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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:

Composing this to you, my first as President, was more time consuming and challenging than I anticipated. After much deliberation I decided to focus on our recent Board elections and some of the current activities in which your Board has been—and currently is—engaged.

Our 2012 elections are completed, with the results described in this newsletter and on our website. We were blessed with a strong field of candidates, and I sincerely appreciate their interest and participation. I also extend the appreciation of the Board to our members who voted and the Election Subcommittee for their help. Your Board is comprised of Directors and Executive Officers from all parts of the State, who bring a common passion for hunter education (HE) and OHEIA. I believe this Board will continue efforts that support the membership, further the goals of OHEIA, and help improve the HE program. I want to share with you examples of ongoing and planned activities which do this.

During the last year a concerted effort was made to develop and improve the website and newsletter to provide you better and more timely information. Features and content of both have been expanded to include information and topics we feel are relevant, useful and important. We anticipate the newsletter and website will continue to evolve and improve. Your input is welcome and needed.

The Board recognizes not all members use computers, email, or the internet. Fortunately, ODFW has allowed us to include the newsletter with their mailings; however, that will not

always be available to us. To save precious dollars and time, those members who provide us their email address can expect in the future to receive the newsletter, other information and correspondence digitally. We plan to still use the postal service for the newsletter and other important/required information for those for whom we don't have an email address. As we consider and implement changes please let Jeanne Littleton (Newsletter Editor), Larry Ranstead (Webmaster), or any of the other Board members know whether we are on the right track. Their contact information is included in this newsletter. If you haven't visited our website, please do.

Expect OHEIA to continue representing your interests and concerns to ODFW. The HE staff regularly meets with the OHEIA Board and solicits our input. This has been the case with the implementation of the new online registration procedures. Like you, Board members are instructors, and most are also involved at the Area Coordinator (AC) level. We have experienced the same challenges and difficulties with online registration as you, and have found the ODFW staff open to recommendations. ODFW has, and still is, making changes to streamline online registration. I urge your patience and to recognize that some fixes will take time to implement.

Also, it's worth noting computers and the Internet are here to stay – whether we like it or not. Technology, society, and our students are driving this and we as instructors need to keep pace. I suspect we will hear more on this topic at the regional instructor conferences this year. Again, be patient, and please let your AC and OHEIA

Board know your concerns and suggestions.

Additionally OHEIA representatives are participating on two ODFW Hunter Education work groups. One work group is reviewing and recommending changes to Instructor Training and Development, with the second group working on revising and updating Program Policies and Procedures. We will keep you apprised of developments, and these may also be topics at the regional instructor conferences. I urge you to attend one of the regional conferences. They only occur every other year, and are a great opportunity to meet with ODFW staff and other instructors, and provide your input.

Some final thoughts. We are all aware of the concerns regarding declines associated with hunting, youth participation, and numbers of HE students. When I meet with other instructors and AC's, I see an associated issue in our own ranks: **The majority of us are seniors (i.e., over the age of 50).** I know this doesn't come as a revelation, but my personal response has been to try to recruit younger instructors, and by association, more younger OHEIA members. While we need to hang onto our seniors as long as possible, I'm concerned we don't spend enough time mentoring and training our replacements. I urge you to do so!

In closing, thank you for your support. I am honored to serve as your new President, and pledge to do my utmost to fulfill my responsibilities and continue the traditions and high standards of my predecessors and OHEIA.

Brian Ferry
President, OHEIA

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Douglas County News

By Hedge Jarvis

New Shotgun for Students

Our Hunter Education students now have a new Remington 11-87 20 gauge, auto loading shotgun for use during field day training.

This firearm was made possible when a trap club member, Marlin Kirby Kelley, passed away. He had been active in youth firearms training prior to moving to Oregon. His wish, donations to the Hunter Education program in lieu of flowers, made this a reality. The shotgun was purchased in his memory and a plaque will be affixed as a permanent honor. It will be used many times each year to introduce future shooters to the sport of shotgun shooting.



HE Class using Kelley Donated Shotgun

On-Line Registration

When talking with other instructors about the new on-line registration process, I find our experiences have been very similar in

other locations. I initially received numerous phone calls for registration information. At that time, the on-line registration process was explained and the callers were referred to the ODFW website or to a local licensing agent for registration. On two different occasions, while talking to a parent, registration was completed via their "smart phones". They thought that was neat. My March class was the smallest class I had in several years; however, April's class was much better. Other instructors in the county had similar experiences with their first classes. I did find that the class reporting was much easier than the "old" system. I would expect the system to be more acceptable and much smoother by next year.

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Northeast Region News

By Greg Barron

Instructors in the NE Region have been very active this spring teaching classes. We still have a few summer classes that are

Emmett Walker giving safety instructions on field day.



Students shooting .22 rifles on field day.

coming up. As usual we will host some "Last Chance Summer Dance" classes before the end of September.



Phil Jarmer instructing on shotgun shooting and safety.

We look forward to the NE Regional Conference to be held Saturday July 7th in Beautiful Baker City from 9 am to 5 pm in the Baker County Library Main Conference Room. Sign up, I hope everyone from the NE Region can attend.

Thanks to all OHEIA members who participated in our recent officer elections. A special thank you to all of our officer nominations. It is great to see individual members who want to take the next step to be the future leaders of our organization.

If there is something special you'd like on the agenda for our Regional Conference, let me know. ODFW is always open to our suggestions for topics of interest.

See you all at conference time!

Favorite Bumper Sticker

YOUNG AT HEART
Slightly older
in other places.

WEBSITE NEWS

On the website you will find:

- 2012 Election Information
- Current Board Members
- Links to other sites

The Instructor Page:

- Grants Application
- Grants Program Information
- TIP Poster
- Bookkeeping Aids

Hunter Ed Program Topics:

- Mule Deer Study
- Changes in ATV Regs

!!! ALERT !!!

Plans are underway to send **information to members by email**. If you did NOT receive this by email, please notify us at :

OHEIASecretary@aol.com

of any email address changes. If you want your contact by USPSal Service, please confirm your preference to the OHEIA Secretary.

Check out our website:

www.OHEIA.org

OHEIA Board Officer 2012 Election Results

OHEIA's election occurred from late March through April, with the ballots being opened and counted immediately prior to the May 5, 2012, Board of Directors Meeting in Eugene at the Santa Clara Grange.

A total of 89 votes were returned from the membership, which represents 46% of our membership. The following is a breakdown of the results by percentage of votes received for each candidate by officer position:

<u>President Elect:</u>	<u>Secretary:</u>	<u>Treasurer:</u>
Dave Ganskopp - 53%	Jeanne Littleton - 79%	Rich Morgan - 83%
Chris Friend - 47%	Darlene Marquardt - 21%	Diana Ackerman -16%

The Board welcomes the newly elected 2012 board officers, and thanks all the candidates for their participation in the elections.

2012 Election Committee:

Brian Ferry Hedge Jarvis
Greg Barron Carl McGlothlin

News from ODFW

By Michelle Dennehy

Final 2012 fall big game tag numbers will be adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission at their June 7-8 meeting in Salem.

Proposed fall 2012 tag numbers for controlled deer, elk, Rocky Mtn goat, bighorn sheep and pronghorn antelope hunts are [online at ODFW's website](#).

The proposed tag numbers are based on field surveys of big game populations completed earlier. Most big game herds fared well due to the mild winter experienced in Oregon, though low fawn and calf ratios heading into winter means deer and elk tags are down very slightly this year (1 percent or less overall). Pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep tags are up slightly while Rocky Mtn goat tags are unchanged, bringing the overall controlled tag changes to less than -1 percent from last year.

2013 Hunter Regulations

ODFW kicked off [a series of statewide meetings](#) about hunting regulations in May 2012. Besides fall 2012 tag

numbers, ODFW is presenting concepts under consideration for next year's big game hunting regulations at these meetings. This [information is also online](#) and people that cannot attend meetings are welcome to send comments about the changes by email to ODFW.Comments@state.or.us, or mail to ODFW Wildlife Division, 3406 Cherry Ave NE, Salem, OR 97303 or fax (503) 947-6330. Public comments on bird hunting and trapping regulations are also welcomed. Final 2013 big game hunting regulations won't be set by the Fish and Wildlife Commission until October 2012, and public comment is welcome through that time.

Some major concepts under consideration for 2013 are:

- Reduce antlerless elk hunting on national forestland on the west slope of the Cascades for all hunters by going to a "one bull elk" bag limit on national forestland. Changes are meant to reverse the decline in elk

numbers and calf ratios seen in many areas of the west Cascades, particularly on national forestland.

- Reduce antlerless harvest on the Ochoco unit by creating two different archery tags; only one would allow antlerless harvest. The overall number of tags available would not change.
- Prohibit ATV use and allow camping only in designated areas of the White River Wildlife Area. Off-road vehicle use and new campsites have increased to the point of harming wildlife and fish habitat on the wildlife area. White River has been informing area users of this possible change since fall 2011.
- Charge a penalty fee of up to \$25 to hunters that fail to report the results of their 2012 deer and elk tags by the deadline (Jan. 31, 2013 for most tags). The fee would be charged when hunters purchased their 2014 hunting

license (2014 licenses go on sale Dec. 1, 2013). Reporting the results of big game and turkey hunts has been mandatory for four years but compliance rates are still too low to provide reliable information. Deer and elk general seasons have some of the lowest compliance rates.

- Several concepts are being considered to reduce problems related to general season spike-only hunters taking branch-antlered elk in Mt Emily, Walla Walla, and Wenaha units, where a hard-to-draw controlled tag is required for branch-antlered elk.

As of April 30, 2012, 111,030 controlled hunt applications had been processed. Last year, a total of 380,639 applications were processed.

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INSTRUCTOR SAFETY TIDBITS

STATISTICS WE HEAR TOO INFREQUENTLY:

I recently stumbled upon something taken from the National Shooting Sports Foundation's (NSSF) website that is very revealing and perhaps of use to our hunter education instructors.

Hunting is a safe sport! We've been teaching this in our hunter education classes for years. Here is the data as copied from the NSSF site to back you up:

"Don't let anyone tell you otherwise: Hunting with firearms is safe; in fact, hunting with firearms is one of the safest recreational activities in America. To put hunting's safety standing into perspective, compared to hunting, a person is...

- *11 times more likely to be injured playing volleyball*
- *19 times more likely to be injured snowboarding*
- *25 times more likely to be injured cheerleading or bicycle riding*
- *34 times more likely to be injured playing soccer or skateboarding*
- *105 times more likely to be injured playing tackle football."*

"... the NSSF, the trade association for the firearms industry, has compiled data that shows hunting ranks third in safety when compared to 28 other recreational pursuits, ranging from baseball to wrestling.

Hunting with firearms has an injury rate of 0.05 percent, which equates to about 1 injury per 2,000

participants, a safety level bettered only by camping (.01 percent) and billiards (.02 percent). For comparison, golf has an injury rate of 0.16 percent (1 injury per 622 participants), while tackle football topped the list with an injury rate of 5.27 percent (1 injury per 19 participants).

"The number of hunters who went afield last year is estimated at 16.3 million. Of that total, approximately 8,122 sustained injuries, or 50 per 100,000 participants. The vast majority of hunting accidents — more than 6,600 — were treestand-related."

So, the next time a friend, relative or parent say guns and hunting are dangerous, you know where to tell them to go (the NSSF website, of course).

Shotgun Sports magazine, April 2012

High Desert News

By James Beck

Calendar Events

The Bend Bowmen will be hosting the Hunter's Classic 3D archery tournament on August 11-12, 2012.

Known as the premiere hunting event in the Northwest, this 2-day tournament will feature 40 targets on the main courses, a 15-20 station shoot-no-shoot course, seminars, vendors, and a wild-game potluck dinner.

Unlike many archery tournaments, the targets on the main courses will be placed at ethical hunting distances encouraging safe and effective shooting.

The shoot-no-shoot course will have up to 20 stations including questions taken directly from the Oregon Bow-hunter Education course. The targets on this course will be placed in scenarios that

require the hunter to ask, "Is it safe? Is it legal? Is it ethical?" Taking an unsafe, illegal or unethical shot will

**Bend Bowmen hosting
Hunter's Classic 3D
Archery Tournament
August 11-12, 2012**

**A bow-hunter education
course will be offered in
tandem with the
tournament with
classroom portion on
August 10.**

result in a score of negative 12 points, while choosing not to shoot in these scenarios will earn a positive 12. All animals on this course will be placed in realistic hunting scenarios and time will be limited.

A bow-hunter education course will be offered in tandem with the tournament with graduates receiving a free 1-day pass to the tournament.

The classroom portion will take place on Friday, August 10, at the Bend Bowmen indoor range, and the field day will be held at the Hunter's Classic 3D shoot.

Hunter Education or Bow-hunter education volunteers are needed to assist with this tournament and the shoot-no-shoot set-up.

If you are interested, please contact:

**Jason Gillette
(541)390-5248.**

**Location to be determined
by May 31st.**

June 1-3 NRA YHEC Oregon State Championships, Redmond Rod & Gun Club.

June 9 ODFW SW Regional HE Conference, Big K Ranch, 20029 Hwy 138 West, Elkton, 9AM-5PM.

June 23 ODFW NW Regional HE Conference, ODFW Headquarters, 3406 Cherry Avenue, Salem, 9AM-5PM.

June 30 ODFW High Desert Regional HE Conference, Highland Baptist Church, 3100 SW Highland Avenue, Redmond, 9AM-5PM.

July 7 ODFW NE Regional HE Conference, Baker County Library, 24000 Resort Street. Baker City, 9AM-5PM

August 11-12 Bend Bowmen Hunter's Classic 3D Archery Tournament.

August 18 OHEIA Board Meeting, Highland Baptist Church, Redmond. 11 AM

IMPORTANT!! Confirm your reservations for attending regional conferences with Myrna at 503 947-6028 or by email to: myrna.b.britton@state.or.us.

Youth Day – Douglas County

By Hedge Jarvis



On May 19, 2012, the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club played host to approximately 50 youngsters who participated in Archery, Black Powder Shooting, Trap Shooting, Shooting .22 rifles on the indoor range and the use of the Laser Shot system. Although the attendance for this year's event was down, the youngsters, their parents and the instructors hailed this as "one of the

best". The majority of the youngsters were under 12 and really enjoyed the extra shooting time allowed. Lunch was served to approximately 120 persons and then it was back to the duties at hand. The atmosphere was much more relaxed and fewer attitude problems were observed. Each group of kids had their "favorite" shooting sport. One family came for the first time with their two

sons (who were Jr. Rifle members). They were expected to shoot well. Two sisters, who had never shot before, also registered. When asked what they wanted to shoot, all four said *"We want to shoot everything."* The surprise of the day was that the two sisters could outshoot their brothers. Bystanders, and instructors alike,

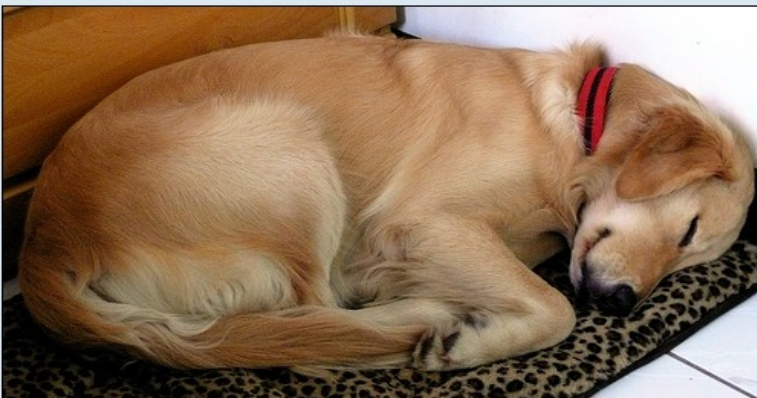
were very much impressed. Our Youth Day is intended to introduce youngsters to the shooting sports available in the local area. It is always a popular event and is enjoyed by all who participate.

These photographs make us smile at the enthusiasm shown by our youth shooters – a great reward for our efforts!!

Laughter is good for you!!

Now, this is for my dog friends and my friends who need to smile!

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.



An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out..

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 He's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'

Cell Phone Use in Public

As the train rolled out of the station, the guy sitting next to her pulled out his cell phone and started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart it's Eric, I'm on the train - yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty but I had a long meeting - no, honey, not with that floozie from the accounts office, with the boss. No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life - yes, I'm sure, cross my heart" etc., etc.

Fifteen minutes later at the next stop Eric was still talking loudly, when the young woman sitting next to him, who was obviously angered by his continuous diatribe, yelled at the top of her voice:

"Hey, Eric, turn that stupid phone off and come back to bed!"

My guess would be that Eric doesn't use his cell phone in public any longer.

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- Fox Whistles \$3.25
- OHEIA Patch \$3.00
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- One yr Membership \$10.00
- Two yr Membership \$20.00
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Treasurer's News**By Rich Morgan**

First, I would like to thank you for putting your trust in me for a couple more years as treasurer of the OHEIA. It is an honor to serve the association.

2011 fiscal year has been a record year for memberships. We had a total of 75 life members, 112 members paid through 2011, 49 members paid through 2012, five members paid through 2013, and one member paid through 2014.

Annual Membership are due May 1.

May1 begins our fiscal year for 2012. Please renew your membership now. Your membership, support, and all contributions are greatly appreciated. Any questions, please contact me.

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 board review.

Membership Renewal—2012-2013**OREGON HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.****MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2012 - 2013**

If this is a renewal, you may **CHECK AMOUNT** and enter your **NAME. E-MAIL ADDRESS**, and **YEAR PAID** only.

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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.