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March 2010 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

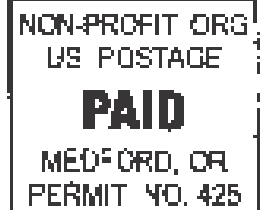
- Clatsop County Chapter Banquet March 20th (5pm) @ Clatsop County Fairgrounds.
- Next chapter meeting Wednesday March 17th, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Golden Luck in Astoria.
- Spring Turkey Opens April 15th; Spring Bear Opens April 1st and April 15th
- Controlled Hunt Draw Deadline May 15th ... Results Available June 20th

Board Members:

[Wendell Locke](#) (President), Dane Osis (Vice President), David Richards (Treasurer), Alyson O'Conner (Secretary), [Brian L. King](#) (Webmaster)

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Change Service Requested



“Presidents Opinion”

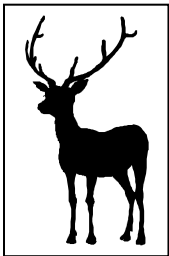
By now everyone should have their OHA magazine with the ballot attached. Our chapter has nominated Brian King as a candidate for state secretary. He did an excellent job of managing our chapter website when Brian was the chapter secretary, he would have the minutes of the meetings on the website within two hours of the meetings end. I'm asking everyone in our chapter to support Brian in the election. Be sure and vote.

The banquet is March 20th at the Clatsop county fairgrounds. Stephanie's Cabin will be furnishing prime rib and salmon for the buffet. Be sure and get your tickets before the deadline (March 10).

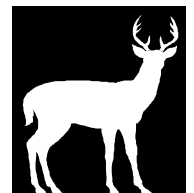
The Tillamook office of ODFW has issued about 376 land owner preference elk tags for the trask, wilson, and saddle mountain hunt units, this is on top of the emergency and regular cow hunts. They should have a good bull to cow ratio when we get that many cows killed look for the bull to cow ratio to improve after the spring count. There have been many illegal kills recorded during the emergency hunts that are in progress right now. Most of the emergency hunts are on state forestry lands, which most district biologists don't do. Keep in mind, the Oregon Department of Forestry is not being hunter friendly anymore.

These opinions are mine. Wendell Locke, Chapter President

Make an Impact – Contribute to Your Passion – Help Better the Future of Our Sport – Work for an Organization That Keeps the Funds in Clatsop County – Get Involved



**Attend OHA Clatsop County Chapter Meetings
Next Meeting March 17th @ Golden Luck, Astoria**



Mandatory ODFW Hunter Reporting

Every hunter is required to report harvest and effort information for each tag purchased. Information from hunters who did not hunt or did not harvest an animal is as important as from those who did take an animal. Please report even if you received a comparison telephone survey call for the hunt this year.

Two Ways to Report:

- Via the internet @ <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/reporting/index.asp>
- Call 1-866-947-ODFW (6339) and use the Automated Phone System



Clatsop County Chapter
Oregon Hunter's Association
8th Annual Fundraiser

March 20, 2010

Clatsop County Fairgrounds

92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria, Oregon 97103

**Raffles, Games, Silent Auction, Live Auction, Wall
of Arms and More!!!**



Come and Join us for a night of
family fun!!

Only 225 Dinner Tickets available.....

All Tickets must be purchased by March 10, 2010

The Early Bird Prize-Howa 22-250 (value \$420)

To be qualified for the early bird drawing your ticket order must be postmarked by March 1st

Doors will open at 5:00 PM- Dinner at 7:00 PM- Auction to follow

**Les Schwab Rifle Raffle-Howa 1500 270 with Redfield Scope
(Value \$599)**

Please turn over and complete the order form on back ➡

For Ticket information call Kate Montgomery at 503-338-1274

1. YOUTH PACKAGE: \$20
1 Dinner ticket, 1 raffle ticket for an Escort 20 gauge shotgun (value \$300)
*Under 14 and must be purchased with and accompanied by an adult *children 3 and under
free ___ pkgs x \$20 = \$_____
2. GET IN THE DOOR: \$35
1 Dinner ticket ___ pkgs x \$35 = \$_____
3. THE STAG: \$100
1 Dinner ticket
\$100 worth of general raffle tickets ___pkgs x \$100= \$_____
4. ROMANCE PACKAGE: \$200
2 Dinner tickets
\$200 worth of general raffle tickets ___pkgs x \$200= \$_____
5. DELUXE RIFLE PACKAGE: \$275
2 Dinner tickets
2 raffle tickets for a Savage Model 14AC .325 WSM (Value \$440) (Deluxe pkg raffle only)
\$260 worth of general raffle tickets ___pkgs x \$275= \$_____
Maximum 50 packages sold
6. RESERVE A TABLE PACKAGE: Table for 8 \$1000
8 Dinner tickets/8 tickets for a Ruger MKII 7MM Mag (Value \$599) (Table pkg raffle only)
\$1000 worth of general raffle tickets ___pkgs x \$1000= _____
Maximum 10 packages sold
7. \$100 WALL OF ARMS
1 Wall of Arms ticket/\$100 worth of general raffle tickets
1 ticket drawn for every 10 tickets sold!!!!!!
Number of tickets___ x \$100 = _____
Maximum 100 tickets sold
8. LES SCHWAB RIFLE RAFFLE-Howa 1500 270 with Redfield scope (value \$599)
1 ticket for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$25 total tickets _____=\$_____
Maximum 250 tickets sold

If you are not a member or would like to renew your membership please add \$25 for individual or \$35 for family.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED/AUTHORIZED \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Paid by: Cash___ Check___ Visa___ MasterCard___

Card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Card Holder: _____ Signature: _____

Mail forms to: Kate Montgomery 82651 Hwy 202 Hatchery Rd. Astoria, OR 97103

Note: All tickets and packages will be received at the door in your name upon arrival at the banquet. NONE WILL BE MAILED.

Reward offered in Investigation of Illegally Killed Elk in Tillamook County

The Humane Society of the United States and The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust are offering a \$2,500 reward related to an Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division investigation to help solve the illegal kill and waste of three elk in the Trask Unit near Tillamook. This reward is also in conjunction with a reward of up to \$1,000 offered by the Oregon Hunter's Association for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case. According to OSP, on the weekend of Feb. 13, a hunter came upon fresh elk remains in the roadway on Clear Creek Ridge Road, and a dead spike and cow elk about 40 yards off the roadway. The information was provided to the OSP Tillamook office several days later. On Feb. 17, OSP Senior Trooper Lalo Guerra responded to the complaint and found three dead elk (one spike and two cows) in the area, which is open to an emergency hunt.

Anyone with information is asked to call Senior Trooper Guerra at (503) 815-3315 or the Turn in Poacher (TIP) number at 1-800-452-7888.



ODFW Considering Mandatory Hunter Orange

Due to concerns about vision-related hunting fatalities, the Fish and Wildlife Commission is considering making the wearing of hunter orange while hunting mandatory in Oregon. (Incidents are classified as vision-related when a victim is mistaken for game, is in the line of fire of the shooter, or is shot when the shooter is swinging on game.) The Commission has requested that ODFW review research and gather information related to the wearing of hunter orange to help it make its decision—specifically, if wearing hunter orange reduces hunting incidents or affects hunter success rates. Staff will present this information to the Commission during the June 4, 2010 meeting in Salem. If the Commission decides to proceed with rulemaking related to hunter orange requirements, it would make a final decision during the October 1, 2010 Commission meeting in Bend. As always, the Commission will also consider public comment while making its decision. Members of the public are welcome to attend the June and October Commission meetings to provide testimony.

They can also email comments to ODFW.Comments@state.or.us; mail them to: ODFW Information and Education, 3406 Cherry Ave NE, Salem, OR 97303 or fax them to 503-947-6009. ODFW will also accept public comments about mandatory hunter orange during its annual big game meetings in May, which are held in each wildlife district statewide. Meeting dates are announced in April; see the Hunting Resources page of ODFW's Web site.

Native American Baker City Poaching Case

In November 2008, James Bronson Jr., a Nez Perce member who lives in Pendleton, was cited for allegedly poaching two bighorn sheep rams in the Lookout Mountain unit south of Richland. The site is outside the area that the Nez Perce tribe ceded to the government in its 1855 treaty. District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff and his assistant who is prosecuting Bronson, Chris Storz, contend that the treaty entitles Nez Perce members to hunt, without regard to state regulations, only within the defined boundaries of their tribe's ceded lands. The site where Bronson allegedly shot the bighorns is about 12 miles south of the boundary of the Nez Perce ceded lands. But Baker County Circuit Court Judge Greg Baxter ruled last month that Bronson had the legal right to kill those bighorns because the Nez Perce treaty does not restrict tribal hunters to ceded lands, but allows them to hunt in "open and unclaimed" lands that are part of the tribe's traditional hunting grounds. Baxter cited as precedent a Washington state Supreme Court case from 1999, Washington vs. Donald Ray Buchanan. That court ruled that Buchanan, a member of the Nooksack Tribe who had been cited for killing two elk, could, at criminal trial, argue that he was entitled to hunt on any "open and unclaimed" lands and was not confined to his tribe's ceded lands. The Washington Supreme Court cited two other court rulings that defined "open and unclaimed" lands as public lands.

The District Attorney's office intends to appeal Baxter's ruling. The Bronson case is significant because, unlike with ceded lands, there are no defined boundaries for "open and unclaimed" other than the distinction between private and public lands. If "open and unclaimed" is the legal standard, then tribal members could argue that they have the legal right to hunt wherever their ancestors did, which is quite a chunk of country, since tribes sometimes traveled thousands of miles from their homelands to hunt prey such as buffalo. And because tribal hunters, unlike non-tribal members, do not have to comply with state-set limits on the number of animals they kill, a legal precedent arising from the Bronson case could have repercussions throughout the region. The effects could be especially acute for relatively rare species such as bighorn sheep. In the Lookout Mountain unit, for instance, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife issues just two tags per year allowing non-tribal hunters to kill bighorn rams. And for non-tribal hunters those are once-in-a-lifetime tags.

Redmond Group Pushes for Cougar Reform

Over predation in Oregon has impacted our deer population in Oregon. In many areas the deer numbers are 50% of what ODFW is managing for. Help us gain control over the deer population by allowing the only effective method we have to hunt cougars... Hounds. The state is currently paying professional hunters to do what the public should be able to do anyway.

Log on and get current information regarding this Oregon initiative including how you can help control our cougar population @ <http://www.responsibleoregon.com/>

* Check this chart out from ODFW regarding cougar hunting success and tags purchased.

Year	Tags Sold	Harvest	Percent Success*
1994	588	145	41
1995	385	34	12
1996	779	48	7
1997	935	60	7
1998	9,930	153	2
1999	14,545	160	1
2000	22,356	138	1
2001	27,777	220	1
2002	31,167	232	1
2003	33,330	248	1
2004	34,017	265	*
2005	38,079	224	*
2006	38,719	289	*
2007	41,813	308	*
2008	43,211	273	*