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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.

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President's Message

By Brian Ferry, President

Fellow Members:

It's hard to believe the year is nearly half over, with summer approaching! As I look back over my first year in office as your President, this seemed like a good time to reflect on the state of OHEIA and the activities your Association has been engaged in.

MEMBERSHIP: This year's annual instructor's conference saw 23 instructors join as first time members and 22 renewed their membership. Your Association is currently **209** members strong. Welcome to our newest members, we are strengthened and heartened by your presence and participation.

BYLAWS APPROVAL: The amended Bylaws mailed to you in February were overwhelmingly approved. Eighty-nine members returned their ballots, with 88 voting for the Amended Bylaws. With their approval by the membership, the Board adopted them and they are now in place. A copy can be downloaded from the website or by contacting our Secretary.

ODFW POLICIES & PROCEDURES WORKGROUP: OHEIA participated in this workgroup and helped draft recommendations. Not all of the recommendations were incorporated into the newly revised Policies and Procedures (P&P) handed out at the May instructor conference. James Reed acknowledged during the conference the newly revised policies and procedures were not perfect, but indicated a willingness to further refine them if needed. I worked on this workgroup, and recognize there may be questions and concerns with the new P&P's. As you implement them, if you have questions or issues, I urge you to contact ODFW staff, your County AC, and OHEIA.

ODFW INSTRUCTOR TRAINING WORKGROUP: This workgroup is ongoing and OHEIA is represented. If you have ideas, questions, and/or recommendations, contact ODFW staff, your County AC, and OHEIA.

OHEIA FUNDRAISER: The statewide

conference was a huge success for your Association. OHEIA's Conference Planning Committee worked closely with ODFW and Inn of the Seventh Mountain Resort to put on the OHEIA Fundraiser at the Saturday banquet. Over 200 were in attendance for the fundraiser, and OHEIA generated gross proceeds of over \$8,000, our second largest amount ever. Those not there missed a premier event featuring a live auction, silent auction, numerous raffles, games, and much more!! Thanks to the Planning Committee, and all the Donor's that made this year's fundraiser such a success.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: This was one of the most memorable instructor conferences I have attended. The setting and weather were outstanding, as was the program. From the start with Bill Layton's Range Safety Training, to the end with Peter Kummerfeldt's survival presentation, the instructor training sessions were interesting, engaging, and helpful. Kudos to James, Myrna, and Janice for their hard work in planning and staging this year's conference. Highlights for yours truly included:

Presentations: The survival presentation by Peter Kummerfeldt and the inspirational dinner speech by Zach Cooper were among the best talks I have ever attended. They were engaging speakers with excellent presentations.

Instructor Training: ODFW did a great job with interesting and engaging break-out sessions that offered something for everyone.

ODFW Recognition and Awards: Well deserved recognition was given for the efforts of instructors and AC's around the state! Congratulations to all, but particularly to OHEIA board members Ted Bork (2011 Instructor of the Year) and Greg Barron (2012 AC of the Year).

OHEIA'S Fundraiser! Despite Dave Ganskopp's concerted effort during the auction to deny me the Tuna Fishing Trip, I prevailed and will be chasing

tuna this summer. Somebody needs to explain how I can donate far more than I should on raffle tickets for 3 different guns (and win nothing), while my wife can spend a measly \$5 bucks and win!!

INSTRUCTOR GRANTS: The Board recently approved funding for Lane County instructors to replace aging trap throwers used during their HE course field days. This purchase provides students a better field day experience and hunter education course. This exemplifies how your Association is helping instructors. With our recent successful fundraiser our grant program is fully funded. This program is for you and I urge you to take advantage to purchase materials, equipment, or other needed supplies. Check out the grant program at the website, or contact your nearest Board member.

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE: The Board continues emphasizing the Newsletter and Website. They have been, and will be increasingly used to inform you of key issues, gather information, and provide member and instructor resources and services. Keeping us informed of your current email address will ensure getting member alerts and information. We recognize not everyone uses computers, or appreciates their "benefits". To those not using computers, we will continue to mail hard copies of the newsletter and election materials. From the Board's perspective, the benefits of digital communication are improved communication and information dissemination, at a huge cost savings compared to using conventional methods. If you have hunter education information you would like put in the newsletter or on our website please contact Jeanne Littleton (Newsletter) or Darlene Marquardt (Website).

It's an honor to serve you, and I look forward to my next year of service. Good luck with the remainder of your classes, and even better luck hunting this fall!

~Brian Ferry, President

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2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORTING

By Rich Morgan

2013 STATE WIDE CONFERENCE

With another conference behind us, we thank ODFW and Staff, and all the instructors who helped make the 2013 conference a success. Looking back, there was plenty to learn and over 200 instructors were in attendance.

A highlight for us was a 16 year old gentleman, Zach Cooper! What an inspiration. We need more young folks in the ranks like him to inspire the future generation to get involved in the outdoors. Whether it be hunting with a gun, a bow, or with a camera they are all related. Getting young folks involved is the key and more people like him are what we need.

OHEIA AT THE CONFERENCE

OHEIA is happy to announce it had its second best fundraiser ever at the conference this year. How about the new games that were added to make us all dig into our pockets a little deeper to try and win one of those guns? I think they were a great addition. And how about Nancy Jarvis? After winning the 9 MM she turned around and put it in the oral auction. That in itself brought in another \$450.00.



Kurt Steinke with Recognition Award

One of the goals of OHEIA has been to try and improve the flow of paying for auction items. This year I believe things moved along at a much faster and organized pace than ever before. The bottle neck of paying for items did not seem to be there and the ability for the high bidder to pick up items was far improved over past years.

I believe this is largely due to the fact that we had a formal committee that planned and organized the events. Most everything just seemed to jell and move along in an orderly manner. Special kudos to the committee people: Jeanne Littleton, Chair; Committee members: Tom Maddox, Diana Bauman, Chris Friend, Hedge Jarvis, Carl McGlothlin and Drew Munson. Lots of volunteers made the work go easier. Honorable mention to Rihley Friend, Nancy Jarvis, and Prudy Munson.



Conference Participants

NEW CREDIT CARD SYSTEM

Our credit card system has in the past been very obsolete and as time went on it was becoming more and more costly. It used to be about \$28.00 per year but as time went on more and more fees kept being added making the monthly fee more than what the yearly fee used to be.

After an indepth research of different credit card systems we finally decided upon Square. It makes processing credit cards simple and gives unlimited reports of all transactions. A sincere thanks to our resident experts, Chris Friend and his daughter Rihley, who put a lot of time and effort into getting OHEIA set up and the rest of us trained in its operations.

MEMBERSHIP

At conference 23 new members signed up and 22 members renewed and 1 member converted to Life membership. Many of you seem to like paying two years at a time. This is much more convenient as the renewals come due at the statewide

conference. At present we have 96 members paid up for 2013 and 79 life members.

I just sent out 34 renewal notifications and already some of those have started coming back. I have high hopes that with these potential renewals coming in we will have a record year for membership.

NEW OHEIA PRODUCTS

If you did not see the new OHEIA shirts and OHEIA caps available at the conference, go to the OHEIA website at www.OHEIA.ORG and look under products. Both shirts and caps can be purchased for \$15 plus shipping. Caps are fully adjustable and the shirts come in M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, and 4XL.

JUNIOR INSTRUCTORS

We need to recognize and honor our Junior Instructors. They are the ones who are going to carry on the teachings of gun safety not only while hunting, but in the outdoors in general. Without them coming up in the ranks to replace those of us that are — let me say no longer juniors — hunter education will fade away with the possible exception of the online courses. All junior instructors at conference were presented with a junior hunter education instructor cap from OHEIA.



Conference Workshop on Using Technology in the Classroom

Thank you —

**David Wiedeman
for sharing your conference photos!!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

CENTRAL OREGON UPDATE By Jim Beck and Brian Ferry

Like elsewhere in the state, it has been a busy Spring for instructors throughout Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties. Hunter education courses have been ongoing since February, with some 13 completed, and another 3 conventional and 2 independent study courses planned for later.

The recent instructor conference at the Inn of the Seventh Mountain gave us the chance to showcase our wonderful central Oregon surroundings, scenery, and weather. Those of you that could make it were treated to plenty of sun and a great conference! It was gratifying to see one of our most active instructors, **Bill Layton**, receive the 2013 Instructor of the Year Award. **Job well done, Bill!**

In addition to regular hunter education activities central Oregon instructors are involved with other important youth and education activities and programs including:

- Bow Hunter Ed. Class, 8/9-10, Bend. Registration info. online at ODFW's website.
- NRA YHEC Oregon State Championship, 6/7-8-9, Redmond.
- Youth & Family Outdoor Day, 6/15, Bend. Registration at www.ohabend.webs.com or contact Kevin Borst (541)480-7323.
- Willow Creek Youth Pheasant Hunt in September. Registration will be online at ODFW's website.

GRANTS

How many of you have heard the term: "Free Money?" Too good to be true, right? Not so fast. In this case it is both good and true. Need teaching aids for your class? Need supplies for your class? Need partial funding for a large project? As an OHEIA member you are entitled to grant money.

All you need to do is go to OHEIA.ORG, download the grant form, fill it out, and send it to Jeanne Littleton. Her address is on the form. Your request will then be taken into consideration at the next OHEIA board meeting. That meeting date can also be found at OHEIA.ORG.

Don't pass up this opportunity. The form is easy to fill out and as a member and the cost of a stamp your needs could be easily met. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. **A benefit of belonging to the OHEIA.**

**What was the best thing
before sliced bread?**

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

**Richard Fahey
1214 Rueben Road,
Glendale, Oregon 97442**

Hedge Jarvis, Douglas County Area Coordinator, reports that Richard, age 65, died on 5/10/2013 from a massive heart attack while on a guided black bear hunt out of Trout Creek, Montana.

During the evening hours of the first day of bear season, Richard saw a bear at approximately 500 yards across a canyon. He declined the shot because he didn't want the possibility of a wounded bear with darkness rapidly approaching.

He and his guide began their descent off the mountain as darkness fell. Richard stopped and leaned against a tree for a few minutes. He then took a couple of steps away from the tree and fell to the ground suffering the fatal heart attack. Medical personnel who examined the body indicated that his death would have been instantaneous.

Richard served in the Marine Corps and retired after serving 22 years in the National Guard. He was involved with several youth groups in the Glendale area in addition to teaching hunter education. Richard had been a hunter education instructor for 3 years and Hedge reports he considered it a privilege to have worked with him, particularly observing his ability in teaching youngsters.

Richard is survived by his wife, Terri, of 41 years; 4 adult children and 11 grandchildren.

*Many of us were able to spend some
time with Richard at annual conference.
He will be truly missed from our ranks.*

Our condolences to Richard's family
in this time of loss.



WEBSITE NEWS

On the website you will find:

- April 2013 Bylaws
- Current Board Members
- Links to other sites

The Instructor Page:

- Grant Application
- Grants Program Information
- TIP Poster
- Bookkeeping Aids
- OHEIA Products

Hunter Ed Program Topics:

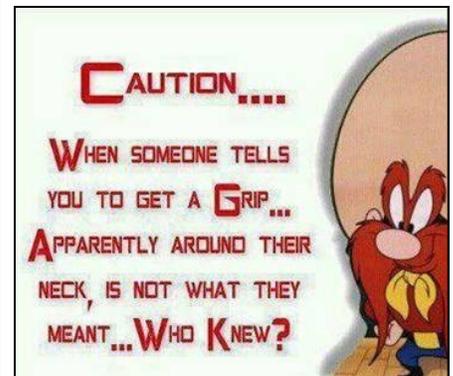
- Mule Deer Study
- Changes in ATV Regs

Check out our website:

www.OHEIA.org

DUST OFF YOUR HUMOR

From Genesis: **"And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth"**. Then he made the earth round... and He laughed and laughed and laughed and is still laughing.





TREASURER'S NEWS

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PRICE LIST FOR OHEIA ITEMS:

- Student Orange Caps \$2.50
- Fox Whistles \$3.25
- OHEIA Patch \$3.00
- OHEIA Decal \$3.00
- OHEIA Lapel Pin \$3.00
- One yr Membership \$10.00
- Two yr Membership \$20.00
- Life Membership \$100.00

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

Annual Membership are due May 1.

May1 begins our fiscal year for 2013. Please renew your membership now. Your membership, support, and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

Don't forget there is **grant money** available. Request a grant form from Jeanne Littleton, P.O. Box 434, Creswell, OR 97426 or E-mail to:

OHEIASecretary@aol.com.

Fill out the form with all pertinent information and return to her for distribution to the board for approval.

Membership Renewal—2013-2014

OREGON HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2013 - 2014

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, ___ \$20.00 for two years, or ___ \$100.00 Life membership dues in order to help strengthen hunter education and to assist my fellow instructors. Please, mail dues to Rich Morgan, address above.

SIGNED _____ DATE ____/____/____