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## Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

**Gary Kupper, Craig Fetzer, Jandika Borden, Josh Vanderzanden, Ben Mahar, Lawrence Brown, Kenneth Lang, Nina O'Mailia, Wayne Turner, Korry Friday, Matthew Freeman, Charles Smith, Gary Stadelman, Jorge Loza, Kevin Newsom, Juliana Otto, Boyd Guthrie, Chase Stewmon, Justin Higgins, Ethan Meyer, Jonathan Klum, Michael Troyer and Ace Heyer**

**Our first “Tell us your Story about \_\_\_\_” went well, thank you all for the submissions.**

This month we want you to submit your story telling us about a hunt where you wish you had waited on taking an animal.

Last months winner was Ed Vanderzanden who was on hand to share his story with the Leupold & Stevens representatives and everyone at the Chapter Dinner.

**You can once again apply to receive Point Savers so if you forgot to previously then you can go online now and apply.**

**The Quarterly Chapter Dinner gun drawing winner was Melody Kind.**



# **LEUPOLD** *BE RELENTLESS*

**A BIG THANK YOU to Bruce Pettet, CEO of Leupold & Stevens Inc for being our guest speaker along with Vice Presidents Tim Lesser and Rob Nees.**

**Leupold & Stevens, Inc has been THE riflescope scope maker since they introduced their first rifle scope in 1947, the very first truly fog-proof scope built by Americans. They've kept improving their products and expanding into all optics areas but their bread and butter are still rifle scopes. They make great quality products and just keep improving everything from rifle scopes, spotting scopes, range finders, binoculars, red dot scopes and even eye wear and apparel. One of the things I love about them is that even the cheapest optics are a fantastic product and from my experience, you're going to be able to use it for a couple of decades. Their lifetime of the product warranty is the best out there and they try to have about a week turn-around once it is in hand. The company though local, has a great global presence. They have a blog and podcast—you can go to [Leupold.com](http://Leupold.com) and check out their website for all of the great content.**

**Leupold & Stevens also gives back and supports some great organizations whose mission it is to conserve wildlife, as well as to protect, enhance and grow the habitat it depends on. (You can a list of those they support at [Leupold.com](http://Leupold.com).)**

**Bruce said that we that we all could've done better to get the word out there on M114 and educating others on what legislature is out there that will impact our ability to access natural resources for shooting, fishing, hunting, etc. We can't wait thinking things won't get passed because we've learned the hard way that they can and will get passed mostly because people don't really know what the impact of the measure or bill is. He's glad OHA is educating people and just reminding everyone**

**that we should also join in to make sure that we can enjoy the things we love to do outdoors.**

**Leupold & Stevens supports OHA, so please support them.**





## The Mentored Youth Program at work.

I can't say enough about what a great program this is. You can start signing your kids up at age 9 to put in for preference points so they will have a good chance at the controlled hunts when they can actually purchase their license. In the meantime, they can be gaining valuable experience hunting and actually taking an animal with not only you, but any licensed hunters over 18 years old that you feel are going to teach them the right values and hunting practices. For every year that they register, they receive a preference point which you can later convert to preference points for one species—your choice.

Even if you don't sign up your kids for the program, it is invaluable for them to be able to witness and participate in the hunt, the take, the getting out and processing the animal as many times as they can. Sometimes it doesn't go like clock work and it really is a great life lesson to see how you take an issue, make some decisions and resolve it when situations aren't ideal.

Weston has been mentored by his Mom, Grandparents, Uncle and various other relatives. Because he has such a wonderful support system, he's been able to hunt and take an elk last season and now this Pronghorn. Like many they hunt with family and good friends who take their children with them and they see all aspects of it.

The above picture is Weston and his Grandpa Milo and left is Weston, Maverick, Grandpa Milo and Mom Nicole.



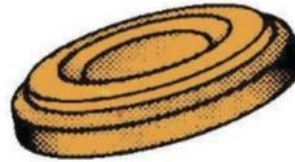


# HILLSBORO TRAP & SKEET CLUB

## Hosts the Annual

### JUNIOR WINTER TRAPSHOOTING LEAGUE

2023 – 2024  
Season



For Students ages 18 and under

Sign Up and **NEW** Shooter Orientation Training  
Saturday Oct 28th at 12:00 Noon

Season starts Saturday November 4th, 2023 and  
Ends Saturday February 3th, 2024 with an  
Awards Presentation and treats & snacks at 2:00 p.m.

There will be awards in 3 Divisions:

Sub-Jr (5th & 6th grade)

Jr. (7th, 8th & 9th grade)

Senior (10th, 11th & 12th grade)

#### 12 Week Saturday Schedule

First Half	Second Half
Nov 4	Jan 06
Nov 11	Jan 13
Dec 2	Jan 21
Dec 9	Jan 27
Dec 16	Feb 3*

Shooting 12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm

\*Awards Presentation snacks 2:00 p.m.

**A \$500.00 College Scholarship will be awarded to the top High School Senior male and female shooters for the season.**  
**\$500 Scholarship for the HOA Senior Division from the Hambone Memorial Fund**

Cost: \$6.00 per round (for 25 Trap Targets) (Weekly Prizes)

Must record (4) scores in each half to be eligible for yearend awards.

May record up to 6 scores per half, warmups now allowed

For additional information contact Tonya Julian at

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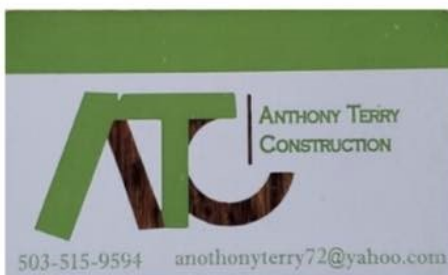
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# Cowboy Baked Beans

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 25 min.

Bake: 50 min.

YIELD: 12 servings (3/4 cup each)

## Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 pound bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 2 cups barbecue sauce
- 1 can (16 ounces) butter beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15-3/4 ounces) pork and beans
- 1 can (15-1/2 ounces) navy beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 teaspoons ground mustard
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon pepper

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a Dutch oven, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake, uncovered, until heated through, 50-60 minutes.



Taste of Home

Baked cowboy beans are a perennial favorite at barbecues and potlucks. My meaty recipe uses a variety of beans and has a perfect smoky taste. — Joe Sherwood, Tryon, Nebraska

Join us for the Tualatin Valley OHA Chapter Annual  
Christmas Party Saturday December 9, 2023 at  
Carpenter Creek Farm & Winery

Space is limited.

The Registration and  
pay by deadline is  
November 26, 2023.



Doors open at 4pm, Dinner at 5:30 pm. Entry for 13 years and older are \$40 per person, Entry for 12 years and under is \$10 per person. Includes dinner, non alcoholic drink choices, kids coloring contest and other activities. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be there for picture opportunities. There will be raffles, silent auction, youth raffle and more. No host bar for wine and other alcoholic beverages.  
47266 SW Carpenter Creek Rd, Forest Grove OR 97116

To Register please call or email Melody Kind at 503-502-0611 or TVCOHA@Outlook.com  
Or fill out this form and mail to TVC OHA 33 S 18th Ct, Cornelius OR 97113

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of Youth \_\_\_\_\_

You may pay by QR Code as well, please send the filled registration to TVCOHA@Outlook.com and let me know that you paid by using the QR code so we can match it up with the payment. **Must Register by Nov 26 2023.**





OHA is doubling down in the fight against poaching in Oregon by doubling reward offers from our Turn In Poachers (TIP) program to informants in poaching cases.

## OHA to create hunting network for women

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director  
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Women are the fastest growing demographic in the hunting community and a growing percentage of OHA's membership. As such, OHA staff and board members are currently working to build a new aspect of our outreach efforts with the creation of a women's "network" within the organization.

Similar to the successful Learn to Hunt Program launched in 2021, the women's network will include a comprehensive resource hub specific to women in hunting, such as gear selection, safety, fitness, and many other topics.

Special events with invited speakers, skills-building courses, and Q&A sessions are also planned as resource opportunities.

The network will also include a strong focus on mentoring. Providing new women hunters with mentors who can help them move through the entirety of their first hunting experience is a high priority for the new program.

The planned launch date for the program is early 2024 with prospective events scheduled into the next year.

In addition to the resources, events, and mentoring, the program will include a social component aimed at building camaraderie and deeper relationships among OHA members, hunters and friends.

## OHA doubles TIP reward amounts

By Gary Lewis

The Oregon Hunters Association is doubling down on efforts to fight poaching in Oregon by doubling the rewards paid to informants in fish and game poaching cases through OHA's Turn In Poachers (TIP) reward program.

Since 1986, OSP, ODFW and OHA have collaborated on the Turn In Poachers (TIP) program, which provides cash rewards to persons who report unlawful killing of wildlife, fish, upland birds and waterfowl and/or destruction of habitat.

OHA President and TIP Coordinator Steve Hagan thinks that the TIP program is a tool that conservationists can use to reverse the recent mule deer decline. "In light of the dire situation that mule deer populations are facing, this is one of the ways we can make a difference," he said.

One ODFW study of south central Oregon mule deer found that more were killed by poachers than were taken by licensed hunters.

In a recent five-year span, the TIP program paid out more than \$100,000 in cash rewards to informants in poaching cases. Since 2018, informants have been offered the option of accepting preference points in lieu of cash, and approximately half the informants have been taking advantage of that opportunity.

Qualification for the reward depends upon the issuing of a citation by the OSP Wildlife Division for illegal taking of wildlife, fish, upland birds, waterfowl, and destruction of habitat. If the investigation by OSP finds insufficient evidence to issue a citation, no reward will be made.



Two new categories aim to stop poaching before it happens: illegal spotlighting, and snagging or attempting to.

If a citation is issued, the standard amount of the reward may be as follows:

- Bighorn, mountain goat, moose - \$2,000
- Elk, deer, pronghorn - \$1,000
- Bear, cougar, wolf - \$600
- Upland birds, waterfowl - \$200
- Furbearers - \$200
- Illegally obtaining Oregon hunting or angling license or tags - \$200
- Salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, halibut - \$200
- Illegal spotlighting - \$200
- Snagging/attempt to snag - \$200
- Habitat destruction - \$300



OHA and our chapters sometimes offer higher rewards for information in particularly heinous cases.

To report a violation or suspicious activity, call the TIP Hotline: 800-452-7888 or \*OSP (677) (available 24/7) or email [TIP@state.or.us](mailto:TIP@state.or.us) (monitored weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

The TIP reward fund is mainly supported by court-ordered restitution from convicted poachers and individual donations. For more information or to make a donation, visit <https://oregonhunters.org/turn-poachers-tip/>

TO DONATE TO OHA'S ANTI-POACHING FUND, VISIT [HTTPS://OREGONHUNTERS.ORG/DONATE](https://oregonhunters.org/donate)

# RENEW AND GET A CHANCE TO WIN A GREAT GUN!



## GUN RAFFLE CALENDAR

OHA will give away  
**A GUN A WEEK** in 2024!

For \$50 you get:

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- Chance to win 1 of 52 guns raffled (\$599-\$1,800).
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## Deschutes National Forest exploring e-bike use on trails

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director  
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The Deschutes National Forest is exploring allowing e-bikes on non-motorized trail systems, and OHA is closely monitoring the issue.



The U.S. Forest Service has a national policy that e-bikes, a motorized vehicle by definition, should not be allowed on non-motorized trails.

However, the local forest does have the ability to make variances to that policy with local decisions. The Deschutes Trail Coalition has convened a public discussion on the topic.

OHA does not have a formal position on the topic, but the OHA Wildlife-Lands Committee discussed this topic recently and agreed that we should support the forest service position.

There are currently three different classes of e-bikes, and the discussion is limited to Class 1 e-bikes on non-motorized trails. Class 1 e-bikes are the lowest-powered class, but can be indistinguishable from other e-bikes without a detailed observation. The discussion is also limited to soft-surfaced trails (not paved trails).

Existing research shows the impacts to wildlife, specifically deer and elk, and how they will move away from areas of heavy recreational use. Vehicle speed was determined to be a factor in the wildlife disturbance that occurred.



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## OHA engages on Cascade-Siskiyou Monument Plan

By Tyler Dunganon, Conservation Coordinator  
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The Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) is in the process of revising the Monument's Resource Management Plan (RMP) and OHA is weighing in. OHA strongly supported continued use of the CSNM for hunting and suggested managers increase hunting opportunities where possible.

**OHA will continue to engage on the CSNM RMP revision until its approval in fall of 2024.**

One of the preliminary purposes of the revised plan was to protect and restore habitat that supports rare and endemic species, but there was little mention of other wildlife and their habitats.

OHA supported protecting and restoring habitat that supports rare and endemic species, but this goal of the RMP should extend well beyond these species. Many species that occur on the CSNM rely on early to mid-successional habitat, and availability of habitat for these species has been in decline for decades. OHA urged CSNM managers to create additional early seral habitat for species such as black-tailed deer, elk, and numerous others. Creating early seral habitat can also reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

OHA has advocated for improving habitat connectivity for wildlife for over a decade, and recently we have served as a driving force for the Southern Oregon Wildlife Crossing Coalition. Together we hope to implement a wildlife overpass on Interstate 5 to connect the CSNM, but this wildlife crossing is not a silver bullet for restoring habitat connectivity, so OHA applauded the RMP goal to protect and restore wildlife migration corridors.

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The Chapter Dinner is September 19, 2023 at PrimeTime Restaurant & Sports Bar.  
The guest speaker is Bryan "Bear" Hall from Right to Bear.  
Social hour and raffle tickets at 6 pm the meeting starts at 7pm.



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