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Hi All,

It's been four (4) years now since I assumed the leadership role for the club. I definitely didn't get everything accomplished that I would like to have gotten done. It seems like life and outside forces do their best to keep one off one's agenda.

I would never have thought that the WWA would have burned up so much time and energy trying to preserve our pastime.

We have continued to maintain good relationships with various officials and county, state & federal agencieswhile proving to be a pain to others (they deserved it). We have learned some of these agencies and officials have little respect for 'the law', regulations, sportsmen and sportswomen, as well as their constituents.

One can only maintain an optimistic attitude and do what one believes to be right when dealing with those individuals and officials.

Along the way, we gained some new members and good friends. I especially want to thank **US Representative Jaime Hererra- Beutler, Glen Morgan of the (Evergreen) Freedom Foundation, John McAninch of Cedarville Farms, Dan Heasley, and Jim Goldsmith** for their countless efforts to keep access open to waterfowlers and to bring attention and accountability to officials that overstep their bounds.

We are a larger organization now, with more chapters and members. We need far more of both. Further, we need to continue to minimize 'churn' and keep all of our members.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

- Friday—Sunday
June 21-23 **WA State Ducks Unlimited Convention**
Silverdale, WA See Flyer on Page 15.
- Tuesday, June 25 **Southwest Chapter Meeting;**
7 p.m. @ Tacoma Sportsman’s Club.
Contact Terry Satre.
- Wednesday, June 26 **Seattle Chapter Meeting;** 7 p.m. @
Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell.
Contact John Arrabito.
- Wednesday, June 26 **Grays Harbor Chapter’s Youth**
Waterfowl Hunting Workshop,
Part 1. See Flyer on Page 13.
- Thursday, June 27 **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting**
7 p.m. @ Vancouver Trap Club.
Contact Rick Scott.
- Sun., June 29-30 **12th Annual Oregon Waterfowl**
Festival, Columbia Fair Grounds;
St. Helens, OR. See Flyer on Page 18.
www.oregonwaterfowlfestival.com
- Tuesday, July 2 **Whatcom County Chapter Meeting**
5-7 p.m. @ Tenant Lake Interpretive
Center, Ferndale. Contact Scott O’Day.
- Wednesday, July 3 **Kitsap Peninsula Chapter Meeting**
6-8 p.m. @ Bremerton Trap & Skeet
Club. Contact Richard Bazzell
- Monday, July 8 **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, July 9 **Northwest Chapter Meeting;**
7 p.m. @ Conway Fire Hall.
Contact Rone Brewer.
- Thursday, July 11 **WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting**
6:30 p.m., @ Canyon Park Denny’s.
All members are always welcome.
- Thursday, July 11 **Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting;** 6:30
p.m., @ Café Villa in Prosser.
Contact Abel Cortina.
- Thursday, July 18 **Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting.**
7 p.m. @ Evergreen Sportmen’s Club,
near Littlerock. Contact Kurt Snyder.
- Sunday, July 21 **Whatcom Chapter Picnic.** See Page 5.
Contact Scott O’Day.
- Wednesday, Aug., 7 **Grays Harbor Chapter’s Youth**
Waterfowl Hunting Workshop,
Part 2. See Flyer on Page 13.

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Much of the credit for our growth goes to a great member and friend, **Gary Talbert.**

I especially want to thank the officers who have served with me: **Rone Brewer, John Arrabito, and Earl Mikkelsen.** Likewise, I want to thank the various board members who have served with me over the past four years; especially **Doug Graef** who was the key to **WWA’s** successful venture in assuming the state duck stamp responsibilities.

Many thanks to the chapters, their officers and members for all they have accomplished on behalf of waterfowl and waterfowling.....you guys & gals are the best!

For the Resource,
Jim Cortines

MORE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Saturday, August 24 **WA State Duck Calling championship,**
Cabela’s, Lacey, WA, first event starts at
8:00 a.m. Sanctioned winner goes to
World Championships in Stuttgart, AR.
- Saturday, Sept. 14 **Seattle Chapter Annual Banquet**
Nile Country Club, Mt. Lake Terrace, WA
More to come in future newsletters.
- Saturday, Sept. 14 **Lower Columbia Chapter Annual Banquet**
Club Green Meadows, Vancouver, WA
More to come in future newsletters.

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Projects and Programs

Duck Stamp Program

(Statewide)

State duck stamps and prints now available from WWA.

Contact Doug Graef if you are interested in helping WWA with this great program: (425) 883-1150

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 USFWS**. 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**) process.

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 (SRF) 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.**



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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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Duck Traps / Banding

If you have some spare time and would like to help **WDFW biologist, Rich Finger**, build some duck traps and do some banding let him know at : Richard.Finger@dfw.wa.gov. I know he will appreciate the help and it will be an enjoyable outdoor experience for you.

Goose Banding

There are still two (2) opportunities to participate in this season's goose banding projects, Monday, June 17th, in the Moses Lake/Coulee Corridor and Tuesday, June 18th, in Wenatchee. If you are interested contact **WDFW Waterfowl Specialist, Erin Wehland** at Erin.Wehland@dfw.wa.gov.

There may also be some opportunities to help **Erin** with banding and transmitter insertions later this summer.

Tractor Status / Related Work Projects

I have the tractor being repaired at John Deere currently, as the hydraulic remotes were leaking and not working. Should have it back soon, but not sure about doing any "moist soil management" work. The ponds on the **Frenchman Restricted Access Area (RAA)** are still holding water and have a pan fish population that is a trial run to see if the terns that nest on **Goose Island** will stop and feed on them instead of continuing on to the Columbia dams to eat Salmon and Steelhead fry.

The only good thing is that the moisture may promote more vegetation around the pond edges and improve the ability to have some more cover during hunting season.

I'll save my "politically incorrect" thoughts about Salmon restoration to myself!!!!

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

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. Please join us if you can.

Hunters Education Training

Hunters Education will be held June 24, 25, 26, 27 at **Lynden Shotgun Club** — 5:30pm to 8:30. We discussed the need for more hats for the hunters safety graduates. There will be a second session of **Whatcom Chapter** sponsored Hunter Ed Classes in

Chapter T-Shirts

We Sold six (6) more **WWA Whatcom Chapter** T-shirts. We have more available.

Chapter Picnic

There will be a chapter picnic on July 21st at Scott and Rhonda's house. Everyone please try to raise donations for raffle/ prizes - the more the better. We also discussed legal issues pertaining to gun raffles.

Handicap blind Build

The handicap blind build will now be June 29th. We also discussed tearing down the old blind.

Vote

You all received a ballot in the last newsletter and there is one in this issue. Please take the time to copy, fill out and mail in the ballot. **VOTE** — be part of the process!

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Hello Everyone

Turkey season is over and now it's time to prepare for next seasons hunts. My decoys are all racked up and ready for all the repairs. The camo netting is dry and folded and notes have all been taken for what needs replacing!

It's that time of year when it suddenly hits you as to what's ahead. Our Chapter and the **WWA** has it's hands full for the next few months. Here are a few of the upcoming events:

Get Out And Vote

You all received a ballot in the last newsletter and there is one in this issue. Please take the time to copy, fill out, and mail the ballot. There is a lot of concern about members not knowing the candidates. That was a topic at the last all Chapters meeting and what was suggested is that the candidates create a little biography about themselves and put it in the newsletter. If you know someone that would be good for the job then write them in.

Oregon Waterfowl Festival

The upcoming **Oregon Waterfowl Festival** is coming up, and it is sure to be a hit. I plan to be there with a lot of other **WWA** members. June 29-30, **Columbia County Fairgrounds, St. Helens, OR.**

Duck Calling Contest

WWA will put on this years sanctioned **Washington Championship Duck Calling Contest** at **Cabela's of Lacey** on Saturday, August 24th. If you would like to volunteer to help **WWA** put on this event please contact me, and I'll put you to work. As with any event the more volunteers the better the event. I'm going to be soliciting for donations of prizes so don't be surprised when I come a calling! No pun

intended!

Youth Waterfowl Event

Our Chapter is putting on a **Youth Waterfowl Hunter Workshop** on the 26th of June, and the 7th of August at the **Evergreen Sportsman's Club** near Littlerock. Check out the flyer on page 12 in this issue.

Thank you

I would like to again thank you all that have supported the **WWA**. I occasionally get a message from members voicing their concern that they just don't have the time to volunteer. Well, the way I look at it is, that you are doing something by just being a member. Numbers Matter! You may have more time to give in the future, and we will still be here

One thing the **WWA** is going to have to do is expand. The future of waterfowl hunting is at stake. We will expand, and then we will be heard. At this time hunters are sadly under-represented for all the billions of dollars we put into the economy. There are efforts being taken now to make sure we receive fair representation in the future. The best we can do now is to support those that would fight for you, like **State Senator Pam Roach**. There are others also. So when you are contacted and asked to support efforts to guarantee hunting here in Washington, please do anything you can to help.

Many of you have gone the extra mile to make sure we are heard when it comes to our Constitutional Rights. Your efforts have been rewarded recently by keeping bills from going forward. This shows that we can make a huge difference. Keeping a regular relationship with your representatives will go a long way, because your effort represents many of those who don't communicate with the elected officials.

Next Chapter Meeting

I have scheduled a Chapter meeting for the **18th of July, at 7:00 pm at the Evergreen Sportsman's Club** near Littlerock. I plan to be there at 4:00 pm to shoot a round of Sporting Clays before the meeting. If anyone wants to join me just show up and we'll shoot the round together

Thanks for your continued support—See you in the blind!

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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. Our next meeting is July 8th.

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's** next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3rd, at the **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club**. Monthly meetings will take place the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Come join us at 6 pm for talk regarding fundraisers, blind builds, restoration projects, a joint swap meet of hunting/shooting gear with **Kitsap DU**, and this year's shooting/dog training clinic.

We will be also continue discussion on how our chapter can improve our local **WDFW** hunt sites by providing suggestions to area **WDFW Biologist Jeff Skriletz**.

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 rlbazzell@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.

WWA Official Ballot

LAST CHANCE TO VOTE

Our corporate offices are all up for re-election. Currently the only nominated candidates are listed below with blanks for write-in votes. Write in your candidate (with their permission) and send to:

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Northwest Chapter News

By Rone Brewer

NW Chapter Meeting

Special thanks to **Nick Petosa of Petosa's Guide Service** for presenting at our meeting this month. He gave us some great insider information for catching Humpie and Coho in the Skagit River, AND he provided a **free fishing trip** for one of the meeting attendees — **Life Member Jan Sabin** was chosen out of the hat for the free trip. Thanks a million to Nick, who can be reached at **Petosa's Guide Service**, www.petosafishing.com, (360) 770-2396.

Our next meeting is July 9th. We are working on getting a dog trainer or decoy carver as our guest, but neither has been confirmed at this time. **Keep an eye on your email and the members web-site announcements for NW-Chapter Meeting News** as we get closer to the meeting date.

WDFW Plantings and Volunteer Support

Samish Unit planting was finished last week with about 30 acres of corn and some barley in new locations. **Leque Island** planting finished with about 8 acres of corn and 45+ acres of barley.

On the **Farmed Island Unit** about 15 acres of grain has been planted, and they are working on the Proso and wild millet. So far **WDFW has not requested any additional help** getting the seed over to the **Farmed Island** as they have been doing small batches themselves. **Volunteers may be needed** for dike top clearing and brush removal but that will come later in the summer after the planting is completed.

Annual Youth Hunt

WWA-NW has **youth hunt** locations and plans in place, and we are now seeking folks for about 12 different hunt times during the **Youth Hunt Weekend September 21 and 22**. We also **need some volunteers** that weekend to help get folks into the blinds and provide some pointers, if requested by the hunters. **Let's get the word out so we can fill these blinds**. If we get more than 12 hunting groups, we can make more time slots available in the existing blinds and are continuing to work toward **new hunt areas** as well.

If you know someone willing to allow us to manage one or more youth hunts on their property during the youth hunt weekend and/or during the regular season, please let us know...you can contact **Reb Broker** at (760) 859-7442 if you can help or want to book a spot.

State Calling Contest at Cabela's-Lacey

WWA-NW is helping out at the sanctioned **State Duck and Goose Calling Contest** this year, **August 24th at Cabela's-Lacey Store**. We'll need folks to help out staffing the **WWA** booth and running the calling contests. We'll be setting up Friday the 23rd under a Cabela's provided party canopy along the northwest corner of the store.

Help us spread the word and get some local vendors and duck callers to the contest. There is limited covered area for small vendor tables/stands so registering earlier is better. Contact **GH Chapter Chair, Kurt Snyder**, at 360-485-9353 or kurtsnyder@outdrs.net

Leque Island Groundwater

WWA and friends met with the **U.S. EPA** regarding the **WDFW** groundwater study at **Leque Island**. The **U.S. EPA** hydrogeologist reviewed the groundwater study report and essentially **found it to be acceptable**.

However we found out he **had not reviewed our combined comments** in regard to their potential impact on the study results. So, **U.S. EPA** is now supposed to be reviewing those comments and providing some form of response and a final decision on **whether the restoration is likely to impact drinking water underlying Camano Island**.

Initially we were told a final decision would be coming within a week of our meeting, but we pointed out that would mean they had already come to a conclusion without reviewing our comments...so now the deadline is farther out, with no set date.

We have also conducted a **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)** request to get the agency emails regarding the **U.S. EPA** groundwater study review as they have had two or three meetings/teleconferences which we were not informed about, nor invited to attend.

Boater Education Card

Don't forget that everyone 50 years old and younger is required to have a boater education card for 2013. Get more information at:

www.parks.wa.gov/boating .

Keep on Keepin' On
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Southwest Chapter News

By Bob Schwent

Southwest Chapter Meeting

The next Southwest Chapter meeting is 7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 25th 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!

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**.

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

Oregon Waterfowl Festival

The festival will take place on the weekend of June 29th and 30th at the **Columbia County Fairgrounds in St. Helens, OR**. This has been billed as the biggest waterfowl festival on the west coast in the past. This year may be the biggest yet with over 74 vendors.

Events featured include a boat blind contest, calling contest, dog events, seminars, decoy carving contest, auction, raffle, entertainment and BBQ.

Go to <http://oregonwaterfowlfestival.com/> for more details.

Chapter member **Derrick Tackett** has been involved in the event planning and facilitated **WWA** sponsoring and running the boat blind contest. Categories include powered, unpowered and layout blinds with prizes for the first three (3) places in each category. We will also have all three (3) **WWA** trailers at the event. President **Jim Cortines** will bring down the **WWA** trailer with the mounted duck display. We will have our two trailers and the new wood duck mount on a nesting box also. Our two booths (inside the tent and at our trailer) will have informational displays and raffles.

Members plan to demonstrate building a nesting tube and wood duck nesting box. We have sent out over 2,000 post card mailers to be returned to our booth for a free prize drawing to encourage SW Washington hunter attendance and membership in **WWA**.

All we need is **YOU!** Please join us for a great

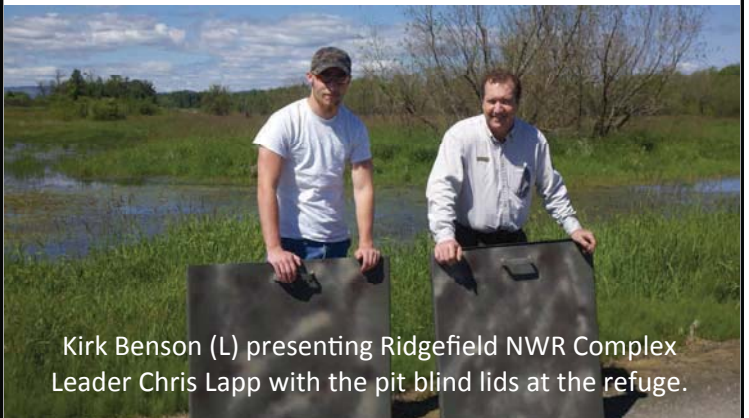
weekend of waterfowl fun at the festival. If you can help us with the booths or the boat blind contest contact **Arlan Hackett** at aghackett@aol.com.

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge News

Member **Kirk Benson** presented refuge complex manager with four (4) sets of newly fabricated pit blind lids. **WWA** purchased the raw sheet metal, and **Kirk** fabricated the lids as his high school shop class senior project. He finished them with a nice camouflage paint job. We will assess the pit blinds in the future and replace them where necessary. Also attending the presentation were VP **Arlan Hackett, Al O'Connor** and **Doug Hargin**. Thank you Kirk for your hard work!

New Pit Blind Purchased for the Ridgefield NWR

Our chapter has purchased a 14' copolymer **Black Box** pit blind manufactured by **MTECH, Inc.** out of Chico, CA. This blind has a dog box and more than enough room for three hunters. The polymer material will be much more



Kirk Benson (L) presenting Ridgefield NWR Complex Leader Chris Lapp with the pit blind lids at the refuge.

forgiving to our shotguns and the hunter. The blind will replace the #12 pit blind. This blind has been flooding late season each year and was to be raised up to correct the problem. That repair will become a replacement with a much improved hunter friendly blind. We plan to display the blind at the **Oregon Waterfowl Festival** prior to installation later this summer. More details at www.blackboxduckblinds.com.

The hunter check station will have a different look this fall according to **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)** complex manager **Chris Lapp**. The current structure is slated for removal this summer. At the same location a pad will be poured and a smaller portable check station that will only be in place during the season. A new permanent awning will be constructed.

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Gun Raffle Winner!

Lower Columbia member **Chris Stalcup** was the winner of the Remington 11-87 Super Mag Waterfowler Camo 12 Gauge Auto Loader. **Chris** has been an active member for many years, and we congratulate him on the win!

Scroll Saw Art Donation

Member **Terry Foltz** has donated a beautiful piece of framed scroll saw artwork to raffle. This piece has a flock of geese as the subject. **Terry** also discounted another piece to us for our banquet and gave us an attractive wood receiver hitch with a Labrador retriever on it. To see his work go to <http://www.scrollsaw-art.com/Hunting/index.html> . Thank you **Terry!**

Annual Fundraising Banquet

Our Chapter fundraising banquet will be here before you know it! The event will take place Saturday September 14th. Now is the time to start contacting donors. We have a committee and welcome your help. Contact **Doug Hargin** at dlhargin@msn.com if you can help or have a donation.

Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Roger Bennett

The next **Yakima Valley Chapter** meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 11th at **Café' Villa** in Prosser. Contact **Abel Cortina** at (509) 786-9196 for additional details.

Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

Thanks to the many **WWA-Seattle Chapter** members who stepped forward to volunteer their services at our May chapter meeting to make the **9th Annual Youth Mentor Shoot** another success. At the risk of omitting someone, I would like to publicly recognize volunteers, **John Blatchford, Terry Breidenbach, Greg Conine, Larry Gordon, Rich Greenshields, John Hanson, Bob Hermann, Jim Kline, Royce Ring, Dan Stearns, Larry Voeks, Gary and Pat Webster**, and myself. And from the **SW Chapter, Jim Cortines** and **Earl Mikkelson**. Thanks to all of you.

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One-on-One Instruction is the watchword for the Seattle Chapter's Annual Youth Mentor Shoot. Here **WWA** members [from left] former **WWA President, Gary Webster, Terry Breidenbach, John Blatchford**. Over the past nine years under the tutelage of chapter member **Larry Gordon**, over 200 young people have participated/benefitted from the program.

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Dog Training Program at June Meeting

The program for June's Chapter meeting will be put on by **Paul Gilmore**, an amateur dog trainer from **Fall City**, who both hunts and runs his dogs in field trials. **Paul**, a member of **WDFW's Citizens Advisory Committee** for the **Snoqualmie Wildlife Area**, has been pushing for restoration of the **Stillwater** and **Cherry Valley** properties within the wildlife area to its historic use for dog training.

New **WDFW Area Manager, Brian Boehm**, has been supportive of this effort, but because of ongoing budget concerns within the **Department**, a lot of the restoration work, starting with mowing the chest-high reed canary grass will have to be done by volunteers. **Brian** indicates he has access to some equipment, and that "qualified" volunteers will be able to use it.

Paul will update us on what we can do to help [weekend work parties over the course of the summer], and following a catered dinner and a short business meeting, he will also put on a mini dog training demonstration to help us get our four-legged friends ready for the fall season.

We also hope to have **Brian** in attendance to formally welcome him. **WWA-Seattle**, mainly through the efforts of two of our senior members, **Bob Hazelbrook** and **Gary Carlsen**, have already establish a good working relationship with **Brian** when they placed and maintained wood duck nesting boxes on the properties this past February and March.

WWA Needs Help for the Duck Calling Contest

Attention **WWA** members:

As you may know, the **WWA** will again be conducting duck and goose calling competitions this summer. These competitions will include the **Washington State Sanctioned Duck Calling Competition**. Our host this year will be **Cabela's at Lacey, WA**.

Kurt Snyder, Rone Brewer and myself NEED YOU HELP!!! We need 20 volunteers to help staff various jobs on the one day of the competition — Saturday, August 24th.

If you can help, please call **Kurt, Rone** or myself, **Jim Cortines**, at the contact numbers on page 1 of this Newsletter, as soon as possible.

Thank You,
WWA President, Jim Cortines.

Support Those That Support You

Since the State of Colorado enacted its version of anti-gun legislation, several companies are moving out of that state.

1. **HiViz Shooting** will move to Laramie, Wyoming, saying "We cannot in clear conscience support with our taxes a state that has proven through recent legislation a willingness to infringe upon the constitutional rights of our customers."
2. **MagPul Industries** has already started making **Polymer magazines (PMAGs)** outside of Colorado and has vowed to remove all of its manufacturing facilities from Colorado if the law is not changed.
3. **Lawrence Tool & Molding** will soon follow **MagPul** and move to either Wyoming or Montana.

To show its support for **Magpul, AMS Guns** in Woodinville is currently offering **MagPul PMAGS** at the **unheard of price of 4 for \$50.00!** See the AMS Ad on page 14 for contact info.

For its part, **Magpul** is donating the proceeds of the sale of these special magazines to a lawsuit seeking to overturn the Colorado state law banning high-capacity magazines. A group of 54 Colorado sheriffs filed a federal lawsuit in May in an effort to overturn the gun magazine law and another law requiring universal background checks for gun buyers. The sheriffs say the laws are unconstitutional.



Alexa Psaradelis enjoys shooting one of the several **Mossberg Youth Models** bought brand new and then donated by **WWA-Seattle Chapter** members to the **Youth Mentor Program**. **Thanks Donors!!!**

First Inslee Appointment to Fish and Wildlife Commission

OLYMPIA - **Jay Holzmiller**, a longtime resident of Anatone in Asotin County, has been appointed by **Gov. Jay Inslee** to an Eastern Washington position on the **Washington Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Commission**.

Holzmiller, 56, is an equipment operator for the **Asotin County Public Works Department** who also raises livestock at his home in Anatone. For nearly two decades he has been involved in conservation, land use, and the preservation of fish and wildlife. He is a longtime hunter and a 1975 graduate of Anatone High School.

The commission is a nine-member citizen panel that sets policy for **WDFW**. Members are appointed by the governor to six-year terms and are subject to state Senate confirmation. Three members must reside in Eastern Washington, three in Western Washington, and three may live anywhere in the state. No two members may live in the same county.

"Jay's knowledge and experience will enable him to make a significant contribution to the commission as it promotes the conservation of fish and wildlife and the economic vitality of local communities that depend on outdoor-related commerce and recreation," **Inslee** said.

"We are very pleased to welcome **Jay** to the Commission, and we look forward to benefitting from his skills and perspectives," said **Miranda Wecker**, Commission chair.

Holzmiller has been a member of the **Asotin County Conservation District**, the **Snake River Salmon Recovery Board**, and the **Asotin County Shorelines Committee**. He helped form the **Blue Mountain Fire District** and has served the district as a volunteer firefighter. In addition, he chaired the committee that developed the **Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Asotin, Garfield and Columbia counties**.

The Governor appointed **Holzmiller** to succeed **Chuck Perry of Moses Lake**, whose term expired.

The commission's next meeting is scheduled August 2-3 in Olympia. For more information on the Commission, visit <http://wdfw.wa.gov/commission>

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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 (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!

News for the Flock

THE GRAYS HARBOR CHAPTER

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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

News for the Flock

Rare Baikal Teal spotted in Blue Mountain Area



By Perry Backus; Published with Permission of Missoulian & Ravalli Republic

Radd Icenoggle’s Sunday night search for a screech owl turned into something far more after spotting a bird species never seen before in Montana. “I had driven out in the Blue Mountain area after getting a report of a screech owl there,” Icenoggle said. “I was looking down in this ditch and said to myself, ‘Man, that’s an odd-looking duck.’ ” One close look later and Icenoggle knew he was about to make history. “As soon as I looked at it closer, I knew right away it was a Baikal teal,” he said.

“There have only been 11 or 12 of them spotted in the continental U.S. south of Alaska.” It had never been seen before in Montana.

The Baikal teal is a dabbling duck that’s sometimes called a squawking duck. It measures between 15 and 17 inches long and up to 15 inches tall. It’s slightly larger than the common teal. The male is unmistakable, with its striking green nape and its long-dropping dark scapular feathers. It breeds in eastern Russia and winters in eastern Asia.

No one can be sure how it ended up in Montana. Another avid birder Bob Danley thinks the high winds that some call the Siberian Express may be the cause of this good fortune for local birding enthusiasts. “This animal is incredible,” he said. “It has such stunning plumage, and it’s so very rare for this part of the world. For the birding community, this is a very big deal.”

Icenoggle will add his photographs of the bird to a short narrative he plans to write about the discovery to create a report he’ll present to the state Audubon rare bird committee. “It will be a first state record of the Baikal teal if it sticks,” he said. Icenoggle has spotted and identified about 1,200 birds in the 22 years that he’s been an avid birder.



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Friday- Fun Shoot featuring Browning Firearms Separate registration for shoot includes catered BBQ lunch.

Ladies Luncheon, featuring a speaker and lots of donated items from local boutique shops, Filson, one of a kind jewelry and much more. Requires separate registration of just \$10.

Cocktails for Conservation a short program on major donor efforts followed by a steak dinner on the beachside patio.

Saturday-Light breakfast followed by -Speakers addressing "Working Together for Conservation", including; Robyn Thorson, Director US Fish and Wildlife, Erin Wehland WA DFW, Drs Mark Biddlecomb and Graham Peters, DU biologists, Walter Brooks, DU Volunteer Gear Web Site.

State Chairman's Award Luncheon-presentation of WA DU awards and recognition of volunteers who make this all happen.

Water fowlers Rodeo (A Gymkhana)- presented by the Kitsap Committee, will be a test in paddling a one-man marsh boat, deploying a decoy spread and a game of skill to earn points. Celebrity judges will use a point system to determine a winner and the top three waterfowlers will receive trophies at dinner Saturday night.

WA DU State Dinner and Auction- Gold Mallard and Pintail Awards followed by live and silent auctions and raffles.

Sunday-presentations on accessing the DU Volunteer Gear site, Where we are with raffles compliance and what's next, Green Wing partnership success in NW WA. State Council meeting and State Committee meeting. All volunteers are invited.

Register on-line @ Ducks.org/WA/Events

News for the Flock

WDFW NEWS RELEASE

Women's workshop offers instruction on fishing, hunting, outdoor skills

OLYMPIA - Women can learn the basics of fishing, hunting, and other outdoor skills at a weekend workshop September, 13-15 that includes sessions led by **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** experts and other certified instructors. The annual workshop at **Camp Waskowitz** in **North Bend, WA.**, is coordinated by **Washington Outdoor Women (WOW)**, a non-profit program dedicated to teaching women outdoor skills and natural resource stewardship. **WOW**, now in its 16th year, is an educational outreach program of the **Washington Wildlife Federation**.

Instructors will offer 20 different classes on outdoor skills such as archery, freshwater fishing, fly fishing, kayaking, big-game hunting, wild edibles, map and compass reading, wilderness First Aid, survival skills, outdoor photography and more. Several **WDFW** staff members serve as volunteer instructors for the event, including **biologists Laura Till and Susan Cierebiej**, who teach map and compass skills, and **Stacie Kelsey**, who teaches basic freshwater fishing. In all, 32 instructors volunteer their time and expertise at this **WOW** workshop to help women re-connect with the outdoors.

Workshop participants must be at least 18 years old and must have a current Washington recreational fishing license to participate in the fishing and fly-fishing sessions.

The workshop fee of \$250 includes the weekend's instruction, lodging, meals and use of all necessary equipment. Partial scholarships, provided by the **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**, are available for first-time participants. To learn more about **WOW** and the workshop and to download the registration form, visit the **WOW** website at www.washingtonoutdoorwomen.org or contact Director **Ronni McGlenn** at (425) 455-1986.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

French Toast Casserole

4 T unsalted butter, melted
 ¾ C packed brown sugar
 1 loaf Brioche or Challah bread, sliced 1 ½" thick (about 1 ½#), French bread works well, too
 8 large eggs, lightly beaten
 1 C whole milk
 1 T pure vanilla extract
 ½ t ground cinnamon (I prefer a lot more)
 ¼ t ground ginger (substitute nutmeg if you don't have this, and lots of it)
 1 pinch salt
 ½ cupped chopped pecans (I like about 1 cup)
 confectioners sugar for topping accompaniment, and/or maple syrup

combine melted butter and brown sugar in 9" minimum glass baking dish

Arrange bread slices in dish

Whisk eggs, milk, vanilla, cinnamon, ginger (or nutmeg) and salt in bowl. Pour over bread, letting soak in. Top with pecans. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 3 -12 hours.

Take baking dish out of refrigerator and let stand at room temperature 20 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Put dish in oven and bake until browned and set, approximately 30-45 minutes.

Remove from oven, let cool, sift with confectioner's sugar. Serve by self or topped with maple syrup.

SEND US YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE FOR PUBLICATION—RECEIVE CREDIT FOR IT ON THIS PAGE

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TREASURERS. REPORT (6-6-2013)

Corporate Checking	\$ 21,402.20
Chapter (LC, ML & SEA)	
Trust Monies for Goose	
Satellite Transmitters	
For WDFW	\$ 8,250.00
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,550.84
Corporate Total	\$ 47,757.40

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking	\$ 2,102.52
Kitsap Chapter	(To Be Funded)
LC Checking	\$ 10,743.30
ML Checking	\$ 8,786.78
NW Checking	\$ 3,297.16
OP Checking	\$ closed 3/25/13
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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 May 19, 2013 Newsletter] contributions to four primary funds established by the **WWA**.

WWA Youth Fund — \$1,305

WWA Legal Fund — \$15,407

WWA Habitat Fund — \$285

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$1,440

Shannon, Ryan, Garrett & Carissa Talbert — \$100;

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The **WWA** wishes to thank you for your generous contribution to the Waterfowler's Heritage.



Gun Control

[U.S. District Court Dismisses Lawsuit to Ban Traditional Ammunition](#)

From the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF):

NEWTOWN, Conn. — The **U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia** today dismissed a lawsuit brought by the radical anti-hunting **Center for Biological Diversity (CBD)** and six other groups demanding the **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** ban traditional ammunition containing lead components.

Traditional ammunition represents 95 percent of the U.S. market and is the staple ammunition for target shooters, hunters and law enforcement, with more than 10 billion rounds sold annually.

NSSF filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit last August. The court today agreed with **NSSF** that **EPA** does not have the authority to regulate traditional ammunition under the **Toxic Substances Control Act**.

EPA had previously twice denied attempts by **CBD** to have the agency ban traditional ammunition, and the court had dismissed an earlier case brought by **CBD** seeking the same relief.

“We are gratified that the court has found this second frivolous lawsuit, which is essentially the same as the one dismissed last year, was equally without merit,” said **Lawrence G. Keane**, senior vice president and general counsel for the **National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF)**, the trade association for the firearms and ammunition industry. “This was a waste of taxpayers’ dollars and **EPA** resources spent in having to defend a baseless lawsuit.”

CBD’s serial petitioning of **EPA** and its repeated lawsuits were designed to cripple the shooting sports in America by banning the ammunition that millions of hunters and target shooters choose to use safely and responsibly.

“There is quite simply no sound science that shows the use of traditional ammunition has harmed wildlife populations or that it presents a health risk to humans who consume game taken with such ammunition,” said Keane. “Banning traditional ammunition would cost tens of thousands of jobs in America and destroy wildlife conservation that is funded in part by an 11 percent excise tax on the sale of ammunition. The protection and management of wildlife is properly handled by the professional biologists in the state fish and game agencies, as it has been for over a hundred years.

In addition to **NSSF**, the **National Rifle Association**, **Safari Club International** and the **Association of Battery Recyclers** intervened in the case.

Organizations that joined **CBD** in its lawsuit were the **Cascades Raptor Center of Oregon**, the **Loon Lake Loon Association of Washington**, **Preserve Our Wildlife of Florida**, **Tennessee Ornithological Society**, **Trumpeter Swan Society** and **Western Nebraska Resources Council**.

NSSF was represented by **Roger Martella** and **Christopher Bell** from **Sidley Austin**.

About NSSF

*The **National Shooting Sports Foundation** is the trade association for the firearms industry. Its mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. Formed in 1961, **NSSF** has a membership of more than 8,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen’s organizations and publishers.*

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- 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 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**.
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- 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.