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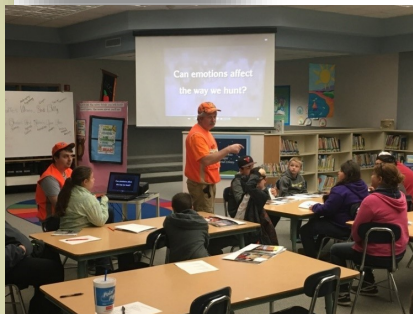
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NEWSLETTER

The Mission of OHEIA is: "To Improve the Teaching of Safe, Ethical and Responsible Hunting"



Message from your President, Greg



Lead Instructor, Larry Delgrosso discussing the "Measure of the Hunt" with students in his Irrigon class. While instructor Sean Barron (in the orange vest) looks on.

It looks like spring has sprung here in the Columbia Basin with no snow in the forecast. It looks like we are above normal for snowpack in the mountains on the east side where you on the west side are below average. During the first week of February we had above average rainfall in the Blue

Mountains which resulted in massive flooding in Eastern Oregon and Washington.

The Umatilla and Walla Walla Rivers jumped their banks and wreaked havoc on several communities. My hats off to all emergency management personnel and countless volunteers who stepped up to help their fellow man in need. As things get

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back to normal, many sportsmen and women are putting away their waterfowl decoys, cleaning and oiling the old waterfowl guns and storing them in the gun safe (of course, ammo separate).

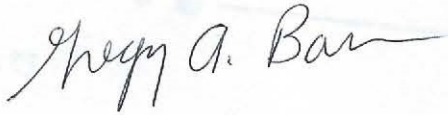
Spring finds my wife and I getting the boat ready for some warmwater fishing. Spring also finds many of us teaching hunter education classes. I know because my first class starts tomorrow evening in Irrigon. I already knocked off the dust by helping with a neighboring instructors field day class in Hermiston. We lucked out with a brisk, yet beautiful day with no wind or rain...but we always tell the kids and parents to dress just like if you were going hunting.

The OHEIA does have an election process going on. We have open nominations for the President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer positions. Currently, we have nominations for the Secretary and Treasurer positions but as of this writing no nominations for President Elect. All nominations were supposed to be closed by March 1st but with no nominations for the President Elect position, it will remain open until we get a nomination. We have had some interested individuals who want to serve on the OHEIA Board which is great! So, if you are feeling your civic minded duty to serve as an officer on the OHEIA Board, now is the time to step up and get r done. We need a Bio from you of no more the one page in length. Please email all nominations and Bio's to our Secretary Darlene Marquardt at darlene.marquardt@gmail.com

The OHEIA is continuing to advance its agenda and evolve. We need new blood to join the OHEIA and Board with new ideas and energy. The OHEIA is your organization and we need your leadership to keep it ongoing. Our current President Elect Chris Friend will be taking the reins for a second term as President and will need everyone's willingness to help him make this organization the most successful it has ever been. Under Chris Friend's leadership I'm sure it will be. So, look for bigger and better things to come as we continue with our popular firearms raffles and other ways to serve you our OHEIA membership.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

My presidency is officially coming to a close on April 30th. I hope that we can keep the OHEIA torch burning bright for more years to come. There is still much that needs to be done on the OHEIA Board and I hope that I have helped that light to burn a little brighter and can continue to do so as past president.



North Jct. Stew

1 lb. ground beef or stew meat
1 lb. bacon, cut into ½ inch pieces
1 bell pepper, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
1 (16 oz.) bottle BBQ sauce
1 (16 oz.) can kidney beans
1 (16 oz.) can lima beans
1 (16 oz.) can black beans
1 (16 oz.) can pinto beans
1 (16 oz.) can navy beans
1 (16 oz.) can pork-n-beans
1 capful liquid smoke

Brown the ground beef and bacon. Saute' the bell pepper and onion. Drain excess grease. In a large crockpot, add the browned ground beef and fried bacon pieces, bell pepper, onion, BBQ sauce, Kidney beans, lima beans, black beans, pinto beans, navy beans, pork-n-beans and liquid smoke. Slow cook at low temperature for 8 hours (stir occasionally). Serve with homemade baked bread, rolls or crackers.

From my hunting camp to your hunting camp – enjoy!

Greg Barron

NOTICE

OHEIA OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION CHANGE

DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING COVID-19, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE CALL FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS UNTIL APRIL 15TH. THE BALLOTS WILL BE SENT OUT TO YOU EITHER ELECTRONICALLY OR PAPER BY APRIL 30TH. BALLOTS WILL BE DUE BY MAY 31ST AT 11:59 PM. ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE REVEALED BY JUNE

OFFICES OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS ARE PRESIDENT-ELECT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER
PLEASE PROVIDE A SHORT BIO WITH YOUR
NOMINATION!

EMAIL NOMINATIONS TO
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Thoughts from your secretary/webmaster

Life in our world is so different right now. For some it is quite stressful and for others it's a challenge to find new ways to function and reach out to others. My personal life is not significantly different because I am retired and set my own work-at-home hours. A couple of conferences I planned to attend, got cancelled and a couple of places I went each week (including my church) got switched to online only. That feels different, but I still reap the benefits of the group. Our Hunter Ed classes aren't scheduled until early summer so hopefully the craziness we are facing now will settle down and we will be able to hold our classes as per normal. Time will tell.

Many of the friends I have are gardeners, homesteaders and to some extent, preppers; so the focus has been on being self-sufficient. I feel like we already do this to a large extent. We have a freezer full of farm-fed beef, I have plant starts growing in my back bedroom, and some cold weather plants already outside in my garden. Come summer, our trips to the grocery store will be few and far between. We already had the amount of toilet paper that a household of two would need for a while, so no standing in lines for TP here.

So how is the future going to change for hunter education. Here's what I am hoping—maybe I'm a dreamer, but with emphasis on eating healthy and self-sufficiency, I think the hunting culture could grow and it be that our classes grow and more youth and adults alike are interested in the tradition of hunting.

We have to keep our eyes on bits of legislation, both nationally and statewide, that could put a kybosh on hunting, and we must make sure that those laws do not pass.

For a while now, Hunter Ed classes have been trending toward online classes. As much as we love our traditional classes, it could be that we need to change our ways of thinking. What I am about to say may not set well with you. And mind you it is just my mind wandering and thinking of possible solutions. Because I dream it up, doesn't mean it will become the way of the future. However it is just one of many possibilities that we could think about.

With programs like ZOOM or SKYPE, we can still have a classroom full of students, each at their home on their computer or phone, but in a live class situation where the instructor(s) still teach, and students can still interact in real-time.

When it comes to range-day, individual families could go to somewhere where they can safely set up a shooting range.. Perhaps on their own property if they live in the country and have a safe place to do that or anywhere safe. Instructors can watch the student do live fire with the help and supervision of their par-

Bring it on!



ent, but with the instructor being online and a parent or sibling videoing, while the instructor watches online. It may be a new concept, but perhaps one we need to consider. At the very least, open minded thought needs to be taken toward teaching in that way. Maybe some of you have some better ideas. If so, we need to hear them. Things quite possibly get back to what we consider “normal”, but if they don’t, we need to have some plans.

So hopefully, I’ve given you some food for thought. Whatever happens, we **will** continue and when we are allowed to hold our classes again, we might think about piloting some new methods, keeping our traditional content, but teaching it in new and up-to-date ways. That “could” mean doing more online than before. Or it could mean implementing some of YOUR ideas. We all need to be willing to do what it takes to continue teaching Hunter Education in whatever way becomes effective.

Again, my thoughts are only just that, “thoughts”. Best scenario, we go back to how things have always been and nothing changes. Nevertheless, we **MUST** be prepared for change, should change need to occur.

To completely change subjects: Is your membership up-to-date? If not, send your renewal fees to Darlene Marquardt, OHEIA, 827 North 5th Street, Athena, Oregon 97813.

Your best bet is a life-membership, then you won’t have to worry about paying each year. Yearly memberships come due May 1st each year. See the back page of this newsletter for your form to renew or purchase a life membership.

Please make sure we have your current address and email address. Especially we need correct email. Occasionally we have folks say they haven’t heard from us, and I imagine it’s that we don’t have a correct email address OR that the info has gone into your spam folder, so make sure our email addresses are on your white list.

We will soon be holding more fund raisers. The monies from our fund raisers go into our coffers so that we are able to offer grants for Instructors to get things that ODFW doesn’t provide. Visit our webpage (oheia.org) to get an application for a grant, should you need one.

And above all dear Instructors, stay calm and stay home and stay safe until the immediate danger passes. You are ALL important to the future of our great state and the Hunter Education program.

Thank you for listening to my ramblings. Please do some of your own thinking and offer up ways for our organization to remain pertinent and strong. We always are looking for volunteers. Let us know.



NE Director, Jim Marquardt

Howdy,

From the virtual world of the hunter education instructors association. As most of you know, this virus that has come upon us has curtailed the class attendance of Hunter's Education. In these trying times, we must remember that electronic communication which includes email, texting, is going to be the way to approach the students getting the information they need to further their desire to go hunting.

I foresee, as your NE Director, that where there's a will, there is a way to obtain the necessary requirements to complete the class with some way to do fence crossing, compass training, and shooting online. There are many ways to communicate online visually, one is by zoom, another is skype and there are several different other programs that I believe we can implement to insure that the students receive the necessary training for the life-fire requirements to complete the hunter education course. We cannot let our students down when hunting is such an important part of not only our lives but, our culture as well.

I am hoping that with the ideas I have presented to every instructor in this region, that we can come up with a plan that can be used statewide, so that all students will be able to obtain their hunter education card.

Please feel free to email me with any ideas that you may have to help us accomplish these goals.

"When some of my friends have asked me anxiously about their boys, whether they should let them hunt, I have answered yes-- remembering that it was one of the best parts of my education-- make them hunters."

-Henry David Thoreau



RYAN NIEHUS - DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Hello fellow Hunter Education instructors. I hope this finds you healthy and provisioned. I wanted to talk to you all about the upcoming Volunteer Event Management (VEM) system, but other concerns in the world have taken up our time. I will be brief. In order for hunting to continue as a tradition and a management tool, we need to eliminate barriers to entry. From what I have experienced and seen in the last year, the greatest barrier to getting kids into hunting has been the requirement for an email to sign kids up for Hunter Education classes. This single barrier has reduced the number of participants in H.E. classes. Less students equals less hunters in the future equals less money in the hands of ODFW equals less opportunity for hunters. And the downhill slide continues.

In order to reduce the barrier to entry, the VEM needs to reduce or eliminate the requirement of an email. I don't see that happening and more kids will be at home playing games or out getting into trouble or decide that sports is the way to go and forgo any hunting or fishing activities. Call your Hunter Education specialist for your area and let them know your concerns.

Speaking of concerns, I have to bring up the re-enrollment, I guess, of our volunteer status and all the hoops we have had to go through. I have brought it up to ODFW that if we as instructors have to go through this process again in five years, the number of instructors they lost will pale in comparison to the number they will lose the next time. I am curious as to how your instructors feel. Send me an email and let me know.

We are doing ODFW a favor and reducing the number of work hours they need to accomplish to bring new hunters on board. Again, less hunters equals less \$\$ coming in.....that's what pays for their positions, pays for enforcement, pays for biologists and flights and, well, everything.

Lastly, I truly hope you are all stocked up for this worldwide pandemic and the ripple effects on the economy and mad rushes on the stores from the masses who failed to think ahead or expected the government to feed them. Be safe and don't lick the shopping cart handles...it could save your life! I envy those

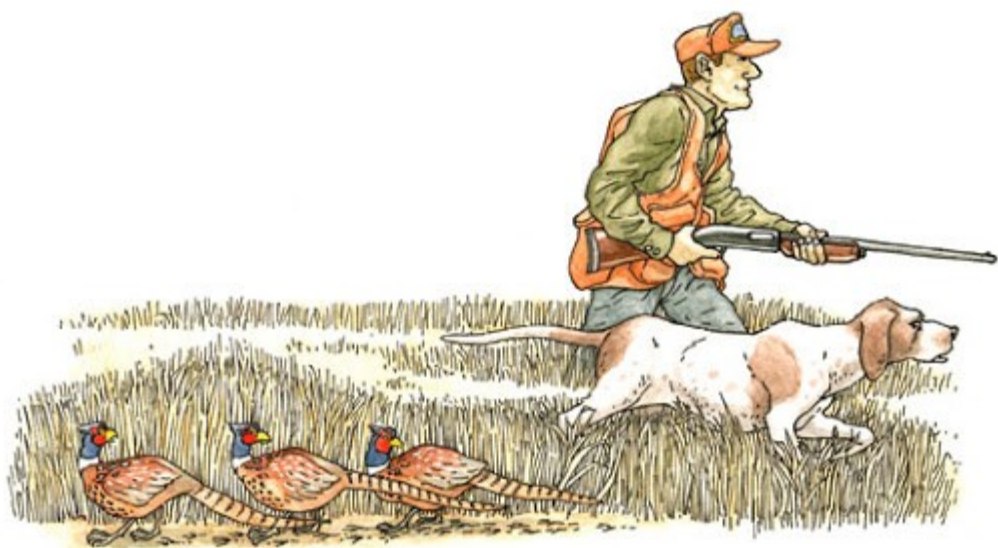
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of you with some land around you (extreme social distancing). Take this time to reach out to your fellow instructors and check in with them. Help each other out where you can.

We'll get classes up and running again. We may need to put on more in the summer to catch up, but I know as a group we can do it. Remember, walk-ins are your friend!

Ryan

"If you are not working to protect hunting, then you are working to destroy it." -Fred Bear





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REMINDER: OHEIA has a grant
program available for all actively
teaching OHEIA members. Only
OHEIA members are eligible to ap-
ply. Application is available at
<http://oheia.org/grantapplication.pdf>



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Membership Renewal Application

OREGON HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If this is a renewal, please **CHECK BOX**. Clearly write your **NAME, E-MAIL ADDRESS**, and **YEAR/YEARS PAID**.

NAME _____ **INSTRUCTOR #** _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____
PHONE _____ **COUNTY** _____
E-MAIL _____

YEAR/YEARS PAID: ☐ 2020-21 ☐ 2021-22 ☐ LIFE ☐ OTHER _____

CHECK # _____ **CASH \$** _____ (do not send cash in mail)

I am enclosing my _____ \$10.00 annual, _____ \$20.00 for two years, or _____ \$100.00 Life membership dues. _____ Other | Membership year is May 1-April 30.

Membership dues are not prorated. Mail dues to : OHEIA Asst. Treasurer, at 827 North 5th Street, Athena, Oregon 97813

SIGNED _____ **DATE** ____/____/____

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