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OHEIA NEWSLETTER

The mission of the Oregon Hunter Education Instructors Association (OHEIA) is to continually strive to improve the teaching of safe, ethical and responsible hunting through the Hunter Education program.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAVID GANSKOPP, OHEIA PRESIDENT

As I draft this, we've completed eastern Oregon's deer season, and our first season elk hunters are rushing to claim sites prior to a mid-week opener. That being, Oregon's Hunter Education Instructors have survived our late-summer/early-fall rush of classes, and a large portion of us are heading to the field as well. With no earth shattering program issues on the horizon, I mostly want to mention a few recent newsworthy events and some upcoming activities.

Sage Grouse: On 2 Oct the USF&W Service rejected recent listing petitions for the Greater Sage Grouse with a finding "that protection for the greater sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act is no longer warranted and is withdrawing the species from the candidate species list." While densities of birds are well below historic levels the extent of their occupied ranges suggests the birds are not immediately threatened. This is welcome news to all public land users in eastern Oregon and across several other western states, as a listing could have significantly altered management, access, and all manner of activities on our rangelands.

Wild Fires: With 3 successive dry winters in a row, Oregon's timberlands were ripe for burning after record high temperatures in July and August. Suppression resources were stretched to their limits with simultaneous burns occurring from Oregon's south west to north east extremes and well into Idaho and Washington. While our prayers and thoughts center on those loosing homes and resources to the flames, the extent of those fires also affected access, wildlife, and habitat across large areas. The Canyon Creek Fire in the John Day region consumed about 172 square miles of big game range (Murder's Creek Units).

That being, reports suggest big game tag holders in affected units may hunt but will be awarded a preference point as well due to reduced access and opportunity. If one's favorite stump has endured such an event, they might petition ODF&W for similar treatment.

Redmond Rod and Gun Club: Redmond's Rod and Gun Club has historically serviced several central Oregon communities managing a firearms range on Deschutes County property near the Redmond Airport. The club was given notice they should vacate within the near future and have been scrambling to secure new ground. Pending potential appeals, the Deschutes County Planning Commission has granted conditional use for acreage previously permitted to sporting clays, and the club is finalizing plans for its purchase and development. This is good news for Hunter Education instructors, law enforcement personnel, and recreationists in our densely populated central Oregon communities.

Junior Hunter Education Instructors: We noticed minimal participation from our Junior Hunter Education Instructors at our last Statewide Conference. It is OHEIA's policy to grant free membership to Junior Instructors until eligible to become independent entities (age 21). Please encourage ones Junior partners to visit OHEIA's website and

invite them to submit a membership application found at our OHEIA website or on the last page of this newsletter. These youngsters are our replacements, and we want them to experience all rights and privileges of our community.

Next OHEIA Board Meeting: Our next OHEIA Board Meeting will be held Saturday, December 5th in conjunction with the recently announced Northwest Regional educational and awards session at ODF&W's Salem Headquarters. OHEIA's meeting will begin at 11:00 AM, and ODF&W's activities will commence at 1:00 PM. All members are welcome at our Board meeting.

OHEIA Elections: It's time to think about elections for executive officers of OHEIA as terms are expiring on April 30, 2016. With the exception of President Elect, the OHEIA Secretary and Treasurer are elected and serve a 2-year commitment. The President Elect serves as First Vice President for 2 years, assumes the helm for the subsequent 2 years, and remains as a Past President Board member for 1 year as their term expires. In other words, nominations are open for President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Members may nominate others or one may supply a letter of interest for any office. All wishing consideration are asked to submit a letter of interest to one of the members serving on the Nominations Committee: Carl McGlothin, Chair, Jesse Wallenmeyer (NW Director) or Brian Ferry (Central Oregon Director). Contact emails on newsletter front page or on OHEIA website. Please submit with your letter of interest an autobiographical sketch single-spaced, 12-point font half-page with 1-inch margins briefly outlining one's intent and a listing of credentials. This information will be sent to OHEIA members with election ballots.

SB 941: Oregon's Senate Bill 941, mandating background checks for private firearms transactions, took effect August 9, 2015. With some immediate family member exceptions, private firearms sales or exchanges will require a background check of the recipient by a Federal Firearms Licensed dealer. One is urged to contact an FFL holder or thoroughly review the specifics of this new regulation in their dealings.

Be safe, and good luck in the field. # # # #

CENTRAL OREGON UPDATE

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN FERRY, CENTRAL OREGON DIRECTOR

In my June newsletter report I opened with a welcome from sunny Central Oregon. As I look outside on this fine October day I could use the same opening, as we are still dry, and sunny. Our hunter education activities are winding down, and I am now more engaged with personal hunting plans, family events, and other important shooting activities. For this report I am going to focus on this latter topic of "other shooting activities" by updating you on the Redmond Rod and Gun Club's (RRGC) relocation effort.

I have touched on this topic in previous newsletters, as well as at past instructor meetings and conferences. After a long and arduous multi-year effort, I am elated to report that Deschutes County finally approved RRGC Conditional-Use Permit Application for a new and expanded shooting facility on 223 acres of private property along Highway 97 between Redmond and Bend.

This approval clears the way for the purchase of the property, and begins the relocation from their current 66 acre facility on county land along the east side of Redmond. RRGC has long sponsored youth shooting activities, including Hunter Education, 4H, NRA YHEC, Scouting, and Oregon High and Junior High School Rodeo shooting programs. The current facility has provided a location for law enforcement training activities, competitive shooting programs and events, group shooting activities, and a wide range of adult shooting classes, clinics, and shooting events. The new and larger property allows RRGC to expand the scope of the current rifle, pistol, archery, trap, skeet, 5-stand, and sporting clays areas, and add a new cowboy action shooting area. The new site will also allow RRGC to partner with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and other organizations to offer expanded family and youth shooting clinics and workshops.

If I sound excited, I AM!! Recently there was the real threat the hunter education program in Central Oregon would be severely curtailed by the closure of RRGC. With the approval by Deschutes County, this has been averted. RRGC's new site is conveniently located, and will provide easy access. It will be open for all to enjoy, with the goal of

providing a premier center where recreational and educational shooting activities and programs will be available. Now, the next important and significant hurdle is the development of the new site, and the relocation from the current to new location. Help from all will be needed and is welcome! Stay tuned for more on that in future installments!

I would be remiss to not offer thanks to the many supporters of RRG. Back on the evening of July 21, there was a Deschutes County Hearing to discuss RRG's Application. The hearing room was filled to overflowing with supporters. Among them were HE Instructors and OHEIA members. Your OHEIA President and Board members supported RRG. Thank you for the emails, phone calls, letters, and show of support. I am convinced that support made a difference, and helped ensure that a strong hunter educational program will flourish in Central Oregon. It's an honor to represent you and serve on the Board. #####

Remembering

SUBMITTED BY GREG BARRON, NE REGION DIRECTOR

I lost my Mom on September 27, 2015, and nothing will ever really be the same. At least I have many wonderful memories.

Just one week before Mom passed, Dad and Mom visited my brother and me in archery camp where we were hunting muleys in the Desolation Unit. Mom looked great while Dad looked a little unsteady. Dad had hung up his rifle and shotgun a year ago because it was just too difficult for him to get around in the field anymore. Mom loved hunting camp and showed up at most of them over the years. Even though she didn't hunt, it was an exciting time for her. When she showed up, we would relinquish the camp cook duties to her . . . a duty she would not have had any other way.

Mom was always hopeful that we would get a deer or elk, so she could make minced-meat pie . . . minced-meat pie only tastes good if it's made from the neck meat of wild game, she would exclaim.

I remember on the opening day of Pheasant season all of my hunting buddies would rendezvous at my folks' place for breakfast prior to the hunt. After the hunt, we would all come back to the house with our bag of Pheasants where we cleaned them and Mom would make fried Pheasant with all the trimmings, including her awesome apple pie . . . yes, we were spoiled!

While back at archery camp, my brother said, "let's go for a drive around and see some country!" We all loaded up into the four-door pickup truck for the afternoon drive. As we were driving around a curve on an old forest service road, my Mom says, "LOOK!" and just up the side hill was a small herd of cow elk loping along with a 7-point bull tagging along behind them. Mom said, with a big smile on her face, "they are so beautiful!"

What wonderful moments I was able to share with my Mom. ###

OHEIA WEBPAGE BENEFITS

Submitted by Darlene Marquardt, OHEIA Webmaster



Do you use the webpage? It's been a while since we've had an update, but soon that is about to change. After October is over with, watch for some subtle changes and maybe a few obvious ones. Your suggestions as to what you'd like to see on our webpage are always solicited, so feel free to email me anytime (darlene.marquardt@gmail.com).

How does our page compare with Hunter Ed pages in other states? Go to <http://www.ihea.com/hunting-and-shooting/requirements/state-provincial-information> and click on the state that peaks your interest and it will bring up contact info for that state. Then scroll down a bit to WEB PAGES and click on the webpages there. Kind of interesting I'd say.

As this year's hunting season is in full swing, I am seeing some pretty cool pictures on Facebook. If you know of a student or former student who got their first buck, or got a "wow" buck, send us some photos that we can add to our

webpage and/or our Facebook page. Did you know we are on Facebook? Check us out. Any suggestions are welcome. Click here <https://www.facebook.com/OregonHunterEducationInstructorsAssociation>.

So here's to safe hunting. Be careful out there and don't forget to practice what you preach. Keep Oregon proud to be hunters with integrity and safe hunters. All you instructors out there (and me too) are the ones who make a difference and keep our hunting heritage special and strong. ###

Miscellaneous

Whew, new scientific proof.

What a relief to learn this!

Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was? Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses.

Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what is known as an Event Boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale.

Thank goodness for studies like this. **It's not our age; it's that darn door!**

Okay, don't believe it? Turn around and walk back through that door. Bet you remember what you went after!

From Myrna:

Hello Oregon State Hunter Ed Instructors,

ODFW will be involved in the 2016 sport shows.

The dates are as follows:

Eugene Boat & Sportmen's Show

February 5 -7 HE Instructor help needed

Pacific NW Sportsmen's Show & Sport Fishing/Boat

February 10 -14 – HE Instructor role *TBD*

Douglas County Sportmen & Outdoor Show

February 19 – 21 – HE Instructor help needed

Jackson County Sportmen's & Outdoor Show

February 26 – 28 – HE Instructor help needed

Central Oregon Sportmen's Show & Boat/RV

March 3 – 6 – HE Instructor help needed

Be sure to volunteer!

Area Coordinator Conference, January, 29-30-31, 2016.

K-FALLS CHECKS IN

SUBMITTED BY RUTH JOHNSON, AREA COORDINATOR

After a very long spell with very few active instructors, the Klamath County Hunter Education Program would like to spotlight a number of new instructors. Please join us in a hearty welcome for David Doty, David Evinger, Michael Hagen, Steve Heryford, Ryan Nyseth, Scott Stewart, Anthony Tyree, Rick Vieira and Robert Scott.

We are very excited to have these guys on board and anticipate being able to hold more classes. They will make a great addition to our team!

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Facebook for seniors

This is for people of an older generation who do not really comprehend why Facebook exists.

Presently, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same Facebook principles. Therefore, every day I go out on the street and tell the passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before, and what I will do tomorrow. Then I give them pictures of my family, my dog, of me gardening and spending time in my pool. I also listen to their conversations and I tell them I love them.

It works! I already have 3 persons following me: 2 police officers and a psychiatrist.

OUTSIDE THE BOX

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS FRIEND, PRESIDENT ELECT
AND NW DISTRICT HUNTER ED TEACHING CADRE

For the past few years Hunter Education has struggled to maintain a level of importance at our local gun club. For many years hunter education was a priority on the schedule. Currently we are taking any space on their calendar they will give us, which basically boils down to Sunday afternoons.

Thankfully Cabelas in Tualatin has really stepped up to the plate and been very accommodating to the program. They have made Hunter Education a priority and have made us feel very much at home. One of our struggles has been field days and range time. We are very limited to options without a local rifle range. After doing some research and talking to Daisy, I found out about these inflatable ranges.

As it turned out Cabelas actually had one. I thought if we could try it out maybe it could solve a lot of problems for our field days. The further this got into the planning stage the better it got. We actually ended up hosting the range outside the Cabelas store and set up a small hunter education information booth and answered questions and handed out information. Adults and children of various ages participated and the response was overwhelming. We are now hosting this range along with an inflatable archery range a few times a year. It's a nice change of pace for instructors and makes a great impact in the community. This is a very useful item for many different purposes for the program. We hope to see things like this being considered for future use.



If you would like to learn more about this or help out we will be hosting the ranges on Halloween at Cabelas in Tualatin from 1-4pm. Please contact Chris Friend for more details and information. 00friend@gmail.com 971-226-8600 # # # #

LANE COUNTY CHECKS IN

SUBMITTED BY JEANNE LITTLETON

Since I had saved this spot for a couple of promised articles that didn't show – I decided to take this space to share a class room tip and some other things going on in Lane County with my readers.

I have always felt hampered when it came time to do



field work on safety, field carries and shooting positions on our "walk-about" (term I learned from Drew Munson).

Even though I had two sets of our famous orange Remington's finest (because no other class needed them), I had kids without any firearm in their hands. Kids learn when they touch things, I've found. So, my helpful and resourceful husband, Jackson, came to the rescue. We made a trip to the local gun shop to pick out five replaced stocks from the discarded bin.

Then, to the hardware store for some black paint, ½" doweling material, five metal conduit brackets, carpenter's glue, and some small nails. The doweling material was cut the length of a firearm barrel, was painted black, and the conduit bracket worked as a trigger guard. The trimmed nerf "ammo" worked very well to highlight the muzzle.

Jackson cut little blocks of wood to insert in the stock where the trigger and action had been. Glued them in place and when dried, anchored the "barrel" with small nails on each side and the top. Now, we had five firearms ready to go. I guess the lesson learned is you're only limited by your imagination!

It seems it would be appropriate to take the time to recognize my fellow instructor cadre who contribute greatly to our classes. Those hunter education instructors are Lee Lemmon, John Thorpe, Bill Castillo, Dean Dugan and David Wiedeman. It's astounding the number of years of experience standing in front of these kids. I'm always pleased to see these youngsters following our classes with

their smartphone photographs and big smiles with their harvest. I am also pleased when I query them on their safety habits and ethical decisions. Makes one proud that some of this stuff stuck and they really were paying attention.

Now, while I'm here, I want to brag on David a bit. He sent me his smartphone photo as well. David is a past lead instructor having served in Lane County. It's hard to believe he has been gone for two years ... moving to Seattle to take on a 6-figure work promotion. David drives all the way from Seattle to help teach our online field days. Now, I call that dedication! He has joined the Washington Hunter Education program as an instructor and regularly shares experiences and information gained from teaching in Washington.

David shared his smartphone photo and his harvest, as well. Nice blacktail buck! **Congratulations, David.**



Dean works in Alaska and is gone many class dates, but when in town, is quick and willing to share his knowledge of safe gun handling and remain an active HE instructor.

Bill Castillo, our retired game biologist, has a way of sharing field experiences that gives the "new-excited-green game hunters" many helpful tips in game harvest and recovery.

Lee and John working in the conventional classes share over 100 years of experience in the classroom that is participatory and holds the kids' attention.

Am I a lucky lead instructor? You bet! This teaching cadre gives the kids their \$10 worth. They make teaching worthwhile and fun. A special thanks for your dedication and support, gentlemen! ###

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A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

SUBMITTED BY DIANA ACKERMAN

PRICE LIST FOR OHEIA ITEMS:

- Fox Whistles \$3.25
 - OHEIA Patch \$2.25
 - OHEIA Decal \$1.00
 - OHEIA Lapel Pin \$2.75
 - OHEIA T-Shirts \$15.00
 - OHEIA Caps \$15.00
 - One yr Membership \$10.00
 - Two yr Membership \$20.00
 - Life Membership \$100.00
- Freight charges apply to shipped orders. Orders require street address.

Order forms are available on website.

Just a reminder, OHEIA dues go from May 1 to April 30. Yearly dues are only \$10, or a life membership is \$100.

I want to thank everyone who was able to make the Hunter Education conference in Pendleton this past April. A special thank you to everyone that helped support OHEIA. I am happy to report we had a successful fundraiser making \$3,000 for the grant treasury.

You just need to reap some of that profit by applying for a grant to help you in the classroom. Forms and instructions on 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.

I look forward to seeing you all at the annual training session in Salem on December 5.

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Membership Application

OREGON HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

NAME _____ **INSTRUCTOR #** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ *STATE* _____ *ZIP* _____

PHONE _____ - _____ - _____ **COUNTY** _____

E-MAIL _____

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

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

SIGNED _____ **DATE** ____/____/____

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