



OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

May 2025

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, May 14th
→ * 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!

LOOK INSIDE FOR:

- ◆ Meeting recap
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- ◆ Youth & Family Outdoor Day reg
- ◆ OHA Tracker (out of room)
- ◆ Photos & More!
- ◆ The Email to which you can send your photos, articles and other items for the newsletter. Thanks for your help!

Thank you, **Roger Points**, for
the header photo.

New member,

Roger Heegard, clearing a
tree top from the access path.

Turn to page 7 for
more details.

President's Message

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

As of April 18th our total membership was 549. We extend a warm welcome to the 12 new members that have joined our chapter. Thanks for joining and we hope to see you soon at an upcoming meeting, on a project or any of our other activities. Unfortunately, those new members don't make up for the members who haven't renewed as of April. That total of 37 members that hadn't yet renewed is the largest in memory. You can find your membership expiration date on the address label of your Oregon Hunter magazine. If you're not sure about your expiration date, you can contact me by phone or text (preferred) or **Bob Buddenbohn**, and we can get that information for you. All we need is your name to look up that date.

It's with a heavy heart that I sit at this keyboard today to write my monthly message to our members. Many of you know our long time Life Member **Bill Beckley**. I found out this morning that Bill has succumbed to the cancer that he has been battling for quite some time. Bill had taken on the position of our chapter's Banquet Coordinator a few years ago. With his health declining, he wasn't able to be as involved this past banquet season as he had been. He was one of our great members who made the annual request rounds to his usual donors and making personal donations as well. Bill was able to get out to our habitat projects when time allowed him. Going so far as to sleep in his vehicle overnight to be sure he was there on time for the morning safety briefing. This year, as you all know, Bill was chosen as Bend Chapter's Member of the Year. His name has also been put forward as a nominee to the state OHA for one of the annual Special Awards. The following is what was sent as our chapter's nomination for that 2025 Special Award:

Bill is the son of one of our Charter Members, for whom he, in partnership with the Bend Chapter, helped establish the Charles Beckley Scholarship Raffle, which has been in existence since 2004. This raffle and its proceeds through the annual scholarship fund, assists young men and women in reaching their educational goals. Bill is a long time Life Member of the OHA, so long in fact that his membership number has only 4 digits. Bill's long standing relationships in the local community have given him the opportunity and connections to reach out to multiple businesses for their continued support to our chapter's annual banquet and fundraiser. This, along with his personal donations and his recent taking on as our banquet chair has helped our chapter maintain its excellence in keeping the Bend Chapter's Banquet as one of the highest netting in the state.

Stay safe. Hope to see you out there.

Rex E Parks Sr

Bend Chapter President
Oregon Hunters Association

Bill Beckley, will be missed.

UPCOMING MAY MEETING INFO:

We look forward to seeing YOU at our next monthly chapter meeting on **Wednesday May 14th**. 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 **Holly Higgins** from Burns, a birddog trainer, guide & hunter. She'll inform us about the concern of the overuse of water sources by feral horses in the Sheepshead Mountains and we'll discuss solutions. Also, this year's budget will be presented

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

April Meeting Recap

In case you were unable to attend our monthly meeting at Bend VFW on April 9th, here are a few highlights:

Our scheduled speaker, **Jon Belozor**, got called out on a problem cougar hunt and did not make it back in time for our meeting.

The Bend Chapter treasurer, **John Bambe**, announced that we had initially surpassed our previous banquet record by \$300. Then some more bills arrived, so now we're \$75 over our previous record.

Our chapter has formed a budget committee. Now that we know the available funds, the group will create our budget for this year and present it at the May meeting.

On May 31st, the 11th annual **Youth & Family Outdoor Day** will once again be held at the Cyrus Ranch near Sisters. (thanks to the generous owners Keith & Connie Cyrus for allowing us to use their property!) **Online registration is required**. It began on April 15th and will run through Memorial Day. Turn to page 5 for the flyer and the QR code, or go to our website to register: oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter We look forward to seeing your family there! If you want to volunteer at the event, you can sign-up at the May meeting or call **Kevin Borst** 541-480-7323.

The billboard near LaPine will not be renewed. ODFW has pulled out and decided not to partner with us for a second year. It was determined that funding the whole billboard would not fit into our budget.

We voted and passed these additions to our chapter's bylaws: a quorum is 50% of the board members and at least 2 of the officers would need to be present. If the issue is time sensitive, then an email vote is allowed.

Former youth board secretary, **Carlie Holm** will fill in as interim secretary (thank you!) She won't be able to fulfill a complete 2 year term because she'll be going back to school. If you have been thinking about becoming more involved and joining our board, now's your chance! The Outreach Coordinator and Banquet Coordinator positions are also available.

A second storage unit has finally become available so the supplies for projects and youth events can be moved to the new unit. Now the banquet supplies can be better organized in the original unit. It was getting too crowded.

John Bambe reminded us that the 2026 gun raffle calendars are available to buy or sell. This purchase includes an OHA membership and 52 chances to win a gun (1 per week). So, if you need to renew your membership or you know someone who needs to join/renew, contact John Bambe 541-480-9848.

Bill Littlefield recommended a series of videos that he discovered on YouTube: Gritty Films offers good hunting videos.

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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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:

<https://form.jotform.com/250556334004044>

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 inspecting the wire of wildlife fence in April. See page 7 for more details

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



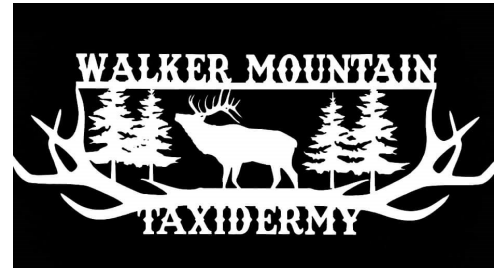
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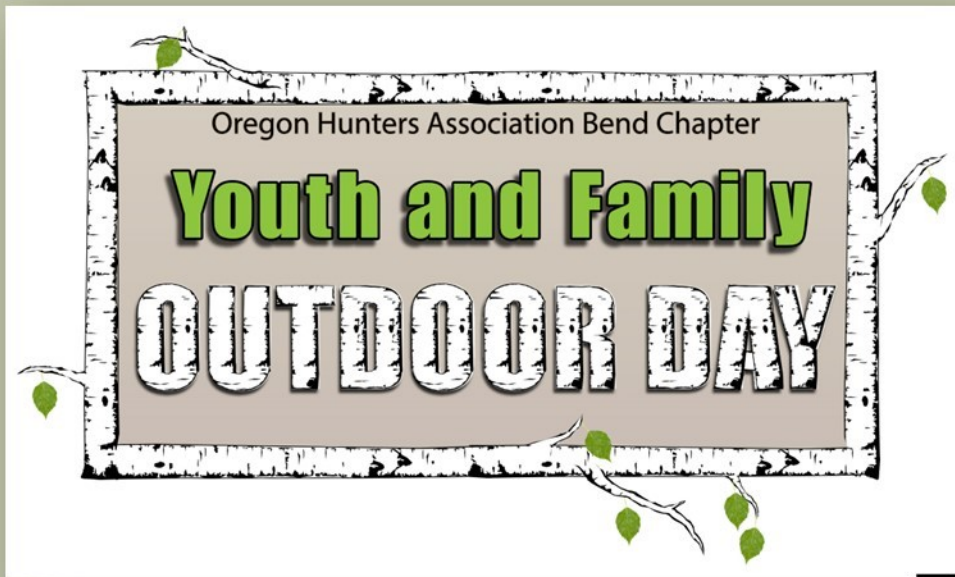
IMPORTANT:



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.

Join us at
the Cyrus Ranch
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for our **11th** annual

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May 31, 2025



Pre-Registration required:

online April 15 thru Memorial Day: www.oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter

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- ♦ Prizes and MORE!

For more info call the **Bend OHA Youth & Family activities Coordinator:**
Kevin Borst 541-480-7323

OHA Bend Chapter Officers

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 At-Large (Media) **Bob Buddenbohn** (817) 470-7018
 At-Large (Youth Events) **Kevin Borst** (541) 480-7323
 At Large (Outreach Coord.) **position available**
 Project Coordinator **Don Clark** (702) 460-3653
 Volunteer hrs. manager **Don Clark, Bill Littlefield**
 Banquet Chair **position available**
 Assistants to banquet coordinator: positions available
 Past President resigned

Website:

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CALENDAR

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May 7 (change)	Board meeting (postponed from April)
May 11	Happy Mother's Day
May 14	Monthly Chapter Meeting
May 15	Application deadline for controlled hunts
May 25	*Deadline to submit items for June newsletter*
May 26	online reg. ends for Youth & family Outdoor Day; Memorial Day
May 28	Board meeting
May 31	Youth & Family Outdoor Day
June 11	Monthly Chapter Meeting

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Lava Butte to Vandevent was patrolled today with minor maintenance being conducted. Four trees were cut off the fence, top caps re-connected to the angle bracing, and storm debris removed from the fence and the ATV path that we use. Bend Chapter members who volunteered that day: **Bill Littlefield, Don Clark, Greg Petsch, Rex Parks, Roger Heegard, Roger Points** Thank you to **Roger Points** for the update and photos (more photos on front cover & pg 3)

Below: **Roger Points** using the new pole saw donated by Lowe's in Bend
Right: **Greg Petsch** removing a tree from the fence



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It pays to attend our monthly chapter meeting:

Congratulations to **Bowen Newton** for winning the door prize at our April meeting.

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Dean & Lynnette Halverson of Bend drew for the April monthly membership prize (\$500 reimbursement towards any outdoor/hunting item) but was not present to win.



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Saturday, May 31st**

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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.



<https://forms.gle/Bghi5dBzor8t8Cbj8>

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

Oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter

The details have been printed on business cards so you can pick up one at the project/event and easily report your volunteer hours on your phone, tablet, or computer.

Thanks for your help!



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Left: archery hunter **Jaret Lorimor** with one of his turkeys (yes, he harvested both of his birds this season)

Right: Jaret also called in 2 birds for his friend **Brayden**, who harvested both of his turkeys with a bow as well



Below, **Kevin Borst**



Above: **Doug Stout** with his first turkey. Now he's "hooked"



John Bambe with his Spring turkey

Right: **Dustin Schneider & Ryann Van der Zweip**
Photo by her dad **Brook Van der Zweip**
Turkeys harvested by Ryann & Brook



**Thank you
to everyone
who contributed
content
for this
newsletter!**

MORE SUCCESS IN THE FIELD!

Tim McClurg shared his experience on opening day: I had spectacular luck turkey hunting in the Ochocos Apr 15. The 1st minute of the 1st day of turkey season, my buddy called 2 Toms within 120 yds of camp. I snuck out 80 yds and harvested tail end Charlie; hammered with a Stoeger 3 1/2" 12ga. **Judy** (Tim's wife) watched the whole thing with disbelief as it unfolded. The rest of sunrise and full moon topped it all off when said & done. I have never taken any game on opening day til now!



After the “long” trek
back to camp

The OHA State Office asked chapters to share this with their membership:

OHA PRINCIPLES OF FAIR CHASE

Fair Chase, as defined by the Boone and Crockett Club, and adopted and added to here by the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA), is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals.

The Fair Chase Hunter:

- Knows and obeys the law, and insists others do as well
- Understands that it is not only about just what is legal, but also what is honorable and ethical
- Defines "unfair advantage" as when the game does not have a reasonable chance of escape
- Cares about and respects all wildlife and the ecosystems that support them, which includes making full use of game animals taken
- Measures success not in the quantity of game taken, but by the quality of the chase
- Embraces the "no guarantees" nature of hunting
- Uses technology in a way that does not diminish the importance of developing skills as a hunter or reduces hunting to just shooting
- Knows his or her limitations, and stretches the stalk not the shot
- Takes pride in the decisions he or she makes in the field and takes full responsibility for his or her actions
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