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Hi All,

The elections for corporate officers are coming up soon....and that means change. 'That's a good thing.' as Martha Stewart used to say.

One of the countless axioms that I have always tried to adhere to is: "Look to the Future, but Remember the Past." We are fortunate to currently have a blend of Board Members and Officers with vastly differing backgrounds and ages spanning four decades. The Board has gotten younger in recent years, and I hope that trend continues.

Please use the official ballot for **WWA** Corporate Officer Elections on page 24 of this Newsletter. Seal the ballot in a plain envelope with no identification on it. Then stuff that sealed envelope in a second envelope with your name and return address. **Remember, only ballots from members whose dues are current will be counted and additionally all ballots must be postmarked by June 30, 2013 in order to be counted.**

Sometimes I get some 'chatter' about the breadth of issues we now involve ourselves in as an organization. When I started hunting, I'm not sure the 'anti-hunting' sentiment even existed. For that matter, neither did the 'anti-gun' groups that we now have to live with. One could pretty much drive up to any farmhouse around the state and "ask permission" and receive it. Suing farmers and landowners for one's own stupidity hadn't been invented yet; in fact damaging public or private hunting properties was pretty much unheard of. Youngsters tagged along with Dad and Grandpa until they were old enough to go out on their own.

Most people in today's Washington don't realize that 50 years ago, our state was a destination for fowl and bird shooters alike.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

- Wednesday, May 22** **Seattle Chapter Meeting;** 7 p.m. @ **Kenmore Gun Club**, in Bothell.
9th Annual Youth Mentor Shoot.
See Page 11. Contact **John Arrabito**.
- Tuesday, May 28** **Southwest Chapter Meeting;**
7 p.m. @ **Tacoma Sportsman's Club.**
Contact **Terry Satre**.
- Thursday, May 30** **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting**
7 p.m. @ **Vancouver Trap Club.**
Contact **Rick Scott**.
- Tuesday, June 4** **Whatcom County Chapter Meeting**
5-7 p.m. @ **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, Ferndale.** Contact **Scott O'Day**.
- Wednesday, June 5** **Kitsap Peninsula Chapter Meeting**
6-8 p.m. @ **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club.** Contact **Richard Bazzell**
- Thursday, June 6** **Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting.**
7 p.m. @ **Evergreen Sportmen's Club,**
near **Littlelock.** Contact **Kurt Snyder**
- Thursday, June 6** **WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting**
6:30 p.m., @ **Canyon Park Denny's or Wild Fin in Issaquah (Gilman Village)**
All members always welcome.
- Saturday, June 8** **DU Sporting Clays Fun Shoot**
Sequim, WA. See Flyer on Page 13.
- Monday, June 10** **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, June 11** **Northwest Chapter Meeting;**
7 p.m. @ **Conway Fire Hall.**
Contact **Rone Brewer**.
- Thursday, June 13** **Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting;**
6:30 p.m., @ **Café Villa in Prosser.**
Contact **Abel Cortina**.
- Wednesday, June 26** **Grays Harbor Chapter's Youth Waterfowl Hunting Workshop, Part 1.**
See Flyer on Page 12.
- Sat & Sun., June 29-30** **12th Annual Oregon Waterfowl Festival; Columbia Fair Grounds; St. Helens, OR .** See Flyer on Page 17.
Also See:
www.oregonwaterfowlfestival.com
- Wednesday, Aug., 7** **Grays Harbor Chapter's Youth Waterfowl Hunting Workshop, Part 2.**
See Flyer on Page 12.

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Times change. Today, I see the **WWA's** role of promoting and preserving waterfowling via our habitat work, youth activities, working with government officials and agencies while holding others accountable, instrumental in keeping our pastime alive and thriving.

The **Oregon Waterfowl Festival** is coming up the end of June. The promoters and worker-bees have moved the event back to **St. Helens, Oregon**. God Bless Them! St. Helens is just a few miles down the Oregon side of the Columbia River from the bridge at Longview. I can tell you that in years gone by when the festival was held in St. Helens, I considered it to be the best I had seen. Every indication is that this year's event will be superb. Plan on attending, car pool and make a day-long event of it. You won't be disappointed. [See Flyer on Page 17].

A couple of months ago, the Board and Officers hosted the **All-Chapter Meeting** at the **Kenmore Gun Ranges**. At that meeting, I asked all chapter representatives to bring a review of their accomplishments for 2012 and their plans for 2013.

None was aware that the Board and Officers had previously determined that we would make a special award after that meeting. Every **WWA** Chapter contributed to waterfowl, waterfowling and their community in one way or another during this past year.

After considerable deliberation, I am proud to announce that the **2012 WWA President's Award** based on the breadth and depth of their involvement in their community and promotion of all things waterfowl goes to the **Lower Columbia Chapter**. Congrats, guys.

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Projects and Programs

Duck Stamp Program

(Statewide)

State duck stamps and prints now available from WWA.

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Willapa National Wildlife Refuge and Eelgrass

(Pacific County)

We finally received detailed waterfowl count data from the **US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)**. We are now tabulating all the data to get a sense of waterfowl trends in Willapa Bay. We are reviewing a basic carrying capacity study provided by the commercial shellfish growers and continue to push for protections of eelgrass such that waterfowl numbers are not significantly impacted. It also appears some eelgrass monitoring will be conducted to help verify current conditions. Overall, **WWA** is still working toward an **acreage limit** on the spraying of eelgrass with the herbicide Imazamox, on commercial clam beds.

Willapa Refuge Porter Unit Dikes are scheduled for removal on the next unit this summer.

In regard to Willapa Refuge dike removal, the **Office of Inspector General (OIG)** sent our complaint to the **USFWS for a response**. After filing a freedom of information (FOIA) request and waiting 90 days, **WWA** finally received the USFWS response, **which we find out was completed by the Refuge management**. So, we have the same folks who perpetrated the dike removal plan, writing the defense of the plan, instead of an independent review of said plans by the **OIG**. And what do you know...the response says they did everything just fine, and they consider the case closed now. **WWA is conducting a detailed review of the USFWS responses** and based on results will decide whether to file suit against the **USFWS** for their lack of due process procedures during the Willapa NWR Comprehensive Conservation Plan (**CCP**).

Leque Island

(Snohomish/Island County)

WWA, Juniper Beach Water District, and the Snohomish County Farm Bureau met in Seattle with the **U.S. EPA, Ducks Unlimited, and Pacific Groundwater Group (PGG)**, to discuss the **PGG** Leque Island restoration groundwater impact model report. Two representatives of the **Recreation and Conservation Office (aka, the salmon recovery funding board)** were also present. The **DU/WDFW** groundwater study was forwarded by U.S. EPA Seattle for technical review by a Ph.D. hydrogeologist at **U.S. EPA** in Cincinnati. Conclusions of the groundwater study were that even though salt-infused groundwater would flow into the sole source drinking water aquifer, it would not flow far enough west to reach current drinking water wells. Both the **WWA** and the **Juniper Beach Water District** have further concerns regarding impacts to the drinking water of northeast Camano Island, particularly in light of another planned restoration at the farm fields near Terry's Corner on Camano Island. This proposed project would put salt water on both sides of the current freshwater aquifer. **We are now awaiting the study review from Cincinnati.**

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Projects and Programs - Continued

Heritage Lands

(Statewide)

Folks, **this is a future for public hunting and fishing access.** The **USFWS, WDFW**, and other agencies are dropping out of the public access and lands management scene. Restoration and conservation (even wetland mitigation) all are keeping most hunting off of the restored and "conserved" lands. If we want to have some public hunting lands we need to take the bull by the horns and manage it ourselves.

Are you interested in helping to preserve farmland for waterfowl and hunting into the future?

Imagine thousands of acres of farmland statewide, managed for farming and public access, by a hunter's non-profit Organization, all paying for itself through the lease of the land for farming.

It's called Heritage Lands

WWA wants to use **private dollars**, to establish this program, then after established, not only will it pay for itself, as it grows it will pay for its own expansion, including additional opportunities to lease land for waterfowl plantings and hunting access on other private lands. Why private dollars? Because most of the available public grant money comes with requirements for restoration. We are trying to save the farmland, not restore it!

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It is a powerful match up. See Page 18.

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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Goose Nest Count

The weather was cooperative for the most part for our annual Goose Nest Count the weekend of **May 4th and 5th on Potholes Reservoir** and **Lake Lenore**. The counts are heavily relied upon by **WDFW** in their decision making regarding whether or not the local population numbers will support and justify an early E WA goose hunting season.

Also along these lines, the mid-June goose banding project dates and locations have been announced. See page 15 for more information.



Hayden Ploeger (left) and **Roger Eastman** with one of many goose nests they discovered among the sand islands within **Potholes Reservoir**. The annual event and potluck at the Moses Lake waterfront home of **Robin & Susan Hickok** is one of many family friendly events sponsored by **WWA** Chapters throughout WA.

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.

Spokane Chapter News

Hey there all you **Spokane duck hunters**...we need someone to step up and manage the **Spokane Chapter** and carry on all the good things **Thor Ostrom** had started there.

Chairman wanted!

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

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Hello everyone

I hope you are all enjoying the first of our summer weather and this letter reaches you all in good health! Our Chapter had another great regular meeting this month and here is the outcome followed by a few items of interest.

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We have officially expanded our youth program with the creation of our first **Youth Hunter Waterfowl Workshop**. Please read the Flyer on Page 12 of this Newsletter. It will tell you all about it. We have been able to expand our youth program only because of all the generous donations we have received, and the willingness of our volunteers. The workshop will show the kids that waterfowling is an exceptional and fun activity.

Someone once said that if you teach your kids to hunt you will not have to hunt for your kids. That statement rings of truth and our youth events will reflect that wisdom. I ask all of you to support this program by passing the word on it. Feel free to copy, print and pass out the flier. If we get good participation (at least one kid) we will continue it permanently. Many thanks to member **Dirk Farrar** for heading the event and also thanks to the volunteers that are helping!

Raffle

I have had a few calls from around the state about how to get tickets for our annual waterfowl hunt for two raffle. Please contact your Chapter Chairman, they should have tickets available for you. These tickets are selling good but our goal is to sell all 1000 of them. We make the maximum amount of funds this way and gives the opportunity for someone to win an awesome hunt! I have been buying them as gifts for friends with the hope that they'll invite me along!!

Youth Shoot

Our annual Youth shooting event is now scheduled for Saturday the 14th of September. Keep your eye peeled for the upcoming flier! We expect the event to be much larger than last years so get your registration in as soon as possible! You can register now simply by contacting me.

Remember, youth entry is paid for by our Chapter! You can't beat free at half the price! Yes, the grilled lunch is also free! Adult entry will be based on what the targets

cost. Last year we charged \$20.00 per adult. The planning continues for it...

Junior Duck Stamp Art

WWA President, Jim Cortines, Earl Mikkelson and myself recently met with **Sheila McCartan** and **Michael Schramm** of the **USFWS** at the **Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)** about the **Junior Duck Stamp Art Program**.

This program really needs a shot in the arm, and **WWA** plans to step up and help! Many of us believe that the Program is worthy of our assistance. The artist participation is at an all time low, and we can support it in a few easy ways. First we can contact our school program, administrators, and art teachers to inform them that this program is available for free to any students that wish to participate. Feel free to give them my contact info. Second we can support it by simply buying a Junior Duck Stamp! (The game warden just might take it easy on you if they see this stamp pasted to your hunting license). The \$5.00 Stamp purchase money is dedicated directly to the program.

The current stamp income is not covering all the costs so as we experience more budget cuts, this program will and has been cut to the bones. Third we plan to use the State winner for the WA State Duck Stamp in the future! New **Willapa NWR** head, **Jackie Ferrier**, also has plans to install a Youth Duck Stamp Program at their hunting complex next year. **WWA** looks forward to helping out both programs.

Many thanks to member **Rone Brewer** for the countless hours he has put into the newsletter for as long as I know of. I think he has done a great job putting out this important letter every month. Hats off to you **Rone!** Also many thanks to **Seattle Chapter Chairman John Arrabito** for his involvement in maintaining the member database and getting the newsletter out. These guys put in a ton of hours for us **and you both are invited to enjoy a Seaduck hunt on me.**

As usual, you can contact me anytime about anything hunting! I really enjoy yacking with the other hunters!

Thank you all,

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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.

Work Parties

We continue to work with the **McNary National Wildlife Refuge** to develop a plan and schedule for the construction of public access blinds at the Refuge.

Similarly, we are still working on joining the duck trap project with **WDFW's, Pasco Field Office**.

Stay tuned for information as soon as we get it.

Kitsap Peninsula Chapter News

By Richard Bazzell

The Kitsap Peninsula Chapter meets the first Wednesday of every month at **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club**. Come join us at 6 pm for discussions regarding fundraisers, blind builds, restoration projects and this year's shooting/dog training clinic. We will be also discussing how our chapter can improve our local **WDFW** hunt sites by providing suggestions to **Jeff Skriletz**, our area **WDFW Wildlife Biologist**.

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 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.

Olympic Peninsula Chapter News

Hey there all you **Olympic Peninsula duck hunters**...we need someone to step up and manage the **Olympic Peninsula Chapter** and carry on all the good things that **Don Brickey** had started there.

Chairman wanted!

Do you know anyone in the Port Townsend/Port Hadlock areas interested in spreading the waterfowling heritage?

Northwest Chapter News

By Rone Brewer

Hope you had a chance to attend the **39th NW Decoy Show in Bellevue** or the **Washington Brant Foundation Puget Sound Open Decoy Carving Contest** at Holiday Sports in Burlington, the last two (2) weekends. Many thanks to **Jim Cortines**, **Earl Mikkelson**, and **John Arrabito** for staffing the **WWA** traveling duck mount booth at both events. Keep an eye out for the **State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest** at **Lacey's Cabela's** later this summer.

Farmed Island

WDFW did not hire a barge this year to get supplies over to the **Farmed Island**. We are meeting with **WDFW** to set up a time to help transport seed with private boats over to the **Farmed Island**. Contact us if you want to help. Looks like **WDFW** is planning on planting a perennial millet that may not need re-planting every year.

WDFW Replacement Lands

WDFW is beginning to look for lands in our region as replacements for past/proposed fish restoration projects.

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Leque Island

We received an email from **WDFW** suggesting **Leque Island** planning will begin anew. In regard to the ground water study, **WDFW** had a teleconference with the **U.S. EPA** hydro-geologist. Neither **WWA** nor the **Juniper Beach Water System** were invited by the **U.S. EPA** to be in on the teleconference. We have been told by the **U.S. EPA** that a final decision regarding drinking water impacts will be made one week after a scheduled June 5th meeting to present the findings. **U.S. EPA** says approximately 15 county, state, and federal representatives have signed up to be present at the June 5th meeting.

Friends of Eide Road are trying to recruit local **Audubon** groups to support them in stopping hunting on **Leque Island**. We spent an hour chatting with an **Audubon** representative, bringing them up to speed on the past 10 years of trying to save **Leque Island** for everyone. We have worked well with local **Audubon** over the years, and they are not anti-hunting. I think the folks at **Friends of Eide Road** need to be informed of the history of **Leque Island**; what all has occurred; and how close we are to losing the entire island.

Hope you had a chance to get out and chase a turkey or two.

Keep on Keepin' On

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Southwest Chapter News

By Bob Schwent

Southwest Chapter Meeting

The **Southwest Chapter** is looking for guest speakers at our meetings. If you know someone who would like to be a guest speaker, or have ideas for guest speakers, please forward their information to **Bob Schwent** or **Terry Satre**.

March Meeting

Brett Stark of the **Seattle Chapter** gave an outstanding talk on the history of decoys in the **Pacific Northwest** and decoy collecting. The Northwest has a rich history of waterfowling and decoy carving, and his presentation really sparked a lot of interest. If you haven't seen it, I highly recommend it.

We also held the drawings for the annual raffle prizes. First prize went to **Walter Kaemerer** who chose the Mossberg 935 Autoloader shotgun. Second prize, the

framed 2012 Washington Duck Stamp Print went to **Bob Schwent**, and third prize, the salmon rod and reel combo donated by **Jim Cortines** was won by **Russ Carlson**. The youth prize, a freshwater rod and reel combo was won by **Ben Hughes**.



Walter Kaemerer with Jon Silva, Gun manager at Sportsmans Warehouse in Federal Way



Rod & Reel Winner Ben Hughes with parents

April Meeting

Our guest speakers in April were a Sergeant and an Enforcement Officer from the **WDFW**. They gave a presentation and answered questions from the members. Our thanks to **WDFW** for taking the time to come out after a long day at work to speak with us.

Other News

The **Southwest Chapter** will be helping out at the **Grays Harbor Chapter Youth Shoot** in September. Last years event was a huge success, and we all need to get the

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next generation of waterfowlers and shotgunners on board. If you are interested in helping, please contact either **Bob Schwent** or **Terry Satre**.

Many thanks to those who have been helping **Jack Westerfield** with the wood duck boxes.

The next **Southwest Chapter** meeting is 7:00 pm, May 28th at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** (16409 Canyon Road East, Puyallup). Shooting starts at 6:00 with the meeting at 7:00. If you want a good burger the kitchen is open. Bring your shotgun and shoot a little skeet or trap, meet some old friends or make some new ones, maybe start planning that special hunt this fall. Hope to see you there!

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

New Pit Blind Covers Completed

Thanks to **Kirk Benson** for fabricating and camo painting eight (8) new blind cover lids to replace deteriorated covers on four (4) pit blinds at the **Ridgefield NWR**. **Kirk** completed the task as his senior project at **Ridgefield High School**. **Kirk** did the reveal at our monthly chapter meeting in April. By all accounts he did a fantastic job, and we look forward to presenting them to the refuge staff in the near future.

Duck Nest Tubes

Dave Weston and **Michael Andriotti** have completed construction on a total of 20 nest tubes. They have installed them in the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. All locations have been GPS recorded. We look forward to checking out the results of their hard work. Great job guys!

Sportsman's Warehouse

Thanks to **Arlan Hackett** for organizing a parking lot booth using our big cargo trailer at **Sportsman's Warehouse** on Saturday April 20th. Thanks to **Derrick Tackett**, **Michael Andriotti** and **Dave Weston** for helping out. The group procured 30 signatures opposing the dike breach at **Shillapoo**. They also sold raffle tickets for both the Remington Magnum Waterfowler gun and the Cedarville Farms waterfowl hunt. They also made eight (8) membership leads to follow up on. Thanks to all for your dedication!

Gun Safe Raffle

Just to shake things up a bit and not get in a rut we have a new raffle opportunity. Our chapter voted to raffle

off a **Tracker Gun Safe** with a digital electronic locking system. Only 400 tickets will be available so don't miss out! We will provide a certificate to the fortunate winner for the safe and at their option modify or upgrade if they want to pay the difference.

Oregon Waterfowl Festival June 29th & 30th

A huge effort is being put forth to make this the best festival in recent memory. The event is being billed as the largest waterfowl festival west of the Mississippi. **WWA** will be there in full force with all three trailers. We will have our new wood ducks and box displayed. Members plan to build duck boxes and duck nest tubes on site for demonstration.

Additionally our chapter will run the boat blind contest providing a **WWA** duck call and box of shells to each entrant. Calling contests, kids' events, seminars, retriever completion, decoy carving and boat blind contest. Limited RV and camping along with a BBQ on Saturday night. We encourage all members to head over to the **Columbia County Fairgrounds in St. Helens, OR** and check it out! See Flyer on Page 17.

Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Roger Bennett

Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 20th was Clean Up Day for the **Yakima Valley Chapter**. A group of us met at the **Sunnyside Wildlife Area**, by **Giffin Lake**. Thirteen (13) big bags of spent shells, water bottles, cans and other garbage were collected in a few short hours. One blind had about 40 or 50 bottles and cans, and hundreds and hundreds of empties piled in the brush. [See photo on the following page]. Don't forget, when you're out there enjoying your hunt, be a good steward and pack out your garbage!

Selah School District Shooting Team

The **Yakima Valley Chapter** is one of the sponsors for the **Selah School District's Junior & Senior High School Shooting Team**. On Saturday, April 27th of this past month, the Selah team hosted several other schools from the state at the **Pomona Gun Club** in **Selah** for a Saturday competition. The Selah Team was proudly displaying their **Yakima Valley WWA** patches on their team shooting vests. It was impressive to see the level of commitment and safety these young shooters displayed. Several **WWA Yakima Valley Chapter** members were present to help score and release targets for the shooters.

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The Selah Team, comprised of 6 boys and 2 girls, set the bar high with their quality shooting skills. **Coach Randy Rice** does an excellent job, not only with his two daughters that are on the team, but with all of the shooters.



Unidentified members of the Selah School District shooting team with WWA Logo Patches.



Bustin' Clays during competition / practice



YV Chapter members (left) Finn Carney, Roger Bennett and Dale Stickel at Sunnyside HMA

The Selah team is anchored by **WWA member Carson Mackey** (who went on to take 1st place in the state competition in the Intermediate Men's category), and coach's daughter, **Megan Rice**, (who took 2nd in state in the Women's Division).

Unfortunately, it is a rare thing in this day and age to have a public school district that allows a shooting team, and the **YV Chapter** is honored to be able to sponsor and encourage these kids in their quest to become excellent shots, and responsible firearm owners.

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Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

Annual Youth Mentor Shoot

Our program for our May 22nd Chapter meeting will be the **9th Annual Youth Mentor Shoot** put on by chapter members **Larry and Kathy Gordon of AMS Guns in Wood-inville** 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.

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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- One-on-one individualized instruction;
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- **WWA** logo'd cap; and
- Catered dinner.

Larry is still looking for more volunteer help from **WWA-Seattle Chapter** members in order to once again successfully put on this event. Give him a at (425) 483-8855.

Worlds Smallest Emergency Locator Beacon Available to All WWA Members at Discount



Attention All Hunters —
The rescueME PLB1 (Personal Locator Beacon) is now available to all **WWA** members at a discount. The FFC approved unit operates on free 406mhz COSPAT/SARSAT government funded distress notification service that is worldwide. Unlike other similar products, once registered there is no monthly service

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WATERFOWL HUNT RAFFLE (Oakville, Washington)

The **Washington Waterfowl Association** is raffling off two (2) **Cedarville Farms Hunt Club** guided waterfowl hunts for the 2013-14 season. These hunts are likely to be the only means for a non-member to procure a hunt with **Cedarville** this season. The tickets are \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00 and each ticket will get two you (2) chances to win one hunt with **Cedarville Farms** in the upcoming season. The hunts are for two (2) people **and include lodging**.

The drawing for the two lucky winners will be held on September 30, 2013. If you are interested in purchasing tickets for this worthy cause, contact any **WWA** Chapter Chair. Check out the photo [above] of one of the two hunts donated by **Cedarville Farms** to the **WWA** from the 2012-13 season. Waterfowl hunting doesn't get much better than this!

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THE GRAYS HARBOR CHAPTER

of the
Washington Waterfowl Association
Presents
our first

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTER WORKSHOP (2 PARTS)

First workshop is Wednesday the 26th of June

Second workshop is August 7th 2013

Both start at 6:00 PM

Evergreen Sportsman's Club - Littlerock, WA

Workshop will show the young waterfowl hunters:

JUNE 26th

- *Waterfowl identification*
 - *Laws and ethics*
- *Range target shooting*

AUGUST 7th

- *Decoy and blind setup*
- *Duck and Goose calling*
- *Live target shooting on the sporting clays range*

This workshop, designed to promote waterfowl hunting to the new hunter as a safe, ethical and fun activity, is free to all youth under 18 years of age.

Parents are encouraged to participate!

Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian on the shooting range.

Students will provide their own shotgun and ammunition.

Pre-registration is required at kurtsnyder@outdrs.net

DU SPORTING CLAYS FUN SHOOT

JUNE 8, 2013



**Sunnydell Shooting Grounds
292 Dryke Road — Sequim, WA 98382**

Entry fee is \$100.00 for individual and \$50.00 Greenwings 17 years of age and under. Entry fee includes 100 targets from four challenging stations, a DU membership, lunch, refreshments, and a great time with fellow shooters. Check in begins at 9:00 AM, shooting to follow. Event is open to the public. On-line registration (fast & easy) is available at: <http://www.ducks.org/washington/events/30589/bellingham-du-sunnydell-fun-shoot>

- **All prizes will be awarded by a free drawing after the shoot.**
- **Break five targets and receive one general drawing ticket.**
- **Firearms will be awarded in a separate free drawing.**

Each registered shooter will receive one firearm drawing ticket. Register by May 31st and receive a second firearm raffle ticket. Bring an item worth \$20.00 or more (for the general drawing) and earn a third firearm drawing ticket. Bring a new shooter and receive a fourth firearm drawing ticket. Two to four DU firearms will be given away, depending upon the number of registered shooters.

Award Ceremony

The high overall shooter in each of three separate categories will receive recognition at the awards ceremony:

- **Junior Greenwing (13 and under)**
- **Senior Greenwing (14 -17),**
- **Adult (18 & older)**

For additional information contact:

Les Hyatt 360-815-2739

John Tierney 425-891-2302

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AKC American Yellow Pointing Lab Puppies

Tri-Labs Ginger Farrow JH x MPR Devin's Yellowjacket JH of Sam's Creek Kennels. This is a "sort of" 4:2 linebreeding on 2XGMPR Wannamaker's Hot Tub (Jade's Foxy Roxy is Tubbs' half-sister). Both dogs have pedigrees riddled with GMPR's and FC/AFC's. Sire and Dam are OFFA & CERF clear, and are EIC and CNM clear through parentage and testing. These will be incredible pointers and retrievers with mellow temperament.

AKC American Chocolate / Yellow Pointing Lab Puppies

Snake River's Southern Comfort of East harbor x East Harbor's You Don't Know Jack of TGK. "Belle" has 5 GMPR hall of Fame dogs in her pedigree, and "Jack" was sired by a MPR and whelped by a GMPR. This breeding is going to produce some absolutely awesome hunting dogs with great family dispositions! Both dogs were evaluated in the Penn Hip program with favorable results, are EIC/CNM clear through testing/parentage, and have OFFA eye certificates.



Both litters were whelped 3/20/13, and are available starting 05/08/13. Puppies come with front dewclaws removed, dewormed, first inoculation, microchipped, and a 26-month guarantee on hips and eyes. \$800 per puppy for **WWA** members, and a \$200 deposit gets you placed in picking order for specific gender/color. See dogs at www.easthargundogs.com. For additional questions contact **WWA** member **John Farrow** (360) 402-5605 or easthargundogs@comcast.net



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E WA GOOSE BANDING SCHEDULE

Hello Goose Banders,

For those of you who haven't meet me, my name is **Erin Wehland**. I'm the new **WDFW** waterfowl specialist. I'm seeking volunteers for the upcoming Canada goose banding occurring in June. Unfortunately, I lack email addresses for many of the former volunteers and ask for your help in passing this information on to interested parties.

Here is the eastern Washington Canada Goose banding schedule:

Monday, June 10: Spokane

Tuesday, June 11: Sprague Lake

Thursday, June 13: Tri-cities

Friday, June 14: Yakima

Monday, June 17: Moses Lake/Coulee Corridor

Tuesday, June 18: Wenatchee

I will provide additional information on meeting locations and times in follow-up notices. We are looking for volunteers for all dates. There is no specific gear or skill required, just a willingness to get dirty! All volunteers must register with **WDFW** (I can provide paperwork).

We will also need motor boats, kayaks, and canoes for most of the locations. Let me know if you can bring your watercraft. Please keep in mind that all boat crews **MUST WEAR PFDs** to participate in the operation.

I would like to get a general count on how many volunteers to expect at each of the bandings, so please respond if you can make it and how many people you are bringing. Meeting times are typically quite early for Spokane and Wenatchee (5 a.m.) because we work on golf courses. The other locations will start at 7 or 8 a.m. (more details to come). The operations are typically complete by noon or early afternoon.

I look forward to meeting and working with everyone!

Erin Wehland

WDFW Waterfowl Specialist

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Erin.Wehland@dfw.wa.gov

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TREASURERS. REPORT (5-2-2013)

Corporate Checking	\$ 21,559.44
Chapter (LC, ML & SEA)	
Trust Monies for Goose	
Satellite Transmitters	
For WDFW	\$ 8,250.00
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,546.52
Corporate Total	\$ 47,858.96

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking	\$ 2,061.68
Kitsap Chapter	(To Be Funded)
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HERITAGE LANDS

Farmland & Public Access Preservation

The Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA) has finalized a business plan for private land/public access program called

Heritage Lands.

The program idea came from a multi-stakeholder work group developing mitigation options for the farmland and public access losses resulting from fish restoration projects in the Lower Skagit and Stillaguamish River Deltas.

The goal of the program is for the Washington Waterfowl Association to:

1. Purchase & own a limited amount of farmland in three or four different areas across the deltas.
2. Preserve the farmland in perpetuity through sale of development rights and farming-related easements.
3. Lease the land to farmers, supporting and promoting agricultural productivity, infrastructure, and crop rotation.
4. Use lease fees to support property management, hunting and other public access, and lease of waterfowl hunting access to other private farmland in the region.
5. Promote recreational access and wildlife habitat improvements that do not reduce long-term agricultural productivity.
6. Provide research and public education opportunities.

To learn more or, provide your thoughts/ideas contact:
Rone Brewer – (206) 595-7481 or nwducks@frontier.com

We are now seeking funding for the Heritage Lands Program. If adequate private funding can be obtained it will drastically simplify program initiation. Your support can help get this program rolling.

You can **CONTRIBUTE** at WWW.WADUCK.ORG

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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. **Deadline for Applications — June 16, 2013.**

WASHINGTON STATE JUNIOR SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION CAMP APPLICATION

CAMP DATES 2013:

Girls Camp – Sunday, July 14 to Saturday, July 20

Boys Camp – Sunday, July 21 to Saturday, July 27

CAMP FEE: \$250.00

*All campers must be at least 12 years old by July 1st, 2013 and must not have reached their 17th birthday before the onset of camp. Campers do not need to be sponsored by a Club or Organization.

Please write legibly and carefully.

Camper's Name _____ Sex _____ Birth Date _____

Age Just Prior to Camp _____ Number of Previous Years at This Camp _____

Mailing Address _____

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Sponsor (if other than parent/guardian) WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATIONSponsor Mailing Address 9792 Edmonds Way, Suite 161,City Edmonds, State WA Zip 98020Sponsor Phone (425) 894-4080 Contact Person JOHN ARRABITO

Who will deliver camper to ferry dock? _____

Who will retrieve camper at the end of the week? _____

(If other than parent/guardian, a signed letter of permission is required)

Who has legal custody of the camper? _____

Is there anyone the camper should not be released to? _____

Emergency Contact _____ Contact Phone () _____

Has this child been away from family for a full week before? _____

Do you believe he/she may have difficulty adjusting to a structured camping situation? _____
(If yes, please explain on a separate sheet)

Transportation to and from Anacortes will be the responsibility of the sponsor/parent/guardian. If car pools are desired, phone numbers of other campers in your area can be obtained from your camp directors. To be fully completed, this application must include (1) the signatures of the camper and the parent/guardian at the bottom of this page, and (2) the full camp fee of \$250.00. If, due to some emergency, a camper is unable to attend, the sponsoring club or organization (if any) and the Camp Directors must be notified immediately so that a replacement can be located. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR NO-SHOWS AT THE FERRY DOCK.** There will be no discrimination due to race, color, religion, or nationality.

THIS APPLICATION AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. SIGNATURES BELOW INDICATE THAT THE CAMPER HAS PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION TO ATTEND CONSERVATION CAMP ON ORCAS ISLAND, AND THAT THE CAMPER AND PARENT/GUARDIAN HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREED TO ABIDE BY THE CAMP POLICIES. IT IS FURTHER AGREED THAT, SHOULD THE CAMP DIRECTORS FEEL THAT CONTINUED INFRACTIONS OF CAMP POLICY OR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR OF A CAMPER CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR SECURITY OF THE CAMPER OR OTHERS, THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF THE CAMPER INVOLVED WILL BE EXPECTED TO COME TO ORCAS ISLAND TO RETRIEVE THE CAMPER. BY SIGNING, YOU ARE AGREEING THAT YOU ARE THE PERSON STATED.

(Signature of parent/guardian)

(Signature of camper)

(Signature of other parent/guardian)

Date

For Scholarship consideration by WWA, when fully completed, please send application to:

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9792 Edmonds Way
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MORE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP INFO CAN BE OBTAINED FROM:

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Donations

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 April 30, 2013 Newsletter] contributions to four primary funds established by the **WWA**.

WWA Youth Fund — \$1,305

WWA Legal Fund — \$15,407
Melvin Brown—\$15

WWA Habitat Fund — \$285

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$1,296

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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.



Status of WA State Gun Control Legislation

Dear 2nd Amendment Supporter,

As we wind up the 2013 Regular Session, I wanted to share with you at least a partial summary of bills in which I believe you and your group members may have interest. In a few days I will send along a complete review and the information will be posted on the **Range Operators Coalition** web site. I feel like I should apologize for being behind for getting this out, but I hope you understand the session is a very busy time. I appreciate the efforts everyone is making and want to work to pull together a more final summary as soon as possible. If you care to send this article to friends and organization members, that would be great. I look forward to communicating again soon.

Sincerely,



Pam Roach, NRA Life Member
State Senator
(transmitted by Charlie Kirry)

Thank you so much for all you are doing to keep the 2nd Amendment alive in Washington State. Pro-freedom legislators like myself need your backup to win these battles. Please continue emails, hotlines, and phone calls as needed. If you can believe it, **Governor Inslee** wants to take up gun rights, again, in the May 13 Special Session. As a committed, "Ceasefire" type guy, our Governor will not stop and neither must we.

Passing or defeating legislation makes up the most important part of my work. But, I have also been working to build the positive profile of shooting sports. This year I hosted the **2013 Legislative Shootout at Littlerock (Evergreen Sportsmen's Club)**, formed a legislative sportsmen's caucus for pro sportsmen legislators, and I also put together a statewide sportsmen group to advise legislators on needed actions. The **Washington State Range Operators Coalition** is a statewide coalition that will be working on a variety of our issues.

The following is a brief recap of how we are faring this year:

All gun control bills were stopped this year's Regular Session
House Bill 1588
(Universal background checks for firearms transfers)

House Bill 1588 (Requiring universal background checks for firearms transfers) dramatically failed to pass the House. For a full day, the House suspended a crowded schedule of its other floor action while high-pressure arm twisting came from House Democratic leadership, the Governor, and even former **Arizona Congresswoman Gabby Giffords**.

Despite a 54-44 Democrat majority in the House, not enough support could be garnered to pass HB 1588, which would have required background checks on all private gun transfers. **National Rifle Association lobbyist, Brian Judy**, was instrumental in defeating HB 1588. A floor vote was not taken, theoretically killing the bill. But, **Governor Inslee** has made **HB 1588** a "special order of consideration" for the May 13 **Special Session**. He has called for a revival of his gun control agenda that didn't pass during the regular session.

If **HB 1588** makes it out of the House during a special session, the bill must then pass in the Senate. Enough votes for passage do exist in the Senate. But, the cobbled majority of 2 Democrats and 23 Republicans that form the **Majority Coalition Caucus** has pledged to keep this issue and other sensitive issues out of consideration as a condition of the coalition. We must work our issue up until the final gavel. Coalitions can break!

WA Gun Control Legislation Continued

Senate Bill 5737 (Banning the sale of certain weapons)

The Senate saw other gun control bills introduced this session. Those bills were referred to the **Senate Law & Justice Committee** where they died in committee. I serve on the **Law & Justice Committee** and was glad to be in the majority! **Senator Adam Kline (D-Seattle)** sponsored **Senate Bill 5737** (Referring to banning the sale of assault weapons). **Senator Kline** would be chairman of the **Law & Justice Committee** if his party held the majority in the Senate.

We are fortunate that with the Majority Coalition, **Republican Senator Mike Padden** serves as chair of the **Law and Justice Committee**. **Senator Padden** is steadfast in his protection of Constitutional liberties. The difference between **Senators Padden** and **Kline** could not be more extreme in how they would lead this committee. The committee chair has great authority in deciding the fate of a bill. The chair can kill a bill by simply not permitting it to be heard. **Senator Kline's** bill died in committee.

We are really only one vote away from a bill like **Senator Kline's** making it out of the Senate. **Kline's SB 5737**, included provisions to allow a sheriff access to your home at any time. No notification or warrant would be required. Ignoring other Constitutional rights, **Senator Kline's** bill would allow government entry on private property to search for firearms. In my mind such entry would violate the 4th Amendment in order to destroy the 2nd Amendment.

Pro-gun control groups promise Initiative

HB 1588 and SB 5737, however, are not the end game. We can expect the Governor to use his power to rally support for an initiative effort that was recently announced. A well-funded and nationally-supported group has promised to gather signatures for an Initiative to force universal background checks and yet unseen measures. To be clear, with universal background checks on all private transfers (example: father to son), you would be required to complete a government application, pay a fee, then wait for the government's permission before conveying any firearm. The added concern about these checks is that the records become a *de facto* road map to your firearms if, at a later date, when a future legislature might prohibit use or possession of your firearms.

"Eddie Eagle" Warns Kids

Democrat Senator Maralyn Chase introduced the Eddie Eagle program by way of a Senate resolution. "**Eddie Eagle**" is a cartoon character appearing in comic books and videos to teach kids to "stop," "don't touch," "leave the area," and "tell and adult," upon finding a firearm.

It is unbelievable that there were senators who voted "no" on this children's firearm safety program that will help save lives. Those who voted "no" to children's safety were **Democrat Senators Andy Billig (3rd District), Jeannie Darneille (27th District), David Frockt (46th District), Bob Hasegawa (11th District), Adam Kline (37th District), Ed Murray (43rd District), Kevin Ranker (40th District), and Christine Rolfes (23rd District).**

Legislators Compete in Marksmanship

On April 4, 2013 more than 60 WA State legislators turned out for the "Legislative Shootout" at the **Evergreen Sportsman's Club in Littlerock**, a range competition day. I resurrected this great event following a 10-year hiatus. This annual event had a solid run through the 1990s. The purpose of the event was to show a positive side of firearms ownership to Washington Legislators and to the public.

WA Gun Control Legislation Continued

The event was covered by Q-13 and KOMO-TV, plus great articles appeared in the print media across the State. Sponsors included the **NRA** and the **National Foundation of Sportsmen’s Caucuses**. Joining legislators were shooters **Lt. Gov. Brad Owen (D)** and **Secretary of State Kim Wyman (R)**.

Again, thank you for your support of our 2nd Amendment rights. Together, we will work to ensure these rights endure the challenges we continue to face. Thank you for keeping in touch.

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Senator Pam Roach — she’s comfortable with firearms.



WA State Senator Pam Roach being interviewed by KOMO’s Elisa Jaffe at the “Legislative Shootout.”

OUTDOOR CHANNEL PULLS PRODUCTION FROM COLORADO

Dear Senator (Steve) King;

I met you yesterday after the so-called "public hearings" on the anti-gun bills; as I mentioned, I am an Executive Producer for **OUTDOOR CHANNEL**. I currently have four series in production, including **GUN STORIES**, the top show on **OC**, with several additional series in development. My series focus on guns, hunting, shooting and the outdoors.

This morning I met with my three Producers, and we made the decision that if these anti-gun bills become law, we will be moving all of our production OUT of Colorado. We have already canceled a scheduled filming session for late this month. Obviously, part of this is due to our own commitment to the right to keep and bear arms, but it also reflects 3 lawyers' opinions that these laws are so poorly drafted and so designed to trap otherwise legal citizens into a crime (one of our attorneys referred to them as "flypaper laws") that it is simply too dangerous for us to film here.

I can give you chapter and verse on the legal implications if you need, but suffice to say that the first legal opinion was so scary we went out and got two others. All three attorneys agreed.

We are relatively small potatoes in television, but our relocation of production will cost Colorado a little less than a million dollars in 2013. Secondly, we have proudly promoted Colorado in our productions (and have been moving more and more production into the state); now we will do exactly the opposite. What does this mean for Colorado? The community of television producers is a small one. Last week I had lunch with a major network producer who was looking to locate his new reality series in Colorado. That producer is also a shooter, and the new reality series will now be based out of Phoenix. That lunch cost Colorado over a million in economic impact.

Thirdly, according to numbers I received from the **National Shooting Sports Foundation** (for whom I used to work) yesterday, hunting had an almost \$800,000,000 impact on Colorado in 2012, driving as many as 8330 jobs. Next month I will be in Texas meeting with most of the top outdoor/hunting producers, and the Number One agenda item will be Colorado. Already, hunting organizations and statewide hunting clubs around the country are pulling out of Colorado, and we expect this trend to accelerate rapidly.

The message we will take to our viewers and listeners is that these proposed laws are so dangerous to hunters and any other person, be she a fisherman or a skier who brings a handgun into the state for self-defense, that we cannot recommend hunting, fishing or visiting Colorado. We reach millions of people, and, quite frankly, we have a credibility that Colorado government officials can no longer match. The **Colorado Division of Wildlife** is already running ads trying to bring more out-of-state hunters to Colorado...in light of the flood of negative publicity about these proposed laws, I can assure you those ads will fail.

We estimate that as many as one-quarter to one-third of out-of-state hunters will desert Colorado in the next 18-24 months, which will quite frankly be a disaster for the hunting industry in Colorado and have a devastating effect on our western and northern communities (certainly cities like Grand Junction).

This is not a "boycott" in the traditional sense of a centralized, organized operation; rather, it is more of a grassroots decision on where shooters, hunters and other sportsmen are willing to spend their money. Look at the collapse of the **Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show** in February. That venerable multimillion dollar trade show chose to ban modern sporting rifles and standard capacity magazines, and within three weeks it collapsed as all vendors and sponsors pulled out.

Colorado is going to pay a huge price for laws that will do nothing. Thank you, sir, for your support.

Michael Bane

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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 2nd Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
- Peninsula Chapter** – Dates and places to TBD.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th 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 1st 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.