



# OHEIA Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greg Barron, OHEIA President

Hey, I thought the Groundhog could not find his shadow predicting an early spring!



Pictured: Greg with H.E. students practicing fence crossing.

As of Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> my wife and I awoke to freezing rain and snow falling...a wintry mix. This put a nice slippery crust to the snow that already exists in the Columbia Basin resulting in two rather Olympic Ice Skating fails, which I performed without the aid of skates. Luckily, the only thing that was hurt was my pride as I sheepishly looked around to see if anyone had witnessed these epic performances. Now, you say what

does this have to do with Hunter Education? So far, one of our field days was cancelled in February thus causing a backlog of students needing range day. This week we will be crossing our fingers praying

that the weather will be kind to us, so we can hold our range day this Saturday. Oh, did I mention, we have an online field day that is supposed to follow this one. If not, we as Hunter Education Instructors are always adaptable and after all we still have April.

Last newsletter, I talked about the new Electronic License Sales (ELS) and Event Registration System (ERS) that we have to navigate. As I explained, I am somewhat technology challenged and that my

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**President's Message Continued**



**Larry DelGrosso watching students learn proper vehicle entrance**

brain is in open revolt at having to learn something new. Well, it seems our parents had some anxiety over the new system too. We had about half of our Irrigon traditional class students register as “walk in’s”. I think our neighboring Hermiston classes are experiencing the same thing. Like with anything new, it takes time to learn the system and get onboard with it...our parents will eventually figure it out.



**Bobby Gentry helping students learn shooting positions.**

Another observation that I have been making over the last couple of years is the dwindling traditional class sizes in our area. I believe students that in the past would have taken a traditional Hunter Education class are migrating to the online version of hunter education. Even though I love the traditional classes, we may be looking at another change where we see our Hunter Education program going all in on the online Hunter Education version. It’s hard to find a time during the year when

kids are not active in something, whether it be school events or something else...we are finding it difficult to compete with our young people’s time. Again, we as Hunter Education Instructors are adaptable.

The Oregon Hunter Education Instructors Association is alive and well. At the Area Coordinators meeting in December we renewed memberships and picked up a few new memberships. Our Ways and Means chairman Chris Friend has been working hard on some very important projects for our association. The elephant in the room is membership. Our membership work group Ryan Niehus, Darlene Marquardt and Chris Friend are working to resurrect and improve our membership status. The membership work group has made a lot of progress.



**Diana DelGrosso instructs student in firearm safety**

We have a firearms raffle that is in progress at this very moment. If you didn’t know, we are selling 500 raffle tickets for \$10 each for a chance to win a Winchester model 70 Super Grade chambered in .270. This is a beautiful firearm that comes with everything you will ever need to go hunting. Like our previous shotgun raffle we did not cheap out, everything is quality from the scope, sling, case and ammo. Every Hunter Education instructor in the state should buy tickets for this rifle by contacting Jim Marquardt at [jimmarmarquardt@gmail.com](mailto:jimmarmarquardt@gmail.com) . Do it now!



Greg working with H.E student in Irrigon

**“The perils of duck hunting are great – especially for the duck.” –**

**Walter Cronkite**

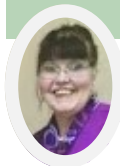
### President’s Message Continued

There is a Oregon Hunter Education Instructors State Conference coming up July 12 – 14, 2019 at Seven Feathers Casino and Hotel Resort in beautiful Canyonville, Oregon. Chris Friend and the rest of the Ways and Means work group are gearing up for our OHEIA live and silent auction at this event. Chris and the work group can’t do everything themselves, so I’m asking all OHEIA members to step up and get in contact with Chris at [00friend@gmail.com](mailto:00friend@gmail.com) and let him know how you can help either by collecting donations or being a worker bee at the event or both. The OHEIA needs to raise funds, so that we can maintain our grant process as well as other activities we have planned, to help you as Hunter Education instructors make it easier to do what you do best “TEACH” Hunter Education.

So, as we see mother-nature slowly moving from winter to spring, we as Hunter Education Instructors and OHEIA members are gearing up and teaching Hunter Education in our communities. Our parents and students know that hunting seasons are once again on the horizon. As I interact and engage with my Irrigon class students and parents, I am thankful that I have this opportunity to give back to a hunting tradition that I know will live on because of you who carry the touch as Hunter Education instructors.

### Secretary’s Message

Darlene Marquardt, OHEIA Secretary/Asst. Treasurer/Webmaster



I sit here thinking about what I want to write about for our newsletter this time. It has been a snowier winter than we’ve had for a while. Our farmers needed the snow, so it’s been somewhat of a blessing and a curse at the same time.

I want to remind you all about why we teach Hunter Ed. It’s about the kids and the traditions we hold precious. I’ve learned that some of you are a bit frustrated with some decisions made by ODFW regarding both in the sign-up process and in some curriculum areas as well as some affiliations with some of activities we’ve traditionally held. Here in my Northeastern end of the state we haven’t felt it as much and continue to plug away at presenting quality classes for both our traditional and online students. In the other parts of the state, it’s been a bit more trying.

I just want to take the time to remind you all that OHEIA and ODFW are two separate entities. We are not part of the political processes. We are an organization entirely for the instructor and the students. While

we try to work cooperatively with ODFW and appreciate the support they have for our organization, we are not them. If you have issues with ODFW, make your voices known to them. The only way we rally for what we know works is to say so.

Continue to teach and support the youth of your community regardless of what ODFW has or hasn't done to support your cause. OHEIA is here to support Instructors in whatever way we can. Our students are our precious jewels. If we don't teach them and instill ethics and fire-arm safety and survival skills and all that we teach into them, we can't depend on anyone else to do it. We must band together and do the best we can for our students. The classes we have been teaching, both traditional and online, have been working and will continue to work because of our dedication to the students.

Those of you who feel you must raise a fuss with ODFW, I suggest you continue to do that with grace and integrity and with showing the passion you have for your students. We need each other. We mustn't give up on our students and we can't do what we do without the support of ODFW. Do what you can to maintain a good relationship with the powers that be. Continue to teach the curriculum you know your students love and are successful with. Don't be afraid to try new things, while maintaining the tried and true.

I encourage you all to attend the Conference in July at Seven Feathers. And please please please buy that raffle ticket for the .270 Winchester. Send your check for \$10 per ticket (made out to OHEIA) to Jim Marquardt and 827 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Athena, Oregon 97813

Yours – Darlene Marquardt, Secretary, Asst. Treasurer and Webmaster



Diana Del Grosso and Irrigon H.E. students

"Hunting is not part of conservation, it is conservation."  
- Dr. Jon Hutton



“My dinner is still in the woods.” – Unknown



Hunters around the State:

Here in the Northeast Region, spring is here. The snow is almost melted and signs of life are abundant everywhere. Spring is a good time to start thinking about ground squirrel hunting.

Just a friendly reminder (anyone who has ever taken or sat in on one of my classes has heard it many many times); *“A Safety is a Mechanical Device that Can and Will Fail”*. For those who are currently teaching Hunter Education classes, please insure that your students know the “10 Commandments of being a Safe Hunter”.

As we think of what spring brings us, let us keep in mind that the Second Amendment is one of the rights that insure that non-hunters and hunters alike can still cherish the privilege and traditions of hunting throughout our State and our great Nation.

Don’t forget that OHEIA is raffling off a .270 rifle along with extras. Tickets are still available. Don’t miss out, we are only raffling off 500 tickets. See elsewhere in this newsletter for information about where to send your check.

In closing, I would encourage all instructors or hunters to share their experiences as hunters, fishermen/women, or outdoors people so that the stories can be put in future editions of the newsletter. Recipes will also be accepted.



Venison heart and Potatoes (stock photo from google, since I deleted the photo I took with my phone, not knowing I would need it again.)

Venison Heart with Potatoes

Ingredients:

- 1 venison heart
- 2 or 3 potatoes (I used Yukon Gold)
- 1 tsp. thyme
- 1 tsp. Tumeric
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt
- 2 to 3 TBS flour (for making gravy)

Drizzle a Tsp or so of Olive Oil in the bottom of your Instant Pot. Set timer on “Saute”. After the pot’s had time to warm up.. Brown the heart by letting it saute on all sides.

Add a can of broth (beef or chicken) and spices.

Set Instant Pot to Pressure Cook and press as needed to set for 50 minutes. After 50 minutes, release steam and add potatoes. Set pressure again for 15 more minutes.

When done remove heart and potatoes. Set for Saute, Add flour and whisk until gravy is thickened.

Slice heart and serve with potatoes and gravy and other veggies as desired and beverage of choice.

**“No Freeman shall ever be debarred the use of arms.” – Thomas Jefferson**

**CENTRAL OREGON—Brian Ferry, Director**

It is amazing the difference time and the sun can make! The first week of March many of us in Central Oregon were still engaged with snow management. Depending on your location, there was 2 – 4 plus feet of the white stuff to move, pile, remove, and pile some more! At our home clearing snow from the driveway, roof, around the heat pump, the path to the wood-pile, and vehicles, became the daily routine.



In addition to providing a new fitness regime in our lives, the epic snow storm of 2019 impacted our regions hunter education program as well. This winter, luck favored those with courses in January, and the first half of February. That was the case for us in N. Deschutes County, Jefferson County, and Crook County. We completed our courses before the “big dump” of 2-4 feet of snow between February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup>. Instructors in Bend, Sunriver, and LaPine were not so lucky. The start of their courses coincided with the dump of snow, and unfortunately they had to cancel their courses due to school closures and safety issues. A huge disappointment for the instructors, and expectant students and their parents alike.



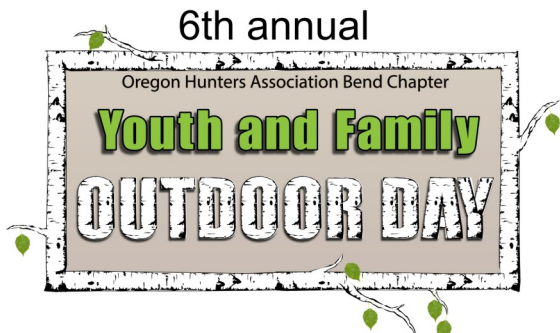
Another associated HE activity that looked threatened was the Central Oregon Sports Show slated for February 28 – March 3 at the Deschutes County fairgrounds. HE instructors have for years helped ODFW with set up and staffing of ODFW’s booth. To say I had doubts for the future of the event would have been an understatement! Incredibly, the fairgrounds staff moved acres of snow, cleared roads and parking areas, and the show happened. Kudo’s to the ODFW and OSP staff, and HE Instructors that braved the elements and staffed the booth. While the show attendance appeared less, it was still busy and well attended. Thanks to the instructors from Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, and recognition to David Boyce for his trip from the west side to help.

Continuing my theme of the great snow storm, as if the HE course cancellations weren’t bad enough, it forced the closure of the Redmond Rod and Gun Club (RRGC). That was, and still is, a problem for Central Oregon shooters. The range closed on February 25 and remains that way today (March 17). The good news is we had a member plow the access road, and RRGC may reopen March 19. I’ve attached a couple of pictures of the range after the storm as volunteers cleared snow.

Enough about snow, let me close on a more spring-like note. As I complete this we are enjoying sunny skies, and the mercury is hovering in

the mid-fifties. The spring thaw is in progress, and many of us count our blessings we got the much-needed snow. We are looking forward to our next HE courses that start soon. Additionally, Kevin Borst, a Bend HE Instructor and Bend OHA member is well into planning their 6<sup>th</sup> annual Youth and Family Outdoor Day scheduled on June 1 (poster attached). If you don't already have plans for that weekend consider this event for a wonderful family experience.

Brian Ferry



Saturday June 1, 2019

sporting clays  
archery  
wilderness survival  
demos  
hands-on activities

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Lunch is included

**Pre-Registration is required**

Online registration begins April 15th  
and ends on Memorial Day

check our website for registration details:

[www.oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter](http://www.oregonhunters.org/bend-chapter)

For more info., call the Bend OHA Youth and Family  
Activities Coordinator:

Kevin Borst 541-480-7323



“A bad day  
hunting still  
beats a good  
day working.”

– Unknown



## Klamath Fall News

By Ryan Niehus—Director at Large—Klamath Falls

“Hunting has opened the earth to me and let me sense the rhythms and hierarchies of nature.”

-Charles Fergus

Greetings from Klamath Falls. As I write this it is in the mid 50's and the snow is melting fast. More importantly, Belding ground squirrels are poking their heads up. These little squeaks, as they are known by around here, spend 6-8 months under ground. They burrow and tear up farmer's fields. Many local farms and ranches will allow access so you can help them control the population. If you have a weekend to spare between March 15 and May 1, consider coming down for a visit.

Helping control varmints is also a great way to get that crucial practice shooting. I am reminded about two recent incidents where subjects shot elk (both legally and illegally) and the elk wandered off wounded. One was gut shot, two were shot through the lower leg and a fourth was never found after a fresh snow storm covered the blood trail.

We need to instill into our students how crucial it is to practice, practice, practice. Take the time to go to a range or local field with squeaks. Inform your students and their parents where local SAFE shooting areas are.

The ODFW Statewide convention is coming up and I hope you can all attend. I know that we, OHEIA, are busy trying to make one of the best raffle events we have had in quite some time. There are lots of great prizes all lined up, so start budgeting a little spending money now.

Stay safe, Ryan

## TID-BITS



### RAFFLE

\$10 per ticket

.270 Rifle

Winchester Model 70 Super Grade .270 included a premium scope with rings and bases and carrying case of your choice.

Send your check made out to OHEIA to Jim Marquardt — 827 N 5th Athena, OR 97813



The next IHEA-USA Conference will be in beautiful Orange Beach, Alabama.

The conference will be May 6-8, 2019



## High School Trap Program Gaining Popularity Fast



Shooting and hunting enthusiasts should be excited about a new development in high school sports. The fastest growing high school sport in the nation right now is trapshooting! USA High School Clay Target League, a non-profit organization based in Minnesota, has expanded their program to 28 states so far. In Minnesota, where

the program was founded 11 years ago, 11,000 high school and middle school students shot trap last year as a high school sport. The Minnesota Regional State High School Shoot last year was the largest shooting event in the world. The program was rolled out in Oregon in 2016 with just 4 schools and 49 kids competing that first year. Oregon is experiencing a similar growth pattern, doubling in size each year. The Oregon State High School Championship Shoot was the largest Trap Shooting event in Oregon last year and participation is expected to double again this year. The upcoming 2019 spring season will see 40+ high schools and about 900 kids participating. Last year was the first year for my program at Newberg High School. We had 23 kids complete the season. 7 were seniors, the remaining 16 are all returning for the upcoming season. In addition we are expecting 40 plus new shooters, so will have well over 50 on the team this year.

The Oregon Clay Target League is sanctioned as an official high school sport. Most teams have varsity lettering and yearbook photos. The program is unique in that it revolves around virtual competition. Teams shoot their competition targets at their home range, and their scores are entered into the league's data base. They are then compared against the scores of all other teams and shooters to tabulate team standings and individual rankings. While shooting sports and school districts seem like an unlikely pairing in today's political environment, the program has many benefits for students and their schools. The sport is held entirely at the school's home range so there is minimal travel. The program is added to what a school can offer its students at no cost to the school. The program is extremely safe. The League has sanctioned over 40 million clay targets so far, and has yet to experience a single injury or incident. The league is fully insured, there is no liability to the School. The program has experienced a massive outpouring of qualified volunteers, about 6,000 across the country last year. The sport is relatively affordable, most teams are able to keep their participation fees below \$200.00 per athlete.

The League places a huge emphasis on safety. The league actively publicizes

its priorities, "Safety, Fun, and Marksmanship, in that order." The USA Clay Target League's spotless safety record has made trapshooting the safest sport in all of high school athletics. One of the keys to their unblemished safety record is the requirement for safety training for every athlete that participates. Students are required to either complete the League's comprehensive safety training or complete a state recognized hunter safety program. In addition, each athlete must attend a range orientation at their home range prior to being cleared to compete.

The Oregon Clay Target League is a spring sport that occurs during the months of April and May, with a state championship shoot in June and a national championship shoot in July. Each athlete shoots 50 "official" targets for score each week of the season. Many teams provide two days per week to shoot, allowing students the opportunity to participate and still be part of another spring sport. New teams are currently being accepted for the 2019 season, and must be registered by March 1<sup>st</sup>. New teams require school approval and a head coach. The sport is open to students in grades 6 through 12, and athlete registration is open until March 22. For more information on the league, go to [www.orclaytarget.com](http://www.orclaytarget.com). For questions or to inquire about starting a team, you may also contact the Oregon State Director at [statedirector@orclaytarget.com](mailto:statedirector@orclaytarget.com).

From: David Craig <[david@yamhillvalleywoodworks.com](mailto:david@yamhillvalleywoodworks.com)>



"A free people ought to be armed."

**George Washington**



**"The real archer when he goes afield enters a land of subtle delight. The dew glistens on the leaves, the thrush sings in the bush, the soft wind blows, and all nature welcomes him as she has the hunter since the world began. With the bow in his hand, his arrows softly rustling in the quiver, a horn at his back, and a hound at his heels, what more can a man want in life?" – Saxton Pope**

**Darlene Marquardt, Assistant Treasurer**  
**Send membership payments to Darlene at 827 North 5th Street, Athena, Oregon 97813**

- One year membership \$10.00**
- Two year membership \$20.00 (additional years are \$10 per year)**
- Life Membership \$100.00**

**A membership committee was formed to update membership data. Dues increase was discussed. Once proposed fee changes have been submitted to the entire board and by-law changes have been made to reflect additional membership types, we will publish the changes. We hope to have that completed by the Hunter Education Conference in July.**

**So Please join or renew before the dues go up. So send in your renewals NOW!**

**DUES ARE PAST DUE!**

Just a reminder, OHEIA dues go from May 1 to April 30 (and are not prorated). Right now, yearly dues are only \$10, or a **life membership is \$100**. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2018-2019, please do so. Get your membership before dues go up.

Be sure to use 827 North 5th Street, Athena, Oregon 97813 when mailing.

Only OHEIA members are eligible to apply for a grant to help you in the classroom. Forms and instructions for applying are available on our webpage at [www.oheia.org](http://www.oheia.org).

If you have questions or need some assistance, please contact one of the board members or one of the executive officers.

**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:**  2018-19  2019-20  2020-21  2021-22  LIFE \* These prices only good until July, 2019

**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** \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO UPDATE A MAILING ADDRESS OR E-MAIL ADDRESS. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP RECORDS CORRECT. Or EMAIL UPDATES TO DARLENE at [darlene.marquardt@gmail.com](mailto:darlene.marquardt@gmail.com) with OHEIA in subject line. THANK YOU.