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Hi All,

From time to time I have been tempted to tread into waters that perhaps the other Officers or Director's have encouraged me to avoid. Well, the Officers and Directors recently discussed what the **WWA's** position should be on the anti-gun legislation coming out of Olympia. We agreed that we would publish a copy of the monthly segment from one of our respected colleagues in the 'gun rights' arena simply providing the current bills in Olympia and a very brief outline of what they contained. Thereafter, if you the members were interested and wish to dig further, investigate and react; it would be up to you. Fine!

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A by-product of my age it seems is that, with my dropping energy comes increased numbers of strong opinions. So here goes...

Some of these Representatives and Senators in Olympia seem waaaaay too anxious to control our right to keep and bear arms. It seems they go out of their way to imply that assault style rifles are the root of all evil in our beloved state. I beg to differ. They knowingly imply that semi-automatic sporting or "para-military" arms are fully automatic weapons in private hands. (I believe fully automatic guns of any sort have been outlawed since the 1930's ... other than those very few owned by collectors ....and those are heavily regulated and taxed.)

If I removed the butt stock from the Sears Model 1200 pump that I bought in 1968 and fabricated up some collapsible replacement and then strapped on a handle of some sort under the fore piece, I guess I will have made myself some sort of assault shotgun. I don't know, maybe Mossberg already makes one? If I owned such a shotgun, I wouldn't be inclined to partake in a mass killing of my fellow man. It's not in me.

Bottom line, evil people do evil things; most of the time they don't advertise what they plan to do. Whether they have a semi-automatic Ruger mini-14, an Olympic Arms para-military styled carbine, a Remington 870 pump, a Kahr 9mm, a Smith & Wesson 22 revolver, a Louisville Slugger, a Swiss Army pocket knife, or a clam shovel, a bad person can accomplish a very bad act. They (bad people) can do a lot of damage to a lot of people very quickly. Criminals and Crazy's do not play by any rules but their own.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

- Wednesday, May 1**     **Kitsap Peninsula Chapter Meeting**  
6-8 p.m. @ **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club.** Contact **Richard Bazzell**
- Thursday, May 2**     **Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting.**  
7 p.m. @ **Evergreen Sportmen's Club,**  
near **Littlerock.** Contact **Kurt Snyder**
- Thursday, May 2**     **WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting**  
6:30 p.m., @ **Canyon Park Denny's**  
**All members always welcome.**
- Saturday, May 4**     **The 39th Northwest Decoy Show**  
10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., **Bellevue Coast**  
**Hotel, 625 - 116th Ave NE, Bellevue;**  
**See Flyer on Page 12.**  
Contact **Brett Stark: 206.963.8800**
- Saturday, May 4**     **Annual Goose Nest Count. See Moses**  
**Lake Chapter News on Page 11.**
- Monday, May 6**     **Tri Cities Chapter Meeting;**  
7 p.m. @ **Benton County PUD**  
**Auditorium** at the corner of 10th Ave.  
and HWY 395 in **Kennewick, WA.**  
Contact **Tracy Miles.**
- Tuesday, May 7**     **Whatcom County Chapter Meeting**  
5-7 p.m. @ **Tenant Lake Interpretive**  
**Center, Ferndale.** Contact **Scott O'Day.**
- Thursday, May 9**     **Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting; 6:30**  
p.m., @ **Café Villa in Prosser.**  
Contact **Abel Cortina.**
- Saturday, May 11**     **WA Brant Foundation sponsored Puget**  
**Sound Open Decoy Contest; 10 a.m.,**  
**Holiday Sports , Burlington, WA**  
Contact **Kurt Benson, 425.231-6497**
- Tuesday, May 14**     **Northwest Chapter Meeting;**  
7 p.m. @ **Conway Fire Hall.**  
Contact **Rone Brewer.**
- Saturday, May 18**     **National Duck Dog Challenge**  
**Cascade Hunting Retriever Club**  
**15930 SR 2, Snohomish, WA 98290**  
**See Flyer on Page 13.**  
Contact **Don West: 206.786.2714**  
[www.nationalduckdogchallenge.com](http://www.nationalduckdogchallenge.com)
- Wednesday, May 22**     **Seattle Chapter Meeting; 7 p.m. @**  
**Kenmore Gun Club,** in **Bothell.**  
Program is the **9th Annual Youth**  
**Mentor Shoot. See Flyer on Page 14.**  
Contact **John Arrabito.**
- Tuesday, May 28**     **Southwest Chapter Meeting;**  
7 p.m. @ **Tacoma Sportsman's Club.**  
Contact **Terry Satre.**

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Further, with more regulation comes more 'regulators', bureaucrats, and expense to the taxpayer. I know state troopers and policemen around the state, none have the time to start babysitting legal, respectful, law abiding citizens who could become potential felons should our legislators pass some moronic bill.

Here's one thing I believe. Anti-Gunners will never be satisfied with restricting, regulating, registering, or outlawing what they define as 'assault rifles'. **THEY WANT OUR GUNS, ALL OF THEM....YOURS AND MINE.**

I enjoy shooting sports. I enjoy the people that go with. I enjoy the outdoors. I enjoy taking my grandchildren shooting. I enjoy the pursuit of the still elusive double on quail. And, I prefer the thought that when I make my way through my day or go to bed at night that I still have the right to protect myself and those I love should I need to.

There, I got it off my chest.

**IF YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER OF THE NRA, THINK ABOUT JOINING ....SOON.**

For the Resource,

***Jim Cortines***

Corporate Officer Nominations  
are now being sought.  
See the nomination ballot on Page 11.  
Write in your nominee  
(with their permission)  
and send into the Corporate Office.  
Nominations close May 31, 2013  
Elections will be held in June.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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- Thursday, May 30**     **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting**  
7 p.m. @ **Vancouver Trap Club.**  
Contact **Rick Scott.**
- Sat./Sun., June 29-30**     **12th Annual Oregon Waterfowl Festival**  
**Columbia County Fair Grounds;**  
**St. Helens, OR. See Flyer on Page 15.**  
See: [www.oregonwaterfowlfestival.com](http://www.oregonwaterfowlfestival.com)

## Projects and Programs

### Thurston County Marine Shoreline No Shooting Zone Ordinance

The Thurston County Commissioners recently refused to resurrect the no shooting ordinance.

### Duck Stamp Program

(Statewide)

[State duck stamps and prints now available from WWA.](#)

[Have an interest in art? Have an interest in waterfowl? Join our WWA Duck Stamp committee and enjoy both, while helping WWA and the waterfowling heritage. Contact Jim Cortines if you are interested in helping WWA with this great program: \(206\) 612-8772.](#)

WWA is currently working to resume its support the junior duck stamp program formerly managed out of the **Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. This program is fading, in part due to the lack of art curriculum in many of our schools. See **Grays Harbor Chapter News** on Page 5.

### Willapa Bay and Willapa National Wildlife Refuge

(Pacific County)

WWA is still working toward an **acreage limit** on the spraying of eelgrass with the herbicide **Imazamox**, on commercial clam beds only. It appears that the herbicide is effective for about three (3) years before eelgrass starts growing again in the sprayed areas. The continued need for spraying the same clam beds will make the spraying quite expensive for the commercial shellfish growers, but this will not necessarily be a limiting factor. What we don't want to occur is widespread spraying of large tracts of the densest eelgrass. A Ph.D. student has been studying the interaction of native and Japanese eelgrass and has found that the native eelgrass is not threatened by the Japanese eelgrass, and Japanese eelgrass grows predominantly on non vegetated tidal flats. So why is Japanese eelgrass considered noxious? Spraying Japanese eelgrass also has the potential to impact native eelgrass, as well reduce habitat for fish that use both the native and Japanese eelgrass.

**The Porter Point Unit dikes are scheduled for removal this summer.** WWA is continuing to research the feasibility of legal action regarding the **USFWS's** lack of due process procedures during the **Willapa NWR Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP)**.

**So, all within Willapa Bay, we are taking down dikes for fish habitat, while spraying forage fish and juvenile fish habitat with a herbicide, so commercial shellfishers can grow a non-native clam whose survival requires tilling and gravel dumping into the intertidal mud/sand flats.**

### Leque Island

(Snohomish/Island County)

WWA, Juniper Beach Water District, and the **Snohomish County Farm Bureau** are still awaiting the groundwater study review from Cincinnati. Check out <http://www.friendsfeideroad.org/> to see a new group trying to shut down hunting at **Leque Island**. Nice to know they don't consider hunters to be part of the public that has access to the public land purchased for waterfowl and hunting. The use of the word "**repurpose**" is not one we want to hear.

### Heritage Lands

(Snohomish/Island County)

WWA has the opportunity to purchase 50 acres of farmland with an additional attached 50 acres that could be managed for waterfowl. All we need is the money. If you think it would be a good idea for a waterfowling group like **WWA** to manage waterfowl habitat and provide a place to access the great outdoors, then our **Heritage Lands Program** is your chance to make it happen. Donate today at [www.waduck.org](http://www.waduck.org) and become a part of Washington State waterfowling history.



# Whatcom Chapter News

By Scott O' Day

## Whatcom Chapter Meeting

The Whatcom County Chapter Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7 pm. @ **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center** near Ferndale. Join us if you can.

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# Spokane Chapter News

## Chairman wanted!

Do you know anyone in the Spokane area interested in spreading the waterfowling heritage?

Let us know!!!

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# Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Hi All. I hope you all enjoyed our summer! It lasted three (3) days this year! I was able to get in a new raised Garden, and the rain returned just in time to get it watered.

## Turkey Hunting

**Turkey season** is here and I hope all of you that go this year are successful! I have had years that I didn't get to

pull the trigger on a Tom but still considered it a successful hunt. Just calling these wide awake birds in is good enough for me. I only wish that I had **more areas to hunt** them so I could take a kid or an older hunter with me. Maybe in the future...

By the way, **Wing Supply** has some really great Turkey hunting stuff on sale. I'm always in the need for a new scratching stick, and they have several. Check them out, you won't be disappointed. The **Cody carbon tip stick** is now my favorite, and it works with all my friction pots. **Wing Supply has pledged a donation for our Youth Shooting Event** this year, but that's not why I'm promoting them here. I'm just always looking for a good deal. **Cabela's** also has a bunch of Turkey stuff, and they are pretty handy being right around the corner. They have always supported us with a place to set up our various **WWA** displays.

## Chapter Meeting

We had another **outstanding Chapter meeting** last Thursday evening! We got some really important business taken care of, and I will touch on all of it here and add a few items that may be important to you. The meeting minutes will be posted on the **Chapter Facebook web forum** as soon as I get to it sometime today. If you wish to see them you will need to register on the Chapter forum. They are not visible to guests; no Chapter business is. When you register please email me with your username so I can approve it! **Go to [www.ghcwwa.org](http://www.ghcwwa.org) and check it out.**

## Youth Shoot

At the meeting we planned out this year's **Youth Shooting event**. The **Southwest Chapter** has volunteered to man the food/lunch, thus freeing up our Chapter treasury for  
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that part of it! This is a major expense, and we can't **thank the SW Chapter** enough for it! **Many Thanks to Terry Satre and Bruce Burns!** Terry has been a big part of the **WWA** forever now and has headed up the **SW Chapter** for as long as I have known. **Bruce** has been a very active member, and I had the pleasure of taking him and his nephew out for a couple of seaduck hunts. Pictures of that to come... The event will take place on the **14th of September at the Evergreen Sportsman's Club**. This is a week before the Youth **Waterfowl** hunt opener. Look out for the flier for this event soon!

### Raffle

Our **hunt raffle** is off to a great start with **Dirk Farrar** the highest seller so far at 35 tickets sold. **Jon McAninch** is a very close second with 33 sold so far. Many, many thanks to all that have sold and bought tickets so far. This is our big money maker for the year. Two parties are going to be very happy hunters!! You just don't see many hunts of this quality raffled off very often, and I feel privileged to have received these donations from **Jon McAninch of Cedarville Farms Hunt Club**. Each ticket gives you two (2) chances at one of the two hunts offered (unless you win the first hunt)! As I previously posted on Facebook, I would love to see a **Parent/Youth** win this hunt!

### WWA Signs Onto the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program

**We the WWA have signed up to help with the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program.** Please look this up at <http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck/>. The youth attendance is at an all time low in the program, and we were asked to re-engage in this effort as **WWA** runs the **WA State duck stamp program**.

One of possible outcome of combining our efforts is to print the Junior artist winner as the WA State Duck Stamp from time to time, giving the winner notoriety and recognition for their efforts. Good stuff for the youth program.



This Harlequin done by 13-year-old **Emmie Dong** of the **Sun Century Art Academy** in Vancouver, WA won Best of Show of some 150 entries in the 2013 **WA State Junior Duck Stamp Contest** held in April at the **Nisqually NWR**. Youth from grades K thru 12 are eligible to participate. Nationwide, over 29,000 students competed for \$10,000 in scholarships. The Washington winners in each of four (4) age groups are on currently on display in the Auditorium at the **Nisqually NWR**. A traveling exhibit will soon tour Washington state colleges, Libraries, galleries/museums, festivals and fairs.

The Federal Program has been self sustaining with stamp sales of \$5.00 each to raise funds for environmental education. **You can help by giving your local school my contact info.**

Hit up the art teachers or vice principals with this and see what happens. I have been ignored a few times but explained that the program is free and is about art and education and has no direct attachment to hunting. I think it's a damn shame we have to explain it this way but I will do it for the young artists. A few schools have been very receptive and will be offering it to the art students.

### State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest

This years State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest will be held at Lacey Cabela's, and a tentative **date has been set for August 17th**. This is going to be a very cool event, and I would like to urge any and all of you to help out with it. I didn't actually see much in these contests until I watched the kids doing it at the last two (2) amateur contests. They really put a lot of heart into it and all are waterfowl hunters! I will keep you updated on it as planning progresses.

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**Youth Waterfowl Workshop June 26th**

We have added a new youth event to our program! We discussed it at length at our last meeting and came up with a **Youth Waterfowl Workshop**. It will be a series of events geared at giving up what we know to the young and inexperienced hunters in a seminar format! The subjects will include, but not be limited to **Waterfowl Identification, Gun Safety, Laws and Ethics, decoy setup and Live Range Fire**.

This event will do a great service to the young waterfowlers and waterfowling in general. Imagine the hunting where ethics and courtesy rule the day. Not skybusting and hosing. This is what we will be directly promoting! **Dirk Farrar** has volunteered to head this up with **Dick Jensen** as co-chair. Please give your support to this when they call you up or contact you!!

**Dirk** has already handed out some work orders to some of us and we will need your support too. **The first workshop is scheduled for the 26th of June in the evening, at the Evergreen Sportsman's Club near Littlerock.**

**Sportsmen's Caucus**

A couple of us attended a **Sportsmen's Caucus** at the **Evergreen Sportsman's Club** earlier this month. Afterwards there was a "Legislative Shootout" that used just about the whole range. You may have seen it on the TV news Thursday night. This event was put on by **Senator Pam Roach**. It was attended by several State Senators, a **DNR Specialist, State Representatives and some sub committee members**. The **NRA** had a rep there too. **WDFW Director, Phil Anderson**, was baked on the hot seat by some direct questions he would or could not answer.

There was much discussed there and I won't try and get it all to you here and now, but two (2) big things that were talked about were the huge amount of Sportsmen in this state have very little (not enough for the numbers) representation with state government, and we need this caucus to unite the small groups that are trying to get the

same things done — **One group to represent all of us**. I went there to represent **the WWA** and will give you all a detailed report about it after it all settles into my little brain, and I sort out all my notes. One huge notable thing: we are making a difference with increased contact with our Representatives. **We NEED TO KEEP IT UP!** A short list of who has been speaking up for us and attended this caucus: **Senators, Pam Roach, John Smith, Don Benton** (who bought a book of our raffle tickets), **Kirk Pearson and Jim Hargrove**; and **Representative Dean Takko** was there also. There were more government types there for the shoot out, but I didn't stick around for that part. I believe our State attorney general was there also.

**Thanks**

Finally I want to **thank you** all for being members of the **Washington Waterfowl Association**. No matter what your level of support is, your help is needed and very much appreciated. As usual any of you can contact me about any of this.

Kurt Snyder

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**Tri-Cities Chapter News**

By Tracy Miles

The **Tri-City Chapter** meetings are held on the **second Tuesday of each month** at the **Benton County PUD** building in **Kennewick**.

**Tracy Miles and Joe Sundal** were made famous in the **Friends of Mid-Columbia Refuges** spring Newsletter for their efforts cleaning up trash at the **McNary National Wildlife Refuge**.

Thanks guys!

The first weekend in February the WA Waterfowl Association collected trash at McNary collected trash along the water at McNary NWR. Photo by Brecke Newell WA Waterfowl Association.



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# Kitsap Peninsula Chapter News

By Richard Bazzell

The **Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** meets the first Wednesday of each month at **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club**. Come join us at 6 pm for the meetings. Each Chapter meeting throughout the off season will be followed by **shooting and dinner provided by our local Kitsap Ducks Unlimited (DU) Chapter**. Shooting hours will be from 6-9:30 p.m., and dinner is \$5 per person.

Please call or email me at [rbazzell@yahoo.com](mailto:rbazzell@yahoo.com) or 360-509-7900 for further details. Also, be sure to check us out on Facebook at **Kitsap Peninsula Waterfowlers** for meeting agendas and updates.

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# Northwest Chapter News

By Rone Brewer

## NW Chapter Meetings

The **Northwest Chapter** meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7 pm at the **Conway Fire Hall**. Snacks provided. This month's guest is : Fishing Guide, **Rick Petosa**, to help us catch coho and sockeye in the **Baker Lake** and **Baker River area**.

## Blind Building at the Samish Unit

We built **two blinds** at the **Samish Unit**, so there are a total of five (5) blinds there now. Thanks to **Reb Broker** for organizing it all with **WDFW**. Thanks to **Art Kendall, Mike Rathum, Rone Brewer, and Brett Tousley** all the way up from Puyallup, for the work. **Great to meet you Brett!** We had snow, rain, wind, and even a brief sunbreak or two



**Rone Brewer, Reb Broker, Art Kendall, & Mike Rathum** laying out the blind at the **Samish Unit**.

during the four (4) hours we were out. A great day for hunting it would have been...and there were quite a few ducks in the ponds and puddles.

## Farmed Island Update

It seems **WWA** will be helping to haul millet seed over to the **Farmed Island** as there still is no barge. We have a meeting tentatively scheduled May 15th, @ 7 pm at the **Conway Fire Hall** to lay plans with **WDFW** for hauling the seed over in our boats. Join us there if you care to help out. We'll set a date for the actual seed transport at this meeting.

## Snow Goose Transmitters

The **WDFW** implanted satellite transmitters are transmitting. One of the geese headed up to the Central Flyway breeding grounds and is near Calgary. You can see the map at:

[http://www.wildlifetracking.org/?project\\_id=831](http://www.wildlifetracking.org/?project_id=831)

Several of the geese are up near Juneau Alaska, and one is already well up into Alaska...looks to be on the **Copper River** headwater area!

## Waterfowling Museum Anyone?

**WWA-NW** member **Art Kendall** is still moving forward with an effort to develop a waterfowling museum in the Skagit Valley. Goal is to provide a place to preserve the rich waterfowling heritage of the area and display waterfowling art, decoys, and area history. This is a very significant undertaking. If you are interested in helping, let us know.

## Youth Hunt Planning

**Reb Broker and Rick Skiba** scouted the newly inundated **Nature Conservancy** property at the end of **Boe Road** south of **Stanwood** for youth hunt opener opportunities. Looks like a good chance to shoot some ducks there during high tide and some possibilities during low tide as well. Thanks to **Rick and Reb** for spending their day planning for our Chapter youth hunt.

Take Care Y'all  
Rone  
206-595-7481

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# Olympic Peninsula Chapter News

The Olympic Peninsula Chapter has been closed down due to a lack of participation. If you know someone who would like to represent **WWA** in the **Port Townsend** area, let us know.

# Southwest Chapter News

By Terry Satre

## Southwest Chapter Meeting

Our next meetings will be May 28th at **Tacoma Sportsman's Club (TSC)**, 16409 Canyon Road East, Puyallup. Meeting is at 7:00 pm in the **Hunter Education Building**. Great food is available from the **TSC** kitchen, so arrive early and have a hearty meal before the meeting or shoot some trap! Remember if you show your **WWA ID**, you will get **TSC** member pricing when shooting trap or skeet.

## Youth Shoot

The **SW Chapter** is planning to work with the **Gray's Harbor Chapter** for a combined 'Youth Shoot' at the **Evergreen Sportsman's Club** this coming year! **Update:** **Gray's Harbor Chairman Kurt Snyder** says he looks forward to the additional help, and the **SW Chapter's** ability to bring many more kids to the shoot.

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# Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin



**Michael Andriotti** (left) and **Dave Weston** making hay a home for ducks at **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**.

## Bob's Sportsmen's Spring Show

We brought the **WWA** trailer up and staffed a booth at **Bob's in Longview** on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to **Mike Murphy**, **Ted Blade**, **Doug Hargin**, **Arlan Hackett** (both days), **Al O'Connor** and **Gene Teel** for staffing the booth and selling raffle tickets. Thanks guys!



**Joe Murphy** and his son **Alex** cleaning up the cylinder pit blinds at **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge**.

## Shillapoo Work Party

Chapter members had a productive work party refurbishing wood duck boxes and duck tubes on the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area** on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Dave Weston** and **Michael Andriotti** located old posts and were able to repair and hay up four (4) tubes. They plan to repair five (5) more and get them hung the following weekend. More supplies will be purchased for 10 more tubes for this spring.

All the wood duck boxes have been cleaned out and restocked with shavings. Plans are to restore a number of old existing boxes installed by others in the **Shillapoo Area**. Thanks to **Ted Blade**, **Evan Blade**, **Derrick Tackett**, **Al O'Connor**, **Bruce Head**, **Arlan Hackett**, **Bob Taylor**, **Dave Weston** and **Michael Andriotti** for their efforts!



**Evan Blade** helping his dad, **Ted**, maintain the wood duck boxes at **Vancouver Lake**.



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**Raffle Tickets for Gun Going Fast**

We have less than a 100 tickets left for the Remington 11-87 Super Mag Waterfowler 12 Gauge Semi-Auto Shotgun. If you need tickets contact VP **Arlan Hackett** at [aghackett@aol.com](mailto:aghackett@aol.com). We also have raffle tickets for the awesome **Cedarville Hunt** with **Jon McAninch**. **Arlan** can help you with these tickets also.

**Oregon Waterfowl Festival (OWF)**

**Derrick Tackett** is representing **WWA** at the planning meetings for this great event. We are looking forward to running the boat blind competition and anticipate some great prizes for the winners. The **OWF** organizers are going all out this year to bring the event back to its glory years. So get your boats and personal watercraft ready for competition and mark your calendar for June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at the **Columbia County Fairgrounds, St. Helens, OR**.

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**Yakima Valley Chapter News**

By Abel Cortina

**Raffle Winner**

We recently had a shotgun raffle and a winner was drawn at our March meeting. The lucky winner was **Traci Honeycutt**. She is the wife of our **Co-Chairman; Scott Honeycutt**. Congratulations to **Mrs. Honeycutt**. We hope you enjoy your new shotgun!!

**Trap Team Sponsorship**

The **WWA Yakima Valley Chapter** is pleased to announce that we have decided to **sponsor the Selah High School Scholastic Trap Shooting Team**. In doing so, they will be sporting our new logo on their shooting vests. We think this is a great way to get our logo and name out there for all to see. Hopefully, we will get some exposure, but more importantly we are **helping out the youth in an outdoor shooting adventure**. I would like to personally thank our very own **WWA Yakima Valley Chapter member Hugh Carney** for spearheading this cause.

We are also going to be volunteering to assist with some of the trap shooting events for these youth. **If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Hugh Carney for details.**

**Spring Projects**

Below are the projects we have scheduled with **WDFW** for this spring and summer. If anyone would like to assist please **contact Scott Honeycutt at the Yakima Valley Chapter**.

- April 20, 2013 began with our State land clean up.
- Mid April we partnered up with the State and doing wetland restoration consisting of burning of cattails and other smaller projects during that timeframe.
- July: Handicap blind construction begins.
- Later in July: We will begin building duck traps.
- 1st week of August we will setup duck traps and banding will be right after.

We also have some other projects going on with the **Yakama Nation** assisting them with duck trap building as well as duck banding.

Stay tuned for new projects coming out this summer.

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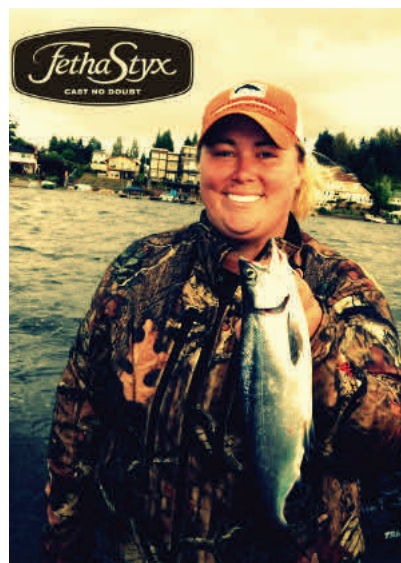
**Seattle Chapter News**

By John Arrabito

Many thanks to **Matt Stevens** and **Brianna Bruce** for putting on excellent presentations at our last two monthly Chapter meetings.

In March, **Matt** put on a Turkey Hunting seminar for us for the third year in a row. His programs are always a great primer for the spring Turkey season. Kudos are also in order for his sponsor, **Point Blank Hunting Calls**, who donated \$150+ of turkey hunting supplies and calls for three (3) separate raffle packages with all the proceeds going to **WWA-Seattle!** Right now Point Blank has a 15% discount off of their many of their different calls on their website,

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**Brianna**, who is one of only four (4) licensed female fishing guides in the State of Washington, put on a well received program for getting ready for the April 27<sup>th</sup> trout opener. She also gave up plenty of tips and gear tricks for fishing for perch and Kokanee salmon on westside lakes, as well as pointers to increase our success for the upcoming Humpie and Coho salmon

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summer seasons. For a family oriented guided trip, check out her website at:

<http://livinlifeadventures.com/index.html>

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Mentor Shoot**

Our program at our May 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter meeting will be the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Mentor Shoot** put on by **Larry** and **Kathy Gordon of AMS Guns in Woodinville** along with co-sponsors, **WWA, the Kenmore Gun Ranges, Browning/ Winchester Arms and Winchester Ammo**. The Shoot is open for first time and beginning youth under 16 years of age.

Pre-Registration is required by May 16, 2013. – “no walk ons”, no exceptions. All Participants must be accompanied by a Parent/Adult Legal Guardian. Check in starts at 4 p.m., and a **mandatory attendance Safety Instruction Class** begins at 4:30 p.m. Youth will not be allowed to shoot without first taking the **Safety Class**.

All participants will receive free:

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- Shells, range fees, and the use of a shotgun;
- **WWA** logo'd cap; and
- Catered dinner.

See the Flyer on Page 14 of this Newsletter for more information.

**Larry** is still looking for more volunteer help from **WWA-Seattle Chapter** members to successfully put on this event. Give he or **Kathy** a call at (425) 483-8855.

Come join us at the **Kenmore Gun Club**, 1031 – 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW, in Bothell, for shotgun shooting all afternoon until 4 p.m., followed by the **Youth Mentor Shoot**; followed at 7 p.m., by a catered dinner [\$9.50], and a short business meeting.

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# Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

## Annual Goose Nest Count

Set aside the weekend of **May 4th and 5th** for our annual **Goose nest count** in the basin. This year we will be counting **Potholes Reservoir** on Saturday May 4th and the islands in **Lake Lenore** on Sunday May 5th.

On Saturday May 4th we'll meet at 9:30 a.m., at the boat launch under the power lines off the **WDFW** access road from the south **Frontage Road**. If you have a boat, and it has all the safety items required, feel free to bring it. The more boats we have the faster the project will go.

**NOTE: Because dogs are not allowed to run loose at these areas at this time of the year, please leave your dog home for the goose count work parties.**

Saturday afternoon there will be a picnic/potluck at the waterfront home of **Robin & Susan Hickok**, just across from **Cascade Park** in **Moses Lake**. Burgers, hot dogs and fixin's will be provided. Please bring a dish to complement them.

For more info on either work party, contact me at (509) 762-9027 or [dickprice@nctv.com](mailto:dickprice@nctv.com)

## WWA Official Nomination Ballot

Our corporate offices are all up for re-election. We are seeking candidates. Currently nominated candidate are listed below with blanks for members to write in names for others who wish to run for election to these positions. Write in your candidate (with their permission) and send to:

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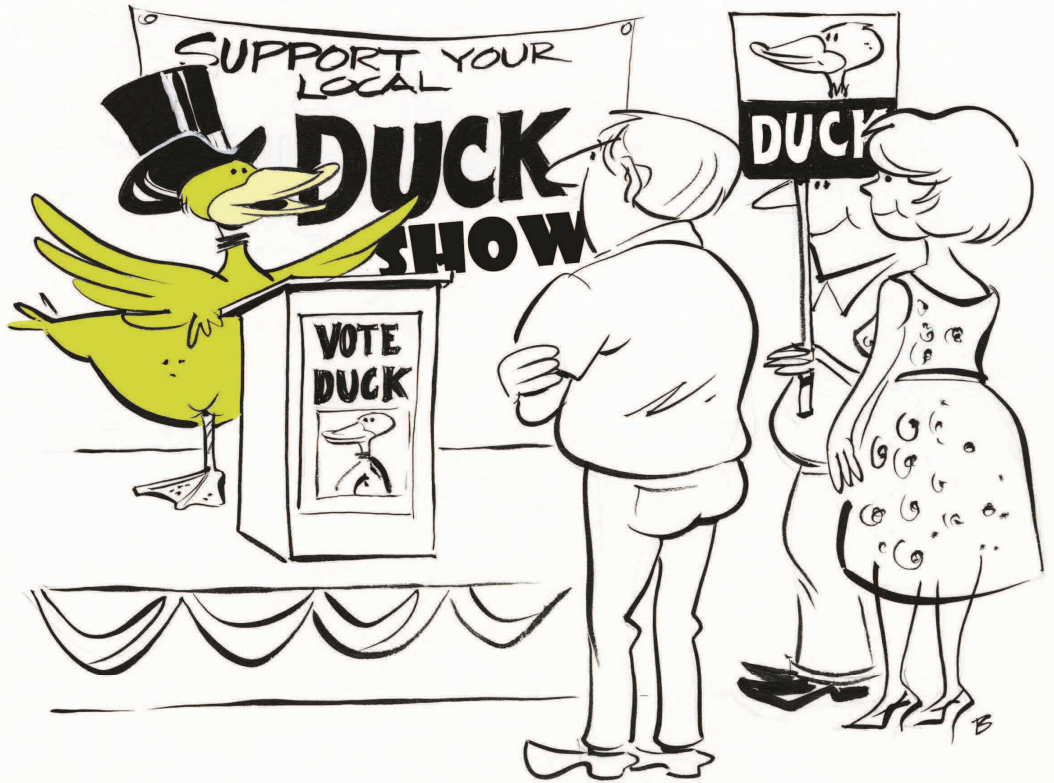
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### [Gun-Control Advocates Looking to 2014 for Initiative Campaign](#)

By [Brian M. Rosenthal](#) — Seattle Times, Olympia Bureau

OLYMPIA — A new state gun-control advocacy group is preparing to announce a 2014 initiative campaign centered on expanded background checks, according to several leaders of the group. The ballot measure, which would be Washington state's first gun-related measure since a high-profile failure in 1997, would start as an initiative to the Legislature. If lawmakers did not approve the proposal next session, it would go before voters in November 2014.

**The Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility's** plan has not yet been finalized, the leaders said. It will be discussed with members during a Monday meeting in Seattle. But even those still hoping for a 2013 initiative acknowledged the group is increasingly focusing on 2014 because of this year's looming signature-gathering deadline and because wealthy national allies are focused on the gun-control debate in Congress. "The truth is that the clock has run out on 2013," said **Ralph Fascitelli**, board president of **Washington Ceasefire**, a longtime state gun-control group working with the new alliance, which is funded by venture capitalist **Nick Hanauer**.

The proposed initiative would seek to require background checks for all or almost all gun transfers, **Fascitelli** and the others said. Checks are now required for sales by licensed firearm dealers but not transactions between private individuals. The U.S. Senate is considering a similar measure, but local advocates are not putting much faith in the divided Congress. Rumors of a potential Initiative have swirled since the Alliance emerged in February. The group planned to make a public announcement about the initiative April 29 — the day after a legislative session that has disappointed gun-control advocates.

**Fighting Back:** Lawmakers considered many gun-control proposals this session, which started weeks after a Connecticut school shooting that galvanized the movement. But only two still have a chance of becoming law — the creation of a firearm felon database and a requirement that some residents with protective orders against them temporarily surrender their guns. The most prominent of the failed proposals, which would have expanded background checks, never got a vote after hours of intense political theater left supporters two votes short in the state House. "I think that was a defining moment for the Alliance," said the **Rev. Sandy Brown of Seattle's First United Methodist Church**, "because we came to understand what we can and cannot hope for in the Washington State Legislature at the current time." In the month since, the Alliance has conducted detailed polling, coordinated with national gun-control groups and debated how to move forward. Spokesman **Christian Sinderman** said the group has focused on figuring out which path would provide the best chance of scoring a major victory for gun control. "Nobody's interested in losing," **Sinderman** said. "There's no such thing as a noble loss here." The question of 2013 versus 2014 initially divided the Alliance, said **Sinderman** and others. Normally, an even-year election would be a better option because more on the ballot triggers higher turnout, which usually favors liberal causes. But three factors complicate that in this case: the momentum from the Connecticut shooting; the 2013 Seattle mayor's race, which is expected to attract many liberal voters; and the lack of a U.S. Senate race in Washington in 2014. Many local advocates wanted to do the initiative in 2013, but the national allies preferred 2014, said Alliance lobbyist **Cody Arledge**. The Alliance will need money from groups such as the **Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence**, **Mike Bloomberg's Mayors Against Illegal Guns** and **Gabrielle Giffords' Americans for Responsible Solutions**, **Arledge** said. But those groups are focused now on the longshot effort in Congress, he said. Representatives from the three (3) groups did not return messages seeking comment.

**Community reaction** - Alliance campaign manager **Zach Silk**, who ran last year's \$12.5 million pro-gay-marriage referendum win, said the gun-control advocates haven't yet written a budget for a potential initiative campaign. Silk said competitive initiatives in Washington cost anywhere from \$6 million to \$12 million and can go as high as \$22 million. **Silk** predicted opponents would spend heavily. A Washington state lobbyist for the **National Rifle Association**, which opposes expanded background checks, said he doesn't know how involved his bosses would get in an initiative election. "We'll be invested, certainly," said the lobbyist, **Brian Judy**. "We just can't make that determination until we see if there's an Initiative and what it contains." The **NRA** believes that expanded background checks would place an ineffective and unconstitutional burden on law-abiding gun owners. The Alliance is planning a May 30 luncheon at The Westin Seattle to launch its fundraising efforts, said former **Seattle City Councilmember Tina Podlowski**, who is coordinating the event. **State Rep. Jamie Pedersen**, a Seattle Democrat who sponsored the unsuccessful background-check bill in the House, said a state Initiative could have national implications. "No question, the country will be watching," he said.

**Brian M. Rosenthal:** 360-236-8267 or brosenthal@seattletimes.com. On Twitter @brianmrosenthal



## News for the Flock

Once again it's time for parents to start making plans to send their children to various summer camps. In two (2) separate drawings — one for children of **WWA** members and another for all applicants, **WWA** will select up two (2) girls and (2) boys, for full tuition scholarships to the **Washington State Youth Conservation Camp in July at Camp Moran on Orcas Island**. In 2012, there were no applicants for the Girls Camp and rather than leave one camper home, **WWA** sent all five (5) boy applicants to camp. They represented young men from four (4) different **WWA** Chapters throughout the State. Attached on the next two (2) pages is the application and more information for all interested.

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Puppies Whelped March 20th and are available for adoption starting May 8<sup>th</sup>. Puppies come with front dewclaws removed, dewormed, first inoculation, microchipped, and 26-month guarantee on hips and eyes. \$800 for pointers, \$650 for flushers for WWA members. A \$200 deposit gets you placed in picking order for specific gender. For questions contact (360) 402-5605 or [eastharborgundogs@comcast.net](mailto:eastharborgundogs@comcast.net). See dogs at [www.eastharborgundogs.com](http://www.eastharborgundogs.com).

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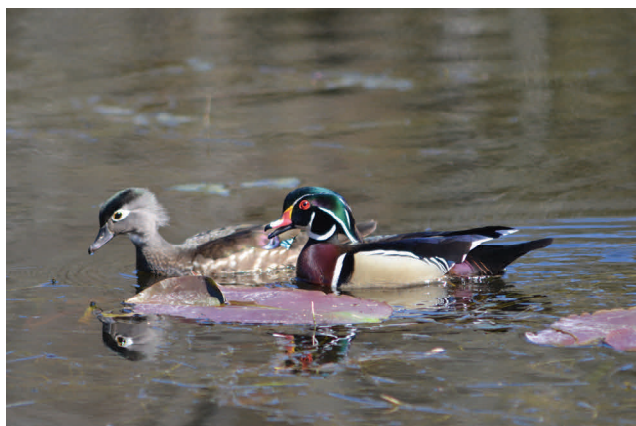
## Richland Rod & Gun Club Wood Duck News

Below are links to two (2) new cameras the **Richland Rod & Gun Club (RRGC)** has just established locally that provide live streaming video from **RRGC** wood duck nesting boxes. One has a hen wood duck sitting on eggs that will hatch in early May.

The other camera has been moved to a nest box that has a kestrel nesting. The kestrel should be incubating her eggs for ~30 days, and then they will raise the young in the box for another 30 days until they can fly.

Wood duck cam: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc-duckcam>

Kestrel cam: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc>



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The WWA is based on volunteer efforts and donations from folks that care about the waterfowl hunting heritage. Our success rides on the shoulders of these volunteers and generous benefactors. Below is a listing of recent [since the March 25, 2013 Newsletter] contributions to four primary funds established by the WWA.

**WWA Youth Fund — \$1,305**

**WWA Legal Fund — \$15,392**

**Willapa Bay Legal Fund**

**Balance of Local (Pacific County) Legal Fund — \$465; Ross Barkhurst — \$100**

**WWA Habitat Fund — \$285**

**WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$1,296**

**WWA General Non Specific Donations —\$123**

You can contribute in so many ways to the WWA, from locally to statewide, helping the WWA carry on!  
The WWA wishes to thank you for your generous contribution to the Waterfowler's Heritage.



# Donations

## Photograph of the Month



**Ken Packard's Pond**

(Sounds kind of like Bill Grogan's Goat)

## IN MEMORIAM



If you have someone you would like to honor in this column, please contact newsletter editor Rone Brewer (nwducks@frontier.com or 206.595.7481) before the 10th of the month you would like the memorial to appear. We would prefer a note written by the contributor. A picture is also requested.



There is no charge for this service but donations at your discretion are always appreciated.

## WWA Photo Contest

### Send us Your Great Waterfowling Photograph

The **WWA** photo contest is to promote sharing of wing shooting experience of the Club's membership. Photos from the current or previous season must be submitted by September 30th of the following year. Members may submit digital photos (jpg file) to [mikkelse@mindspring.com](mailto:mikkelse@mindspring.com). Monthly winners photos will be posted on our website and newsletter and may be used in a **WWA** calendar. **WWA Photo Contest Guidelines:** Must be taken in the last license year; Is limited to the wing shooting experience; Must include a member (or family member), harvested game, and/or a bird dog.

**WWA retains right to use all submitted photographs** (submittal of a photo including a person under 18 years old gives **WWA** consent to use the file for **WWA** purposes).



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_\_\_\_, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Contact: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type:**

- Family (immediate family up to age 18) — \$ 35.00
- Regular — \$ 30.00
- Life — \$ 500.00
- Sustaining Life — \$ 750.00
- Senior (65 or over) - \$ 15.00
- Junior (under age 18) -- \$ 15.00

**Chapter & Newsletter:** (Please specify your preferences)Newsletter by  email or  hard copy

- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap County Chapter** meets the 1st Wednesday of the month (Jan – Nov) at **Bremerton Skeet & Trap Club**.
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
- Peninsula Chapter** meets the 1st Saturday of the month (Jan – Nov) at **10 a.m. at HJ Carroll Park**, 9884 Rhody Drive, **Chimacum, WA 98325**.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Bothell.
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Tacoma Sportsman's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** – Dates and places to TBD.
- Tri Cities Chapter** meets the 2nd Monday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **PUD Auditorium**, corner of 10th Avenue & HWY 395, **Kennewick**.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center**.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (Jan – Nov) at **Café Villa, Prosser**.

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**A few facts about the WWA:**

- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization
- 10 chapters throughout Washington
- *We spend all of our resources within Washington State*

**Our projects include:**

- Working on behalf of Hunter's Rights issues to keep public access open and available
- Administration of the WA Migratory Bird Stamp and Print Program
- Hosting and sponsoring the Washington State Duck Calling Championships
- Wood Duck Nest Box & Mallard Nest Tube, Goose Nest Pot & platform construction, installation, & maintenance
- Working with the Boy Scouts of America on Eagle Scout projects
- Hosting Youth Mentor shotgun shooting one-on-one instruction events
- Conducting NRA sanctioned Hunter Education classes for Youth & donation of funds to offset WDFW printing costs for youth gun safety classes
- Donation of funds to support high school shooting teams in Washington
- Teaching adults and youth decoy carving arts
- Working with thousands of children at Sportsman's Show painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing scholarships for boys and girls to attend a week at Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island, WA
- Working with the WDFW in the creation of premium quality hunt waterfowling areas
- Building and rehabilitating blinds in public hunting areas
- Distribution and planting of thousands of pounds of donated corn seed for waterfowl consumption
- Working with the Yakama Tribe in banding upland birds and waterfowl, and building duck "blinds" on tribal lands
- Goose and duck nest counts and banding of both with the WDFW and USFWS
- Working with the WDFW on dove counts & planting WDFW food plots in Eastern WA with WWA owned tractor and farming implements
- Sponsoring of the Annual NW Decoy Collector's Show
- Participating in multiple Sportsman's shows annually
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours for Swan Mortality Mitigation Studies
- Donation of funds and man hours to WDFW for goose banding and satellite tracking
- Litter pickup projects at public hunting areas, boat ramps, and along highways; and Conducting multiple fund raising banquets annually to fund all of these "hands on" conservation projects.