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### **Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members**

Jared Balderston, Dan Briley & Family, J. David Cheveallier, Mark Fields, George Holzem, Walter Ledesma, Lew Loebe, Bruce Pettet, Martine Sandoval, Jeff Sims, Karl Swanson, Jay Torland, Jay Turner & Family, Lukas Valdez, Robbie Valdez and Daniel Young & Family.

We wish to thank everyone for all of the support through out the year and for continued support in 2021. We hope things will get back to where we can meet and have gatherings again.

Congratulations to our raffle winners;

Les Schwab Raffle winner is Eric Erickson pictured at right

Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle winner is Mike Vallery

Tualatin Valley OHA American Flag Raffle winner is Jean Jackson





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### We have signed up and have been approved for a booth at the

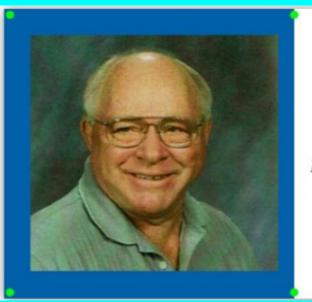
Pacific NW Sportsmen's Show. They have notified us that they have moved the date back to March 24th-28th. We hope that we will be able to have the show in some capacity, they have cut the number of booths down and have widened the aisleways and are following social distancing and as well as sanitation rules and guidelines to date. We will continue to monitor and bring updates in future newsletters on the show news.

# PLANNED DATES MARCH 24 - 28, 2021

WED – FRI: 11AM – 8PM **SATURDAY:** 10AM – 8PM **SUNDAY:** 10AM – 6PM



We have received our Don Schaller memorial banner. Don was a supporter of



# In Loving Memory of Don Schaller

Former Tualatin Valley Chapter President, OHA State NW Director at Large, a man of the Community and a Champion of Youth. Always in our hearts. oOHA and a major supporter of youth hunting and youth programs. We plan to hang the banner with our Inflatable BB Gun Range and displayed at our youth events.





If you have any hunting photos that you would like to share in our newsletter, please send digital images to tvcoha@outlook.com or email Melody Kind — hidden\_valley1@hotmail.com or text them to 503-502-0611.

## **Duck & Goose Hunting**

3 Farms, 170 acres, several ponds & goose fields.

Within 6 miles of Hillsboro, near Jackson Bottoms Refuge.

35 acres planted plus lots of natural food in and around ponds.

Professional management.

Two openings for a couple of good hunters at \$1,600 for the 2020-21 season.

All fees go for wildlife habitat management & improvements on the properties.

Details & tour for serious prospects.

Contact Dave Sill, Wildlife Biologist, 503-718-7235 cell 503-701-5169 dmsill.or@gmail.com



# Duck Club Property For Sale \$895,000

Professionally developed 66 acre hunting property 5 miles Northwest of Cornelius, Oregon.

Two to 8 duck ponds depending on Dairy Creek water levels.

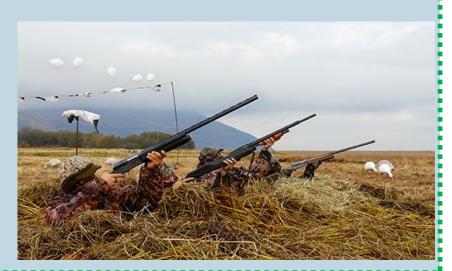
Water rights dating back to 1945. Some ponds can be pumped.

Large  $45 \times 65$  foot barn with cement floor that can be used for club house, storage or ?

Annual income from Govt. tree plantings, farming & hunting.

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# OHA can help with wildfire recovery effort

By Mike Totey, OHA Conservation Director mtotey@oregonhunters.org

After a record-setting fire season with nearly 1,000,000 acres burned in Oregon, natural resource managers and conservation groups are digging in to start on the post-fire recovery process. While it is difficult to see anything positive with: tive Session that will be reintroduced are: these types of catastrophic events, there is work to be done and opportunities for requirements for purposes of licenses, OHA to engage.

be the long-term planning and imple- who has physically resided in this state mentation to recover the severely burned: for no less than six consecutive months areas. The planning and discussions for: immediately prior to application submisthis are underway, but will take some time : sion. and coordination to get moving.

the U.S. Forest Service, ODFW and the to prevent the spread of disease and to Oregon Department of Forestry to offer: collect information related to wildlife help and stay engaged in the recovery and: management efforts. The bill requires restoration work.

Projects like forage seeding or replac-: ing existing seasonal winter range gates: could be areas where local chapters can engage with their local national forest: to make a difference, particularly for beaver trapping in Oregon and ways to big game.

Proactive management will ensure that • burned areas provide valuable early seral : Legislative Session unfolds. We will habitat for big game species and help bring you all the latest news about bills make sure that those areas aren't taken • that affect hunting, trapping, wildlife and over by invasive species.

# Poaching leads legislative agenda

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist Alvinelkins@yahoo.com



The 2021 Oregon Legislature is set to start in mid-January, and OHA will make funding for OSP wildlife enforcement officers and the anti-poaching program our priorities for 2021, along with two bills that had passed the House in the 2019 Legislative Session but died due to the walkouts.

The two bills from the 2019 Legisla-

- A bill that proposes new residency tags and permits related to taking wild-The part that will take the longest will ! life. The bill defines resident as a person
- A bill that gives ODFW the author-OHA has started discussions with: ity to operate wildlife inspection stations that wildlife inspection stations be plainly marked by signs and be staffed by at least one uniformed ODFW employee.

Will the bill to ban coyote contests in Oregon be back? Or a bill addressing restrict it or even outright ban it?

Watch this column closely as the 2021 · habitat.

# **OHA** asks for rules on wildlife crossings

At its November meeting, the OHA Board of Directors approved a letter to ODFW Director Curt Melcher, asking for consideration of rulemaking to reduce human disturbance at Oregon's current and future wildlife highway crossing structures. In part the letter said:

"Our approach to this potentially harmful disturbance of Oregon wildlife is simple: a proactive rule-making approach to actions at and near the crossing sites would set the stage for future wildlife protection."

In the letter OHA offered to work closely with ODFW in developing these rules that help protect the wildlife that use these crossings.

### **ODFW** seeks A&H help

ODFW is looking for volunteers to serve on the Access and Habitat Program (A&H) statewide board and regional councils. The A&H boards and councils are some of the most important decision makers in relation to hunting and wildlife in Oregon.

If you are interested, you can find application materials at https://www. dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/get\_involved. asp or contact Mary Newcomb at Mary.J.Newcomb@state.or.us

# **Hunters score wins in Elliott Forest**

By Ken McCall, OHA Vice President kenemccall@gmail.com

The proposal transferring the Elliott State Research Forest to OSU's School of Forestry Management was approved by unanimous vote of the State Land Board on Dec. 8.

OHA was at the table, adding hunters' and anglers' voices to the call for continued public ownership and access. While there are a few hurdles yet to jump in the transfer process, public ownership and access is assured.

OHA also pushed for science-based decision making on the level of access as related to wildlife disturbance, primarily focused on elk. OHA also successfully pushed for harvest plans that ensure distribution of complex early seral habitat across the landscape over time.

Among the specific points on public ownership, access, big game habitat

and security, OHA input followed three main themes: return the Elliott to an active working forest, create jobs for local economies, and continue recognizing hunting and angling as primary traditional uses of the forest.

Adding to the themes, OHA advocated that any new management or recreation development, such as campgrounds and forest headquarters, should be located outside the forest, maintaining the forest lands for dispersed recreation and timber management.

The last two years have shown OHA's intense participation on the Elliott State Research Forest Advisory Committee was key to conserving the hunting heritage on the 82,500-acre block of central coast range lands.

For a deeper dive into the approved proposal, visit https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Land/Pages/Elliott.aspx



OHA members and other volunteers worked on brushing in blinds at the new Wapato refuge in Gaston Saturday. OHA's Columbia County and Pioneer chapters each sponsored a blind. After lobbying for hunting opportunities there, OHA volunteers worked hard over the past months to meet the Dec. 15 opener. Other supporters DU, ODHA and Oregon Waterfowl Festival sponsored blinds, and Fallen Outdoors volunteers built blind frames.



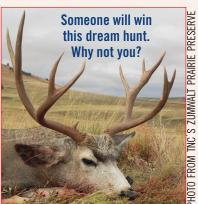
OSP named Melissa Leritz, Jackson County Assistant DA, 2019 Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year.

### **OSP, OHA honor prosecutor**

Jackson County Assistant District Attorney Melissa Leritz was presented the 2019 Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year Award on Dec. 4. The wildlife print with engraved plaque was underwritten by OHA and presented by the Oregon Sportsmen's Coalition.

Prosecutors play an integral role in helping combat wildlife crime by working to help bring those to justice who disregard state fish and wildlife laws. Leritz was selected for her outstanding work in 2019, and was specifically nominated for her ability to prosecute any fish and wildlife case that comes to her office. Leritz also works actively with the Rogue Valley OSP Team by putting on educational training to keep them current with case law.





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A&H Statewide Elk Tag Auction

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