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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members Rusty Bigham, Gary Hundahl, and Jason Watson & Family

Our Oregon State High School Clay Target League has some local success for the fall season— Congratulations Shooters! For the 2024 Fall Trap Season Average—Madison Gregor of Yamhill-Carlton HS took 1st, Gus Brunner of Yamhill-Carlton HS took 3rd, Brayden Hamel of Banks HS took 5th, and Jaeger Ward of Yamhill-Carlton HS took 8th.

Then in the conference break down with male/female shooters these are the results for local High Schools (HS);

Class 1A Conference 1 Female—Sienna Stewart placed 1st, Bellatrix Harvey placed 5th and Mackenzie Hansen placed 6th—these are all shooters from Aloha HS.

Class 1A Conference 3 Female—Madison Gregor placed 1st from Yamhill-Carlton HS and Evie Kirkpatrick placed 3rd from Oregon City HS.

Class 1A Conference 3 Male—Gus Brunner placed 1st, Jaeger Ward placed 2nd, Walter Dahme placed 5th, Jackson Chytka and Mason Lemen placed 6th and Grayson Luttrell placed 10th all from Yamhill-Carlton HS. Then from Oregon City HS Cameron Eidam placed 9th and Thatcher Waage also placed 10th.

Class 1A Conference 5 Female—McKenna Word placed 5th and Kinsley Hamel placed 9th both are from Banks HS.

Class 1A Conference 5 Male—Brayden Hamel placed 2nd, and Bo Hicks placed 9th both from Banks HS.



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OHA Tualatin Valley Chapter President, Tony Kind

December 13, 1971 — January 7, 2025



Tony Kind, OHA Tualatin Valley Chapter President, passed on January 7th, 2025. Surrounded by family as he took his final breaths, Tony succumbed to pancreatic cancer he learned of only 4 months prior. Always the warrior, he fought hard with chemo treatments, but the progression of this very aggressive cancer was much too rapid. Through it all he managed to keep his sense of humor and positive outlook that we all loved so much.

Tony just plain loved hunting. From birds to antelope, deer and elk, if he wasn't hunting for his own then he would go and support his family and

friends on their hunts. The love and respect he had for the animals he hunted drove him to improve their habitats through guzzler installations, site clean ups, invasive plant removals and countless other conservation projects as well as taking others out hunting to educate and mentor them. He loved being outdoors, camping, fishing, crabbing, driving in the woods, changing flat tires in the woods, working on the family property, and of course feeding the elk to admire them up close. Always one to help with anything his family or friends needed, everyone knew they could call on him for anything from advice to lending a hand and he would show up. This is how Tony was raised, how he lived and how his family lives, family and friends always come first. It was those values that made him an excellent OHA board member. For the last ten years he has served as a director, vice president then president of the Tualatin Valley Chapter. He was instrumental in growing the chapter and helping to make it thrive. His passion attracted others with the same values and work ethic to serve on the board. He has really made it a family affair and you can see many of his family members helping out at the events and chapter dinners. Wife Shelley, son Mark and his wife Natalie, daughter Kristina and husband Bo along with daughters Isla and Maxine. Tony would often bounce ideas off of brother Corey. Corey's wife Melody is serving on the board and you see both of their kids, Keny & Joe helping out at the events. His niece Cassie and cousin Nicole also volunteer, and you see many family and friends in attendance or volunteering. Tony has left a wonderful and lasting legacy that will live on in our hearts forever.

Oregon Hunter's Association Tualatin Valley Chapter's Annual Fundraiser is Saturday, March 29th, 2025

Conference Room at Wingspan Event Center (Washington County Fair Complex)

801 NE 34th Avenue, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Doors open at 4:30, dinner at 6



Join us for raffles, auctions, games,
and drawings. Our wall of dreams
includes firearms, optics, and gear.

We also have a youth wall for
youth 17 and under.

This is our annual fundraiser to
support OHA's mission, "Protecting
Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunting
heritage."



We're using a software for registration. You will be asked for your credit card when you come in the door. It is tied to a bidder number which will log all the purchases to that number. It assigns one bidder number per couple however if you would like individual bidder numbers, please specify: Y or N on the form where indicated.

To purchase your tickets, fill out both sections of this form and mail to:

OHA Tualatin Valley Chapter, 33 S 18th Ct, Cornelius OR 97113

or scan it and email it to TVCOHA@Outlook.com or call Mel Kind at

503-502-0611 you can call with the credit card number or check number.

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Credit Card# _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVC# _____

Card Holder Name: _____ Signature: _____

Total Amount Enclosed/Authorized: \$ _____

Notice—The processing fee charged for a Credit/Debit card is minimal but the fee is higher for a Credit Card

(All credit card information will be held strictly confidential)

**** NOTE—You will receive your pre-paid ticket packages at the door ****

If you have questions or comments contact:

Melody Kind—503-502-0611 Or Email: TVCOHA@OUTLOOK.COM

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All Adult Attendees are required to be OHA members as of 2024. So, you must add \$35 membership fee for any attendee 18 years or older that are not OHA members.

Individual membership is \$35.00 Family Membership is \$45.00 (For 2 Adult Partners plus kids under 18)

of Individual Memberships _____ # of Family Memberships _____ Total Membership Fee = \$ _____

1. Youth Dinner Packages: Ages—6 to 17 = \$25.00 1—Youth Dinner Ticket — (Must be accompanied by an adult.)

No. of Youth Packages x \$25.00 = \$ _____ Ages: _____

AGES—5 and under are free — Please let us know their Ages:

2. Reserve a Table Package: \$1500 — for 8 people Limit of 20 Reserved Tables Includes the following:

8—Dinner Tickets 16—Drink Tickets 8—\$100 worth of Raffle Tickets 1—Rifle Winner per Table

No. of Table Packages X \$1500.00 = \$ _____

3. Dinner Only: \$100.00

Includes the following:

1—Dinner Ticket 1—Drink Ticket

No. of Tickets X \$100.00 = \$ _____

4. Adult Dinner Package: \$145.00

Includes the following:

1—Dinner Ticket 2—Drink Tickets

\$50.00 worth of Raffle Tickets

No. of Tickets X \$145.00 = \$ _____

5. 2 Adults Dinner Package: \$225.00—for 2 people

Includes the following: 2—Dinner Tickets 4—Drink Tickets 2—\$50.00 worth of Raffle Tickets

No. of Tickets X \$225.00 = \$ _____

6. Wall of Dreams Raffle: \$100.00 1 – Wall of Dreams ticket. No. of Tickets X \$100.00 = \$ _____

Chance to win an item of your choice from the Wall of Dreams. (1 ticket drawn for every 12 Wall of Dreams tickets sold)

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

A Big Thank You to Brandon Harper for being this months guest speaker.

Brandon is one of three training and development specialists with a focus on hunter/angler recruitment and R3. Brandon is a U.S. Marine, did 8 1/2 years in and veteran who after getting out of the military worked as a private contractor for the DOD and taught counter IED for a few years and traveled a lot. He got on at ODFW teaching hunter education and the basics, then outdoor skills, added mentored hunts they have kept adding new skills. They have a five person team and he has worked with ODFW for eight years now. They rely heavily on volunteers.

Brandon says that these classes are for anyone 18 and older—they have hunting skills classes that include shotgun skills (1 day), bowhunters skills (2 day), glassing and observing and they are adding rifle skills in summer of 2025. They have learn to hunt workshops—how to hunt turkey, waterfowl, upland birds and an introduction to hunting. These are generally a mentored hunt, one on one opportunity with everything you need supplied and it goes over everything from how to setup, what to wear, when and where to shoot and how to process.

The shotgun skills class is the one that the majority of people take and they provide everything that you need like guns, ammo and such. You can bring your own but it must pass the safety test and you must bring your own ammo with for it.

Many classes are \$20 and are held right before the season.

To find the classes and workshops go to the MYODFW.COM site then click on the top right hand corner Workshops & Events tab. If the class shows up then there are seats available.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Brandon. They have a train the trainer course or just come check it out.

Through networking Brand found organizations like Project Healing Waters, Wounded Warrior Project, Warfighter Outfitters and The Fallen Outdoors – which helps veterans connect with other veterans while picking up new skills related to hunting and fishing.

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Congrats to our members successes. Top Left is Joyce, Lee and Allen Hays, Top right is Mel Kind and support crew of Corey Kind, Marty Lindstrand, Lamont Coleman and Mark Kind. Middle is Maddie Gale, Lee and Allen Hays. Below left is Sylvia Jeszenszky and her 1st deer. Below right is Allen Hays and his buck.



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This new 20-foot banner featuring a life-size bighorn ram will serve as a backdrop for OHA booths at sports shows this winter. Stop by and enter our cool raffles!

OHA takes aim at Oregon gun control bills

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director

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As the 2025 legislative session begins, it is shaping up to be heavily focused on firearms. At the time of this writing, OHA is tracking 20 bills related to firearms ownership, with more expected over the coming weeks.

A few of the bigger bills, so far:

HB 3075 - Measure 114 return. This bill was killed by the Senate Republican walkout in 2023. The bill brings all the components of Measure 114: the permit-to-purchase scheme, the registration of permits, the mandatory training course to qualify for a permit, a waiting period, and other added restrictions, including a

stipulation that any legal challenge can only be filed in Marion County.

HB 3076 - Gun Dealer Licenses study bill. Currently worded as a study bill, but thanks to a press release by the anti-firearms groups, we know that this bill is intended to be a vehicle for greater restrictions on firearms dealers.

SB 429 - 72 Hour Wait Time. This bill requires a background check to be completed, approval number returned to the gun dealer, and a 72-hour wait time before a firearm can be transferred.

SB 697 - Age Restriction for Firearms Ownership. Restricts firearms ownership below the age of 21.

SB 698 - Restricts Concealed Carry.

Enables public buildings to limit the affirmative defense of concealed carry.

While many of these bills would be litigated should they pass, the fight to protect firearm ownership rights and mitigate the impacts to our hunting and sport shooting activities will be ongoing for the next six months of legislative session.

Measure 114 continues to be on hold during the litigation process. The next ruling is due back at any time from the Oregon Court of Appeals as to whether it will continue to uphold the Harney County ruling that the measure's components are unconstitutional.

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Elliott plan favors owls over elk

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director

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The Oregon Department of State Lands has developed a habitat conservation plan (HCP) for the Elliott State Forest in Coos and Douglas Counties. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reviewed the HCP and released a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the HCP. The HCP supports forest research and some reduced management activities to support the conservation of ESA listed species and their habitat on the Elliott.

The 83,000-acre Elliott State Forest was managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry for decades under an agreement with DSL, producing timber, jobs, and recreational opportunities for the community. After the northern spotted

owl and marbled murrelet ESA listings in the 1990s, priorities began to change. The new focus of the forest, now called the Elliott State Research Forest, will be toward research and preservation, with more restrictive timber harvesting.

This heavy emphasis on late seral conditions are not favorable for deer and elk, which need strong components of early seral habitat for browse.

The final EIS is one of the last steps before USFWS decides whether to issue an 80-year incidental take permit to DSL for northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet based on the HCP. A separate decision whether to issue an incidental take permit regarding Oregon coast coho would be made by NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service.

ODF director resigns amid agency turmoil

Cal Mukumoto, Oregon State Forester and ODF Director, has announced his resignation. ODF has been stressed lately with an unprecedented wildfire season in 2024, a contentious planning effort for the more than 700,000 acres of state forests in western Oregon, and ongoing negotiations and work to implement the Private Forest Accord, which addresses management on private forestlands.

Kate Skinner will serve as the interim State Forester during the search to fill the position permanently. Skinner has been with ODF since 1995 and has served as district forester for the Tillamook District since 2014. She has been serving the organization as the interim Deputy State Forester since last summer.

—MIKE TOTEY

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The Chapter Dinner is February 18, 2025. The guest speaker is TBA
Come at 6 for social hour and to eat, the guest speaker starts presenting at 7pm.



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