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Upcoming Events

April 13, Whiskey Springs, Butte Falls

- SW Cascade Regional Project
- See include flyer

April 27, 40th Anniversary Klamath Chapter Fundraiser

- Klamath County Fairgrounds, see enclosed application

May 11, Bootleg Fire Restoration

- Tentative Date
- Caging last falls planting

May 18-19, Hart Mountain Campout

- Tentative Date
- Projects TBD

June 8, Green Diamond Clean Up

- Check back for updates

June 15-16, Willow Prairie, Butte Falls

- SW Cascade Regional Project

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Presidents Message

Hello all members of the OHA Klamath Chapter. I hope your winter has gone well. Spring is just around the corner and I, for one, am looking forward to getting out and seeing what changes have taken place during the past winter. I'm hoping that the streams and lakes are filling up with the spring runoff.

We have been getting low attendance at our 7:00 pm membership meeting, so our board members decided to combine the membership meeting with the 6:00 pm board meeting. This will also allow the member to see what goes on at the board meeting. This is where changes are being made. So moving forward, there will be one meeting "only", starting at 6:00 pm on the second Thursday of each month.

OHA Chapter elections are coming up in June. President, Secretary, newsletter person, and three board positions are up for vote. We need to fill these positions. I have been President for the past six years. I feel that I can't do it any longer. I appreciate all those who have supported me through the years.

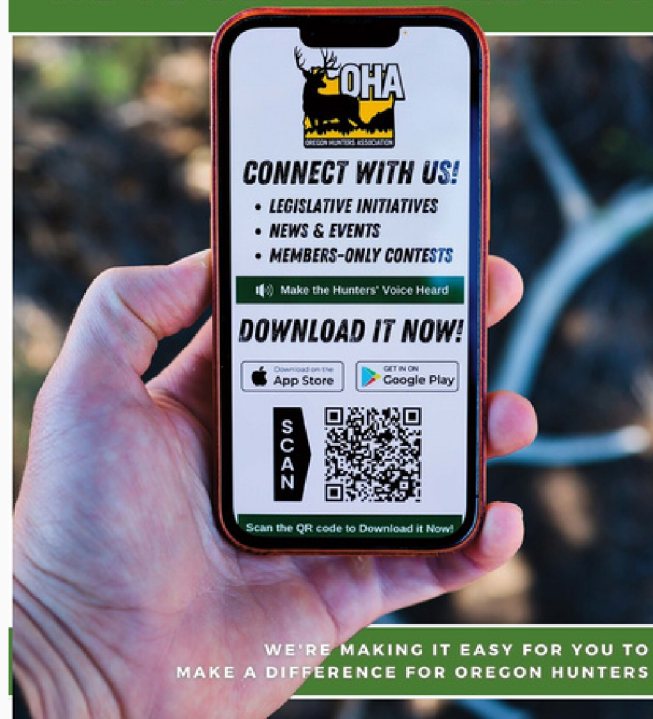
On May 11, 2024, a work day is scheduled to remove netting around newly planted bitterbrush plants and net the plants that survived the winter. The area is the Bootleg fire north of Beatty. This area will be looked at closer to May, to make sure it will be a worthwhile project. If you are interested let one of the board members know.

There will be no regular meeting in April due to the preparation for the Banquet, April 27th. Each Thursday evening, we are working on getting donations and details on the big FundRaising event. Hope to see you at the Banquet.

Allan Wiard
Klamath Chapter OHA President

Keep up-to-date on what OHA has going on!

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YOURS COMING SOON



OHA engages in search for ODFW's next director

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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ODFW is on the cusp of a new era with the retirement of current Director Curt Melcher.

Effective April 1, Director Melcher is retiring, and the current ODFW Commission is tasked with the selection of the new agency leader.

The Commission and Governor Kotek are at the helm of the selection process with the Governor's office facilitating the recruitment and selection process and the Commission making the final selection from the winnowed list of applicants.

Selection of a new director is scheduled

for the May 10 Commission meeting.

OHA has been engaged with Commission members, as well as decision-makers in the Governor's office, to express our concerns and advocate for a director who can effectively lead the agency through a hotbed of social topics while remaining focused on science-based wildlife management.

An extensive background in wildlife management, as well as a strong understanding and belief in the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, are crucial attributes OHA has put forth to decision-makers. Additionally, a knowledge of the principles of wildlife research

and how to apply those in an unbiased manner is another key characteristic a successful director should possess.

Another important attribute is fiscal responsibility for the agency and to the rate-paying stakeholders made up of hunters, anglers and trappers.

Understanding and appreciating that these stakeholders contribute 47 percent of the agency's budget is key to managing and conserving wildlife.

OHA will continue to work with the Commission members, as well as the Governor's office, to express the views and needs of the sportsmen and women in Oregon.

OHA scores big win to fund fight against CWD spread

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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After a two-year process, OHA has successfully secured funding for increased Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) monitoring, detection, and testing in Oregon.

In the spring of 2022, OHA was concerned that CWD was not included in the proposed ODFW budget. As such, OHA authored and championed a bill for the 2023 legislative session that would appropriate funding from the State's General Fund to both ODFW and the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (OVDL) at Oregon State University. That bill, HB 2532, died at the end of the session.

Because of OHA's relationships in the

Capitol, the CWD funding package was brought back in the 2024 session, reincarnated as part of HB 4148, the wildlife omnibus bill. HB 4148 contained CWD funding, appropriations for the Invasive Species Council, funding for a new program to reduce human-wildlife conflict, and important policy language specific to wildlife crossing. While the bill itself died in Ways & Means, the funding portions for the CWD work and the Invasive Species Council made it into the end-of-session budget bill.

ODFW will receive \$795,000 to increase capacity in the Wildlife Laboratory and seasonal positions to assist with much-needed sample collection. Additionally, the successful program that pays taxidermists and meat processors for

samples will receive a portion of those funds. Increased sample collection is vital to monitoring and potentially detecting CWD, should it be found in Oregon's ungulate populations.

The OVDL was appropriated \$1.9 million to increase laboratory capacity for zoonotic disease research and to establish important in-state testing for CWD. Currently, all samples are shipped to Colorado State University, taking in excess of seven weeks for results, by which time meat is already processed, and heads and spines are deposited who knows where. In-state testing will provide fast, reliable results to Oregon's hunters and position the state in a more proactive stance to process the needed increase in sample testing.

Securing this funding is a big win, not just for OHA and Oregon's sportsmen and women, but most importantly, for Oregon's wildlife.

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OHA to fence SW meadows April 13

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator
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OHA is working to protect and enhance meadow systems in the Rogue Unit for the benefit of wildlife, their habitat, and hunters. On April 13, we will finish the Whiskey Springs project we started last year by installing approximately 1/2 mile of wildlife-friendly smooth and barbed wire fence. We will convene at the Butte Falls USFS Ranger Station at 9 a.m. (730 Laurel Ave., Butte Falls).

The campground at Whiskey Springs will be closed, but OHA volunteers who are part of this project will be allowed to dry camp if they so choose.

Per usual, we will have a great prize drawing at the event. We will give away a Howa M1100 .17 HMR as well as other great prizes.



Please bring lunch, appropriate work attire, and spread the word to others ready to work for wildlife.

Meadow systems are important for deer and elk, and across the western Cascades, meadows are at risk of loss, degradation and fragmentation due to conifer encroachment, heavy use by domestic livestock, illegal OHV use, and wildfire suppression, among other factors. Ultimately, OHA and partners will protect three areas in the Cascade Mountains (Willow Prairie, Short Creek, and Whiskey Springs/Fourbit) with 6.5 total miles of wildlife-friendly fencing to restore the resiliency of these mesic systems and provide habitat for wildlife.

OHA conservation staff procured a \$50,000 grant for this project from Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund.

For more information, contact Tyler Dungannon (td@oregonhunters.org).

SIGN UP:

Register to volunteer with the QR code, and OHA will provide more details.

<https://oregonhunters.org/regional-projects/swcascadesmeadowproject>

OHA seeks changes to Mule Deer Plan

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator

TD@oregonhunters.org

The Oregon mule deer management plan revision continues to be a top priority for OHA, and it's paramount that we help shape the plan for the benefit of mule deer and hunters. OHA has dug into the OHA draft plan, and OHA's deer committee experts and staff have provided comments to ODFW on important chapters of the plan.



We are currently awaiting feedback on those extensive comments, ODFW with many if not all of our comments incorporated into the next draft of the plan prior to commission approval.

For example, it's important that the abysmal state of mule deer populations is reflected in the plan so OHA, ODFW, and other groups can point to this plan to get ODFW the help they need from agency partners, and other entities capable of assisting or hindering deer populations. Initially, the plan was to be approved in April, but OHA was successful in moving that date back to June to allow ample time for the agency to review and incorporate comments from OHA and other stakeholders. OHA hopes to be supportive of the plan when it goes before the Commission in June so we can turn our attention to plan implementation.

Latest Gun Calendar winners announced

OHA Gun Calendar Raffle winners are posted every Wednesday on OHA's social media, website and app.

Get your 2025 OHA Gun Raffle Calendar now by calling the OHA state office at 541-772-7313 or visiting OHA's website at: www.oregonhunters.org/store

- **Kimber .280 Ackley:**
Fred Heins of Blue River
- **Citadel 1911 Flag .45 ACP:**
Dennis Vosika of Medford
- **Howa 1500 6.5 CR:**
Sandy Morse of Unity
- **Pointer Acrius 12 Ga. O/U:**
Tim Taylor of Stanton



Zumwalt hunt winners drawn

The winners of OHA's raffle for dream deer and elk Hunts on The Nature Conservancy's Zumwalt Prairie, drawn on March 14 at the OHA office, are:

Deer Hunt: Jake Spiering, Bend
Elk Hunt: Harry Hansen, Klamath Falls

OHA thanks all who bought tickets to blue mountain habitat work and oha's mission, as well as TNC for their commitment to conservation.



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.

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 OviX 7mm PRC!



LAST CALL FOR OHA's Spring '24 Banquets

- Mar. 30 Mid-Columbia **SOLD OUT!**
- Apr. 6 Baker 541-403-0402
- 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. 13 Clatsop County 503-440-9934
- 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 Deer Tag auction;
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OHA Klamath Chapter 2024 Bob Boring Scholarship

OHA awards scholarships to applicants based on the criteria identified herein while pursuing areas of study and careers that support OHA's mission of "Protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunting heritage."

Who is eligible for an OHA scholarship?

Eligible applicants must be new or returning college students enrolled in any accredited trade school, technical school, college or university. Applicants must be in a field of study which aligns with OHA's mission. Fields of study may include, but are not limited to: fish & wildlife, wildlife biology, forestry, environmental policy & planning, environmental law, public lands management, wildlife law enforcement, natural resources.

Who is not eligible for an OHA scholarship?

The following individuals and their family members are ineligible for awards: OHA officers and directors, members of the selection committee, trustees, and substantial financial contributors.

What criteria are used to judge applicants?

Applicants are judged on their application, eligibility requirements, volunteer work, essay and other materials provided. Applications will be reviewed by the OHA Scholarship Committee with recommendations to the board of directors. Below are the criteria by which each applicant's information will be evaluated. Consider the following points when answering application questions or writing your essay.

- Major course of study
- Involvement in OHA or other habitat projects (applicants will not be limited to OHA members)
- Extracurricular participation
- Leadership skills
- Community activities
- Awards
- Work experience
- Essay: Content, structure, and grammar
- Photos of you engaged in outdoor activities or community service
- An example of a goal you set for yourself and how you accomplished it

How are scholarship funds dispersed?

The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school at which the student is enrolled and will be credited to their account. The scholarship award is a one-time gift and must be able to be used in the year it is awarded.

Any unused funds will be returned to the scholarship fund by the school to be used for future awards.

What must I do to be considered for an OHA scholarship?

Applicants must complete the scholarship application form.

A recipient may apply for the scholarship again in subsequent years; however, winners will be selected from all eligible applicants each year and past success does not guarantee future success.

If awarded a scholarship, the recipient will provide OHA with the college scholarship contact information. OHA will contact the school and arrange for funds to be provided directly to the school.

2024 Bob Boring Scholarship Application

OHA Klamath Chapter

Eligibility:

Applicant must:

Be a graduating high school senior planning to pursue a degree at an accredited institution of higher education as a full-time student or be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student.

GPA of 3.0 or higher

Be a current Oregon resident.

Submit all scholarship application requirements to the address above by May 1st, 2024.

Requirements:

1. Please provide the following documents to ensure a complete application:

2. Completed application form

3. Official high school transcript

4. Hunting or fishing license and last year it was validated

5. Two letters of recommendation

One personal reference: non-relative and non-school official

One professional reference: non-relative, can include school official

6. Essay of 1 to 3 pages (select one of the options):

a. Explain how you would protect Oregon's wildlife and habitat.

b. Explain how you would promote and protect the hunting heritage of Oregon.

c. Explain the role of hunting and sportsmen in Oregon's wildlife management.

Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Address:

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone/ Cell: _____ **Email:** _____

Current School: _____ **Current GPA:** _____

School you attend/plan to attend: _____

Field(s) of study: _____

Awards received and/or leadership positions held:

Extra-curricular and volunteer activities in which you are involved:

Are you/your family a member of the Oregon Hunters Association? Yes ___ No ___

If so, briefly explain your participation:

Are you an active hunter? Yes ___ No ___ If so, please share your hunting experience to date:

Recent hunting and/or fishing license #: _____ Year of issue: _____

Your application will be reviewed by our scholarship committee at our May board meeting. The winning application will be awarded \$1,500 to be paid directly to the school.

Send Application & Required Documents to:

Klamath Chapter - Oregon Hunters Association
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 8161
Klamath Falls, OR 97602

Deadline is May 1st, 2024



2024 Elections

2 Officer Positions:

President

_____ Write In: _____

Secretary

_____ Write In: _____

3 Board Positions: Pick 3

_____ Steve Roach

_____ Byron Collman

_____ Write In: _____

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Please send an email with "2024 Election" in subject line
to kccurlyg@yahoo.com
bring to June chapter meeting
or
send to: PO Box 8161, Klamath Falls, OR 97602





~2024 KLAMATH CHAPTER - OREGON HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION~
40TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2024
KLAMATH COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Premier Package (\$470 Value)
 2 Dinner and door prize raffle tickets
 1 Premier Raffle ticket
 1 OHA Membership
 2 Commemorative gifts

150 General Raffle Tickets, 4 Early bird tickets if
 purchased by March 15, 2024.
 _____ x \$260

Klamath Package (\$250 Value)
 1 Dinner and door prize raffle ticket
 1 Klamath Raffle ticket
 1 OHA Membership
 1 Commemorative gift

75 General Raffle Tickets, 2 Early bird tickets if
 purchased by March 15, 2024.
 _____ x \$160

Klamath Package w/ Guest (\$350 Value)
 2 Dinner and door prize raffle tickets
 1 Klamath Raffle ticket
 1 OHA Membership
 2 Commemorative gifts

90 General Raffle Tickets, 4 Early bird tickets if
 purchased by March 15, 2024.
 _____ x \$210

Gold Table Package (\$2,000 Value)
 8 Dinner and door prize raffle tickets
 4 Premier Raffle tickets
 4 OHA Memberships
 8 Commemorative gifts

800 General Raffle Tickets, 8 Early bird tickets if
 purchased by March 15, 2024.
 _____ x \$1,500

Youth Package (\$85 Value)
 1 Dinner and door prize raffle ticket
 20 youth raffle tickets
 1 commemorative gift
 *Youth is 17 and under and must be accompanied
 by an adult ticket buyer.
 _____ x \$60

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| Dinner & Membership | # _____ x \$80 = \$ _____ |
| Guest Dinner | # _____ x \$50 = \$ _____ |
| Youth Meal Only (17 or under ONLY) | # _____ x \$25 = \$ _____ |
| Life Member Deducts - \$35 | - \$35 = \$ _____ |
| Family/ Youth Member ship (please circle) | + \$10 = \$ _____ |

Coastal Raffle Tickets: Browning X Bolt Speed LR OviX in 7mm PRC (FMV \$1,450) Only 350 tickets available
 Pre-sale only 150 out of 350 tickets available __1 for \$20 __3 for \$50 __7 for \$100 = \$ _____

Grand Total = \$ _____

This year we will be serving Prime Rib and Chicken Cordon Bleu as our meal options.
 Choose your Dinner Type: # of Prime Rib: _____ # of Chicken: _____

INFORMATION: (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY) At least 1 person MUST be a member.

Member: _____ Guest: _____

Address: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Guest/ Youth Name: _____ Youth Age: _____

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PAYMENT TYPE: Credit Card (Visa / Master Card/ Discover/ American Express) Check/Money Order # _____

Name on Card: _____ Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____ Total: \$ _____

Send application & payment to:
 Klamath Chapter OHA, Attn: Hollie Griffith,
 9907 Hwy 140 E, Klamath Falls, OR, 97603
 Or register online at

Questions? Please Contact: Hollie Griffith at 541-816-2304
 or by email; hastreed@msn.com

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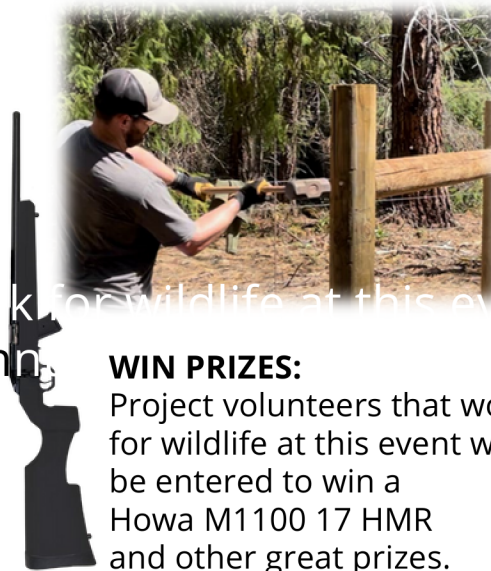
April 13th 2024
Whiskey Springs, Butte Falls

WHERE:

Meet at the Butte Falls USFS Ranger Station at 09:00 am (730 Laurel Ave, Butte Falls)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

OHA and our partners are working to fence large, sensitive meadow systems near Butte Falls. On April 13 we will build wildlife-friendly fence near Whiskey Springs.



WIN PRIZES:

Project volunteers that work for wildlife at this event will be entered to win a Howa M1100 17 HMR and other great prizes.

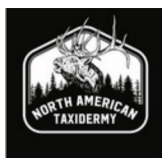
CONTACT:

Tyler Dungannon
OHA Conservation Coordinator
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Scan the QR Code and OHA will provide more details.

<https://oregonhunters.org/regional-projects/swcascadesmeadowproject>



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NEXT MEETING IS MAY 9TH AT 6:00 P.M.

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