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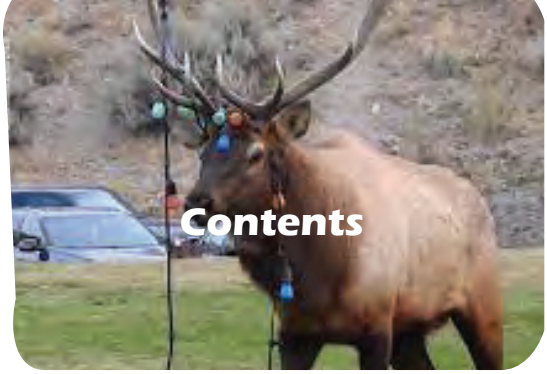

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First Banquet Meeting This Month!

If you would like to help with the banquet this year, now is your Chance. The meeting will be Thursday 12/16 at 7PM at the Warren Country Inn. Anyone is welcome to come. Lets Make This years baquet a big hit!

December meeting will be at the Warren Country Inn Tuesday, 14th of December at 7:00. See you all there!

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Thanksgiving

President's Report;
Jordan Hicks

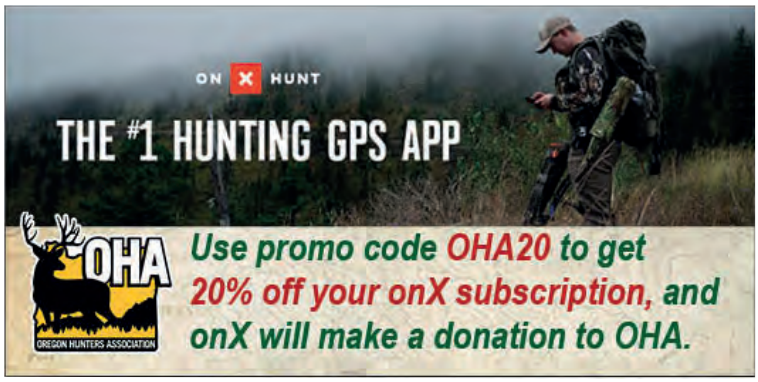
With Thanksgiving rapidly disappearing into the rear view mirror and Lights and garlands are up in peoples houses giving the dreary and foggy nights of late, a softer and more welcoming feel, I wanted to pause and record some gratitude I have for our Community, our County and our Country.

We went out on Black Friday, not to shop, but to Pick out a Christmas Tree from Marquardt Farms in Scappoose. Its been a tradition for years now. My daughter goes to school with there son and we have been known the family since we moved to Scappose. We have never had a bad tree, and there is always hot coco for the kiddos, and wonderful cookies and gifts for sale that you can put under the tree, as well.

This year, we even got to snack on some freshly smoked salmon that they had caught this year. Delish!

Its this sort of community that makes it so nice to live in Columbia County. You cant go to the grocery store without bumping into two or three people you know. There has been more than a few times where my wife has sent me out for just one item, and I come back an hour later because I ran into this guy, or that gal.
These past two years of masks and inward facing isolation has a tendency to fray tempers. We have lost touch with people who we used to see socially, or just drifted apart in the age of work from home, school from home and zoom hypnosis.
Its nice to see more people coming out to shop local, catch a local movie, or wonder down the riverfront to eat drink and be merry.

On that note, the OHA Banquet will be coming up before you know it. The end of February is not that far away. We are going to do what we can to have it be a big success for the hunters and sportsman of our county. So many local companies and businesses support our banquet, so lets go out and support their business as well. Make sure to shop local, Dine local and do your part to make this festive holiday season something to remember for years to come!



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So Long 2021!, Heres to 2022!

By: William Hermens

As we close out the year and I write the final newsletter article for 2021, I took a few moments and scrolled through all my fishing, crabbing and hunting photos from the year. From landing my biggest trout ever, to catching my personal best bass, fishing in the ocean for coho with friends, going on my first turkey hunt, to hitting the mountains to chase elk and deer, it's been a wild, but amazing year!

Every December I look back at what I accomplished for the year, reflect on what I need to improve on and where I fell short. And trust me, I fell short a lot. It was yet another year of eating my elk and deer tags with a few 'close opportunities' that just didn't materialize. And while my younger self would be frustrated, I'm using the knowledge gained to drive myself to become better at scouting, shooting on the range, and getting ready for 2022.

When I first joined the chapter, I was in awe of how good and how successful some of the hunters are in our chapter. To hear their stories and see the photos of the elk and deer they harvested, it drove me to want to be a member. To learn from the best of the best in Oregon. Get tips on scouting, shooting, and learning from hunters with more years of experience than years I've been on this earth. And I'll be the first to admit that I've come close many times, but never harvested an elk or deer.

As I look ahead to 2022, I've already started planning multiple fishing trips. But I'm also putting my big game hunting plans together. I recently grabbed a pen and pad after a long workday, writing down what I need to do next year to make that first big game harvest. And #1 on the list: learn more about hunting from other chapter members and hunters. I love that our chapter members are willing to help other members, share hunting knowledge, and go on hunts together. It's one of the main reasons why I decided to join!

So, as you look back on 2021, it's time to look ahead to 2022 and the new hunting adventures on the horizon. And as I look back, I'm looking ahead to learning as much as I can from our members to make that first big game harvest. So, if you get a phone call from me, expect that I'm buying lunch as we chat about hunting for hours. Here's to 2022 everyone! Go make it a banner hunting year!

Meeting Minutes from November 9th, 2021 – Board Meeting – Warren Country Inn

Meeting was called to order by Chapter President Jordan Hicks at 7:20PM.

Secretary's report: None. No meeting was held in October. Motion to wave reading from Beau Hudspeth, Francis seconded. Motion passed.

Treasure's report: Tara presented. No questions. Tara motioned to accept; Beau seconded; motion was passed. Report approved.

New Business

OSP Tip Program and funding – Jordan reached out to state and neighboring counties. Clatsop County does not have the funds to help. Tualatin Valley pledged an additional $500 per animal and OHA state pledged $500 per animal in addition to our chapter's pledge of $500 per animal for an a total of $1500/animal for the tip line.

Scholarship committee commencement – Frank was writing up a new draft for the scholarship application but he is not present tonight, tabling until next month.

2022 Banquet Planning committee starting prelim – Banquet Committee meetings start 2nd Thursday in December (12/16) at Warren Country Inn at 6:30pm.

Q3 Quarterly Drawing winner was Ken Smith.
Door prizes went out to several attending members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM

Last Minute Gifts? Shop Local!

By: William Hermens

Last Minute Christmas Gifts? Look Local!
By William Hermens

As November progresses into December, the last-minute Christmas shopping rush is under way. But before you start shopping online or go visit that local big chain store, think about shopping locally. There are so many great local companies to get those last-minute outdoor, hunting or fishing gifts. So, if you need a list-minute Christmas gift, here's 10 outdoor gift ideas that will put a smile on their face this Christmas!

- Bushman's Archers – Buy a membership, or two, and get ready for bow season 2022 with the best 3D archery course in Oregon!

- Born & Raised Calls – Whether it's chasing elk, ducks, geese, or even turkey, grab a call made by our chapters own Eric Strand & the BRO Crew!

- Shortbus Flashers – fill those stockings with Shortbus flashers for the salmon fishing enthusiast!

- Dave's Tanglefree – Grab some lead-free fishing weights for trout, salmon, steelhead and more! Weights come in multiple different colors!

- Local Fishing Guided Trips: book a trip with some of the best guides in the Northwest from Josiah Darr, Eric Swanson & Mike Horne

- Decoy Dancer – Get the best pull string decoy on the market, made in Warren, Oregon!

- Sauvie Island Whistle Company – A SI whistle is a great gift for young duck hunters

- USiA Dry Gear – Get a pair of made in the USA waders for duck hunting or fishing with a lifetime warranty!

- OHA Membership – Give the gift of an OHA membership!

- S2 Outfitters Guided Waterfowl Hunt – Book a guided hunt with our chapters own Eric Strand, a champion duck caller!

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OHA spreads message on extreme IP13

By Al Elkins & Amy Patrick, OHA Lobbyists
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Many questions persist regarding IP13 and its ramifications for the hunting, fishing, and trapping communities within the state.

Make no mistake, this initiative is not about animal rights and preventing animal abuse; this is an attempt to force Oregonians to adopt a vegan lifestyle or rely on meat and dairy products shipped in from other states. Gone would be the days of self-sufficiently raising or harvesting your own animals for your freezer.

We will continue to carry the message that Oregonians have the right to live self-sufficient lifestyles, to hunt and fish or raise our own animals, and to lessen our reliance on the national food network and its recent tenuousness.

Here's what you can do to help us fight this radical initiative:

1) Make sure the people in your circle (family, friends, and coworkers) are aware of the ramifications and understand the reasons not to sign any petition related to IP13.

2) Talk about the importance of our self-reliant lifestyle with people who are not familiar. Being less reliant on the national food network and understanding where our food comes from is a conversation that resonates well with people even if they don't hunt or fish.

3) Register to vote! (https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx?lang=en)

4) Donate to OHA's Hunter Victory fund (www.oregonhunters.org/donate) for this and other legislative or legal battles.

5) Continue to access our IP13 webpage (www.oregonhunters.org/initiative-petition-13) for the latest in news, talking points, and sharable graphics.

Oregon conservation groups explore forming coalition

Oregon representatives of hunting, fishing, trapping, and shooting organizations recently met with Bill Gaines of the California Hunting & Conservation Coalition (CHCC), a very successful coalition of similar organizations. Gaines explained the makeup of the 36-member group, how they make decisions, and their ongoing work with the agencies and commissions that oversee hunting and fishing in California. He also gave an overview of how the group defends the rights of those that hunt and fish and the effectiveness of the coalition in doing so.

OHA and the other Oregon groups represented at the meeting are developing a framework for an Oregon coalition, and we will share the development of this coalition as it takes shape.

OPRD reviewing its park hunting rules

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director
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The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is currently reviewing and clarifying rules for hunting on state parks managed lands. The proposal does not eliminate any existing hunting opportunities that are currently available on OPRD lands. The rule revision seeks to more clearly describe where hunting is allowed, what type of hunting is allowed, and the weapons that can be used. The update will include improved maps of the OPRD lands that are open to hunting.

The goal of the process is to clarify the rules, and move from written descriptions of the open areas to a map-based system. OPRD is planning to make these new maps available to the public in a variety of formats, including commercial platforms like onX.

Public comment on the proposed rules and associated maps will start on Dec. 1, and run through early 2022. For more, go to https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/CAC/Documents/2021-11-9c.pdf

You're Invited to the February Oregon Sportsmen's Caucus Fund-Raiser. See the January Tracker for details.

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CWD detected in two Idaho mule deer

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Two mule deer bucks harvested in October in the Slate Creek drainage near Lucile in Idaho County, Idaho, tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), according to Idaho Fish and Game. This is the first confirmed detection of CWD in a state adjoining Oregon, and cause for concern.

CWD, known to exist in the western United States for over 40 years, is fatal to deer, elk, moose and caribou.

To sample for CWD, lymph node tissue from fresh or frozen harvested heads are extracted. Meat or muscle tissue cannot be used to test for CWD. Samples from the diseased mule deer were tested at the Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab and are being verified by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa.

The passage of an OHA-supported bill to authorize game check stations will be a critical part of efforts to monitor for this disease and others in Oregon.

For more, visit https://idfg.idaho.gov/press/chronic-wasting-disease-detected-two-idaho-mule-deer

Monument proposed in Wheeler County

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Oregon Senators Merkley and Wyden introduced legislation in early November to create a new national monument in the Painted Hills area of Wheeler County that would be known as the Sutton Mountain National Monument.

The legislation would create a national monument in an area that is currently a wilderness study area.

The proposed legislation does not eliminate hunting, fishing, grazing or any existing improved access.

The legislation protects the area from new energy site development (wind farms or solar farms that the Biden administration is promoting on public lands) or mining.

It would also support active management to improve the area for wildlife and fire resiliency.

Concerns remain that the legislation could be altered before its final approval (if passed), or that it could attract an influx of visitors to the area, which the bill is promoting along with some of the community members in Wheeler County.

OHA will track the legislation and advocate for wildlife, habitat and hunting access.

For more information about the proposal, visit https://www.merkley.senate.gov/news/press-releases/merkley-wyden-introduce-bill-to-support-oregon-conservation-economic-development-2021

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If you're a proud Oregon Hunter, wear it on your sleeve

By Tyler Dungannon & Jordan Hicks
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OHA is proud to offer new shirts that were designed and printed in Oregon. Primed for all-day comfort, these garments have an unmatched softness with a Triblend fabric weave.

Made of 4.5oz Poly, Cotton and Rayon, it's breathable, doesn't bind, and stretches with your movement with its low-ribbed neck and shoulder-to-shoulder taping. It has a removable label for comfort.

Both the Old Glory Bull and Oregon Hunter shirts feature an OHA logo on the back collar.

The Old Glory Bull shirts come in men's military green heather, graphite heather (gray) and black heather. OHA is offering women's Old Glory Bull shirts in black heather and vivid teal heather ($22 each).

Show that you're a hunter of the Beaver State (or Duck state) with OHA's new Oregon Hunter shirt in black heather ($20).

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