



OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

November 2024

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, November 13th
*** 6:30 pm ***
Big E's (formerly Kelly D's)

(come early if you want to purchase dinner)

Please turn to *page 2* for more details on our upcoming monthly chapter meeting.

We look forward to seeing YOU there!

LOOK INSIDE FOR:

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- ◆ OHA Tracker (no room this month)
- ◆ Photos & More!
- ◆ The Email to which you can send your photos, articles and other items for the newsletter. Thanks for your help!

Thank you, **Amy Patrick**, for the header photo. Turn to page 10 to see that photo and others from our youth upland bird hunt

President's Message

Hello to all our members of the Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association.

As of October 18th our total membership was at 541. Welcome to our 5 new members, all from Bend. A warm hello to **Carol Davis, Jerry Kropacek, Thomas Lange, John Swafford** and **Chad A Willis**. Thanks for joining and we hope to see you at an upcoming meeting, on a project or any of our other activities soon. We currently have 10 members who have let their membership renewals slip by them. Remember to check your membership expiration date that's on the address label of your Oregon Hunter magazine. No membership, no magazine.

If all has gone as planned, this should be the first of our electronic newsletter issues to the members who didn't opt out of this new delivery format. Thank you to everyone who chose to help our chapter save much needed funds by agreeing to make the switch. Remember that all our members that are now receiving this newsletter electronically have been entered into the drawing that will take place at our November meeting on the 13th at Big E's. You don't have to be present to win, but why not come and see who the 3 winners are of the Benchmade knives. Parking is an issue there, so be patient. As you've been seeing in our past issues, if you have a suggestion for another meeting location, let one of your board members hear about it so we can check it out for a possible move.

It's November, and the Rocky Mountain Elk seasons have already started. Just as what happened with some of the East side Mule deer seasons, there are some elk seasons that have been negatively impacted by the extensive wildfires this year. One of those fires that has a huge impact is, once again, the Crazy Creek Fire that occurred in the Ochoco Unit. It takes multiple years to draw this desirable elk tag. For those who were fortunate enough this year to finally draw that tag, the notice that a large portion of their hunt unit is closed to entry means they will have to wait even longer to make their draw a reality. Getting their preference points returned is a hollow consolation compared to being able to hunt their chosen unit. Who knows how much longer it will take to draw that unit again.

This chapter's annual Youth Upland Bird hunt is finished up for this year. We are already looking ahead to next year's Saturday youth only hunt. There is a probable expansion to Sunday to include the OHA Women's Weekend upland hunt taking place at the same location. More to come on that subject as the October 2025 date approaches.

Stay safe. Hope to see you out there.

Rex E Parks Sr
Bend Chapter President
Oregon Hunters Association

UPCOMING NOVEMBER MEETING INFO:

We look forward to seeing YOU at our next monthly chapter meeting on **Wednesday November 13th**. Our meeting location is **Big E's (formerly Kelly D's)** in Bend. Remember to arrive early so you can purchase dinner off the menu and enjoy it before the meeting. Arriving early also gives you the chance to visit with old friends or meet some new ones.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Our November guest speaker will be **Brett Michalski**, COCC Professor of Outdoor Leadership and Natural Resources Program

The winners will be decided for the Steelhead fishing trip raffle and the Benchmade knives drawing. We know that some of you will be out on your elk hunts, so you don't need to be present to win.

Your attendance is important to us and you might even win a prize. (see page 8 for last month's winners)

October Meeting Recap

In case you were unable to attend our monthly meeting at Big E's on Oct 9th, here are a few highlights:

Our guests were Corrinne Oedekerck Research Technician & Project Lead from OSU Cascades, Cidney Bowman ODOT Wildlife Passage Program Leader, and Jessica Clark ODFW regional Access & Habitat Coordinator. Corrinne gave us an update on the US-97 Wildlife Crossing Structure (WCS) Effectiveness Monitoring Project. OSU Cascades is working with ODFW to monitor this WCS through Spring 2025. Twenty three species have been caught on camera at the crossing structures! Of the 2300 deer on the camera, 73% crossed through, and of the 138 elk caught on camera, 93% crossed. The goal of the structures is to prevent vehicle collisions with these animals. Wildlife fencing is another aide in preventing these collisions. Several members of the Bend Chapter regularly monitor and repair the wildlife fencing on Hwy97. ODOT and ODFW wanted to show their gratitude for this dedicated effort, so gifts were

presented at the meeting. Cidney brought soft leather work gloves and Jessica brought lasered insulated tumblers. (thank you!)

Jessica also explained the Access & Habitat program. Access= provide hunting access on private land to the public; Habitat= wildlife habitat improvement. This program is funded by the \$4 surcharge on licenses, annual auction & raffle, and grants. The landowner is paid by ODFW per acre for allowing access. To find more info and where these parcels are located, check out the ODFW website:

<https://myodfw.com/articles/hunting-private-lands-access-habitat-program>

Jessica stressed the importance to ALWAYS CHECK PERMISSION REQUIREMENTS BEFORE ACCESSING PRIVATE PROPERTY

Her contact info: 541-388-6099
jessica.s.clark@odfw.oregon.gov

The board approved the \$10,000 for the Mule Deer Fund (from the Sept meeting) but recommended that the funds be split into 2 payments, with the 2nd \$5,000 coming after we see a plan of action and how success will be measured. **Eric Brown & Bill Littlefield** made compelling arguments why we should not delay in giving the full amount.

As requested by the OHA state office, our chapter is beginning to transition to sending our newsletter via email. Please turn to page 5 for more info and how you can help.

You missed out if you weren't at the meeting! Please join us at a monthly meeting. You might learn something new, have a good time, give us some valuable input . . .



Part of fence crew:
Roger Points,
Rex Parks,
Eric Brown,
John Bambe,
Greg Petsch,
Bill Littlefield



Protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunting heritage.

Now Collecting Donations for our Mule Deer Classic Banquet (fundraiser)

Do you have a service, skill, product . . . that you would like to donate for our 2025 banquet? Or perhaps you would like to make a cash donation or sponsor one of our raffles. Now is the time to make those donations, if you want to get them in before the fast-approaching end of the year. Any of the board members can help you with your donations. Thanks for your support!

NEED GIFT IDEAS?

Gift-giving season is upon us, so here are a few ideas:

If you win the fishing trip raffle at our meeting this month, you can present the trip to a loved one (see page 9 for more details)

Know a hunter who is not yet an OHA member? Give them the gift of a membership (the gun raffle calendar option would add some excitement to the gift) Check out the OHA swag available for purchase at a monthly chapter meeting



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TREASURER'S REPORT
According to our Treasurer, John Bambe, as of October 1, 2024 the checking account balance was \$128,885

Volunteer Opportunities

Sometimes last minute volunteer opportunities arise. If you would like to be notified of such projects, please contact **Don Clark** @ 702-460-3653

If you have an interest in helping with wildlife fence maintenance please contact **Eric Brown** @ 541-647-0424

SAVE THESE DATES

Nov 22 & 23: Willow cutting & planting in Prineville & Post (for info: crtc.info/volunteer)

April 26, 2025: ORPIC family expo

May 31, 2025: Youth & Family Outdoor Day

June 27-29, 2025: All Hands, All Brands

4th Saturday in September 2025: National Public Lands Day

Stay Informed

Please go to our chapter website: oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter and find the publications link to read past issues of The Tracker.

We ran out of room to include the Tracker in this newsletter, so watch for it to also appear on that link.



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Huntin' Buddies



John Bambe with his happy Huntin' Buddy Brodie. They were hunting a wildlife refuge near Hermiston, OR.

NEW DECEMBER MEETING LOCATION
Since our December meeting is usually the most attended one of the year, we are holding it at a new location: The VFW Hall in Bend. This venue is located at 4th and Olney. The meeting will begin at 6:30, as usual, and the doors will open at 5:30. Nearby food carts will be available. It is our hope that this change in venue will make parking easier for the attendees. **PLEASE CARPOOL** if possible. After the meeting, please share your feedback with a board member. As you know, we would like to find a new location for our monthly meeting and we want to know your thoughts on this location. See you there on December 11th.

IMPORTANT:



Staying in touch with members is vital to our mission, so if you have not been receiving Email Alerts and Reports from OHA Bend Chapter once or twice a month, then please scan this QR code or go to <https://oregonhunters.org/bend-membership-update> to **input your email**, phone and mailing address. If you are unable to do this, then call 817-472-4272 where we'll take your information over the phone.

**DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL,
OR CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A PRINTED COPY IN THE MAIL?
PLEASE READ THE PARAGRAPHS BELOW CAREFULLY AND RESPOND ACCORDINGLY**

Does OHA have your email address?

To save money on the printing of newsletters, the OHA State office has been urging chapters to issue monthly newsletters via email. Approximately 20 to 25% of our chapter members have no email listed with their membership. If you already receive emails from OHA, then you will automatically receive the email version of the December newsletter *unless* you request the printed version. (Contact John Bambe to request the printed copy—see below for contact info) If you do not currently receive emails from OHA, then we do not have your email address and you will continue to receive a printed newsletter in the mail. To update your contact info, please see the directions on the bottom of page 4. For those concerned about email addresses getting in the wrong hands, per OHA policy the State office does not share your email address to third parties.

Enter to win one of three Benchmade knives

The Bend Chapter will be holding a drawing for one of three Benchmade knives for those who would like to receive their newsletter via email. No further action is required on your part if you desire an email copy of the newsletter. (IF we have your email address) For those who would like to continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, one must OPT OUT of this drawing by contacting John Bambe via email (john.bambe@gmail.com with a subject line of Newsletter) or by calling John at 541-480-9848. The drawing for these knives will take place at our November 13th Chapter meeting. Members need not be present to win. To update your contact info, please see the directions on the bottom of page 4.



Patriot Fishing
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Website: www.patriot-fishing.com
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The complex block contains the Patriot Fishing logo, which includes a red and white circular emblem with a fish and the text "Patriot Fishing Guide Service". To the right is a photograph of a fishing boat on a trailer. Below the image is contact information for Bryan Zacher, including a cell phone number, email address, website, and Facebook page name.

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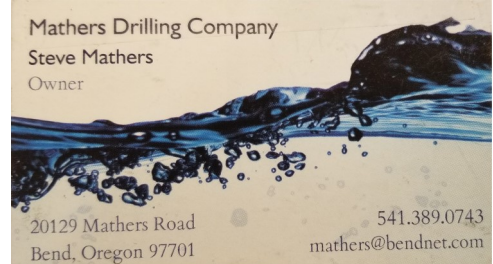
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CALENDAR

Check our website for Bend OHA event dates and more details

November 3	Daylight Saving ends
November 5	Election Day
November 9	W. Cascade & 2nd Rocky Mountain elk seasons open
November 11	Veterans Day
November 13	Monthly Chapter Meeting
November 20	*Deadline to submit items for November newsletter*
November 20	Board meeting (date change)
November 28	Thanksgiving
December 11	Monthly Chapter Meeting (Bend VFW hall)

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**FYI: Centerfire Gunworks
has moved to Redmond**

Derr Meadow Update



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Fred Newton and I (**Eric Brown**) drove over to the Ochoco USFS office this morning (Oct 11). I wanted to give **Dave Fields** a flag I recently made. Dave was a State Fire Marshall and part of his career he was out of the Bend OSP office, which is how I met him. He is just an all around nice person. Dave is also the one that smokes the cheese and drops it off at All Hands.



Eric Brown (right), presenting wooden flag to Dave Fields

I was hoping to meet up with Robbie and learn about the burn damage but he had to be up at Sunflower to meet with a contractor.

Dave was able to show us a recent video of Derr Meadow with elk running along the outside of the fence. Lots of good looking grass in the meadow and Dave thought the whole fence was intact. He said a lot of the burn was not hot. I hope to get up there sometime in November.

Thank you to everyone who contributed content for this newsletter!



It pays to attend our monthly chapter meeting:

Congratulations to **Steve Hagan** for winning the door prize at our October Meeting.
Enjoy your \$25 Cabela's gift card!

Dale A Smith of Bend drew for the October monthly membership prize (\$500 towards any outdoor/hunting item) but was not present to win.

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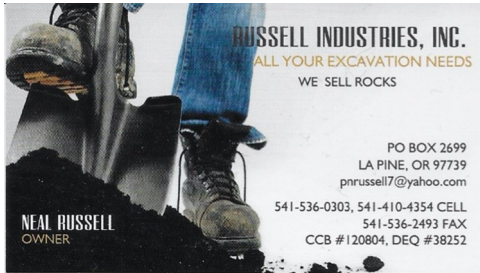
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When does your membership expire? Check out the back page for your expiration date.
Welcome to any new members!

RAFFLE: 100 tickets, \$20 each or 3 for \$50.
Drawing to be held at our Bend OHA Monthly meeting Nov 13, 2024, Big E's @ 6:30P. Need not be present to win. *Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for OSP F&W to help with poacher apprehension.*

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Winter Steelhead fishing trip for 2 people. Shaun Carpenter, 3rd generation guide on the Rogue River, will be your guide on one the coastal rivers in Curry County. You will spend your day fishing from a drift boat or a jet sled with all tackle and gear provided. Bring your valid Oregon Fishing License with Salmon/steelhead tag and wear layered clothing for a day outdoors. You may add additional people for \$250.00 per seat, up to 4 people.

This will be for December, January, February or March (2024 /2025). Book your date as soon as possible.

To purchase tickets contact:

John Bambe @ 541-480-9848 or Eric Brown @ 541-647-0424

21st Annual Youth Upland Bird Hunt

October 19, 2024



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5



#6

- #1: check in (**John Bambe** and **Barb Wilson** were inside)
- #2: **Roy Geiger's** safety review/ orientation
- #3: **Doug Stout** training & qualifying a young hunter before going out in the field
- #4: nice shot
- #5: **JR Lorimor** "rocking the baby" before planting the bird in the field (3 chukar & 2 pheasants were planted for each hunter)
- #6: the **Savage** boys after their successful hunt; their dad, **Scott**, a hunter ed instructor, assisted at the shotgun range

SUCCESS IN THE FIELD!



Jaret Lorimor with a Fall turkey that he took during a late season blacktail doe hunt



Jaret took **Haley**, a Three Rivers Archers member, out on a successful deer hunt



Kade Lorimor with this year's archery buck.

Teri Gainer:
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- \$200 Unlawful Lending/Borrowing Big Game Tag(s)
- \$200 Game Fish & Shellfish
- \$200 Game Birds or Furbearers
- \$200 Spotlighting
- \$200 Snagging/Attempt to Snag



ODFW Preference Points rewards

- 5 Points-Bighorn sheep
- 5 Points-Rocky Mountain goat
- 5 Points-Moose
- 5 Points-Wolf
- 4 Points-Elk
- 4 Points-Deer
- 4 Points-Antelope
- 4 Points-Bear
- 4 Points-Cougar



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