



# OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

## BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

September 2025

### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

**Wednesday, September 10th**  
**→ \* 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
- ◆ Bend Chapter info.
- ◆ Sight-in Clinics details (pgs 5 & 9)
- ◆ Info on Youth Upland Bird Hunt
- ◆ How to share your bird recipes for our youth hunt recipe booklet
- ◆ *We need your help!* We have many volunteer and board member positions for you to become more involved. Thanks! (pg10)
- ◆ 40% off Benchmade knives for OHA members! (see July newsletter for details; 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, **JR Lorimor**,  
for the header photo.  
Who harvested this beautiful  
animal? See page 10

### President's Message

Hello to all our members of the Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association.  
**Our Mission: Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat, & Hunting Heritage**

As of August 21st our total membership was at 513. We extend a warm welcome to our 5 new members. Thanks for joining and we hope to see you at an upcoming meeting, on a project, or any of our other activities soon.

On the subject of activities; COSSA (Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association), is having their Public Sight In Days coming up this month. The dates are the weekends of September 13th & 14th, then the following weekend of the 20th and 21st. Your Bend OHA Chapter is planning to have a booth out at the COSSA Millican location those weekends to help people attending that event learn more about us and maybe attract some new folks. We'll have a sign-up again at this month's meeting on September 10th for members that can help. If you aren't able to make the meeting and would like to help or learn more about the booth, contact myself or any other board member.

Following in the vein of members, activities and where we need their involvement, we are in desperate need of our members to step up in their participation within this chapter. We have one of the largest memberships of the chapters in the state of Oregon. Yet it is almost always the same handful of dedicated members efforts that the burden of the ongoing operations and management fall upon. Some members support with their time and expertise to the point that it has become more of a burden than an enjoyment. Regardless of the initial reasons we all joined the OHA, in order for us to continue to support our mission, new and existing members that haven't been a part of those efforts are needed to help in bearing part of the load. Our annual fund raising banquet "The Mule Deer Classic", is and has been for quite some time, the largest netting fundraiser of any chapter within the state. Those funds raised at our banquet are what helps this chapter with it's continuing support of the OHA mission. Part of all chapters funds raised through their banquets and other large fundraisers are sent to the state OHA office to help cover the cost incurred in order to keep the doors open and the work they do toward our mission. I could go on, but if you read and take to heart what our state board chairman Fred Walasavage penned in "Setting Our Sights" on page 6 in the latest edition of the Oregon Hunter magazine, you'll learn more about why your support is needed in order to continue toward our mission's goals.

Stay safe. Hope to see you out there.

**Rex E Parks Sr**  
Bend Chapter President  
Oregon Hunters Association

## **UPCOMING SEPTEMBER MEETING INFO:**

We look forward to seeing YOU at our next monthly chapter meeting on **Wednesday September 10th**. 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 September guest speaker will be Bend Chapter Member **Tim McClurg**. We'll learn how to purchase or sell a firearm online, through online gun auctions and consignments, including how the firearm is shipped through an FFL. He'll explain the ins and outs of the whole process.

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

## **August Meeting Recap**

In case you were unable to attend our monthly meeting at Bend VFW on Aug. 13th, here are a few highlights:

Our guest speakers were **Andrew Walch & Zac Kendall**, both ODFW Wildlife Biologists. They had a lot of info to share, with many details in their power-point show. They spent time thoroughly answering our questions. Thanks to Zac for the following summary:

- Mule deer hunt areas will be changing beginning in 2026, and that map is published online (<https://myodfw.com/articles/eastern-oregon-deer-hunts>). These changes represent our findings after around 1400 collars have been deployed over the past 10 years, and these changes better align harvest with biological herd ranges meaning we will have better synergy between harvest data and population counts. The department is submitting the final proposal for those new boundaries to the commission at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting in Ontario, so any feedback should be submitted to the commission by then. Feedback can be submitted via email to [odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov), or in person but that requires 48h advance sign-up.
- Locally, our deer herds continue to struggle with habitat fragmentation and development, road-strikes, predation and disease, but we had strong buck ratios this last fall across the district. Elk numbers seem to be stable to slightly increasing across the east Cascades portion of the district, with a record count in Metolius this past winter.

- We also had a record mountain goat count throughout the central Cascades, and the first hunter will have the opportunity to harvest a goat this fall.

Any questions about local changes (deer or otherwise) can be directed to the Bend office (541-388-6363), and we'd be happy to discuss the changes and proposed tag numbers.

Rex announced the OHA State Awards winners from the Bend Chapter. These were presented at the OHA Summit in July. See photo on page 7 and details of the awards on page 11. (Reminder, JR's photo appeared in the August newsletter.)

David Sill legacy gift: since this gentleman has no heirs, 260 acres outside of Hillsboro will be donated to OHA upon his passing. This property will be used for Learn to Hunt, youth hunts/events, etc. A veteran hunt has already been scheduled for 2026.

Remember COSSA sight-in days in September. See pages 5 & 9 for details.

Please share your suggestions for future guest speakers with Rex.

We have seen more new faces at our monthly meetings these past few months. Thanks to everyone who takes time out of their busy schedules to attend our monthly chapter 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 . . .



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

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in  
Registration  
packet

## Saturday October 18, 2025

### ***Pre-Registration required:***

Bend ODFW Office 61374 Parrell Road (Sept 2—Oct 14; limited space, reg. early!)

### **\$10 registration fee includes:**

- ♦ Pre-hunt safety instruction
- ♦ Clay pigeons with shells; shooting practice/instruction
- ♦ Field guide with dog; upland birds
- ♦ Bird cleaning station with guidance
- ♦ Recipe booklet AND LUNCH

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For more info call the **Bend OHA Youth & Family Activities Coordinator:**  
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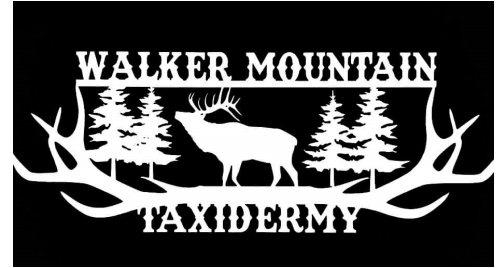


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## COSSA PARK SIGHT IN DAYS SEPT 13/14 AND 20/21 10A - 4P

\$10 per gun, youth shoot for free and you must bring your own gun and ammunition. Includes targets and professional assistance. Adults will be entered into a free raffle for a Leupold Scope and 4 Solo .22 Suppressors. Free orange hats for youth while supplies last. Andy Hamilton, ODFW Hunter & Angler Specialist will be on hand the first weekend and the Non-Lead Hunting Education will be present the 2nd weekend providing free non-lead hunting ammunition to try out. Bend OHA will have a booth at this event as well. COSSA is located just past mile marker 24 on Hwy 20E towards Burns.



### YOUTH:

Our 22nd annual  
Youth Upland Bird Hunt  
is Oct 18th!

**Registration begins September 2nd**  
at the Bend ODFW office.

The \$10 reg fee includes training, clay target practice, up to 5 birds, a field guide and dog, and lunch! (parents get lunch, too)

Look for your Hunter Ed card now in case you need to order a replacement. You must have the card with you.

Questions? Call Kevin Borst 541-480-7323

### Continued from Rex's President's letter

Welcome our new members to the Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association:

From Bend, we have **Victor Russell** and **Jane Yates**. Joining our chapter from La Pine are the **Robert Richardson Family** and also **Bill Shapiro**. And from Redmond, **Sabrina Edwards**. Again, welcome to one of the largest conservation organizations within the state of Oregon.

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

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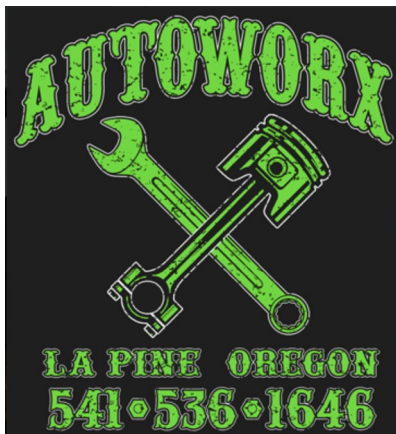


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Sept 1	Labor Day; Openers for Forest Grouse, Mourning Dove, Western Oregon Quail & Fall Turkey
Sept 2	Youth Upland Bird Hunt reg at Bend ODFW office begins (see more info on page 3 of this newsletter)
<b>Sept 10</b>	<b>Monthly Chapter Meeting, 6:00 PM</b>
Sept 13 & 14, 20 & 21	Sight-in clinics at COSSA (see pages 5 & 9)
Sept 24	Monthly Board Meeting
<b>Sept 25</b>	<b>*Deadline to submit items for October newsletter*</b>
Sept 27 (4th Sat)	National Public Lands Day
October 8	Monthly Chapter Meeting
Oct 18	Bend Chapter's Youth Upland Bird Hunt

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Rex Parks (l) and John Bambe (r) accept the Chapter of the Year Award, presented by Bryan Cook at the Summit in July. See page 11 for details.

## Stay Informed

Please go to our chapter website:  
[oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter](http://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 **Jeff Nye** for winning the door prize at our August meeting.

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**Bruce Rhine & Family** of Marana, AZ drew for the Aug. monthly membership prize (\$500 reimbursement towards any outdoor/hunting item) but was not present to win.



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**REMEMBER TO RENEW!**

When does your membership expire? Check the address label of your Oregon Hunters magazine for your expiration date.  
Welcome to any new members!



**SIGHT-IN AND TEST  
OUT FREE NON-LEAD  
AMMUNITION!  
SEPT 20 & 21  
10:00A - 4:00P**

The Non-lead Hunting Education Program will be at COSSA Park hunter sight-ins with free brand-name non-lead hunting ammunition on Sept 20 and 21. Come on out to test ammunition and see what non-lead shoots best for you!



**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:

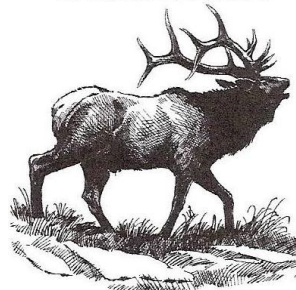
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The details have been printed on business cards so you can pick up one at the project/event and easily report your volunteer hours on your phone, tablet, or computer.

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## SUCCESS IN THE FIELD!

**Jaret Lorimor** (below, center) was invited to assist on a sheep hunt. Congratulations to hunter **Ross O'Sullivan** on his successful harvest.



## Volunteer Opportunities

With the fresh start of the new school year upon us, I got to thinking how can we make a fresh start with the Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association? As with most organizations, we have a core group of dedicated volunteers, some of whom you've seen mentioned in our newsletter. With a chapter of our size, we need *many more* members to become involved in order to continue to accomplish all that we do. We're trying to break responsibilities into smaller tasks so no one feels overwhelmed, but we *need the people* to make this happen. I went thru the newsletters from the past 5 years and **extracted some excerpts** for you to ponder. Thanks for your consideration on how you can become more involved in this active chapter of OHA! (Wendy Borst)

Our chapter is well known and recognized by the State Board members and other NGO's. We are accomplishing several noteworthy events and I would encourage you to get involved. If we are going to talk the talk then we must also walk the walk. Please join us. (E Brown)

Even if you've never thought about being part of Bend OHA leadership, please start tossing around the idea. We have volunteer opportunities in a variety of areas including being a Board Member, help plan our events and/or volunteer at the events (e.g. Mule Deer Classic Banquet, projects in the field, Youth & Family Outdoor Day, Youth Upland Bird Hunt, etc.). OHA is always grateful for help. You'd be surprised at *how rewarding it can be* to share your time with others! Let's think

about how we can make the Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association even better.

In order to keep this chapter *going strong*, we need replacements for our *key Banquet committee positions*. A plan is being created to spread out the tasks over multiple positions. As the old saying goes: many hands make light work. *How might you be able to help?* Do you have computer skills? (maintain the donation inventory spreadsheet or type the program or create the powerpoint slide show . . .) Perhaps you'd like to help decide the assignment of each donation (bucket raffles, silent auction, live auction, etc. ). Working out details with the Riverhouse or scheduling the volunteers might be good tasks for you.

You know that registration packet that you receive at the door? Those need to be assembled. Ever wonder how those rose raffle vases end up on the table? Volunteers assemble them. As you can see, there are numerous tasks that create our record breaking, fun, memorable annual Mule Deer Classic Banquet. Thanks for your help!

**New:** Are you savvy at boosting our social media presence? Do you have the skills to maintain our chapter website? Remember, our Banquet Chair, Bill Beckley, passed away. Perhaps you are the one to step into that position and coordinate your banquet assistants. If you are ready to get involved, we'll find the perfect fit for you! Now's the time to take the plunge. We look forward to working with you! **THANK YOU!!**



# THE OHA BEND CHAPTER'S RECIPIENTS OF THE ANNUAL STATE OHA AWARDS

Nominations for the State OHA Annual Awards were submitted this Spring and the results were announced at the OHA Summit held at Diamond Lake in July. Below are the nomination letters:

**The Bend Chapter** was honored with Chapter of the Year. The nomination highlighted many of the chapter's efforts and accomplishments: The Bend Chapter's annual banquet and fundraiser has consistently had one of the highest annual net proceeds. This year's banquet netted over \$114,000 to help in furthering OHA's mission. When chapters were asked to donate to the Blue Mountain Elk Initiative (BMEI), the Bend Chapter was the first to pledge a continuing annual donation of \$10K toward this worthwhile endeavor. In 2024, the Bend Chapter stepped up to support the initial request for the Mule Deer Fund with a \$10,000 donation and assured the State office of providing further financial assistance for the struggling mule deer population. In 2024, the Bend Chapter initiated and along with OHA State funding helped organize the first ever Oregon Partners in Conservation event. This is a free public event providing information and hands on experience with regards to numerous recreational activities individuals can participate in the outdoors. The Bend Chapter's annual Ochoco guzzler and fence building and repair work project has morphed into the All Hands, All Brands for Your Public Lands. The Bend Chapter continues to be the key group with organizing and coordinating the volunteer work. The Bend Chapter has worked with US Forest Service biologists, multiple NGO's along with other OHA Chapters to make this a highly successful event. In recent

years this working group has built Beaver Dam analogs to attract establishment of beavers and to improve wetland habitat. Since 2016 when the first wildlife under crossing project in Oregon was built, Bend Chapter volunteers have provided maintenance and repair work associated with these wildlife under crossings. ODOT and the ODF&W staff recently attended a chapter meeting to recognize the volunteers for their much-valued volunteer work with these wildlife underpasses. Recently, the Bend Chapter, along with State OHA, have been included on the Bend to Suttle Lake Wildlife Crossing committee. As invited members, OHA can provide input in regard to overpass/underpass locations and to provide input on fencing options. In 2024, the chapter has donated funds to OSP wildlife officers to purchase much needed field equipment to assist them in prosecuting wildlife poaching cases. The Bend Chapter also partnered with ODF&W to purchase billboard space to promote the TIP program and provide messages warning motorists of wildlife migration. Multiple chapter members from Bend are engaged in monitoring and contacting the legislature for Oregon to voice their opinions regarding issues in which hunting, trapping and wildlife habitats are threatened. In 2024, members of the Bend Chapter volunteered more than 1,665 hours of habitat related work.

**Bill Beckley** passed away before the award was announced, but it was given to his family. Here is his nomination for a 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.

**JR Lorimor** was also the recipient of a Special Award. Here is the nomination letter :

JR's most recent success was the planning and organizing of numerous conservation minded outdoor groups in order to put on the first ever OHA Oregon Partners in Conservation Event held at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds on Feb 3, 2024. This year-long process for JR, with ODFW and other NGO members, put together an outstanding opportunity for OHA to get our faces and voices out to the general public. Now JR, along with his wife **Carolyn** and other like minded hunting oriented individuals in the community have been key in the development and beginning of the Oregon High School Archery League. The first ever Oregon Indoor High School Championships were recently held at the BowTech Archery Campus in Eugene. This will be followed up with the first ever Oregon 3D Archery Outdoor High School Championships to be held at the La Pine Archery Park on May 31st. JR's passion is quite evident in his commitment to archery, our state's youth and to our continued hunting heritage.

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\$200 Spotlighting  
\$200 Snagging/Attempt to Snag



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