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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

Marv Abe, Noah Carpenter, Megan Distro, Ozair Faruqi & Family, Madison Gates & Family, Noel Herb & Family, Trevor Jensen, Darris Miller, Anna Niemela, Lee Perry, John Silkey, Sam Tepper and Christopher West.

Annual Fundraising Banquet on March 23, 2024 at the Wingspan Event Center in Hillsboro.

The registration is in this newsletter we have less than 70 spots available as of this printing. It will sell out.

Pacific NW Sportsmen's Show at the Portland Expo Center February 14-18, 2024

We will be one of the chapters at the State OHA booth 1053. Stop by and see us, renew your membership or buy a 2025 gun calendar. Contact Shelley if you want to volunteer for a shift 503-522-8723.

Admission : 18 years & older are \$20, 17 years and under are Free, Military \$10, 2-Day Pass \$32.

Hours; Wed-Fri 11am—8pm
Saturday 10am—8 pm
Sunday 10am—6pm



OHA is going to continue to offer the Gun Calendar Raffle for 2025 which includes a complimentary membership or can count towards membership renewal, not to mention you have a chance to win one of 53 guns drawn for every Raffle ticket purchased. The raffle ticket is \$50. You can enter yourself and give the membership portion to someone new or renew your own. You can contact any of the board members to purchase gun calendars, they will have it available for online purchase soon. You will be able to purchase them at our Chapter dinners or at the Annual Banquet—You can also upgrade to a family membership for an extra \$10. The family membership includes you and your spouse and children under 18 years old. If you have any questions, feel free to ask us about it and if we don't know then we'll ask the State and get back with you with an answer.

The Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle prize is a Browning XBolt Speed LR OviX chambered in 7mm PRC



We can't thank Coastal enough for continually being one of OHA's biggest sponsors!

Our local High School Clay Target Shooting Teams are gearing up for Spring Season the first week in February is registration. It costs students around \$250 to cover targets, shells and registration so donations are greatly appreciated.

Contact Brian Long at Alohaclaytarget@gmail.com who helps multiple local High School Trap Teams & Hillsboro Trap & Skeet.

Randy St. Marie is the head coach of the new Banks High School Trap Shooting team stmarie3@hotmail.com or 503.702.4628.



Tualatin Valley Chapter's
Oregon Hunters Association
41st Annual Fundraiser
Saturday, March 23rd, 2024
Doors open at 4:30, dinner at 6

Location: Conference Room at Wingspan Event Center
801 NE 34th Avenue, Hillsboro, OR 97124 (Washington County Fair Complex)

***Come join us for wonderful Food, Drink, Raffles,
Games, Silent Auction, Live Auction and the
Best Wall of Dreams out there!***

*More information will be available at www.TualatinValleyOHA.com
or find us on Facebook—Oregon Hunters Association Tualatin Valley Chapter*

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. * Dinner at 6:00 p.m. * Raffles & Auction to follow.

We're using a software for registration. You will be asked for your credit card when you come in the door. It is tied to a bidder number which will log all the purchases to that number. It assigns one bidder number per couple however if you would like individual bidder numbers, please specify: I would like individual bidder numbers.

To purchase your tickets, fill out both sections of this form and mail to:
OHA Tualatin Valley Chapter, 33 S 18th Ct, Cornelius OR 97113
or scan it and email it to TVCOHA@Outlook.com or call Mel Kind at
503-502-0611 you can call with the credit card number or check number.

Paid by: CASH CHECK QR CODE CREDIT CARD

Credit Card# _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVC# _____

Card Holder Name: _____ Signature: _____

Total Amount Enclosed/Authorized: \$ _____

Notice—The processing fee charged for a Credit/Debit card is minimal but the fee is higher for a Credit Card

(All credit card information will be held strictly confidential)

**** NOTE—You will receive your pre-paid ticket packages at the door ****

If you have questions or comments contact:
Melody Kind—503-502-0611 Or Email: TVCOHA@OUTLOOK.COM

FUNDRAISER DINNER FORM—2024

Member Name: _____	Phone: _____	
Address: _____	Email: _____	
Guest Name: _____	Phone: _____	Member: Y/N
Guest Name: _____	Phone: _____	Member: Y/N
Guest Name: _____	Phone: _____	Member: Y/N
Guest Name: _____	Phone: _____	Member: Y/N
Guest Name: _____	Phone: _____	Member: Y/N
Guest Name: _____	Phone: _____	Member: Y/N

Please Print Legibly —All Guest Names are Required for our registration software.

All Adult Attendees are required to be OHA members as of 2024. So, you must add \$35 membership fee for any attendee 18 years or older that are not OHA members.

Individual membership is \$35.00 Family Membership is \$45.00 (For 2 Adult Partners plus kids under 18)

of Individual Memberships _____ # of Family Memberships _____ Total Membership Fee = \$ _____

1. Youth Dinner Packages: Ages—6 to 17 = \$25.00 1—Youth Dinner Ticket — (Must be accompanied by an adult.)

No. of Youth Packages x \$25.00 = \$ _____ Ages: _____

AGES—5 and under are free — Please let us know their Ages:

2. Reserve a Table Package: \$1400 — for 8 people Limit of 20 Reserved Tables Includes the following:

8—Dinner Tickets 16—Drink Tickets 8—\$100 worth of Raffle Tickets 1—Rifle Winner per Table

No. of Table Packages X \$1400.00 = \$ _____

3. Dinner Only: \$100.00

Includes the following:

1—Dinner Ticket 1—Drink Ticket

No. of Tickets X \$95.00 = \$ _____

4. Adult Dinner Package: \$145.00

Includes the following:

1—Dinner Ticket 2—Drink Tickets

\$50.00 worth of Raffle Tickets

No. of Tickets X \$145.00 = \$ _____

5. 2 Adults Dinner Package: \$225.00—for 2 people

Includes the following: 2—Dinner Tickets 4—Drink Tickets 2—\$50.00 worth of Raffle Tickets

No. of Tickets X \$225.00 = \$ _____

6. Wall of Dreams Raffle: \$100.00 1 – Wall of Dreams ticket. No. of Tickets X \$100.00 = \$ _____

Chance to win an item of your choice from the Wall of Dreams. (1 ticket drawn for every 12 Wall of Dreams tickets sold)

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Quick Elk Steak Gyros

ADAPTED FROM FEEL GOOD FOODIE

INGREDIENTS

½ cup [olive oil](#)
1 tablespoon [oregano](#)
1 tablespoon [red wine vinegar](#)
1/2 Red Onion
2 garlic cloves grated
1 ½ pounds Elk steak, can be flank or skirt steak
[salt and pepper](#) to taste
Pita or Flat bread
Prepared Tatziki or make your own
1 Tomato, diced
Lettuce



INSTRUCTIONS

In a large, shallow bowl, mix oil, oregano, vinegar, and garlic. Add steak and toss to fully coat. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate at least 30 minutes or up to 4 hours, flipping the steak halfway through. Remove from fridge at least 1 hour prior to cooking.

Preheat grill, grill pan, or large cast iron skillet, to medium-high heat. Season both sides of steak generously with salt and pepper. Let excess marinade drip off steak and transfer steak to pan. Cook until golden brown, 5-7 minutes per side for medium rare.

Transfer steak to a cutting board and allow meat to rest for 5 minutes. Slice steak into 1/2-inch pieces across the grain.

Assemble gyros by stuffing pita halves with lettuce, onions, tomatoes, and steak. Drizzle with tzatziki sauce and serve immediately.

Make it your own. You can easily substitute the ingredients in the marinade to suit your tastes. You can use different dried herbs, or add in some lemon juice for a burst of fresh flavor. The red wine vinegar can be swapped for sherry vinegar or apple cider vinegar if you have those to hand. You can of course add other salad veggies to your pita to serve.

OHA TRACKER

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BLUE MOUNTAIN WILDEYS/JANE DUNGANNON

OHA will back omnibus bill for Oregon wildlife

CWD funding, wildlife crossings support included in package

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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House Bill 4148, a wildlife “omnibus” bill, seeks funding for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) efforts, the Invasive Species Council, efforts to reduce human-wildlife conflict, and also expands wildlife crossings policies. The comprehensive bill has bipartisan support and is led by Representative Ken Helm (D-District 27), chair of the House Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water Committee.

In the 2023 session, OHA’s bill seeking CWD funding passed out of Chair Helm’s committee with a unanimous vote and “do pass” recommendation to the Ways & Means Committee. Unfortunately, the bill was not passed by that committee and therefore died at the end of the session. OHA is excited to get a second chance at securing the much-needed CWD funding through HB 4148 and has made it the top priority for the 2024 session.

The 2024 session is a “short session,” beginning on Feb. 5 and adjourning on March 10. This abbreviated six-week length makes it difficult to pass bills with large financial components such as HB 4148’s \$6.7 million price tag. However, OHA is encouraged by the bill’s approach to addressing chronically underfunded aspects of wildlife health and optimistic regarding the large and diverse group of stakeholders already in support of the bill.

OHA steps up for Blue Mountains

\$63,000 contributed to improve habitat

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator
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OHA has increased its impact on elk habitat and research in central and northeast Oregon. OHA partnered with the Blue Mountains Elk Initiative (BMEI) in an effort to expand our habitat restoration and enhancement efforts on the Ochoco, Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman and Malheur National Forests.

OHA contributed \$15,000 to the Damon Aspen Project that will fence aspen stands, thin conifer, and improve elk security on the Malheur National Forest.

This project has thinned 11,700 acres of conifer, burned 900 acres to improve elk forage, and restored 240 acres of aspen to date. OHA funding will allow for 300 additional acres of aspen stand restoration and 100 additional acres of aspen fencing.

OHA also gave \$10,000 to the Sunflower Juniper Removal Project on the Ochoco National Forest. Juniper encroachment is a major concern for deer and elk, as it results in reduced forage for these species. OHA funding will help forest managers methodically cut 150 acres of juniper, which will restore perennial grass and bitterbrush communities in the area.

State OHA and OHA’s Union-Wallowa Chapter applied for and landed an LOP deer tag on The Nature Conservancy’s Zumwalt Prairie Preserve to raffale with proceeds (\$22,000) directly funding the Sheep Creek Thinning Project to



Blue Mountains Elk Initiative
OHA Chapter Contributions



Chapter	2023	2024	2025
Bend	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Redmond	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Capitol	\$5,000.00		
Umpqua	\$2,500.00		
Lake Co	\$2,500.00		
Pioneer	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Hoodview	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Emerald Valley	\$2,500.00		
Blue Mountain	\$2,500.00		
Ochoco	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Mid Willamette	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

benefit deer and elk in the Starkey Unit. OHA funds will contribute to the thinning and slash reduction of 1,062 acres on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

In addition to providing funds for OHA’s continued involvement with BMEI, the Bend, Redmond, and Ochoco chapters also provided a combined \$16,000 to fund an elk GPS collaring project on the Ochoco National Forest. These collars will provide important elk vital rate and movement data that will help ODFW in reducing landowner conflict and improve management of the elk herd.

Additional funds raised by chapters in 2023 will be used to support BMEI projects next year.

State OHA and OHA chapters around the state have committed to funding projects to benefit deer and elk in the Blue Mountains. OHA conservation staff will continue to work with managers of projects we funded to develop volunteer opportunities where applicable and monitor project progress.

OHA made a big splash in its first year with BMEI, and our impact will continue to be recognized, thanks to OHA chapters and their support for deer and elk in the Blue Mountains.

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

NW Forest Plan to be amended

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director
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OHA has strived for years to improve elk and deer numbers on the west slope of the Cascades. We've had similar efforts on the east slope of the Cascades to improve mule deer numbers. One of the major causes of reduced deer and elk numbers has been a reduction in habitat, specifically on federal lands. Since 1994, the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands in these areas have been managed under the Northwest Forest Plan, which specifically set 80 percent of these lands on a pathway for old growth and late seral habitat types.

A lack of active management, including timber harvest, have dramatically reduced the amount of early seral habitat available for deer and elk on these lands. Now, the Forest Service plans to amend the Northwest Forest Plan. Clearly, the current management strategies have under-delivered on a number of items



Curtailed logging on federal lands has reduced early seral habitat for deer and elk in Oregon.

and created policy that precludes active management needed for some issues like managing fuel loads and stand health in the Wildland-Urban Interface.

OHA will provide our comments and perspectives on the need for a more balanced management approach, including high quality early seral habitat. In total, the current Northwest Forest Plan covers 24 million acres of US Forest Service lands across western Washington, western Oregon, the east slope of the Cascades in Washington and Oregon, and northern California.

Women of OHA attracts following in first month

The Women of OHA program launched on New Year's Day with a digital newsletter followed by a virtual meet & greet event on Jan. 9. The response to this new network has been outstanding with the participant list tripling in the first week.

The virtual meet & greet was well attended and proved to be a great opportunity for women to get to know each other and connect on similar interests around hunting and in other aspects of life.

The February newsletter will contain more information on the upcoming turkey clinics, as well as articles and resources related to women in the guide and outfitter industry with a focus on women-owned guide services. March will focus on turkey hunting, and there will be a special edition of the newsletter specific to fitness and the outdoors.

Join the email list to receive the newsletters and updates on events by emailing amy@oregonhunters.org

First Gun Calendar winners announced

OHA drew the winners of the 2024 Gun Calendar Raffle on Jan. 3 at the OHA State Office.

Winners are posted every Wednesday on OHA's Facebook page and website. Here are the first winners:

 **Christensen Mesa .28 Nosler**
Marylyn Sumano, Baker City

 **Pointer Acrius Over/Under**
Whitney Gill, Powell Butte

 **Howa 1500 Flag 22-250**
Jay Pannell, Coos Bay

 **Weatherby Vanguard Badlands**
Sydney Cox, Sandy



Sales of the 2025 OHA Gun Raffle Calendar will begin in February, at sports shows, participating OHA banquets, and by calling the OHA state office at 541-772-7313 or visiting OHA's website at www.oregonhunters.org/store

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN OHA BANQUET NEAR YOU SOON!

Enjoy a fun evening among friends and check out auctions and raffles featuring trips, great gear and more at an OHA chapter banquet near you soon. Articles in this issue show the work the raised funding supports.

Watch for 2024 fund-raiser updates at: <https://oregonhunters.org/events-2>

OHA banquets in 2024 will feature a Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle for a Browning Xbolt Speed LR Oviv 7mm PRC!



2024 OHA BANQUETS

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| Feb. 17 Ochoco | 541-777-4830 |
| Feb. 24 Columbia Co. | 949-553-7271 |
| Feb. 24 Hoodview | 503-314-3090 |
| Feb. 24 Redmond | SOLD OUT! |
| Feb. 24 Union-Wallowa | 541-786-1283 |
| Mar. 2 Pioneer | SOLD OUT! |
| Mar. 9 Bend | 541-480-9848 |
| Mar. 16 Josephine Co. | 541-761-1852 |
| Mar. 16 Capitol | 503-930-8586 |
| Mar. 16 Rogue Valley | 541-773-8736 |
| Mar. 16 Yamhill County | 503-490-2489 |
| Mar. 23 Blue Mountain* | 541-231-4384 |
| Mar. 23 Clatsop County | 503-440-9934 |
| Mar. 23 Tualatin Valley | 503-502-0611 |
| Mar. 30 Mid-Columbia | 541-490-2980 |
| Apr. 6 Tioga | 541-294-7912 |
| Apr. 6 Umpqua | 541-580-5660 |
| Apr. 6 Lake County | 541-417-2983 |
| Apr. 13 Mid-Willamette | 541-971-3351 |
| Apr. 27 Klamath | 541-884-5773 |
| Apr. 27 Curry | 530-351-5847 |
| May 4 Tillamook | 503-842-7153 |
| May 4 OHA State Convention,** | |
| Seven Feathers Casino, | 541-772-7313 |
| * A&H Statewide Elk Tag auction | |
| ** A&H Statewide Deer Tag auction | |

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The Chapter Dinner is February 20th, 2024 at PrimeTime Restaurant & Sports Bar.
The Guest speaker is Troy Schaffner ODFW Controlled Hunt & LOP specialist.
Social hour and raffle tickets at 6 pm, the speaker starts at 7 pm.



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