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## NEWSLETTER

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



## WE ARE STILL HERE! ARE YOU?

We would like you, our members, to submit articles for our newsletter.

Please email your submissions to our secretary, Darlene, by March 15, 2021.

We need to hear from you. What do you need from us?

2020 was a quiet year and there hasn't been much to report to you. We hope 2021 has more to offer.

Nevertheless, we are always here to help you with your instructor needs as well as learning about your successes both in the classroom and as you are hunting.



NOTE: This photo was taken before Covid restrictions

**NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT CHRIS:** Chris's internet has been down and the article he was going to send will come to you in an additional email.

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## Immediate Past President - Greg Barron



I was talking to a friend and former student of mine the other day regarding an upcoming youth antlerless elk tag his niece drew (her first) in the same hunting unit I bull elk hunt. He was wondering what spots to take



A successful first period Bull Elk Hunt to make 2020 a little brighter!

her to increase her odds of harvesting her first big game animal. This is the part of being a hunter education instructor that I love, getting a chance to help a former student plan her future hunt...but first I needed to go hunting myself.

It was the morning of day two of the first period Bull Elk Hunt. After day one, I was beginning to wonder where all the elk had gone...there was hardly a shot fired in the area I was hunting that day. I knew the elk were there, but they were being very elusive. My hunting buddies and I always have a game plan, resulting from many hours of scouting during the August and September months. On Day one we hunted the lower "Microcosim" in the morning and the upper after that, until it got dark. My buddy Joe spotted

a big bull that evening in a deep draw as shooting light was coming to a shadowy close making it impossible to make a good clean shot, so Joe elected to pass and try and pick up the bull the next morning.

The next morning we hunted "Rattlesnake Draw" which was near the spot where Joe spotted the big bull. As luck would have it other hunters had moved in above us, which suited us just fine, we would hunt the lower draw. As it got daylight and we got into position, a shot rang out ...was it Joe? Shortly thereafter, about five baldheaded elk passed to my right and headed down the draw. As I kept creep-

## GREG'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

ing along with all of my senses on high alert, BAM another shot rang out just above me...now that had to be Joe, I thought. Joe kills his bull every season and I didn't expect this to be any different. I heard elk crashing through the trees and bush above me, then nothing. After about 15 minutes, Joe appeared and said he had shot at a bull and the bull didn't give him any indication that he had been hit, but Joe followed up just to be certain and that's when he ran into me. It was decided that I would circle around and head lower while Joe would be shadowing the treeline above. As I neared the lower part of "Rattlesnake Draw" and was beginning to round the otherside, I stopped. I was thinking this would be a good spot to sit a spell. I'm not much for going on stand and yes, I've probably missed out on some opportunities to intercept an elk or two during past hunts, so I kept going. As I started to walk away, I got about 10 yards and for whatever reason, I decided to go back to where I had originally decided to stop and sit. I no more than rested my behind on the Tamarack needle covered ground when something moved and got up in the brush just below me and to my left. As the animal rushed out of the brush about 20 yards away, it occurred to me that this was a "BRANCHED BULL ELK!" As time stood still for a moment, both bull and hunter realized the significance of what was going on. I raised my rifle as the bull spun around and took off like a freight train downhill and quartering to my left. I nicked the tang safety to fire as I rested the crosshairs on his shoulder and squeezed a shot with my newly acquired vintage 1972 Ruger M 77 Redbutt Pad 7mm magnum loaded with Federal Sierra Gameking 165 grain ammo topped with a 3.5 to 10 Leupold scope and then just like that, he was gone. Moments passed, probably not more than a second and I heard the crash of the big bull piling up. Waiting awhile and hearing nothing, I followed up the trail and shortly thereafter, found blood, good blood and then there he was lying dead before me a magnificent bull elk! As I was punching my paper tag (validating...no punching anymore) Joe walked up just in time to take pictures and help me field dress and breakdown the bull. I harvested the bull at 9:30 am and had him back at camp

by 2 pm. Coincidentally, my brother Jason harvested his bull about one half hour after I did over in the next drainage. No tag soup for us!

I wish all the luck and skill I can offer to my friends neice as she embarks on her hunt this weekend. She is in good hands as her uncle is also a former student of mine and will mentor her well.

As we near the end of what has been a very interesting and challenging year both in hunter education and life in general, it is comforting to know as hunter education instructors we always manage to get the job done. We care about the program and our future young hunters. Hunter education will continue, it may look a little different, but we will git-r-done! Happy Holiday's and have a safe and prosperous New Year. Look out 2021 here we come!

*Gregg A. Bar*

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## From your Central Oregon Director - Brian Ferry



Hello from sunny and dry Central Oregon! As I put this article together we have clear, blue skies with nary a flake or drift of snow to be found except in the high country. As I have in past years I'm going to give you some insights as to what happened locally this past year with the hunter education program. It will come as no surprise when

I say our local program was dramatically impacted. When the COVID lockdown started in March we ceased teaching classes and have not resumed. Some instructor teams in the tri-county area have put on a few summer and fall field day courses, but generally courses by local instructor ceased in March with the COVID lockdown and for the most part have not resumed.

If you have been paying attention to the information from ODFW you know of the large number (3,000 last reported by Jered) of kids looking for a field day course. In response ODFW modified and shortened the field day course to incorporate COVID restrictions that included reduced gun handling. Since summer of last year ODFW has been using their employee instructors and local instructors that wanted to help and have offered Field Days throughout Oregon to reach as many students as possible. Several of these ODFW field days occurred in Deschutes County during the summer and fall.. Helping ODFW with these Field Days has been our emphasis since August of last year and has continued in 2021. We have scheduled 12 of these Field Days during February and March in Redmond. I commend Jered and all the HE staff for their efforts to keep the program afloat during the pandemic. Some of our instructors have expressed reservations for ODFW's shortened Field Day course. I understand. Is the current modified field day that ODFW has been using the preferred approach for a course? Most recognize it is not. However, is it necessary and adequate to get us through the COVID pandemic until we can resume our normal courses? I believe so. My experience has been ODFW has not pressured any local instructor to participate. They have left that choice to us, and I respect them for that.

I was heartened this week to hear our Governor indicate that COVID vaccines

should be available to anyone over 65 that wants it later this month. I tell you this instructor will be lining up to get it just as soon as it is available! My hope is probably like yours, that the vaccine is effective, that by mid-year COVID restrictions will be relaxed, and that we can get back to teaching conventional and field day courses normally.

Until then my recommendation is to keep busy, use common sense, be positive, and adapt your activities to keep you and your loved ones safe.

*Brian*

Darlene  
Marquardt



### Thoughts from your secretary/treasurer/webmaster

Many thoughts and ideas roll through my mind. Sometimes it lends to a bit of confusion, but reason and research clear my mind. Times are different than I remember having ever lived through. That's a fact. But our passions remain the same. I feel very thankful that we were actually able to teach our conventional classes this year. Obviously, class size needed to be small but our groups were great and we thoroughly enjoyed teaching. I am hoping 2021 is every bit as fruitful. I have heard some instructors are preferring their students to take the online courses and then just do the field day. That's great. But I prefer the traditional class and personally feel that the students learn more when they learn from a person standing right in front of them instead of a person on a computer. When our traditions seem to be at risk, we need more than ever to focus on doing what we need to do to preserve those traditions. Our big game population will always need the help of hunters to manage. Thus, teaching ethics and safe gun handling will always be an important part of the hunting tradition. So gather up your love and passion for teaching and continue doing What you do. Until next time.. ~ Darlene



Following ODFW mandates for safe teaching



### From your NE Director - Jim Marquardt

Merry Christmas and happy new year. As everyone knows, a lot has happened in the last six months. Darlene and I have put on two conventional classes with the rules and regulations that have been put upon us. We have been fortunate at both our locations to have not only the classroom size, but the field day space as well. I would like to hear from the other instructors from the northeast area on how they are coping with the rules that have been put upon us.

Even though our class size has been limited even more to student attendance, we are still going to continue with the conventional classes. Please send me your issues with teaching the classes. My email address is [jimmarquardt@gmail.com](mailto:jimmarquardt@gmail.com). As your NE area director I want to know the issues that are arising with the rules and regulations that we all must comply with.

I hope with the new year fast approaching (or it might be here by the time you get this) that we can find better ways to assist you in teaching your classes, whether they be conventional or field day settings.

Again, we are looking for your hunting successes plus any new recipes you may have for preparing your venison steak or your elk burgers.

In closing, always feel free to contact me by phone or email or even Facebook.

Respectfully

Jim Marquardt, your NE director

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



HAVE you renewed your dues? If not, please use the application below to send in your dues. Best benefit for your money is the lifetime. Then you will never have to remember to renew again. If you know another instructor who hasn't renewed dues, they might not have received this newsletter. Forward this page to them.

### OREGON HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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\$10.00 **ONE YEAR**   \$20 **TWO YEARS**   \$100 **LIFE** (\$10 per year if paying more than two years.)

Yearly dues are for year beginning May 1st through April 30th. Dues are NOT prorated.

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Or via email to [darlene.marquardt@gmail.com](mailto:darlene.marquardt@gmail.com) (if updating contact information or paying by credit card)

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