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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greg Barron, OHEIA President



Greetings to my fellow OHEIA members –

Well, another hunting season is here. I pulled my camp trailer up to the woods the day before the start of archery season where it will sit until the last day of Eastern Oregon rifle buck deer season. On my arrival, I noticed the bees are thick, attracted to any food related item...so be aware before you take a bite out of your sandwich or a sip from your beverage container.



Umatilla County Hunter Education Instructor Steve Kelsoe giving student's pointers on the safe loading and unloading of a firearm while in a group.

It has been a hot and smoky summer here in the Pacific Northwest. It seems like the fires are burning everywhere. We applaud all of the brave men and women who are on

the frontlines fighting these raging infernos. A friend of mine and his family had to be evacuated August 24th because of the Ramsey Canyon Fire in Jackson County, Oregon. Luckily, their house and farm were spared and the horses are glad to be back home.

I took over the reins as president of the OHEIA starting May 1st. The past president Chris Friend and I finally found time from our busy schedules to meeting and have a transition meeting. The meeting was very productive with Chris and I bouncing ideas back and forth regarding the future direction

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When he was young, I told Dale Jr. that hunting and racing are a lot alike. Holding that steering wheel and holding that rifle both mean you better be responsible.
~~Dale Earnhardt



Always be Prepared

President's Message Continued

of the OHEIA.

On August 20th, our OHEIA Board hosted a ZOOM meeting to discuss OHEIA topics. After approving me as a check signer on the accounts we moved on to other more pressing items. The Board decided to approve a \$2,500 budget to our "Special Projects" committee consisting of Chris friend and Carl McLothin. This committee's first task will be fundraising for the OHEIA.



Umatilla County Hunter Education Instructor's Mike Harper (left) and Phil Jarmer (right) help a young student on the finer aspects of how to be successful busting clays!

During the meeting President Greg Barron appointed Don Albrecht as the new OHEIA Western Vice President, according to our By-Laws. One of our most important tasks to complete and to continue working on is building and organizing our membership. Ryan Niehus along with Treasurer Jeanne Littleton did an excellent job in this effort while working on last spring's OHEIA officer nominations and elections. Now our secretary Darlene Marquardt will chair the Membership Committee with the help of Ryan Niehus who has already laid out much of the ground work.

Brain Ferry was appointed to become the chairperson of the By-Laws Committee. The By-Laws are a very important part of any organization and need constant monitoring by someone in the know like Brain.

We want the membership involved, so if you want to help out or be on a committee just let me know at gbarron@centurytel.net and we will get you signed up!

If you didn't know, our OHEIA Treasurer Jeanne Littleton has been going through some pretty tough health issues of late. I need her back in action to keep me in line. Please wish her a speedy recovery.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome aboard Brandon Harper, who is currently filling James Reed's shoes, while he is away for a year in his job rotation with the Oregon Department of Forestry.

I look forward to seeing my fellow Area Coordinator's at the A.C. Meeting December 14 – 16 at the ODFW Headquarters in Salem. The OHEIA Board will be holding a face-to-face meeting on Friday December 14th TBA.



“A peculiar virtue in wildlife ethics is that the hunter ordinarily has no gallery to applaud or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his acts, they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than by a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of this fact.”
-Aldo Leopold

President’s Message Continued

It is important that as members of the OHEIA that you take advantage of our webpage at www.oheia.org and our grant program. If you need something special for your class, but can’t find it through the hunter education Salem office then go to our website, print out the grant application and send it back to our treasurer Jeanne Littleton for processing. If you are not a member or need to renew your membership just go to www.oheia.org and fill out a membership application.

I want to thank all of my fellow OHEIA members for giving of your time to teach our youth about safe and ethical hunting and I hope you all have a safe, productive and enjoyable hunting season.

Greg Barron, OHEIA President



Secretary’s Message

Darlene Marquardt, OHEIA Secretary

Howdy Folks!

Around my neck-of-the-woods, we are in the middle of Pendleton Round-Up. It will be over by the time you read this and we will all be thinking about autumn activities, including hunting. Best of luck to all of us who got the tags we applied for.

On to other thoughts: My daughter, who lives in Washington, informed me that my grandson’s doctor recommended that he get enrolled in a Hunter Education Course. I say, “Go Doctor”. I wish everyone realized the benefits of learning how important correct handling of and respect for firearms is. My grandson is only 7 years old, so he has time and will get the course in due time, but I know that in our communities, only a small handful of our kids actually sign-up for and take our courses. I think we need to brainstorm ideas to advertise and market what we do in a more effective way so that more students take our classes and more parents and teachers and doctors and adults in general, realize how important this training is for our youth.

Ok, off my soapbox. Have you been going to our webpage or our Facebook page or our Instagram? If not, why not? We need to be more actively involved in communication with each other. Please send me blurbs about what you are doing in your classes and pictures of how your students did in their first hunts and anything you find interesting. Chances are your information will make the next edition of our newsletter. The more varied the information, the better. So until next time — Here’s to happy teaching! ~ Darlene



News from the NE Director

NE Director—Jim Marquardt

The temperature at night is definitely getting colder and the leaves are turning colors. The summer went by so quickly, I hardly had time to blink.

Our Hunter Ed class in June (that my wife and I co-taught) had fewer students than usual, despite advertising in the local Heppner Gazette, distributing posters to businesses in Heppner and lone and announcing on Facebook.

It was a good group of students though and very helpful parents and we really enjoyed teaching them. I hope next year's class has better attendance.

I would like to see some articles from any instructor from the Northeast region, giving us your experience as a hunter or any incident where you saw the rules of hunter education being used or practiced while hunting. I've had many parents tell me

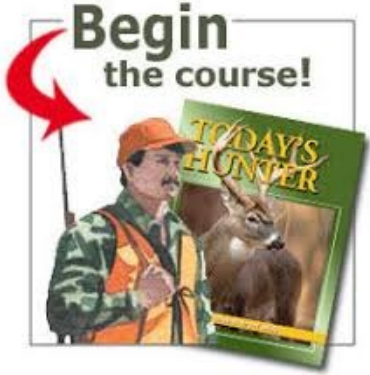


encourage all instructors to write or send in good information about responsible hunting.

I'm always available to hunter ed instructors.

Contact me at 541-969-4845

~Jim



<https://myodfw.com/articles/hunter-education-online-courses>



how their students have reinforced to them that a safety is a mechanical device that can and will fail.

Again, I would

Wildland First Aid

by Darlene M.



In July, those of us in the Pendleton area had the great pleasure of spending a Saturday morning learning Wildland First Aid. If you think it was a boring morning, you'd be wrong. It was very interesting and very well taught. Our instructor was from the West side of the great mountains, and was full of information and details and trivia about our bodies and how we can take care of them when disasters hit (gun shots, broken bones, heart attacks and more). It was a Saturday very well spent with a group of Hunter Ed instructors well trained.

"What people don't understand is this is something that we only have in America. There is no other country in the world where the ordinary citizen can go out and enjoy hunting and fishing. There's no other nation in the world where that happens. And it's very much a part of our heritage.
~Norman Schwarzkopf





HALL OF FAME

From article from Nosler by Steele Haugen, submitted by Myrna at ODFW

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Tim when he was inducted into the Oregon Hunter Ed Hall of Fame



Tim McCormick of Culver, is only one of two Oregonians to be inducted into the hall of fame.



Tim McCormick, 60, of Culver, has supported, volunteered for, run programs and helped out in every way possible with Oregon hunting, especially in Jefferson County. For the time and effort McCormick put into hunting and shooting programs for the past 26 years, he was inducted into the International Hunter Education Hall of Fame in Anchorage, Alaska.

McCormick is only the second person from Oregon ever to receive the award. The first Oregonian was Hedge Jarvis, of Winchester, who was inducted on May 21, 2015, in Des Moines, Iowa. Jarvis was 77 years-old when he won his award and had been teaching hunters education for 32 years, certifying more than 1,665 students.

In his 26 years, McCormick has certified more than 1,200 students and instructed more than 80 hunter education classes. For 22 years, he was the instructor for a bow hunting education class, and he has taught more than 30 classes, certifying more than 600 students.

One of the original Master Hunter instructors, McCormick has instructed more than 15 classes and more than 30 workshops for the Oregon Outdoors Skills program, for which he has been a volunteer area coordinator for more than 24 years.

The award may be given to any individual volunteer — either active, retired, or deceased — who exhibits outstanding traits or provided services above and beyond the call of duty and exceeds the general efforts that helped improve the Hunters Education movement in their respective jurisdiction and for the International Hunters Education Association in the U.S.

The award is intended to recognize Hunters Education volunteers for their efforts supporting Hunters Education over the course of their lives. A person can only win the award once.

McCormick has been involved in 4-H shooting sports and has served on the local shooting committee since 2000. He has been involved with the Mount Jefferson Rifle, Archery and Pistol Association and Youth Hunter Ed Challenge, and is nationally certified in hunting, rifle and muzzle loading, and Western heritage. Western Heritage or Single Action Shooting Society.

Since 1992, McCormick has been certified in hunting education. In addition to state certification in archery and for 4-H clubs, he is the Hunters Education coordinator for all of Jefferson County and is also involved in angler education.

McCormick began his journey because kids were asking him how to shoot guns, what techniques to use, and for help, in general. "There is a lot of paperwork, headaches and logistics to all this, but when you are walking in a grocery store and some kid runs up to you and says, 'Tim! Tim! Tim! I just shot with my grandpa yesterday,' or, 'I got my first duck,' it's all worth it," McCormick said.

"I have had people I have never even seen or talked to before walk up to me, shake my hand and thank me," he said. "It is not about the awards or anything like that; it is about knowing that you were able to touch somebody's life."

Born in Hillsboro, McCormick lived in the Chehalem Mountains until he was 10 years old, when the family moved to Redmond, which he considers his hometown. He and his wife, Lynne, have three daughters, Jessica, Ginny and Whitney, two granddaughters and a grandson on the way.

"My dad died when I was 12, in 1970," he said. "Thank goodness for my mother; she

always kept us hunting and fishing. I always enjoyed the outdoors and shooting."

McCormick moved Pendleton in 1984, and spent a brief period in Burns in 1992, before returning to Pendleton to become a lab technician at Blue Mountain Community College. In 2002, he moved to Culver and worked for AG West Supply for 10 years. He is currently a semi-retired tractor salesman.

He has been involved in Jefferson County hunters education for 16 years.

Along with being accepted into the International Hunter Education Hall of Fame on June 27, McCormick was awarded Hunting Education Instructor of the Year in 2001, and is in the Oregon Hunter Education Hall of Fame for teaching for more than 20 years. He won a distinguished award based on the amount of hours teaching hunters education.

"The importance of hunters education is gun safety, understanding survival, wildlife management, firearms and most importantly, ethics," said McCormick. "Hunting has tradition, heritage and is able to fund wildlife management."

"Most people don't know, but it used to be over 50 percent of the population hunted here in Oregon," McCormick said. "Now less than 10 percent hunt. So in those 10 percent, they are the ones that pay for all of the wildlife man-

agement in Oregon. The hunters and fishers pay for this and unfortunately, everyone takes them for granted. As the numbers go down, it creates less money and it's a very tough deal."

A program such as Youth Hunter Ed Challenge, a National Rifle Association program, has different skills for hunters, including shooting .22 rifles, shotguns, archery and a hunter's skills test, as well as compass and map skills. They also learn wildlife identification, which may include everything from hides and horns, to pictures, feathers, scat and tracks. McCormick is involved in both.

"Hunters education is like elementary school and the next steps are outdoor activities and the YHEC," McCormick said. "4-H has competitions like this every year, as well."

James Reed, the head of Oregon Hunter Education, nominated McCormick for the award. Only one person from Oregon can be nominated per year. The nomination goes through various selection committees, until the final person is inducted into the hall of fame.

"He (James) called me and said, 'You don't know, but I nominated you and you have been selected into the Hunters Education Hall of Fame in Alaska,'" said McCormick. "I was completely taken by surprise and flabbergasted; this was not on my mind or even in my radar."

"Thanks to RAPA, the Oregon Hunters Education Association and ODFW, helping pay for my trip to Alaska, making this possible," he said.

McCormick flew to Alaska for a week, to attend meetings and visit state-of-the-art fish hatcheries. The second day, McCormick and his wife visited gun ranges and went to wildlife conservation sites with all sorts of different animals. He was presented his award on the third day of his trip and on the last day, enjoyed the state and met some iditarod racers.

"This award meant a lot to me and I want to thank everyone involved in this and everything that we have been trying to do," McCormick said.



Hunting forces a person to endure, to master themselves, even to truly get to know the wild environment. Actually, along the way, hunting and fishing makes you fall in love with the natural world. This is why hunters so often give back by contributing to conservation.

~Donald Trump, Jr.

****Just a bit of upside down humor****





Well, I don't know about you all, but I am beat. Since May we have been busy in Klamath County with one to three classes a month. But it is all worth it. More youth will be out in the field this year due to our diligence and drive to get it done. I have had four new instructors step up and take on roles (one is teaching a class for Scouts as I type this.) My class last weekend even had a youth with the premium Wenaha Elk tag! Way to go. She was so excited for her hunt.

Yet, I have to wonder, why is Salem still getting calls for Field Days so late in the year (deer season is 3 weekends away) and how much should we stress or change our schedule/family routines for those parents who waited to the last minute to find classes for their kids? I feel sorry for those kids who will not be able to hunt. But at the same time, I had three separate classes locally that did not fill up. I had several parents get ahold of me to tell me their kids would not make the class they signed up for because of x, y and z (mainly sports related conflicts.) Some of you may be able to dedicate a weekend day on late notice to set up a class. Not so with me. I work weekends and have to plan carefully to work around Field Days and still be in the "field" when users are present on weekends.

I am interested in how you all handle these late requests. Send me a note letting me know.

I have to publicly thank Steve Roach, Marvin Pace, Charles Jackson and Roy Miller for stepping up, learning (three of them are new this year) and leading classes. Steve, Marvin and Roy even took over one entire Conventional class for me when I had a huge conflict arise. Again, Thank YOU.

Switching gears...Your association is working to improve our organization by getting organized and modernized. You will be hearing from us soon requesting updated email, physical addresses and phone numbers. One thing we learned in our last election is that there is a time and a season for volunteering. Some members have moved on to another chapter in their life. We would like to honor that and not bother those who have moved on and want to remain that way, so changes are being looked at as we update and modernize our contact and member lists.

I hope you all have a great Archery and/or Rifle Season. I hope to have good report from Indiana in the next newsletter. I should be headed out there in October for Archery Deer and Fall Turkey, staying with Kevin and Beth Lockwood, former Oregon Hunter Education Instructors who have moved back to their home state. Stay safe and get ahold of me if you need anything!

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

The conference will be May 6-8, 2019

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”

— Albert Camus

TID-BITS

Bill Taylor from Baker City recently taught a class with 17 students.



Archery Class in Baker City



Linda from Milton-Freewater has nearly completed her instructor requirements — only needing to finish phase 4.



Brian Ferry, Our Central Oregon Director, has been very busy. His wife is out of town (in Arizona) and he has been taking care of the chores, projects, and a Hunter Ed class while she is gone..

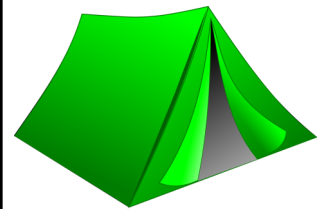


Kevin Lockwood, formerly of Klamath

Falls, recently celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary. Congrats Kevin and Beth! As some of you know, Kevin moved to Indiana to manage the C.O. Mollenhour Conservation Camp. Kevin we miss you !



Two hunters in deer camp woke up in the middle of the night. “Look at the stars... what a splendor,” said one hunter. “Yeah but what do you think happened to our tent?” said the other.



New instructor, Chad Chamberlain, attends Wildlife First Aid training.



“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.”

— L. M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables



From your Webmaster

Darlene Marquardt- Webmaster

I've been thinking about what to write here. As your webmaster, I think about what is on the webpage. Our website hasn't had a major update for a while. Why do people go to websites? Of course the site needs to look pleasant and be easy to navigate. But really they are looking to find information and they want to be able to contact you. People like to interact and be vicariously involved. As we continue into the new fiscal year, I challenge us to think about what we need to do to improve upon the website we already have. Our mission involves being a resource for instructors. Our webpage needs to be a major part of that resource. I need all the information I can get from all of you. Yes, all of you. You are the instructors out in the field. You interact with your students (as we do with ours) and you know what this generation of students and their parents are like. Send me ideas about how you interact with them and the ways you capture their attention and keep them engaged in learning in your courses.

Then my next thought is why do people leave the website and fail to return and take advantage of the information.

Is the page outdated? Does it look like it was created in the 90's? Is the content easy to read? If it's confusing and hard to read, people today are not patient. They will not wait to figure it out. I think we do fine in both of those departments. If you disagree, let me know.

The only plugins we have are the Facebook and Twitter ones so I think we're ok there. And we don't have ads on our pages so people are not overwhelmed with

ads. I've gone to pages of other organizations where I have to figure out what is an ad and what is a legitimate piece of information. If we begin placing ads, we will put them all on an ad page and not overwhelm folks with them.

Do our pages lack personality? Are they too slow to load? Let me know. My passion (one of them) is to make sure our pages are useful, appealing, easy to use and filled with the information you as instructors need and want.

The only way I am going to know if I am fulfilling my job is for you to let me know how I am doing. I welcome ideas and suggestions. If you have links to useful resources, let me know so I can give everyone access to those links.

Hopefully I've given us all something to think about. We are in the age of technology and we want to keep our webpage up to par with current best practices so I am hoping to hear from you. Send me an email (subject line "OHEIA feedback") webmaster@oheia.org

~Darlene Marquardt



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- OHEIA Decal \$1.00**
- OHEIA Lapel Pin \$2.75**
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Order forms are available on OHEIA website.
Board Member Contact Information is also on OHEIA website.

DUES ARE PAST 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 2018, please do so. Get your membership before dues go up.

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.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 2019 2020 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.

Membership dues are not prorated. Mail dues to : OHEIA Treasurer, at P.O. Box 434, Creswell, OR 97426.

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. THANK YOU.