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## Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

Shannon McGuire & Family, Tommy Aguilar, Chris Box & Family, Patsy Cadareanu, Tim Carroll, Matt Eckard, Chris Moulin, Claude St.Firmin & Family, Doug Stenger.

**It has come to my attention that these members should've been listed in the April newsletter but did not receive a shout out;** Donald Leamon, Behrooz Bavarsad, Tiffany Bell & Family, Chris Cameron, Lana Cancilla, Bryan Case, Aaron Clough, Aaron Codino, Scott Cornett, Jade Fletchall & Family, Mike Fornshell, Ron Gaman, Brian Gamroth, Dan Gunter, Chuck Hagele & Family, Spencer Junkin, Chris Knutson, Brian Leonard, Tommy Leschorn, James Levin, Aleena Love, Colton Love, John MacDonald, Joel E Meiwes, Steven Moran, Mohinddin Munna, Steve Newport, Kimberly Olson, Eric Rasmussen & Family, Laicee Hendrickson & Skyler Courts, Cody Smith, Randall St. Marie, Roy Teft & Family, Adam Thompson, Shawn Toot, Roger Van Dyke, Bert Yamaoka & Family



Making a Difference in Air



## A Great Big THANK YOU to Tony Gilbertson, 2024 World Elk Calling Champion for being our guest speaker.

Tony is from Vernonia and has been competing for 3 years as a Pro. He discussed his techniques and example calls for cows, calves and bulls.

Tony started calling back in the early 2000's and started competing back then. He took 4th place the first year, and continued it two or three more years after that then just kind of got out of it for a while — it was expensive to travel. In 2019 he decided to pick it up again. In 2021, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation had their contest again. He entered the men's division and I won the men's division. Shortly after that win, Phelps Game Calls contacted him and wanted to know if I wanted to be on their team, that meant that he'd be in the pro division. The first year as a pro in 2022 he took 2nd place, last year they went from double elimination to single elimination in the contest and he went out the first round. He decided to step up his game with more practice and to be more prepared, and it paid off with a 1st place finish.

Tony uses what's called a 'diaphragm' elk call. It's an aluminum frame that's got a piece of latex that's stretched between it, and then it's crimped. So it's fixed in between that frame, and then it's got tape around it — it's shaped kind of like a horseshoe. You put that in your mouth and you place it up against the palate or the roof of your mouth. So that's kind of the instrument, so to speak. But to amplify that sound for bugles, you've got what's referred to as a grunt tube or a bugle tube. It basically looks very similar to a Wiffle ball bat that's been cut down — it's got a big hole in the bottom and a smaller hole that you blow into. So you use that tube to amplify bugles. If you want to make cow sounds or calf sounds, then you just use the diaphragm typically without the tube.

Tony is a hunter and has spent extensive time outdoors to hone his skills. He says elk will bugle on their own, but you have to be in the right place at the right time. So most of the time as an archery hunter, he goes out and he will bugle, typically he makes a cow or calf sound because the bulls aren't intimidated by it. Sometimes that will elicit a response from a bull because especially early in the season when they're trying to gather up a herd, that will really help get a response from a bull. If that doesn't work, then he'll make a locate bugle. It's really kind of a bull saying hi to another bull, like, 'I'm over here just so you know. Let me know if you're out there too.' Once you get a response and can pinpoint where they're at, then he doesn't make another sound until he gets in closer to the herd. Because a lot of times if you do, that bull — especially after he's got his cows — isn't really interested in fighting too much. The bull may pick up his herd and move. Tony then moves in fairly close, and may bugle or make cow sounds to try to elicit a more aggressive response from that bull because now he's a threat because he's close to his herd. Rather than picking up his cows and leaving, sometimes he'll come in and want to fight. It all depends on the bull but it should draw a response and hopefully that bull will come wanting to intimidate and you can harvest a nice bull elk.

Tony also wanted to bring attention to Outfitters 4 Hope, Outfitters for Hope is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a primary mission to serve children with life threatening illness and the children of fallen heroes. O4H provides hunting and fishing trips for youth under the age of 18 to bring hope and healing in the midst of various physical and emotional traumas. He has worked with them and said it is very rewarding. Please check them out and donate if you can.





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### **This is an excerpt from their website**

Outfitters for Hope was founded after a 13-year journey of firsthand experience outfitting hunts for children with life threatening illnesses. Through the years we have been witness to the simple fact that the need far exceeds the resources. Following much deliberation and prayer, O4H was born. Each child, each parent and their unbelievable testimonies have left a lifelong impact on all of us. As a result, the DNA of our organization has been woven with conviction, passion, and a testimony of Hope beyond one's current struggles. Our focus is on the opportunity to minister and aid in the healing process of each individual child. Through mountain highs and valley lows, we have watched the impact that these trips have on kids. We are not setting out to re-create the wheel.... just to make sure it keeps rolling in the right direction, ensuring every child has the opportunity to fulfill their dreams and keep Hope alive.

We define life-threatening illness as "Any progressive, degenerative or malignant disease or condition, resulting in a significant threat, likelihood or certainty that the child's life expectancy will not extend past his/her 19th birthday unless the course of the disease is interrupted or otherwise abated." Following application, the child's attending physician makes the determination of whether a child has a qualifying life-threatening illness.

Through our personal experience, and that of other like-minded organizations, we have seen powerful testimonies from "fallen heroes". We define fallen heroes as "Military veterans, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and EMS providers who have become disabled (acquiring permanent physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities requiring the assistance of another person or mechanical device for physical mobility) or whom have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty." Sportsmanship is a powerful heritage that weaves together countless values, which are often passed down from generation to generation. When tragedy strikes a parent, sometimes the ability to pass the torch to their children can fall by the wayside. Outfitters for Hope is here to pickup that torch and pay honor and respect to those fallen heroes. It is our aim to provide opportunities so that a family passion can be passed on and to show our gratitude for the sacrifices made by our nations heroes.

Outfitters for Hope was founded in Idaho, and as a result of our regional resources, Western style big game hunts are our specialty. We are strong supporters of public lands and spend much of our time utilizing these amazing resources. We are very fortunate to also partner with many extremely gracious private landowners. These partnerships allow access that is often only available to the children that we serve. While hunting and fishing don't carry a guarantee of success, through hard work, determination, and the faith to move mountains, our harvest rates speak for themselves. We want to place emphasis here that our measuring stick of success runs much deeper than that of simply a catch or kill. The focus is on providing a child with the individualized attention that they deserve and taking their mind off the struggles they have endured. We want them to be overwhelmed by the servant heart of our volunteers and feel valued and honored, especially in the midst of their circumstances of life. As a volunteer operated nonprofit outfitter, our courageous children will never be in competition with paying clients or take a back seat to any alternate agenda. The guarantee we do provide is that the experience is life changing for everyone involved.

If you or someone you know would be blessed by the opportunity to be served by Outfitters for Hope, please contact us. Applications can be found online and we welcome questions directed through our website, Facebook, or Instagram. If you are a non-profit organization that would like to partner with Outfitters for Hope, we would love to speak with you. As a standalone nonprofit outfitter, we have the unique opportunity to partner with other amazing organizations with similar ideals and missions thus creating a vast network of resources to exponentially extend the cause. We all seek to serve with similar hearts, and as such, it is with humility and professionalism that we're honored to join forces and cooperatively change the lives of others. Ego's, personal agendas, and prideful demands for recognition are not what we're about. We're in this for the children and the parents that have endured all too much. When we all come together and assist in sharing that burden, Faith and Hope can thrive!



**Congratulations Willie Teters on your successful pronghorn hunt!** We ended up having four Tualatin Valley board members along but all of us are OHA members. They made a plan and executed it pretty flawlessly. Willie got comfortable on a giant rock and made a single, accurate 562 yard shot to take it down. The three of them packed everything out to the rest of the party. Then it was all hands on deck to quickly get it processed.







# OHA TRACKER

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## CWD surrounds Oregon; OHA ups the ante

By Mike Totey, OHA Conservation Director

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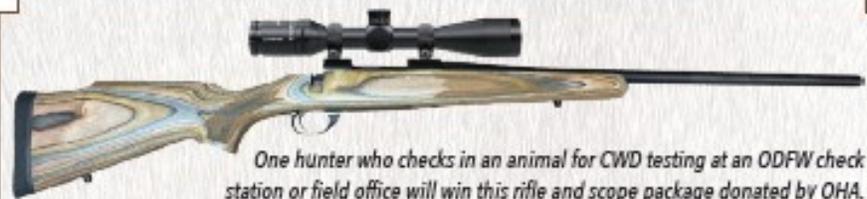
Chronic wasting disease (CWD) recently was discovered in Washington near Spokane. With the disease now confirmed in Idaho, California and Washington, it seems inevitable that this always-fatal disease will find its way to Oregon, where it could have devastating effects on our deer, elk and moose populations.

Our best hope is to do our part as hunters and conservationists. If you are hunting out of state, do not transport any of the brain or spinal cord back to Oregon with you. If you are successful in filling a tag (or hopefully two!) in Oregon, make sure you get your harvested deer or elk tested. Early detection of the disease gives wildlife managers the best chance to keep the impacts of the disease manageable, and testing harvested animals is the primary way to do this.

OHA is working hard with ODFW to ramp up testing in Oregon. OHA was instrumental in getting funding to add capacity for the field work needed with testing for CWD, and for laying the groundwork to get a testing facility started at Oregon State University.

OHA is offering an incentive to those who get their deer or elk tested. Everyone who submits their harvested animal for testing will be entered into a drawing to win a Howa 1500 .223 with a 4-12x40 scope.

For more information, check out the ODFW CWD web page at: <https://myodfw.com/CWD>



*One hunter who checks in an animal for CWD testing at an ODFW check station or field office will win this rifle and scope package donated by OHA.*

### Test your animal for CWD, get a chance to win a great gun donated by OHA

By Tyler Dungannon, OHA Conservation Coordinator

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OHA is partnering with ODFW to offer an incentive drawing for hunters who submit chronic wasting disease (CWD) samples from their harvested deer and elk this season.

For every deer or elk sample provided, hunters will receive an entry to win a Howa 1500 .223 rifle with mounted Nikko Stirling Gamepro 4-12x40mm Scope combo. A second hunter will be drawn to receive a Sig Sauer Whiskey3 4-12x40mm Quadplex scope.

OHA and ODFW are committed to reducing the spread of CWD. In the 2024 Oregon Legislative Session, OHA's two-year effort to secure legislative funding toward CWD monitoring, detection, and testing culminated in the successful allocation of \$2.7 million in state funding.

CWD has now been detected in California, Idaho and Washington.

"With chronic wasting disease detected in three bordering states, it is more imperative than ever for hunters to provide our unique contribution toward CWD detection by voluntarily submitting samples from our harvests," said OHA Policy Director Amy Patrick.

ODFW has yet to detect a case of CWD in Oregon, but increasing sampling efforts will be critical in preventing the spread of CWD in Oregon.

Hunters who submit a CWD sample from a harvested deer or elk between Aug. 1, 2024 and April 30, 2025 will be entered to win the prizes. Successful hunters will receive one entry for every legally harvested deer or elk for which they provide a CWD sample. Hunters can submit samples at CWD check stations or at any ODFW office.

Visit <https://myodfw.com/CWD> for more information.

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**How fires may  
affect hunters**

Like OHA members, ODFW is very concerned about this year's record fire season and its impacts to wildlife, habitat and fall hunting opportunities.

We know hunters may have saved their points for years to draw a tag and are now wondering if they will even get to hunt this year, about the quality of the hunt, or what happens to their points.

ODFW staff are closely watching active fires and associated closures and evaluating how they will impact hunting.

Public land managers also know the importance of hunting seasons, and both our staffs are in close communication. Often, public land closures originally scheduled to be months long and covering large areas are substantially reduced in time for hunting seasons.

ODFW's commitment to hunters is that we will make decisions about reinstating points/refunding tags as soon as we have sufficient information to do so.

For hunts within large fires that have widespread public land closures that are assured to last for the entire hunt period, we can typically evaluate and make a decision within about two weeks of opening day.

For other hunts, we may not know until after the hunting season ends.

A few things ODFW asks of hunters:

➤ Be sure you have a valid email in our licensing system, because that is how we will contact you about point reinstatement/refunds. Tell your hunting buddies, too.

➤ Understand that deciding not to hunt on your own is not grounds for having points reinstated. Neither are facing some closures to your hunt area, fire restrictions or inability to scout prior to the season.

➤ Finally, be aware that once you go hunting and start using your tag, you are ineligible for a point reinstatement.

For more, including a map of current fires within wildlife management units and spots to check for fire closures, see ODFW's hunting and fire danger page, <https://myodfw.com/articles/hunting-and-fire-danger-oregon> —ODFW

**Latest Gun Calendar  
winners announced**

OHA Gun Calendar Raffle winners are posted every Wednesday on OHA's social media, but Facebook and Instagram have been taking down the posts because they contain guns. See weekly winners on OHA's website or download our app, which you can also use to enter contests and get timely notifications.

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](http://www.oregonhunters.org/store)

🎉 July 17: **Sig Cross 6.5 CR**  
Ethan Cossitt of Prineville

🎉 July 24: **Weatherby VG 6.5 PRC**  
Phillip Disney of Medford

🎉 July 31: **Taurus Judge .45/410**  
John Shipley of Albany

🎉 Aug. 7: **Christensen Mesa .28 Nosler**  
Bruce Runia of Salem

🎉 Aug. 14: **Ruger American 6.5 CR**  
Ralph Buckingham of Salem

🎉 Aug. 21: **Henry Golden Boy 22LR**  
Austin Wilson of Longview



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The Chapter Dinner is September 17, 2024 at PrimeTime Restaurant & Sports Bar.  
The Guest speakers are new ODFW Director Debbie Colter & OHA Policy Director Amy Patrick  
Social hour and raffle tickets at 6 pm, the speaker starts at 7 pm.



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