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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members
David Boohm, Nicole Chronister, Alex Cleek, Matt Hoidal, Ford Moro, Jeremy Nichols, Justin Scott, Denise Stoner & Family, Stephen Wick, Brandon Reid & Family.

Pacific NW Sportsmen's Show was great for OHA. We signed up over 200 members and talked to a lot of people about all of the great things that our organization does. We also were able to get information out about IP3 and what effects that could have on Oregon and the steps that we are taking to try and fight for our right to be able to hunt, trap, etc. OHA has partnered with other agencies to bring forth an amendment to the Oregon Constitution that allows each Oregonian the right to Fish, Hunt, and Harvest in Oregon. It is not saying that we don't follow ODFW rules & regulations, it's simply stating that each of us should have the right to fish, hunt or harvest if we choose to do so. People are coming into Oregon and trying to put measures on the ballots to remove rights,Continued



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Continued— many people think that things will never get passed however it's been shown time and again that they can get passed especially if you put a good spin on it, people don't read the what they are signing and if not every hunter is voting. OHA is trying to protect the right by explicitly adding it in Oregon's constitution.

Columbia Sportswear has created a new access day for Sporting License holders at the employee store.

All current license holders for hunting, fishing, clamming and crabbing are invited to show their license on Monday's for access to the Employee Store.



Product Partnership Donation:

Work Sharp is donating over 500 Knife & Tool Sharpeners to the Oregon Hunters Association! We are proud to support your fund-raising efforts to keep our public lands accessible, wildlife vibrant and our hunting rights intact here in Oregon.

In addition to supporting your upcoming banquet events with product donations, we would also like to extend this 30% discount to all OHA Members! Just a small thank you from all of us here at Team Work Sharp. Stay Sharp Out There!

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Our 2023 Annual Fundraising Banquet is March 25, 2023 at the Wingspan Event Center in Hillsboro Doors open at 4:15

We have less than 50 spots left.

**You can call or email Melody Kind to reserve your seats now 503-502-0611
www.TualatinValleyOHA.com**

****There is another event at the Wingspan the same day, doors open at 4:15pm, if you come before that time then you will have to pay the \$10 parking fee however if you come after then you do not have to pay the parking fee.**

A big THANK YOU to Tony Kind along with Ben Haren and Kirk Nolan for being our February guest speakers. They talked about all aspects of turkey hunting. Turkeys numbers in the early 1900's were under 200,000 in America however the Pittman-Robertson Act and conservation efforts were successful in bringing the numbers to over 6.5 million today and also in most states whereas they were mostly just in the southern US. The White River unit over by Tygh Valley has the largest turkey population in Oregon.

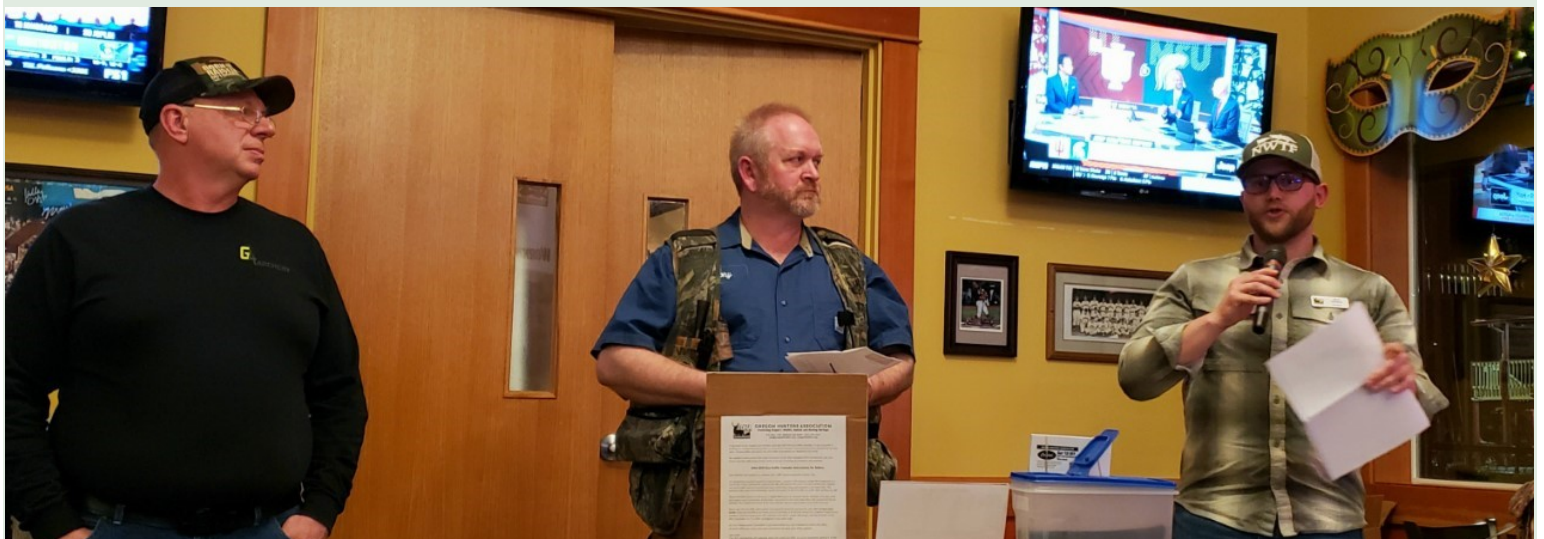
You can ask permission to hunt on landowners property, it's best to ask prior to turkey season or after the season for permission. Otherwise find public land. The ONX app can help you find ownership.

Turkeys can see 270° without turning their head and they are smart and fast. They can run 18 miles per hour. You should wear green colored camo from head to toe. A hat preferably without a bill as they can see if you turn your head, face\head netting, gloves, vest. Do not wear red, white or blue because that is the same color as a turkey head and you can run the risk of being mistaken for a turkey.

Turkeys love oak trees so oak trees and nearby clearings are great places to setup. Turkeys roost in the trees then fly out of the trees in the morning, feed then the hens nest on the ground around 10 am or so but the toms and jakes continue to feed. If you intend to use a blind make sure to set it up in the shade by the trees, they do get hot so take snacks and water with you. If you don't use a blind then setup in front of a tree or behind bushes that you can see through.

You need some good calls, a box call and a slate/glass call are good ones to use. Listen to the turkeys and try to mimic the length and chirps and purrs.

When choosing ammo, use 3 1/2 in good ammo, buy it and test it with those turkey head targets and see what shot pattern at different distances is, if you need to then change ammo. A 12ga shotgun can shoot up to 60-70 yards with the right gun, a 20 ga shotgun should shoot up to 30-35 yards. Make sure that your gun is camouflaged so there's nothing shiny to catch the turkeys eye.



If you use decoys then you should use a jake and a hen and make sure that they are not looking at you, as it will make the real turkeys look your way as well. Turkeys are suspicious about new things or things that don't look the same, like a tree trunk looking a lot wider.

For cleaning or processing your turkey, this is from the Hunters Handbook — The easiest way to process a bird is to pull the skin back and cut out the important pieces of meat from the carcass. You will be cooking your meat without skin, but this is still delicious when prepared the right way. This method requires no plucking or gutting. Flip your bird breast side up and look for the breastbone. Often there is a bald spot there from their roost rubbing off the feathers.

Make a small vertical incision in the skin and continue the cut down between the legs. Pull the skin back as far as you can towards each side. From here you can cut the turkey breasts off of the bone by running your knife along the breastbone and then go after the leg and thigh meat separately. I find this to be easier than keeping everything attached. However, you can pull the skin down the back and over the legs to keep the parts attached. You will just be without that tasty skin. When finished just make an incision to remove the innards if you keep everything attached.

Legs are tough so you can use a crockpot for those and just pull out the tendons at the end. There are a ton of recipes online for wild turkey.

Be prepared to come across predators like coyote, racoon, possums and if you have tags then blast them as they kill our turkey and duck populations. Turkeys have 10-14 eggs in a clutch and predators can come in and decimate the whole nest since it is on the ground.

For spring turkey you can purchase 2 tags and in some areas 3 tags, you can only bag one turkey per day though and the turkey must have a beard. (Some hens have beards)

For fall turkey it can be either sex the first part of the fall season is public or private land but the second part is private land only.

There are some great videos online and learn to hunt classes. You'll want something like Sawyers Tick Repellant, a tick remover tool and a butt pad on your vest with good padding added to your gear. Another useful tool is a folding hand saw to remove limbs poking you or for cover.



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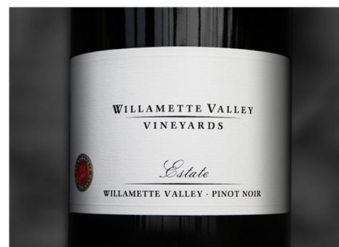
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OHA will plant 4,000 more seedlings in a Lake County burn on March 25. For more information and to register, visit www.oregonhunters.org

OHA members step up in call to action for Right to Hunt bill

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director

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House Joint Resolution 5 (HJR 5), the bill seeking a referral to the 2024 ballot for the constitutional protection for fishing, hunting, harvesting, and gathering, had its first public hearing on Feb. 2 in the House Committee on Rules. OHA members, responding to our Call to

Action, submitted written testimony in support of the bill. The Oregon Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and Howl for Wildlife issued action alerts and mobilized a large number of supporters.

The bill will now need to be scheduled for a work session so it can be moved to the House floor and, if successful, over to the Senate for further approval.

IP3 gets \$50k gift, will now hire paid signature gatherers

After being relatively dormant for the last five months, the proponents of Initiative Petition 3 (IP3), have begun ramping up their efforts to get on the 2024 ballot. They received a \$50,000 donation and are actively hiring paid signature gatherers. Additionally, they are following our efforts with HJR 5, going so far as to post OHA's legislative testimony to their social media pages.

This influx of funding and the ability to hire paid signature gatherers, not to mention the clear annoyance at our attempt to protect fishing and hunting, are indicators that Oregonians can no longer view this effort as an outlier. The proponents have over 16 months to gather the signatures needed (112,020) to gain the ballot – the threat is real.

Court decisions place Measure 114 on hold until late spring

The Oregon Supreme Court in early February rejected the State's request that the court order Judge Raschio (Harney County) to vacate his two preliminary orders staying M114. The Oregon Supreme Court stated the case is not yet "procedurally ripe" for them to intervene.

This is a big win for the current state cases and also for the remaining lawsuits in federal court. Since the state judge's stay against M114 remains in place indefinitely, the federal lawsuit's preliminary injunction hearing has been canceled and those cases will proceed to trial, likely in May or June of this year.

OHA filed two amicus briefs supporting the lawsuit against Measure 114 by National Shooting Sports Foundation and Oregon State Shooting Association.

OHA's CWD-funding bill gains traction

OHA authored HB 2532, a bill that seeks to appropriate General Fund dollars to ODFW and OSU for the purpose of establishing in-state testing for CWD, as well as increased staffing for CWD-specific sample collection and research.

The bill had its first public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water on Jan. 26. OHA was represented as part of a three-person panel to provide the committee with information on CWD and the urgent need for greater testing and research in Oregon.

Collin Gillin, ODFW Veterinarian, and Kurt Williams, Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Director, provided the additional panel testimony. Representatives from Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) and Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) were on hand to provide supporting testimony, and a joint letter of support from OHA, RMEF, TRCP, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, National Deer Association, Oregon Trappers Association, Safari Club International, Ducks Unlimited, Fur Takers of America, Oregon Pack Works, Oregon Wild Sheep Foundation, and Advocates for Sustainable Animal Populations was submitted into testimony.

The bill was scheduled for a work session and passed out with a "do pass" recommendation. The bill now goes to the Joint Ways and Means Committee for approval due to the financial request.

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OHA will plant 4,000 seedlings in a wildfire burn in Lake County. Join us on March 25!

Round 2 of OHA's Restoring Hope & Habitat planting in Interstate Unit set for March 25

By Tyler Dungannon, OHA Conservation Coordinator
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OHA will be back in the Interstate Unit on March 25 for Round 2 of sage and bitterbrush planting for the benefit of wintering mule deer.

We're on the hunt for 75 volunteers to plant and cage an additional 4,000 sage and bitterbrush seedlings to restore mule deer habitat recently affected by wildfires in the Interstate Unit. Over a half-million acres burned in this unit in 2021, including the colossal 400,000-acre Bootleg Fire.

OHA planted 6,000 sage and bitterbrush plants in frigid -9° temps in late November. Thank you to all of our hardy volunteers who braved the cold to restore mule deer habitat. This round, the groundhog promised warmer weather, and volunteers will have a chance to win various small prizes.

State OHA and the Klamath Chapter each contributed \$3,000 to the project, while OHA's Lake County Chapter donated \$2,500. OHA conservation staff successfully attained grant funding to make this project possible.

Register at <https://oregonhunters.org/regional-projects/restoring-hope-habitat/> or for more information contact Tyler Dungannon (td@oregonhunters.org).

BLM looks to expand solar farms to Oregon public lands

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director
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Imagine going to your favorite hunting spot on the high desert and finding that thousands of acres of it are fenced off, eliminating public access and big game habitat.

BLM has announced that it is starting a process for a "Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement" to consider updates to the Western Solar Plan that was originally done in 2012. This is the formal process to make it easier for the development of utility scale solar development on BLM lands in our state. The BLM states that they are "committed to planning for responsible solar energy development on public land in a responsible way that balances the need for clean energy with protection of natural, cultural, and historic resources."

This process, if completed as planned, would update the existing Western Solar Plan to take into account the new technology that has evolved over the last decade with renewable energy and not only include the six southwestern states, but expand it to include five additional states: Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

The expansion of the existing Western Solar Plan is being driven by mandates in the 2020 Clean Energy Act and a presidential executive order (E.O. 14008) which was put in place to tackle the climate crisis at home and abroad. President Biden ordered the Secretary of the Interior to "review siting and permitting processes on public lands" with a goal of increasing "renewable energy production on those lands..."

OHA is committed to protecting wildlife habitat on all public lands. Specific impacts from energy development on public lands will need to be evaluated on a site-by-site basis.



Christine Baird of Eugene
 Won a Sig Cross .308 bolt action.

Latest Gun Calendar winners announced

OHA drew the winners of the 2023 Gun Calendar Raffle on Jan. 4 at the State Office.

Winners are posted every Wednesday on OHA's Facebook page and website. Here are January and February winners:

- Christensen Mesa .28 Nos, Jeffrey Martin, Baker City
- Pointer Acrilis O/U, Perry M. DeLapp, Jr., Salem
- TeUUs The Judge revolver, Joshua Raby, Portland
- Browning Hells Canyon, Jimmy Borah, Klamath Falls
- Springfield Hellcat 9mm, Christine O'Hearn, Albany
- Sig Sauer Cross .308, Christine Baird, Eugene
- Howa Yote package .223, Pete Senok, South Beach
- Henry Big Boy .44 Mag, Joe Morse, Unity

Sales of the 2024 OHA Gun Raffle Calendar began in February, at sports shows, participating OHA banquets, and by calling the OHA state office at 541-772-7313 or visiting OHA's website at:

www.oregonhunters.org/store



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Mar. 18	Clatsop County	503-440-9934
Mar. 25	Tualatin Valley	503-502-0611
Apr. 1	Baker	541-403-0402
Apr. 1	Tioga	SOLD OUT!
Apr. 8	Umpqua	541-580-5660
Apr. 15	Mid-Willamette	541-971-3351
Apr. 22	Capitol **	503-851-8409
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May 6	OHA State Convention, ***	
	Chinook Winds Casino,	541-772-7313
May 20	Lake County	541-219-0614
June 3	Rogue Valley	541-773-8736

* Oregon Mountain Goat Tag Auction

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