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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

Sergio Beltran, Ian Cross, Owen Cross, Julie Dixon,
Weston Grimm, Brian McConnell, Ethan McGill,
Bohdan Mushkevych, Thomas Peterson,
Treston Tarkinton, Edward Topor and Ulises Zurita

Oregon youth showed up and competed in Nationals in July —

The Timber Beasts BB Gun Team out of Forest Grove went to Rogers, Arkansas and did well overall. Individually Jay-Linn Weaver placed second in standing and KC Winkler had a perfect score on the written test.

At the USA High School Clay Target League National Championships in Mason, Michigan - Oregon shooters showed that they were there to compete. Yamhill-Carlton High School Team took the top spot—Yes #1 in the Nation for this small Oregon school with big talent. Oregon City HS placed 67th and Newberg HS placed 78th in teams. Madison Gregor from Yamhill-Carlton HS placed eighth and Kiera Aplanalp from Oregon City HS placed fourth in the top ten women's individual standings. There were many ties so the tie are then broken by the last time they missed or a shoot off.

OHA is a proud supporter of the shooting teams across Oregon!



Making a Difference in Air



A Great Big THANK YOU to Kirk Nolan our very own Tualatin Valley Chapter Vice President for being our guest speaker. Kirk spoke on how to setup and configure trail cameras and his experiences using them.

Game/trail cameras are generally used for tracking wildlife in their natural habitat. They're operated by batteries, weatherproof and use infrared technology to capture images with lightning fast speed. When looking for a game camera there are many options, Kirk recommends getting one with a minimum of 12 MP (megapixels), a good lens (clear, smooth, and not easily fogged up or damaged), an SD card with a minimum of 32 GB for still pictures but 256 GB if you are capturing videos and recommends lithium batteries. He doesn't use cameras with viewers in them, he got a card reader that connects to his cell phone which he uses to view the SD card contents. Cameras without viewers tend to be slightly cheaper and are less things to go wrong. Just his preference. He also doesn't use the ones with cell service because there is no service where he is using them but they are available if it's something you want. Those can send pictures to your phone and are fairly cheap for the service. He bought a bag that he can carry all of his cameras, plus batteries, SD cards, the card reader, hooks for hanging them, flagging tape and power cube for charging devices.

For configuration of the camera, he sets the camera in picture mode to do 3 shot bursts, and you can add a delay in there or even set it to take a picture every hour if you want, depending on your needs. You can set the resolution to one down from the highest and see if that fits your needs, you will get more pictures that way. For videos set it to 30 second videos.

For first time setup in the field, Kirk recommends setting up in the morning so you can see where the sun hits. Setup the camera about chest high where it is not in the direct sunlight at sunrise or sunset. Put it on a tree that is big enough that it is not going to be swaying in the wind. Strap them down securely but so you can retrieve the SD card. Trim the bushes and trees directly in front of the camera so it isn't causing it to go off. Set it up so it's not easy to see. Walk the path you think the animals will come up on and check the camera to see what it looks like. Use OnX or GPS to mark where you setup your cameras.

For first time setup he puts a salt block down with trace mineral salt sprinkled around it and then he sprays deer cane liquid (deer attractant) from a spray bottle he brings around the vegetation by the salt block—not by the camera. Again that's only for the first time setup in that spot.

Kirk sets up the cameras 3-4 months prior to the hunt and checks his cameras once a month. Checks the batteries, changes the cards or deletes images so it frees up space, and moves the camera if there is no activity. Once you setup camp he recommends putting a camera on your camp as well.

Thanks Kirk!

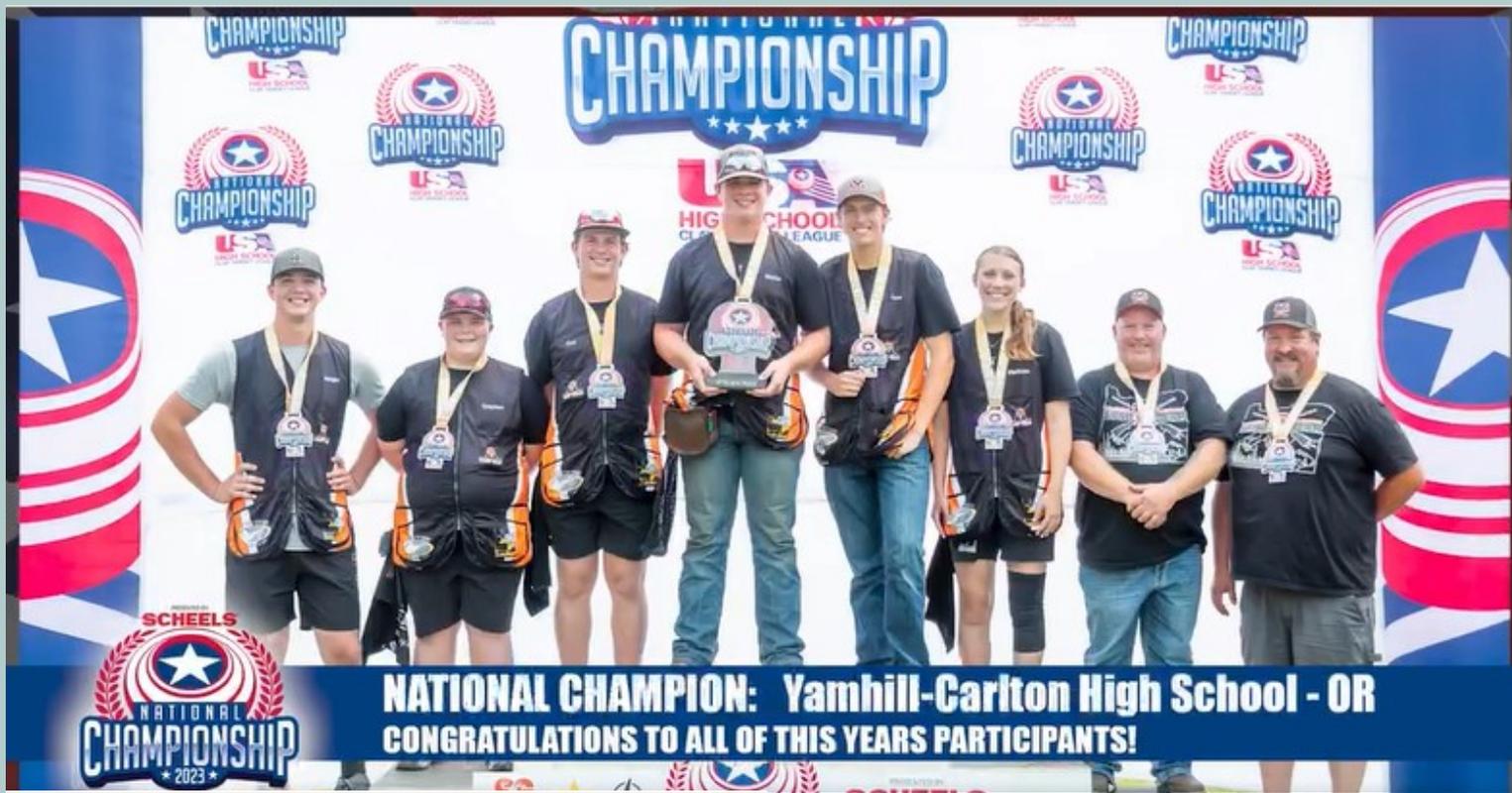


Timber Beasts



Oregon USA High School Clay Target Shooters

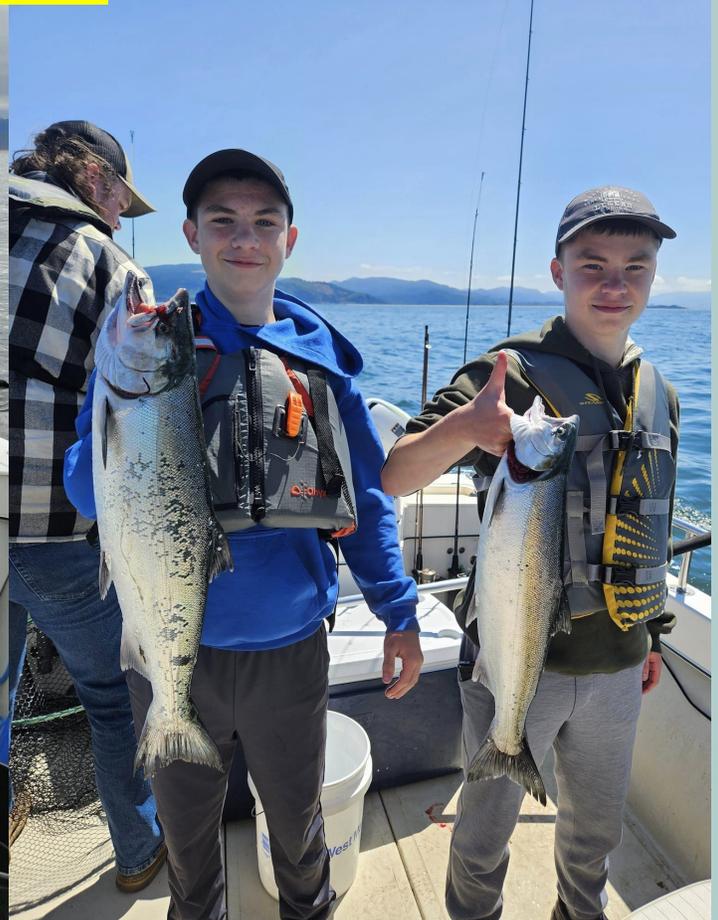
Athletes and teams representing 456 high schools from across the nation participated at the 2024 USA High School Clay Target League National Championship in July. The event featured approximately 3,000 athletes participating in team and individual qualifying events, culminating in a final championship round that awarded the top 10 men and women athletes, along with the top five high school clay target teams in the country.



Oregon students in the top 350 in the Individual Standings Final for USA High School Clay Target League

Place	Athlete	School
21	Kiera Aplanalp	Oregon City HS
49	Madison Gregor	Yamhill-Carlton HS
59	Grayson Luttrell	Yamhill-Carlton HS
97	Walter Dahme	Yamhill-Carlton HS
131	Cash Tanzey	Wallowa HS
146	Boone Sleight	Molalla HS
160	Ayden Griesenauer	Newberg HS
202	Lane Stahl	Yamhill-Carlton HS
264	Isaac Odell	Canby HS
276	Cody Huffman	Oregon City HS
291	Gus Brunner	Yamhill-Carlton HS
312	Brighton Stout	Rainier HS
334	Jaeger Ward	Yamhill-Carlton HS
338	Kellan Knifong	Wallowa HS
350	Wyatt Schliesleder	Newberg HS

Award placements with tied scores and reverse runs will be determined by a shoot-off.





Research funded by OHA will help document the ecological benefits of ungulates and early seral habitat for pollinators and other species of concern.

ODFW unveils 2025 big game rule changes

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director
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ODFW hosted public meetings in July to introduce ideas for potential changes for the 2025 big game rules for deer, elk, pronghorn, sheep, goat and bear.

Meetings were presented by district biologists and other ODFW staff from the geographic area that was being covered in the meeting. Attendance was sparse from the hunting community. Interestingly, a couple of the meetings were attended by members of protectionist groups.

Overall, little is proposed to change in terms of tag numbers in 2025. There are specific areas and units that have been adjusted due to local conditions, buck to doe ratios, or other factors. A bright spot is the proposed addition of several bighorn sheep tags and a new hunt area for Rocky Mountain goat in the central Cascades.

Tag proposals will go to the Fish and Wildlife Commission at its September meeting in the The Dalles for consideration and approval.

Plans include more bighorn sheep tags and a new goat hunt in the central Cascades.

OHA funds key research on ecological benefits of elk and early seral habitat

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator
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It is known that early seral (i.e., young generating forest) habitat is critical for deer, elk, and thousands of other wildlife species, including more than 300 listed species in the Pacific Northwest.

Unfortunately, early seral habitat is declining largely because forest practices have changed dramatically over several decades favoring late seral (i.e., old growth) forests.

OHA is working to affect how our forests are managed by amplifying the importance of reducing conifer stand density for ungulates and other wildlife. In order to achieve our objectives, non-ungulate wildlife species dependent on early seral habitat and reduced stand densities will need to be a part of the equation.

IP3 misses '24 ballot, reloads for '26

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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Initiative Petition 3, IP3, has failed to submit the necessary signatures to qualify for the 2024 general election ballot.

The initiative seeks to criminalize the killing of all animals, including mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, and reptiles, for any reason other than self-defense, which would outlaw all legal hunting, fishing, trapping, as well as raising animals for food.

OHA recently contributed \$10,000 to an Oregon State University research project in northeast Oregon quantifying benefits of thinning treatments, and elk density on pollinators and flower abundance. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation also contributed \$10,000 to this study, which spans several western states.

Initial analyses show elk herbivory is increasing flower abundance and diversity, which benefits pollinators and species of conservation concern.

Additionally, thinning treatments that open the forest canopy have led to a shift in flowering plant composition, which benefits species dependent on early seral habitat.

All wildlife species are important, and we will need all of our early seral obligate species to right the ship of forest management in Oregon.

The proponents have refiled for the 2026 ballot and received a new initiative petition number: IP28. While their campaign funds can be transferred from the old initiative to the new one, the signatures gathered under IP3 cannot be counted for IP28. They will now have two years to gather approximately 120,000 signatures before the July 2026 deadline.

OHA will continue to monitor the initiative's efforts and keep our membership informed of any developments.

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NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.



SCAN FOR TICKETS



Women of OHA slate conservation and hunting weekend

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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OHA's newest outreach program, Women of OHA, is planning a women's weekend away for both conservation work and hunting. Scheduled for Oct. 25-27 in central Oregon, the weekend will be split between a day of planting bitterbrush seedlings and a day of chukar hunting.

OHA is renting two large homes at Black Butte Resort for the weekend and will provide meals, including Friday dinner; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Saturday will be a full day of conservation work with planting bitterbrush seedlings on the Crooked River National Grasslands as part of a larger planting effort by the Ochoco National Forest. USFS will provide the seedlings and OHA will provide the planting equipment.

After the day of work, Sunday will be a chukar hunt on OHA's conservation easement adjacent to the Grasslands. OHA is purchasing 1,000 birds for a put and take hunt and will also provide several working dogs to assist the hunters.

Participants will be entered to win prizes, including a Citadel M1911 .380 pistol donated by Legacy Sports International.

The weekend is limited to 30 women and there is a registration fee of \$75. OHA membership is required for participation, so any participant who is not already a member will need to purchase a membership in addition to the registration fee.

Details will be sent out soon; scan the QR code to subscribe to the Women of OHA newsletter and receive information.

Women of OHA: why a program for women in hunting makes sense

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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OHA rolled out the Women of OHA program in 2024 to a growing audience of women in the hunting community. The program will focus on building community among women, providing skills

building courses, and prioritizing conservation efforts.

The impetus behind the program's development is a recognition that women are an important and growing demographic of our hunting heritage. In fact, according to a 2022 study by the Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports, women are the fastest-growing demographic in both hunting and sport shooting, making up 27 percent of hunters, 32 percent of sport shooters, and 37 percent of overall gun ownership.

In addition to the demographics, it's clear that women have unique hunting experiences and concerns. Creating an opportunity for women to discuss specific topics such as personal safety, hygiene, and correctly sized gear provides a much-needed outlet for women.

The program is supported by funding from the Leupold & Stevens Foundation.

The Women of OHA program aims to create a community of women who help each other learn, teach, and mentor while creating new friendships.

To subscribe to the Women of OHA newsletter, scan the QR code. For more, visit:

<https://oregonhunters.org/hunting/women-of-oha>



ODFW selects Clements as deputy director

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director
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ODFW has selected Shaun Clements as the Deputy Director for Fish and Wildlife Programs. He began in this position on July 15. In this role, Clements will oversee the fish, wildlife and habitat divisions and field offices, as well as agency's state legislative activities.

Clements fills the deputy director position that was formerly held by Debbie Colbert, who was selected to fill the agency director position in May.

Clements holds a BS and MS in biology and a PhD in Fisheries.

While Clements has spent most of his time with ODFW working on fish-related topics and issues, in 2023 he stepped into the deputy position temporarily while Colbert was on assignment at the Governor's office. OHA looks forward to working with him on all things related to wildlife and habitat in Oregon to meet both OHA's mission and that of ODFW.

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The Guest speaker is TBA

Social hour and raffle tickets at 6 pm, the speaker starts at 7 pm.



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