



## Oregon Hunters Association

# Hoodview Chapter News

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### Chapter Meeting

Date: Thursday  
September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Place: Pizza Baron  
2604 SE 122nd Ave  
Portland, OR  
Time: 6pm - Social Hour  
Dinner is optional  
7pm – Meeting

Program: Falconry.

Bob Welle of the Oregon Falconers Association will be joining us to speak about falconry in Oregon. He will also be bringing a live falcon. OHA was a big hit the last time one of their members came to our meeting, so don't miss it!

### Current Raffles

Weatherby Vanguard in .30-06 tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5 and the winning ticket will be drawn at this month's meeting. Our next raffle will be a Benelli Supernova 12 gauge pump shotgun chambered for 3 1/2" shells in camo finish. Tickets will be 3 for \$5 and the winner will be drawn at the annual Christmas dinner on December 1<sup>st</sup>. See Frank Gifford to purchase your tickets.

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

Our annual election was a great success and we now have a full board! We heard testimonials from Jacob Abendroth, Jeremy Abendroth, Troy Chase, Matt Garrett, Don Schaller, Craig Schirle, Mike Vallery, and Rick Williams about what it means to be a member of OHA and how our Hoodview chapter remains one of the premier chapters in the entire state. Did you know that Hoodview is a 6 time winner of the ODFW Volunteer Organization of the Year since 1999? In the spirit of volunteerism, Cathy Hamell stepped up to become our new chapter President, Rob Flemming our new Vice President, Kevin Geraci our new Secretary, and we also welcomed Bob Birge, Chris Brong, and Brian Stafford to our board.

We also gave away some special door prizes, topped off by a Savage 111 in 7mm Mag with a scope, which was won by Steffen Schirle on his birthday no less! Craig Schirle provided a fine meal of grilled burgers with potato salad, and we had birthday cake to celebrate both Steffen's birthday and that of Mr. Modest, Rick Williams.

It is only appropriate to thank our outgoing board members and past officers for their exemplary service and leadership. Matt Garrett stepped down as our Chairman and we will miss him greatly as he plans to become more active in his local chapter. Matt drove all the way from Scappoose to attend our chapter meetings and lead our board meetings for the last 2 years.

Thanks Matt, we will miss you, but we hope to see you whenever you can make one of our meetings, you deserve much credit for the success of this year's Sportsman's Banquet. Larry Warren has stepped down to concentrate his efforts on hunter education, but we will definitely still see Larry when he isn't either hunting or teaching people how to be safe with both archery equipment and firearms. Larry remains the point person for the DRRC Youth Day, and we can count on him to come through when we need him most. Craig Schirle resumed the President's role when Kevin Merrick had to move to the Tri Cities part of Washington, helping us through what would otherwise have been a very difficult transition. April and Dave Lamb departed for Arizona after serving as our Secretary and board member at large. Their efforts toward making the Christmas Dinner will be missed, so we will all have to step up to keep that ball rolling. They were also instrumental in getting donations and Wayne Priddy of Priddy Good Fishing to come and speak at more than one chapter meeting. Finally, our departed President from this year, Kevin Merrick, who did a lot more than just running chapter meetings and line up speakers. He put in many hours with Matt planning and emceeding this year's banquet. Jeremy Abendroth thanked Kevin at our last meeting for making duck hunting his favorite sport. Kevin contributed above and beyond the call of duty to Hoodview's finances at this year's banquet as well.

Let's remember the contributions of our former officers and board members, and, more importantly, let's continue to follow the example that they and their predecessors set which made Hoodview what it is today. We should all be proud of them and our chapter, so the best way to show our appreciation is to keep up the good work! Don Schaller of the Portland chapter and our Regional Director praised Hoodview for consistently high chapter meeting attendance, our volunteer efforts, and our commitment to the principles upon which OHA is founded.

With that in mind, Sight-In days at Douglas Ridge Rifle Club are right around the corner. John Kreher (see back page for contact info) and Chuck Hoffman (503-255-1644) are coordinating our efforts to have a booth there to promote our chapter and sell raffle tickets. Please contact John and let him know when you are available to help out.

### **Meeting Venue**

As you know, we are no longer meeting at JJ North's after they demanded that everyone who walks in the door purchase a meal. Our last meeting was at the Portland Gun Club and those who attended had a fine time. We will meet at the Pizza Baron from September until at least November, and our Christmas Dinner will be back at the American Legion Hall on 122<sup>nd</sup> same as last year. We are very interested to hear from members about the new venue, especially if anyone has suggestions for an alternative venue. We would like to make a smooth transition, but also want to keep other options on the table for the time being at least. For example, we could meet at the Portland Gun Club if the membership prefers an opportunity to shoot trap before the meeting, so please let us know what you think after attending one or more meetings at the Pizza Baron. Hopefully we will settle in there and it will become our new home, but the board wants to accommodate as many of our members as possible.

### **Receiving Your Newsletter Electronically**

I would like to thank our new board member Chris Brong for stepping up to join me on the communications committee. With his help, I hope to devote more time to keeping our website up to date. I have also recently heard from a few members that they would prefer to receive their newsletter electronically, rather than in the mail. Anyone who is interested in receiving their newsletter via e-mail can contact me ([webmaster@ohahoodview.org](mailto:webmaster@ohahoodview.org)) and I will add your address to the list.

In addition, I am trying to put together as comprehensive a list of Hoodview members' e-mail addresses as possible. Even if you still want to get your newsletter in hardcopy form, I urge you to send me your e-mail address. Much useful information is circulated every month via e-mail, and you should not miss out.

Our new printing vendor, Stevens Printing, has the ability to fold and tab our newsletters for us, so we are currently pursuing that course of action. That is not to say that the Communications committee doesn't need your help, trust me, I can find things for anyone to do if you are interested!

Finally, I would like to thank several of our members for their support and assistance in getting the Communications committee together and publishing our newsletter: Troy and Shelley Chase, Frank Gifford, Bill and Heidi Hendrix, Leroy Loos, Don Lyon, Matt Garrett, Kevin and Kelly Merrick, Norm Thomsen, and Rick Williams. If I inadvertently left anyone's name off of this list, please feel free to e-mail me, and if your missive is particularly humorous, you may even see it on our website! Honorable mention goes to Rob Flemming and Richard Gerhards for actually visiting the website and reminding me that I have a lot of work to do still.

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

#### **Oregon Mentored Hunting Bill Becomes Law**

[While this may be old news to some, it bears repeating, our chapter is a leader in the area of youth hunting and hunter education.]

On June 11, Gov. Kulongoski signed SB 892. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Roger Beyer, R-Molalla, establishes a mentored youth hunting program to allow children between nine and 14 years to hunt under supervision of a licensed adult. It stipulates that a single firearm may be carried during the hunt, and allows the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to develop safety and ethical standards for participation. The bill was approved unanimously in the Senate on April 14 and passed in the House of Representatives on May 21 by a vote of 48 to 4.

This bill reflects the goals of the Families Afield campaign, established by the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, National Wild Turkey Federation, and National Shooting Sports Foundation. The campaign was developed to eliminate unnecessary hunting age restrictions and ease hunter education mandates for first-time hunters. The National Rifle Association assisted in the campaign for the measure.

Available data from states that have implemented mentored hunting programs show nearly 34,000 new hunters, both children and adults, were safely brought to the field in 2006. There has not been a single hunting-related shooting incident among the newcomers.

#### **Sportsmen Applaud President's Order to Promote Hunting**

An Executive Order issued by the President of the United States will spell more hunting opportunities and enhanced conservation efforts, according to the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, the nation's premier

sportsmen's rights advocacy organization.

President George W. Bush released the order, entitled "Facilitation of Hunting and Wildlife Conservation." It directs all relevant federal agencies to facilitate the expansion and enhancement of hunting opportunities, wildlife management and habitat.

"The Executive Order is a great milestone for sportsmen and wildlife conservation," said Bud Pidgeon, president and CEO of the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance. "It clearly demonstrates that the President understands the unbreakable bond between successful wildlife conservation and hunting - that sportsmen are the key to abundant wildlife and habitat."

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance proposed that the White House issue an Executive Order on hunting early in President Bush's first term, and again in 2007. The order, number 13,443, directs federal agencies that manage public land, outdoor recreation and wildlife management to:

- Address declining trends and implement actions that expand and enhance hunting opportunities
- Consider the economic and recreational value of hunting
- Manage wildlife and habitat in a manner that expands and enhances hunting opportunities
- Work collaboratively with states to manage wildlife in a manner that respects private property rights and state authority over wildlife
- Establish goals with the states to foster healthy game populations

"The order gives federal agencies a clear-cut directive that they work to increase hunting opportunities with state wildlife agencies," said Pidgeon. "It will result in more resources directed at preserving the future of hunting and greater access to public land. The President is to be commended.

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance is a national association of sportsmen and sportsmen's organization that protects the rights of hunters, anglers and trappers in the courts, legislatures, at the ballot, in Congress and through public education programs.

### **State Must Give Increased Dog Law Enforcement a Chance to Work**

Sportsmen want Pennsylvania to scrap new dog care regulations that will eliminate hunting with dogs while new enforcement measures for dog law violators are implemented and evaluated.

On Aug. 15, the attorney general's office granted a recent Department of Agriculture request to allow prosecutors to try criminal cases dealing with the state dog law. The department had been requiring law enforcement officials, not lawyers, to represent the state in such cases. According to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, prosecutors have been acting strictly as advisors to dog wardens who have often been unable to convict animal abusers, many of whom are represented by professional attorneys.

While violators escaped justice, the department has pursued a restrictive set of new regulations that will put sporting dog kennels and hobby breeders out of business. Breeders who can afford to remain in operation after complying with the regulations will be forced to raise prices, since the state estimates the cost of implementation will be as much as \$10,000 per breeder. These factors will leave hunters seeking to buy quality puppies to retrieve ducks, chase rabbits or point pheasants high and dry.

The regulations were proposed at the direction of Gov. Ed Rendell, whose stated goal is to "remove the stain of puppy mills from the commonwealth." Unfortunately, the proposal will reach far beyond that target.

"The regulations will apply to the hobbyist the same as it will to the large commercial breeder," explained Rob Sexton, U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance vice

president for government affairs. "It makes as much sense as having the same worker rules for U.S. Steel as for a neighborhood lemonade stand."

The USSA and its allies in the fast-growing Sporting Dog Defense Coalition have tried for months to convince the Department of Agriculture to withdraw the regulations and rewrite the dog law to create a distinction between commercial operations and hobbyists. Sportsmen have repeatedly inquired whether there is sufficient enforcement ability to address abusive breeders. The exposé by the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the resultant request by the Rendell administration to the attorney general prove that enforcement has been lacking.

Sportsmen's groups continue to implore the department to abandon the meat-cleaver approach to the problem and give the new prosecutorial abilities a chance to show results. They have also committed to help change the dog law, which will allow the department to isolate the abusive commercial breeders.

However, the Department of Agriculture insists that the regulations continue to move forward. Making matters worse, recent rhetoric from the agency and the governor's office refers to a need for "uniform regulations that apply to all kennels" in Pennsylvania. A one-size-fits-all policy has contributed to many hunters' beliefs that there is an anti-hunting agenda behind the effort.

"Hunters support bringing abusive commercial breeders to justice," said Sexton. "However, the governor and the Department of Agriculture know how sportsmen will be hurt by the proposed rules, so our members and allies wonder who is behind the continual push that ignores hunters' pleas."

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), both support a ban on hunting and have advocated strongly for the regulations.

Sportsmen must continue to urge Gov.

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Ed Rendell to withdraw the dog care regulations.

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#### Hoodview Bottle Drive

Troy Chase is spearheading the effort to start a bottle drive to raise money for our chapter. The emphasis is youth events. Troy will bring his trailer to monthly chapter meetings to collect redeemable bottles. If you have more bottles than you

can comfortably bring to a meeting, Troy will be glad to pick them up, just give him a call at (503)762-1389. If we can generate \$100 a month that would allow two kids a year to go to outdoor school, (details forthcoming). Remember this is for the kids. We also hope to get our youth members involved in sorting and counting 1-2 times a month to return bottles and collect the cash.

I have heard that the Chases have a garage full of bottles already, so the Bottle Drive is off to a good start!

#### Club Calendar

September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dove, Forest Grouse, and Western Oregon Quail seasons open. Sight-In Days begin @ DRRC.
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Labor Day
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Hoodview Chapter Meeting @ the Pizza Baron 2604 SE 122nd Ave, Portland.
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hoodview board meeting @ Chan's Steakery in Milwaukie.
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	General Bow season ends.
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to purchase rifle season tags for Bear, Cougar, and Deer.
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Deer rifle season opens statewide.
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Chukar, Hungarian Partridge, and Valley Quail seasons open in Eastern Oregon.
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Eastside Buck season closes.
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pheasant season opens.
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Turkey season opens.