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Klamath Chapter Newsletter



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COMING EVENTS

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Contact Bob Sweet 281-5120

July 9-6:30-Klamath Falls Board Meeting

July 16-Klamath Falls Chapter meeting

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Belated THANK You to all the members and their spouses who helped to get donations for the ladies raffle table. I appreciate all the hard work that all of you put into the banquet. A special THANK YOU to Holly Loomis and Averil Anderson for selling tickets and taking care of the raffle while I was not there.

Sharon Vieira also deserves a special THANK YOU for always bringing fresh mushroom to all the camp outs that we have had, She spends a lot of time and energy doing this and we appreciate this jester. The cinnamon rolls that you furnished at Hart Mountain was also a very nice addition to dinner and breakfast.

Paula Pool

Klamath Chapter is now offering advertising for businesses in our news letter. Anyone interested, contact Linda Ward at 880-8966 for information. Business card adds.

Guzzler Camp Out

I would like to extend my thanks to those who attended our annual "Klamath Chapter Guzzler Campout" on 30-31 May 2009. Twenty seven chapter members accumulated 762 volunteer hours of work maintaining 31 guzzlers and traveled over 3,700 miles in the process. There effort will have a direct impact supporting our wildlife in this region. Without the work of these dedicated members, our wildlife could suffer from not having the necessary water to sustain life and a healthy population. The net cost to our chapter funds was approximately \$500.00, which were raised during our annual fundraiser / banquet in April. I was impressed with the families who joined the event. It is really good to see our young hunters, as young as four years old, becoming involved and learning what OHA does for our habitat and wildlife. I think I can say for all that attended, the food was excellent, the weather cooperated and we all had a fantastic time. Again, thanks again to all.

Rick Vieira
Guzzler Project Coordinator

Klamath Falls Chapter elections are complete. Thank you to those who voted. The results are as follows.

President - Rick Vieira Vice Pres. - Robert Sweet
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The OHA TRACKER

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Track weekly updates on bills affecting hunting at OHA's website:

www.oregonhunters.org

Campbell Land Trade Resurfaces

Last year OHA was alerted to a proposed land exchange that would have secured 1,000 acres on Steens Mountain as new public ground in trade for nearly 11,000 acres of BLM ground in and around the Silvies Valley.

This proposed exchange caused a great deal of controversy, and OHA alerted its membership to the proposal. Letters and emails were sent to various congressional offices and the issue, while still pending, was caught up in the year-end politics of Congress and was not heard of again.

Recently, new activity regarding this exchange has occurred. Congress is again looking at the potential of this exchange, and it is rumored that a congressional hearing will take place on this issue in the near future. We are telling you this now, to alert you to this renewed activity and to ask you to be prepared to respond to any email alerts we may send you in the near future.

Legislative Update

May continues to be a hectic month as committees race to meet bill hearing and work session deadlines.

• ODFW Fee Bill Increase

The ODFW fee increase bill is in Ways and Means. A hearing held on the bill earlier in the month raised some fish issues. ODFW will be back before the committee during the last week in May to answer the fish questions. It looks like the bill will come out with the increase that we negotiated in the workgroup. That increase is basically what was originally proposed in the bill and also from the External Budget Committee recommendations.

• SB 622 Geese Task Force

Senator Betsy Johnson has introduced SB 622, which creates a Goose Control Task Force that will bring all parties to one table to find a solution to goose populations and their impacts. The bill directs ODFW to appoint a nine-member task force that represents state and federal, agricultural, conservationist and academic interests. This Task Force will study issues raised by the increasing number of various species of geese in Oregon and to make recommendations regarding opportunities to control the goose population pursuant to applicable state and federal laws.

This bill has passed both the House and Senate chambers and will now be signed into law.

• HB 2218 A&H Reauthorization

This bill extends the sunset of the Access and Habitat program and also raises the surcharge from \$2 to \$4. The bill has passed the House and has passed out of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. The bill now goes to the Senate chamber for a vote.

House Bills

• HB 2219 – This bill, which extends the sunset on the Landowner Preference tags program as is, has passed the House and Senate chambers. It extends the LOP sunset until 2014.

• HB 2628 – This bill allows the Access and Habitat program to purchase easements or land. The language to purchase easements is now in HB 3089. HB 3089 has passed the House chamber and is now in Senate Environment and Natural Resources. It is scheduled for a hearing.

Senate Bills

• SB 522 – This bill authorizes hunters to use certain decoys to hunt game birds. This bill would allow the use of a decoy that is used in hunting game birds and that is powered by a battery, motor, wind or human action via cable, cord, pull string or other device. The bill has been assigned to the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. There has been no hearing on this bill.

• SB 523 – This bill allows certain hunters to use bow and arrow with movable blade broadheads to hunt game mammals. This bill has been assigned to the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. There has been no hearing on this bill.

• SB 844 – Navigability: Establishes public right to use certain waterways for recreational uses. This bill has been assigned to Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee. There has been no hearing on this bill.

OHA in Action

UMPQUA – The Umpqua Chapter of OHA is working on several wildlife habitat improvement stewardship projects in the Umpqua National Forest while raising funds to help ODFW purchase a new tractor to use for additional wildlife habitat enhancement projects.

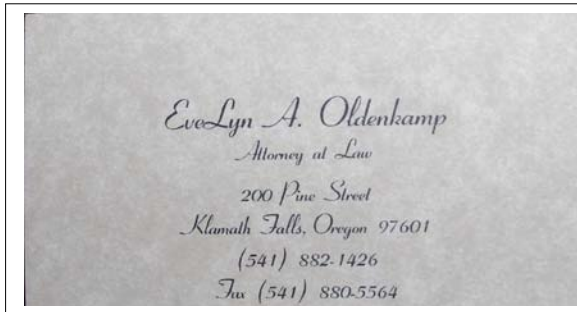
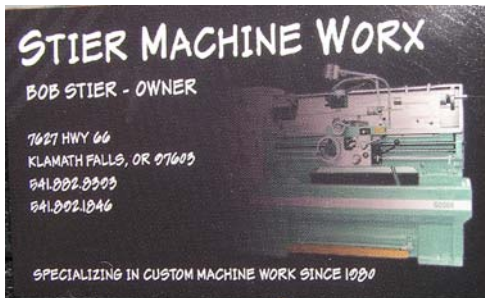
Most recently, 13 OHA volunteers removed a quarter-mile of old fence from around an abandoned tree plantation at Brodie Creek. The fence was originally installed to keep elk away from the plantation trees. Now overgrown and dilapidated, it is a hazard to the elk herds that frequent the area.

EMERALD VALLEY – Elk and deer will have more to eat at Buckhead Seed Orchard in the Willamette National Forest thanks to a half-dozen volunteers from the Emerald Valley Chapter of OHA, along with U.S. Forest Service and ODFW staff, who worked this spring planting about 150 native shrubs that will increase the amount of available forage for big game animals. The seed orchard, which is no longer operational, is located near Lookout Point Reservoir west of Oakridge. The seed orchard planting is part of an ongoing multi-year project the chapter is involved with to improve wildlife habitat in the Lookout Point Reservoir area. The chapter buys fertilizer every other year to enhance the meadow's grass and forb growth.

PORTLAND/TILLAMOOK – More than a dozen volunteers from the Portland Chapter of OHA, along with some help from the Tillamook Chapter, spent a rainy day on May 2 helping to improve the survival of Douglas fir seedlings replanted on a clearcut in the Tillamook State Forest. The project was located off State Highway 6, near Gales Creek. The clearcut was reforested with seedlings last fall, but vine maples have encroached on the young trees, crowding them for space and decreasing the amount of sunlight they receive, which affects their growth rate and overall survival. The alternative was spraying, which no one wanted to see. The Portland Chapter of OHA has been working with the Oregon Department of Forestry on wildlife enhancement projects on the Tillamook State Forest for about 10 years. These projects have included planting native vegetation and invasive weed control.

REDMOND – Nearly three dozen volunteers from the Redmond Chapter of OHA spent a May weekend farming for wildlife on several agricultural plots just west of Mitchell as part of a 10-year partnership with the Bureau of Land Management to improve wildlife habitat in the area.

The work included disking and seeding 12 acres with cover crops, planting fruit trees, installing irrigation pumps and pipes, and planting winter wheat on another 12 acres. Volunteers will return regularly over the next six weeks to irrigate the crops. —Jim Yuskavitch



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