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Currently
Vacant

New Tualatin Valley Chapter Members are unavailable this month but welcome to new members, we will catch up next month.

YOUTH EVENT

Our Youth event out at Henry Hagg Lake is set for Saturday June 6th, 2026 from 7 am to 3 pm out at Boat Ramp C .
Tualatin Valley OHA will have a booth with Archery and BB Gun ranges for family exploration. Bring the whole family out and enjoy experiencing fishing and the many other activities offered.

If you want to go out on a boat then you much register at the I'm Hooked, Inc website <https://www.imhookedinc.org/events-hagglake>
Then go to Events on the top ribbon and on the right side, verify it's the Henry Hagg Lake location then click on the Event Registration form to register. Make sure to fill out a separate form for each family member participating.

The event is rain or shine so dress in layers and dress for the weather.

Lunch is offered from 11-1:30 Adults \$5, Kids Eat Free (0-18 yrs)
T-shirts are free for (0-18 yrs) and \$5 for adults.

DIRECTIONS:

The address of the park is:
50250 SW Scoggins Valley Road, Gaston, OR 97119.
For information on the park call 503-846-7000.



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HUNT



Thank you to Kellen Morgan from Hunt G4 in North Plains, a big supporter of OHA for being our guest speaker this month.



Kellen went over how weight, draw\pull length and arrow length really vary for each person so one setup may not work for all, it really is customized for each person.

He says that the best way to setup for a person is for them to bring in their bow and arrows, or at least know the type and length of arrow you are shooting so they can see everything and make a recommendation.

He says that G4 sets the person up for hunting and that setup should be good for Bear, Deer, Elk and maybe

Moose. They offer bow repair, tunes & adjustments, setups, arrow building and custom strings.

He went over the broadhead types and what each one is good for and flight path, what happens when you add different broadheads, etc. String stretch, when you should replace the string or at least add tension to the limb line. It does also depend on storage and exposure to the elements and heat\light fluctuations.

You can always come in and ask questions and there are How To Videos available from both the G4 website/You Tube channel and Kellen has his own You Tube Channel called Inside Out Precision with many more insights and videos available.

TIPS—

- *As with anything, practice is key to improvement and accuracy.
- *Don't store your bow in sunlight or in a place with a lot of heat fluctuations
- *Know your shooting range with each type of arrow that you use
- *Practice out in the conditions that you are going to hunt in and shot placement
- *Go to a range and shoot, G4 offers lessons as well.
- *Bring it in if you have questions on the safety of the bow before you shoot it
- * In Oregon you cannot hunt game fish with a bow but you can hunt non-game fish like pike minnow.

Contact —HUNT G4 Pro Shop 503-615-8008

Address 30805 NW Highland Ct, North Plains OR 97133



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Bo McMillian



Anthony "Tony" Kind
December 1971 - January 2025

Anthony "Tony" Kind passed away on January 7, 2025, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Throughout his journey, he never lost the quick wit and positive spirit that defined him throughout his life.

Tony lived for the hunt. From birds and antelope to deer, bear, and elk, he was always in the field, whether pursuing his own tags or supporting the hunts of his family and friends. However, his passion went far beyond the harvest; his deep respect for wildlife fueled a lifelong commitment to conservation.

From installing guzzlers in arid landscapes to restoring vital habitats and removing invasive species, Tony worked tirelessly to improve nature for future generations. He was happiest outdoors, camping, fishing, or tending to his property, where he loved feeding the elk and was able to admire them up close.

A natural mentor, Tony found great joy in teaching others the ethics of the woods, ensuring traditions were passed down with integrity. He was a man of his word who would drop everything to help a friend, living by the creed that family and community have to be front and center and always come first.

These values made him an indispensable leader within the Oregon Hunters Association. Over a decade of service, Tony rose from Director to President of the Tualatin Valley Chapter. His leadership was instrumental in the chapter's growth, inspiring a new generation of volunteers to carry the torch. While Tony is deeply missed, his legacy lives on through the thriving OHA community and the many lives he touched.

Tualatin Valley Chapter



At the State Convention Heritage Walk they implemented this year, for those that passed in the last 24 months. "In memory of those who lived for the hunt and labored for the wild" . Great Tribute!

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

Chapter Election Results

President—Shelley Kind

Secretary—Melody Kind

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Director #6—Jim Cason

Our current board looks like this;

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Contact information is on the front cover page and on our website.

The board represents our local chapter members and we do want to say thank you for being a member and for your continued support.

We would like to hear from you, what topics would you like us to bring forward that support OHA's mission? Is there something or someone that needs highlighted?

Please let us know your thoughts.

Email TVCOHA@Outlook.com

Phone numbers on the front page.

Thank you!

Juniper removal and water for wildlife

By Gary Lewis

One of the perennial hot topics east of the Cascades is the speculation on how much water an individual juniper tree might use and how that water use would impact stream flow, spring charge and soil moisture. A lot of land managers have noticed more water in seasonal creeks after juniper removal. In Crook County, the Oregon State University extension agent set out to study the impacts of juniper encroachment and the supposed benefits of juniper removal.

In the Camp Creek paired watershed study, Tim Deboodt identified two adjacent watersheds (approximately 260 acres each) to see if the relationships that were identified prior to treatment would change as a result of juniper removal.

After 11 years of monitoring vegetation, groundwater, spring flow and soil moisture, all trees less than 140-years-old were cut in one of the watersheds.

Old growth trees, identified with rounded tops and deeply folded bark were left in place.

Analysis of the data showed an increase in deep soil moisture which moves through the soil and becomes groundwater. One of the wells that went dry each year prior to treatment has not gone dry since the treatment. The number of days in which water was recorded in all wells on the treated property increased an average of 41 days.

The final measure was spring flow, primarily late season flow from mid-July through September. Following the cutting of the trees, spring output increased 3 to 5 gallons per minute during the

late season period. The increased late season flow benefited forage management by making water available for both livestock and wildlife.

Through juniper removal and re-establishment of historical native shrubs and grasses, precipitation can be captured by improved soil/water filtration, groundwater recharge and stream flow.

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Speaker Opportunity:

Gary Lewis is a former OHA state board member and full time outdoor writer, TV host and podcaster. To book him as a speaker for your next event, contact at

541-420-1371,

garylewisoutdoors@gmail.com

Lewis is organizing a salmon fishing trip to Alaska. If you're interested in going in September, contact Lewis at 541-420-1371





After the latest annual ODFW wolf report showing continued wolf expansion in the state, OHA is calling for controlled take of wolves in Wallowa County.

OHA presses need for controlled take of wolves in NE Oregon

OHA has again asked the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to direct ODFW staff to initiate a wolf management pilot project using controlled take along with a monitoring program within the Wallowa District of the Northeast Region.

"Wolves have prospered in Oregon, and this past year's 13% minimum population growth is a strong indicator," said Jim Akenson, OHA State Board member. "It is time to normalize the species and consider other wildlife and social values that wolves are negatively influencing, such as ranching and elk hunting."

The Wallowa County Wolf Work Group – in which OHA participates – had an opportunity to address the Commission at its April meeting in Lincoln City to inform them on the current impacts of wolves and the need for a pilot project involving controlled hunting of wolves in a specific area.

"We had hoped for the Commission to direct ODFW staff to pursue that," Akenson said. "We may not have accomplished that objective, but feedback indicates that our message on management need was both clear and urgent. OHA's request connects to the criteria for applied controlled take in the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan and meets the conditions of chronic

livestock depredation and elk populations not meeting management objectives."

All six wildlife management units in the Wallowa District are below elk management objectives, according to 2026 ODFW data. Elk populations in the Wallowa District range from a low of 31% of management objective in the Wenaha Unit to 91% in the Chesnimmus Unit. The three units where livestock depredation is current and persistent are Minam, Chesnimmus, and Sled Springs, which are at 55%, 91%, and 58% of management objective, respectively.

Another key indicator of elk population health is cow-calf ratios, which currently occur at 17 calves per 100 cows for the Minam, Chesnimmus, and Sled Springs units, respectively. These are not adequate ratios, and they are well below a targeted minimum of 30 per 100 desirable to support a healthy elk population.

OHA will continue working to ensure we better understand the impacts of wolf predation on ungulates and that intensive management of wolves occurs for the benefit of deer, elk and moose in Oregon.

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IP28 surpasses signature goal

Measure on pace for November ballot

As of May 20, IP28, also known as the PEACE Act, has reached 120,935 signatures, surpassing the minimum signature threshold of 117,173.

While it is estimated they still need to collect an additional 20,000 signatures to have enough overage to account for the signature validation process, this signals a definitive milestone for the initiative on its way to qualifying for the November ballot.

"OHA has worked against this initiative, and all its previous iterations, for the last five years," said OHA lobbyist Amy Patrick. "This is when all of the warnings OHA has provided to our membership come to fruition: it's time for battle. Should this qualify for the November ballot, we want Oregonians to hand it a historical defeat that echoes throughout the nation and warns others who might think Oregon is an easy mark for these types of efforts."

The proponents have until July 2 to collect and submit signatures. With good weather and the sizable crowds expected for the 10-day Portland Rose Festival, they are expected to gather enough signatures to qualify for the ballot.

OHA continues to lead the fight against IP28. Visit our website (<https://oregon-hunters.org/initiative-petition-28-2>) for additional information and be ready to join the call to action this summer if they qualify.

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OHA life member Murphy McHugh of Eugene helps load bags of forage seed donated by Turf Merchants, Inc. and distributed by OHA and ODFW on May 9 at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area.

OHA, ODFW give away forage seed

OHA and ODFW gave away more than 500 bags of free seed to Oregon landowners at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area on May 9. Each bag will cover at least two acres of wildlife habitat.

The seed was provided at no cost, thanks to contributions from OHA and Turf Merchants, Inc. The mix is a cool season blend of species that attract game birds, mammals and other wildlife. It contains grains, grasses, legumes, and brassica that provide critical food sources for animals during fall, winter, and early spring in places where native forage is lacking or has deteriorated.

This mixture is designed to be used on a wide range of revegetation sites, pre-formulated based on seeds per square foot, species establishment and final mixture diversity upon maturation. It is ideal for project sites not requiring continual maintenance.

The seed will be planted on state wildlife areas, as well as private land in more than half of Oregon's counties.

Enhancing wildlife habitat on private land where wildlife winter plays a critical role in sustaining Oregon's native species. Private landowners can enhance habitat with seed mixes that regulations might prohibit on nearby federal lands. Through efforts like this, OHA is working to improve habitat for wildlife.

Meadow project set for June 26-28

OHA is leading a southwest Cascades meadow protection and enhancement project June 26-28 near Butte Falls in the Rogue Unit. The project involves installation of wildlife-friendly fencing and removal of dilapidated fencing.

Dry camping will be available at Beaver Dam and Daley Creek campgrounds south of Short Creek Prairie, where the project will take place.

For more information, contact OHA Conservation Director Tyler Dungannon td@oregonhunters.org

OHA member bags Habitat Raffle rifle

Jerry Walker of OHA's Mid-Willamette Chapter is the lucky winner of a Howa 1500 heavy barrel chassis 6.5 CR Flat Dark Earth cerakote and camo stock with a 4-16x50 Nikko Stirling Silver scope, all donated by Legacy Sports International for OHA's annual Habitat Raffle.

The annual Habitat Raffle funds wildlife habitat enhancement in Oregon.

OHA congratulates Jerry and thanks all who participated to support OHA's mission of protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunting heritage.

Latest Gun Calendar winners announced

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.

- ★ 5/6/26 Sig Zulu6 HDX 16x42 binoculars Debbie Judd, Klamath Chapter
- ★ 5/13 Weatherby Vanguard Badlands .270 Crystal Gerard, Pioneer Chapter
- ★ 5/20 Browning A-bolt III Hunter .300 Win Eric Strecker, Tualatin Valley Chapter

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Come at 6 for social hour and to eat, the guest speaker starts presenting at 7pm.



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