



OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

June 2025

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, June 11th
→ * 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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- ◆ OHA Tracker (no room this mo.)
- ◆ Photos & More!
- ◆ The Email to which you can send your photos, articles and other items for the newsletter. Thanks for your help!

Thank you, **Brooke Snavelly**, for the header photo: lunchtime at the Bend Chapter's annual Youth & Family Outdoor Day. Turn to page 10 for more details and a few more of his photos.

President's Message

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

As of May 19th our total membership was at 519. We didn't have any new members join us since last month, but we do have 38 members that missed their renewal date. Again, remember to check your membership expiration date that's on the address label of your Oregon Hunter magazine.

Thanks to 1st Vice- President **Doug Stout**, Project Manager **Don Clark**, and 2nd Member at Large **Kevin Borst** for agreeing to continue their respective board positions. A Special Thank You to Carlie Holm, who agreed to fill in for the Secretary position and will continue for the next year until she goes off to college in 2026.

Here it is the end of May already. Hope all our members got their prospective controlled hunt applications in before the deadline. We'll be hearing those results in a couple of weeks. Good luck on your draws.

We've had a decent amount of moisture this Winter and Spring so far. That means a lot of green up and large amounts of vegetative growth. Keep that in mind as you get out to do your scouting or other outdoor activities this summer. We could be in for another hot fire season. Be mindful of where you park your rigs and the tall grasses and brush as you drive through. We don't want anyone being the cause of losing more of our hunting areas due to a wildfire that could have been prevented.

By the time you receive this newsletter our annual Youth and Family Day on the Cyrus Ranch will have already taken place. Hopefully you and your families took the opportunity to get out there and enjoy all the great activities like the fly casting, shotgun or archery or maybe even built a bird box or two.

Remember, the All Hands, All Brands for Your Public Lands is coming up on June 27th to the 29th in the Ochocos. You'll find the information to get signed up if you haven't already included in this newsletter. After the fire that went through the Ochocos last year, we have several guzzlers that will be needing worked on. As usual, there will be several of our chapter members out early to get this started. Contact **Eric Brown** or **Don Clark** for more info.

Stay safe. Hope to see you out there.

Rex E Parks Sr
Bend Chapter President
Oregon Hunters Association

UPCOMING JUNE MEETING INFO:

We look forward to seeing YOU at our next monthly chapter meeting on **Wednesday June 11th**. 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 June guest speaker will be **Mikayla Bivona** from ODFW sharing info on wildlife and human conflicts

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

May Meeting Recap

In case you were unable to attend our monthly meeting at Bend VFW on May 14th, here are a few highlights:

Our guest speaker, **Holly Higgins**, is a Wildlife Biologist for the Andrews/Steens Resource Area of the Burns BLM. She informed us that in the Sheepshead Mountains area, there are 22 water sources (including springs, seasonal streams, seeps, and range developments for cattle) of which only 6 are reliable. The wild horses are aggressively protecting those water sources. The plan is to install guzzlers to benefit the Big Horn Sheep (especially the ewes and lambs). Up to 10 guzzlers have been authorized at sites in and adjacent to the Sheepsheads and Tule Rim area, with 1 being installed this year and 2-3 in each of the next few years. Helicopters will be used to help with the installation. 3,000 gallon tanks will be installed at the bottom and smaller 300-500 gallon ones will be installed on top. They will be looking for volunteers to help with this ongoing project. We will let you know when more details are available in case you would like to become involved with this project. For more details on the guzzler project, go to: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2032490/510>

Bob Buddenbohn introduced us to the new annual budget. Our fiscal year is May 1 thru April 30. After the banquet, we know what funds we have to work with for the upcoming year. For our discretionary funds/grants/sponsorships, we have 4 categories: hunter recruitment/skills (40%), shooting & outdoor sports (35%), habitat grants (BMEI, Mule Deer Fund) 20%, other 5%. The % are the approximate percentages of available funds allotted to each category, as determined by the budget committee.

With the passing of Bill Beckley, we decided to re-name the Charles Beckley Scholarship to The Beckley Family Scholarship.

The Bend Chapter awarded 5 scholarships this year for The Charles Beckley Scholarship, with a total of \$6250. Congratulations to the students!

3 of the board positions up for election this year have all agreed to run again. Carlie Holm is the interim Secretary and will stay on for the 1st of the 2 years in the new term. We took a vote to close all nominations (there were no new ones) and voted to reinstate the board members (**Doug Stout, Carlie Holm, Don Clark, Kevin Borst**). Remember that the Banquet Chair and Outreach Coordinator are available.

August 2nd is a 3D archery shoot and mini ORPIC in LaPine. We will have a booth/table. The logistics are being worked out as to how much room we will actually have. If you are interested in helping that day, contact **Don Clark**, our project coordinator.

Our Youth & Family Outdoor Day as well as the High School 3D Archery State Championship are both on May 31st. See pages 10 & 11 for some results and photos.

Bend 2 Suttle Lake (B2S) Phase 2 is complete. Application for Federal assistance is being made.

Three Rivers Archers has requested \$4200 for 30% of the cost of new 3D targets. ODFW is covering the other 70%.

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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and hunting heritage.*

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

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



Presenting our donation check to SALT, the youth outdoor/hunting program at the High Lakes Christian Church in LaPine. We will learn more about this program at our July meeting.

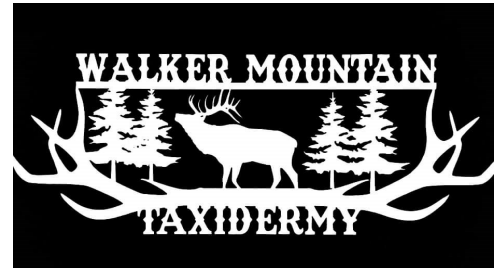


IMPORTANT:

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!



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Spread the word: have the kids in your life complete a Hunter Education class this Summer so they can attend our Youth Upland Bird Hunt in October. Check out the ODFW website for details about the online course and upcoming field days. Below is info on the field day offered after the All Hands All Brands project weekend:

ODFW Hunter Education Field Day

When: June 29, 2025, 10:00am to 5:00pm

Location: USFS Ochoco National Forest decommissioned Rager Ranger Station site, 7803 Southeast Beaver Creek Rd., Paulina, Oregon 97751

This is a relatively remote location approximately 70 miles east of Prineville, Oregon. Cell coverage and services are limited. Campgrounds and dispersed camp sites are available in the vicinity. Attendees should plan accordingly. Map available on request.

Prior to Attendance: A certificate of completion for an approved ODFW online hunter education course is required prior to the field day. Certificate must be presented at the class.

Cost: \$10 per student paid when registering.

More Information and Registration: <https://vem.myodfw.com>

Contact Person: Gordon Brown, 541-207-6793,
dirtcampers@msn.com

The registration for our 22nd annual Youth Upland Bird Hunt begins the day after Labor Day at the Bend ODFW office. It is only \$10 and includes sporting clays before the hunt, 5 birds per hunter, a guide and dog, along with lunch! Hunter Ed cards are required. We look forward to seeing you and your youth hunter at our Youth Upland Bird Hunt on October 18th. Contact Kevin Borst for more details on this popular event 541.480.7323

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CALENDAR

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June 4 (change)	Board meeting (postponed from May)
June 11	Monthly Chapter Meeting
June 15	Happy Father's Day
June 25	*Deadline to submit items for July newsletter*
June 27-29	All Hands, All Brands (some people will arrive earlier)
July 4	Happy Independence Day
July 9	Monthly Chapter Meeting
July 19	Bill Beckley Memorial at Bend Golf Club 2:00 pm
Sept 2	Youth Hunt reg at Bend ODFW office begins
Sept 13 & 14, 20 & 21	Sight-in clinics at COSSA

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SUCCESS IN THE FIELD!

Not to be outdone by the teens and adults of the Bend Chapter, young hunters were also successful during turkey season. The **Salvage** brothers happily display their successful harvests. Thanks to proud dad, **Scott**, for submitting these photos.



Jacob Salvage, 11 yrs



**Nicholas Salvage, 10 yrs,
with his first tom**

Turn to page 9
for another
turkey photo



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It pays to attend our monthly chapter meeting:

Congratulations to **Carlie Holm** for winning the door prize at our May meeting.

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Jeff Williams of Sisters drew for the May monthly membership prize (\$500 reimbursement towards any outdoor/hunting item) but was not present to win.



Please help us to personalize this informative newsletter:

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Welcome to any new members!

MORE SUCCESS IN THE FIELD!

Roy Geiger with one of his
toms harvested this season



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:

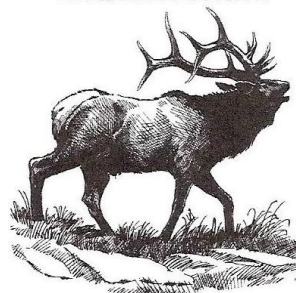
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The details have been printed on business cards so you can pick up one at the project/event and easily report your volunteer hours on your phone, tablet, or computer.

Thanks for your help!



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ANOTHER YOUTH AND FAMILY OUTDOOR DAY IS “IN THE BOOKS”

The Bend Chapter’s 11th annual Youth & Family Outdoor Day was held at the **Cyrus Ranch** near Sisters on Saturday, May 31st. We had beautiful, sunny weather, yet when the wind picked up, it added a bit of excitement to the day. There were about 130 attendees and over 50 volunteers, including a dozen cadets helping us from the OYCP. **Brooke Snavelly** from Central Oregon Daily (KOHD) came to cover our event. The photos are ones that he pulled from his video. Thank you! We offered 20 stations to keep the families busy all day.



Terri Jackson with Leave No Trace, demonstrating how not to leave your campsite



2 cadets helping at the Backyard Bass station, watch a participant trying to snatch a fish



Bend Chapter Secretary **Carlie Holm** (also with 3 Rivers Archers), instructing a youngster at the archery station.



Rod Adams offered a tomahawk throw at the mountain man station



Steve Waldhalm drives in from Arizona each year, just in time to help the kids construct birdboxes (thanks to **Mike’s Fence Center** for the lumber)

Thank you to the **Cyrus family** for allowing us to use their property again this year!

**Congratulations to the LaPine Hawks Archery Team
for completing their first ever
Oregon High School 3D Archery Season!
Thank you to JR & Carolyn Lorimor for being instrumental
in getting this sport introduced to the
Oregon high schools.
Below are their results from the State Finals held
at the Archery Park in LaPine on May 31st:**



The LaPine Hawks took
2nd Place Team



Jaret Lorimor took State Champion
in the Modern Bowhunter Division



Jaret Lorimor received the
ODFW Hunter of the Year Award



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\$200 Game Fish & Shellfish
\$200 Game Birds or Furbearers
\$200 Spotlighting
\$200 Snagging/Attempt to Snag



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5 Points-Bighorn sheep
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5 Points-Wolf
4 Points-Elk
4 Points-Deer
4 Points-Antelope
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