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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 David Ganskopp

Fellow OHEIA Members:

With completion of our recent biennial election cycle this past April, I've been blessed with the honor of moving in as OHEIA's President. I thank you for this opportunity and pray your faith in me is sustained over the next two years.

With my first communication, I'd like to thank our outgoing officers for jobs well done. This includes our Past President, Brian Ferry, for overseeing our substantial bylaws revisions and the daunting task of assembling one of our most successful statewide Hunter Education conferences ever. Brian remains enslaved, however, as a Past President and a sitting board member for the next 12 months. His continued presence provides a welcome level of continuity to OHEIA.

Rich Morgan, our long standing Treasurer, retired with our recent election, and he's been the most familiar OHEIA face at our gatherings through about nine administrative cycles. His talents and patience contributed substantially to many facets of our OHEIA program. Thank you Rich.

With Chris Friend's successful campaign as President Elect and our bylaws demanding a balanced geographic Board representation from across the state, Tom Maddox must vacate a western Oregon Vice President position on the Board to be replaced by an eastern

Oregon representative. I thank Tom for his enthusiastic participation and especially for his contributions to our fund raising efforts linked with our state wide conference. Any eastern Oregon members interested in Tom's vacated seat are encouraged to submit a one-page bio/note of interest to our re-elected Secretary, Jeanne Littleton.

Next, I want to welcome our newly and re-elected members. Newly elected officers include Chris Friend (Pres. Elect) and Diana Ackerman (Treasurer). Both are enthusiastic and long familiar faces in Oregon's Hunter Education program. Jeanne Littleton was re-elected as Secretary again furnishing valued continuity to our Board. We're all looking forward to serving you over the next biennium.

Personally, I will strive to equal or exceed the successes OHEIA has enjoyed in the recent past with perhaps a very slight redirection. Admittedly, our coffers are not exactly bursting at the seams, but I want to encourage more instructors to take advantage of our granting opportunity. James Reed and the Salem team are doing an excellent job of moving Hunter Education forward with their training, electronics support, and materials/supplies catalogs, but our community level classes are often challenged with facility or tangible needs that cannot be

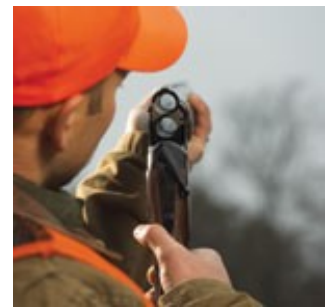
addressed by the state. I encourage every member to visit our OHEIA website to explore the "Information" - "Resources" - "Grants" path with classroom specific or program wide issues will be given every consideration.

Finally, I'm personally looking forward to serving OHEIA's membership. We have an involved and well-oiled OHEIA team absolutely focused on generating safe and responsible hunters. When paired with Oregon's Hunter Education Program, we are having significant impact.

I wish you every success with the perennial rush of late-summer students. Safety is paramount, and the best news we will ever receive as our students head afield is no news at all.

Thank you again for this opportunity, and feel free to contact me with one's needs, issues, or concerns.

Dave Ganskopp
OHEIA President



Don't rely on your firearm's safety

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NORTHEAST REGION UPDATE

~ Greg Barron

Wow, does this group ever slow down?

Here in beautiful Eastern Oregon we have conventional hunter education classes being offered during the month of June in Grant County – Monument, Morrow County – Heppner, Wallowa County – Wallowa and



Wheeler County – Spray.

If that isn't enough, we have field day offerings in Umatilla County – Hermiston on June 21 and July 26 and in Wallowa County – Enterprise on September 6.

If you attended the Northeast Regional Hunter Education Instructors meeting in Umatilla, Oregon, well good for you! There is a lot of planning that goes on to pull off one of these regional meetings and even

much more to learn. These meetings give local instructors a chance to attend a regional meeting a little closer to home than lets say a statewide meeting...like you can call anywhere "close" in Eastern Oregon. I played hooky from the meeting this year and went fishing instead (I've been going fishing on the Deschutes River with a group of old friends the weekend after Mother's Day for the past 32 years and I surely couldn't miss the salmon fly hatch). Catching up on what happened at the meeting and other important events was easy with Darlene Marquardt as our O.H.E.I.A. website webmaster. If you haven't visited this very informative website just follow this link: <http://www.oheia.org/>

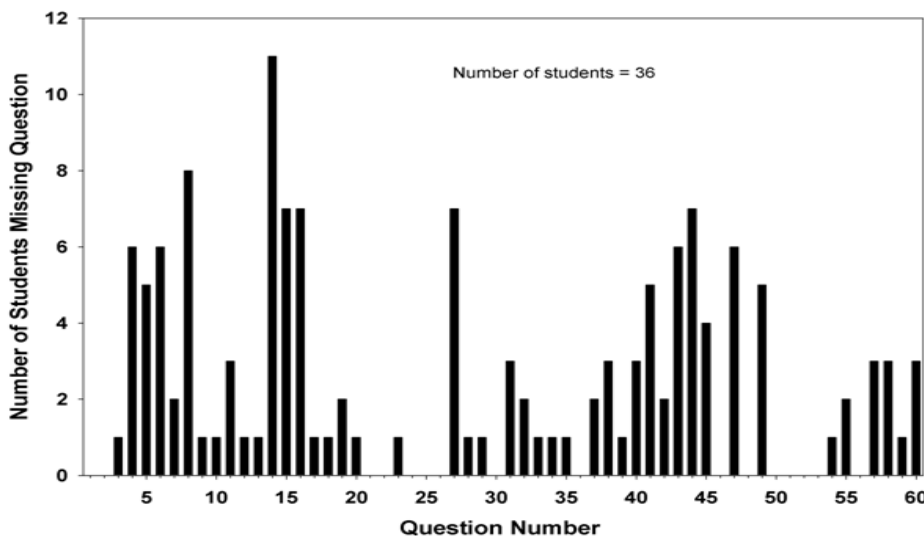
In case you haven't heard, the O.H.E.I.A. had a very important election and we now have mostly a new officer team. Dave Ganskopp moves to the President position, Chris Friend was chosen as President Elect, Jeanne Littleton was retained as Secretary and Diana Ackerman was elected as our new Treasurer after the retirement of the legendary Rich Morgan.

Since Chris Friend (from Western Oregon) was chosen as President Elect and after consulting our by-laws, we will need to do some adjusting to the new officer team. The President Elect and the Vice President cannot hail from the same side of the state, so Tom Maddox from Jackson County gets the boot and we need to find a member from Eastern Oregon who is interested in serving as Vice President. So, if you are interested in the V.P. position please submit a combined one-page letter of interest and a short Biographical note about yourself to our secretary Jeanne Littleton OHEIASecretary@aol.com. Our new president Dave Ganskopp will have the honor of appointing one of the lucky persons of interest to the V.P. position at our August O.H.E.I.A. board meeting.



Lastly, I am crossing my fingers and toes hoping this will be the year I am drawn for a controlled hunt tag. I hope that Christmas comes early for all of you as well! ##

STATS ON HUNTER ED FINAL TESTING



In my file I had saved this bar graph which depicts the results of testing done at the end of a traditional class.

I think it's worthy of some study, particularly the last 5 questions.

We, as instructors, need to evaluate the results of our classes. And granted, none of us like tests, but this one is a bit of an eye opener.

NE REGIONAL MEETING

~ Darlene Marquardt



Everyone enjoyed the day - (foreground - Phil Jarmer - other instructors in the background)

May 17th was the day. It was a beautiful Saturday. A perfect day for fishing on the river, but alas, there were more pressing things to do. Oregon's Hunter Education Instructors from the region east of Wasco County, including Sherman, Morrow and Umatilla Counties, met together in Umatilla a day of learning about updates and changes in ODFW's Hunter Education Program. Culminated by a delicious pizza lunch. James Reed, Myrna Britton and Janice Bellis traveled from Salem to bring the presentation. James told us how many students participated in Hunter Education classes last year and attributed increases in numbers to increased gun sales and more interest in online classes.

An important part of the day was explanation of the budgeting changes being put upon ODFW and how it impacts the Hunter Ed programs. Several Instructors were recognized with Bronze and Distinguished awards. Instructors spent some time identifying and discussing the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the Hunter Education program.

Josh Bettesworth explained the pilot project done this year in Umatilla and Echo schools, patterned after the Dallas Ecological Foundations, Outdoor Adventures Education Curriculum and aligned to Oregon's Core Curriculum. ODFW trained school teachers as hunter education instructors and with the help of Josh, and Roger Trueax and the school teachers, the project should certify over 250 students this year.

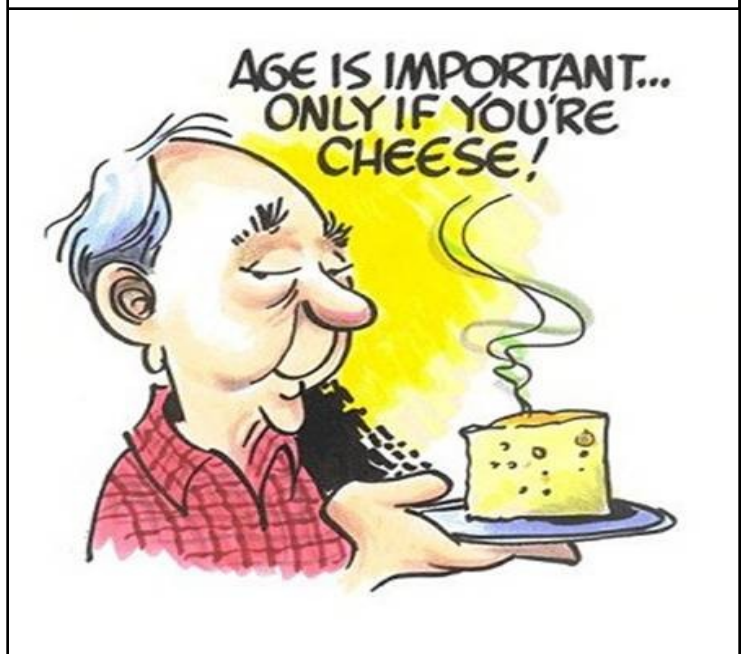
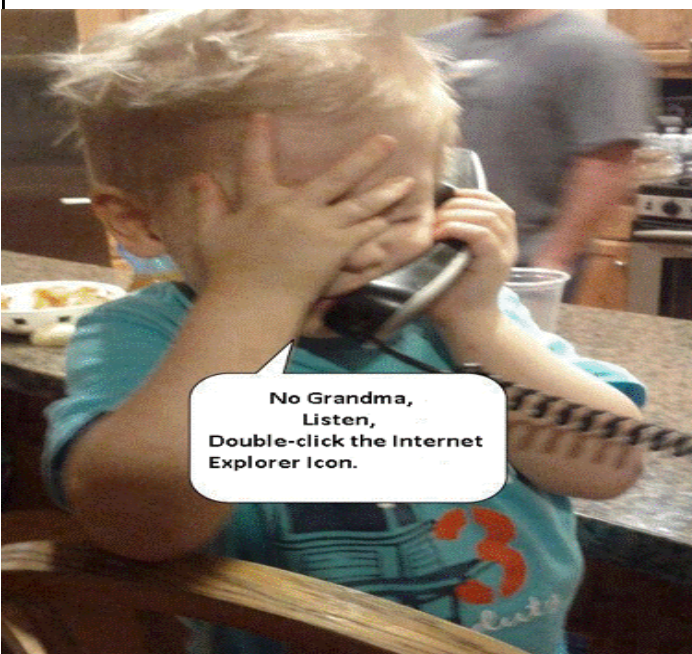
Conference attendees enjoyed drawings for mugs, posters and gun tools. We all felt the day's activities were worth the time we spent indoors. James expressed ODFW's appreciation for all of us who volunteer to make the hunter education program successful. James closed the meeting by sharing part of the video series by Dave Oakes about the ESSENTIALS OF TEAMWORK.

Darlene Marquardt encouraged instructors to take advantage of everything that OHEIA has to offer. She also stated the OHEIA website has an updated membership form and invited instructors to join. ##



Myrna Britton

HOW'S YOUR HUMOR?



GRANTS

How many of you have heard the term: "Free Money?" Too good to be true, right? Not so fast. In this case it is both good and true. Need teaching aids for your class? Need supplies for your class? Need partial funding for a large project? As an OHEIA member you are entitled to grant money.

All you need to do is go to OHEIA.ORG, download the grant form, fill it out, and send it to Jeanne Littleton. Her address is on the form. Your request will then be taken into consideration at the next OHEIA board meeting. That meeting date can also be found at OHEIA.ORG.

Don't pass up this opportunity. The form is easy to fill out and as a member and the cost of a stamp your needs could be easily met. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

A benefit of belonging to the OHEIA.



FINALLY! OR7 has a family!!

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

~ Diana Ackerman

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Hi Members —

As you know, I am the new treasurer of OHEIA. As time passes us all by, there are things that change, and things that stay the same.

One of the changes is in the position of the OHEIA Treasurer, in which I would like to thank everyone for the chance to put my skills to work.

The other is membership dues.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

It is that time of the year to renew your OHEIA membership. Our annual membership remains at \$10, and our Lifetime Membership at \$100.

These dues are used through our grant program to help Instructors with financial assistance for their Hunter Education classes. All instructors are eligible for these funds.

Please go to our website at www.oheia.org and download a membership form available under the Information tab, or use the one on the last page to remit your dues.

Please note the new address listed above.

On the website you will also find a grant application form with rules and guidelines on procedures to apply for a grant.

Plan to take advantage of OHEIA's assistance in your efforts to continue the success of your hunter education program.

If you have any questions or concerns with your membership, please feel free to contact me at my email address.

I realize some of you are life members and others have already paid your dues, but I wanted to contact you just the same. Again, thank you for your support and involvement in our Association. ##

WEBSITE NEWS

www.OHEIA.org

**Check out our website.
You will find:**

- April 2013 Bylaws
- Grant Application
- Grants Program Information
- Hunter Ed Program Topics
- Board Members
- Educational Links

CENTRAL OREGON REPORT

~ Brian Ferry

Fellow members, welcome from sunny Central Oregon! Like many of you, we in Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson Counties have been busy with classes. Our teaching year started in late January, crested with multiple classes during late March through May, and now continues at a slower pace.

My goal with this feature to do more than describe our HE efforts, I want to spend the bulk of my time highlighting for you how some local instructors put in to practice what we teach about being responsible and involved as hunters and sportsman.

Here are just a few examples:

The Central Oregon Youth and Family Outdoor Day. The motto for this event was: "NO KID LEFT INDOORS".

This event occurred on May 31, and was sponsored by OHA, ODFW Outdoor Program and Bend HE Instructors, with participation from several local businesses and agencies.

The 5 hour event included a barbeque, and 14 outdoor stations that featured a wide assortment of topics including: outdoor survival, law enforcement, compass and map reading, archery, shotgun trap shooting, bird box building, fly tying, taxidermy, and other outdoor topics.

Kevin Borst worked with several other Bend HE Instructors to plan and pull this event off, and reported 24 kids and 19 parents participated, with another 32 volunteers helping to put the

event on.

Central Oregon NRA YHEC

Program. Carl and Sharon Shaver, Prineville HE instructors, have been involved with and coaching youth through the YHEC program for 14 years.



Carl Shaver

Recently they have centered their efforts at the Redmond Rod and Gun Club, and have been instrumental in having the Oregon State YHEC Championship's held in Central Oregon the last 5 years.

This year the event will again be at the Redmond Rod and Gun Club, on June 20,21 and 22, with a record number of participants expected from throughout the state.

The past Oregon teams, coached in part by the Shaver's, have amassed an impressive results at the NRA's International Competition, with the Oregon Junior and Senior Teams each finishing in the top 3 during the last 3 years.

Central Oregon Hunter's Classic Archery Shoot.

This will be in Bend on August 8,9 and 10, and offers an outdoor 3-D archery shoot, and the opportunity for Archery Hunter Education certification. This event is sponsored and hosted by the Bend Bowman, with instructors James Beck (Terrebonne) and Jason Gillette (Bend) in the thick of planning and putting it on. See flyer on our website www.OHEIA.org

Redmond Rod and Gun Club.

Redmond instructor Bill Layton is also the President of the Redmond Rod and Gun Club. Late last year the Club received notification from Deschutes County, who owns the land the Club uses, that the Club would need to vacate by May 31, 2014. Subsequently, Bill lead a campaign to extend the Clubs stay at the current location, and to find a suitable relocation site. The Club is the hub of a wide range of shooting activities for the Tri-County area, including the hunter education program. Through Bill's efforts the Club was successful at getting an extension through 2014 and possibly longer, and has located a possible relocation site.

My goal was to feature and recognize just a few of the many activities that local instructors are involved with.

If you look at yourselves, and your teaching colleagues, I'm sure you have similar examples. Keep up the good work, involvement, and by example putting into practice what we teach.

Brian Ferry ##



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Hello and Goodbye

OHEIA acknowledges Rich Morgan's (middle) dedication to his post of treasurer for the Association for 18 years. Thank you, Rich!

Brian Ferry, outgoing President, presents plaque to Rich commemorating his service and dedication. Brian remains on the board for a year as Immediate Past President (left).

Welcome to our incoming President, David Ganskopp (right).



PRICE LIST FOR OHEIA ITEMS:

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- OHEIA Patch \$2.25
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- OHEIA T-Shirts \$15.00
- OHEIA Caps \$15.00
- One yr Membership \$10.00
- Two yr Membership \$20.00
- Life Membership \$100.00

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Order forms are available on website.

Membership Application

OREGON HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

NAME _____ INSTRUCTOR # _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ - _____ - _____ COUNTY _____

E-MAIL _____

YEAR/YEARS PAID _____ CHECK # _____ CASH \$ _____

I am enclosing my ___ \$10.00 annual, ___ \$20.00 for two years, or ___ \$100.00 Life membership dues. Membership year is May 1-April 30. Membership dues are not prorated. Mail dues to Diana Ackerman, OHEIA Treasurer, at P.O. Box 263, Prineville, OR 97754.

SIGNED _____ DATE ____/____/____

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