

OHEIA NEWSLETTER

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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

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all staying warm and dry. We have had quite the winter this time around, and it’s looking like we have another busy year ahead of us. The IHEA conference is rapidly approaching with plenty of things still to do. I am sure everyone is also busy setting up the classes for 2017 as well. OHEIA will be busy assisting with the conference as well as continuing to work on our other projects that are still remaining from 2016.

OHEIA has some updates to our board and we welcome the following new appointments and renewals:

- Brian Ferry – Central Oregon Director (Renewal)
- Ruth Johnson – Eastside VP and SW Director, K-Falls (Renewal)
- Ryan Niehus – Director at Large, SE Region, K-Falls (New)
- Kevin Lockwood – Director at Large, SE Region, K-Falls (New)
- Don Albrecht – SW Director, AC Jackson County (New)

We would also express our appreciation to our outgoing board members for their service and dedication to this organization.

- Ted Bork, Willamette Valley Representative (8/2013 – 8/2016)
- Jesse Wallenmeyer, NW Director (4/2015 – 1/2017)
- Diana Bauman, SW Director (9/2010 – 9/2016)

As some of you may or may not know we issued several grants in the past year and will be putting together fundraising efforts to be able to continue to make our grant program possible. One of the fundraisers we will be doing is a gun raffle. We will have tickets for sale soon for the chance to win one of three shotguns we will be offering. These shotguns include a Browning Citori C725 Sporting 12 Gauge, a Winchester SX3 12 Gauge, and a Browning Maxus Hunter 12 Gauge. We are still putting together the final details and will post photos and more information on our website soon.

For those of you who applied, I wish you luck in the upcoming spring bear tag drawing. Thank you all for your support and hard work.

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NORTHEAST REGION UPDATE

BY GREG BARRON, NORTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR

As I write this article, I am looking out the window and still seeing snow on the ground. Lately, our remaining snow is being covered, at least weekly, with a slippery film of ice. Just yesterday, Morrow County School District had yet another two hour delay because of freezing rain and ice pellets. Last night the Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla county instructors gathered for our annual instructor training and update. I applaud those instructors who had to drive 3 hours round trip for the meeting in adverse weather conditions.

Area hunter education classes are underway in Arlington and Hermiston. Both Bobby Gentry in Gilliam County (going solo) and Emmett Walker in West Umatilla County and his awesome group are currently teaching classes. We already have two more traditional classes scheduled for Hermiston, one in Pendleton, two in Morrow County and two online field days thanks to Larry and Diana Delgrosso. The Milton Freewater group is also gearing up and will teach two or more mixed online and traditional classes this year. One of the challenges for our February classes will be dealing with snow on the ground. These kids will get a real life shooting and hunting, weather wise, experience!

During our county meeting, I challenged the group to think “out of the box” and come up with new ideas for our OHEIA. The OHEA currently provides grants to Oregon instructors who apply for them. If you can’t get what you need from the ODFW, then go to oheia.org and print the grant application, fill it out completely and send it in to the OHEIA. If you have other needs or wants or know of a way that OHEIA can better serve you, then let us know!

The IHEA-USA Annual Conference will be held in beautiful Glededen Beach, Oregon, May 22-25, 2017, at Salishan Resort. The program is jam packed with excellent tours and activities. Our very own Eastern Oregon Instructor Andy Millar is the lead contact on the Hospitality committee. Every IHEA-USA Conference has evening time to socialize and network with other hunter education professionals and instructors. As Andy described it, this is a time to relax and meet people. This event will be done in a large room that allows people to come and go at their leisure. This night is usually sponsored by a partner. The sponsor will showcase products or make a demonstration of new products. Andy explained to us at the Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla meeting that he needs everyone from our group to help. He had ideas like providing wild game entrees for example jerky, summer sausage, etc. If you’re willing to help on this committee, please contact Andy Millar at amillar2012@gmail.com.

OHEIA is also asking instructors in the NE Region to provide at least one item that can be auctioned or raffled at the IHEA-USA Conference. You can either contact me at gbarron@centurytel.net or OHEIA President Chris Friend at 00friend@gmail.com.



Just another day in paradise. Left to right: Brad Reese, Pat Barron, Greg Barron and Eloy Delacruz

This hunt occurred near Boardman in December 2016. A very cold day at a low of -2 degrees and a high of 4 degrees. This was an unusual hunt where we harvested more Snows than dark geese.

You can sample some of the jerky at the IHEA-USA Conference May 22-25 during the hospitality events.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Good luck in beginning your 2017 hunter education teaching year.

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INSTRUCTORS MEET IN HERMISTON

BY DARLENE MARQUARDT, WEBMASTER

What grand event is at the end of a day that began with the roads being a sheet of ice? As the day progressed, the temperatures warmed although the rain kept falling. By evening, a group of Hunter Education Instructors from Gillam, Morrow and Umatilla Counties were gathered at Panda Inn in Hermiston for their yearly training/informational meeting.

The meeting was led by Greg Barron, OHEIA's Northeast Director and President Elect, as well as coordinator for Gillam and Morrow Counties. Also present was Umatilla County coordinator, Emmett Walker. Instructors from around the three counties enjoyed a Chinese feast as they listened and interacted throughout the meeting.

Greg and Emmett updated the group on the overall health of our statewide Hunter Education program and they talked about how fee increases impacted license sales, the success of Independent Study students, when classes and field days will occur, and told stories that might be newsworthy and encouraged instructors to write up some of their hunting and/teaching stories for the newsletter.

We were informed about the upcoming International Hunter Education Conference coming up at Salishan in May and discussed the various ways we could volunteer and help OHEIA and IHEA pull off a highly successful conference. We all left the meeting glad the ice had melted and encouraged and excited to teach our classes this spring, summer and fall as well as look forward to the conference at Salishan.

Photos by Jim Marquardt
Top right: Greg Barron, standing, Carma Barron and Phil Jarmer.
Bottom left: Pendleton Instructors and Darlene Marquardt



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IDEAS FOR IHEA-USA CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY ROOM

BY ANDY MILLAR

Oregon Hunter Education Instructor, Milton Freewater

The IHEA-USA Hunter Education Conference will be held at the beautiful Salishan Resort May 22 through 25, 2017. I have volunteered to be the lead contact and organizer on the Hospitality Committee for this event.

Many of our hunter ed instructors have favorite recipes for wild game sausages, and sea foods, i.e. smoked salmon and tuna, or crab and cheese balls. Hopefully, they could be persuaded to donate some of those goodies to the cause! Cards could be made indicating name of the dish, by whom prepared, and the length of time.

Secondly, we could have "People's Choice Awards" with attendees casting the ballots, for the best of the different categories, every night.

Third, Instructors and staff would be the best leads for vendors of cheeses, craft brews, wines and distilled spirits, to show case Oregon products and the personal contacts who may wish to donate or offer a

discount for their goods. I would really like to start working with Hood River Distillery to get a good contact for them to provide all of their products, including Pendleton Whiskey!

Hopefully, Tim McCormack is up for doing some Dutch oven dishes, like black-berry cobbler and Black Forest Cake.

Are there any volunteers that have OLCC service permits?

Please refer to my contact information below if you would like to help!

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TRUE STORY: MOTHER NATURE TALKING

BY JACK CALHOUN

Oregon Hunter Education Instructor, Hermiston

It's opening weekend of rifle deer season in the Los Padres National Forest of central California. After early scouting trips I had decided on the location of my tree stand -- located on a ridge with bedding areas above me, food and water in the flats below, and several heavily used game trails intersecting 40 yards in front. Best of all, no human signs anywhere. Perfect!

Having an archery only tag, I settled into my stand about an hour before sunrise expecting to beat all the road hunters and gun hunters afield. With the exception of a slight breeze rising up the ridge, a few Mountain Jays flitting around, and one tree squirrel barking up the hill, it was peaceful. I had planned on catching the deer returning to their bedding area after feeding all night. Conditions seemed perfect as I settled in for the morning. Suddenly I noticed movement down the ridge long before I heard the doe and her twins coming up the trail, as they stopped to munch on acorns at a mere 22 yards, turning broadside -- they had no idea how lucky they were that they had no antlers. Oh if only they had horns!

A few minutes after they passed, I again caught movement at the bottom of the hill. Still over 100 yards away, I looked through my binoculars and excitement turned to disappointment once again. No way this is happening. It's not a buck. It's not even a doe. "IT" was a HUNTER! The first one I've seen in two months of scouting and planning. Covered in camouflage from head to toe, face painted, and carrying his rifle in the two hand field carry. Oh, how I watched, hoping he would take one of the side trails and get off my ridge. But, no, he continued toward me.

Then I noticed this man is sneaking through prime deer country in the middle of a national forest, alone, talking to himself. Now I am starting to get nervous. As he gets closer I can understand what he's saying. Things like, "hello bush", and "top of the morning, rock" and as he came to the base of my tree, he said, "hi, Mr. Tree." Holding back the laughter, I responded, "hi, man!" At which time he dropped his rifle and ran down the hill screaming like a little girl.

I figured my morning hunting was finished, so I got my gear on the ground and climbed down. As I picked up my gear I also picked up the man's rifle and headed down the ridge. As I neared the road, there he was in what appeared to be quite a discussion with his buddy. "Charlie, I'm telling you that tree answered me. I heard it!" They noticed me and got very quiet. As I approached I asked if this rifle belonged to one of them? In a sheepish voice he claimed it as his. "You know, this is such beautiful country, and a nice day, if you just relax and concentrate you can almost hear Mother Nature talking to you, ya know what I mean MAN?"

Saying goodbye, I headed back to my camp as they sped off in their truck still arguing. I only returned to that stand one more time. That's another story that I'll tell you about another time.

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HUMOR CORNER



**You can tell a lot about a woman's mood just by her hands.
If they're holding a gun, she's probably very unhappy!**

**Old age is not as bad as I thought. It's a good feeling when you feel
happy just to wake up in the morning.**

CENTRAL OREGON UPDATE

BY BRIAN FERRY, CENTRAL OREGON DIRECTOR

Wow, what a difference a year can make! This time last year we were enjoying an early Spring, basking in the sun, and I was getting the boat ready for fishing. Now we are lucky to get a rumor of the sun, the fashion is still down gear and pack boots, and my boat is still buried under the neighborhood glacier! Those of us in Redmond, Bend, Prineville, and Madras can at least see more bare ground than snow, that's not the case around Sunriver, LaPine, and Sisters where they are still snowbound. The good news is snowpack is the best in years, which bodes well for water supplies and soil moisture!

Despite the cold and lack of sunshine, we have been planning for, and putting on hunter education courses. This last weekend showcased the cooperation that epitomizes the hunter education program and instructors. Locally we normally measure snowfall in inches, this year it's been in feet. So much so that the construction for the new Redmond Rod and Gun Club ranges ceased back in December when frigid temperatures and snow depth stopped construction. In late January, we were still in the deep freeze and it became obvious that the range would not be available for planned February and March classes. At the 11th hour when all seemed lost, in rode the Lone Ranger, in the form of Tim McCormick, Jefferson County AC, who arranged the use of the Mt. Jefferson Rifle, Archery, and Pistol indoor range for Redmond's Classes. His help saved the day, and if that wasn't enough, he also helped as the RSO for our first class of 2017 last Saturday. Thanks to Tim and MJRAPA for making this class a rousing success! Two more

classes are slated for March that will also use the MJRAPA facility for the range and field portions of Redmond's courses. This is a perfect example of the hunter education team spirit in action!

Another great example will be displayed Feb. 28 – March 5 at the Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds during the 2017 Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show. As we have for many years, instructors from Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson counties will join in helping set up and staff ODFW's booth during the 4-day show. This year 19 instructors are slated to help with this worthy effort.

While this year's weather may be daunting, our instructor spirit is up to the challenge! Here's wishing you similar success with your efforts.

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K-FALLS CHECKS IN

BY RUTH JOHNSON, EASTSIDE VP

Klamath County has just begun its classes for the year. Recruitment is an ongoing process with a current roster of 26 instructors. Now we just need to get them all through training so they can be fully functional whatever level they are comfortable. A great big thank you to Don Albrecht from Medford for scheduling a Phase II training class that will expedite this process! We have tenured experienced instructors joining us from different states which should really get things ramped up. I am excited for this instructional season.

At our county planning meeting, we scheduled nine classes for the year along with a bowhunter education class. This season, we will not only continue to serve other communities with our Merrill/Malin class, but we will also venture to Bly for a field-day class. The plan is to hold at least one class during the winter months in addition to our normal spring/summer classes.

A great big shout out and thank you to ALL instructors in the Eastern Region...you are a joy to work with! Happy teaching to you all!

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A WELCOME FROM NEW BOARD MEMBER FROM K-FALLS

BY RYAN NIEHUS, K-FALL HUNTER ED INSTRUCTOR

Hello all --

For those who don't know me, I am a Hunter Education regular and bow instructor. During the day (and sometimes the night) I'm busy chasing down those folks who violate the four cardinal rules. When I'm not working, I'm busy with the kids running from one sport practice to another, coaching softball and teaching Hunter Ed classes (not to mention hunting, trapping remodeling a house and did I mention working?)

During the last OHEIA session, I was appointed as a Director At Large. My responsibilities include assisting the President with special projects and helping instructors throughout the state with OHEIA projects. Currently we are working on a project to raise funds selling raffle tickets for three really cool shotguns.

One of my latest Hunter Ed ideas was setting up a Field Day for a local school's Outdoor School. Teachers give out assignments such as two pages a night in the workbook and will check the progress for a grade. I've since taken that idea and given it to my daughter, a Hunter Ed junior instructor. She will be using that as a Service Project for Honor Society. So if you have a Jr. Instructor who needs a project, consider something like this. And reach out to local middle schools in your area. Hunter Education may be just the component they are missing in their Outdoor School.

Thanks for all you do. Feel free to contact me at ryan.klamathhe@outlook.com if I can answer any questions regarding this service project or help with an instructor problem.

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JACKSON COUNTY CHECKS IN

BY DON ALBRECHT, SW REGION DIRECTOR

Jackson County instructors have been busy planning and scheduling classes for the year. We are getting back into the business of Bow Hunter Education classes and are excited for the first class to be offered here in seven years. It has been a collaborative effort with Emmett Walker the State Bow Hunter Ed Coordinator, James Reed and many volunteer instructors from Jackson County. We found during the Jackson County Sportsman's Show in 2016 that there was a need by the public for such a class. Many people inquired about the opportunities available to learn how to hunt with bow.

Our instructors spent 146 man hours working the ODFW Outdoors booth at the 2017 Jackson County Sportsman's Show during the weekend of February 24th – 26th. We interfaced with the public and handed out over 70 home study packets, signed 64 participants up for Hunter Education classes or Youth Turkey Clinic, and enlisted 2 new instructors that now have pending applications.

We also helped promote a "Hunt to Home Class" that will cover what to do after the kill, from field dressing to butcher and processing meat. This class is collaboration between the Oregon State University Extension office, the Master Food Preservers Association, Oregon Hunter's Association and the ODFW Outdoors Outdoor Skills Program. We are certain that this class will be well attended as we often are asked by parents of our Hunter Education students about this topic. Information about this class can be found at: extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/

Welcome Jim Havice to Jackson County. Jim is a prior Washington County instructor who has moved south. Their loss is definitely our gain and we are happy to have him.



Left photo, 2017 Jackson County Sportsman's Show Hunter Education booth. Note the video slide show of HE student game harvests (at the top, next to the Learn to Fish & Hunt). Quite a draw for our visitors to the booth.

Right photo, Bow Hunter Education Instructor Training.

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WASCO-SHERMAN COUNTY LOSES A DEDICATED INSTRUCTOR

BY KEITH MORRIS, HUNTER ED INSTRUCTOR, WASCO



Dean receiving Distinguished Service Award

LINDA BREGE FEB 17, 1947 – OCT. 5, 2016

Linda Marie Brege (Byrd) 69 of Rufus Oregon passed away at her home, after a battle with Cancer. She was born in The Dalles, OR on Feb. 17, 1947. She was the eldest daughter of Robert W. and Ina M. Byrd of Rufus. Linda attended school in Rufus, and graduated from Sherman High School in 1965. She went on to college at Western Oregon State College (WOSU now) and received her master's degree in Education.

While at Western Oregon she played basketball. She taught school in the Portland area and then got the opportunity to go to Europe to teach on a military base for two years. On returning home she taught in the Sherman County School District where she was also a track and volleyball coach. Shortly after returning home from teaching in Europe she met and married Dean Brege.

DEAN BREGE AUG. 10, 1948 – OCT. 17, 2016

Dean Alfred Brege 68 of Rufus Oregon passed away at Legacy Emanuel hospital. He was born in Alpena, Michigan on August 10, 1948. Dean attended school in Belknap Township's St. Michael's Lutheran School, and graduated from Rogers City High School in 1966. After serving in the Army in 1972 and 1973, he returned to college and received his master's degree in Fish Biology. He moved to Rufus in 1976 to work for the Nation Marine Fisheries and met his future wife Linda Byrd.

Dean & Linda (Byrd) Brege were married in 1978, and had two daughters Heidi and Nichole. During their lifetime in Rufus they both volunteered for the Rufus Fire and Ambulance for many years. Dean served on the Rufus City Council and the school boards. Linda served on many local boards and committees as well. Dean was an avid hunter and for 39 years taught Hunter Education for the State of Oregon. Dean and Linda both enjoyed the outdoors and most especially enjoyed their time with their family and friends.

The Couple is survived by their daughters: Heidi (Brege) Allen & husband Alfonso, and Nichole (Brege) Banttari & husband Ed, four grandchildren: Lotus, Ina, Eli, and Ivan. They are also survived by numerous family members and friends who dearly loved them.

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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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PRICE LIST FOR OHEIA ITEMS:

- OHEIA Patch \$2.25
- OHEIA Decal \$1.00
- OHEIA Lapel Pin \$2.75
- OHEIA T-Shirts \$15.00
- OHEIA Caps \$15.00
- One year membership \$10.00
- Two year membership \$20.00
- Life Membership \$100.00

Freight charges apply to ship orders. Orders require street address.

Order forms are available on OHEIA website. Board Member Contact Information is also on OHEIA website.

Membership/Renewal Application

If this is a renewal, please CHECK BOX. Clearly write your NAME, E-MAIL ADDRESS, and YEAR/YEARS PAID.

NAME _____ INSTRUCTOR # _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ COUNTY _____

E-MAIL _____

YEAR/YEARS PAID: 2017 2018 LIFE CHECK # _____ CASH \$ _____

I am enclosing my ____ \$10.00 annual, ____ \$20.00 for two years, or ____ \$100.00 Life membership dues. Membership year is May 1-April 30. Checks payable to Oregon Hunter Education Instructors Association or OHEIA. Membership dues are not prorated nor refundable.

Mail dues to: Jeanne Littleton, OHEIA Treasurer, at P.O. Box 434, Creswell, OR 97426.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____/_____/_____

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO UPDATE A MAILING ADDRESS OR E-MAIL ADDRESS. I NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP RECORDS CORRECT. THANK YOU.

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