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**Welcome New Tualatin Valley Chapter Members;**  
**Robert Cain, Christopher Griffith,**  
**Keith Gustafson, Kolten Henry,**  
**Sean Koeppen, Fred Lotsi, Matt Martel,**  
**Dylan Miller-Moylan & Family,**  
**Mike Rackley, Myron Stadelman & Family**  
**and Curt Vanderzanden**

**We will have a booth at the NW Hunt Expo at**  
**the Wingspan Event Center 801 NE 34th Ave,**  
**Hillsboro OR 97124, March 5-7th from 9am to 7pm.**  
**Stop by and say hello while you're taking in the**  
**show.**

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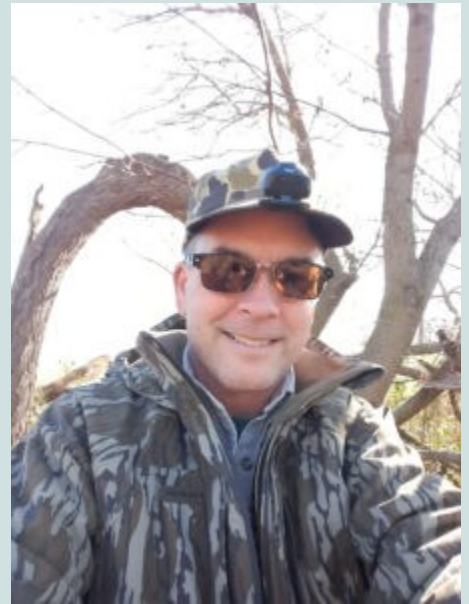
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## **A Great Big THANK YOU to Dr. Todd Adkins for coming and introducing himself to us and being our guest speaker.**

Dr. Adkins is the new Executive Director for OHA.

Dr. Adkins brings an impressive combination of academic credentials and practical executive leadership experience, including a PhD from the University of Notre Dame and a law degree from the University of Iowa. Together with his nearly 30 years of work on behalf of hunting and conservation for organizations large and small, he is looking forward to leading OHA into the future.



Most recently, Dr. Adkins was Senior Vice President of Sportsmen's Alliance, where he oversaw a major expansion of staff and resources dedicated to protecting hunting (and hunters) in every corner of the country. He is also a former Managing Director of State & Local Affairs for the National Rifle Association's Institute of Legislative Action (NRA-ILA), overseeing 25 staff members and an eight-figure budget. Throughout his career, Dr. Adkins has led significant organizational change, but always with an eye on improving member service, satisfaction, and solidarity.

Dr. Adkins is a life-long hunter and angler, was a hunting guide on Maryland's Eastern Shore for several years and spends all of his free time in the outdoors. His decision to dedicate his life to hunting and conservation has been a guiding polestar throughout his professional life.

Todd says that we need to get just 20% of the licensed Oregon hunters to join OHA. We need to people and numbers so we send a message and tell the people trying to take our rights to get out and don't come back. He is urging everyone to reach out to family and friends to become members.

He says that the right to gather, the basic human right to survive and eat is the heart of the issue. We should be able to decide how we feel the best way to feed our families are. Especially with the inflated prices on everything is right now. Food security is important.

Dr. Adkins will be reaching out to chapter leaders and other members to introduce himself personally and learn about OHA's chapters, challenges, and aspirations. He has made a commitment to visit each chapter by June and some things he wants to work on are to setup a better store for merchandise as well as a better membership database. He would like to hear ideas on improvements and how to get more members.

Dr. Todd Adkins contact info: [tadkins@oregonhunters.org](mailto:tadkins@oregonhunters.org) phone# 850-401-9470



Thank you to our TVC Board members for providing and cooking breakfast for all of the attendees and volunteers of the Veteran's Duck Hunt. Above Mike Vallery, Kirk Noland and Steve Hodges.





**Congratulations on a successful fishing trip to Maverick, Nicole and Woody**







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# OHA TRACKER



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KELCEY STOLLER

MARCH 2026

Veterans enjoyed a successful duck hunt hosted by OHA and ODFW at David Sill's waterfowl hunting property Jan. 31 on Veteran's Waterfowl Day.

## Walkouts over gas & guns delay hunting-related bills

By Amy Patrick, OHA Legislative Rep  
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The shortened legislative session, which happens every even year, is a five-week long sprint meant for balancing the state budget and dealing with emergent issues. However it was meant, the short session has expanded to include bills such as the gas tax referendum, gun control, gender-affirming care, tax reform, and numerous other issues meant for the long-form discussions of a regular six-month session.

These issues become the proverbial wrench in the works when legislators decide to deny a quorum, as they have done recently. Senate Republicans walked out on Feb. 18 to deny a vote on SB 1599, the controversial bill that would move the gas tax referendum from November to May. That bill finally passed the Senate floor on Feb. 23, which sent it to the House floor and prompted, in part, the

House Republicans to walk out of their scheduled floor session that afternoon.

A secondary reason for the House Republican walkout was over the fall-out from the controversial committee vote on HB 4145, the Measure 114 gun control bill. That bill passed out of the House Judiciary Committee on Feb. 16. With these issues at play, the outcome of several bills important to the sportsmen's community remain unclear at the time of writing.

HB 4145 now appears to be part of the drama playing out in the House, which makes its prognosis difficult to ascertain.

HB 4134, the 1.25% transient lodging tax increase for additional wildlife conservation funding, has been delayed due the walkout.

SB 1545, the corner crossing bill, has been paused for 2026 and will go into a workgroup process in the off-session time before being brought back for passage in 2027.

## Work group calls for wolf reduction in Wallowa County

OHA has been actively participating in a Wallowa County work group to demonstrate the need for broader wolf management as per the Oregon Wolf Management Plan language on "controlled take."

Besides sportsmen representatives, the work group includes a member from the Wallowa County Commission, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, and the Oregon Trappers Association.

The work group produced a resolution approved by the Wallowa County Commission and a pilot project concept that would apply hunting and trapping within targeted areas of affected wildlife management units.

The resolution calls for wolf management to "protect the wildlife population at a level that hunting will continue to be available and to minimize wolf/livestock conflict to a manageable level, and to set management objectives for wolves."

The proposed pilot project would provide the framework for public involvement through controlled hunting and trapping.

Wolves have roamed Wallowa County for many years, and the most recent population estimate states a minimum count of 67, which does not include young of the year.

Wallowa County has basically served as the nursery for the rest of the state's wolf population and has been the focal point of livestock and big game impacts.

—JIM AKENSON

## IP28 draws national attention

Initiative Petition 28 has been on the radar of OHA members for the last five years, but now that the latest version of the initiative is nearing the threshold to qualify for the ballot, news media throughout Oregon and the nation have taken notice.

OHA Executive Director Todd Adkins and lobbyist Amy Patrick were interviewed by countless media outlets in February.

IP28, which would criminalize all hunting, fishing, education and research with animals, wildlife management practices, rodeos and exhibitions, and even trapping pests and vermin, has gathered over 100,000 of the 117,173 signatures needed to qualify for the November 2026 ballot.

For the latest IP28 news, including the latest media coverage, go to OHA's IP28 webpage: <https://oregonhunters.org/initiative-petition-28-2/>

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## Umatilla NF moves Ellis project forward

OHA strongly supports increasing elk security and enhancing forage quality on U.S. Forest Service lands to ensure elk are available for hunters longer and are more reluctant to leave the forest and move to areas where they are not desired.

OHA supported the Ellis Vegetation Management Project that aims to reduce tree density in overstocked stands and improve ungulate forage quality across 110,000 acres on the Umatilla National Forest. However, while OHA supported aspects of this project that should improve habitat for big game, we also supported increasing habitat security.

Project leaders did not support secure areas for elk. Research in Oregon consistently shows Rocky Mountain elk require 30% secure habitat. Initially, USFS proposed an alternative that would provide just 11% secure habitat.

OHA formally objected to the draft record of decision, and though USFS budged, their final record of decision provides just 15% secure acres.

OHA remains hopeful that this project will be an overall benefit for elk and hunters. —*TYLER DUNGANNON*

## OHA announces next winners in 2026 Gun Calendar Raffle

The next winners in OHA's 2026 Gun Calendar Raffle have been announced!

The 2027 Gun Raffle Calendar is on sale now; call 541-772-7313 or visit <https://oregonhunters.org/shop/#raffles>

See winners on OHA's website or get our app, which you can also use to enter OHA contests and get timely notifications.

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- ★ **Christensen Evoke Hunter 7mm PRC**  
Mike Tarabochia, Clatsop County Chapter
- ★ **Henry Golden Boy 22 LR**  
Richard Denslinger, Mid-Columbia Chapter

 OHA banquets in 2026 will feature a Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle for a Christensen Evoke Mossy Oak Flat Dark Earth Cerakote 7mm PRC! (\$1,049)

## YOU'RE INVITED TO AN OHA BANQUET NEAR YOU SOON!

Enjoy a fun evening among friends, and check out auctions and raffles featuring trips, great gear and more at an OHA chapter banquet benefitting OHA's mission near you soon.

Banquets are already starting to sell out, so bag your tickets today!

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Hoodview 503-314-3090

Pioneer **SOLD OUT!**

### MARCH 14

Bend ➤ 541-480-9848

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### MARCH 28

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### APRIL 4

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### APRIL 11

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### APRIL 25

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### MAY 2

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### MAY 16

OHA State Convention, ➤ ➤

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