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# OHELA **NEWSLETTER**

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

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## **President's Message**

Fellow OHEIA Members:

Please Explore OHEIA's Grants Opportunities. With passage of the recent holidays many of us are loading our 2015 calendars for the coming year. As we think ahead and schedule our classes and field days, I encourage everyone to keep OHEIA's grant program in mind as they contemplate class needs. Our ODFW's Hunter Education Program in Salem does an excellent job of servicing many of our requirements with their online class registration system and materials request pages. Another valuable asset is their near seamless web based catalog at: (http:// www.dfw.state.or.us/education/ hunter/instructors/catalog.asp

Those are some excellent pages where instructors can order valuable products with just a few keystrokes and a mouse click. If one has not visited that site, I encourage you go there.

Even with ODFW's help, many of us are challenged with equipment or facilities needs that are outside their realm of support and beyond our class budgets. Relatively recent examples supported by OHEIA grants included clay pigeon throwers and meeting room chairs where facilities were available but seating was in short supply. Those durable goods will serve students well into the future, and were deemed worthy investments. If

one's facilities or equipment are presenting a challenge, please visit OHEIA's website and download and submit a grants application form:(http:// oheia.org/grantapplication.pdf)

If anyone has questions on specifics of the process, please contact any board member or officer, and we'll gladly furnish as much assistance as possible.

Program Updates This past December (5th), ODFW Hunter Ed Staff presented a 3-pronged proposal to our Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Specific action items included: (1) Elimination of a 12 hour minimum class requirement in recognition of advanced teaching techniques and online class structures; (2) A formalized requirement (as opposed to a long standing practice) that home study and online students less than 18 years old experience a live-fire field day; and (3) Accept successful completion of a new online Hunter Education course for adults (> 18 yrs) as the sole requirement for awarding an Oregon Hunter Education card. This eliminates a live fire/field day exercise as a requirement for adults. The online course meets current IHEA standards, and if need be, Oregon residents could already take advantage of accepted online offerings from other states.

Draft minutes of the Commission meeting have not been accepted or posted, but By David Ganskopp

word of mouth indicates the proposal was accepted in entirety. Those interested in its exact content can find it online as Exhibit G in the December 5, 2014 Commission agenda posted at: (http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/14/12\_december/index.asp)

Biennial Statewide Conference
ODFW routed out notice cards for our 2015 Statewide Hunter
Education Conference scheduled for April 24-26 in Pendleton at the Wildhorse Resort. Formal Agenda and Registration notices and agenda have been mailed. In addition to program updates and training sessions, there will a session devoted to NRA Range Officer accreditation. Mark your calendar and avoid scheduling your classes for that weekend.

OHEIA will also fit a brief membership business meeting into that schedule. Central focus will be on an OHEIA bylaws revision addressing the geographic composition of our Board of Directors. Historically representation has been linked to ODFW District boundaries. With recent ODFW redistricting, however, that practice will leave some portions of Oregon with widely dispersed representation. We will present a bylaws revision and a revised OHEIA district map that closely mimics past ODFW district boundaries for a yea/nay vote at the Statewide conference. I look forward to seeing you at conference.

> Dave Ganskopp OHEIA President

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## MEMBERSHIP NOTICE—PROPOSED CHANGE TO BYLAWS

#### **BACKGROUND**

During 2014 the Board identified a concern regarding having adequate representation statewide from our membership. When OHEIA was founded in 1990, the founding members tied OHEIA Regional Directors to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's administrative boundaries. (See Bylaw Article III, 3.2.1 and 3.2.2.1). Since OHEIA's founding, ODFW has reduced its five terrestrial administrative regions (Northwest, Southwest, Central, Northeast, Southeast) to two regions (Western and Eastern).

In OHEIA Board's opinion this creates a problem with ensuring adequate and fair member representation. To address this the Board developed and approved the following concept, which drops the reference to ODFW regional boundaries, and restores and defines the five geographical regions similar to what was present when OHEIA was founded. The wording of this proposal has been reviewed and approved by OHEIA's legal representative, Fred Kowolowski.

Approving this Bylaw change restores the original five geographical regions, defines them by county, and eliminates the reference to ODFW regions. The Board recommends approval of this Bylaw change which will be considered and voted on by the membership present at the annual membership meeting at the 2015 Oregon Statewide Hunter Education Instructor Training Conference being held in Pendleton on April 24-26, 2015.

#### THE PROPOSAL:

Only affects Article III, Sections 3.2.1 and 3.2.2.1 of the Bylaws by removing references to ODFW, and adding language that restores the five regions, and defines them based on County boundaries. New language is in <u>underlined bold italics</u>, the deleted language is lined through.

#### 1. Change Article III, 3.2.1 to read:

The Board shall consist of not less than ten members in good standing of the Corporation, including officers and at least one Representative Director from each ODFW <u>of the following</u> regions comprised of <u>Oregon counties:</u>

Northwest: Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk,

Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill.

Southwest: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, and Lane.

<u>Central:</u> <u>Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco.</u>

<u>Northeast:</u> <u>Baker, Grant, Gilliam, Morrow, Wheeler, Umatilla, Union, and Wallowa.</u>

Southeast: Harney, Lake, and Malheur.

#### 2. Change Article III, 3.2.2.1 to read:

Shall represent members and reside in the ODFW  $\underline{r}$ egion they serve. Such directors. . . (remainder of this section has no changes).

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## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

#### **PEW RESEARCH CENTER**

Test your knowledge of prominent people and major events in the news by taking a shot 12-question quiz. When you finish you will be able to compare your News IQ with the average American and compare responses across demographics groups.

http://pewresearch.org/news-iq-quiz.php

#### TARGET DRONES

You shooting enthusiasts who go to the range every week will enjoy this little clip on shooting target drones. Sure looks like it would be fun.

TARGET DRONES Now, this is a different twist on going to the Range <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/no8zlkltuct0l5x/Gnat%20Warfare%202-HD%">https://www.dropbox.com/s/no8zlkltuct0l5x/Gnat%20Warfare%202-HD%</a>
201080p.mov?dl=0

#### **OHEIA WEBSITE NEWS**

Check out our website. You will find:

- April 2013 Bylaws
- Grant Application
- Grants Program Information

www.OHEIA.org

## **Bought vs Homemade**



(It just doesn't get much cuter than this ... note the expression in the picture.)

Six year old Annie returns home from school and says that today she had her first family planning lesson at school.

Her mother, very interested, asks: "Oh ... how did it go?"

"I nearly died of shame!" she answers. "Sam from down the street says the stork brings babies. Sally

next door said you can buy babies at the orphanage. Pete in my class says you can buy babies at the hospital.

Her mother answers laughingly, "But that's no reason to be ashamed."

"No ... but I can't tell them that we were so poor that you and daddy had to make me yourselves!"

-- Oh, out of the mouths of babes!

## **2015 STATEWIDE HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR CONFERENCE**

You should have received registration materials and an agenda for the upcoming Statewide Hunter Education Instructor Conference scheduled April 24-25-26. 2015.

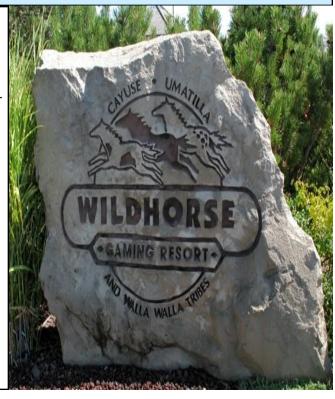
Please go online and register. Much work is going into the preparation for this conference to make it worthy of your attendance. If you have any problems or questions, contact Myrna or Janice to give you a hand. You can reach them by phone at 503-947-6016, or by email to Janice at ianice.b.copple@state.or.us.

Instructors will need to make your own lodging reservations. Rates are extremely reasonable. ODFW will be reimbursing half your lodging costs, plus mileage reimbursement is available at \$.25 per mile.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino's phone number is 1-800-654-9453, located at 46510 Wildhorse Blvd, Pendleton, OR 97801.

OHEIA has been working hard to put together another fun night during our fundraising event. A flyer is enclosed to give you an idea of some of the planned activities. We hope you will join us.

Photo: Trip Advisor





#### **OHEIA ASSOCIATION**

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#### PRICE LIST FOR OHEIA ITEMS:

- Fox Whistles \$3.25
- OHEIA Patch \$2.25
- OHEIA Decal \$1.00
- OHEIA Lapel Pin \$2.75
- OHEIA T-Shirts \$15.00
- OHEIA Caps \$15.00
- One yr Membership \$10.00
- Two yr Membership \$20.00
- Life Membership \$100.00

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

Order forms are available on website.

#### **HUNTER ED CLASSROOM TIPS**

- (1) Considerable time can be conserved if students are sorted into left and right hand shooters before field/range activities begin when shooting from benched stations. Stopping mid-group to repeatedly reposition arms, rests, ammo, spotting and loading gear to the left or right sides of a bench tests the patience of both students and instructors.
- (2) With the near universal availability of inexpensive laser pointers, taping one to a firearm's barrel will clearly illustrate the relative stability of our various shooting positions as they are demonstrated in the classroom settings. This same exercise will clearly illustrate the degree and direction of muzzle travel that occurs as we handle firearms.
- (3) If an instructor has binoculars and/or spotting scope and tripod available, involve and rotate the non-shooting students through as spotters at each target station. Any activity that keeps students involved and busy is a good thing.
- (4) When using 10/22's or similar arms with detachable magazines, investing in a few spares can save a bit of time. Those next in line can finish loading their magazines before approaching the bench.

## **Membership Application**

## OREGON HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If this is a renewal, you may CHECK AMOUNT and enter your NAME. E-MAIL ADDRESS, and YEAR PAID only.			
NAME	INSTRUCTOR #		
ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	
PHONE	COUNTY		
E-MAIL			
YEAR/YEARS PAID	CHECK #	CASH \$	
I am enclosing my \$10.00 annual, April 30. Membership dues are not prorated.			
SIGNED	DA	ΓΕ/	
Your email address is important. Please write clearly.			