



OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

December 2024

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, December 11th
*** 6:30 pm ***
NEW: Bend VFW

(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!

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- ◆ The Email to which you can send your photos, articles and other items for the newsletter. Thanks for your help!

Thank you, **Eric Brown**, for the header photo. Turn to page 9 to learn why **Greg Petsch** is driving near the woods

President's Message

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

As of November 19th we had a total membership of 548. We extend a warm welcome our 7 new members. From Bend, we have; **Marcus Fahlgren, Chris McNulty, Tate Sellers** and **Matt Thompson**. New member **Stephen Nelson** is from La Pine. From Redmond we now have member **Ed Moore**. And from Sisters, please welcome **Nicole Leason Mong** to our Bend Chapter. Thank you all for joining and we hope to see you at an upcoming meeting, on a project or any of our other activities soon. Remember to check your membership expiration date that's on the address label of your Oregon Hunter magazine.

Hopefully all our members who were drawn for their big game tags were able to get out and enjoy your time on the hunts. Even if you weren't successful in filling that tag, just getting out with your family and hunting partners, doing what we all enjoy is what it's all about. A full freezer is the cherry on top.

Here we are already in December and the snow has been falling on the mountains, hopefully giving the high desert its much needed snow pack for next year. Since it's December, with that comes our annual end of the year drawing from all of our members who have been coming to our chapter meetings. That ticket that you've been writing your names on so diligently each month hoping to get drawn for our door prize, now has the chance to be drawn for the annual \$500 reimbursement towards outdoor essentials. That means if you **come to the meeting at the Bend VFW Hall location on December 11th**, you'll have a total of 3 opportunities to get drawn for a prize. The first being for the monthly door prize from the ticket you'll receive that night. The second; if your number is drawn from our membership list and you are present, you win that \$500 reimbursement. The third and final chance is from all those door prize tickets that have been kept from each of the meetings this year, including that night. We'll draw until the name of the member on the ticket drawn is present. So that person drawn will get that \$500 reimbursement.

Because of the parking situation at Big E's, we are **changing locations** for this **December 11th meeting to the Bend VFW Hall at 1503 NE 4th St**. They don't serve food there, but you can bring your own and join those of us that show up early for some social time conversation. There are food carts and the Yacht Club just down the block. Join us early and tell us what you think of this location. If we get a positive response from those who attend, we will probably be changing to that location for future meetings.

Stay safe. Hope to see you out there.
Rex E Parks Sr
Bend Chapter President
Oregon Hunters Association

UPCOMING DECEMBER MEETING INFO:

We look forward to seeing YOU at our next monthly chapter meeting on **Wednesday December 11th**. Our **NEW** meeting location will be **the VFW Hall** in Bend. Remember to arrive early so you can purchase dinner from a nearby food truck and enjoy it before the meeting. (You are welcome to bring food with you) Arriving early also gives you the chance to visit with old friends or meet some new ones. Please car-pool whenever possible since the December meeting is usually heavily attended.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Our December guest speaker will be **Bob Buddenbohn**, who will explain the matrix used to assist the board's decision on funding requests and give insight to our 2025 budget.

Your attendance is important to us and you might even win a prize. (see page 8 for last month's winners) You have 3 chances to win a prize on Dec. 11th (see Rex's president letter for more details). Bring cash in case we have a raffle. Usually we donate raffle proceeds to a charity in December.

November Meeting Recap

In case you were unable to attend our monthly meeting at Big E's on Nov 13th, here are a few highlights:

Our guest speaker was **Brett Michalski**, who has been a COCC professor for 31 years. During his enthusiastic presentation, he shared his background of growing up in a hunting/fishing family and studying wildlife management. He described some of the available courses: Forest Resources Technology, Wildlife Conservation, as well as the newest course of which he is especially passionate, Hunting in Modern Society. The course shares the role of hunting in modern society and wildlife conservation. There is an increase in the interest in hunting for food rather than just for a trophy. A goal of this course is to reach a group of kids who did not grow up with hunting, to give them knowledge so they can think critically and ask pertinent questions pertaining to hunting. This course is not designed to teach hunting but rather to foster interest in pursuing hunting and facilitate a positive experience. His enthusiasm was contagious and he left us all with the desire to take one of his courses.

Congratulations to the winners of the special drawings/raffles:

Guided fishing trip: **Casey Middaugh**
Benchmade knives (newsletter email list):

1. **Chad Van Handel**
2. **Randy Tomer**
3. **Tyler Van Meter**

JR Lorimor is looking for someone to take over the ORPIC Chair position. **Bill Littlefield** will assist him for the 2025 event at the fairgrounds, but if no one steps up to oversee this annual event, then he will have to hand over the reins to another organization

Since **Kevin Borst** was gone on his elk hunt, **Wendy** gave a brief report on the Youth Upland Bird Hunt in October. There were 28 hunters, of which about 1/2 were new attendees. We had 30 volunteers! Two hunters harvested all 5 of the birds (2 pheasants and 3 chukar were planted for each hunter before their hunt).

The membership voted to approve the \$700 request to fund the T-shirts and hoodies for the new LaPine Hawks Archery team, who will be competing on the new Oregon High School Archery League.

Thank you to **Greg Farfaglia** at the Wallow Bar and Grill in Sunriver for his \$1100 donation!

Monty Gregg, wildlife biologist, presented a fund request for the Winter Range Restoration Project. The final phase is to finish planting 29,000 bitterbrush seedlings. There is a funding deficit of \$9,000 to cover the planting contract. The membership voted to give \$3,000 now and potentially the full \$9,000 pending board approval.

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 . . .



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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! See page 5 for more details on our upcoming banquet

As requested by the OHA state office, our chapter is transitioning to sending our newsletter via email. This December issue will be mailed to only 1/4 of the usual recipients. Everyone else will receive an email with a link to retrieve the newsletter online. Thanks for your patience during this transition. If you receive a hard copy, either you requested it, or we don't have your email address. If you didn't receive the email with the link, then we don't have the correct email address for you. Please inform Wendy Borst of any problems and she will pass along the info to the correct person(s). Wenb.oha@outlook.com You can also turn to page 4 to learn how to update your info. Thanks for your help!



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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

March 8, 2025: Mule Deer Classic Banquet and Fundraiser (many volunteer opportunities available)

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

Apologies!: we misspelled their last name in our Nov. newsletter. The **Salvage** boys after their successful hunt; their dad, **Scott**, a hunter ed instructor, assisted at the shotgun range



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SUCCESS IN THE FIELD!



Congratulations to **Doug Stout** for harvesting his 20th elk in November! (Northside unit)

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 5:00.

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.



**COMING SOON:
The Bend Chapter's
Mule Deer Classic Fundraiser Banquet**

MULE DEER CLASSIC 2025

The Bend Chapter Oregon Hunters Association announces its
"33rd annual Mule Deer Classic"

The banquet/fundraiser will be held at the Bend Riverhouse
Convention Center March 8, 2025

This is the main fundraiser for the year and it enables us to fund
chapter habitat projects, scholarships, youth programs & more.

You can help make it a success with a donation or
by volunteering at the banquet!

If you have been looking to get involved in chapter activities,
this is a fun and meaningful way to contribute.

Watch your inbox and the Bend Chapter website for upcoming
details and registration form so that you can attend
this worthwhile and fun event.

If you have any questions about the banquet please contact:
Greg Petsch at. g.petsch728@gmail.com or call 541-330-6218

Or

Eric Brown at ericbrown5112@gmail.com or call 541-647-0424

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



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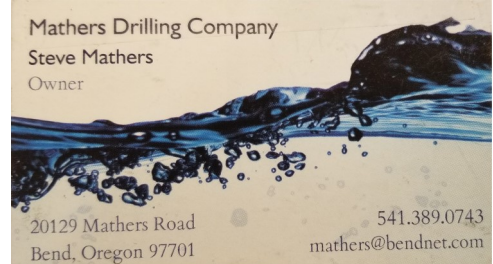
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CALENDAR

Check our website for Bend OHA event dates and more details

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| December 11 | Monthly Chapter Meeting (Bend VFW Hall) |
| December 18 | Board meeting (date change) |
| December 20 | *Deadline to submit items for January newsletter* |
| December 21 | Winter begins |
| December 25 | Merry Christmas |
| December 26 | Hanukkah begins |
| December 31 | New Year's Eve; seasons end for pheasant, cougar & Bear |
| January 1, 2025 | Happy New Year! |
| March 8 | Mule Deer Classic Banquet and Fundraiser |

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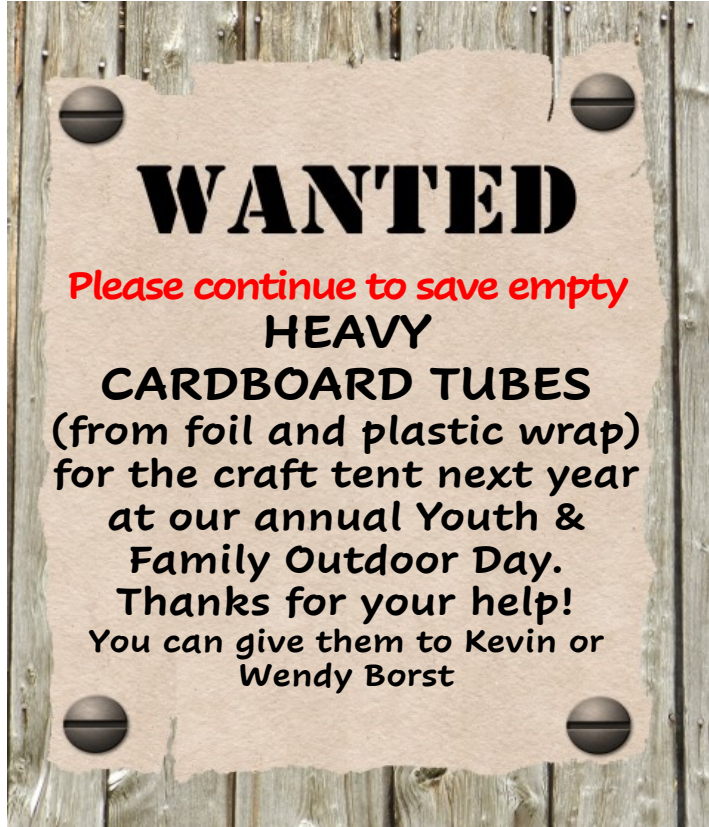
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It pays to attend our monthly chapter meeting:

Congratulations to **Bob Buddenbohn** for winning the door prize at our Nov. meeting.

Enjoy your \$25 Bi-Mart gift card!

Don Barbour of Bend drew for the November monthly membership prize (\$500 towards any outdoor/hunting item) but was not present to win.

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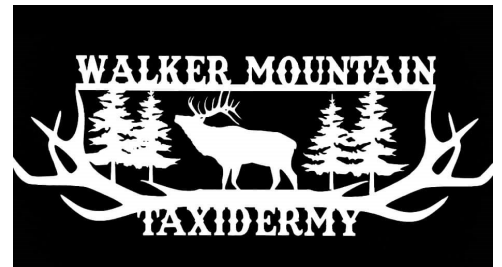
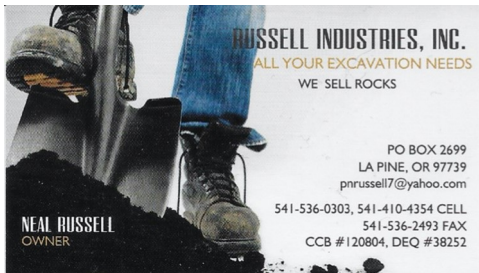
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WILDLIFE FENCE MAINTENANCE LAVA BUTTE TO VANDEVERT ROAD

November 15, 2024

Lava Butte to Vandevent was patrolled today with minor maintenance being conducted. A couple of trees were cut off the fence, top caps reconnected to the angle bracing and some brush cut on the ATV path that we use.

At the south end it was apparent since our last patrol that somebody has done some repair work. Fence wire was coming apart where two rolls had been connected together and that was repaired along with a few missing nuts and bolts in the angle bracing that were back in place.

If you would like to help with the fence patrol, contact **Eric Brown** 541-647-0424



Eric Brown putting a top cap back onto the 45 degree brace. Seems as though every inspection requires this to be done at different locations along the fence

See **Greg Petsch's** photo on front page

**Roger Points,
Rex Parks and
Don Clark**



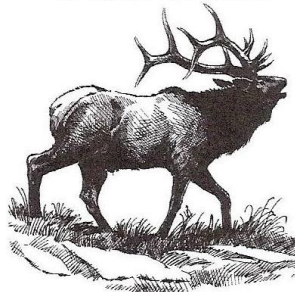
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- \$600 Bear, Cougar & Wolf
- \$300 Habitat Destruction
- \$200 Illegally obtaining Oregon hunting or angling license or tags
- \$200 Unlawful Lending/Borrowing Big Game Tag(s)
- \$200 Game Fish & Shellfish
- \$200 Game Birds or Furbearers
- \$200 Spotlighting
- \$200 Snagging/Attempt to Snag



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- 5 Points-Bighorn sheep
- 5 Points-Rocky Mountain goat
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- 4 Points-Deer
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- 4 Points-Cougar



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