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OHEIA NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

By Brian Ferry, President

Fellow Members –

The unmistakable signs are here: Days are getting shorter, mornings cooler and crisper, the scents on the air have that combination of aging vegetation and smoke, birds are flocking, and most telling of all, that irresistible urge to be in the hills, forest, or other wild place to check out that favorite hunting spot. Like many of you, as my class and teaching responsibilities wind down, has come the anticipation and excitement to put into practice what I have been describing to students for the past 8 months. Some of you, the archers in our ranks, have already succumbed to those urges and are hard at it. The rest of us have to be patient a bit longer, and satisfy ourselves by getting ready for our favorite fall pursuits.

With that in mind I was recently perusing one of the myriad of hunting and outdoor magazines I have when I chanced upon an article reporting that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would soon be issuing their 2011 recreational report, and that preliminary results indicated hunter numbers were up. "HUNTER NUMBERS UP!", WOW I thought, as I read that for the third time, that must be a misprint! When is the last time you heard something positive related to hunting? As we know, for years it seems the news has been bad: declining hunter numbers, declining recruitment, fewer hunting opportunities, decreasing license sales, decreasing budgets, and so forth. "HUNTER NUMBERS UP!" I pinched myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming, highlighted the article, and made a resolution to find out exactly what the truth was. It took work and time, but I finally was able to get copies of 2 reports. Both of the publications are preliminary, the first is the U.S. Fish & Wildlife's National Overview, and it came out in August. The second and latest is the same agencies Statewide Review, and it was just issued. We were able to secure copies and I am happy to report

the news is encouraging, and copies of both reports are available for you to review, and download from our website. These reports are preliminary, with the final publications due out later this year. We will post them as soon as we get them. I strongly recommend you read them, I found the information encouraging. I know not everybody uses computers, so let me report some of the findings. These surveys take place every 5 years, with the purpose to track numbers of hunters, anglers, wildlife viewers, and the money they spend. The first surveys started in 1955, and have continued to the most recent 2011 survey. Important results include:

1. In 2011, 90.1 million Americans (38% of the total population) fished, hunted, or participated in outdoor wildlife viewing activities spending some \$145 billion. There is great information on all these activities, but I am going to focus on my first love, hunting. Nationally, in 2011, nearly 14 million hunters (6% of the population) spent some \$34 billion, and hunted an average of 21 days. The good news is this is nearly a 9% increase in the numbers from hunters in 2006, and a 5% increase in hunters from 2001. WOW, hunter numbers increased!!! Also of significance is hunter expenditures also increased, a whopping 30% more than 2006, and 27% more than in 2001. This is significant considering the tough economic times we have been experiencing. Let me emphasize that again, despite the tough times, both hunter numbers and expenditures increased!

2. So how about in Oregon? Unfortunately the State Report does not provide a direct comparison for Oregon alone. However, it does compare the 2011 number of hunters in the Pacific States Region with those in 2006. The Pacific States area was up 25%, the second highest of any region in the nation! I believe this is a big deal, and even more noteworthy when you consider the current economic times, particularly

here in the Pacific Northwest. So what do we make of this? First, please take the time to read these reports, and form your own conclusions. Having said that, (and in case you hadn't noticed) I am clearly excited and encouraged! I think we, and all the other hunter education instructors, OHA members, NRA members, Wild Turkey Federation, RMEF, and the myriad of other hunting and sporting groups members should be proud and take heart. I believe OUR EFFORTS ARE PAYING OFF. For several years State Agencies and hunting organizations have been promoting efforts to recruit hunters, and improve opportunities. Programs like ODFW's youth hunts, the disability program, and the mentor program; NRA's YHEC; expanded 4H youth shooting groups; and other similar programs by other organizations I believe are beginning to bear fruit. Have we turned a corner, maybe. Can we relax our efforts: ABSOLUTELY NOT! I think we can be proud of this, but it is too early to proclaim victory. We need to redouble our efforts. The fact that the Pacific States hunter numbers are up 25% compared to the 9% national average is something to be proud of, but it is just the starting point. We have the opportunity to build on that and we must do so! At our local level the hunter education program is changing as ODFW, students, and the public change and embrace new technology and hunting regulations. Our challenge is to embrace those changes and continue to communicate those timeless and priceless elements of hunting safety, traditions, and values. This winter some of you will have the opportunity to help with ODFW's work groups, all of you can provide comments to OHEIA and ODFW regarding the future of the hunter education program. Please, please stay involved. We are on the front lines of a movement which is nothing short of fighting for and passing on our hunting values and heritage. I'm proud to be part of OHEIA, and be your President. I wish you a wonderful fall, and hope you have a great hunting experience for you and yours. ##

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Douglas County News

By Hedge Jarvis

The month of September finds the Douglas County instructors completing their last courses of the year and looking forward to the up-coming hunting seasons, fall fishing, football games and other fall activities. We have three courses in progress and all three are undersubscribed as our traditional courses have been this year. The last course will be an Independent Study Course field day which is filled with a waiting list.

I am taking calls daily from parents looking for a field day. Does this suggest that we need to evaluate the need for more I.S.C. field days next year to accommodate these students? As hunting seasons near, the need for these additional field days becomes evident.



New Shotgun for Students from Marlin Kirby Kelly Estate for Hunter Ed Program

Whatever the reason that youngsters haven't taken a class or course, it doesn't diminish their frustration regarding the

unavailability of any more fall classes. Is "more I.S.C field days" the answer throughout the summer and fall?

Part of the problem with our undersubscribed classes this year may be the reluctance to register online as opposed to calling and reserving a spot. The process of switching from a registered class to another month or class takes a lot more time and effort on their part than it has taken in the past. All communications must be handled through ODFW in Salem.

OHEIA President, Brian Ferry, and I will be meeting with James Reed from ODFW and discussing some of these problems. All new procedures take time to work the "kinks" out.

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Northeast Region News

By Greg Barron

Greetings everyone — from beautiful Eastern Oregon. Our region of the state is busy finishing up hunter education classes before the start of rifle deer season. Due to several classes held in the Spring and early Summer I have actually received less calls this year from parents requesting a class for their kids this Fall.

A big thank you from all of us goes out to one of our hunter education instructors, Darlene Marquardt, for being willing to take on the duties of OHEIA webmaster. I know Darlene personally and she is definitely up to the task.

If you haven't done so, visit our OHEIA website and see the changes Darlene has brought to the website. She welcomes any photos or links for the site. Contact her at the web address.

Like many of you, I've been out hunting doves and grouse with my shotgun. I

have also been out on the weekends chasing elk and deer with my bow.... unfortunately I haven't caught any yet.

With that said, I want to caution everyone to be mindful of mosquitoes and **West Nile virus**. West Nile virus has been detected in Jackson, Coos, Morrow and Malheur counties. With the unseasonably warm fall, mosquitoes will still be active especially at dusk and dawn. So, when you head out into the field this Fall, pack a can of insect repellent in your duffel.

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Ever wonder why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes?

WEBSITE GETS NEW MASTER

The Board is happy to announce **Darlene Marquardt**, a Hunter Ed instructor, has accepted the lead responsibility of webmaster for the OHEIA website. Darlene will be assisted in her website duties by **Chris Friend**, our NW Director.

Darlene draws from her experience of writing and maintaining webpages since the mid-90's and volunteered to handle our webpage following the resignation of Larry Ranstead. The Board of Directors and members thank Larry for his many years of service to hunter education and dedication to OHEIA and wish him well in his new endeavors.

The board of directors has given Darlene and Chris the green light to give the webpage a new "facelift." Darlene has asked any members to send photos of their H.E. classes, or other appropriate photos, to add to the site. They will be used to showcase the website. The photo needs to be at least 980 pixels wide. Also, any links to helpful Hunter Ed sites are welcome. The more resources we can add to our reservoir of resources, the better. It's OUR webpage. Input from all members welcome. Let's make it the resource we look to for help in making our teaching more effective. Our students depend on us to be the best that we can be. Collaboration is a huge key in our continued success as Hunter Ed instructors, and expansion in our webpage resources is one of the best ways to accomplish that goal. **Send photos and links to darlene.marquardt@gmail.com.**

Check out our website: www.OHEIA.org

EAST-BEATY'S BUTTE MUZZLELOADER HUNT

By Hedge Jarvis



Dave Jones, a Hunter Education instructor in Roseburg, enjoyed a successful antelope muzzleloader hunt this season. Ron Anglin, an ODFW Deputy Director accompanied him.

Dave was forced into an early retirement from ODFW when he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Although afflicted with a debilitating disease, Dave was determined not to succumb to it. He has partial paralysis of his right side leaving him with limited use of his right arm and leg. His attitude has always been positive and his gregarious personality makes him a joy to be around.

Dave and Ron spent a few days searching for water that was not already occupied by other hunters. After considerable searching, on the third day of the season they found a small "seep" approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile off a two-track road. They set up their blind and then returned the next morning. After several hours of waiting, the antelope arrived. Dave harvested his big buck with a .50 caliber custom made flintlock rifle. **Now that's bragging rights earned the hard way!**

Congratulations, Dave! However, as they say, 'the real work began,' getting it field dressed and out of the desert heat to a refrigerated cooler. Although, Ron also had a tag, after Dave's success, they called it a successful and enjoyable season.

Dave's luck has continued into the Fall Chinook fishing season, as he has been very successful, with two fish over 30 lbs to his credit.

Dave Jones is a real inspiration to our instructors, and should be an inspiration to all of us, to see him persist and accomplish what he has. He leads by example. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. Thanks, Dave!!

News from ODFW



ODFW Announces Habitat Conservation Stamp Art Contest Winner - September 21, 2012

SALEM, Ore.— Rod Frederick of Bend, Oregon won the ODFW Habitat Conservation Stamp Art Contest with his painting of a kit fox in the desert. He will receive \$3000 and the painting will be used to produce a 2013 collector stamp and other promotional items to benefit Oregon's native species and habitats. A total of 47 entries were received, each depicting a mammal identified in the Oregon Conservation or Oregon Nearshore strategies. Photographs of all entries are posted in the [Conservation section](#) of ODFW's website.

Buy a Habitat Conservation Stamp: Support Wildlife. Stamp available for purchase at ODFW license sales agents and ODFW offices that sell licenses.

WOLF OR14

using the northern Mt Emily wildlife management unit, was GPS collared by ODFW in the Western Mountain area north of the Umatilla River on June 20. The gray-colored male wolf weighed 90 pounds and was estimated to be at least 6 years old. The collared wolf is believed to be responsible for the early May depredations of sheep in the area. The new collar will allow ODFW to better understand his movements and use additional tools to help prevent further depredation. It will also help ODFW communicate with area livestock producers about his whereabouts. OR14 is one of two known adult wolves in the area, and though reproduction is suspected, ODFW has



not yet confirmed pups for these wolves.

Follow Wolf Pack Reports on ODFW Website.

WILDFIRE DEVOURS SAGE-GROUSE HABITAT



Autumn Larkins, ODFW Sage Grouse Conservation coordinator, has fire on her mind. Although her office is in Hines, 100 miles north and east of the ferocious Long Draw fire that burned more than half a million acres of land in July, she felt the heat. Most of land burned was sagebrush and short grass—prime sage-grouse habitat. Two other fires quickly followed: the Miller Homestead fire near Frenchglen and the Holloway fire, which burned into the

Trout Creek Mountains—both in core sage-grouse habitat.

More information available, Including team meetings and minutes, and a greater sage grouse background are available in the [Conservation section](#) of ODFW's website. Fire maps are available on the [InciWeb website](#).

USFW National Survey of Fishing, Hunting & Wildlife Associated Recreation

The National Survey is conducted every five years at the request of the State fish and wildlife agencies to measure the importance of wildlife-based recreation to the American people. In 2011 hunter numbers increased for the first time in recent history, actually reversing the recent negative trend of decreasing numbers of hunters. The 2011 Survey has become one of the most important sources of information on fish and wildlife recreation in the country. If you are interested to read further, the reports are available for download on the OHEIA website.

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LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR YOU!

Sunday was the only day I could go bow hunting. My wife scolded, said I should be attending church, finding another time to hunt.

I did all my prep-work . . .

I scouted the area all summer. . .

I searched out the best location for my tree-stand . . .

I set it all up a month ahead of time . . .

I trailed the herd . . .

I picked out a trophy buck . . .

Two days before opening day I rechecked every aspect of the hunt . . .

Everything was in place . . .

Sunday morning, I woke up at 2 am . . .

I put on my orange-camo, loaded my pack, set out for my stand . . .

This was destined to be an epic hunt . . .

As I approached my deer stand . . .

. . . I changed my mind, I got the message and decided to go to church instead.



Dog Humor:

Two friends, one the optimist and the other the pessimist, could never quite agree on any topic of discussion.

The optimist owned a hunting dog that could walk on water. He had a plan: Take the pessimist and the dog out duck hunting in a boat. They got to the middle of the lake, and the optimist brought down a duck. The dog immediately walked out across the water, retrieved the duck, and walked back to the boat. The optimist looked at his friend and said, "What do you think about that?"

The pessimist replied, "That dog can't swim, can he?" ###

Lane County News

By Carl McGlothlin

Calendar Events

INTERESTING SUMMER COURSE

I think most AC's know the feeling — Multiple calls in mid-summer "we just have to have a Hunter Ed Course before the summer is over." This coming, of course, after seven less-than-full courses already have been completed in the area.

With 20 "absolute guarantees" of "I will register as soon as it is posted online," we scheduled another course. You guessed it!! Seven students registered and six actually showed.

However, despite the less than auspicious start, this class turned out to be an absolutely delightful course. A new instructor got a lot more teaching experience, six students completed the course, a generally high level of interest was maintained throughout the course (an 18 year old even commenting) "I wish it wasn't over yet."

OHEIA Secretary Jeanne Littleton and her husband, Jackson, both shotgun coaches, volunteered their private range for the live fire and helped with the shotgun instruction.

Joe Potter, a new Instructor helped teach in most of the classes, as well as assisting with survival training and live fire.

Carl and Lois McGlothlin got to participate in a course with a substantially less amount of stress than usual, and a course that was completed with a generally enjoyable time had by all.

In hindsight, it was time well spent and sometimes, even



though less efficient, a small course does have its advantages.

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FALL ARCHERY SHOOTS

Oct 27-28 Beekman Ridge Archery Range 541 951-5581

Nov 4 High Desert Archers, Turkey Shoot, Redmond 541 923-8347

Nov 10 Cascadian Bowmen, Vegas Turkey Shoot, Poodle Creek 541 998-3871

Nov 17-18 Celilo Bowmen, Turkey 3-D, The Dalles 541 298-4025

Check OHEIA Website Calendar for hunting closures, season opens

Oct 6 Season opens for pheasant, EOregon quail, chukar, Hungarian Partridge and controlled fall turkey

Oct 10 Eastside buck season closes.

Oct 12 Deadline to buy Cascade elk tags; Cascade buck rifle temp closure

Oct 13 Cascade elk season opens

Oct 15 Gen fall turkey season opens

Oct 19 Cascade elk season closes

Oct 23 Deadline to buy tags for first season Rocky Mtn elk

Oct 24 Rocky Mtn elk first season

Dec 1 OHEIA Board Meeting Santa Clara Grange, Eugene, OR

Jan 25-26-27, 2013 AC Conference
Location TBA

USEFUL TIDBITS AND SOME HUMOR

Tick Removal:

Here is a good way to get ticks off you, your children, or your pets. Give it a try. Good knowledge for hunters, dogs or anyone who is outside, and it really works!!

This is one of the best ways to remove a tick. It works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers like between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has a high success rate, and it's much less traumatic for the patient and an easy way to remove a whole tick.

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Flea Spray:

Fleas are a given for our dogs. I hate to spray my pets with that awful smelling, poisonous flea spray.

When your dog runs into a colony of fleas in the field and he's scratching himself silly—even if he has been treated with one of the flea applications—here's another good tip that puts a stop to the fleas and a scratching dog: Mix 1/3 c each of Listerine, baby oil and water in a spray bottle.

Shake well, spray on your pet, dampen hair by gently rubbing, and watch the fleas drop off. Works!! Dog dries quickly and smells good, too! He can join the family in the motor home or tent very quickly without bringing in unwelcomed guests. Works well on any fungus/mange or hotspots as well.

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When to start cussing!

A 8-year old and a 6-year old are upstairs in their bedroom. The 8-year old asks, "You know what? I think it's about time we started cussing." The 6-year old nods his head in approval. The 8-year old continues, "When we go downstairs for breakfast, I'm gonna say something with hell and you says something with damn." The 6-year old agrees with enthusiasm.

When mother walks into the kitchen and asks the 8-year old what he wants for breakfast, he replies, "Aw, hell, Mom, I guess I'll have some Cheerios."

WHACK! He flies out of his chair, tumbles across the kitchen floor, gets up, and runs upstairs crying his eyes out, with his mother in hot pursuit, slapping his rear with every step. His mom leaves

him in his room and says, "You can stay there until I let you out!"

She then comes back downstairs, looks at the 6-year old and asks with a stern voice, "And what do YOU want for breakfast, young man?"

"I don't know, he blubbers, "but you can damn well bet it won't be Cheerios!"

There are only four words in the English language which end in "**dous**": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are two words in the English language that have all **five vowels in order**: "abstemious" and "facetious." (I didn't know that, did you?)

A GENEROUS GIFT – Meet Kurt Steinke !!

By Jeanne Littleton



I want to tell you about Kurt Steinke. This is a story of a very unselfish man. This is the story of a man who teaches Hunter Education with unfaltering zest, and has done so since 2003. Kurt Steinke earned his Platinum Award which was presented at the Salem Regional Conference in June 2012. In his typical form, Kurt immediately thought of the kids we teach in our classes, and subsequently donated his \$400 gift certificate to OHEIA to be used to help kids become better hunters.

Kurt says, "Hunter Safety is vitally important to the future of wildlife in this country. It is also the only place most youngsters will learn safe firearm handling or anything about wildlife management. The alternative is what they 'learn' from television and Hollywood! I'm a 'convert' to hunting, and have all the zeal of a convert. I enjoy teaching Hunter Safety, feel that it's vitally important, and give as much to the program as I can, hence my gift to OHEIA. I do my best to recruit youngsters to become lifelong hunters.

"I have sponsored mentored hunts for many youth hunters, several from my Hunter Safety classes. I take them, accompanied by a parent or guardian, out hunting for deer, elk, antelope, turkeys, waterfowl, or whatever they choose and can get a tag for (before Oregon raised their non-resident rates beyond what I could afford, they could use my tags, but now I pay for theirs since I can take ten times as many youngsters out for the same amount of money, and I get much more enjoyment out of a youngster taking an animal than taking one myself.) I provide a

suitable firearm if they need one, take them to the range and teach them marksmanship, take them scouting, go with them to meet landowners to ask for permission, practice game identification, and finally, expose many youngsters to a hunting experience that was not otherwise an option. I'd like to think this opportunity for a youth hunter is the beginning of a lifelong commitment to the future of our wildlife resources."

The young man pictured above is Scott Brightbill, who took a 4x5 Roosevelt elk, his first elk, opening morning of the Washington elk rifle season last Fall on Kurt's property in Grays River. He scouted with Jay Brightbill, his grandfather, the retired Fish and Game officer for the area, and asked Kurt for permission to hunt on his property. There were about 40 elk holed up there for several days before the season started, including at least three legal (3-point or better) bulls. Scott, his dad, and his grandfather were the only ones who had permission to hunt on Kurt's property that season. Scott took his animal cleanly with a single shot at about 100 yards. His comment upon taking possession of his animal was, "Dad, next year I'm going to get a 6x6!" The two grandsons of Kurt's neighbor to the West took a 4x4 and a 5x5 when the herd ran West. Hunting safely was the only restriction put on Scott to hunt Kurt's property. In Scott's case, all Kurt needed to provide was a place to hunt—Scott did the rest. **Yes, indeed, he did!**

Thank you, Kurt, for your generous gift! We all need to take your lead and become stronger mentors for our youth. # # # #



Treasurer's News

By Rich Morgan

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Membership. Normally on the off-year when there is no statewide conference, OHEIA membership substantially declines; however, our membership is only down by 17 members to date with some of you a little late in paying your dues this year. Obviously this is a reminder, so if you haven't paid your 2012 membership dues, please join us. Many of you are taking advantage of paying two years at a time and I believe that has increased membership during this year of mini-conferences. At present OHEIA has 99 members for 2012 and 78 life members. There are also 36 members paid through 2013, 5 members paid through 2014, and 2 members paid through 2015.

Membership Renewals. For a membership application, check the OHEIA website for a form to complete and submit with your dues. If you have any questions regarding inventory purchases or membership, just contact me.

Inventory Price Reductions. In this time of ever increasing prices, the OHEIA board has approved a decrease in price on three of our inventory items. The OHEIA patch will now sell for \$2.25, the OHEIA decal will now sell for \$1.00 and the OHEIA lapel pin will now sell for \$2.75. If you would like to order any of these items, please use the order form, or contact me and I will be happy to fill your orders.

Student Orange Caps. As you all know, OHEIA sells orange caps for our Hunter Education students at a reasonable price to instructors. Earlier this year we were informed our supplier, Mountain Top, had gone out of business and our back-order for caps would not be filled. Although some panic ensued, I'm pleased to tell you that we have found a new vendor and will be able to keep the cap pipeline flowing. OHEIA has a ready supply of caps on hand ready for delivery.

Freight Costs. For some time UPS rates for shipping OHEIA inventory has been increasing. With some research I have found we can get better rates with Federal Express and have taken steps to use them to ship our future orders. If any of you have an objection to my shipping OHEIA inventory items to you using Federal Express, please let me know when you place your orders. Unless you directly request UPS, most likely your shipment will coming by Federal Express as long as their pricing remains cheaper.

PRICE LIST FOR OHEIA ITEMS:

- Student Orange Caps \$2.50
- Fox Whistles \$3.25
- OHEIA Patch \$2.25
- OHEIA Decal \$1.00
- OHEIA Lapel Pin \$2.75
- One yr Membership \$10.00
- Two yr Membership \$20.00
- Life Membership \$100.00

**Freight charges apply to all orders shipped.
Orders require street address for shipment.
Mail order to above address.**

High Desert News

By James Beck

CLASSES TAUGHT IN TRI-COUNTY AREA

N. Deschutes Co.: We taught 10 classes between February and September, including 7 conventional courses and 3 independent study courses, with an estimated 185 students.

S. Deschutes Co.: (Dave Jarschke, 419-5074 or 388-4684) - They taught 8 classes between Feb. and Aug., including 7 conventional and 1 independent study with an estimated 150 students.

Jefferson Co.: (Tim McCormick, 420-4966) - They taught 3 conventional and 3 independent study courses with an estimated 100 students.

Crook Co.: (Stew Butts, 480-7487) - They taught 3 conventional courses between Jan. and Aug. with an estimated 120

For the second year in a row Central Oregon Archery education Instructors have teamed up with Bend Bowmen during their annual "Hunters Classic" to offer an archery education class during their 3D archery shoot.

This year 6 students were certified from all over the state. Students that successfully completed the archery education course receive a free one day shoot card to the event and for the second year all of the students have enjoyed an afternoon of 3D archery shooting with fellow students. The Bend Bowmen Hunters Classic is a premier 3D archery shot that focuses on ethical hunting practices. It is refreshing to see an organization that is as committed to education as those of us in the hunter education community.

If you have not attended the Bend Bowmen Hunters classic in the past do make an effort to come to the High Desert next year for a weekend of family fun. Watch your Calendar for the dates in late July or Early August ###