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President's Corner

Hello, OHA Members,

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Oh, and Happy New Year, too!!!

We had our Christmas Raffle drawn Dec. 20th and before I announce that I would like to give a "HUGE" thank you to our Vice President Shirley Titus for making it a success and turning a profit for the Chapter. We as a group did a horrible job of supporting this and getting the tickets sold for this fundraiser. I myself only sold 12 tickets and I purchased 10 of those so this really is coming from the top... we must do better as a team! The reason this fundraiser was a success is because VP Shirley Titus put together a small crew to man a booth at two gun and knife shows in November and December to sell all but 14 tickets. So, I would like to thank you, Shirley, and your dedicated team for making this happen!!! Oh and the lucky winner was Flynn Case! Congratulations Flynn!

Our future board meetings are going to start at 5:30 P.M. and will run until the March 2020 Banquet. We will be attempting to limit business to 30 minutes and then start our banquet meetings at or near 6:00 P.M. Our first meeting will be trying to determine number of games/raffles, layout for logistics and game/raffle organizers/worker recruitment. I am not trying to reinvent the wheel but plan on eliminating games/raffles that did not seem to do well with our guests and add new games/raffles.

Also, 2020 Banquet Tickets, Gun/Prize tables and dinner packages are on sale now. You can just fill out the dinner form in the newsletter and mail it in or go online to ohayamhill.com and purchase dinner options there.

Be on the lookout the next few months for what available prizes will be at the banquet, so log on and follow us on Facebook & Instagram for teaser gifts and prizes!

All those planning to volunteering for our 2020 banquet are encouraged to attend the banquet meetings after the short board meeting! Our first banquet meeting will be January 7th followed by our general meeting January 9th. Both are held at the American Legion in McMinnville, OR. And I look forward to seeing you all at our meetings!!

Thanks to all you members,

Bill Dollar

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING

Thursday, January 9th

7:00 PM

American Legion Post

McMinnville

Speaker

Susan Watkins, Yamhill County Woodlands Association

Dinner available at 6:00 PM

Information and Updates

Steelhead fishing closure in Columbia River upstream of McNary Dam extended through March 31

CLACKAMAS, Ore.—Fishery managers in Oregon and Washington are extending the Columbia River steelhead fishing closure upstream of McNary Dam to the Oregon-Washington state line through March 31, 2020.

The 2019 summer steelhead return is the fifth lowest return to McNary Dam on record since 1954. The continued closure is needed to maximize survival of these fish and ensure sufficient numbers of steelhead will be available to meet hatchery brood stock production needs.

Conservation measures have been in place since July to protect hatchery and wild B-Index steelhead within the Columbia and Snake River basins. This area of the Columbia River also remains closed to all salmon fishing.

Always check the Columbia River Zone Recreation Report for the latest in-season regulation changes in this zone <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>

Look to the South Coast for uncrowded waterfowl hunting

GOLD BEACH, Ore – Waterfowl hunters can look to the uncrowded South Coast for good opportunities to harvest a holiday goose or duck.

Curry County

Wildlife biologist Bree Furfey recommends the New River Aleutian Goose hunt, an excellent opportunity for waterfowl hunting on private lands with friendly landowners who know where to direct hunters for a successful hunt.

During the early season hunt, most hunters harvested Aleutian geese and most got their bag limit. Now that rains are beginning to flood up this area, more ducks should be showing up (Duck Hunting Zone 1). The New River hunt is made possible through [ODFW's Access and Habitat Program](#). Contact Furfey for information on this hunt: 541-247-7605

The New River hunt (South Coast Zone):

- Open Dec. 21 – Jan. 11, 2020 and Feb. 22 – Mar. 10, 2020 for goose.
- Open now through Jan. 26, 2020 for duck and merganser, and scaup.

Coos County

Good numbers of waterfowl migrated into the area and more should be coming with the arrival of winter storms. Limited precipitation this year means ducks will be found in the highest concentrations in the lower bays. When winter storms inundate inland valleys, birds will redistribute to agricultural lands that become flooded inland from the coast.

Until significant precipitation occurs, hunters can concentrate on the salt-water portions of coastal bays. Once the rain comes, hunters should follow ducks and geese to the inland agricultural fields. Remember, it is imperative that hunters get permission before hunting private lands. The [Coquille Valley Wildlife Area](#) is a good place for waterfowl hunting. Permits show about 50 visitors a week with the majority hunting waterfowl.

Sea ducks provide another hunting opportunity with surf scoters the most common on the Southern Oregon coast. Interesting looking birds, males have a black body with a clownishly colorful face and bill, and a white spot on the back of their head. Hunters who harvest these birds generally feel they are good table fare if cooked properly. Charleston wildlife biologist Stuart Love says although sea ducks are not particularly large, they are quite tough and can be difficult to kill. Hunters should not skimp on shot size if they plan to hunt them. They also can be difficult to decoy, and most serious sea duck hunters consider four dozen decoys a minimum.

Hunting is not allowed in the Pacific Ocean off the Oregon coastal beaches. Luckily, large numbers of sea ducks will congregate in coastal bays and in many of them, hunting is allowed. Also, know that a sea duck permit is required along with license and stamps to hunt these birds.

- Zone 1 duck and merganser and Zone 1 Scaup open through Jan. 26, 2020.
- Zone 1 Wilson's snipe open through Feb. 26, 2020.
- Southwest Zone regular goose season open through Jan. 26, 2020.
- South Coast Zone (west of Hwy. 101) opens Dec. 21 – Jan. 11, 2020 and Feb. 22-Mar. 10, 2020.

Check the [2019-20 Oregon Game Bird regulations](#).



Chapter Photo Gallery



December Chapter Meeting Breaks Attendance Record !

The December 19th, 2019, chapter meeting set a record for the chapter with 52 OHA members in attendance. What a great way to end a year and look forward to even greater attendance numbers in 2020. And to get the chapter started on a joyous new year were games, prizes, and refreshments.

(Top) A full house

(Left) Connie Billings prepares prize drawing tickets for the corn hole game, while Kay Varuska challenges players to follow her instructions for a win.



WHAT'S HAPPENIN'**\$1500****2020 OHAYC Scholarship**

2020 graduating seniors and currently enrolled students of higher education with home residences in Yamhill and western Washington counties

Application and Information:

Peg Morris at wanderingphotogal@gmail.com

on-line at www.ohayamhill.com

Copy included in newsletter

Application Deadline April 17th, 2020

2020 Banquet Tickets**Now on Sale**

on-line

@

ohayamhill.com

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mail order form

to

OHA Yamhill

PO Box 243

Carlton, OR 97111

Banquet form in newsletter

Chapter Elections 2020**Chapter Meeting May 14th****Open Positions**

President Vice President Secretary
Board of Directors—5 Positions

All positions are for a two-year term, with the exception of vice president. The person elected to the position of vice-president will fill the remaining year of the current term.

Those currently completing their two-year term are: President Bill Dollar, Vice-President Shirley Titus, Secretary Peg Morris, and Board members Andy Bodeen, John Coppoletti, Kathie Oriet, Tayler Jerome, and Cody Titus.

Chapter members wishing to become a candidate for any of these positions should contact one of the following:

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Your calendar NEEDS this date

August 15, 2020
OHAYC — NRG
Youth Shotgun Shoot

Banquet Volunteer Meetings

January 7, February 4, March 3
6:00 PM
(following 5:30 board meeting)
American Legion Hall, McMinnville

More Updates

Additional Chinook mortality leads to North Coast fall salmon angling closure

TILLAMOOK, Ore. Following a recent die-off of fall Chinook salmon in the Wilson River, excessive pre-spawn mortality of fall Chinook in other nearby rivers has prompted fishery managers to close the entire North Coast to all salmon angling, effective Dec. 13 – 31. The closure includes all North Coast basins from the Nestucca River to the Necanicum River. Angling for steelhead is unaffected by this change and remains open under permanent regulations.

Monitoring of North Coast basins, in response to the recent die-off observed in the Wilson River and by reports from the public of similar mortality events in other rivers, revealed substantial deaths of fall Chinook salmon (more than half of the carcasses sampled in the Nestucca, Trask and Kilchis rivers this week) prior to spawning. Additional pre-spawn mortalities have been observed in the Wilson River since last week's closure as well. The mortality is attributed to the spread of cryptobia, a naturally occurring parasite which only affects certain fish species, and poses no risk to humans.

The closure is necessary to protect remaining fall Chinook adults to allow them to reach spawning grounds, according to Robert Bradley, district fish biologist for ODFW's North Coast Watershed District. "The observed pre-spawn mortality is on top of a reduced run of fall Chinook this year," said Bradley. "We need to protect the remaining spawners to help provide for future runs of fall Chinook on the North Coast."

Angling for all salmon is closed for the remainder of 2019 in the following areas: Necanicum River basin, Nehalem Bay and River (including the NF Nehalem), Tillamook Bay and rivers (Tillamook River, Trask River, Wilson River, Kilchis River and Miami River), and Nestucca Bay and River (including Three Rivers and the Little Nestucca River).



Oregon Hunters Association
Yamhill Chapter
General Meeting Synopsis
December 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Bill Dollar, chapter president. Also in attendance were vice-president Shirley Titus, secretary Peg Morris, treasurer Cheryl Dollar, 6 board members, and 42 OHA members.

The minutes from the November general meeting were approved as summarized in the December newsletter.

Steve Hagen, Northwest Director-at-Large, informed the chapter the state OHA secretary is not running again for that position. He also informed the chapter he will not be running for director-at-large. Instead, he will be running for the state OHA President's position.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned. The next general meeting will be January 9, 2020, 7:00 PM, at the American Legion Post in McMinnville.

Peg Morris
Secretary
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