



Umpqua Chapter

Protecting Our Hunting Heritage

March 2026

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Banquet Registration Form Ballot for Board Positions

Hello All:

Spring is getting closer every day, and that means Spring Bear for everyone lucky enough to draw a tag!

It also means upcoming spring projects with the Oregon Hunters Association, so keep an eye out for updates and opportunities to get involved.

Don't forget to get your banquet registrations in! The banquet is **April 4th**, and we have a great lineup this year — lots of fishing trips, nearly 50 guns, and many other exciting prizes.

Please send in any pictures you'd like included in the banquet slideshow. We love showcasing your memories and successes from the season!

Thank You,

Tadd Moore
President

Meeting Notes

Amy Patrick, OHA Lobbyist and Debbie Colbert, ODFW Director to Speak at March Meeting

We are honored to have Amy Patrick, OHS Lobbyist and Debbie Colbert, ODFW Director as our speakers at the March chapter member meeting. This month's meeting will be held on March 17th starting at 6:00 p.m. at Backside Brewery. Come down and meet Amy and Debbie and hear about the work that OHA is doing at the capital as well as working with the ODFW commission. We look forward to seeing you all and remember that all the attending members will be put in for a drawing.

Sincerely,

Cindy Rooney
Vice President

*The winner of the Athelon Rifle Scope
Aaron Humbert*

Sportman's Show Winners

Tessa Paroz won a .44 Magnum Lever Action Rifle

Dan Pettitt won the African Safari Hunt w/ Mount Carmel Safaris

VOTE ON YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The OHA Umpqua Chapter wants your vote.

We have 7 positions that are being filled:

The President, Secretary and 5 board members.

These are your representatives, so vote as soon as possible.

UPDATE Please see enclosed ballot and return to us by April 15, by mail or bring to the next general membership event.



**OHA Umpqua chapter meetings are held
at 6:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month
at Backside Brewing Co,
1640 NE Odell Ave, Roseburg**

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Important Information

Please share your favorite hunting, camping, fish and outdoor photos for our annual chapter banquet show that will be presented on April 4th at Seven Feathers Casino Resort. Please send photos by March 25 to John Wheland at kimber7mm08@gmail.com

Please fill out and return the enclosed registration as soon as possible.
We look forward to seeing everyone April 4th!!

February Meeting Recap

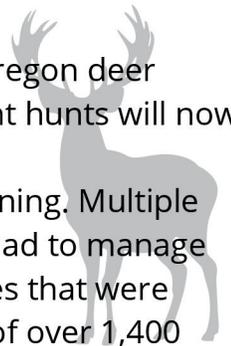


Mandy Hatfield from the Oregon State University Extension office in Roseburg spoke to the Umpqua OHA chapter about food preservation techniques. She discussed pickling, freezing, drying, freeze drying, curing and canning of various meats, fruits and vegetables. Recipes were available for tasty dishes that can be preserved and present well when served. A question and answer session followed to answer member questions.



The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) has made big changes to Eastern Oregon deer hunting in 2026. Hunting area and names that you used in the past will change. Current hunts will now be organized based on Deer Hunt Areas. Why?

Mule deer populations in Oregon and across most of mule deer range have been declining. Multiple factors have been suggested for the decline, but regardless of the reason, ODFW has had to manage mule deer populations based on historical wildlife management unit (WMU) boundaries that were established in the 1950's. ODFW research has recently examined movement patterns of over 1,400 GPS radio-collared mule deer. The extensive data collected showed deer moving across multiple WMUs throughout the year, a requirement to obtain all the resources they need for survival. Many deer within a herd were found to spend summer/fall (the harvest period) in one WMU but moved and were being counted during the winter in a different WMU. To address this herd use misalignment, and the less effective population monitoring and harvest management of the old WMU system, ODFW established new Deer Hunt Areas. The Deer Hunt Areas reflect the movements of 22 distinct herds and these Areas include the entire area a herd uses during the year. These needed changes are grounded in science and will be responsive to future changing conditions. The new Deer Hunt Areas will now form the basis for ODFW's mule deer monitoring and harvest management.



Roseburg Rod &
Gun Club

35 Participants Max.

\$30 per Participant
\$10 Food Only-Adult
\$5 Food Only-Kids

**FREE TURKEY GUN
GIVEAWAY - 1 in 35 CHANCE
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**Winnerster SXP
12ga. Turkey
Hunter in CAMO**



BUST A STRUT

Let's Camo Up For Our

TURKEY WORKSHOP & PATTERNING DAY

875 Old Del
Rio Rd
Roseburg, OR

March 29th
2026
9a-5p

More Details & Sign-Up
541 784-5437
stevegranger541@gmail.com

Turkey Workshop & Patterning Event, March 29, 2026

Registration Form

Limited Event, First 35 Participants Maximum, No Hunter Ed Card Needed

Welcome to our Turkey Clinic & Patterning Event. Please enjoy the day with us and your family at this great classroom and shooting event. **THIS IS AN ALCOHOL and DRUG-FREE EVENT!**

- Hours of Event** – Check-in 9:00 am – 10:00 am
 Classroom Portion 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 Lunch 12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
 Patterning Event 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Admission:
 Participant in Event, Open to ages 8 & up, \$30 per person
 Shooting Spectator & Lunch Only, Ages 18 & up, \$10 per person
 Shooting Spectator & Lunch Only, Ages 5-17, \$5 per person
 Children ages 0-4 **Free**, Not Permitted in Shooting Area
Youth Participants ages 8-17 with Adult Supervision Only

Participant Admission: 8 & up, includes lunch, Youths _____ + Adults _____ = _____ X \$30 per person = \$ _____

Shooting Spectator: ages 18 & up, includes Shooting Spectator Only & Lunch _____ X \$10 per person = \$ _____

Shooting Spectator: ages 5-17, includes Shooting Spectator Only & Lunch _____ X \$5 per person = \$ _____

Children Ages 0-4 Free and Not Permitted in Shooting Area

Total # of persons _____ **Price \$** _____

Credit Card payment, please include a \$2.00 credit card handling charge. **\$2 Credit Card Handling Charge \$** _____

Total Price \$ _____

- Shooting Range will provide several different patterning shooting distances.
- Roseburg Rod & Gun Club's Range Safety Officers will control this range. Safe firearm handling is our number one concern.
- ALL SHOOTERS MUST ATTEND THE MANDATORY RANGE INTRODUCTION BEFORE SHOOTING, youth with adult supervision only**
- Please bring your Turkey Hunting Shotguns only. We will provide basic targets and ammo you will be using for patterning. We will have some additional ammo available for sale, per shell and some supplies. Bring your own special supplies, ammo or targets, if you prefer. Participants can try different shells and compare. Please DO NOT bring any additional firearms.**
- Loaner shotguns will be available for this event.
- Please bring your own eye and ear protection if you have them. If not, eye and ear protection will be provided.
- Please bring your own chairs and pop-up canopy for your attendees down around the Shooting Area.

If you have any questions, please contact **Steve Granger at (541) 784-5437** (please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible)

Steve Granger, Event Coordinator, is an ODFW Lead Hunter Education Instructor Volunteer and ODFW Hunter Education Area Coordinator for Douglas County.

This is not an ODFW sanctioned event. This event is brought to you by the Roseburg Rod & Gun Club and the Douglas County Outdoor Awareness, a group of Douglas County volunteers.

MAIL OR EMAIL THIS COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Steve Granger 2081 Fisher Rd., Roseburg, OR 97471 or stevegranger541@gmail.com

Registration and Payment:

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Total Price Enclosed, from above: \$ _____ Make checks payable to: Steve Granger

_____ Check Enclosed _____ Visa/Mastercard Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

Roseburg Rod & Gun Club Member: _____ NWTF Member _____ OHA Member _____ General Public: _____



JOIN/RENEW MEMBERSHIP



KEILEY STOLLER

Veterans enjoyed a successful duck hunt hosted by OHA and ODFW at David Sill's waterfowl hunting property Jan. 31 on Veteran's Waterfowl Day.

Walkouts over gas & guns delay hunting-related bills

By Amy Patrick, OHA Legislative Rep
driftcreekconsulting@gmail.com

The shortened legislative session, which happens every even year, is a five-week long sprint meant for balancing the state budget and dealing with emergent issues. However it was meant, the short session has expanded to include bills such as the gas tax referendum, gun control, gender-affirming care, tax reform, and numerous other issues meant for the long-form discussions of a regular six-month session.

These issues become the proverbial wrench in the works when legislators decide to deny a quorum, as they have done recently. Senate Republicans walked out on Feb. 18 to deny a vote on SB 1599, the controversial bill that would move the gas tax referendum from November to May. That bill finally passed the Senate floor on Feb. 23, which sent it to the House floor and prompted, in part, the

House Republicans to walk out of their scheduled floor session that afternoon.

A secondary reason for the House Republican walkout was over the fall-out from the controversial committee vote on HB 4145, the Measure 114 gun control bill. That bill passed out of the House Judiciary Committee on Feb. 16. With these issues at play, the outcome of several bills important to the sportsmen's community remain unclear at the time of writing.

HB 4145 now appears to be part of the drama playing out in the House, which makes its prognosis difficult to ascertain.

HB 4134, the 1.25% transient lodging tax increase for additional wildlife conservation funding, has been delayed due the walkout.

SB 1545, the corner crossing bill, has been paused for 2026 and will go into a workgroup process in the off-session time before being brought back for passage in 2027.

Work group calls for wolf reduction in Wallowa County

OHA has been actively participating in a Wallowa County work group to demonstrate the need for broader wolf management as per the Oregon Wolf Management Plan language on "controlled take."

Besides sportsmen representatives, the work group includes a member from the Wallowa County Commission, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, and the Oregon Trappers Association.

The work group produced a resolution approved by the Wallowa County Commission and a pilot project concept that would apply hunting and trapping within targeted areas of affected wildlife management units.

The resolution calls for wolf management to "protect the wildlife population at a level that hunting will continue to be available and to minimize wolf/livestock conflict to a manageable level, and to set management objectives for wolves."

The proposed pilot project would provide the framework for public involvement through controlled hunting and trapping.

Wolves have roamed Wallowa County for many years, and the most recent population estimate states a minimum count of 67, which does not include young of the year.

Wallowa County has basically served as the nursery for the rest of the state's wolf population and has been the focal point of livestock and big game impacts.

—JIM AKENSON

IP28 draws national attention

Initiative Petition 28 has been on the radar of OHA members for the last five years, but now that the latest version of the initiative is nearing the threshold to qualify for the ballot, news media throughout Oregon and the nation have taken notice.

OHA Executive Director Todd Adkins and lobbyist Amy Patrick were interviewed by countless media outlets in February.

IP28, which would criminalize all hunting, fishing, education and research with animals, wildlife management practices, rodeos and exhibitions, and even trapping pests and vermin, has gathered over 100,000 of the 117,173 signatures needed to qualify for the November 2026 ballot.

For the latest IP28 news, including the latest media coverage, go to OHA's IP28 webpage: <https://oregonhunters.org/initiative-petition-28-2/>

Umatilla NF moves Ellis project forward

OHA strongly supports increasing elk security and enhancing forage quality on U.S. Forest Service lands to ensure elk are available for hunters longer and are more reluctant to leave the forest and move to areas where they are not desired.

OHA supported the Ellis Vegetation Management Project that aims to reduce tree density in overstocked stands and improve ungulate forage quality across 110,000 acres on the Umatilla National Forest. However, while OHA supported aspects of this project that should improve habitat for big game, we also supported increasing habitat security.

Project leaders did not support secure areas for elk. Research in Oregon consistently shows Rocky Mountain elk require 30% secure habitat. Initially, USFS proposed an alternative that would provide just 11% secure habitat.

OHA formally objected to the draft record of decision, and though USFS budged, their final record of decision provides just 15% secure acres.

OHA remains hopeful that this project will be an overall benefit for elk and hunters. —*TYLER DUNGANNON*

OHA announces next winners in 2026 Gun Calendar Raffle

The next winners in OHA's 2026 Gun Calendar Raffle have been announced!

The 2027 Gun Raffle Calendar is on sale now; call 541-772-7313 or visit <https://oregonhunters.org/shop/#raffles>

See winners on OHA's website or get our app, which you can also use to enter OHA contests and get timely notifications.

★ **\$1,000 G4 Outdoors gift card**

Pat Clement, Ochoco Chapter

★ **Howa 1500 Green Carbon 6.5 PRC**

Deb Borine, Redmond Chapter

★ **Christensen Evoke Hunter 7mm PRC**

Mike Tarabochia, Clatsop County Chapter

★ **Henry Golden Boy 22 LR**

Richard Denslinger, Mid-Columbia Chapter



OHA banquets in 2026 will feature a Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle for a Christensen Evoke Mossy Oak Flat Dark Earth Cerakote 7mm PRC! (\$1,049)

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN OHA BANQUET NEAR YOU SOON!

Enjoy a fun evening among friends, and check out auctions and raffles featuring trips, great gear and more at an OHA chapter banquet benefitting OHA's mission near you soon.

Banquets are already starting to sell out, so bag your tickets today!

MARCH 7

Hoodview 503-314-3090
Pioneer **SOLD OUT!**

MARCH 14

Bend 🍷 541-480-9848
Capitol 503-990-2978
Rogue Valley 541-773-8736
Yamhill County 503-490-2489

MARCH 21

Tualatin Valley **SOLD OUT!**

MARCH 28

Josephine County 541-761-1852

APRIL 4

Baker 541-403-0402
Lake County 541-417-2983
Umpqua 541-430-7324
Union-Wallowa 541-786-1283

APRIL 11

Clatsop County 503-440-9934
Tioga 541-294-7912

APRIL 18

Mid-Willamette 🍷 **SOLD OUT!**

APRIL 25

Curry 541-698-0413

MAY 2

Tillamook 503-812-3832

MAY 16

OHA State Convention, 🍷 🍷
Seven Feathers Casino, 541-772-7313
🍷 A&H Statewide Elk Tag auction
🍷 A&H Deer/Elk combo auction
Call 971-270-3535 in advance to bid



ENTER TO WIN A GUIDED MAINE BEAR HUNT FOR 1 IN 2026!

Lodging, Meals & Airfare from PDX to Bangor included!

Hunt over bait in Maine's backcountry for 4 weekdays in mid-September. Includes transportation to and from cabin, Big Game License & Bear Permit.

Tickets: \$20; 7 for \$100. 500 offered. Value \$4,999. **Drawing: April 1, 2026.**

Drawing: 3pm 4/1/26, OHA Office, 301 Crater Lake Ave. #C, Medford, OR.

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500 offered.
Drawing: 4/22/26,
OHA State Office.
Tickets & info:

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