 33 S 18th Court, Cornelius OR 97113 or you can scan it and send it by email to TVCOHA@Outlook.com.

Ballots must be received by May 16, 2023 11:59 pm or postmarked May 16, 2023 if sent via mail.

Please contact Mel Kind with any questions, 503-502-0611 tvcoha@outlook.com

TV 2024 Annual Banquet Date & Venue Set

Our 2024 Annual Fundraising Banquet will be at the Wingspan Event Center in the Conference Room on March 23, 2024.

We will have the prices and registration out soon, but you can call and let me know if you are wanting to reserve a table or seats. Call Melody Kind at 503-502-0611 or email TVCOHA@Outlook.com.

2023 OHA State Election Results are in;

Vice President - Cindy Rooney

Treasurer – Mike Vallery

Northwest Director – Eric Strand

Southwest Director – Kelly Forney

Southeast Director – Craig Foster

Congratulations everyone!



We would like to post pictures of you and your family enjoying the outdoors. Please send them via email to TVCOHA@Outlook.com or you can text them to 503-502-0611, we will post them on social media and in our newsletter and in our slideshow at our banquet unless requested not to.

Congratulations to Ladd on this large mouth bass taken at a private pond.



ERIC BROWN

The OHA Bend Chapter's spring project to fence Monner Springs will help the area rehabilitate and provide quality habitat for upland birds and other wildlife.

Oregon Sportsmen's Conservation Partnership proves effective in difficult legislative session

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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The Oregon Sportsmen's Conservation Partnership has proven to be an effective coalition so far in the 2023 legislative session. Formed in January of 2022, the Partnership was formed from the initial group of sportsmen's organizations that began fighting the extreme initiative petition IP3, which seeks to criminalize legal hunting, fishing, and trapping, as well as animal agriculture on Oregon's November 2024 ballot.

Since that time, the Partnership has grown to include 36 wildlife and fisheries organizations and engaged on numerous conservation, wildlife, and fisheries topics. With the Partnership's participation on important legislative issues, the voices of Oregon sportsmen and women have been amplified in a new and effectual way.

With OHA lobbying in the Capitol, the mobilization of the Partnership organizations, and their memberships, has made a positive impact in a difficult legislative session. The joint effort has propelled the three bills brought forward by OHA and the Partnership to remain in play and viable deep into the session.

OHA BILLS:

HB 2532: Secures funding for establishment of in-state testing for Chronic Wasting Disease and increased staff for sample collection and research. This bill was passed out of its original committee with a "do pass" recommendation and is currently in the Ways & Means Committee awaiting a public hearing.

HB 3086: Restructures the ODFW Commission statute to replace congressional districts with the more regionally diverse river basin model. This bill has become a battlefield over appropriate representation on the Commission. It was diverted from its original committee and is currently in the House Rules Committee awaiting a public hearing.

HJR 5: Seeks a referral to the 2024 ballot for a constitutional protection to fish, hunt, harvest, and gather. This bill is currently in House Rules Committee where it received a public hearing in February and is awaiting a work session.

GUN BILLS:

HB 2005: This bill now includes components from two other bills and seeks to restrict homemade firearms (with ramifications for custom firearms and muzzleloader kits), an age restriction to 21 years old to own or possess a firearm, and expansion of the ability of public buildings/locations to restrict CHL ability. The bill is in stasis on the House Floor awaiting its scheduled vote in early May.

SB 348: Seeks to institute all of Measure 114 plus an additional 3-day waiting period, raises the age to 21 for PTP, continues the standard capacity magazine ban, makes sheriffs the permitting agents, increased the fees almost threefold from \$65 to \$150, and increases processing time from 30 to 60 days. Contains a provision stating any legal challenge, including the constitutionality, must be filed in the Circuit Court in Marion County. This bill is currently in the Ways & Means Committee.



Join OHA for a weekend regional blacktail habitat project at White River Wildlife Area June 10-11.

OHA slates blacktail project at White River

By Tyler Dunganon, Conservation Coordinator
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State OHA, Hoodview, and Mid-Columbia Chapters are leading an effort to make Hoodview's annual White River Wildlife Area habitat project even bigger this year on June 10-11. All chapters and individuals are welcome! OHA is hunting for 80-100 volunteers to build buck-and-pole fencing to protect aspen stands, remove invasive weeds, and fell and buck trees to increase deer and elk forage.

Volunteers will be entered for a chance to win prizes from Sig Sauer, Benchmade, Work Sharp, Napier Outdoors and a Howa Carbon Fiber 6.5 PRC with Nikko Stirling Optics donated by Legacy Sports International. Camping is available on the White River Wildlife Area, and food will be provided!

For more information, contact Tyler Dunganon at td@oregonhunters.org

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OHA members returned to a Lake County burn to plant forage seedlings that will benefit mule deer.

OHA returns to the burn; more on horizon for '23

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator
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OHA, partners, and adults in custody at the Warner Creek Correctional Facility finished planting and protecting 10,000 sage and bitterbrush seedlings in April within the Cougar Peak burn scar, which is key mule deer winter range.

With more funds in the project budget, OHA is working with partners and land managers to set up another bitterbrush planting project farther north on Highway 31, potentially near Hole In The Ground this fall.

OHA comments about public land solar farms

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director
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Planning for and development of renewable energy facilities is accelerating in our state, including BLM lands.

OHA recently provided comments on the BLM's "Western Solar Plan" expansion into Oregon, outlining specific areas and places that solar farms should not be allowed on BLM lands to protect hunting access and habitat.

OHA is also tracking and commenting on various legislative proposals to address renewable energy siting and processes in the current legislative session.

OHA weighs in on game bird regs

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator
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OHA was the only organization to testify on game bird regulations at April's ODFW Commission meeting. OHA supported continued conservatively controlled sage-grouse hunting that yields critical population information for wildlife managers, supported new youth pheasant hunting opportunities, new turkey hunting opportunities on EE Wilson Wildlife Area, and thanked ODFW for using hunters to mitigate turkey damage.

Fall turkey season will now open on Sept. 1 in western Oregon, and private-land Grant County turkey hunting opportunity will be abundant. OHA expressed concerns regarding impacts of this change on western Oregon turkey populations that predominantly use public lands, but we will look at the data next year and reassess whether this was a sound science-based decision to maintain quality hunting opportunity on public lands in western Oregon.

OHA has concerns about new regulations' impacts on turkeys on public lands.



SPRING YOUTH EVENTS

April 29: OHA Pioneer Chapter Spring Youth Day, 503-936-4718

May 6: OHA Tioga Chapter Youth Day, 541-267-2577

June 3: OHA Bend Chapter Youth & Family Day, 541-480-7323;
OHA Josephine County Chapter Youth Day, 541-218-2836

June 3-4: OHA Tualatin Valley Chapter Youth Event at Hagg Lake, 503-453-0521

June 24: OHA Lake County Chapter Youth Day, 541-417-2983

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The Chapter Meeting & election is May 16, 2023 at PrimeTime Restaurant & Sports Bar.

The guest speaker is TBA

Come eat dinner with the board at 6 pm the meeting starts at 7pm.



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