



## Oregon Hunters Association

# Hoodview Chapter News

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### Chapter Meeting

Date: Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Place: J.J. North's Buffet  
10520 NE Halsey  
Portland, OR  
Time: 6pm - Social Hour  
Dinner is optional  
7pm – Meeting

**Program:** Our speaker for this meeting will be Dave Williams, Director of Wildlife Services. He will be talking to us about controlling predation of game animals.

### Membership Drawing

The general membership drawing for August was won by **Bill Underwood Sr. of Hillsboro!** Unfortunately, Bill was not at our September meeting, or he would have taken home \$100 from Hoodview. We'll draw another member's name and try to give the \$100 away again this month. **You** must be there to win! **You** might be the next lucky one drawn, but will you be there to collect???

### Current Raffles

We have a Browning A-bolt rifle in .270 WSM and a Stoeger 12ga./20ga. Condor barrel-switcher shotgun. Tickets are 3 for \$5 and we will draw this at the annual Christmas dinner.

If the expiration date on your mailing label is highlighted then you are either getting close to or have lapsed. Please renew now to continue supporting the OHA mission and goals.

### Club Update

The Hoodview Christmas party meeting will be held this year on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the American Legion Post 1 at 1830 SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland 97233 (same place as last year). Order forms are available in this newsletter and on the website. This year we will have a catered dinner, silent auction, door prizes, raffle drawings, our annual photo contests (please submit entries to any board member, preferably in electronic form, but I can scan hardcopies and return them at the subsequent chapter meeting), door prizes, and much more. The number of seats is limited to 125, so order now! If this year's is half as much fun as last year's you won't want to miss it.

The winner of our Weatherby Vanguard .22/250 is Ron Ellison of Gresham. He was so happy he won that he became a member, way to go, Ron! Our current raffle consists of a Browning A-bolt rifle and a Stoeger Condor 12ga./20ga. barrel-switcher just like at this year's Sportsman's banquet. Thanks to all the volunteers who have been working the OHA booth at the sight-in days.

Is anyone interested in working at gun shows? Hoodview needs to reestablish our presence at the gun shows, but, in order to do that, we need volunteers. Please contact Frank Gifford, or any other board member if you are interested in volunteering for a gun show. Gun shows have traditionally been good for us in terms of selling raffle tickets and recruiting new

members, not to mention a great way to meet fellow members and share some Hoodview camaraderie.

This month's calendar is longer than the space allotted, so the entries that did not "make the list" are as follows: Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and again on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>: Sight-in Days at Estacada Rod and Gun Club (see map on back page); Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>: Cascade Elk season closes; Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>: Cascade Buck rifle season reopens; Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>: first Rocky Mountain Elk season closes; and Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Saving Time ends, set your clocks back an hour. Does anyone need to be reminded that their doorbells will be ringing on the 31<sup>st</sup>?

### Hunters Against Hunger

The time of year at which to consider those less fortunate than ourselves is fast approaching, and Hoodview's contributions have been trending downward, so let's try to make a better showing than last year. Please contact Gerry Rondo or a board member to make your donation. Thanks!

### Sight-In Days

Douglas Ridge Rifle Club and the Estacada Rod and Gun Club are hosting sight-in days in October (map on back page). Douglas Ridge will be open on the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Estacada Rod and Gun Club is open to the public on October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Flyers are available at sporting goods counters.

-John Kreher

## **Anti-Hunting/Hunters' Rights Update**

### **Judge Allows USSA Involvement in Suit to Defend Trapping**

A federal court judge will allow the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation to represent trappers' interests in a lawsuit brought to ban trapping in Minnesota. The suit also creates legal precedent that threatens hunting, fishing and trapping if the activities might result in incidental take of an endangered species.

Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge Raymond Erickson granted the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation (USSAF) and its U.S. Sportsmen's Legal Defense Fund (U.S. SLDF) permission to join the suit, which was brought by the Humane Society of the United States and a smaller animal rights group. The anti's are suing the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources claiming that since the state holds a population of Canada lynx, a species protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), all trapping of any species should be stopped to prevent incidental catch of lynx.

This is an attempt by the anti's to ban trapping in Minnesota and establish legal precedent to ban a wide range of taking of wildlife. The case could set a precedent that affects how the ESA can be applied throughout the nation. If anti's can stop trapping in a place where there is a risk of catching lynx, they can just as easily try to stop fishing in bodies of water where there is a risk of catching endangered sturgeon.

The SLDF has joined the case, along with the Minnesota Trappers Association, Fur Takers of America, the National Trappers Association and Minnesota trappers Todd Roggenkamp and Cory Van Driel.

The SLDF is the nation's only litigation force that exclusively represents sportsmen's interests in the courts. It defends wildlife management and sportsmen's rights in local, state and federal courts. The SLDF represents the interests of sportsmen and assists

government lawyers who have little or no background in wildlife law.

### **NPS Delays will Rob Sportsmen of Hunting Opportunities**

The National Park Service is dragging its feet on the completion of a court-ordered environmental assessment. In doing so, it continues to deny sportsmen of hunting opportunities on an important New England federal hunting area.

The National Park Service (NPS) has extended the timeline for completing a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Cape Cod National Seashore hunting program. By delaying the completion date until January 2007, the NPS guarantees the cancellation of this year's pheasant hunt at the Seashore.

"The National Park Service, which manages the Cape Cod National Seashore, capitulated to the anti-hunters and is using the EIS as an excuse to shrug off this year's pheasant hunt," said Rob Sexton, U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA) vice president for government affairs. "Blaming the delay on the number of public comments it received and suggesting that its initial timeline did not allow for 'careful' and 'deliberate' consideration of all the input gives the NPS an easy out."

The issue was sparked by a federal court case in 2003. Anti-hunters had sued to stop the pheasant hunting program at the Cape Cod National Seashore that had been occurring since 1914. The court ruled that the program be halted while an environmental assessment was completed. The pheasant hunt has been in limbo ever since.

The NPS issued a court-ordered Draft Environmental Impact Statement for public comment earlier this year. It offered three alternatives for the future of the Seashore's pheasant program – to continue the status quo, to phase it out or to discontinue it. The USSA filed public comment with the NPS that favors continuation of a pheasant hunting program.

The USSA maintains that the pheasant stocking and hunting program poses no impacts or risks to the Cape Cod National Seashore and should be reinstated.

### **USSA Urges Appeal in Case to Ban Hunting on Refuges**

(Columbus) - The Sportsmen's Legal Defense Fund is urging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to appeal a judge's decision handed down yesterday that likely will outlaw hunting on 37 units of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Preliminary indications are that U.S. District Judge Ricardo Urbina's decision will require the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to perform costly and lengthy studies on the environmental impact of hunting on the entire refuge system before it can expand hunting opportunities on any refuge.

The USFWS already studies the impact of hunting on refuges through the required refuge plans it completes as well as national migratory bird studies. Adding more studies only succeeds in miring down the process so that no one will be able to hunt on refuges.

The decision also runs contrary to current law. In 1966, and again in 1997, Congress expressly recognized the legitimacy of hunting on units of the refuge system and directed the USFWS to facilitate and increase these opportunities whenever they are determined to be compatible.

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA), which manages the Sportsmen's Legal Defense Fund, will seek from Congress redress on this baffling decision.

"The court's decision is bad for the refuge system," said Rick Story, senior vice president for the USSA. "We are urging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to appeal the judge's ruling. I can assure you that the Sportsmen's Legal Defense Fund will back them 100 percent."

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The Sportsmen’s Legal Defense Fund collaborated as defendant interveners in the case with Safari Club International, Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, Izaak Walton League and the California Waterfowl Association.

The case was filed in 2003 in the Washington, D.C. Federal District Court by the Fund for Animals, which has since merged with the Humane Society of the United States. It originally sought to ban hunting on 39 units of the 100 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System. The case claimed that the USFWS, which manages the refuges, failed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, which requires extensive Environmental Impact Statements, prior to establishing hunting programs. In September of 2005, Judge Urbina granted a motion for partial dismissal of the anti-hunters’ case, ruling that since the goals outlined in the USFWS strategy are not final agency action

there is no need for comprehensive environmental studies.

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**Sportsmen Aren't Laughing at New Cartoon Movie**

A blockbuster hopeful that vilifies hunters has drawn the ire of American sportsmen.

Open Season, a computer animated feature by Sony Pictures Animation, pits loveable woodland creatures against hunters. In the movie trailer, hunters are depicted as callous idiots rampaging through the woods. The animals unite to launch a no holds barred defensive against them.

“Although this movie is probably meant to be tongue-in-cheek, it won’t be taken that way by millions of American outdoorsmen,” said Bud Pidgeon, USSA president. “The film portrays sportsmen as sloppy aggressors of wildlife, but ignores the fact that hunters are our nation’s number one conservationists and they are the reason that wildlife is flourishing.”

Sportsmen can view the movie trailer at

<http://www.sonypictures.com/movies/openseason/>. The picture is set to debut on Sept. 29 in the United States.

Sportsmen can express their dissatisfaction by contacting local movie theatres. Take time to meet with theatre owners and explain why the movie’s anti-hunting sentiments are unacceptable.

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**Make Plans Now To Attend Hoodview's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Dinner**  
Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 2004 at the American Legion Portland Post 1  
1830 SE 122nd Ave Portland, OR 97233

Get your tickets now for just \$15 Single/\$30 Couple

Our Christmas dinner is one of the most popular chapter events of the year and we hope you can join us for the fun. It is a family oriented event geared toward providing everyone plenty of time to socialize and share hunting stories with fellow hunters. The evening is capped off with a traditional Christmas dinner, the photo contest, raffles, door prizes, and a silent auction. We are holding this year’s event at the same venue as last year. Due to the overwhelming success of last year’s event, the number of available seats is limited to 125, so we request that you order your tickets ASAP to assist us in planning for this fun event.

Please clip this coupon and return with your check for dinner reservations

Attendees

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks out to **OHA** and return to a member of the fundraising committee or the address below:

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**Please indicate youth attendees**

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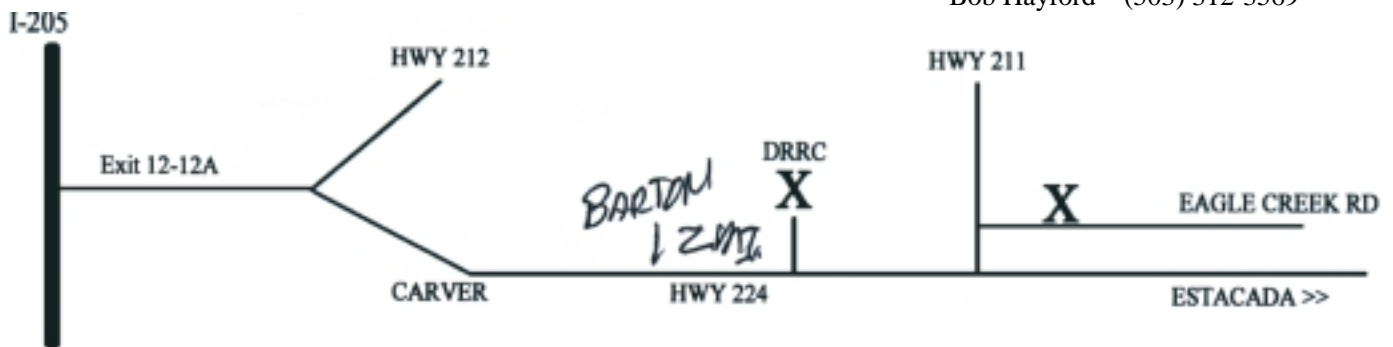
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### Club Calendar

October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Chukar, Hungarian Partridge, and Eastern Oregon Valley Quail seasons open.
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	East side buck season closes.
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Hoodview Chapter Meeting.
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pheasant season opens statewide.
October 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sight-In Days at Douglas Ridge Rifle Club.
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fall turkey season opens.
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Hoodview Board Meeting @ Chan's Steakery in Milwaukie.
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to purchase Cascade Elk tags, Cascade Buck season temporarily closes.
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Cascade Elk season opens.
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to purchase first season Rocky Mountain Elk tags.
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	First Rocky Mountain Elk season opens.