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## Executive Director's Message

On November 12th, 2008 I celebrated six months as your Foundation's Executive Director. I came into this position enthusiastic about the Foundation's many accomplishments and my enthusiasm for the work we do at the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation hasn't waned. Building on our proud heritage, I'm pleased to announce several new Foundation initiatives that we are working to implement.

The **Oregon Conservation Endowment (OCE)** is a way for people committed to conservation to create a perpetual and sustainable source of private support for a program, area, habitat, or species of particular interest to them. The OCE consists of individually-named funds that are pooled, invested, and managed by our Foundation to provide ongoing support to our donor's conservation priorities.

The Foundation has, through our grant making, supported a variety of conservation, habitat, and public access projects throughout Oregon. We will continue to make grant awards but now under the aegis of the **Beulah Drake Grant Program**. Named for Beulah Drake, Director Emeritus, whose generosity created the endowed fund that bears her name, we will continue making grant awards but with priority given to projects that directly support the Oregon Conservation Strategy or those located within or adjacent to Conservation Opportunity Areas. See [www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/) for more information about the state's conservation plan.

Responding to the adage "You've gotta start somewhere", the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation's **Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Programs** are our way to begin addressing the myriad conservation needs and priorities throughout Oregon. Beginning in 2009, the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation will adopt fish and wildlife priorities in Northwest Oregon and initiate a series of signature projects designed to address them. Over time, and with the necessary local support, we will expand prioritization and signature projects to other regions of our state.

With these program options and special initiatives such as the disabled angler's dock at Estacada Lake, prospective donors have more ways than ever before to support fish, wildlife, and public access projects through the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation. For example, you could create a named-fund within the Oregon Conservation Endowment to provide perpetual support to your favorite Oregon place, program, or priority. Alternately, make a gift to the Beulah Drake Grant Program safe in the knowledge that your contribution will benefit a variety of organizations and projects throughout Oregon. Or you can join us in supporting a local conservation effort by contributing to the Fish Enhancement or Wildlife Enhancement Program.

Please join us and help make a difference for fish and wildlife in Oregon. Whether you join with a basic membership contribution of \$50 or enroll in our **Heritage Society** by making a single or cumulative contribution of \$1,000 or more, every dollar matters and counts! More information about membership and, in particular, the Heritage Society is shown on page 7 of this newsletter.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. If you have feedback about this publication or its content, please contact me at [tim@owhf.org](mailto:tim@owhf.org) or by telephone at 503.255.6059.

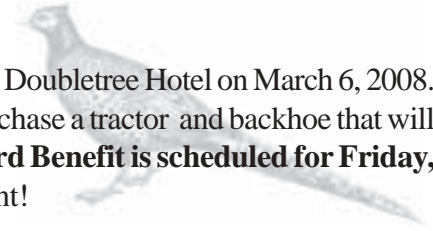


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# OWHF EVENTS

The Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation held three events in 2008: the "Pheasants Forever" Banquet & Auction, Salmon Quest and the Golf Classic.

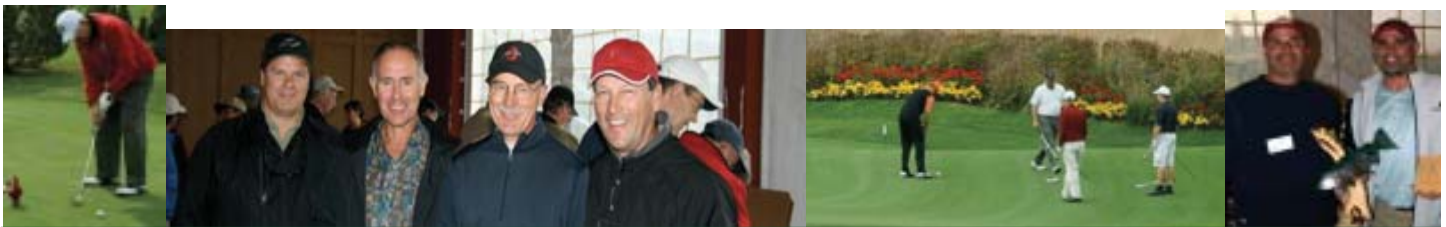
The "Pheasants Forever" Banquet & Auction" was held at the Portland-Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel on March 6, 2008. 271 people attended the dinner and auction which raised just over \$59,000 net to purchase a tractor and backhoe that will be used to improve upland bird habitat in Northeast Oregon. **Our 2009 Upland Bird Benefit is scheduled for Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.** Make a note in your calendar and plan to join us at this great event!



Our Salmon Quest was held on April 19 with 129 anglers and 48 guides fishing nearby rivers. The event concluded with a buffet dinner of grilled salmon and roasted Tri-tip and awards were given for the three top teams and largest fish caught. This fishing derby event, dinner and auction raised just over \$26,000 net for fish enhancement projects in the greater Portland metropolitan area. The 2008 Northwest Salmon Derby Series was a sponsor of our event; offering a boat and trailer valued at more than \$70,000 as a raffle prize. All guides, boatmen and anglers were automatically entered in the raffle because of their participation in Salmon Quest. Go to [www.northwestsalmonderbyseries.com](http://www.northwestsalmonderbyseries.com) for more information about the boat and to see who won! **The 2009 Salmon Quest is scheduled for Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.** Note that date on your calendar and reserve your spot today!



The Golf Classic was held on September 26 at Langdon Farms Golf Club in Aurora, Oregon. 88 golfers enjoyed a day of golf followed by a barbeque dinner of chicken and ribs, raffle drawings, and a fun oral auction. Over \$28,000 net was raised in support of the Foundation's work. This was the tenth and final year of the Golf Classic. A hearty "thank you" to all those people and businesses that have supported the Golf Classic over the last decade!



These events have introduced the Foundation and its work to new people, many of whom have become supporters of our mission to initiate and support projects that promote conservation and enhance the public use and enjoyment of Oregon's fish and wildlife.

Your continued support is vital to us. Thank you for supporting the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation! If you would like to sponsor, attend or participate in a future event, please contact us by phone at 503-255-6059, email: [info@owhf.org](mailto:info@owhf.org), or visit our website at [owhf.org](http://owhf.org).

# OUR 2008 SUPPORTERS

With gratitude and appreciation, we acknowledge and thank our major contributors in 2008:

## \$10,000+

Columbia Sportswear  
Alten, Sakai & Company, LLP  
inter-fluve, inc.  
Paul & Sally McCracken  
Emil W & Lois E Brammert Fund of  
The Oregon Community Foundation

## \$5,000 - 9,999

Rocky Dixon/ Rock 'n J Ranch  
Joe's Sports & Outdoor  
Ken Austin/The Allison  
Randy Labbe/Kerr Pacific Corp  
Bill Swindells, Jr.

## \$2,500 - 4,999

OnPoint Community Credit Union  
Portland General Electric  
Suburban Doors  
Bob Keerins  
Tumac Lumber Company Fund of  
The Oregon Community Foundation  
Empire Pacific Risk Management  
Environ-Metal, Inc (makers of Hevi-Shot)  
LaCrosse Footwear, Inc  
O'Loughlin Trade Shows  
Pape' Material Handling  
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission  
Association of NW Steelheaders

## \$1,000 - 2,499

Capital Pacific Bank  
The Collins Company  
John Chaney  
Dave Cummings  
Wayne Drinkward/Hoffman Corporation  
Jeff Evershed  
Price Gripekoven  
Kim MacColl  
Gordon King

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTORS:

**Marshall Coba-** raised in Idaho, Marshall was an avid bird hunter in his youth, and looks forward to his family's annual pheasant hunt on his in-laws wheat ranch in the Pendleton area. It is these memories and experiences that have excited Marshall about his opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors. The Foundation's mission to preserve, protect and enhance projects for the public's enjoyment of fish and wildlife is critical to the long-term viability of continued access and enjoyment of Oregon's natural wonders. He knows first hand that quality habitat is directly related to the quality of the fishing and hunting experience, and is fully supportive of the Foundation's commitment to improve habitat and the outdoor experience for all Oregon's residents. For the past 16 years he has been a self employed lobbyist working with the Oregon legislature and administrative agencies, and lives in West Salem with his wife, Katy, and two daughters.

**John Esler-** is a Project Manager at PGE, where he has worked in various capacities since 1980. John was appointed by Governor Kitzhaber and served on the ODFW Commission from 1997-2004, and also served on the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for two years. John holds degrees in biology and anthropology and is a welcome addition to the Foundation Board of Directors, and already serving on the Foundation Project & Executive Committees. John is a long time friend of the Foundation and has worked on many projects supported by PGE and the Foundation.

**Bill Monroe-** recently retired as an outdoor writer for the Oregonian newspaper, but retained as a free-lance writer for the Sunday paper. Bill is a long time friend of the Foundation and was our master of ceremonies for the 2008 "Pheasants Forever Banquet". Bill begins his service with the Foundation serving in the capacity of Vice-President, and participating on the Project & Executive Committees.

**Bob O'Loughlin-** well known in the trade show circuit as business name "O'Loughlin Trade Show", which he and his sons operate. Bob is a seasoned business man, bringing to the Foundation years of experience and shared values for Oregon's fish and wildlife. He is an outdoors enthusiast and anticipates a great working relationship with the Foundation.

# 2008 GRANTS & PROJECTS

The Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation's Project Committee meets six times a year to evaluate requests for funding. Thus far, in 2008, the Committee has reviewed ten proposals and approved funding of nine applications. Since the publication of our summer newsletter, two additional applications for funding were approved. These are:

**High Desert Partnership Silvies River Floodplain Brochure:** the High Desert Partnership asked for support to create an educational brochure and supplementary interpretative panels about the value of the Silvies River floodplain. The brochure will educate the local and external public about the importance of flood irrigation to native floodplain hay meadows and the beneficial role that the wetland plays in the spring migration of many North American bird species.

**PIT Tag Equipment:** The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in Coos Bay, asked for support to purchase PIT (Passive Integrated Transponder) tagging equipment. PIT tagging captured green and white sturgeon in the Coos River basin will help the Department better understand the sturgeon's population size, growth rates, movement within the basin and other estuaries. Coos Bay has been designated as critical habitat for the southern distinct population segment of green sturgeon. This population of green sturgeon is listed as a federally threatened species by NOAA fisheries.

## SPONSORED PROJECT

With \$12,500 from our 2008 Salmon Quest event we raised an additional \$75,000 in grants and contributions to build a handicapped angler fishing pier on Estacada Lake.

Estacada Lake is a reservoir formed by River Mill Dam on the Clackamas River. The lake has limited bank access for fishing but year-around fishing for hatchery salmon, steelhead, and trout. Access is made through McIver State Park.

Nearby signs will explain that the pier is exclusively for anglers possessing a free Oregon Disabilities Fishing Permit from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. ODFW and Oregon State Police will monitor use of the pier. Ongoing maintenance will be assumed by McIver Park staff.

PGE is constructing a new boat ramp and dock nearby and, to keep costs down, we are using the same contractors and equipment to build this pier, being named "Moo's Dock". Construction is expected to be completed soon, and Moo's Dock will be open to handicapped anglers early spring of 2009.



**ADA access fishing dock in progress on Estacada Lake**

A similar ADA fishing dock on the Tualatin River in West Linn was finished 2007. The City of West Linn designed the pier, the Foundation provided \$5,000, covering the cost of materials, and the West Linn Rotary Club provided volunteer labor to complete the project. The picture below was taken when the dock was in progress April 2007.



# THE DESCHUTES RIVER – AN OREGON ICON

“Rivier des Chutes” or “Rivier aux Chutes”, as French fur traders called this river, means “river of falls”. The Deschutes River as picturesque now as it was then twists and turns through the arid lands of central Oregon before emptying into the Columbia River. Historically, the Deschutes River was the scene of many Indian villages, bountiful hunting grounds, and fierce battles between railroad companies who wanted to access the agricultural bounty and beauty of the inland Deschutes River area.

The Deschutes River is enjoyed by boaters, rafters, hikers, campers, anglers and those who simply want to enjoy the river’s scenery. The Deschutes has a deserved reputation as one of the best Trout and Steelhead rivers in Oregon.

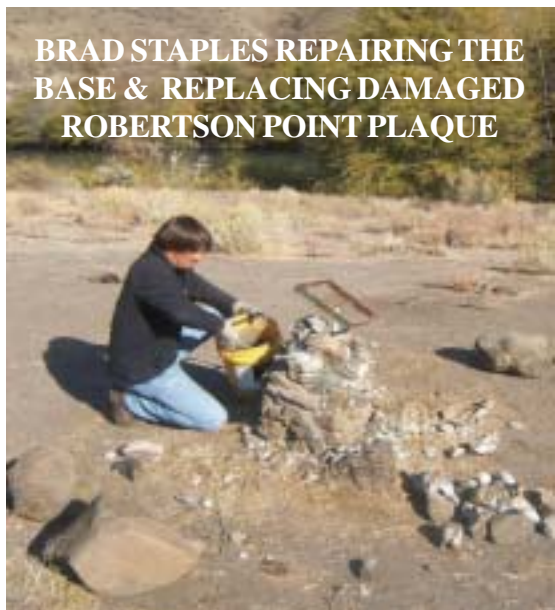
In 1983, the Eastern Oregon Land Company, which owned more than 12 miles of frontage on the lower Deschutes River, decided to sell its property which had, until that time, been used for livestock grazing. Many Oregonians voiced concerns that limits might be placed on the river or on public access by whoever purchased the property. One of those Oregonians, Doug Robertson, was in a position to do something about it. Doug negotiated an option to purchase the property and approached Governor Victor Atiyeh offering his option to the State of Oregon.

Governor Atiyeh asked the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation to lead an effort to purchase and preserve the property for the people of Oregon. Over \$1 million dollars in private funds were raised that, combined with federal and state funds, enabled the state of Oregon to purchase the property.

The Foundation placed rock monuments along the Deschutes River to honor those individuals who made significant contributions to the fund raising campaign. 25 years later, many of those rock monuments need repair or maintenance.

The Foundation has had new signs made and over the ensuing months these signs will replace the old ones and wherever necessary, monuments will be rebuilt.

If you haven’t visited the lower Deschutes River lately, you should. Native grasses, shrubs and trees are returning to the banks of the lower Deschutes River. The preservation of this iconic river would not have been possible without the forethought and generosity of Oregonians just like you. The Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation is proud to be a part of the preservation and restoration of the Deschutes.



**BRAD STAPLES REPAIRING THE  
BASE & REPLACING DAMAGED  
ROBERTSON POINT PLAQUE**



**DOUG ROBERTSON**

## The Legacy Society



You can have a lasting impact on the conservation of fish and wildlife resources by including **Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation** as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance, retirement plan or trust.

By making such a provision, you will become a member of the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation's **Legacy Society**. Your gift will be invested as a permanent fund and used for ongoing programs and conservation projects.

Here are a few of the ways you can make a Legacy gift to OWHF.

### 1. Will Bequest

- Name OWHF as a percentage or specific dollar amount beneficiary.
- After your other estate requirements are met, include OWHF as a contingent beneficiary.

### 2. Life Insurance

- Designate OWHF as the owner and beneficiary of an existing or new life insurance policy and you can deduct the premiums from your taxes as a charitable gift.
- Appoint OWHF as a percentage or specific dollar amount beneficiary of an existing policy. Talk with your insurance agent to obtain a change of beneficiary form.

### 3. Retirement Plan

- You can reduce your taxable estate by naming OWHF as a beneficiary of your IRA or other retirement plan.

### 4. Charitable Trusts

- There are ways to receive life income and a tax deduction by donating cash, securities or real property to a charitable remainder trust with OWHF named as the beneficiary.

**Consult your tax advisor or estate planning professional before making any of the above charitable estate gifts to obtain the maximum tax benefit.**

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## Membership & Heritage Society

You can have an ongoing impact on the conservation of fish and wildlife resources by joining one of **Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation's Membership Programs**.

At the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, we *initiate and support projects that promote conservation and enhance public use and enjoyment of Oregon's fish and wildlife*.

There are two ways you can help.

1. Become a **Supporting Member**. Memberships start at \$50 with additional options at \$100, \$250, and \$500.
2. Join the **Heritage Society**. The Foundation is embarking on a campaign to raise funds that will enable us to aggressively pursue the preservation and restoration of Oregon's natural habitats and wildlife species.

There are four levels of participation in the Heritage Society:

Conservator	\$10,000 or more
Restorer	\$5,000 to \$9,999
Guardian	\$2,500 to \$4,999
Sustainer	\$1,000 to \$2,499

All gifts to the Supporting Member and Heritage Society programs are tax-deductible.

Please think about the joy of preserving Oregon's fish and wildlife now and for future generations.

Your gift, regardless of level, is appreciated and immediately useful. You can join online at [www.owhf.org](http://www.owhf.org), complete our membership form on the back of this newsletter, or contact us at 503.255.6059; [info@owhf.org](mailto:info@owhf.org).

Thank you for your support of Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation!

### **TAX-FREE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM IRA'S FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES**

As part of "*The 2008 Emergency Economic Stabilization Act*", Congress passed and President Bush signed a bill that allows individuals **70½ years of age, or older, to donate up to \$100,000 a year to qualified charities in 2008 and 2009 from their IRA or other qualified retirement plan.**

This legislation allows distributions made from an IRA to a qualifying charity to be excluded from the income of the IRA owner. The IRA owner, however, does not receive an additional charitable contribution deduction for their contribution

Consult your tax advisor or estate planning professional to ensure that you receive the maximum tax benefit.

