

OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

August 2025



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, August 13th
→ * 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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- ◆ Bend Chapter info.
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- ◆ How to share your bird recipes
- ◆ All Hands All Brands recap
- ◆ Special deal on Benchmade knives! (see last month's newsletter; ends Sept 27th)
- ◆ 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, **Eric Brown**, for the header photo. This shot was taken on the 42 road near Big Summit Prairie. Turn to pages 9 & 10 for the recap of All Hands All Brands and more photos

President's Message

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

As of July 21st, our total membership was at 512. We extend a warm welcome to our 3 new members. From Bend, please welcome Alise Greening and Chris Ricci. And from La Pine we welcome Tyson Langeliers. Thanks for joining and we hope to see you at an upcoming meeting, on a project or any of our other activities soon. We have 4 members that missed their renewal date at the end of June. Remember to check your membership expiration date that's on the address label of your Oregon Hunter magazine.

By the time you receive this, the annual OHA Summit at Diamond Lake held on July 25th to the 27th, will have concluded. Be on the look out for any updates regarding what happened there in your upcoming newsletters, OHA Tracker and the Oregon Hunter magazine.

Some great news I can pass along to our members is that your Bend Chapter was selected to receive one of the A&H State Wide Elk Tags to be auctioned at our Mule Deer Classic Banquet on March 14, 2026. 10% of the auction price stays with the chapter and is included in our banquet proceeds. This can have a significant impact on our bottom line for next year's banquet.

We've had a lot of smoke again this year already from several wildfires that are burning throughout Oregon and the rest of the northwest. PLEASE, be careful when you're out and about recreating. Don't be "that guy" that is the one responsible for starting a conflagration that takes out more of our wildlife and their habitat. Plan ahead and carry the necessary tools and water. And stay off the roads that have the tall, dead, dry grass.

Stay safe. Hope to see you out there.

Rex E Parks Sr
Bend Chapter President
Oregon Hunters Association

UPCOMING AUGUST MEETING INFO:

We look forward to seeing YOU at our next monthly chapter meeting on **Wednesday August 13th**. 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 August guest speaker will be **Andrew Walch**, from ODF&W. He will explain the new East side deer hunt areas & answer our questions.

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

July Meeting Recap

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

Our guest speaker was **Isaac O'Casey**, from the SALT Youth Outdoor Ministry at High Lakes Christian Church in La Pine. Since the Bend Chapter has contributed funds to this program (in particular, to support the youth hunting activities), we invited him to come and share how the program works. The goal is "To introduce the youth of La Pine to a lifetime love for Jesus, hunting, and their community." They accomplish this by pairing Christ-loving adult outdoorsmen with La Pine area youth and get them outdoors. The average Wednesday night attendance of middle school and high school students is 100. Isaac says the program serves about 300 total students. Many of the families don't have a dad in the home. The outdoor activities begin with adventure days: hikes, explore a cave, climb a tree, etc. Then the students are introduced to shooting sports, hunting, and fishing. In 2024 the youth program had 30 hunters, who were invited to participate in 3 upland bird hunts and a turkey hunt. There were 10 hunters on that turkey hunt. The 2025 targets (goals) include introduce 10 students to hunting/shooting for their FIRST time, go on 5 hunting trips with students, perform/join a land cleanup day. The OHA Bend Chapter's donation helps to fund outdoor awareness events, hunts, training days, and community service projects. Course fees, license fees, ammo costs, boots and other essentials are supplied with our help.

Eric Brown gave us a recap of the successful and productive All Hands All Brands weekend in June. See pages 9, 10 & 11 for pictures and the follow-up report.

Eric also gave us more details on the upcoming COSSA Sight-In Clinics in September. See page 5.

We were reminded of the Mini ORPIC in conjunction with the 3D Archery Shoot/Bowhunter warmup event at Three Rivers Archers Archery Park in La Pine. See pgs 5 & 11 for a few photos from the day.

Brian Gainer informed us that the Oregon bill trying to ban hunting & fishing is once again attempting to make an appearance on the 2026 ballot. (this info is also in the August OHA Tracker; check it out for more details)

The membership voted for \$750 to the Yow's Youth Hunting Camp, pending board approval.

Video #1 from the All Hands All Brands drone footage was shown. It was recorded by **Rob Ward**, professional drone operator and OHA member from the valley.

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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Oregon Hunters Association Bend Chapter's Wayne Elliott Memorial Youth Upland Bird Hunt

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- ◆ Field guide with dog; upland birds
- ◆ Bird cleaning station with guidance
- ◆ Recipe booklet AND LUNCH

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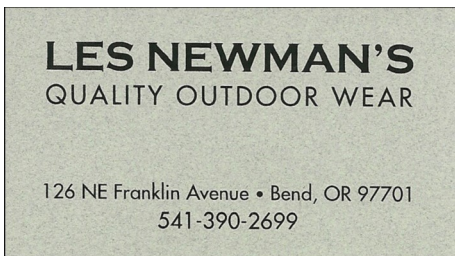
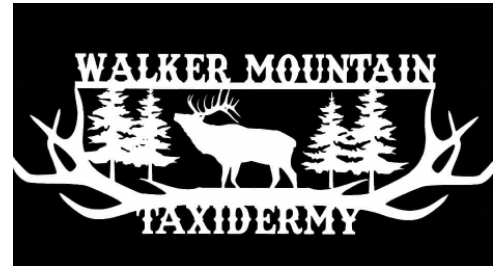
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COSSA PARK PUBLIC SIGHT-IN DAYS

COSSA Park has offered Public Sight-In Days each year in preparation for the upcoming fall hunting seasons. This year between 10am to 4 pm on September 13 -14 & 20 - 21 for only \$10 (per gun) you can sight your rifle in at a bench at the 100 yard line and have the opportunity to shoot out to 500 yards on gongs. Kids are free and will be provided an orange ball cap while supplies last. You will need to bring your ammo and firearm. COSSA will supply the targets and have experts on hand. On the 2nd weekend a person from the Oregon Zoo Non Lead Education will be on hand to hand out free common caliber non lead ammunition for you to try. Deschutes Arms Employees will also be on hand to assist on the 2nd weekend. This year each person 21 and over will be entered to win 1 of 4 Silencer Central Solo .22 Suppressors. The winner will have the opportunity to upgrade and pay the difference. We will also be giving away a Leupold VX5-HD 3 - 15 x 44 scope with custom dial. COSSA Park is located just past mile marker 24 on Highway 20 East on the north side of the highway. Follow the signs to the Fockler Range. You can find COSSA online at www.cossapark.com



Spread the word: have the kids in your life complete a Hunter Education class this Summer so they can attend the OHA Bend Chapter's Youth Upland Bird Hunt in October. Check out the ODFW website for details about the online course and upcoming field days.

**See page 3 for details on the Youth Upland Bird Hunt and how you can register your young hunter (ages 17 years and under)
Contact Kevin Borst for more details on this popular event 541.480.7323**



Congratulations to **Jaret Lorimor**, who received the ODF&W High School Hunter of the Year award. In the background are his bear and deer from last year. He was surprised at the Mini ORPIC to see his completed bear mount for the first time.



JR Lorimor (rt) was presented with an OHA special award at the same event. **Rex Parks** will give more details at the next meeting

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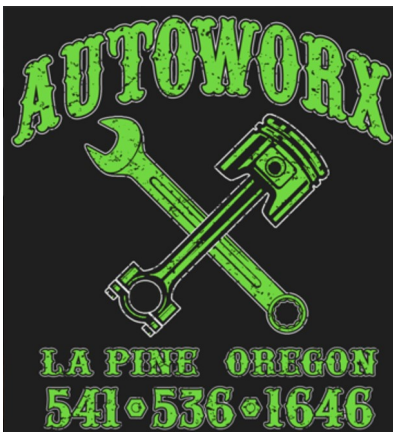
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CALENDAR

Check our website for Bend OHA event dates and more details

August 1	Fall bear season opens
August 2	Archery 3D Shoot & mini ORPIC, LaPine Archery Park
August 13	Monthly Chapter Meeting, 6:00 PM
August 25	*Deadline to submit items for September newsletter*
August 27	Monthly Board Meeting
August 30	General Archery & most controlled bow seasons open
Sept 1	Labor Day; bird openers: forest grouse, mourning dove, western Oregon quail, fall turkey
Sept 2	Youth Bird Hunt reg at Bend ODFW office begins
Sept 10	Monthly Chapter Meeting
Sept 13 & 14, 20 & 21	Sight-in clinics at COSSA
Oct 18	Bend Chapter's Youth Upland Bird Hunt CHECK YOUR OREGON HUNTER'S CALENDAR FOR TAG DEADLINES, HUNT END DATES, & EVENTS ACROSS OUR STATE

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watch for it to also
appear on that link.

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It pays to attend our monthly chapter meeting:

Congratulations to **Isaac O'Casey** for winning the door prize at our July meeting., but he gave it to our youngest attendee **Jeremy Sheridan**. Enjoy your \$25 Sportsmans gift card!

Bjorn Roos of Tumalo drew for the July monthly membership prize (\$500 reimbursement towards any outdoor/hunting item) but was not present to win.



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Welcome to any new members!

Volunteer Opportunities

SAVE THESE DATES

Sept 13&14, 20&21: OHA booth at COSSA Sight-In Clinics

4th Saturday in September: National Public Lands Day

Oct 18: Bend Chapter Youth Upland Bird Hunt

The whole family can enjoy
All Hands All Brands.
This year's attendees ranged
in age from 18 months to the
upper 70's! Turn to page 10
for **Eric Brown's** follow-up
article and a few more photos.



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:

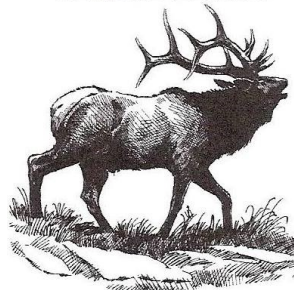
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Here is an abbreviated version of **Eric Brown's** follow-up article:

Bend and Capital Chapter members began showing up on Monday June 23 in order to check past projects and do repairs. We maintain 12 guzzlers in the Ochoco's and 3 of them were destroyed by last year's fires. The rest of the guzzlers were serviced on Tuesday and Wednesday by OHA and RMEF.

On Thursday we shifted our plans with the night before an OHA member contacted a USFS fire crew and requested a message be sent off to **Robbie Piehl** or **Monty Gregg** that we needed T posts and a roll of smooth and a roll of barbed wire. On Thursday 8 of us went to Derr Meadow where we built a mile long buck and pole fence in 2021. Approximately 20 locations along the fence had burnt and we put in temporary three strand wire between the bucks to keep the cattle out. This was a ten-hour day and the eight of us were pretty much exhausted.

Additional volunteers began arriving on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Friday some volunteers cut willows in preparation for the BDA (Beaver Dam Analog) work to be done the next day. A USFS crew shocked fish and relocated them and four of us went about the forest replacing green dot information signs. Others cut juniper trees to be used for the BDA's.



Greg Petsch cutting lodgepole out of meadow



Meadow where BDA's are being built

Saturday was the primary BDA work reinforcing existing BDA's, shocking and moving more fish, cutting more Willows and cutting down a large section of Lodgepole that had encroached into the meadow. Another group built fence at an area where many past problems have occurred with road closure violators. **Ross Scrocca**, USFS also re-certified about 8 volunteer sawyers.

Tradition was carried on with our Saturday night potluck with a tasty 10-ounce Rib Eye on the BBQ prepared by **Rich Stutheit** and **Greg Petsch**. Raffles were held and the group was then entertained by two musicians and singers. Sunday began with a breakfast provided by NWTF who were the lead brand this year and afterwards volunteers began departing. 2 Bend OHA members (**Kevin Borst & Rod Legg**) went to Rager to assist with a Hunter Safety Field Day put on by OHA member **Gordon Brown**.

This year saw a much bigger variety of NGO's coming to participate and some that travelled a long distance. (Utah, Seattle, Salem . . . even the UK) Not in any particular order, some of the participants were: NWTF, Think Wild, Western Beavers Cooperative, High Desert Museum, Heart of Oregon Corps, Portland Zoo, Oregon Department of Forestry, ODFW, RMEF, BHA, NWTF, MDF, TRCP, and at least 4 OHA Chapters were represented.

Rob Ward, OHA member in the valley and professional drone operator, flew his drones for three days capturing a ton of data and events. He is putting together a two-part video. With his drone he located two additional beaver houses that the FS was not aware of.

The Bend OHA Chapter is very fortunate to have the relationship that we have with **Monty Gregg** and **Robbie Piehl**, Ochoco USFS Wildlife Bios. These two have the personalities and desire to make All Hands happen. They have brought in several other USFS personnel that each have a specialty which involves the work we do.

(See the bottom of page 11 for the All Hands All Brands stats)



Your Chapter at Work

Enhancing Habitat Protecting Our Hunting Heritage

Besides All Hands All Brands, Bend Chapter members promoted OHA at various events this Summer (Yow's Hunting Camps for youth & ladies, Mini ORPIC/ 3D Archery Shoot, bowhunting warmup) as well as taught hunting skills at Hunter Ed field days, Yow's Hunting Camps



At 88, **Fred Newton** is out servicing guzzlers and getting it done. Thanks for being an inspiration to us all!



L to R: **Rex Parks, Bob Buddenbohn, Kevin Borst, Don Clark** representing OHA at the Mini ORPIC event during the 3D Archery Shoot/ Bowhunter warm-up at the Three Rivers Archers Archery Park in La Pine (ORPIC= Oregon Recreational Partners in Conservation)

All Hands All Brands stats:

Data from the 86 known people that were at All Hands:

TRAVEL HOURS TO ALL HANDS: 360

MILES TRAVELLED: 12,194

VOLUNTEER WORK HOURS: 852.5

Federal per hour volunteer rate is \$34.79

TOTAL HOURS TIMES THE FEDERAL RATE IS \$42,183

25 of the volunteers were OHA members, representing at least 4 chapters, who put in 546 of the above hours and drove 6,737 miles. This has a federal volunteer rate of \$18,995.



Bill Ham shared these photos.

Left: "A family photo"

Right: "No breakfast here"

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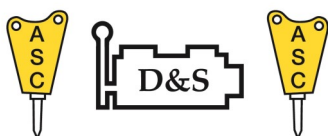
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