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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members Blake Nolan & Scott Weinbender

Our President & Vice President inform us —

In Oregon there are 300,000 hunters however only 8% of them are registered voters and actually vote. **So we really need to get other hunters registered to vote and to actually go vote this November.**

The Tualatin Valley Chapter wants to become the largest OHA Chapter, the VP is challenging us to bring in other members and help us become the largest OHA chapter. One way is to buy a gun calendar and give the membership to someone else. Or have them buy it for themselves and become a member and earn a chance at a gun.

Remember to go get/buy your tags before your hunt starts.

If you have a sports pac remember that you still need to get your free tag as the voucher is not a valid tag. OSP Fish & Game Troopers are going to crack down on people that do not have their proper tag as well as people that do not tag their animal in a timely manner. Make sure to fill out the tag as soon as you get it down for good, then when you get it out attach the tag to the animal. If you are e-tagging, remember it is your responsibility to have your phone charged and ready to go so you can tag the animal and or show it to the Trooper if asked. Have a power bank or backup to help keep your device charged and make sure to have pens/paper/plastic bag/ribbon, etc. for tagging the animal.



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Cutting Edge Knife Services LLC



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THANK YOU to George Bidiman for speaking at our September chapter meeting. George is the owner of Cutting Edge Knife Services, LLC out of Forest Grove. George learned his sharpening craft from his grandfather when he was young and got licensed then started a business providing sharpening services—see price list below.

Some questions asked at the meeting were, “What sharpener would you recommend?” George said that Work Sharp has some great sharpeners. He would not recommend using a stone to sharpen knives for beginners as there are some tricks to sharpening with a stone.

“What degree do you sharpen your knives and chainsaw chain at?” He replied that whatever you tell him you want it sharpened at and if you don’t have a preference then that’s fine, he will look at the current angle.

George was asked about which cutting boards dulled knives quicker and did some testing and he found that with 100 strokes of a knife on each type of cutting board that plastic & ceramic cutting boards dull a knife quicker than a wooden cutting board.

You can contact George anytime with questions about his services, 971-294-5941 Email is cuttingedgekniveservices@gmail.com you can find Cutting Edge Knife Services LLC on Facebook. George cannot sharpen shears for haircutting at this time.

Price List;

Kitchen Knives ~\$5-\$25	Scissors~ \$5-\$10	Axe~ \$10-\$15	Splitting malls~\$20
Chain Saw Chains ~ \$7.50 (standard chain)	Machete~ \$10	Hoe/Shovels~\$10	
Broken Knife Tip Fix \$10-\$50			
Pick up and drop off ~\$10 (Forest Grove Area) Or Free drop off Pick up at residence!			

Price is dependent on grade of steel and size

Our 2023 annual fundraising banquet date is March 25, 2023 at the Wingspan Event Center in Hillsboro (Washington County Fair Complex).

You can call or email Melody Kind to reserve your seats now—prices are for Youth Dinner 6-17 years \$25 each, Adult Dinner only \$65 each, Adult Dinner Pkg + \$50 in gen raffle tickets is \$115, 2 Adults Dinner Pkg 2 Dinners + \$100 gen Raffle tickets is \$175.

To Reserve a Table of 8 with 8 Dinners, \$100 in gen raffle tickets x 8, plus One Rifle Winner per Table is \$1260.

www.TualatinValleyOHA.com



Congratulations!

Tanner Smith top left
with this beautiful
Oregon elk.

Mike Lyda and his
stout Utah Elk top
right.

Right are Wayne and
Teri Holm with Teri's
beautiful salmon.



Our Chapter Raffle is on sale now—we are raffling off a Del-Ton Echo 316M AR-15 5.56 NATO Rifle. MSRP is \$822.

Maximum of 300 Tickets to be sold for \$10 per ticket. This is to be drawn on December 17, 2022 at our Christmas Party at Carpenter Creek Farm & Winery. Contact board members for tickets



Congratulations to Billy Clothier, Mike Clothier, Ron Van Lom and Marty Lindstrand on their sturgeon.



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JOIN/RENEW MEMBERSHIP



Wendy Rennie

OHA protects spring bear hunting, offers input on other big game issues

By Tyler Dungannon, OHA Conservation Coordinator
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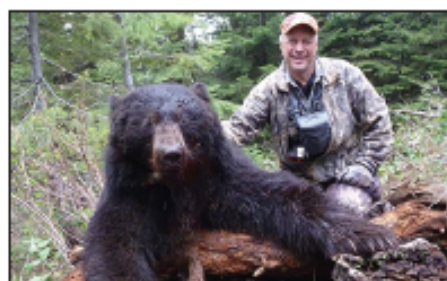
OHA had a strong presence with three representatives at the September Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting in Burns, where big game regulation proposals were ultimately approved. OHA was one of only two organizations to testify at this important meeting, and OHA's representatives were the only ones to testify on behalf of Oregon hunters in person.

OHA staff expressed to the Commission that OHA should play an important role in the creation of the new Mule Deer Management Plan, and that one of our highest priorities is to bolster mule deer populations, while also optimizing hunting opportunity and quality. OHA's Mule Deer Sub-Committee is comprised of mule deer experts from Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and they are eager to help develop the new plan.

Spring Bear Hunting

After a commissioner pressed concerns about the ethics of spring bear hunting, and Washington's recent ban on spring bear hunts, OHA stepped up in support of continued spring bear hunting in Oregon. Our black bear population is strong and increasing, and ODFW does an excellent job of protecting sows with cubs and making use of the extensive data that are collected from harvested bears. ODFW has a mandatory check-in for bears, and the data collected inform population models. As a result of these data and others, Oregon's bear population estimate sits at 34,000 bears.

OHA also thanked ODFW for carrying out OHA's desire to create more youth archery elk hunting opportunity in light of archery



Greg Peterson

OHA defended the science for Oregon spring bear hunting at the September Commission meeting.

chery regulation changes in eastern Oregon. OHA is confident that this will maintain and improve archery hunter recruitment.

Chronic Wasting Disease

OHA applauded ODFW for their work to prevent Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Oregon, including their effort to partner with Oregon State University, which will allow for in-state CWD testing of ungulate samples. Hunters were reminded to stop at roadside check-stations this fall and allow ODFW to collect samples in an effort to monitor for the presence of the disease.

ODFW has an excellent CWD web page complete with resources for Oregon hunters. To learn more about CWD, check the status of your sample, the laws in effect pertaining to CWD prevention, and what ODFW is doing to prevent the disease, please visit <https://myodfw.com/CWD>.

In addition to working with ODFW, OHA is also working closely with legislators to develop legislative concepts aimed at securing funds to maintain the in-state testing opportunity with OSU, as well as added personnel specific to CWD research and sample collection.

OHA requests NE wolf damage hunts

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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OHA representatives attended the recent ODFW Commission meeting and educational tour held in Burns. The tour, held the day before the commission meeting, delved into wolf management, including how the department confirms a depredation, complete with a deceased calf confirmed to be a wolf depredation. Additional information was presented around the agency's use of trapping and collaring to count wolves, as well as what non-lethal measures are utilized to reduce depredations. OHA participated as members of the public, along with a representative from the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. OHA's participation on the tour was noted by several commissioners.

OHA staff provided testimony during the Commission meeting addressing our letter, which was submitted to the Commission in August, requesting the Commission develop damage hunts that could solve the chronic depredation issues ongoing in northeast Oregon. Comments were provided during the public forum portion of the meeting, along with similar testimony by the OCA representative.

OHA's request for damage hunts is well within the parameters of the current wolf management plan and provides the framework that would not only assist livestock producers, but also involve hunters as part of the solution. Wolf management will be a hot topic as the current wolf plan review process is undertaken in the near future. OHA will continue to advocate for wolf management based on sound science.

OHA braces for election, 2023 legislative session

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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Looking ahead to the November election, as well as the 2023 legislative session, OHA sees a mixed bag of potential outcomes for hunters. In several areas, such as the attempt to secure a 2024 referendum from the legislature to Constitutionally protect our right to hunt, fish, and harvest, there are huge opportunities to gain ground. However, in the near term, the November election brings potential issues, such as Measure 114's egregious gun control proposals. Here are a few items to highlight as we move through the election and into the legislative session:

- **Ballot Measure 114:** Billed as the "Reduction of Gun Violence Act," 114 would negatively impact law-abiding firearms owners. The measure would create a permit-to-purchase system for all Oregonians who want to purchase a firearm, including in its qualifications a live-fire course that does not currently exist. If passed, it would effectively stop firearms purchases for an undetermined amount of time while the framework for the permitting system was decided upon and implemented. It would also create a searchable database to house all personal information of permit-holders, to include a record of all firearms purchased, for an indefinite length of time. In an attempt to ban "large capacity" magazines, defined as anything over 10 rounds, the measure would ban several firearms such as shotguns and rifles that can hold more than 10 rounds in an internal tube or chamber. Additionally, the effects of this measure on fundraising events for sportsmen's organizations, such as OHA, would be devastating.

We already have OSP background checks that take too long. Local law enforcement agencies, which are already strained to provide current services, would have no mandate to offer the required training, and OSP estimates that no permits would be issued in 2023. What will be the impact on sporting goods stores if no firearm transactions occur in 2023, and then only to those who are willing and able to obtain the new permits thereafter? Would your local gun shops even be in business at this time next year? Local governments and law enforcement are opposing Measure 114, and we hope most Oregonians do, as well.

- **Governor's Race:** The battle for the governor's seat is the most talked about race on the ballot, repeatedly making national news. The governor's office is critical to hunters, because the governor appoints Fish and Wildlife Commissioners and submits the budget for ODFW, just for starters. The governor's policies on firearms ownership, predator management and energy development in critical wildlife habitat are key concerns.

- **State Legislature:** The leaning of the state legislature is critical in moving forward several natural resources-specific concepts such as the right to hunt, fish, and harvest. In addition, OHA is taking the lead in moving forward additional funding for ODFW specific to Chronic Wasting Disease sampling, research, and establishment of in-state testing.

The ODFW Commission structure will be the topic of another piece of legislation OHA will move forward. The Commission consists of one representative from each of the five congressional districts, plus one at-large representative each from east of the Cascades and west of the Cascades. Since Oregon now has six congressional districts, the statute must be adjusted to reflect new representation. OHA will forward a concept that keeps the Commission as a seven-member body with equal representation from all areas of the state.

OHA encourages our membership to register to vote and make our presence known in both the upcoming election and the 2023 legislative session. To register to vote, simply go to the Secretary of State's webpage by Oct. 18: www.oregonvotes.org

Follow the OHA Legislative News webpage for the most up-to-date information on both the election and the legislative session: <https://oregonhunters.org/legislative-news/>

**REGISTER TO VOTE
BY OCTOBER 18**

www.oregonvotes.org

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Join us for the Tualatin Valley OHA Chapter Annual Christmas Party
Saturday December 17, 2022 at Carpenter Creek Farm & Winery

The registration &
payment deadline is
December 8, 2022

No refunds after
December 8th, 2022

Doors open at 4pm, Dinner at 5:30 pm. Entry for 13 years and older are \$40 per person, Entry for 12 years and under is \$10 per person. Includes dinner, non alcoholic drink choices, kids coloring contest and other activities. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be there for picture opportunities. There will be raffles, silent auction, youth raffle and more.

No host bar for wine and other alcoholic beverages.

47266 SW Carpenter Creek Rd, Forest Grove OR 97116

To Register please call or email Melody Kind at 503-502-0611 or TVCOHA@Outlook.com
Or fill out this form and mail to TVC OHA 33 S 18th Ct, Cornelius OR 97113

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ CVV# _____

Name on Card _____ Address _____

of Adults: _____ # of Youth: _____ Ages of Youth _____

You may pay by QR Code as well, please send the filled registration to TVCOHA@Outlook.com and let me know that you paid by using the QR code so we can match it up with the payment. **Must register & pay by Dec 8, 2022.**





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The guest speaker is TBA
Come at 6 for dinner with the board, the meeting starts at 7pm.



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