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OHELA **NEWSLETTER**

The mission of the Oregon Hunter Education Instructors Association (OHEIA) is to continually strive to improve the teaching of safe, ethical and responsible hunting through the Hunter Education program.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CHRIS FRIEND, OHEIA PRESIDENT

Greetings,

I hope you were all successful in the draw for tags if you participated. It seems our draw process requires quite a lot of work and can be quite frustrating to understand at times. I was fortunate to get a cow elk tag while two of my boys seem to get everything they applied for. Go figure! Looks like I will be busy this hunting season.

OHEIA has some great changes on the horizon that we are hopeful will create some positive improvements for our membership. We are currently working on several projects that we are hoping to be able to have available for you to utilize. We would also like to encourage anyone who is a member **to give us some feedback.** We need your help in understanding some of the areas we may have overlooked that could use some improvement.

As OHEIA grows and works to become an association for us all to benefit from being a member, we are currently **seeking new board members**. If you are interested in becoming an OHEIA board director, you should contact me, our secretary, or any board member to provide you any information you need or answer questions. Our contact information is located on our website, as well as in this newsletter. Contact us, let us know of your interest.

Our **newsletter always has room for more articles**, so if you have something you would like to share we highly encourage it. I know Jeanne has spoken to several of you at regional meetings who have volunteered articles. This is one of the improvements we hope will be successful and get our membership more involved in communicating with each other. Articles may be class related, hunt related, student related, a special event in your area, a helpful hint that you use in teaching our young hunters. Please, consider becoming a contributor to our newsletter. Contact Jeanne, she would appreciate your participation. Remember our newsletter goes to <u>all</u> hunter education instructors in Oregon, thanks to ODFW's assistance with mailing.

Our **next board meeting** will be in Salem on July 16, following the NW regional conference. Any member of OHEIA is welcome to attend. We are planning a BBQ <u>potluck</u> lunch. Bring a complementary side dish to share and plan to join us. Non-members are welcome to join us for lunch, too.

~Chris Friend, President

CENTRAL OREGON UPDATE

BY BRIAN FERRY, CENTRAL OREGON DIRECTOR

Fellow members, welcome from Central Oregon.

My report will be shorter and contain less hunter education subject matter than usual. This is due to the passing of my Dad on Father's Day morning. His passing was not a surprise, and for him, seemed most welcome. Helping with his care became a priority during the last four months, and I was not able to maintain my normal level of hunter education participation and activities. That's the beauty of team teaching, and surrounding yourself with outstanding instructors. My thanks to my close teaching friends who stepped in and took my place.

Like you, I can tell we have been busy, with courses successfully completed throughout the region. Additionally, instructors were involved with other important activities like the Bend OHA's Youth and Family Outdoor Day, NRA YHEC State Championships in Redmond, 4H, and the Oregon High School Rodeo Championship. The Instructor Regional Conference organized by ODFW and Tim McCormick in Madras was a rousing success, with a large contingent of instructors present, and an excellent meal had by all.

I hope the controlled hunt lottery was good to you, and you are already making your hunt plans! I'm closing with my best wishes to all and a promise to have a more comprehensive update in the fall.

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NORTHEAST REGION

BY GREG BARRON, NE REGION DIRECTOR

Wow, what a busy spring for Northeast Oregon Hunter Education Instructors. Many of you stepped up and taught a wide range of classes. I also noticed an increase in Independent Study Field Days. It is important to offer many different types of Hunter Education classes, whether it be traditional or independent study.

It is also important to offer classes in your area at different times. Branch out and offer classes over a couple of weekends instead of the two hour a night, two nights a week over three week sessions. Our



students and parents have varying schedules and so we should be flexible enough to meet those varying schedules to allow students to complete Hunter Education and get certified. We should be all about opportunities in our communities.

The controlled hunt draw results are out. If you are like me, you

found out that a bow in hand will be your hunting instrument this fall. Because of the possibility that you may not draw, it

is great to see that we as instructors offer classes that have an "all encompassing" curriculum, so that we introduce our students to not just rifle and shotgun, but archery and muzzleloader opportunities.

As many of us found out last weekend, our Oregon

Northeast Region Hunter Education Instructor Conference was cancelled. These things happen, schedules change, emergencies arise, just like in our hunting plans. We need to teach our kids to plan their hunts, but

also be flexible and have a plan "B" in case plan "A" doesn't pan out. I remember when I was a young hunter going hunting with my Dad. My Dad had a very complicated work schedule that left him on the road a lot. Sometimes, our planned 4 day hunting trip had to be cut short and turned into a weekend trip. I was just glad we got to go hunting and spend time together, no matter how long.

Our OHEIA Board is working hard for you. Chris Friend is our new president, yours truly is presidentelect and Jeanne Littleton is our newly elected Secretary/Treasurer. Chris has a lot of great ideas to better our association, so look for those in the coming weeks. Our OHEIA Board will be meeting in Salem at the ODFW headquarters on Saturday July 16th. If you need or want anything please let me know prior to the meeting. Don't forget to visit the OHEIA Webpage at www.oheia.org and take advantage of our grant opportunities.

As I close, I encourage all of you to get out there and loosen up your bow strings, fling a few arrows, shoot the heck out the clays and fire some rounds at the range ... have fun and enjoy your summer and the upcoming hunting season.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

SUBMITTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Outgoing President David Ganskopp officially recognizes OHEIA Board Member, Brian Ferry, for his distinct dedication to the roles he has filled over the past five years on the OHEIA Board of Directors.

The journey Brian has completed speaks volumes to his dedication to our Association and his commitment to his duties. He began this journey serving as President Elect for two years (2010-2012) under the leadership of President Hedge Jarvis. Stepped to the role of President of the Association for the following two years (2013-2014), and completed this journey serving as Immediate Past President, providing continuity to board leadership.

Brian has been a driving force instrumental in writing the mission statement of the Association, being a strong advocate with Hedge in the rewiting and update of outdated Association bylaws and shepherding those through many revisions and final approval of the membership.

At our last statewide conference, Brian introduced a subsequent revision to the bylaws approved unanimously by the membership. The Board sincerely expresses appreciation for Brian's dedication and that he continues to serve on the Board as Central Oregon Director. We value his input in our activities.

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If con is the opposite of Pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

NORTHEAST REGION

BY DARLENE MARQUARDT, WEBMASTER

WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

Obviously it's not for the money, since we are all volunteers. Well, bottom line is, we do this because it: helps prevent hunting and shooting accidents. My husband, Jim, likes to call them 'incidents' – as there are no 'accidents'. Accidents are out of our control. Incidents are caused because of – let's face it – stupidity. Gun incidents can be eliminated with diligent education.

Today's society is very sensitive when it comes to firearms and how they are handled. In light of several recent mass shootings, people are frightened. We, as hunters and instructors, care about how our firearm behavior is perceived. It seems like it might be up to us to preserve the tradition of hunting. We focus solidly on ethical behavior and safety.



We still have the 2nd Amendment to help us be able to own and use firearms. It is important that we retain those rights. Our behavior out in the field is key. We have a new set of incoming hunters sitting in front of us each year. New hunters, learning old traditions and burdened with the task of showing the world that firearms can be responsibly used. So, in addition to preventing hunting and incidents, we do this because it improves hunter behavior and compliance with hunting laws (thereby improving public acceptance of hunting and furthering the hunting tradition).

According to IHEA, formal hunter education efforts began in New York in 1949 with training on firearm safety. This training was given before hunters could purchase a hunting license. It later expanded to other states and provinces until it is now required almost everywhere. Today we are very aware of the devastation a gun can inflict. Any of our relatives who have been in any of the recent wars, have had experience with gunshot wounds. Folks living in certain urban areas where gun violence is running rampant are very aware, too. As instructors, if we can do anything to prevent someone from getting shot, it's worth our time.

I don't believe we as instructors could have said it any better than a reporter for FIELD AND STREAM who writes: "As an overprotective modern parent who gets nervous when my kids ride bicycles to a friend's house, I would not teach my children to hunt if I thought it were dangerous. Better they have a gun in their hands, than, say, a skateboard. Hunting and shooting have low accident rates precisely because we place so much emphasis on gun safety. Although hunting should be fun, teaching kids to be safe shooters doesn't call for much sense of humor. Treat the topic seriously, and children will respond to the gravity in your voice."

FIELD AND STREAM goes on to say: "You're trying to instill lifelong safety habits, and nothing you say speaks as loudly as your own actions when you and your child hunt together. Handle your own guns with extra emphasis on safety. While we're at it, boats, ATVs, tree stands, and motor vehicles can be just as deadly as guns if used carelessly. Your young hunter will learn all about them by watching you."

Why do we do what we do? It's a passion. A passion to keep our world safe. A passion to honor our traditions. A responsibility to wildlife conservation. A responsibility to wildlife management. All of this for us, for our children and our grandchildren – for future generations. THAT'S WHY we do what we do.

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SOUTHEAST REGION

SPRING BEAR REPORT

BY DAVID GANKSOPP, SE REGION DIRECTOR

Troops ~

Hunted the Minam unit seeing about 2 bear a day for the week with one being a beautiful blond. Two days were devoted to relocating that animal, but it was not to be. The only bear within range for me was a black with an accompanying chocolate cub, so she got a pass. One of our prior Harney County HE students (15 yr old Christian Boyd) and his dad spent 3 days with us, and Christian was successful. Dad was along for company and as a much needed pack animal.

15 Year Old Christian Boyd



My meager role was to stand on the rim in the extreme upper left of the accompanying photos and suggest that Christian go down there. It was a mile out and 2,500 ft down with another ½ mile and 1,000 ft climb to reach the bear. Two and one half days and three trips were needed to take the animal and retrieve the meat. It's a real pleasure to be around Christian, as he's quite serious about things. With 4 rounds fired in the field, he's taken 2 deer, 1 elk, and now a bear.

Now to catch up on all of my neglected chores at home.



Why don't you ever see the Headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

K-FALLS CHECKS IN

BY RUTH JOHNSON, SE REPRESENTATIVE

The Klamath Falls 6th annual Youth Out-Door Adventures Day (organized by Klamath Chapter OHA) was a RESOUNDING SUCCESS! With a fabulous attitude and a desire for families to enjoy the great

outdoors, many diverse groups participated in hosting this joint event. **Hunter Education** along with the Jefferson State Shooting Association, Kingsley Bowmen, Oregon State Parks, Oregon State Police, Klamath County Search & Rescue, ODFW, Mule Deer Foundation, OHA and Rose and Austin, hosted many special events for attendees to participate in.

With 125 youth and 100 accompanying adults participating and 55 volunteers manning the 12 stations in order to provide this educational opportunity to our youth, a great time was had by all in spite of the extremely rainy morning. The rain cleared to make way for a wonderful, sunny day.

A fresh/hot burger-n-dog lunch was provided to all participants along with the following stations:

- Archer, muzzleloader, pistol, shotgun & rifle shooting
- ATV Safety/Riding
- Hunter Education/Outdoor Skills information booth & Independent Study Field Day
- Fire Department- First Aid
- Search & Rescue Land Navigation
- Animal Identification
- Live Fish Pond

The dedication of volunteers in Klamath County is astounding when you look at the number of man hours just this event accounted for. Man-hours numbering 495 @ \$20/hr. equates to nearly \$10,000. Priceless!

The projected 2017 date is June 17. If other groups would like to be part of this event, get in touch with Rick Vieira, Klamath OHA President (oharick@charter.net).



Senior Trooper & Hunter Education Instructor Ryan Niehus talks about protocol once an animal is down. Hunter Education Instructor Ron Miller looks on.

LANE COUNTY CHECKS IN

BY CARL McGLOTHIN, AREA COORDINATOR

As we in Lane County approach the busier time of year for Hunter Education, we will have at least five regular and four online courses scheduled before Bow season begins at the end of August. Although that sounds as though it is a lot we will quite probably wind up needing to increase the amount of courses we offer. We have two brand new Instructors coming online as well as several who started last year. This is not to indicate we have enough instructors, as we can always use more, especially in certain areas.

For example, there are currently no Instructors residing in the upper McKenzie Valley area. It would be very helpful if we could get two or more people willing to commit to volunteering to teach in this area. We have an offer of one facility in the general area to hold classes, and can possibly solicit others depending on need.



Several courses and Field days have been completed so far this year in the county, giving us a needed start. With just a little extra effort we should be able to fill the need for our County.

Remember as you are teaching to be alert to the parents attending with their students. Many of our best Instructors have been recruited simply by asking parents who seem well informed if they would be interested in being a Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor. ###

BY TED BORK, WILLAMETTE VALLEY REPRESENTATIVE

TED'S TEACHING TIPS...

Here is an idea on Game ID. I have a variety of photos representing Oregon game birds and big game each labeled with a letter. I hand out quiz sheets listing all the critters and birds and ask the students to match the picture/letter to the quiz sheet. Just so everyone understands I look for "Moose" and ask the students which animal is the moose, most will point to the correct photo with a big latter "E" on it, and now they understand how it all works. This is also a great opportunity to get out the wildlife ID guides we pass out and let the students use them to assist. After an appropriate amount of time we stop and go through them together.

Here is another idea you probably have incorporated, but with a twist. I have all the students and adults leave to go out and try to spot the folks in the distance wearing camo and orange. The instructors outside are discussing blaze orange, the ones inside are loading the firearms with dummy ammo. Once the students come bouncing back inside it's time to "select" some volunteers and see if they remember what to do when you first pick up a firearm. I get mixed, but always great results with this. They either stand there and wait for further instructions doing nothing, or eject the rounds on the floor in utter disbelief. The whole class learns from this naturally and you get to once again, show how important this rule is. I will normally pass around the dummy ammo to the adults and this tends to raise some eyebrows now and then.

Hope this gets those brain cells working and maybe giving you inspiration for your class. More ideas will be in the next newsletter ... be safe! ###

SOUTHWEST REGION ACTIVITIES

BY DIANA BAUMAN, SW REGION DIRECTOR

SW Region Director, Diana Bauman, announces planning and preparations are underway for the Youth Upland Bird Hunt held September 17th and 18th, at the Denman Wildlife Area in Central Point. This event will be listed in the Upland Bird Regulations when they come out in August or September, so be sure to check for further details.

The Hunter Ed team and volunteers from United Hunters and Sportsmen are doing the cooking again this year. They come prepared with their own equipment: four different grills, tables, and chairs and set up at the Denman Wildlife Area. Breakfast and lunch for parents and youth hunters will be available both days. This group has been dedicated to this event with a 25+ year track record. They feel the youth get off to a good start in the morning of the hunts with food in their stomach and a smile on their faces.

Sponsors and donations are made from Layton Refrigeration, Umpqua Dairy Products, Rogue Valley Shooting Sports Assn., So Oregon Chapter of Delta Waterfowl, Kevin Williams, owner of Spicers Restaurant and United Hunters and Sportsmen, Inc.

Other than that, Diana says, we're doing regular classes and field days. ###

JACKSON COUNTY BUSY, TOO!

BY DON ALBRECHT, AREA COORDINATOR

This spring Jackson County instructors have been busy conducting classes as the public's need for them arises. In addition to having classes, in April we had our 2nd annual Youth Turkey Clinic. Several of our

participants used the information and tools gained at the clinic to harvest a turkey. Through a raffle we were able to provide a few of the participants with an opportunity to hunt of private land with plenty of turkeys available. Our goal for future clinics is to have enough private land opportunities for all participants. We think that with private land opportunities kids will have a greater chance at success, and when they do will be more inclined to continue participating in hunting activities.





In May we supported the Oregon Hunter's Association's Young Oregon Hunters Day by providing equipment and instructors for a shotgun skills station and a color-on iron-on activity. At the shotgun clinic we had nearly a hundred kids shoot with many of them shooting a shotgun for the first time.

The color-on activity is a fun opportunity for kids to personalize a shirt by coloring an outdoor scene that is then ironed on to a t-shirt. It introduces young kids to the concept of blaze orange to Be Safe. Be Seen. The iron-on also includes the 4 Primary Rules of Firearm Safety. The color-on transfers are available from ODFW Outdoors. Contact James Reed or Myrna Britton if you have an event in your community where this activity can be done.

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NORTHWEST REGION

BY JESSE WALLENMEYER, NW REGION DIRECTOR

PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH!

When you read this, the start of archery season will be about two months away. So my question to the instructors is: Are you practicing for the opener? Are you following what 'we' urge or recommend to our students? Have you started evaluating your gear to be sure that it is complete, repaired, or replaced if necessary?

I was having a conversation with one of my clients today about visiting SE Oregon. He had never been there and was interested in my take on visiting the area. The discussion centered on being prepared to visit the area. His concern was mainly that there was no cell phone service in most of the area. I agreed, and then took the conversation further. A visitor to that area would need a good vehicle with ground clearance, plenty of gas and spare gas in cans, proper clothing for the time of year, what tools may be appropriate to carry, a map or maps of the areas on the plan to visit, etc., etc. We all know the drill, but are we following our own advice?

If you are like me, I have no archery equipment, so I need to make sure my deer and elk guns are ready to go. That I have ammunition in the appropriate calibers and bullet weights. I need to make sure that my knives are sharp, my day bag(s) are emptied and re-supplied, and that I have procured a 'pack' that I can keep immediate necessities with me when I am out. Lastly, I need to visit the range <u>at least once</u>, preferably more. That is just for me, the wife and kids also need to be kept up to date and practiced. It all adds up to plenty to do before late September sneaks up on us.

So, are we following our own advice? I hope so. Nothing speaks louder than one of us having to make a call for help that a little preparation could have prevented. I know that I have work to do.

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2016 SCI Youth Hunt

Photos Below were taken at a youth hunt on the Four Aces Ranch hosted by the Portland Chapter of Safari Club International











Each year the Portland Chapter of Safari Club International selects ten kids to participate in an all expenses paid hunting trip at the Four Aces Ranch located near Madras, OR. The children selected get to harvest a ram and have it shoulder mounted. The entire event is free for the selected children, including the mount. I have been very fortunate to be able to participate in this event for a few years now. Often I end up seeing or guiding students that have been through our hunter education classes. It is quite an experience to see the circle complete with the kids.

Each child is required to write an essay on conservation with their application for the hunt. Those selected are required to then come up with a conservation project, as well as, attend and assist with the chapter sensory safari booth at the Pacific Northwest Sportsman Show.

I would like to particularly thank all the volunteer hunter education instructors who took time from their busy schedules to help work this event. I realize it is a community event, and there are many volunteers and sponsors other than Hunter Ed, but the support of us all make this event meaningful for all the kids.

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WITH SAD HEART, WE TELL ONE OF OUR OWN GOODBYE \sim FOREVER IN OUR MEMORIES \sim NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON MADDEN October 11, 1968 – June 13, 2016

William (Bill) Davidson Madden was born Andrew William Davidson in Emanuel hospital on October 11, 1968, at 3:18 pm to Charlotte Frances Danielson and Andrew (Drew) Jackson Davidson, Jr. At 10 years of age, Bill was adopted by John Madden and his name was officially changed.

His parents, Charlotte and John Madden, lived in the Lents neighborhood and raised Bill, his sisters Genevieve and Amanda until Charlotte (Chuckie) died on July 4, 1996. As a single Dad, John raised his family while working hard as an HVAC technician. Bill was predeceased by his Mother and his Grandparents. He is survived by his spouse, Staci, his two Dads, John and Drew, his two sisters, Genevieve and Mandy, his three children, Haley Popma, Colby and Charlotte Madden. Bill graduated from Marshall High School in 1987. Was a member of the wrestling team. He entered the Army in 1989.

Bill was a Gulf War veteran with 8 years in the US Army. He began his Army service in the Oregon National Guard, soon changing his

enlistment to the Regular Army. His many awards and citations included the Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. After exiting the military he tried his hand at masonry, but soon entered the Laborers Local Union 737 and had been working hard in construction since then. He was gifted at concrete and really enjoyed being part of building many buildings in the Portland area. Over his Laborers' career he worked for Hoffman, Andersen and lastly, Turner Construction Company. He worked on new and old buildings at OHSU since 2003, making many friends there and felt at home.

Since 2010, Bill volunteered as a Hunter Education Instructor for the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. Hunting was one of his true loves and this program allowed him to share his knowledge with Oregon's young hunters. He also was recognized by ODFW in the Master Hunter program. He was the vice-president of the Hoodview Chapter of the Oregon Hunter's Association for the past several years. Lastly, he was a member of the Mule Deer Foundation, National Rifle Association since 2007, a life time member of IHEA and OHEIA.

Any instructor who would like to make a donation in Bill's name will find information on OHEIA's website regarding the fund set up to aid Staci and her family through this difficult time at www.OHEIA.org.

Thank you to all those who have contributed. Staci's address is 268 SE Ginseng Drive, Estacada, OR 97023.

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A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

BY JEANNE LITTLETON

DUES ARE DUE!

Just a reminder, OHEIA dues go from May 1 to April 30. Yearly dues are only \$10, or a life membership is \$100. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2016, please do so. Be sure to use PO Box 434, Creswell, OR 97426 when mailing.

Only OHEIA members are eligible to apply for a grant to help you in the classroom. Forms and instructions for applying are available on our Webpage at www.oheia.org.

If you have questions or need some assistance, please contact one of the board members or one of the executive officers.

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Membership/Renewal Application

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