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OHEIA 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

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all have had an enjoyable summer and found some time to relax. Hunting season is upon us again and seems to be off to a good start so far. I have noticed a few more people out there this year. It's amazing to see how much the economy really impacts the outdoors for so many people.

As we near the IHEA conference OHEIA will be getting busy behind the scenes helping with that and may be in need of some volunteers. Once we have had a opportunity to do some more planning, we may be reaching out for some assistance from our membership. We could need able folks to help with many different tasks. Watch our next newsletter and our website for ways you can help and how to sign up. We are always taking donations to help with fundraising as well. If you or anyone you know would like to contribute we are always open to items, ideas and assistance with that.

OHEIA is always looking for feedback from our membership on how to serve you better. Remember our sole purpose is to support our membership which consists of you the instructor. We appreciate all the hard work it takes to be an instructor and we want to be there for you when you need us.

Our newsletter always has room for more articles so please if you have something you would like to share we would encourage it. Thank you to those who have been sending in your articles it was nice to see some response to this. It is exciting to see this newsletter grow with each issue. Jeanne Littleton has really gone above and beyond putting this together and keeping it going. Thank you Jeanne for a job well done!

I would like to also encourage you to take a look at our website another example of wonderful volunteers making things happen. Darlene Marquardt has done a fantastic job keeping our website active and updated. Thank you Darlene for a job well done!

Our next board meeting will be in Salem in conjunction with the end of the year trainings. Any member of OHEIA is welcome to attend. Anyone interested in being on the board should contact Chris Friend, Jeanne Littleton or any board member and we can get you any information needed. Our contact information is located on our website as well as in this newsletter and you can always attend a meeting and see what it is all about.

Thank you for all you do!

~Chris Friend, President

CENTRAL OREGON UPDATE

BY BRIAN FERRY, CENTRAL OREGON DIRECTOR

As I prepare this (Sept. 25), classes are done in Jefferson and Crook Counties for the year, while Deschutes County's last class will wind up this week. Instructors will now take a couple of months to evaluate this year's results, regroup, and begin the planning and preparations for 2017. Following are some impressions from instructors in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson County.

- 1. Instructors (and AC's) noted that attendance to hunter education classes declined. For the first time in Northern Deschutes County 2 classes were cancelled due to a lack of participants.
- 2. "No shows" to classes are at a higher level than desired.
- 3. Participation in Independent Study (IS) Courses appears to be increasing. I don't have final figures, but for the first time in Northern Deschutes County we may have graduated more students from IS courses than from conventional ones. In a first for Crook County, they offered 3 IS classes.
- 4. Local HE Instructors are active in a variety of important activities that benefit youth and promote safe shooting activities. A few examples include:
 - Tim McCormack (Jefferson County) has been a long time 4H shooting sports instructor; board member for the Mt. Jefferson Rifle, Archery, and Pistol Association; and has for many years assisted the Prineville District ODFW with their youth pheasant hunt.
 - Stu Butts (Crook County) and his team have assisted the Prineville ODFW with Archery and Deer Rifle Season Hunter Information Booths. Instructors from all 3 Counties provided key assistance in setting up, staffing, and taking down the ODFW booth at the Central Oregon Sportsman's Show.
 - Kevin Borst (S. Deschutes County) has for the last two years worked tirelessly with the Bend OHA to develop a successful and well attended annual Youth and Family Outdoor Day.
 - Bill Layton (N. Deschutes County) has led the relocation effort of the Redmond Rod and Gun Club to their new site.

I know instructors throughout the state work in similar fashion. Thank you for your efforts and congratulations on another teaching year nearly complete! Fall is upon us and hunting seasons are in full swing. I hope the remainder of your year includes getting to put into practice what we teach!

Good luck and best wishes.

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NORTHEAST REGION

BY GREG BARRON, NE REGION DIRECTOR

I love this time of year with its crisp cooler mornings and the changing colors of the trees and shrubs. It also signals the beginning of hunting season. Since I didn't draw any control hunt tags, I have been out on the weekends trying to hunt up a buck, bull or bear with my bow.

Hunting season is a great time to mentor youth and introduce them to the hunting sport that you are so passionate about. It was nice to get my youngest son into the woods, so he could do a little grouse hunting before he heads back to Oregon State University for his last year of college. He absolutely had a ball rousting out those grouse and making some very fine wing shots. His older brother can't wait for him to graduate and come deer and elk hunting with us next year.

I really admire my brother, who is fourteen years young than me. He is an excellent mentor when it comes to hunting. He is selfless when it comes to helping his middle daughter try to get an archery buck, bull or bear. He's so

patient trying to get her a shot at an animal. He never gets upset nor discouraged when she misses a shot, he just gives her encouragement and makes it a teachable moment. When back at camp they both practice shooting their bows at the target. They have a special bond and my niece respects and admires her Dad very much. On one of their outings she will "seal the deal" and I am looking forward to it just as much as she is, if not more.

I just want to remind everybody that the OHEIA provides "grants" to hunter education instructors, so they can purchase small or big ticket items for their classes. So, take advantage of this opportunity by visiting our webpage at www.oheia.org. If you have any great ideas about how the OHEIA can serve you better let me know!

Happy and safe hunting!

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FINALLY A BRIDE AND NOT A BRIDESMAID

BY GREG BARRON, NE REGION DIRECTOR

As I was sipping my morning coffee, I remarked to my brother, niece and my son, Pat, that maybe today one of us will become a bride instead of always being the bridesmaid. This was referring to the many times we had come up short while archery hunting. Don't get me wrong, I absolutely love being in the out-of-doors hunting, but it had been awhile for some of us and not at all for others.



Niece, Amanda Barron, and Greg with 6X6 trophy!

As we approached our planned hunt area my brother and niece decided to sidehill an East facing slope and set up near a wallow. My son and I decided to trek over to the West facing slope on the same draw. I remembered an old logging skid and headed for that. There was a spot where this Black Bear and I had a stand-off at about 30 yards the morning before, but as I drew back on my bow he dropped to all fours and high-tailed it to the tall and uncut. During that morning the best I could do was talk back and forth to a small group of cow elk ... no bulls!

Little did I know things were about to change. As my son and I worked our way into the area where I had earlier seen the bear, he whispered to me that he thought he heard elk sidehilling above us. We separated and set up about 40 yards apart. Both of us wasted no time ranging trees for yardage in front of us. I also heard the clicking of hooves on rocks and saw movement through the trees about 150 yards above and to my right as the small elk herd continued on. I cow called once and much to my surprise a bull responded with a bugle.

I called again and he busted out ahead of the group still sidehilling and bugled again. I managed to eek out another cow call and the big bull barreled down towards me like a freight train. He parked behind one last lodgepole pine while I coaxed him into full commitment with

a soft "love tone" from my call. He took a step out from behind the pine at 31 yards and my arrow found its mark.

As I reflect on all those years of archery hunting and the many times I got outsmarted, somehow this time it almost seemed too easy. Now, finally back at camp, we all hoisted up our favorite drink and toasted to the bull. Here's to the bull! Now when it comes to archery hunting, I am definitely a bride and not a bridesmaid. ###

Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a hunting bag for the purpose of storing dead batteries.

NORTHEAST REGION

BY DARLENE MARQUARDT, WEBMASTER

SHARING OUR TRIP TO ODFW

Eastern Oregon Instructors will have a few more resources this fall. Instructors, Jim and Darlene Marquardt made a trip to ODFW offices in Salem to pick up ammo and clay pigeons for Umatilla and Morrow County instructors to use during their field days. Myrna gave them a tour of the ODFW "store" to enhance their "shopping" trip. The facility is beautiful. If you've never had a chance to visit, do so.



SOUTHEAST REGION

BY DAVID GANKSOPP, SE REGION DIRECTOR



A radical set of antlers on mule deer!

Charlotte got word of a local mule deer with some radical antlers, and decided to try finding him yesterday morning. I figured, "yeah, right." Well, she ran him down in short order. A pic on the left.

The deer is exchanging a summer coat for a winter one, so looks a bit scruffy, and for sure has some unusual head gear. I have no idea what the physiology is, but if a buck is crippled on one leg or the other, the opposing antler will be deformed. This one had a fairly inflexible and visibly larger right front leg. He could get around quite well, jumping fences etc., but one could see a noticeable limp favoring the right.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)
The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

SOUTHEAST REGION

BY DAVID GANKSOPP, SE REGION DIRECTOR

With the transition into late summer, activities in the Southeast Region have slowed as we've completed our pronghorn seasons, deer/elk archery season is nearly over, and our rifle deer/elk seasons are fast approaching. There's always a scarcity of instructors as we near the time of year most of us live for, and the public shows an understanding of our annual class scheduling patterns.

Being personally successful in Oregon's pronghorn draw this year, I had a very pleasant outing in the West Beaty's Butte unit with the most serious aspect being how to approach targeted bucks. Sitting near water and letting the game come to me proved to be the least taxing method. As a retired person, I had the luxury of sizing up animals for three days prior to the season, and then patiently waiting four days for things to come together. Tuesday evening the deed was accomplished, and I was able to work up the buck as temperatures were dropping and daylight was fading.



A huge breakfast and a leisurely breakdown of camp the next morning meant the season was over for me.

Be safe and good luck out there. ###

K-FALLS CHECKS IN

BY RUTH JOHNSON, SE REPRESENTATIVE



Future Hunters on the line!

Classes for this year are complete in Klamath County and recruitment efforts are still in full force. With six classes completed, the instructors here certified 115 students, mentoring them to become safer hunters and outdoorsmen and women.



Cutie catching a dandy! Smile tells all!

K-FALLS CHECKS IN

BY RUTH JOHNSON, SE REPRESENTATIVE

While many instructors were recruited, there was still an issue getting instructors for every class, hence the reduced number of classes.

Klamath County has a new FaceBook page courtesy of one of our newest instructors, Dustin Howell. We are excited about this addition and anticipate using it to advertise our courses well in advance in addition to making a student brag board.

Kudos go to Sierra Niehus, one of our junior instructors, who has grown tremendously in the area of teaching. Sierra was a frequent teaching presence in our classes this year and we hope to see more of her in the future.

Happy hunting to all and above all ... be safe and enjoy the woods!

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LANE COUNTY CHECKS IN

BY JEANNE LITTLETON, LEAD INSTRUCTOR, SO LANE CTY

LANE COUNTY LOOSES ONE OF ITS OWN . . .

It is with a sad heart I share that Lane County and my own teaching cadre has lost one of our own. John Thorpe, an integral member of South Lane County traditional class teaching cadre passed peacefully in his home on August 23, 2016, at age 92. John was born in Minnesota, but grew up in Oregon. He served in the Navy as a pharmacist's mate in WWII. John attended the University of Oregon, where he met his wife, Helen, and married in 1949. John lived most of his life in the house he built with his wife and three children in Eugene. He retired in 1986 from his position as Director of Family Housing at UO.



John was always supportive of whatever his children were doing. His later years were spent in teaching young people in Hunter Education classes. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge and experience with the younger generation. He taught them gun safety, boating and hunting safety, and even baking, but most of all living. He had a passion for life and the outdoors. As an active outdoorsman and hunter, he regularly hiked Mt. Pisgah into his 80s, bagged a pronghorn antelope entered in the Boone & Crockett record book when he was 87, and brought back a moose from Canada at 89. John will be deeply missed by his family members and his numerous friends.

This what John shared when he was interviewed by the Register-Guard on his antelope trophy:

John Thorpe

"... 87 is not too old for a person to be out hunting, in my view. I waited 15 years to draw that tag." He added that there was no way he was going to miss the opportunity to go

antelope hunting again when he drew a tag. John took his grandson, saying I practice what I teach. Be prepared, don't hunt alone, and be safe. He mused that he let him carry everything except the firearm."

John had some words of wisdom to share as well ...

"A lot of people would give up doing certain things that they like to do because of their age. If there's any message I could give to people, you know, it is 'do as much as you can, and don't worry about it.' Besides, 87 isn't that old –107 is old ..."

Goodbye, John. God speed! We will miss your friendship, quick wit, vast knowledge, and willingness to share. ###

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

SOUTHWEST REGION ACTIVITIES

JACKSON COUNTY CHECKS IN

BY DON ALBRECHT, AREA COORDINATOR

Jackson County Hunter Education instructors have had a busy end to our summer. Many of us have been in the field pursuing the sport that we all love with a bow and arrow. Others of us have been working on HE projects and classes while anxiously awaiting the beginning of rifle season.

The third weekend of September found a number of us supporting the success of ODFW's Youth Pheasant Hunt at Denman Wildlife Area. Some Hunter Education instructors provided shotgun skills training on the trap range while others worked with the United Hunters and Sportsman group cooking a free breakfast and a hotdog lunch for all of the participants. During the two day hunt, 135 kids came out with their adult supervisors and took 179 pheasants. With an average of 1.3 birds per hunter it seemed that everyone was excited. For Hunter Education instructors it was exciting to see our program graduates finding success in the field.

We are always striving to fill the need of the public's desire for classes and each year there is a large demand just before rifle season. We scheduled two field day classes for the end of September which filled quickly. Thanks to instructors Richard and Nancy Fields a third class was added to accommodate even more students.

Jackson County has four new instructors joining the program. Welcome aboard Nancy Fields, Garth Chain, Jason Rehling and Wes Smoker. We look forward to working with you.



2016 HE Graduate Olivia Barber with her first successful hunt and her dad Clayton Barber.



Instructors Colby Hawkinson and Mel Weeks with student on trap range during field day class.

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SOUTHWEST REGION

BY JEANNE LITTLETON, EDITOR, OHEIA NEWSLETTER

Hats off! To another Hunter Education Instructor going the extra mile for kids in our classes. I spent some enjoyable time with Josh Headlee at the Regional Meeting in Myrtle Point this past summer, sharing class experiences and listening to what Josh does for "his kids". He quickly rallied to my quest for articles for our newsletter, and I'm happy to share his contribution with you. He makes me proud to be a hunter education instructor and to associate with such caring and sensitive people. ###

CURRY COUNTY CHECKS IN

BY JOCK HEADLEE, LEAD INSTRUCTOR

Jock is a lead instructor in Curry County. This student's name is Angel Lampke. He got his first deer last year also with Jock's mentoring. Angel has been sick with an auto immune disease, but after two operations is on the mend, Jock reports. Jock also tells me this young man is 14 years old, and that he also likes to fish and often accompanies Jock.



Angel Lampke - Curry County

The rest of the story ... Jock and Angel on a turkey hunting trip were walking across a field to set up on a flock and spotted a lone tom at the end of the field.

Jock says, "we set up and the tom almost ran over us. Must have been the sweet talk I was giving him" he laughs. Jock has taken several of his other students out spring turkey hunting as well. They came home with bragging rights when they bagged their first turkeys.

Congratulations, Angel!! Thank you, Jock, for what you do for your kids.

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NEW CONTRIBUTORS

BY JEANNE LITTLETON, EDITOR, OHEIA NEWSLETTER

A special recognition to two more new contributors to our newsletters. The newsletter is open to all comers to share with fellow instructors. My email is on the front of this publication. Let me hear from you.

One story comes from Troy Cockrell from Linn County. Another Hunter Education instructor sharing an incident that we hunters all need to heed. Troy came away with a lesson learned, and shares his experience with us.

The second is an article coming from Nancy Buell from Sisters, and deals with what happens <u>after</u> the hunt. Nancy calls on us as hunter education instructors to expand what we teach and why. I think you'll find her article extremely interesting and thought provoking.

EATING WHAT WE HUNT

BY NANCY BUELL

Hunter Education in Oregon rightly emphasizes safety, fair chase, and abiding by the laws designed not only to protect, but also to conserve. There is emphasis on field dressing, and some on transporting harvested game. But unless we add it, there is almost nothing about what to do with the results of your hunt. What about the meat?

We know, as hunters ourselves, that the general public may not share our values or enthusiasm. New hunters will also be confronted with hunting's decreasing popularity, even in Oregon. Perhaps it is time to look at what we are emphasizing in our courses, and add just a bit more information on the end product—which is, as we know, "real food," and deserves to be considered part of the "eat local" and "sustainable food" movements.

Let's make sure that young people know something about that, even if it is only a word here and there or a handout to take home. There are many web sites that will show the comparisons of the various types of venison to commercially available, farm-raised or feed-lot raised meats. The comparison speaks loudly for itself: this is a healthy meat alternative! The web site for the University of Minnesota that will actually give you a nutrition comparison chart to show in class. The USDA also provides information on the value of venison as a protein source http://www.audioarchives.oc.usda.gov).

Perhaps it is time to look at what we are emphasizing in our courses, and add just a bit more information on the end product ...

What about the meat?

Do all hunters eat what they bag? I have had medical doctors ask me how to use the meat they were able to secure. "My wife won't cook it." "We really like sausage." "We had some jerky made." If we want to change this dynamic, if we want to sustain hunters and hunting, we need to be partially *about the meat*. And I'm not talking about recipes. I'm talking about an attitude which we represent and advocate with our words.

We know that caring for meat properly is the key to edible results, not to mention respect for the animal. When we taught the course in Sisters, for example, we made sure that students learned about and discussed how heat, dirt, shot placement and stress on the animal can ruin meat. Every hunter needs to know these things. Every hunter needs to know how to safely transport meat

home from the field, even if this means only to a butcher or locker facility.

Every hunter needs to know that butchering, even field dressing (or, perhaps, especially field dressing) is part of the process, and learn how to do what is necessary to protect the meat. In another class in which we took part, this was barely touched because of the verbalized assumption "You'll have someone with you who will do this." Hmmm.

Setting that aside as an assumption that may not be accurate, what next? Butchers are helpful and will sort and package meat, though butchering game yourself will ensure that the cuts your family likes will be given priority (some people prefer burger, for example, for its wide variety of uses). Also, as you conduct your anatomy lesson, you will learn about what's tough (lots of vertical grain, sinew, close to the joints, etc.). And that leads directly into how meat can be cooked. Cooked in a way which matches its utility, all kinds of venison are wonderful. Certainly there are better ways to cook it. But it isn't about recipes, it's about familiarity and attention to the meat itself. And when the results are good, you "feed" the hunter in all of us.

The general public needs to see that we are stewards of wildlife in the strictest sense: we cull the herds, deal effectively with the resulting meat, and most importantly, eat what we harvest so that nothing goes to waste. You may not think you have anything in common with movements for sustainable harvest, local and healthy eating, but you do ... you do. And we will go farther to ensure that future generations hunt if we emphasize eating what is harvested.

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Bill Buell has been involved in hunter education in Oregon since the 1970's. Nancy taught her first course in the late 1990's. Bill, also a Master Hunter, rewrote the then Oregon exam to better align it with the actual course emphases. (Nancy helped with some technical issues, as this was her professional work.) He received a commendation from the state for his work. After 37 years in Alaska, the last 15 shuttling back and forth between Kenai and Sunriver, the Buells have returned to Oregon and will be volunteering for Hunter Education courses in their home area.

LINN COUNTY CHECKS IN

BY TROY COCKRELL, INSTRUCTOR

A little introduction of Troy. Troy has been a hunter education instructor teaching in Sweet Home for the past 4 years. Troy reports he has taught 273 students and logged 121 teaching hours, and figures he has taught most of the hunters under the age of 17 in Sweet Home! One of the things he says he always teaches in the classroom to the students is to hunt with a partner! But this incident was an exception as his hunting buddy wasn't available this afternoon. Troy shares his harrowing experience with us to share in our classrooms. The lesson learned? Practice what you teach!

I was archery deer hunting east of Sweet Home that evening, and had been "spot & stalk" hunting a doe I came across while walking into the clearcut at about 6 o'clock in the evening. After following her for a couple of hours it was getting dark so I decided to give up the chase. I was walking out of the clearing on an old logging road at the edge of the timber when I saw a set of eyes in the road.

I was using a pretty low powered head lamp to light my way and couldn't make out anything more than the eyes. I carry a higher powered flash light in my pocket. I got a very eerie feeling so I shined the bigger light on it. It was a large cougar, and I was dinner! The cat stood up and continued towards me.

I pulled my handgun and fired. The cat jumped thrashed around then ran at a high speed at me. I fired more, 10 shot in all, before the cat crashed loudly off the road 10 yards from me, down into the blackberry vines and timber.



The next day my friend came up to the location with me. We spent a couple of hours looking for a blood trail, drag marks, any indication of where the cat may have gone, but nothing. I hate leaving a wounded animal of any sort, but I feel as though I did my due diligence to recover it. The entire incident took less than 7 seconds. In that time I fired 10 rounds and I'm sure I hit it at least twice (not very good shooting, I know).

I did remember to stand my ground the entire time and was yelling at the same time as shooting to get the cat to leave. Just to be certain I wasn't still being pursued, I made lots of noise yelling and stomping, kicking rocks.

So getting to the legality of the entire situation, it is legal to carry a handgun during archery season in Oregon; however, it is not legal to shoot an animal after dark (except coyotes, possums, and skunks). Now with that said, you may defend yourself from any animal attack with that handgun, day or night. I feel am a fairly good marksman (former Marine), proficient with many firearms, teach a class at outdoor school from primitive weapon systems to the most modern firearms. I do practice quick draw & fire scenarios with my handgun. I was carrying a Smith & Wesson M&P 9 with a Black Hawk Serpa holster, however the typical handgun target range is 21'. The first shot taken at the cougar was nearly 40 yards and it got within 10 yards before leaping into the brush. Did it scare me? You bet! But it reminds us to be alert to what's out there with us. Be prepared. Be safe! Good hunting!

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SMITH AND WESSON

When my friend goes to her ATM, she always takes along her Smith & Wesson. She has never had any problems with muggers. This photo is of her making an actual withdrawal...



Smith is the one on the left.

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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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