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Message from your President, Greg

The conditions could not have been better. It started raining at 8 pm and let up about an hour before shooting time. The once crispy vegetation that sounded like cornflakes crunching under your feet was strangely quiet. There was some fog wisping through the draws, and the high rising ridge above me was totally enveloped in the mist and clouds. I found my favorite

spot, I call it "rattlesnake draw" and you can image why. I was confident I would not see any "buzz worms" in the cool morning air. After ranging a few landmarks here and there I cow called and just like during the hot dry days before...nothing, not one reply from a lost cow elk or a lovesick bull. Not too dejected, I moved on. There is this spot that sometimes I can receive cell service, so I decided to text my friend Steve who left camp the morning before that he wasn't missing much when, I heard the soft mew of an elk in the draw to my right. I crept into a suitable position with the wind in my favor and once again ranged the landscape. I let go with my best cow elk mew imitation. It must have been the right tone because all heck broke loose and down the draw they came like a freight train. They popped out of the draw at about 48 yards, cow calf, and cow calf until

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President, Greg Barron article continued

25 or so were standing broadside milling around...no bulls, not even a spike. So now I wait, knowing the herd bull would be surely following his harem. Nope, no herd bull, not even any satellite bulls just cows and calves. Well, the lead cow and calf hit the imaginary line of human scent and they methodically turned and headed over the hill into the breaks. Oh but wait, there, something moved! Surely this is the bull, but nope it was two more "Johnny comes lately" cow and calf pair. Well, that was the exciting part to my short archery season...work and family responsibility was calling me back to the real world.

This was a very short archery season for me this year. I was able to set out game cams earlier before the season opener hiking around the hills with my wife and the family dog which was very enjoyable. Work has been extremely busy this year, so just getting out into the out-of-doors for a few days was better than nothing at all. Usually, I'm out more than once checking my game cams, but this season it was not to be. Work commitments and a son getting married on the last Saturday of archery season really shortened the hunt for me. I just had to make adjustments to my schedule, so I could get out hunting even if it was only for a little while. I say just make the most of everyday no matter how long you're hunting season allows...just do it!

It's like that in our Hunter Education Classes. We prepare as much as we can...lesson plans all ready to go, but we also need to be flexible and adaptable to any situation that may arise. You want to always have "Plan B" ready to go. The Oregon State Trooper you had lined out weeks in advance of your class could suddenly get sent out on a call, so you need to be ready just in case those situations arise..."Expect the Unexpected". My lessons are set up a lot like yours; if you can't be there another instructor can pick up your class and teach it uninterrupted. Preparation is the key!

At the Oregon State Hunter Education Instructors Conference in July, we learned that there are new updates on the horizon.

First, all volunteers who handle firearms or munitions or have direct access to unsupervised minors – including Hunter Education instructors – will need to pass an FBI Fingerprint check before teaching a class in 2020.

Second, it is a state requirement that all state of Oregon volunteers take a Professional Workplace and Harassment Free Workplace training on an annual basis. The training can be accessed online at <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/volunteer/policies.asp>

There was a packet that was mailed out to all Oregon Hunter Education instructors on August 1st, 2019 with instructions to make the process easier with the least interruptions to you.



President, Greg Barron article continued



Here I am presenting Chris Friend with his past president's plaque for his service as OHEIA President 2016-18 at the State Conference.

I want to say thank you to the State Hunter Education staff for putting on a very professional, educational and fun State Conference. Special thanks to my Oregon Hunter Education Instructor Association Board of Directors and Officers for all their hard work and determination in making this conference a fun and memorable experience. Thank you, Chris Friend for all of your efforts organizing and executing the OHEIA fundraising raffles and silent auction...it was very well received, plus a whole lot of fun. Also, special thanks to all that supported our OHEIA fundraising efforts. Lastly, thank you Darlene Marquardt for keeping us all

organized at OHEIA as Secretary/Treasurer; Jim Marquardt for selling the most firearms raffle tickets (you are the man) and Ryan Niehus for being the emcee for the OHEIA raffle/silent auction fundraiser. Once again, I would like to say thank you Myrna Britton and Brandon Harper and ODFW Hunter Education staff for all of your hard work to make this a very successful state conference.

September 21st was the first day of fall, bringing with it more hunting opportunities. I look forward to doing a little upland and water fowl hunting in the Columbia Basin this season, getting re-acquainted with old hunting buddies and making new hunting friends. Isn't hunting the perfect sport! Have a safe and happy time while hunting afield!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg A. Barron".

Greg Barron, President



Darlene Marquardt



Thoughts from your secretary/webmaster

As I pondered what to write about this time, I decided to lean on google for interesting tidbits of information that might be of interest. I found several things that are worth thinking about.

The first, I will just give you a link for and only say a few words about it so you can search for yourself. It is an article about why our youth are not as interested in hunting as in past years. The link is: <https://www.realtree.com/deer-hunting/articles/7-reasons-why-kids-aren-t-deer-hunting> Some of those reasons are not ones that I had really thought about, but make perfect sense as to the difference we are seeing in youth participation.

WHY IS HUNTING IMPORTANT

Give it some more thought. Really think about the question: Why is hunting important? Why is hunting important to you? We know it's important because you teach Hunter Education. But, what keeps you going? I know I've talked about this before. I was reading an article that listed several reasons. Are they YOUR reasons? I'll paraphrase some of the reasons listed in the article. ([click here if you wish to read it for yourself](#))

Hunting offers a multitude of benefits. We can use these benefits to entice our youth to take up hunting. So the two articles I read, can link together in our thoughts.

It is quiet dampness on a frosty morning. Hunting is the ease of camaraderie. Hunting is the familiarity of a good dog. Hunting is the flash of iridescent reds, golds and bronzes, when a rooster pheasant is spotted in sage brush landscape in rural eastern Oregon. Hunting is the feel of cold, crisp air as it hits our lungs. It is our cold fingers as we put on our gloves. It is a feeling of excitement and adventure. How can we pass that up?

Go afield with a good attitude, with respect for the wildlife you hunt and for the forest and fields in which you walk. Immerse yourself in the outdoor experience. It will cleanse your soul and make you a better person.
-Fred Bear



NE Director, Jim Marquardt

Good afternoon Hunter Ed instructors and hunters alike.

Hunting season is upon us. I remind everyone to wear hunter orange. I encourage instructors for the NE section to contact me if you need clay pigeons for your classes. We would certainly enjoy a nice trip to your area to deliver the clay pigeons.

We had a successful Hunter Education class in Athena. It was well attended. It was the first class held in Athena in many years.

Just another reminder, we'd still like to see those recipes and articles about your successful hunt or even stories about unsuccessful hunts. Sometimes those stories are the most interesting.

Article by OHEIA Secretary/Webmaster, Darlene Marquardt, continued

The article I was reading went on to say: "Hunting, for those of us who choose to participate in this lifestyle, is deeply entrenched in our history. Hunting helps nature in different ways. Hunting offers an understanding and appreciation of wildlife and the ecosystems in which it lives like no other outdoor activity. Hunting affords the exploration of wild places. And, the hunting lifestyle provides delicious, nutritious protein for the dinner table in a time period where much of our food is processed or modified. Hunting also boosts our economy. Hunting provides funding for conservation and wildlife management. Hunting promotes a healthier lifestyle. Hunting strengthens interpersonal relationships. Hunting makes for lasting memories."

The article goes on to list a dozen very good reasons why we should hunt. The question I posed at the beginning of my article was "Why do YOU hunt?" I solicit your thoughts. Send me a few paragraphs to tell us "WHY". These thoughts will make for good reading in our next editions. The deadline for sending me something for the next newsletter is December 15. Mark it on

your calendar.

Below are listed a few more articles worth reading about the value of hunting:

1. <http://archive-srel.uga.edu/outreach/ecoviews/ecoview031117.htm>
2. <http://www.rmef.org/conservation/huntingisconservation/25reasonswhyhuntingisconservation.aspx>
3. https://animalstudiesrepository.org/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1001&context=acwp_hmap

So I close my thoughts with this: As you are out in the woods or the fields hunting this year (by the time you get this, some of you will have bagged your animal already), think about all the intrinsic values of what you are doing. Feel grateful that we still have the privilege of hunting. Join in the crusade to maintain that privilege. Keep your values close to your heart. Teach your children, your grandchildren, the importance of the tradition. Enjoy the season, whether you got your animal or not. Respect the land, respect the animal, teach and practice ethical behaviors. Keep the tradition going. KNOW WHY YOU HUNT.

LOST

At H.E. Conference: A pair of range-finding binoculars and two scopes. If you happened to have found them, please contact Chris Friend. 00friend@gmail.com



Ryan Niehus, Director at Large—Klamath Falls



Pictured: Ryan Niehus

I hope everyone is having a great hunting season. Mine was with mixed joy and sadness as I learned just prior to leaving that my friend and fellow hunter education instructor Roy Miller passed away. He died of natural causes doing what he enjoyed, bow hunting elk and deer. Roy had given me some of his super secret broadheads to use. He was one serious guy when it came to bow hunting. I was able to take this 335 class bull in the Mt. Emily Unit the last day of the season. A good double lung hit and Roy's broadheads did the trick. Roy will be missed and his expertise in hunting and passing on those skills is a huge loss. Good luck to you in your seasons.

VENISON STEAKS MARINADE

- 1 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon of parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 1 teaspoon of pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoon of chopped garlic cloves
- 1 cup olive oil



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix all ingredients together in a bowl that is big enough to add the steaks. In this case, it had to be a rather big bowl due to the size of the steaks. (I prefer to make a cross over the top of the bowl with saran wrap. That way after the steaks are added, I can wrap them up)
2. Wrap and chill for 8-24 hours.
3. Remove steaks and sit out to room temperature for 15 minutes – 1 hour, or until grill is ready!
4. Start grill, then clean grill.
5. Place steaks over direct heat for 5-6 minutes.
6. Flip steaks at 90 degrees for another 5-6 minutes.
7. 170 degrees on both sides
8. Add lightly melted butter on top of the steaks and let them sit for 15 minutes at room temperature (this will keep the juices inside the steaks for maximum flavor). Cut steaks and serve!!!



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ply. Application is available at
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