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PAUL BUNYAN LUMBERJACK SHOW, KIDS FREE TROUT POND, RANDY NEWBERG, BOAT & RV SALE AND KUBOTA FIELD EVENT HEADLINE 24TH ANNUAL CENTRAL OREGON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

Redmond, OR – “Central Oregon is the perfect setting for a sportsmen’s show”, said Bill O’Loughlin, President of O’Loughlin Trade Shows and producer of the Central Oregon Sportsmen’s Show presented by Leupold. “The majesty of the Cascade Range as a backdrop with Three Sisters and Mt. Bachelor makes this event different than any other in the country and punctuates the breadth of fishing, hunting and outdoor opportunities that are right at Central Oregonians doorstep. We couldn’t be happier to be back for our 24th year, which could be our biggest and best show yet.”

The Central Oregon Sportsmen’s Show runs March 9-12, 2023 at the First Interstate Bank Center and Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in Redmond.

Making their Central Oregon Sportsmen’s Show debut is the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show. Honest-to-goodness lumberjacks take on a variety of competitive challenges like log-rolling, axe throwing and crosscut sawing. These challenges are as exciting as they are entertaining. There are two shows on Thursday and Friday at 1PM and 3PM, three shows on Saturday at 1PM, 3PM and 5PM and two shows on Sunday at noon and 2PM.

After a three year hiatus, the Kids Free Trout Pond is back! Many a lifelong fishing journey has started at this pond where everything is provided free to kids 12 and younger with their admission into the show. There will be plenty of trout to catch and there are some lunkers added just to keep things interesting.

Randy Newberg returns to the Central Oregon Sportsmen’s Show to host a daily Q&A session titled “Open Forum For Hunters”. The leading voice nationally for public lands access and hunting, Newberg is a national treasure as he shares his deep expertise and perspective on all things hunting. These Q&A’s are a rare opportunity to connect directly with a public lands hunter who has made it his lifelong quest to expand public lands access and opportunity. And just like all Central Oregon Sportsmen’s Shows features and seminars, they’re free with your admission into the show. Randy’s Q&A sessions are scheduled for 4PM on Thursday and Friday, 2PM on Saturday and 1PM on Sunday.

The annual Central Oregon Sportsmen’s Show RV & Boat Sale presented by Selco Community Credit Union is the first major multi-dealer RV and boat sale east of the Cascades. Acres of RV’s and the area’s top boat dealers combine for a sales event unlike any other in Central or Eastern Oregon. Fishing boats, wakeboard and wake surfing boats, pontoons, kayaks and pleasure boats along with every category of RV’s will be on the grounds for this 4-day sales event.

Another fun feature making its debut at this year’s Central Oregon Sportsmen’s Show is the Kubota Field Event on Saturday, March 11th of the show in the Hooker Creek Arena. Presented by Platt Equipment and Mid-State Power Products, it’s a “try-it and buy-it” event where shoppers can test drive zero-turn mowers, compact, sub-compact and utility tractors and utility vehicles. The Kubota Field Event is planned to run from 10AM-5PM on Saturday.

And when the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Shows opens its doors, it means it's also time for the iconic Head and Horns Competition! It's been a part of the show since the beginning with thousands of hunters bringing their horns, antlers, bear and cougar skulls and turkey beards in to be measured. It's only \$10 to have a certified measurer score a trophy. These are the folks that maintain the record books for the northwest. It's another \$30 for hunters wanting to enter the competition and a chance at some incredible prizes. A Fort Knox Safe is the grand prize. Savage rifles, Leupold optics, Danner/Lacrosse boots and a variety of other prizes are teed-up for contest winners. There's a wide range of categories to enter which improves entrants odds of winning. Special thanks to this year's Head and Horns sponsors: Fort Knox Northwest, Leupold, RMEF, Danner/LaCrosse, Gerber Gear, Savage, Block Targets, Muzzy and Rage.

There's an entirely new spate of seminars planned for this year's show. Tailored to Central Oregon outdoor pursuits they include advanced predator calling, public lands mule deer hunting, all-seasons kokanee fishing, Columbia River walleye, DIY elk hunting, waterfowling in Central Oregon and fall and spring salmon fishing on the Columbia in the Bonneville pool. They're all hot topics and the presenters are leading experts, most are fulltime professional outfitters and guides. Seminar times and speakers are available on the show's website at **TheSportShows.com**.

"No doubt about it, these features are essential elements of the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show", O'Loughlin observed, "but the foundation of this show is our exhibitors. They've traveled from all over North America and across the globe to be here, hundreds of them, selling an amazing array of fishing, hunting and outdoor related products."

From local and regional retailers, African safaris and whitewater trips to optics manufacturers, Bi-Mart's ammo sale, tent companies, gun accessories and fishing gear, there's hundreds of new items being introduced along with special show-only buys and rarely seen products the show has brought to town. The Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show is a singularly unique shopping experience unlike any other.

Show hours are noon to 8PM, Thursday and Friday, 10AM-8PM on Saturday, 10AM-4PM on Sunday. Admission into the show is \$15 Adults, Juniors (6 to 16) \$5 and Children (5 and under) FREE. There's also a Two Day Pass for \$18 and a Military Discount for \$8 with any valid military I.D. Parking is FREE.

For detailed show information, exhibitors and tickets visit **TheSportShows.com**.