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# OHEIA

#### NEWSLETTER

January 2020 Darlene Marquardt, Editor

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





# Message from your President, Greg

Well, the month of November has relegated me to picking up mass amounts of leaves in my oversized yard and me wondering why I planted so damn many trees. As I trudged through mounds of leaves, my neighbor and self-proclaimed prepper stopped by. He must have heard about how successful I was big game and turkey hunting this year (NOT) because he

came toting a 27.6 pound farm raised turkey all dressed and everything for the Thanksgiving holiday. At least, I still have upland bird and waterfowl hunting Brian Ferry, Central Oregon to look forward too.



My Lab Miley, focused on a group of ducks at Bull Prairie Reservoir last July dreaming of the upcoming waterfowl!

My wife and I have a dilemma. We are still trying to get used to being empty nesters. It seems like we eat the same thing for dinner for a week because we still prepare our meals like our two big strapping boys were home. I know I sounded a little needy the paragraph before, but in reality I am a pretty good provider when it comes to putting wild game in the freezer or on the table. I will need to package my wild game in

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smaller food saver packages for two. The other thing that is hard is getting used to the fact that my kids and my hunting buddies have recently married, got new jobs and moved further away.

It's OHEIA election time again. I can't believe it has been over a year and a half since I took office as president and my reign will end on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. With that said, I have appointed a nominations committee of Brian Ferry, Chairperson, Carl McGlothin and Chris Friend to seek out interested, active and passionate OHEIA members who would be willing to run and serve as President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. We are also looking for a new SW Director to serve on the board.

Interested individuals should contact and send a one page bio. to the nominating committee and/or our OHEIA Secretary Darlene Marquardt <u>darlene.marquardt@gmail.com</u> if you are willing to serve. Our timeline is as follows: Nominations open on December 1<sup>st</sup>, nominations close on March 1<sup>st</sup>, mail and electronic ballots will be sent out to the membership by March 15<sup>th</sup> with ballots being completed and turned in no later than 11:59 pm on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Results will be posted on the OHEIA website by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

I want to remind all volunteers who handle firearms or munitions or have direct access to unsupervised minors – including Hunter Education instructors – will need to pass an FBI Fingerprint check before teaching a class in 2020. Second, it is a state requirement that all state of Oregon volunteers take a Professional Workplace and Harassment Free Workplace training on an annual basis. The training can be accessed online at <a href="https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/volunteer/policies.asp">https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/volunteer/policies.asp</a>

I am looking forward to seeing all of my fellow Area Coordinators at the AC Conference January 24-26<sup>th</sup> at the ODFW Headquarters in Salem. The OHEIA Board will meet TBA on Friday January 24<sup>th</sup>.

My new year's resolution for my sons and I is to start planning our 2020 hunts now, so we can all be on the same page and enjoy each other's company afield. Heck, I hear my new daughter-n-laws are hunters too!

With the New Year approaching, we as Hunter Education Instructors are starting to go through our lessons and looking at our calendars and planning our 2020 classes. County instructor meetings will be held around the state as area coordinators rally the troops to go out and teach classes because our future hunters and communities depend upon us to do so!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Megy a. Bar



January 2020 Newsletter

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Dear OHEIA Membership:

The 2-year terms of three Executive OHEIA Board Officers expire April 30, 2020, so we are seeking candidates from our membership for President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer positions. The President Elect serves an initial two-year term (2020-2021) and steps to the helm as President for the 2022-2023 biennium. Our outgoing President remains as a Past-President Board member for one year following term expiration. OHEIA's bylaws outlining these policies are available at: <a href="http://oheia.org/Board%20Amended%20Bylaws\_4-25-2015.pdf">http://oheia.org/Board%20Amended%20Bylaws\_4-25-2015.pdf</a> for review. In addition, we are also looking for an OHEIA member to serve as the SW Director on the Board. If you are from that geo-graphic area and are interested please let our secretary Darlene Marquardt know at <a href="http://darlene.marquardt@gmail.com">darlene.marquardt@gmail.com</a>

This is your opportunity to help shape and direct OHEIA's activities. Members may nominate themselves for candidacy or submit the name of another party. Please do not offer nominations, however, without first securing permission from the affected individual.

Nominees are asked to submit a letter of interest briefly introducing themselves to the membership and expressing their desire and credentials for the selected office. That text will accompany ballots through our online Survey Monkey election process. We ask that letters of interest not exceed one single-spaced 8 1/2 X 11 inch page assembled with 1-inch margins and a 12-point font in MS Word format.

Nominations and/or accompanying letters of interest should be submitted by e-mail to <u>darlene.marquardt@gmail.com</u> arriving no later than close of business March 1, 2020. Election information and ballots will be made available online through Survey Monkey to our membership by March 15, 2020 with instructions that returned ballots be postmarked no later than April 15, 2020

Again, this is your opportunity to shape OHEIA's direction and activities, and we encourage your participation.

**Greg Barron** 

**President OHEIA** 

### Article submitted by Gordon Brown



Jim Marquardt and new instructor, Eric Krohnert, demonstrating procedures for placing firearm in and out of a vehicle.. Photo Credit: D Marquardt

# **Recruiting Instructors**

I'll bet if we polled the membership of OHEIA, we'd find that most of us belong to one or more other organizations that focus on shooting, archery, hunting, and conservation such as the Oregon Hunters Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Mule Deer Foundation, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, shooting ranges etc.

As we interact with these fine organizations, don't forget to recruit for new hunter education instruc-

tors. Most of them are vocal about recruiting new hunters so it's a logical next step for them to help recruit instructors. Hunter education is the first introduction to many new hunters, either youth getting out for the first time or adult onset hunters. Without hunter education classes, there won't be new hunters joining our ranks.

When recruiting new instructors there's a few things that I like to keep in mind:

Becoming a hunter education instructor is not for everyone. Some folks just don't have the patience for working with youth and others that do not have the same level of outdoor experience that they do. Unless they have a passion for working with youth, it is probably not for them.

No contribution is too small. They don't have to lead a class to make an important, meaningful contribution. I'm sure we've all had the experience of trying to start a class and being tied down with registration, setting up the classroom, or getting that

laptop to cooperate. The same goes for those last few hours of the class with testing and getting everything picked up and put away. Just a few hours of help can make a big difference.

Let them know how rewarding it can be to get involved. You meet some awesome kids and their families in our classes. How many of us would be instructors if it wasn't for the gratification of helping these kids and their families keep our hunting heritage going?

Now is a great time to be looking ahead to those banquets and rendezvous for the coming year. Ask for a few minutes of time to promote Hunter Education at the event and/or get some "Wanted: Hunter Education Instructors" recruiting flyers from ODFW to hand out. And don't forget to wear your instructor or OHEIA hat. Darlene Marquardt



# Thoughts from your secretary/webmaster

Greetings,

I am having a hard time grasping the fact that 2019 is finished. Yikes, where did the time go. Even though I am now

retired, I seem to have more to do than when I was working. But, really that is a good thing. It keeps me occupied and my mind alert.

It was fun teaching more HE classes this year than we've done before. I got all my fingerprints and harassment videos watched and can officially continue to teach Hunter Education. That was an easy process. I hope you have all completed it. It is so important to protect our children and I am more than willing to follow these procedures to make parents relax and know their children are safe with us. As a retired educator, I know how important it is.

## 2020

The year lies ahead. As you read this, it will have begun. The slate is wiped clean and we have new goals and new things to both learn and teach. It is exciting to be able to continue to emphasize the tradition of hunting and get our younger generation excited about it.

Also lately we've had adults also getting excited and improving their credentials by adding a Hunter Ed card to their wallet. A good enticement point to get adults in your class is to remind them of ORS.166.291.1.f.A , which in 2015 updated the rules to add a Hunter Education Card as qualification to apply for a concealed carry.

We've discovered that county sheriff's interpret this differently. We teach in two counties. One Sheriff accepts the card with no question. The other Sheriff requires the H.E. instructor to provide a letter confirming that the H.E. card holder was in the class and that you taught the student what he/ she needed to become a safe firearm carrier.

Either way, it's a much cheaper option for those wishing to get a con-

"It has always seemed to me that any man is a better man for being a hunter. This sport confers a certain constant alertness, and develops a certain ruggedness of character.... Moreover, it allies us to the pioneer past. In a deep sense, this great land of ours was won for us by hunters."

> — Archibald Rutledge

#### Article by OHEIA Secretary/Webmaster, Darlene Marquardt, continued

cealed carry card. Compare \$10 for an H.E. class to often charged \$75 or more for a different kind of class. Our students get "hands-on" learning and not just sitting in the classroom listening learning. Also, encouraging adults help to keep our class numbers up. Our first class in June was very low in attendance, but our classes in July and November were as full as the room we met in would allow. About 1/3 of our students were adults. It also enhances classroom discussion to have experienced hunters along with the youth hunters.

Ok change of topic: As your secretary/treasurer, what am I doing to help YOUR organization. This month, OHEIA will be having a board meeting and before then I will be putting together reports showing our income and expenditures. Our conference last summer brought in raffle monies and helped our coffers so that we can offer grant money. I think we currently have one application that we are looking at. If your Instructor group has needs, go to the webpage and find the grant application and ask us. We will review and see what we can do to help.

Also, I urge you to get involved and nominate yourself to one of our offices. Yes, I'll be running again, but I solicit some competition. May the best candidate win.

As webmaster, I have some updating to do. I've lost access to the software that I used to use and am attempting to create with less expensive options, so your patience is needed, but I'll get there.

I'll sign-off for now. Until next time — happy teaching!!

"If God didn't want men to hunt, he wouldn't have given him plaid shirts."

— Johnny Carson





# NE Director, Jim Marquardt

I hope you all had a very merry Christmas and are having a wonderful New Year. Greetings to all Hunter Ed instructors in Oregon.

Time has flown by and 2019 is gone.

I'm happy to say that in 2019, we added two new instructors in our area. And In November, Darlene and I finished teaching our third Hunter Ed class of the year. We had very good attendance too.

As the New Year begins, I would encourage all instructors to put on more classes than they did last year and to submit articles, photos and recipes for future editions of this newsletter. Just a friendly reminder that this is YOUR newsletter and we would like to know what is going on all around the state.

As a philosopher once said "no one can tell the future, however we can always plan for the present". I would encourage feedback from any of the instructors in my northeast area of the state on how I can better serve you on the OHEIA board in this coming year.



Left: Jim at November field day. Watching parents in background.

Below: About half of the students lined up ready for an activity during their Hunter Ed class. (other students were lined up on opposite side of room) Photo credit: D Marquardt



Big thanks to the Athena American Legion Hall for allowing us to use their facility for two of our classes..





# Brian Ferry — Central Oregon Director

Fellow OHEIA members, I will start by hoping you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Holiday. My intent with this article is to focus on our local hunter education program by providing some highlights from 2019, and our preparations for 2020.

Back in December of 2018 we planned on offering a mix of 9 Independent study (ISC) and conventional courses in 2019 between February and September. We ended up completing 7 of the courses. A February course was cancelled due to a lack of student registration, and a September course because personal conflicts prevented the lead instructor from offering it. Here are some take-aways from the 7 completed courses : The no-show rate among registered students continues to be high and ranged from 10-24%. Jefferson County reported some of their classes with a 30% no-show rate. Participation in the ISC Field Day courses continues strong and is nearly the same as the conventional courses. We continue to see a slow, but steady shift of participation from early (Feb.-May) courses, to those taught later. Finally, 2019 student numbers declined 32% compared to 2018. Neither adjacent Crook or Jefferson Counties reported increases offsetting our decline.

Our focus now is preparing for 2020. Earlier in December instructors met in Bend and Redmond to plan and schedule courses for 2020 and discuss the status of the hunter education program. ODFW staff were at both meetings to help with the latter topic. There were lots of questions from the instructors present in Redmond regarding the HE Coordinator Position, re-certification of Instructors, and the proposal for background checks for volunteers (other than certified instructors) that help with a course. I've been told it was much the same for the instructors that attended the Bend meeting.

Kudos to Jered Goodwin and Andy Hamilton for attending these meetings. They were faced with a many questions and concerns about the future of the hunter education program. I personally am heartened that ODFW has chosen Jered Goodwin, someone from within the HE Program that is an experienced instructor to provide leadership for the next 6 months. Instructors were pleased that the deadline for completing recertification for current instructors has been extended to July 2020.

At the Redmond meeting there was considerable discussion about the proposal for background checks of non-HE program volunteers (guest presenters, spouses, parents, and range RSO's). Our local program relies on such volunteers and instructors are worried of the consequences if this new requirement

# Brian Ferry — Central Oregon Director - continued

is enacted. This issue is important and will be closely monitored. It is hoped OHEIA will be engaged and watching it as well.

I wish you a prosperous New Year, and a strong and successful hunter education program in 2020.

**Brian Ferry** 

Happy New Year

A brand new year! A clean slate on which to write our hopes and dreams. This year: Less time and energy on things; More time and energy on people. All of life's best rewards, deepest and finest feelings, greatest satisfactions, come from people-people like you.



Happy New Year!

# CHICKEN FRIED VENISON STEAK Servings: 4-6

**INGREDIENTS:** 

- 2 lbs. venison roast, trimmed of all silver skin and fat
- kosher salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 whole eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1/2 tsp. of fresh thyme leaves, or 1/4 tsp. dried

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Slice roast into 1/2 inch pieces, against the grain. Salt and pepper both sides.

2. Lay a sheet of plastic wrap on a flat surface. Lay venison on plastic wrap, leaving 1 inch spaces in between. Lay another piece of plastic wrap on top.

With a mallet, or anything heavy and flat, pound meat into 1/4 inch thick steaks. We simply used a rolling pin. For fork tender steaks, use a needling device to cube the meat.

3. Set up your dredging station: one dish with beaten egg and the other with flour. Dredge the meat in flour.

Then in the egg. Then flour, egg and flour again. So... repeat after me. Flour, egg, flour, egg, flour! It helps to chant it out loud.

4. Lay pieces of dredged venison on a dish, and let it rest for 10-15 minutes.

5. Heat 1/4 cup vegetable oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. When the oil starts to shimmer, fry steaks until golden, about 3-4 minutes each side. Cook in batches and don't crowd the pan.

Place steaks on a wire rack set on a cookie sheet. Place in a 250 degree oven to keep warm.

6. Discard any large chunks of flour that might've fallen off steaks. Whisk 3 tbs. of flour into the remaining oil. Cook flour for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Cooking the flour gets rid of the flour taste.

7. Stir in chicken broth, de-glazing the pan and making sure to break up all lumps of flour. You should use a whisk. We couldn't find ours. Whisk until gravy comes to a boil and begins to thicken.

8. Add milk and thyme and whisk until gravy is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. About 5-10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Drizzle gravy over steaks.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR OHEIA

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

Fellow Members,

The Election season is upon us! Except in this case we're not referring to the State and National Elections, we're talking about OHEIA's 2020 officer elections for President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Please read President Greg Barron's article in this Newsletter as it provides important information about the nomination and election process., and the responsibilities these officers have.

Please consider helping the membership and OHEIA by serving on the Board. Carl McGlothin, Chris Friend, and I serve as the Nomination Committee and you can contact any of us if you have questions about these positions and what it is like to serve on the Board. The deadline for receiving nominations is March 1. We can be reached as follows:

Brian Ferry, 541 923-3136, bferry@bendbroadband.com Chris Friend, 971 226-8600 Carl McGlothin, 541 688-2720



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

HAVE you renewed your dues? If not, please use the application below to send in your dues. Best benefit for your money is the lifetime. Then you will never have to remember to renew again.

#### **Membership Renewal Application**

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