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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 Hedge Jarvis, President

Hello Hunter Ed Instructors:

I can't believe that summer has already passed. It seems I was taking grandchildren fishing only a couple of weeks ago after school dismissed for the summer. However, another reminder that summer is over comes from the almost daily frantic calls inquiring about hunter education classes.

Some of the callers have youngsters who have drawn tags, but failed to get into a hunter education course. I bet I'm not the only one that missed summer and is now looking at the fall hunting season. I hope each one of you have had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the fall/winter activities.

I'm sure many of you are also fielding similar calls as they occur on an annual basis. We will never eliminate the last minute calls because of schedule changes, sports conflicts, family emergencies, travel distance to and from classes, procrastination and numerous other life difficulties. As noted, most families are very busy with limited time left for additional activities.

However, many can find time for an Independent Study Evaluation day. When signing up students for scheduled courses and listening to concerns about attendance, I frequently suggest the Internet

or the Home Study Course as an alternative to the regular course. I find that most parents would prefer a classroom setting but find it difficult, if not impossible, to schedule their youngster(s) into the regular course.

I would encourage you to seriously consider conducting or assisting with an I.S.E. field day throughout the spring and summer. The I.S.E. field day would require approximately 6-7 hours of instructor time versus 18-20 hours for a regular course. I have found that most I.S.E. students are well prepared for the field day activities and fare favorably with regular course students when taking the test.

I have allowed I.S.E. students to participate in a "regular course field day" which requires additional instructor time to cover topics that have already been discussed during the classroom presentations. The I.S.E. students require more training time to be sure that they can properly handle firearms. For this reason I encourage those taking the Independent Study courses to attend an I.S.E. field day rather than bringing them into a regular course field day.

James Reed, the Hunter Education Coordinator for ODFW reported at our OHEIA board meeting that the On-Line Registration is almost here. Hopefully we will be able to use

the system when scheduling classes for next year. James will be scheduling training seminars during the next few months to acquaint all of us with the system. I encourage everyone to embrace this new technology as a tool, to use it and also have patience with it. As with any new program, there will be a few "bugs" to work through.

As I understand the program, it will not only assist instructors with registration, but allow O.D.F.W. to track young hunters as they continue to purchase licenses.

Welcome to Dave Ganskoff joining the OHEIA board as the SE Director and begins a 3-year term in September.

I would like to wish all of you an enjoyable and successful fall hunting season.

Hedge Jarvis
President

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**Submit topics for
round table
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Central Oregon Update (Tri-County: Jefferson, Crook , Deschutes)

By Brian Ferry

As I write this, Redmond instructors are teaching our last class of the teaching year. It has been a busy instructing year to date. By my tally area instructors offered 27 courses that were attended by an estimated 575 students.

Our teaching year started in January, and like most places in the state, the majority of courses were offered and completed by June. What made this year notable was the number of late courses after June, and the higher than normal number of independent course field days offered.

This year a concerted tri-county effort resulted in 7 late season courses, including 3 independent study, and 4 regular courses offered between July and September in the communities of LaPine,

Bend, Redmond, Madras, and Prineville.

As most instructors know, late classes sometimes present special challenges. With schools closed it can be difficult to find good teaching locations, and keeping the students interested and engaged in the class can be challenging. Many of us that hunt ourselves would like to be spending more time with our preparation and personal efforts, so that also makes it more difficult.

My thanks to all the local instructors that faced these challenges and offered late course opportunities. Special recognition to our own Tim McCormick for stepping up and offering a late independent course field day in Madras on September 24 to meet the pleas of desperate parents and

students.

Area instructors also offered increased independent study field day opportunities with 5 field day events provided in Bend/LaPine, Redmond and Madras. The numbers of "no-shows" which has been a problem in the past, was noticeably reduced.

With the end of the teaching year at hand it's time to reflect on our teaching successes and efforts, recharge our teaching energy, and renew our commitment to passing our hunting heritage on to the youth of Oregon.

My deepest respect for your efforts, it is an honor and privilege to know and teach with you.

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Lane County Activities

By Carl McGlothlin

I thought about pinching myself to make sure I was awake. I had a call asking, "There are four of us in Lowell who want to form a Hunter Education Teaching Team, can you help us?"

They had already filed applications and were waiting for the return of the background checks. My only problem now was to figure out the fastest way to get them up and running. This area has been chronically underserved on a local basis for several years.

We decided to have a course with me teaching and the prospective team members assisting/teaching/taking the course themselves to fill the step of having taken the course themselves in the past two years. This approach was quite successful resulting in two fully certified new Instructors (Brian Chittim & Warren Weathers) and 29 new students completing the course.

Since the completion of this course and the subsequent Phase II training there have been two more courses taught in the area and one more new Instructor almost ready to be fully certified.

**Welcome aboard
Brian and Warren!!**

HANDGUNS & HEELS

October 6 — Cabelas in Springfield will be hosting Ladies' Night Out, from 5:30-9:00 p.m. Tailored specifically for women, the evening's highlights will include free giveaways, discounts, raffles, seminars, gun library and gun counter tours, plus more. This is the first women-specific event Cabelas has executed here in Springfield.

For more information, contact:

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MASTER HUNTER CLASS

Anyone interested in becoming a Master Hunter?

Class being offered in November in Lane County.

Contact:

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***"Truth Matters,
Character is an issue,
and one person can
make a difference."***

WEBSITE News

A long awaited event of a website for OHEIA is up and operational.

Larry Ranstead and Chris Friend headed up this effort. It sounds so easy to have a website — by alas my friends, this project takes a great deal of dedication, commitment, creativity, and shear will to accomplish.

Special thanks to you, Larry and Chris.

Anyone who has information that you want on the website is asked to email Larry (email on front panel of this newsletter) with your requests and the details.

Be sure to visit. Give us your feed back.

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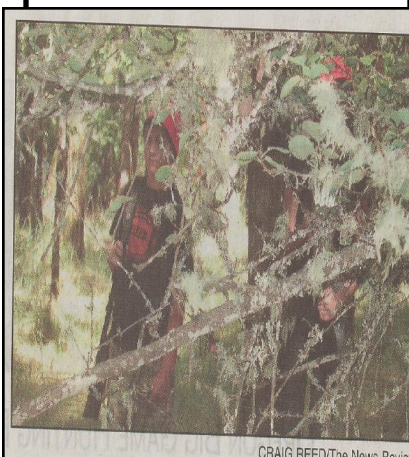
State moves to be safe, seen in the woods

By Craig Reed, News-Review (Roseburg)

As of Aug 1, hunters age 17 and younger must wear orange during hunting season for safety.

Young hunters must wear fluorescent orange exterior garment (vest, jacket, sweater, shirt) or hat when hunting game mammals or upland game birds (except turkey) with any firearm. The color must be visible from all directions.

Craig Reed of the News Review in Roseburg writes "there will be a lot more orange seen in Oregon's outdoor during the fall hunting season." James Reed, ODFW hunter education coordinator, commented "we are doing this for the youth and we



haven't had any negative response. The ultimate goal is to have them regulate themselves and develop life-long safety skills."

Reed continued, "no one wants to be told by the government what to do, but if we can save one life by kids or adults wearing hunter orange, then we've done a good safety job."

Statistics show Oregon is the second safest Western state in regards to hunting-related incidents with 1.56 incidents per 100,000 licenses. Nevada comes in as the safest with 0.63 incidents. "Statistics further support wearing hunter orange does reduce incidents — especially vision-related," stated Reed.

OSP reports that troopers

plan to emphasize education in the first year of enforcing the new law. State troopers will also carry orange hats with them to hand out to make a youth legal and allowing them to continue to hunt.

Kaden Melvin, a 7th grader in Roseburg said that wearing orange was emphasized in the hunter education class he took. "I don't mind," Kaden said of the new mandate. "I just want to be safe. I feel it's a good rule. It'll make kids more safe."

A Special thanks to Features Editor Craig Reed, Roseburg News Review for allowing some reprint of his recent article.

News Release from OSP — TIP Program aids in major game bust

I'm sure all instructors promote the ODFW/OHA/OSP TIP Program, and recommend it to the students and parents.

However, I doubt many of us have had first hand experience with the program and been a recipient of a TIP reward.

One of our hunter education instructors recently did, and we use his story to illustrate the

A real life experience of a hunter education instructor to share in your classes ...

program's effectiveness.

Jason Gillette, a local Hunter Ed and Archery Ed. instructor was archery hunting during the 2009 season and came onto an active bear baiting station and evidence an animal had been killed at the baiting location.

Jason photographed the site and evidence, GPS'd the



location, and notified the local OSP of what he had found. Like any of us would, he felt good about reporting the illegal activities, and like most of us, hoped the OSP might find the guilty party. What he didn't know is his "Tip" would lead to a major game bust, involving several individuals, multiple states, numerous other poached

wildlife, prosecution of the offenders, and ultimately to him receiving a \$500 TIP reward in July of this year.

We have found Jason's real-life experience a great illustration in class and I invite others to do the same.

This investigation was conducted

by OSP, the Central Oregon Fish Wildlife team in Bend, in cooperation with the Idaho Fish & Game Dept. As a result of the investigation, 5 subjects were charged with multiple game crimes in Oregon and Idaho.

Article Submitted by Brian Ferry

**BE OBSERVANT
BE SAFE**

Hunters are reminded to be observant of their surroundings and watchful for illegal activities.

A major concern to officials is hunters encountering marijuana grows while hunting in remote areas.

Remove yourself immediately from the area by returning the way you came. These individuals are normally heavily armed and will defend their grows.

Do not confront them. Report what you have found as soon as you can.

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Treasurer's Report By Rich Morgan

Currently we have 101 (2011) members, (29) 2012 members, 3 (2013) members, 1 (2014) member and 71 LIFE MEMBERS.

This looks to be the greatest paid up membership on record. This by no means is a suggestion we would not like to see more non members come on board. We need your input, creativeness, and willingness to help the OHEIA support and improve hunter education in Oregon.

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 her at jdlittleton@aol.com. Fill out the form with all pertinent information and return to her for the board to review.

Membership Renewal—2011-2012**OREGON HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR'S ASSOCIATION, INC.****MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2011 - 2012**

If this is a renewal, you may **CHECK BOX** 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** ____/____/____