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# OHEIA NEWSLETTER

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*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.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**CHRIS FRIEND, OHEIA PRESIDENT**

Hello Members –

I hope you have all had an enjoyable holiday season. OHEIA has been busy wrapping up our biggest fundraiser ever. Our fundraiser was a huge success and we had three lucky winners take home some new shotguns. (article inside) I would like to personally take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our fundraiser. I would also like to give special recognition to Jim Marquardt for his outstanding support of this group and this fundraiser. Jim went out of his way to make sure every ticket was sold and sold well over half of the tickets we had. Thank you Jim without your help we couldn't have made this event as successful as it was.

We are currently coming up on our elections and as always we are looking for candidates to fill some spots. If you are interested in serving as an officer or on our board we would like to hear from you. (Refer to the article inside for more details.) OHEIA is always working hard to come up with better ways to serve our members and any feedback you may have is always welcome. We are currently working on placing some useful technology in our way of doing business to help us become more efficient in our meetings and decision making processes. Over the next several months we will be implementing online meetings and redoing our overall way of conducting business.

In May, OHEIA will have a new President, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce your new President, Greg Barron. Greg and I have been working hard to come up with some great projects that will benefit all of the current instructors, as well as new instructors coming on board. Greg is a very hard working individual that has served the board for many years. I am sure you have all met Greg at one of our meetings or conferences. Greg has been an instructor for 29 years and is very active in his community. Greg has a wonderful wife, Carma, and their two sons, Pat and Sean, are all very supportive of Greg and the Hunter Education Program. I am very pleased to be able to pass on my responsibilities as President to such a dedicated person. I know he will continue to do great things and maintain advancing this group to its fullest potential.

We are currently working on ideas for our next fundraiser and would love to hear your ideas. In order for OHEIA to serve you the best we can we need your feedback. Any ideas you may have and any suggestions will be taken into consideration as we move this group forward. Please feel free to submit those to myself or Greg. You can find our contact info on our website [www.oheia.org](http://www.oheia.org) please stop by and take a look. You can also find lots of information on our site for upcoming events and projects. Darlene Marquardt, our Webmaster, works very hard to keep our site up to date and full of useful information.

Looking forward to a productive year for 2018 and OHEIA.

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# NORTHEAST REGION UPDATE

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BY GREG BARRON, NORTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR

## In with the New Year

While sitting here at my laptop watching my wife, Carma, taking down the ornaments from our Christmas tree, I reflect on the year that was and the possibilities of the New Year that arrived just after midnight. 2017 is in the books and, I look forward to the year 2018 and its many adventures.

Just like you, I'm starting the New Year on the run. I've got to get my facility use plan completed and turned into Myrna, so I have a place to teach my spring class starting March 6<sup>th</sup>. Oh yeah, I'm the area coordinator, so that means I've got an Area Coordinators meeting coming up the last weekend of January. Then there is the county meeting/training, so the Umatilla County Area Coordinator Emmett Walker and I can rally our Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla County instructors together and bring everybody up to speed on the latest and greatest from the Salem office. This process will be repeated with other area coordinators and instructors all throughout the Northeast and the rest of the state. Jason from the Salem office has us Area Coordinators also doing firearm inventory to determine how many, what's new, broken or obsolete. I like staying busy, no matter if its honey do stuff, work, volunteer activities like Hunter Education or out in the field hunting, fishing, scouting and camping.

My Northeast Director duties with the Oregon Hunter Education Instructor Association (OHEIA), keep me busy as well. It's about to get busier when I take the reins from our current president Chris Friend and move from being president-elect to the new president May 1. With that we will be holding elections once again for president-elect, secretary and treasurer. We are always looking for OHEIA members to step up and run for office or in a director capacity. This is your chance to lead this organization to the next level in OHEIA's development. At the AC meeting later in January, the OHEIA Board will be doing a "strategic five year plan" for our group, so we can steer our organization into its next exciting chapter.

August found me out setting game cams in preparation for my upcoming archery buck deer and rifle bull elk hunts. In reality, I was actually scouting for bull elk because this unit had a lot of winter deer kill, but if a nice buck deer presented a perfect shot, well I would definitely loosen an arrow in its direction. As it was, I did a lot of hiking, saw some nice country, snapped some dandy bull elk images on my game cams, but didn't see a single buck deer. The archery season was a sweltering, hot one. One weekend, I recorded 100+ temperatures...hotter than down home in Irrigon.

The month of October brought the excitement of first period rifle bull elk season. I set up my wall tent a couple of weeks earlier when there was a slight break in the snow and rain squalls. When I arrived the Sunday before the hunt, there was snow on the ground, but it was melting fast with the rising temperatures. My brother Jason, his brother-in-law Rob and I set up the remainder of camp. We would see the rest of the hunting party on Tuesday before opening day. My buddy Joe showed up next with my son Pat tagging up the rear. Pat has a new girlfriend (now fiancée), so it was hard for him to head up to hunting camp...are you kidding me!

We had a little excitement that evening, when I woke up around midnight to go to take a whiz; I discovered that our wood stack in the cook tent was ablaze threatening to burn it down. I sounded the alarm and we started a bucket brigade to squelch the fire and all was saved. My brother Jason credited himself with saving the tent from burning up because it was he who wanted me to sit up and have a beer with him. If I hadn't drank that beer, I probably wouldn't have had the urge to take a whiz so early...whatever! The next morning, we decided to hunt the same little microcosm we were successful at two seasons earlier. Joe, Pat and I walked in together before daylight. When we got to a certain rendezvous point Joe asked me which direction I wanted him to go. I pointed north and let him know where Pat and I would be hunting to the south. About ten minutes later I heard a shot, which sounded a lot like Joe's .270. There was a crackle over the radio and Joe said he had a bull down.

Pat and I hiked in Joe's direction and found him gutting out a nice old 6X7 bull elk. We helped Joe field dress and quarter the old bull. He was one old beat up bull. Joe said he would definitely be eating a lot of elk burger because he had the feeling that old bull was going to be as tough as shoe leather. After getting Joe's bull back to camp the rest of us went back out on the hunt, but didn't see any more elk that day. The second day saw Pat, Joe and I hiking into a prime elk hunting area before first light. When we reached the top overlooking a huge bowl I told Pat and his faithful guide Joe to work their way around the northeastern rim of the bowl. I would work the northwest part of the rim while my brother Jason and Rob would work the bottom draws. As it got lighter, a rather large muley buck stood stock still staring at me from about 300 yards



Joe with his old 6X7 Bull Elk!

downhill...well I guess there was a buck in the area after all. Where was that buck during archery season? As the buck and his four does and I stared at each other for about 30 minutes I heard a BOOM to the east somewhere in the vicinity of where Pat and Joe had gone. About a minute later, I heard another shot followed by the familiar crackling of my radio coming to life. I couldn't understand what was being said, but I was fairly certain it came from Pat and Joe. I meandered in that direction running into Joe along the way. He was wearing a big smile on his face. Joe said Pat had a bull down.



Pat's 5X6 Bull Elk!

A short while later we came up on a very excited Pat field dressing his 5x6 bull. Two years earlier Pat shot a spike bull, so he's becoming quite an elk hunter. He was so jacked that while Joe and I complemented how well Pat was field dressing and quartering his bull in record time, we reminded him not to cut himself. After getting the bull quartered and bagged, we all helped Pat pack it back to the truck then onto camp.

The rest of the hunt was devoid of elk. We saw lots of evidence that wolves had moved into the area as well. One hunter I talked to who was camped higher than us around his camp. We felt like the hunt was a great success and, the rest of us were happy for Pat and Joe. Now back in the Columbia Basin waterfowl season is in full swing. I live in a great hunting area and feel blessed that I have the opportunity to hunt as soon as I step out of the door to my house. I have a goose hunt planned in a couple of weeks with Pat and his future brother-in-laws...it will be awesome!

I look forward to seeing all of you during the 2018 year. Please plan on attending this year's State Hunter Education Instructor Conference, so we can catch up on our outdoor adventures and Hunter Education class activities. Always remember, I am here to serve you!

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## FROM OUR WEBMASTER

BY DARLENE MARQUARDT, WEBMASTER

I got this fun email today. It's great to know that our web page is being seen. I am not sure where they are from - they didn't say but it's fun to know we helped the girls in this troop. I did add the link she suggested. (Obviously I went there first to make sure it was an ok site) See forwarded message below.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Madeline Adams** <[madeline@techedlab.com](mailto:madeline@techedlab.com)>  
Date: Mon, Nov 27, 2017 at 10:03 AM  
Subject: Hunting Advice  
To: [darlene.marquardt@gmail.com](mailto:darlene.marquardt@gmail.com)

Hello Darlene,

My name is Madeline Adams. I'm emailing concerning your website. One of my scouts, Emily, came across your site while searching for hunting resources. I'm working on a revamp of our scout website portal and have decided to let the girls help out with finding some new and interesting sites to link to. I'm letting them search for sites that focus on their personal hobbies and Emily has been hunting with her family for the past few years. She came across your page, [oheia.org](http://oheia.org), and shared it with the scouts this weekend. I just wanted to email and say thanks for making your website available to us.

As part of the project I've asked the kids to find and share something else with the people they have borrowed from. Emily found this hunting safety article that has some advice for beginner hunters: <https://www.homeadvisor.com/r/hunting-safety-at-home/>. Would you mind adding a link to it on your page <http://oheia.org/links.html>? I think the info could benefit your website's visitors. Feel free to email me if you do put a link up, I'm sure Emily would be excited to know she was able to help others out.

Thanks again and have a wonderful day!

Madeline Adams  
[madeline@techedlab.com](mailto:madeline@techedlab.com)

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**A therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a big piece of chocolate cake. I feel better already.**

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# YOU MAY HAVE TO EAT THOSE WORDS!

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BY PHIL JARMER

Oregon Hunter Education Instructor, Hermiston

## You May Have To eat Those Words!

Be careful of what you say about what a person uses to hunt. You may have to eat those words.

I was camped on private property while hunting for elk during archery season, near Granite Oregon. One day some other hunters who had permission showed up. It was about 1:30 pm, they set up camp and asked me if I would like to go with them to check out an area. It was in the North Fork John Day Wilderness Area. I had hunted all morning and was tired, so I declined their offer. They were traditional archers, I am a wheel and pulley archer and so it started. They called me a wimp among other adjectives, so I broke down and said I would go with them to prove them wrong. I told them I wasn't going far from the truck because I was tired. When we arrived at the trail head we started on our hunt. At about 100 or so yards, I dropped out and they continued on down the trail.

Now alone, I looked around and noticed the grass was higher than where I had been hunting earlier that day. I surmised the elk should be coming back to feed on the new grass. So I looked for a place to sit and found a tree that was bent over just above the ground, a perfect seat. The wind was in my face and the trees looked like they had been planted about twenty feet apart, so it was pretty open. I spotted movement and noticed a pup coyote. I made some squeaks by sucking on my hand. The pup came almost close enough to touch. I told the pup it could get killed for being so stupid and it made a hasty retreat for the tall and uncut.

After awhile, it began to get dark. I thought to myself, I have done the dark thing before and don't want to do it tonight. I thought about heading back to the truck, but decided to take a little more time and slowly look around the area before I left. As I looked downhill, I saw something move and gradually an elk materialized about 50 yards behind some brush, not a real good shot. The elk decided to come uphill towards me and I see it is a young spike. The wind is in my face as he comes up to within 20 yards of me and stopped, unaware, that I am there, so I give him an arrow shirt.

When the traditional archers got back, I asked if they would help me haul my elk back to camp. They grumbled a little, so I offered them a quarter of the elk for their help, but much to my surprise they declined because it had been shot with wheels and pulleys and therefore not fit to eat. That was the last I heard about weapon choice even though I gave them the chance to eat their words.

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## IT'S A MAN THING

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I love this story.

Lay down whatever is bothering you, breathe in the fresh air and READ this story.

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life.

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight.

There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends.

I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I've never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost ... it's a man thing.



# GUN RAFFLE WINNERS

BY DARLENE MARQUARDT, Webmaster

A big thank you to so many for buying OHEIA raffle tickets and making donations to our fall fund raiser. It was an exciting venture and as I write this article, I reflect on how much pleasure my husband, Jim, had selling tickets. All OHEIA board members played a part in reaching our goal of selling only 1,000 tickets. Jim was awarded a very nice plaque for selling the most tickets (he sold 505 tickets), making our Northeast Region of Oregon mighty proud of his accomplishments.



With half of the tickets sold in Eastern Oregon, it is natural to realize that the odds are that someone from Eastern Oregon would be a winner. In fact two of the three winners were from Pendleton and had purchased their ticket from Jim.

Now let me tell you a story. We went into the Western Auto Home and Appliance store to look at some stoves. Brenda, the owner, purchased a couple of tickets and is a big supporter of Hunter Education.

While we were in the store, Bryan Branstetter was in there, too, and purchased five tickets. It was our pleasure to go back to the store to get a photo with Bryan and Brenda and Jim and myself showing off the new gun.

Bryan was the first draw winner of the Browning Citori 725 shotgun the most coveted shotgun in the raffle. We weren't able to get a photo of Carl Schulze, the other Pendleton winner of the third draw for the Winchester Super X3, who received his shotgun the day after this photo was taken and we haven't made connection yet to get a photo of Carl.

Our second draw winner of the Browning Maxus was a very excited Darrol Gesh from Creswell Clay Targets, in Creswell, who had purchased his tickets specifically for the shotgun he won.



Pictured: Jim Marquardt, Brenda from Western Auto, Darlene Marquardt and Bryan Branstetter.

The drawing took place at the ODFW offices in Salem on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Many of you were there. We enjoyed updates from ODFW about not only hunting, but also fishing and archery. Enjoying the outdoors is something we do in Oregon.



Pictured: Myrna, ODFW, and Chris Friend, OHEIA President, preparing the raffle barrel, Jim turning the handle, and Chris calling the winners.

**Congratulations, winners!**

Again, thank you, for your support of our very successful fund raiser.

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"I would like to thank those who made outright donations after all the tickets were sold. We appreciate all you do for our students and our organization." ~jdm

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# JACKSON COUNTY ACTIVITIES

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BY DON ALBRECHT, SW REGION DIRECTOR

As we begin another new year I find myself looking back at Hunter Education classes from the past and wondering about the students we have graduated. Sure, some of them have sent us pictures of their success or told stories of their hunts when we run into them around town, but what has happened for those students we don't hear from? I suspect that a large percentage of our students don't go on to even buy a hunting license and tag. Some that do buy tags probably don't go afield. As a Hunter Education Instructor this is concerning to me.

Surveys show a variety of reasons why this happens and many of the solutions are beyond anything that we can do as an instructor. But we can do more. For those students that graduate the program that don't have a ready-made mentor to show them more advanced hunting skills we have many resources available to provide them with an opportunity to learn beyond a basic Hunter Education class.

The Outdoor Skills program with ODFW has curricula available for a variety of topics. They recently partnered with Oregon Hunters Association member volunteers to provide beginner level adults who are between the ages of 22 and 44 with the knowledge and skills required to hunt big game. The curricula for this partnership are Rifle Skills & Knowledge, Archery Skills and Knowledge, Hunting Techniques & Scouting, and Field Dressing and Butchering.



**Turkey Workshop participants finding success**

Other ODFW programs that have been around for a while include turkey hunting workshops, duck hunting workshops, pheasant hunting workshops, shot gun skills clinics and others. But we don't have to be captive to what has been done in the past. As ODFW Outdoor Skills Program Coordinator Mark Newell said in December at the end of year training in Salem, "The only limits we have are our imaginations."

If there is some type of hunting related teaching opportunity we can create or duplicate shouldn't we do it for our students? I believe the answer is yes. We should double down on our investment in future hunters and help to insure they become long-term participants in the sport we are so passionate about. Using available resources from ODFW I have experienced this type of training opportunity first hand.

A youth turkey hunting workshop has been conducted in Jackson County for the last 3 years. Our participants have learned skills that they have applied in the field. Skills that have helped many of them find success in tagging a bird. Success that likely will bond them to a lifetime of participation in hunting.

If you have an interest in keeping all of your students involved after graduating from Hunter Education, I encourage you to take advantage of the resources available and share them with your community. Work with your local OHA chapter, duplicate a workshop that has already been done or let your imagination create something new.

The future of hunting is dependent on participants and those participants are depending on you.

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## K-FALLS CHECKS IN

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RYAN NIEHUS, OHEIA DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Hello Instructors –

While the Holiday season is typically a slow time for Hunter Education classes, a quick check of available classes at <https://or.outdoorcentral.us/OR/License/Classes> shows that many of you are starting off the year with a bang January – March. Thank you for being prepared and going out and getting it done. I have a lot of inquiries this time of year about when the next class will be.

Please encourage your fellow instructors, whether they be near or far, to try to offer a class during the slow season. Not only does this allow our young hunters a chance at Spring Turkey and Bear, it won't be too long until vacations during summer break and then we have crunch time upon us before deer and elk seasons.

Speaking of which, remember to send folks to ODFW's new website and this specific new address:

<https://myodfw.com/articles/take-hunter-education-course> ODFW's old web page (and the top link if you Google "Oregon Hunter Education" contains this verbage: **Information about Hunter Education for youth and adults – class options and register for a field day – is now found [here](#)**. Clicking on the "[here](#)" will take you to the webpage above. While the new website looks nice and all, there is no direct link on the homepage to Hunter Education. It took some searching around to find an "article" that describes Hunter Education and has the pertinent links to take a class. Maybe some discussion with ODFW is in order for a permalink on the top of the new webpage dedicated to Hunter Education.

OHEIA ELECTIONS – I am heading up nominations to the OHEIA board. We have openings for President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. Members other than president elect serve a 2 year term. President Elect (or vice president) serves a 5 year term, 2 as vice president, 2 as president and one as past president with voting powers. It is an exciting time to be involved with Your OHEIA as we are working on strategic planning for what we are as a group and where we fit in promoting and assisting Hunter Education in Oregon. If you have an interest, send me an email @ [ryan.klamathhe@outlook.com](mailto:ryan.klamathhe@outlook.com) and I will get you the information you need.

I am also working to update our OHEIA membership lists. I will attempt to contact each and every one of you to verify address, email and phone number. I want our membership to be up to date and informed. It will also give me a chance to talk to each of you and garner your input on where we should be headed and what I can help you with.

Thank you again for all that you do!

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## HUNTER ED PORTABLE GUN HANDLING FENCE

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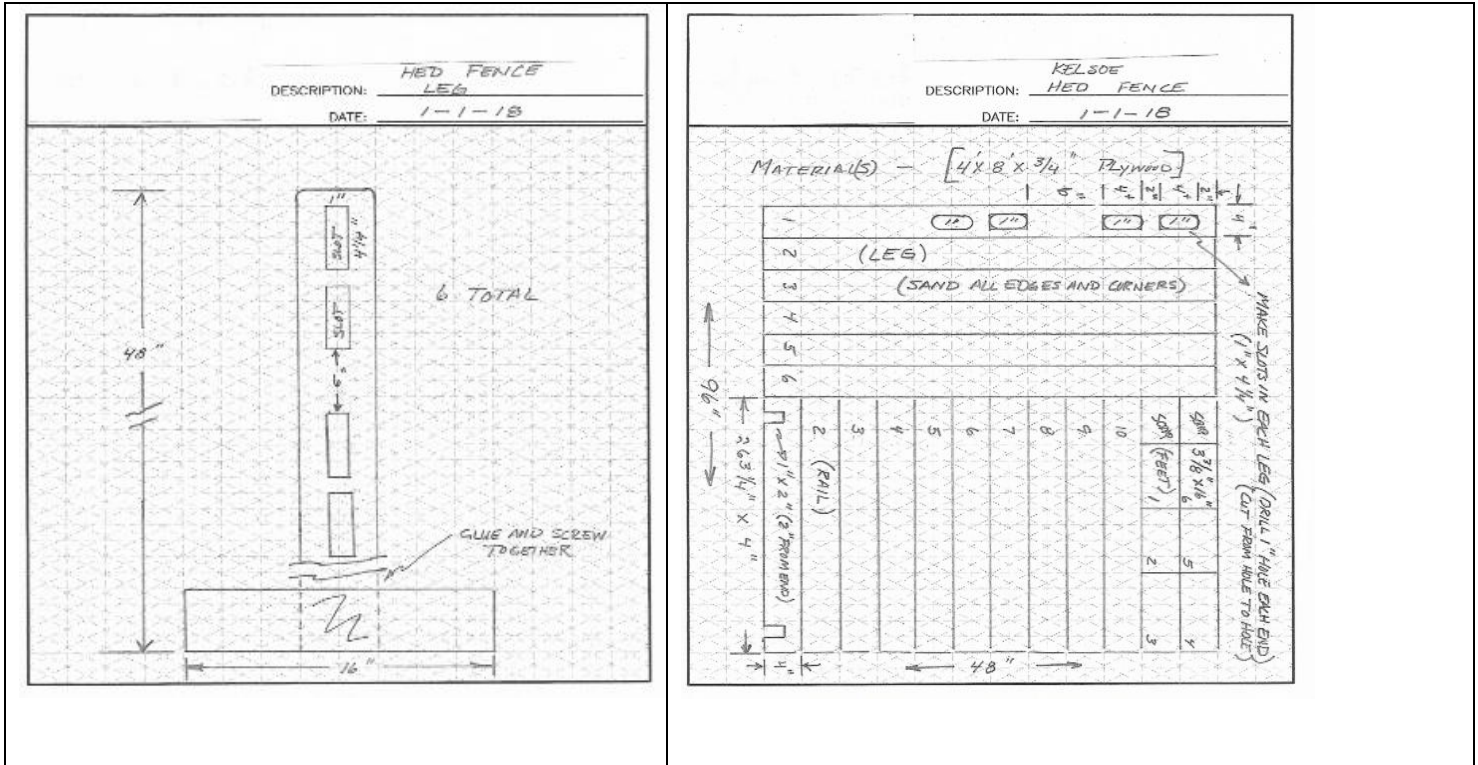
BY STEVE KELSO  
Oregon Hunter Education Instructor, Umatilla County

**Here is a neat creation from Steve Kelso, one of Umatilla County instructors. Attached are images and a construction plan. If you can't read these, let me know and I will be happy to send you the original of the plans that Steve submitted. Send me an email to [jdlittleton@aol.com](mailto:jdlittleton@aol.com).**

Whether in the classroom or outdoors during the Field Day, there are probably a number of you that have always found it hard to find a fence to use when you need to train on safe gun handling. For almost 20 years I've used a number of different designs that worked, but were either too bulky to store, too hard to setup or just too lightly built and didn't hold up.



Well I think we have a good solution to this problem. Steve Kelsoe, a Hermiston HED instructor/ handyman/ and everything else -- came up with a real neat idea. It efficiently uses just one sheet of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick plywood. It can be setup several different ways to accommodate a classroom setting or for a field day as you can see from the pictures. It's simple to build, sturdy and breaks down into easy storable pieces. The attached drawings should give you an idea of where to start.



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## OOOOH! TIME TO BACK OFF!

BY DAVID GANSKOPP



I was looking through some of Charlotte's recent pics during a slow moment last night, and thought this one was a little different. I was not around when she made this capture, so don't know if the pose was directed at her or perhaps there was another deer in the neighborhood.

Anyway, when one gets the evil eye, the ears are back, and the shoulder hackles go up, it's time to step away from the buck.

Ooooh! Good suggestion, David.



## A 12 YR OLD'S FIRST HUNT

October 12, 2017, it had rained that morning but subsided as Emma and I were slowly hiking down the bottom of a narrow, rocky draw in hopes of locating a late morning Black Bear. The only sounds we could hear were that of the trees dripping and an occasional bird but otherwise things were silent. Emma's eyes opened wide when we came upon a well-used, dirt, bear bed with piles of bear scat next to it. The wind was in our favor as we continued slowly moving down the draw, peeking around the rocky bluffs amongst a mix of Oak, Fir and Pine

trees. Minutes later, I stopped. I like a black ball of fur up ahead as I peeked around a rock bluff. I whispered back to see a bear". I have jumped bears out of their



bed before but never had I witnessed one sleeping. We crept closer to within 35 yards where I could get Emma set up for a shot. The dilemma was how to get a good, ethical shot on a bear curled up in the fetal position. The shot just wasn't there. This was 12-year-old Emma's very first day on her very first big game hunt.

I have been hunting, trapping and fishing for 35 years. When I was Emma's age I didn't have a father that hunted so I relied on my own motivation, research and most of all... mentors, to learn how to become a successful hunter. The life skills I learned were invaluable at that age. A few years ago, I became an Oregon Hunter Education Instructor. I love to share my outdoor passion with kids and adults that have the desire to

learn about hunting. There is a satisfaction in continuing our hunting heritage by teaching skills and educating kids to be safe, ethical and moral hunters. But this year I gained a satisfying joy from mentoring a kid and sharing my skills as a hunter in the field.



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In July, I had signed Emma up with Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife's Mentored Youth Hunter Program. This program allows kids, ages 9-15, to hunt without first passing an approved hunter education program provided the youth hunts while accompanied by a supervising hunter. For full details go to <https://myodfw.com/articles/hunting-opportunities-youth>.

We had some work to do before she was going to carry a rifle so I figured the experience of a hunt with her by my side would be a starting point. In August, she experienced my

bear hunt, helping spot, track, harvest and pack it out. She was ready to learn how to shoot and do her own hunt now. By September, Emma completed her Oregon Hunter's Education certificate and got her bear tag.



It took tremendous patience and encouragement to get her to pull the trigger when sighting in her rifle. The sound, the kick, the power of a large caliber scared her. When she found the courage to shoot, she got every shot on paper. It was time to hunt.

Back to the October sleeping bear. As I got Emma set up with her bipod for a clear shot, she got tearful and anxious. She whispered "I can't do it". I said "Can't do what?" "I can't shoot the gun, it's loud" she said. It was a blessing the bear was unaware we were there. We had time, so I encouraged her, had her take some deep breaths with me and told her "you can do this."

To get her a clean shot required I do something. Would the bear run off if I made noise? I decided to make some rabbit distress noises with my mouth and the bear picked up his head, looked our way then put it back down. After several attempts, I decided to be more aggressive with my noise-making and the bear finally got up giving Emma a chest shot. She pulled the trigger and the bear went down! Her emotional response was priceless, that of over-whelming disbelief, shock and tears of joy, maybe even some of fear. I couldn't have been more proud of her accomplishment as a brand new hunter!



As hunters we are the heart and soul of the North American Wildlife Conservation Model. But recent surveys show hunter numbers are down in the U.S. State sponsored conservation, enhancement, management and wildlife law enforcement systems are almost entirely funded and guided by sportsmen and the money you spend on hunting.

**Recently, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke** said: "Hunters and anglers are at the backbone of American conservation, so the more sportsmen and women we have, the better off our wildlife will be."

**So, keep our hunting heritage alive, take a kid hunting!**

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## A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

BY JEANNE LITTLETON

### DUES ARE DUE!

Just a reminder, OHEIA dues go from May 1 to April 30. Yearly dues are only \$10, or a life membership is \$100. **If you haven't renewed your membership for 2017, please do so.** Be sure to use PO Box 434, Creswell, OR 97426 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.ohcia.org](http://www.ohcia.org).

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

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#### PRICE LIST FOR OHEIA ITEMS:

- OHEIA Patch \$2.25
- OHEIA Decal \$1.00
- OHEIA Lapel Pin \$2.75
- OHEIA T-Shirts \$15.00
- OHEIA Caps \$20.00
- One year membership \$10.00
- Two year membership \$20.00
- Life Membership \$100.00

Freight charges apply to ship orders. Orders require street address.

Order forms are available on OHEIA website. Board Member Contact Information is also on OHEIA website.

## Membership/Renewal 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:**  2017  2018  LIFE 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. Checks payable to Oregon Hunter Education Instructors Association or OHEIA. Membership dues are not prorated nor refundable.

**Mail dues to:** Jeanne Littleton, OHEIA Treasurer, P.O. Box 434, Creswell, OR 97426.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO UPDATE A MAILING ADDRESS OR E-MAIL ADDRESS. I NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP RECORDS CORRECT. THANK YOU.

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