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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 Instructors:

I would like to use this as an opportunity to reflect on the busy year we have had as instructors and as a Board. Being a hunter education instructor is a serious responsibility. You know that, but sometimes it's good to pat ourselves on the back for our accomplishments, and the students and parents lives we have touched.

Whether you helped with one class or twenty, our efforts affect many people, ripple through our neighbors and communities, and are critically important to the continuation of our hunting traditions. I urge you to enjoy and savor your accomplishments, the people you've helped, and to never forget your efforts are important and make a difference!

Since this is our last newsletter for 2013, I want to highlight some of what I believe are the more noteworthy accomplishments and activities of your Board this year.

They include:

ANNUAL INSTRUCTOR CONFERENCE AND FUNDRAISING BANQUET:

This was a major activity for your Board, culminating with the conference in May. The Conference Planning Committee headed by Jeanne Littleton worked in partnership with ODFW staff to plan and put on an interesting and productive annual conference. Jeanne and the Committee did an outstanding job, with OHEIA adding many new members, and the banquet fundraiser generating the second highest total income ever.

OHEIA GRANTS: Three grant proposals, two from south Lane County, and one from Umatilla/

Morrow Counties were approved. The value of the three grants totaled nearly \$1500 and will provide supplies, materials, and equipment that directly benefit the HE program and students in those areas. If you haven't looked at OHEIA's grant program, I urge you to visit our website and take advantage of it!

ODFW WORK GROUPS: Members of your Board participated on the ODFW Policies and Procedures and Instructor Training Work Groups. Participants attended work group meetings and provided input and recommendations. Work continues by the Training Group, while a final version of the revised Policy and Procedures Manual is expected to be issued by ODFW by this January.

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE:

Expanding OHEIA's resources to improve communication, and provide better resources and information to instructors has been a Board priority. By the end of 2012 we had published a totally redesigned Newsletter, and established a new Website. Both continue to be "works in progress" and changes have continued through this year. We hope you have noticed the newsletter improvements Jeanne Littleton has incorporated as our Newsletter Editor, and the website Darlene Marquardt designed, and continues to improve as our Webmaster. Your involvement and input is needed, please let us know what you think, and any ideas and suggestions you have.

UPDATED BYLAWS: After a lengthy review process the Bylaws were revised, overwhelmingly approved by the membership, and adopted by the Board. Much thanks to Fred Kowolowski, a fellow

instructor and lawyer who volunteered his time, advice and counsel in this effort. Copies of the updated Bylaws are available on our website or by request.

MEMBERSHIP: I've heard it said the health of an organization can be measured by the support and size of its membership, if that's true, we are in great shape! Throughout the year you have provided us important input, help and support. At no time was this more evident than at this year's annual conference and banquet! It was great to see and experience the support and enthusiasm!

So how are membership numbers? In two words:

Record Breaking! We currently have 200 members which is the largest number in OHEIA's history. A couple more illustrations of our members' energy, dedication, and support: 79 of our members have made the commitment to be Life Members. Another 32 of our members not only are instructors, but also serve as County Area Coordinators or Assistant Area Coordinators. What a great group, your efforts are inspiring!

In closing, I believe it's been a year to savor and take pride in. We appreciate the support and trust you've shown us, and we will continue building on these efforts next year.

Thanks for the great year and memories.

~Brian Ferry, President

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

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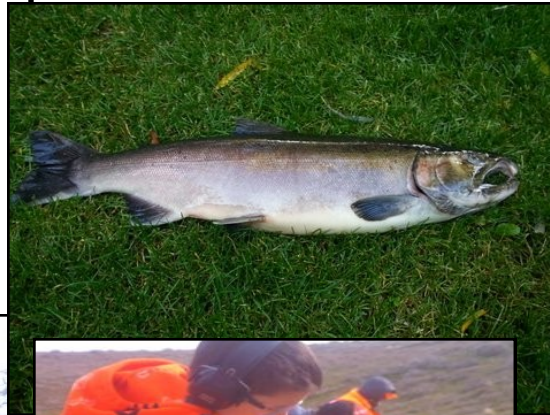
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NORTHEAST REGION Update

~ Greg Barron

The weather is definitely changing here in Eastern Oregon. Getting cooler and for some of us big game hunting is in the books for another year. I did not draw a tag this year...two years in a row...but I did manage to squeeze in a few weekends of archery hunting. My oldest son and I had some close calls with both bucks and bulls, but could not seal the deal. Just getting out there with our bows in hand and hiking around in the woods was reward enough.

31" Coho—First of the Season



My oldest son informed me last night that it was time to dust off the duck and goose decoys since his new work schedule would allow him to go hunting when I could go. I don't like to hunt alone, its much more fun hunting with my boys.

My youngest son is studying hard at our local community college. I know I should be happy that my son is studying so hard, but there is more to life than book work, so his dad bugs him about going hunting and fishing until I wear him down. Next thing he knows we're fishing along some river bank. He's a much better fisherman than I am because he is patient...sometime I wonder who is the parent, him or me...he's definitely grown up into a fine young man.

You're probably wondering where I'm going with all of this? Well, this thing we do as hunter education instructors is important. We help instill the love of hunting and other outdoor sporting opportunities into our young people. If you think about it, our hunter education courses are the starting point for a lot of kids. The future of hunting and many other outdoor sporting opportunities depends upon us and the volunteer teaching that we do.



Hey! Did you guys look in a mirror?

Lost opportunities open up other opportunities...I have been doing more Salmon/Steelhead fishing having reasonably good success.



Range Day Orange—Hermiston Class

So, keep up the great work that you do and lets plan for an even better hunter education experience next year. ##

LANE COUNTY On-Line Field Days

~ Jeanne Littleton

You've all heard me express my doubts about on-line field days. Late this summer in Lane County, I changed my song and helped to teach 3 classes. The second and third class, I took the lead, and I'm not looking back, folks. This was a very rewarding experience for me. Each of our classes were full. I found the students well prepared and anxious to learn and participate in the many hands-on activities in



class and in the field. I cannot begin to tell you how pleased I was with the test results and the demonstrated shooting safety exercises performed on live fire. I felt we put 50 new hunters in the field with solid safety skills, an understanding of ethics and a willingness to carry on our hunting traditions. I hope their hunting ventures were as successful as I felt our classes were.

Instructors, get involved. Quit saying, we can't! This is a win-win. It's a great way to reach kids, to share our knowledge with them. We had time to share the "important" things because students had already covered the student materials it takes 6 traditional classes to do. We expanded on what they learned with hands-on. More than once, I heard, "Oh, that's what that means!" "Oh, that's how you do that!" What more do you need? We've all said the hands-on traditional class is the way to teach these kids. Well, believe me, this way works, as well. Rethink your stand, open your mind to new ideas.

I'll look for your hunter education instructor's hat on the line! ##

BRAGGING RIGHTS ON DISPLAY



RICK COLE of Sisters shares his photos of his Moose taken in Alaska. I can only imagine what went through Rick's mind when he saw this one in his sights. Below is another trophy Muley Rick took with his bow in Central Oregon. Rick's a quiet man and I couldn't get the details of his hunts, but his results are obvious! Congratulations! Good shooting, Rick!



96 Years Young – And Still Enjoying Hunting

For those of you who think you may be getting a little old for big game hunting, here is a picture of a buck taken this past season. The hunter is 96 year old (YOUNG) Foy Martin of Springfield. Foy is a friend of Lane County Coordinator Carl McGlothlin. Foy for the first time used a disability permit required drawloc. He is still able to practice regularly and is very accurate as attested by his success.

HOW'S YOUR HUMOR?

CAR KEYS

Several days ago as I left a meeting at a hotel, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot.

My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the door, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," I stammered; (I always call him "honey" in times like these.) "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!" Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop I didn't steal your car."

Yep, it's the golden years.

WEBSITE NEWS

www.OHEIA.org

Check out our website. You will find:

- April 2013 Bylaws
- Grant Application
- Grants Program Information
- Hunter Ed Program Topics

We could certainly slow down the aging process if it had to work its way through Congress!!

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.



Charlotte Ganskopp's Camera Captures One to Hang on the Wall!!

FOLLOWING THE RULES: CONTROL THE MUZZLE ...

~Ted Bork

While on vacation hunting with my Dad in Wyoming we spotted some deer up on a hillside and crept within 200 yards for a shot.

After the smoke cleared we had filled one of our doe tags, and had dragged it down to begin the field dressing process. Dad suggested I go back and get a chunk of rope and take the rifles to the truck as well. My .270 was empty, but I opened the action to confirm, then picked up Dad's Remington 7mm mag knowing he had a few cartridges left in his.

It's a left-handed action so cradling the firearm in a safe direction while dad dealt with the deer, I tried the bolt but realized I had to put the safety onto "fire" to open it.

"KAPOW!!"

Upon thumbing the safety forward, the rifle discharged followed immediately by a few choice expletives on my part. The safety had gouged a deep cut in my thumb, which was bleeding rather profusely as I worked the action and remaining rounds out of the magazine, asking dad to have someone look at this firearm for possible malfunctions.

I'm not sure if this particular Remington was one of the vintage models with all the problems, but as a hunter education instructor, my mind couldn't help but think of all the years of teaching muzzle control and reading accident reports dealing with this very situation.

Eventually the rifles were unloaded and stored in the rig while Dad and I dragged the deer and my bleeding

thumb back to the truck.

I'm sure many of my fellow instructors can relate to this story, and I certainly will be using it in class while I remind the students of the safety rules that we tenured hunters do so automatically:

- 1. Maintain muzzle control,**
- 2. Keep your finger off the trigger, and**
- 3. Treat EVERY firearm as if it's loaded.**

A great father-son moment could have ended badly had a few simple rules not been followed, but practice was perfect here! I felt very lucky I had only ended up with a few more grey hairs and an unhappy thumb.

Stay safe gang!

KEEP SMILING ...

The cardiologist's diet:

If it tastes good, spit it out!

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year!

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. This is so true. I love to hear them say "you don't look that old.."

THE HUNT OF A LIFE TIME

~Chris Friend

CENTRAL OREGON REPORT

~ Brian Ferry



6x7 Coastal Roosevelt Elk

TIGARD, OREGON. Chris Friend, pictured above, harvested this trophy bull elk on a guided hunting trip in Washington.

Chris says he had never hunted with a guide before, but with the encouragement of his friends and family, finally sent off his deposit and waited anxiously for the November hunting season. The guide called Chris several times, finally meeting on the designated day and time to travel to their planned hunting destination. Chris says he was pleasantly surprised at his lodging accommodations in a beautiful log cabin, and if he ever had visions of a dream home, this would be it!

Weather, however, was not so accommodating, nor what a hunter wants to see on opening day. Chris reports on Day 1 it rained sideways. Chris ended the day soaking wet and had walked for what seemed to be an eternity. Spirits somewhat down, Chris waited for the second day.

Day 2 brought repeat weather of Day 1, except Mother Nature added wind gusts of 40-50 MPH. And to make things more grim, no elk had been seen. Chris

ended Day 2 at darkness, extremely frustrated, cold and wet – again.

The guide was equally frustrated and to ease their disappointment took Chris night clam digging. Now, that was a fun time.

Day 3 began at dark-30 with Chris telling himself even if he went home empty-handed that it was okay, because he really did have a good time—but in the back of his head was the nagging thought this was not in his plan.

Driving to the hunt area the team decided to hunt where they had seen tracks on Day 2 and Chris says he was hopeful. Arriving at the hunt site, the guide checked the meadow while Chris waited in the truck. Out of breath, the guide returned to report the herd was in the meadow.

Quietly moving into their positions, but still too dark to shoot, Chris waited. When dawn came, the only thing Chris saw was the back side of a cow moving into the brush. That was it – they were gone!

The guide quickly reacted and moved to the far side of the meadow in an attempt to turn the herd back toward Chris.

Waiting, hoping, watching everything – Chris heard the brush cracking and here came the herd, walking single file back into the meadow. Chris counted 15 cows and one illegal bull. All of a sudden, the brush cracked – again – and out stepped this monster in-charge 6x7 bull elk.

Working hard to remain calm, with a deep breath and focused, Chris took his first shot. Two cows and a calf immediately surrounded the big bull, preventing a second shot. However, after a couple of minutes they moved away, and while he was confident of his first shot, Chris took a second one. A couple of anxious minutes later, no question about it, the big bull just fell over – definitely a textbook ending.

It was hard to tell who was more excited, the guide or Chris. Chris remarked when he approached the animal, he was shocked at how big it was, and to top the day off, it was Chris' first bull elk.

The official measurements are not in yet, but it appears it might make the Boone & Crockett records. Chris intends to have his trophy mounted by Jim August, our resident taxidermist, who Chris reports always does an amazing job.

Chris says, *"All in all, I had a wonderful hunt, met some amazing people, and made some new friends. I hope I can return to hunt this area again."* ##

Where has the year gone? 2013 is winding down, with 2014 fast approaching. Here in Central Oregon the signs of impending winter are upon us. Days are shorter, temperatures cooler, leaves are on the ground or in piles, and Robins are going through their annual juniper berry feeding frenzy. The frenzy part isn't so bad, but the follow-up rain of robin "bomblets" and the squishy aftermath on every flat surface are disgusting! Then there's the annual fun of the fall time change, which my body and sleep cycle have not adjusted to.

Another sure sign is the dwindling number of phone calls from parents and youth looking for hunter education (HE) classes. In northern Deschutes County we had a busy and productive teaching year. Similar to statewide trends, interest in the HE program as a whole seems stable to increasing, while we continued to see growth and interest in the Independent Study (IS) Online version of the course. While the majority of classes we offered were the conventional course, we also offered more IS classes, and students took advantage. Three additional late IS classes (August-October) in Bend, Redmond, and Madras provided opportunities for desperate parents and youth hunters who had missed earlier classes. In some cases had they not done so, they would have missed out on hunting this year.

Speaking of hunting, I hope you have been able to do some, or are in the midst of preparing for it. Thus far I was able to have a wonderful fall deer hunt in the Ochoco's. While I wasn't able to connect with the buck I wanted, I had 8 days of pure hunting pleasure in the company of great friends, wonderful fall weather, and some of the best scenery in Oregon. To those lucky enough to have gotten your elk tags, I wish you a similar experience! For those whose passion goes to game birds, I wish you luck chasing the wily Ringneck, stumbling uphill after Chukars, or watching a flock of mallards gliding in to your decoys.

Whatever your hunting passion, I wish you a safe and enjoyable hunting year full of outdoor memories and experiences. ##



TREASURER'S NEWS

~ Rich Morgan

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PRICE LIST FOR OHEIA ITEMS:

- 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.

NEW COMPUTER —

I am happy to report the board has taken action to purchase a stand-alone computer system for handling and processing OHEIA business. The board's action will allow the transport of OHEIA business to be taken to conferences without the worry of a personal computer being damaged or personal information being compromised.

We have added to our assets an HP Laptop with the latest financial software and credit card capabilities.

GRANDSON'S YOUNG EYES ...

Our deer hunt was great. When we got to where we were going to hunt on Friday, I told our son and grandson to go hunting and I would set up camp.

When I got camp set up sooner than I expected, I left late in the afternoon for a short hunt. I harvested a small forked horn. One size bigger than a jack-a-lope — but it's meat in the freezer.

Our son got a nice 2 X 3 on Saturday. Monday our grandson and I went on a hunt. He saw a deer and said it was a legal buck. I did not see horns, but he was certain it was legal.

I was only using my naked eye (and Grandpa doesn't see that well anymore), but I told him it was his call. As the deer turned he waited for his shot. I thought it acted funny, but was not sure it was hit. Grandson said he saw it fall, but again, Grandpa wasn't so sure and didn't see the fall. We went looking and only had to go 50 yards and there it lay.

I thought we had a problem — I could not see any antlers. We kept getting closer and still no antlers. As this was his first hunt with a loaded rifle, I thought maybe he had let his excitement overcome him and that he had only thought it was legal.

When we got right to the deer, I saw the base of an antler. When we pulled the head out of the grass and poison oak, there on the right side of the head was a very nice fork. There was not even a nub on the left side.

I was really proud of my grandson. He did not let his excitement get in the way. He identified the target and made a nice one-shot ethical kill. Of course, don't you know, Grandpa accused him of shooting a unicorn.

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.

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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 ____/____/____

Your email address is important. Please write clearly.