




# OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

## BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

June 2026

### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

**Wednesday, June 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!

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- ◆ 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 photos from our recent Youth & Family Outdoor Day: a few of the young attendees showing off their birdbox building skills. We had youth from 9 months thru 17 years. We'll have room for more pics next month.

### 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 the time I am writing this message, I haven't received an updated membership list from the state office to know the totals we have this month. Last month we were at 551.

Our 12th Annual Youth and Outdoor Family Day has already taken place as you are reading this. Looks to be one of our biggest years to date for attendees at somewhere close to 200. **Kevin** and **Wendy Borst** once again were the key members who put that all together. It sounds like there will be a good turn-out of youths and their families once again. Thank You to all our members and organizations that helped out again this year in making it the success it always is.

Time is getting short for all those who want to sign up for the All Hands, All Brands for Your Public Lands work project in The Ochocos. The dates this year are June 19, 20 and 21st. This year the plan looks like we'll be working on the fire damaged areas, replacing fencing and a guzzler. We'll be camping and staging out Sugar Creek Campground this year. Come out early if you are able to. There's lots to be done. *See page 5 for registration details*

And on the subject of time getting short; when I agreed to take on another term as your chapter president, I did so with the knowledge that this term would be my last in that capacity. I have reminded our members at various times in different ways to that end. Nominations were opened at the May meeting. No member has stepped up at any time during the past two years, nor did anyone at the previous meeting. The time has come. This will be my last President's Message. Who takes on this responsibility now?

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 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 June guest speaker will be **Bill Cogley**, CEO/ President of Trash No Land, a volunteer organization promoting responsible target practice on public lands

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 13th, here are a few highlights:

Our guest speaker was **OSP Trooper Tayler Jerome**. He is stationed out of Prineville and is 1 of 11 OSP Fish & Wildlife Troopers. During his presentation, we could sense the passion that he has for his job. (as a side note, we want to thank him for bringing the Trailer of Shame to our annual Youth & Family Outdoor Day on May 30!) We all know that dogs can be trained to detect drugs. The impressive OSP K-9's have been trained to pick up the scent of brass (shell casings), fish, wildlife & human. Their keen noses have helped find evidence to solve cases. He shared numerous scenarios and cases involving poaching and non-ethical hunting. A common infraction is shooting an elk with a rifle during archery season. A big case involving many people, occurred when a guide forged tags because he didn't receive his expected number of tags and he already had clients reserved for the hunt. His clients were unaware that they were not hunting legally. Some cases are "easy" when the person is caught in the act. Other cases require patience while enough evidence is collected to build a solid case.

**Monty Gregg**, wildlife biologist for the Ochoco National Forest (US Forest Service), announced that this year's projects for "All Hands, All Brands for Your Public Lands" weekend will be primarily fencing. Numerous areas need to be repaired or replaced due to fire damage. (see page 5 for more details)

Reminder: it is time to fill several *board positions* and we could use your help! In order to continue to have a strong chapter, we need to fill several key positions. **President** (you can ask Rex for details), **Secretary** (to keep minutes for board meetings), 1st Member at Large (**Media**: email notices to membership, chapter website, social media if possible). John Bambe has agreed to continue as Treasurer and will mentor Nancy Doran to take over the position. Wendy Borst will continue as the 2nd VP (newsletter editor).

The deer crossing signs that we are sponsoring have come in under the anticipated budget. Doug also has secured a \$1,000 donation from a nearby resident. The county will install the signs. Stay tuned for more details.

Congratulations to the 2026 Beckley Family Scholarship recipients: **Jaret Lorimor, Cole Hurt, Ryan Nelson, Hudson Veatch, Weston Winstead**.

The membership committee is working on a new incentive program to encourage more members to participate in our projects & events.

The 2027 OHA Firearms calendar is available. This membership includes entry in 52 gun raffles (1 for each week of the year). This would be a great Father's Day gift. See John Bambe at the next meeting.

The mini ORPIC/Bowhunter warm-up will be at La Pine Archery Park on July 25th (set up is on the 24th). The Bend Chapter will have a booth.

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 . . .



*Protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitat  
and hunting heritage.*

Thank you to Gary Lewis for sharing Troy's article with us. Unfortunately the May newsletter was already full when this article was submitted. It still has great info. for you to use next year.

## Late Season Turkey Tips

By Troy Rodakowski

Late Season Musts: Probably the single most important thing about hunting late season birds is patience. You better have a lot of it and be able to sit and wait for a few hours at a time. Trust me the wait is well worth the reward. Knowing birds travel routes and roost sites is extremely important as well since setting up and waiting along these places is a major key to success. As always, I like to tell folks to keep calling at a minimum. If you don't hear them doing it then it's likely better that you be mindful of the sounds you make while hunting. Make sure to bring your binoculars and use them as much as you can. The vegetation is all fresh and by now concealing a good amount of the bird's movements. There have been numerous times that my binoculars have led me to where I could intercept or sneak within range of turkeys that I would not likely have seen with my bare eyes. Sitting and glassing more often than not pays off.



The Silent Type: Be prepared to encounter the silent bird that makes absolutely no sound at all as he approaches. This has happened to me a lot especially during the month of May. Most of these birds I harvest along trails that lead to and from roost sites. Other good places to find them are along trails with small streams that harbor amphibian life and insects. A good portion of winter run off and snow melt have dried up so the turkeys will also seek shade in these locations especially during days that push the mercury into the 80's. With most hens on the nest or already tending poults gobblers will be wandering most of the day feeding and looking for other birds. Late season birds will take their time moving and by this I really do mean "take their time." They really are in no hurry for anything except being turkeys, eating and doing turkey things. So as a hunter you are very much on their time and usually waiting on them.

One of the most rewarding turkeys that you harvest will be a late season bird for many reasons many of which I have already mentioned. This is definitely one of my favorite times of spring to chase these magnificent birds. Make sure to give it a good honest try and I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

\*Side Bar: Remember your insect repellent since mosquitoes, biting flies and ticks are terrible this time of year. Also, make sure to protect yourself and watch for poison oak. Be careful handling all of your equipment and clothing following each hunt. Wash with solutions that are recommended for removing the oils produced by poison oak. Be prepared to encounter, coyotes, mountain lions and bears as they are also looking for fresh turkey meat.



From **Tim McClurg**: Just a couple pictures of my latest turkey! For a special note: Judy has been near by & cleaned everyone of my birds the last 3 years, "I love that woman! "



**Upcoming Projects & Volunteer Opportunities:** *June 6-7* Elkhorn Wildlife Area buck & pole fencing; *June 19, 20 & 21* All Hands, All Brands: fire rehab from the Crazy Creek Fire—fence & guzzler building; *June 26, 27 & 28* Southwest Cascades Meadow project: fence; *July 25* Three Rivers Archers and ODF&W will be hosting our annual ORPIC/Bowhunter warmup shoot at the La Pine archery park. OHA Bend invited to have a booth. *4th Saturday in September:* National Public Lands Day; *Oct 17:* Bend Chapter Youth Upland Bird Hunt; *ongoing:* wildlife fence maintenance (Eric 541-647-0424) **Reminder:** We have positions available for you to join the board, let your voice be heard, and help this chapter to remain strong. We also have non-board banquet committee positions open each year. Come join the fun!



In early May, two Bend OHA volunteers in the Gilchrist area filled a guzzler on National Forest Land that had not been functioning for some time. Mark Crisp and Darren Bean replaced a few valves and then using a Walker Range Fire Patrol water truck, filled the guzzler. R. D. Buell, District Manager for the Walker Range Management Team has been maintaining guzzlers for several years. In the past he has removed the tops of the tanks, pumped out the water, cleaned the tank and then re-filled them. His dedication to keeping several guzzlers in operation is noteworthy.



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# All Hands, All Brands For Your Public Lands

*Weekend work party in the Ochocos*



**June 19 - 21, Sugar Creek Campground, Ochoco National Forest**

**Join the many organizations and agencies rebuilding fences, guzzlers, and replacing signs destroyed by the 2024 fires.**

**Archery  
Shoot!**



**Celebrate with a potluck dinner, raffle, campfire stories, music, and breakfast Sunday morning.**



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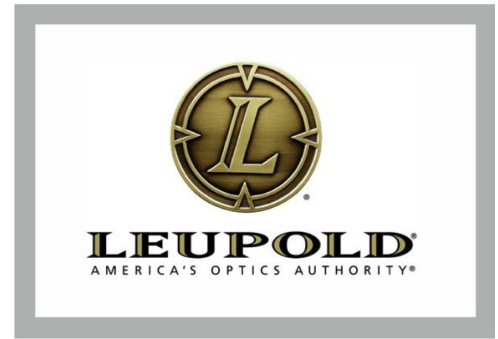
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 (thank you to everyone who stepped up to help!)  
 Past President resigned

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|------------|---|
| June 10    | <b>Monthly Chapter Meeting, 6:00 PM Bend VFW</b>      |
| June 19-21 | All Hands, All Brands for Your Public Lands           |
| June 21    | Happy Father's Day!; 1st day of Summer                |
| June 24    | <b>*Deadline to submit items for July newsletter*</b> |
| June 24    | Monthly Board Meeting                                 |
| July 4     | Happy 250 Years, America!                             |
| July 8     | Monthly Chapter Meeting                               |

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**Tyler Lovejoy** of Bend drew for the May monthly membership prize  
(\$500 reimbursement towards any outdoor/hunting item) but he was not present

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# DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IP28?

**IT WOULD CRIMINALIZE HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING, FARMING, RANCHING, AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

## WHAT IS IT?

IP28 is an initiative petition, not a legislative bill, aimed at the 2026 ballot.



It seeks to change the animal abuse statutes to **criminalize hunting, fishing, trapping, killing animals for food, education and research with animals, wildlife management practices, and even trapping mice & vermin.** It would classify breeding animals, to include domestic pets, livestock, and equine, as sexual assault.

It is an attack on a self-reliant lifestyle. It would create a 'no kill' sanctuary state, forcing Oregonians to a vegan diet or to have their meat and dairy products shipped in from other states, making us more reliant on the national food network for our food resources.



## WHO'S BEHIND IT?

IP28 is driven by an **extreme, animal rights and vegan agenda** centered in Portland with out-of-state influences. (It was formerly known as IP3 & IP13)

The proponents of IP28 are currently gathering signatures to qualify it for the ballot; they have until July 2026 to gather over 117,000 signatures.

## HOW DO WE FIGHT IT?

1) Educate everyone around you about this extreme measure and how harmful it would be to all Oregonians. Make sure they understand:

**Do not to sign anything for IP3!**

2) **Register to vote!** If this initiative makes the Oregon 2026 ballot, we need everyone to vote NO!



Register to Vote Here



For more information:  
oregonhunters.org/initiative-petition-13

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Scan to donate to Pete's fundraiser  
**"Help Piper & her Family Through This Tough Time"**

*The link from Cristy's email did not work well last month, so above is the QR code*

## A Sincere Request:

Good afternoon OHA Family,

Pete and I have been out of town this week helping our son and his wife with our 22mo old grandson as our 4yr old granddaughter we rushed her to OHSU & Doernbechers last Thursday for exploratory surgery. Her scar tissue from her cancer surgery, at 4wks old, left scar tissue. The scar tissue caused her intestines to twist in on themselves causing a bowel blockage.

Surgery went well and she was able to start eating and drinking again yesterday. They hope to bring her home first of this next week. We've created a GoFundMe account that we share here in hopes to get the word out and hope you might share as well. Mom and Dad will be off work for several more weeks and need some financial help to assist them with medical expenses and help to get them through the month.

Any help is appreciated, but no obligations.

Thank you much,  
**The Ouellette Family**



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