




OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

April 2025

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, April 9th
 *** 6:00 pm ***
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, **Shane Byerly**, for the header photo. A few more photos from our annual Mule Deer Classic Banquet are on page 11.

President's Message

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

As of March 20, our total membership was at 553. With the recent banquet and gun calendar drive we've picked up 20 new members. Thanks for joining and we hope to see you at an upcoming meeting, on a project or any of our other activities. We do however have 26 late renewals this month. Remember to check your membership expiration date that's on the address label of your Oregon Hunter magazine and get that membership renewed. You don't have to wait until it expires, \$50 for the gun calendar is a great way to renew and get entered into the weekly gun drawings for 2026.

Our annual MDC banquet is in the books for another year. Looks like we may have another record year for proceeds. John should have some numbers for us at the next meeting on April 9th. We had a sell out crowd again this year with a waiting list. Remember that next year's banquet is March 14th. As soon as we get those announcements out, don't wait to get signed up or you may wait too long.

Mark your calendars for April 12th. There will be a Turkey Hunting Workshop at the Lapine Archery Park. This is an opportunity for our chapter to get out and meet with the other hunters. We're looking for members to help out at a booth that day.

Our annual Youth and Family Day is coming up on May 31st. This is another chance for our members to help out. A sign up sheet went around at the last meeting and it'll be available again at the next couple in case you've missed it and can help out. (or attend with your family)

The All Hands, All Brands project in the Ochocos is scheduled for June 27- 29. You can sign up through the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) as the lead brand NGO this year. Some of us will be arriving early to work on guzzlers and check prior project work. Link to sign up: <https://form.jotform.com/250556334004044>.

As has been stated before, your chapter is in need of a secretary to finish the current term and start the new one on July 1. Key commitment is to attend our board meetings to take notes and get sent out to the rest of the board prior to the next meeting. We also need someone to step up and take over as our outreach coordinator. This position connects with other organizations that share in our vision for wildlife, habitat and our hunting heritage. By combining our voice with other like minded ones, we have a greater audience in which to be heard.

Stay safe. Hope to see you out there.

Rex E Parks Sr

Bend Chapter President
Oregon Hunters Association

UPCOMING APRIL MEETING INFO:

We look forward to seeing YOU at our next monthly chapter meeting on **Wednesday April 9th**. Our meeting location is **the VFW Hall** in Bend. Remember to arrive early so you can purchase dinner from a nearby food truck (Midtown Yacht Club) and enjoy it before the meeting. Food is also available onsite at the VFW bar when the food truck in the parking lot is not open. (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. Doors open at 5:00pm.

START TIME is 6:00pm

GUEST SPEAKER:

Our April guest speaker will be **John Belozor**, with his presentation on coyote and cougar hunting. Your attendance is important to us and you might even win a prize. (see page 8 for last month's winners)

March Meeting Recap

In case you were unable to attend our monthly meeting at Bend VFW on March 12th, here are a few highlights:

Our guest speaker was **Andy Hamilton**, ODFW Hunter Recruitment Specialist. He reminded us of R3: recruitment, retention, reactivation. His focus is hunter recruitment, by teaching hunting skills and shooting sports. These classes and workshops are skill based and species specific. He recommends that a new hunter begins with the shotgun because that would give them the most opportunity with the longest seasons. This program is created for adults who are new to the sport, want to learn a new aspect of the sport, are trying to get back in to the sport, etc. There are also opportunities for volunteers to get involved in the program: pass on your knowledge and passion as a Shooting Sports Instructor, Adult Hunter Mentor, or Event Support Specialist. Here are some of the ODFW Hunter Recruitment Workshops:

Hunting Skills classes: Shotgun Skills, Bowhunters Skills, Rifle Skills, Glassing and Observation

How to Hunt: Turkey, Waterfowl, Upland, Introduction to Hunting in Oregon

Besides classroom time, there is the opportunity for hands-on learning, including hunting scenarios with targets and sporting clays. There is even a mentored hunting opportunity to hunt problem turkeys, as well as an early am duck hunt after the waterfowl class. Classes are posted about a month out on the ODFW website. (good luck navigating that website!)

He asked us to spread the word because not everyone knows about this incredible opportunity.

John Bambe reported that we had another sold-out, successful banquet. We may have set a new Bend Chapter record. He'll have more details for us at the April monthly meeting.

Our Youth & Family Outdoor Day will be Saturday May 31. Online registration begins April 15th and runs through Memorial Day. **Kevin Borst** passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. He'll bring it to the April meeting as well.

If you would like to nominate anyone for the Annual State Awards, please get those to **Rex** by April 16th.

High Lakes Church SALT Student Ministries has requested \$4,000 to assist with their outdoor activities program. They introduce kids to hunting and actually take them out on hunts. We are working on getting the leader and/or actual student participant to explain the program and share their experiences with us at a monthly meeting.

Have you been thinking about becoming a board member? Now's your chance! **JR & Carolyn Lori-mor** have stepped down from their board positions as of April 1st. Although we will greatly miss their dedication, skills, and support to the board, we understand the importance of dedicating their focus and time to the High School Archery League. The main focus of Carolyn's Secretary position is taking notes at meetings and producing the minutes from the board meetings. JR has been the Outreach Coordinator and also helps to schedule the speakers for the monthly membership meetings.

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 . . .

Apologies: For those of you who receive a hard copy of the newsletter, the print shop accidentally mailed the February issue again last month. Once we discovered the mistake, they resent the correct March issue.



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ALL HANDS, ALL BRANDS, FOR YOUR PUBLIC LANDS

This year's All Hands, All Brands gathering will be based out of the Deep Creek Campground in the Ochoco Mountains east of Prineville.

See QR code below to sign-up or get more info.

Or if you prefer, here is the link to sign up:

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Questions: **Chris Henry**,
NWTF State Chapter President -541-604-6209
or **Eric Brown**, 541-647-0424

IMPORTANT:

Each month, the link to the digital newsletter will arrive in your email inbox, as well as appear on our website: oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter Bob Buddenbohn sends the digital newsletter and his monthly announcements from his new email address: oha.budd@gmail.com By drastically cutting the number of newsletters that are printed and mailed, the Bend Chapter is saving about \$10,000-\$11,000 per year. 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!



Rex Parks, JR Lorimor, Carolyn Lorimor, Doug Stout at the Lorimor's last board meeting. They need to resign and focus their attention on the high school archery league. Thank you for your time on the Bend OHA Board!

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

May 31: Youth & Family Outdoor Day

June 27-29: All Hands, All Brands (QR code below)

August 2: Bowhunter warm-up/mini ORPIC

4th Saturday in September: National Public Lands Day

Oct 18: Bend Chapter Youth Upland Bird Hunt

Stay tuned: We are working on a calendar to better inform you of more volunteer opportunities. There are many activities and events each month where we can *invest our time to pass on the hunting heritage, teach skills, improve habitat, promote OHA by setting up a table at the event, lend a helping hand, etc.* Thanks in advance for your participation whenever and wherever you are able.

All Hands, All Brands
2025 Signup Link



Bend Chapter OHA Charles L Beckley Scholarship

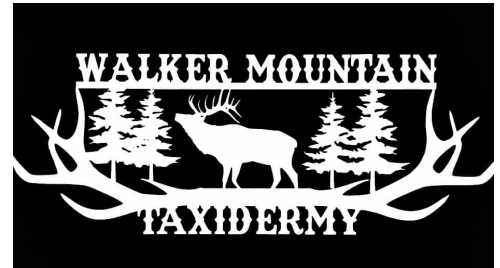
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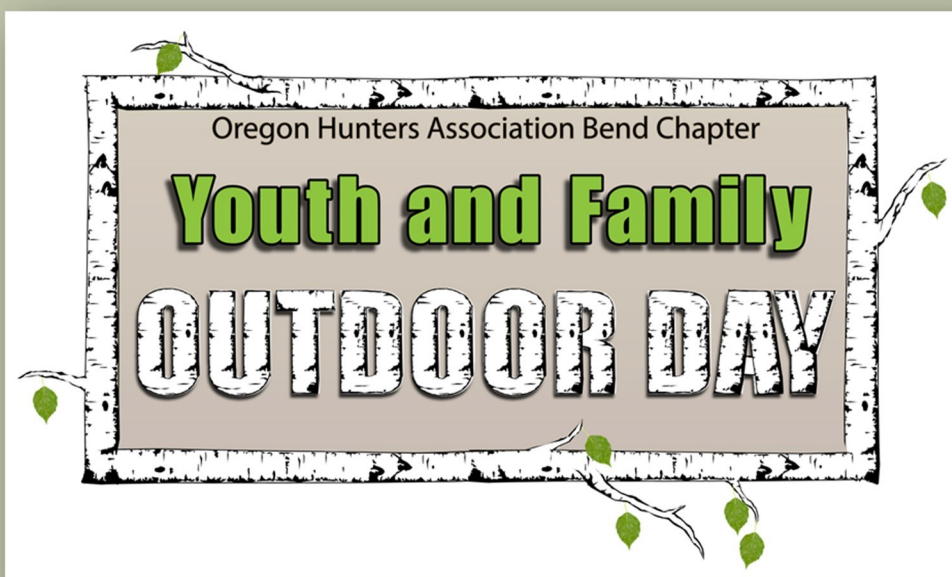
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For more info call the **Bend OHA** Youth & Family activities Coordinator:
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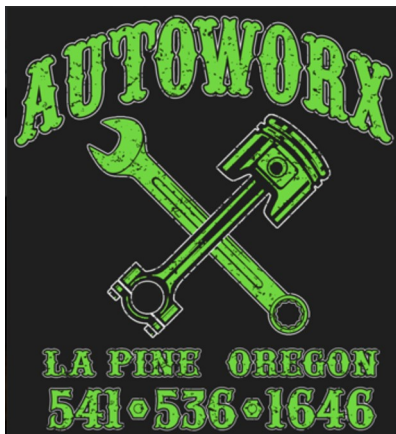
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April 1	Spring Bear season opens
April 9	Monthly Chapter Meeting
April 12 & 13	Youth turkey hunt
April 15	Turkey season opens; Online reg begins for Youth & Family Outdoor Day; Beckley Scholarship Application deadline
April 25	*Deadline to submit items for May newsletter*
May 7 (change)	Board meeting
May 14	Monthly Chapter Meeting
May 31	Youth & Family Outdoor Day

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Bend Chapter Volunteer of the Year 2024



Bill Littlefield, Bill Beckley, Eric Brown

At a past chapter monthly meeting **Bill Beckley** was voted to be our 2024 Member of the Year for the Bend Chapter. He was recognized for his multiple year commitment towards supporting the Charles Beckley scholarship which has helped numerous college scholars. Bill also took over the coordinator position for our annual banquet for 2023 and 2024. Bill was unable to attend our banquet this year and receive this recognition due to health issues he is dealing with. Recently two OHA members were honored to be able to drive to Washington and present Bill with this award. Bill was very grateful and asked a lot of questions about this year's banquet. We look forward to seeing him back in Bend.

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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It pays to attend our monthly chapter meeting:

Congratulations to **Doug Stout** for winning the door prize at our March meeting.

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Mike Morris of Bend drew for the March monthly membership prize (\$500 reimbursement towards any outdoor/hunting item) but was not present to win.



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www.oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter

If you register on that first day, you will receive free raffle tickets! If you are the first family to register, then you will receive even more raffle tickets!

ONLY \$5 per person!

Our 11th annual event will be
Saturday, May 31st

Volunteer Hours:

A new procedure to report them

In order to keep better track of the Bend Chapter's volunteer hours, Bill Littlefield created an online reporting system. By scanning the QR code or using the URL below, volunteers can easily complete the online form.



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The QR code and link are also on our chapter website:

Oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter

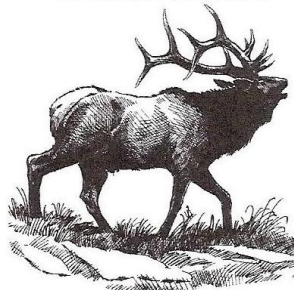
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Cole Hurt, Mountain View High School Trap Team won the 22 at the spike table



Nancy Doran won one of the shotguns in the Dave Doran Youth Hunt Raffle

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