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Hey Y'all:

Thanks for electing me the new WWA president. I hope to spend some time in each chapter this coming year to get to know the chapters a bit better.

Over the past six or seven years, the **WWA** has gone through major changes, and we have felt the pains of change and growth. With a bit of electronic wizardry we have begun to centralize our membership management, but we need training in each chapter on how to use the new wizardry. With this forthcoming training it will be incumbent on each chapter to have a member capable of using our membership website tools at www.shuttlepod.org to manage their chapter members, send **WWA** emails, plan events, and communicate with their chapter, other chapters, and **WWA-Corporate**.

We have grown to nearly 1,000 members over the past 4 years, up from about 100 members in 1994, and I want to positively gain another 1,000 members over the next two years. The growing number of chapters and all their multitudes of activities is often difficult for **WWA-Corporate** to keep up with as the Board of Directors are trying to address the needs of a fluxuating 9 to 11 chapters. Hopefully the difficulties will be addressed through increasing communication, more efficient support, and training for chapter use of the members website — some of the primary things I hope to accomplish. Once we can communicate well with our chapters and members, we then need a simple mission statement that members understand and can relate to.

My understanding of the **WWA** Mission is: to promote waterfowl and waterfowl hunting in Washington State. In two words, "Waterfowling Heritage." If you beg to differ or have other ideas, I want to hear it. Call me at (206) 595-7481 or email me a nwducks@snohomish.net. A not-for-profit, non-governmental organization with a simple mission supported by independent chapters and a multitude of volunteer actions is what **WWA** has been and will continue to be.

Underlying the Mission Statement is waterfowl "habitat"...and I REALLY want the **WWA** to begin working more on developing and enhancing waterfowl habitat and possibly even conducting some waterfowl research. As a sometimes political organization, gaining members may be difficult because we choose to support an issue that some others may not agree with, but I think that if

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

- Thursday, July 18** **Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting.**
7 p.m. @ **Evergreen Sportmen's Club,**
near Littlerock. Contact **Kurt Snyder**
- Saturday, July 20** **WWA-Kitsap joins with the local DU**
Chapter for our **First Annual**
Sportsman Swap Meet & Waterfowl
Hunter Party. **Bremerton Trap & Skeet.**
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact **Richard Bazzell**
- Wednesday, July 24** **Seattle Chapter Meeting;** 7 p.m. @
Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell.
Contact **John Arrabito.**
- Thursday, July 25** **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting**
7 p.m. @ **Vancouver Trap Club.**
Contact **Rick Scott.**
- Tuesday, July 30** **Southwest Chapter Meeting;**
7 p.m. @ **Tacoma Sportsman's Club.**
Contact **Terry Satre.**
- Thursday, August 1** **WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting**
6:30 p.m., @ **Canyon Park Denny's**
All members always welcome.
- Tuesday, August 6** **Whatcom County Chapter Meeting**
5-7 p.m. @ **Tenant Lake Interpretive**
Center, Ferndale. Contact **Scott O'Day.**
- Wednesday, August 7** **Kitsap Peninsula Chapter Meeting**
6-8 p.m. @ **Bremerton Trap & Skeet**
Club. Contact **Richard Bazzell**
- Wednesday August 7** **GH Chapter Youth Waterfowl**
Workshop Part 2, 6 p.m., Evergreen
Sportsmen's Club. See **Flyer on Page 7.**
- Thursday, August 8** **Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting;** 6:30
p.m., @ **Café Villa in Prosser.**
Contact **Abel Cortina.**
- Monday, August 12** **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, August 13** **Northwest Chapter Meeting;**
7 p.m. @ **Conway Fire Hall.**
Contact **Rone Brewer.**
- Sunday, August 18** **B.J. Brown Memorial Shoot** **Kenmore**
Range. See **Flyer on Page 14.**
Contact **Larry Gordon.**
- Saturday, August 24** **WA State Duck Calling Championship,**
Cabela's, Lacey, WA. First event starts
at 8:00 a.m. See **Flyer on Page 17.**
- Saturday, Sept. 14** **WWA-LC Chapter Annual Banquet**
Club Green Meadows, Vancouver, WA

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you examine our statewide actions over the past 68 years they all hold true to the Mission Statement above. And the positive results of our actions, political and otherwise, are quite evident.

So, in a nutshell, what do I want to accomplish in my two (2) years as **WWA** President? Structural organization and training in support of the next 20 years of **WWA** including the development of organization-wide policies and simplified/increased member communication; a binding mission that brings in 1,000 new members; cooperation among chapters and corporate, more waterfowl habitat projects (including the **Heritage Lands Program**), waterfowl research, and maybe a right to hunt and fish state constitutional amendment. Are you in?

For the Resource,

Rone Brewer

WWA Corp. Officer Election Results

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Projects and Programs

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(Statewide)

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Contact Jim Cortines if you are interested in helping WWA with this great program: (206) 612-8772

WILLAPA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (NWR) 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.

Leveling of the Porter Unit Dikes has begun.

According to locals in Pacific County and recently reported sightings of two (2) large excavators and dump trucks on the Porter Point Unit Dike, the destruction of the **Porter Point Unit Dike** has begun.

After filing a complaint with the **Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Department of Interior** regarding the lack of due process procedures during the **Willapa NWR Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) process, instead of an independent review by OIG, they sent our complaint to the USFWS for a response.** After filing a Freedom of Information Act (**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 still conducting a detailed review of the USFWS responses** and interviewing attorneys and based on results will decide whether to file suit against the **USFWS.**

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.**

**You can contribute to the WWA program funds
from our website at: WWW.WADUCK.ORG**

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.

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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

ALEA Grant Planting

Over 3,000 willow cuttings and 1,000 shrubs have been planted for the **Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)** grant for nesting cover in the **Gloyd Seeps Wildlife Area**. Later this year native grass seeds will be planted between the shrub rows for nesting cover. The project was completed using volunteer help from west side **Pheasant Forever** members, **WDFW** employees, **Quincy High School** seniors, **Moses Lake High School** seniors, and local volunteers who read about the project in the paper. The trees and shrubs are growing and being monitored by **WDFW** personnel to make sure they survive.

Tractor Up and Running

The tractor has been repaired and the hydraulics replaced. It needs a little maintenance work and will be ready for use whenever we need to go to work.



Volunteers working on ALEA Grant Plantings

Upcoming Duck Banding Project

WDFW biologist **Warren Becker** will be banding ducks soon and could use volunteers if you are available a few hours. Send an e-mail to Warren at Warren.Becker@dfw.wa.gov

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

Our June class had 20 graduates and all received an orange vest, ammo holder, and **WWA** logo'd cap. Our next Hunters Ed class is Aug. 19, 20, 21, 22 at the **Lynden Shotgun Club**. We just purchased a new projector screen, and **Yvonne Isakson** is checking into trading in one of the regular sized shotguns for a youth model for upcoming classes.

Chapter Picnic

There will be a chapter picnic on July 21st at **Scott and Rhonda O'Day's** house, 1906 E Pole Road, Everson. Everyone please try to raise donations for raffle/ prizes - the more the better.

Congratulation's to member, **Adam Geyer** and his wife on the birth of their new baby.

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Report from the OWF

As you will be reading elsewhere in this issue, this year's **Oregon Waterfowl Festival** was a landmark event. There was good food, music, *beer*, lots of vendors, youth activities, a decoy carving contest, a blind contest, displays of everything waterfowl and 2000 waterfowlers all packed onto about five (5) acres of grass fields. The BBQ dinner for 700 was a pretty good meal. The event was huge! Of course the **WWA** made a very big presence thanks to the **Lower Columbia Chapter** and several members from other Chapters. The **Oregon Waterfowl Association** did really good on this event. Big applause to all of you.

Everyone I talked to had a really great time there. I met up with a few **WWA** members I've never met before and many old faces too. Finally I got to put some faces to some usernames from the Refuge Forums. The Festival was attended by **Capt Jeff Coats** of **Pitboss Waterfowl** fame. **Jeff** is a real stand up guy, a great hunter, carver and has done much for waterfowling. It was a pleasure to meet him and I hope to hunt with him in the future.

Writer, hunter and great story teller **Worth Mathewson** was there selling his books. **Worth** was very generous by donating one of each of his books to our Chapter for fund raising. If you ever get to hear him you will be glad you did.

I made at least 20 more contacts of vendors that will be coming to our **WA State Sanction Duck Calling Contest** on the 24th of August. If you couldn't make it this year, please try to be at next year's event. We could have used a few more volunteers!

Two-Part Youth Waterfowl Workshop

Our Chapters first Youth Waterfowl Workshop got off to a great start thanks to member **Dirk Farrar**. He stepped up to head this event, and everyone agrees that he

and his crew of **Howard Roberts**, **Bill Vogel** and **Dick Jensen** did a wonderful job. **Bill** put on a super waterfowl identification presentation. This is something that **ALL** Waterfowlers — young and old — can benefit from.

Also **WDFW Agents Chris Zuchlewski** and **Mike McQuiod** gave the kids (and the rest of us) the business on hunting laws and ethics. These guys really know their stuff. Very professional and they were able to answer all of our questions. **Dick Jensen** made sure that we were all safe on the range and made the shooting fun. Thanks guys, it wouldn't happen without you!

The guy that had the camera forgot to take picture on the range but he (I) promised to remember at the next workshop — which will be on the **7th of August**. [See **Flyer on the adjacent Page 7**]. I will encourage anyone with kids to attend this workshop. Contact me directly for more info or to register.



Bill Vogel (USFW), Chris Zuchlewski and Mike McQuiod (WDFW) at the Youth Waterfowl Workshop.

Personal Soap Box Time

The following is my opinion about the future of the **WWA**. At the Waterfowl Festival I talked to the representative from the **California Waterfowl Association**. He said that they have 15,000 members, a huge percentage of California's waterfowlers. To match that per capita, we would have to have about 5000 members.

The future of **WWA** is the future of waterfowl hunting our state. We must grow. Our membership drives of the past two (2) years brought in many new members, but most will agree that it isn't enough. In order to be effective at what we do we must increase membership. Our **Heritage Lands Program** is a great way to expand. I believe that land ownership and stewardship will give us the edge we need to be heard and better represented at all levels of government city, county, state and federal. 700 people can be loud. Imagine the noise from 5000. And

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THE GRAYS HARBOR CHAPTER

of the
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Presents
our first

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTER WORKSHOP (2 PARTS)

First Workshop Completed June 26th

Second workshop is August 7th 2013

Starts at 6:00 p.m.

Evergreen Sportsman's Club - Littlerock, WA

Workshop will show the young waterfowl hunters:

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

Or call Kurt Snyder at 360-485-9353.

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thats only 8% of all the hunters that bought Washington State waterfowl endorsements in 2011. Land assets will lead to more members, more volunteers, more income, more assets, and more VOICE! If you don't agree, then just ask any California Waterfowl Association member how it worked out for them.

Monthly Meeting is July 18, 2013.

Our Chapter meeting day for July will be on the 18th. The same place, the Evergreen Sportsman's Club near Littlerock. 7:00 PM sharp! I'll be there early to shoot a round of Sporting Clays. Drop by and join us! I think the squad is getting bored laughing at me!

As usual, you can contact me any time at 360-485-9353. See you all in the blind,

Kurt Snyder

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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.

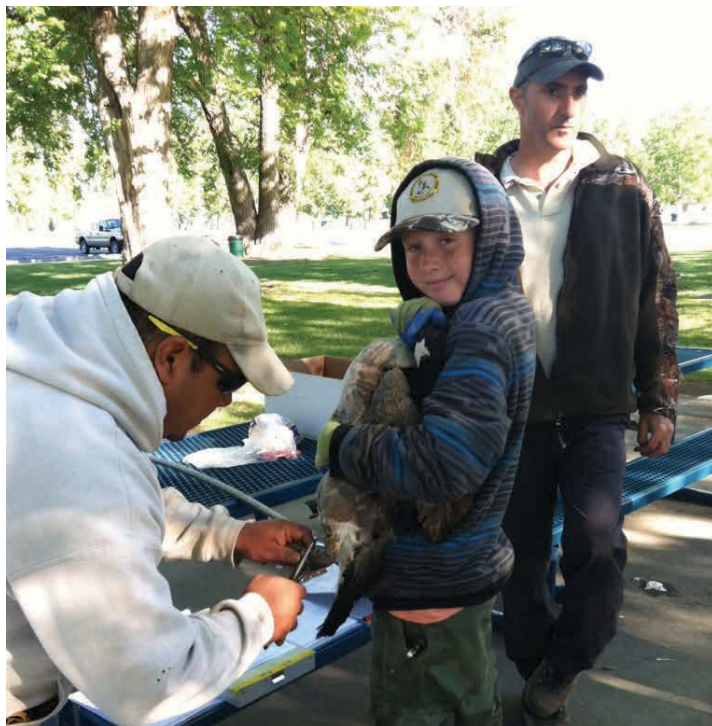
Chairman Needed!

Please contact WWA if you know anyone in the Spokane area interested in facilitating a WWA Chapter

Tri-Cities Chapter News

By Tracy Miles

The Tri-City Chapter meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Benton County PUD Building in Kennewick. Our next meeting is August 12th.



WWA-Tri Cities helping out WDFW with goose banding in June in Kennewick. Check that cap out!

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.

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Kitsap Peninsula Chapter News

By Richard Bazzell

WWA-Kitsap Chapter—DU Swap Meet

Be sure to mark your calendars for July 20th for our **Sportsman Swap Meet and Waterfowl Hunter Party**. This event will help support both **WWA and DU Kitsap**. There will be many door prizes, a silent auction and 5 Stand will open with prizes for the top three shooters.

Cost will be \$20 for a space to sell your gear or to join the waterfowl party; this includes an entry to the door prize. The event will take place at **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call **Mike Nilsen** at 360-710-9442 or me at 360-509-7900.

Upcoming Work Parties

In addition, upcoming work parties in August will include blind construction and clean ups at the following sites; **Short's Farm, Lynch Cove, Shine Creek** and other various **Quality Hunt Areas** along the **Skokomish River** in **Mason County**. Each of these blind sites will be stamped with the **WWA** logo thanks to **Howard Hicks** and the stencils he has provided.

The Kitsap Peninsula chapter's next monthly meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7th, at the **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club**. Come join us at 6 pm for talk regarding fundraisers, blind builds, restoration projects 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. Meetings will take place the 1st Wednesday of each month.

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.

Northwest Chapter News

By Rone Brewer

Youth Hunts September 21 & 22

The **NW Chapter** is sponsoring youth waterfowl hunts at the **Port Susan Restoration Site** and at **Jensen**

Slough. Port Susan Restoration site is a saltwater/tidal bay, with hunts conducted from the dike. **Jensen Slough** is non-tidal backwater, hunts conducted from the shoreline. Reservations are required on a first come-first served basis. contact **Reb Broker** at lostfish01@gmail.com or (760) 859-7442 or **Rick Skiba** at reskiba@msn.com or (360) 387-2225.

NW Chapter Potluck

WWA members are welcome to join in on the **Annual Duck Jerky Party**, Saturday August 10th, noon to whenever. Potluck dinner starts about 3 p.m. Bring the dog and the kids. Volleyball, horseshoes, wood duck box building, or just plain relaxin'.

Room for a few campers/trailers and lots of room for tents if folks want to stay the night. At the **Brewer** home, 19325 32nd Ave NW, Stanwood. Please call (206) 595-7481 or email nwducks@frontier.com to RSVP if you can...or just show up.

State Duck Calling Contest

Hey folks, we could use some volunteers to help manage the Washington State Duck Calling Contest at Cabela's Lacy on Saturday August 24th. Give me a call if you would like to help out. We'll be setting up on Friday, running the contest and then breaking it all down on Saturday. Come for a few hours or all day long on Saturday.

NW Chapter Meetings

We've got some fun stuff lined up for September and October meetings...love to see you there...**Conway Fire Hall**, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7 pm.

Keep on Keepin' On

Rone
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Southwest Chapter News

By Bob Schwent

Southwest Chapter Meeting

The next Southwest Chapter meeting is 7:00 pm, **Tuesday, August 30th** at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** (16409 Canyon Road East, Puyallup). Shooting starts at 6:00 with the meeting at 7:00.

Our guest speaker for July will be talking about hunter access issues. This is particularly timely when you consider the recent decision by **Weyerhaeuser** closing off their **Vail** and **Pe Ell** tree farms to access except for a limited

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number of paid permit holders. This is an increasing trend on private lands, and though this closure doesn't impact waterfowling, a lot of us hunt other game and too many of us have seen this happen on our favorite wetland areas as well.

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!

Help Needed for State Calling Championships

We need volunteers to help with the sanctioned **WA State Duck Calling Championship**, to be held August 24th at **Cabela's** in Lacey. **WWA** contributes \$1000 to the winner for expenses to travel to Stuttgart, Arkansas to compete in the World Championships. The contest will be held outside so come prepared for any kind of weather (after all, where do we live?). There will be specific duties and times for the volunteers, and we need 15-20 people to make this a success. Contact **Kurt Snyder**, kurtsnyder@outdrs.net (360) 485-9353 or **Jim Cortines**, wawtrfwlr@comcast.net (253) 833-7102 to volunteer or for more details.

September Youth Shoot

The **Southwest Chapter** will be helping out at the **Grays Harbor Chapter Youth Shoot** in September. Last year's event was a huge success, and we all need to get the next generation of waterfowlers and shotgunners on board. If you are interested in helping, please contact either **Terry Satre** or me.

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

Oregon Waterfowl Festival (OWF)

A very warm and sunny **OWF 2013** is now under our belts. With an outstanding effort by our chapter members and great help from other chapters to the north we had a fantastic festival. Thanks to **Derrick Tackett** for all his work with festival organizers to reserve our booth spots and put us in position to run the very successful boat blind contest.

WWA had two different locations at the festival. We were strategically located on the midway just north of the entrance. The big **WWA** trailer with all our displays was at that location. Display racks belonging to **Terry Foltz** were set up with all our raffle and organization information. This was set up under **Al O'Connor's** canopy. **Ted Blade**

constructed a duck tube display and a wood duck box to display and use as the receptacle for the free youth raffle. Next to the trailer were our nesting box and mounted wood duck drake and hen.

In front of all this was the newly received **Black Water 3-Man Pit Blind** soon to be installed at the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. President **Rick Scott** had begun the process of camo painting the lids and rim to give a feel for how it will look when it is complete.

It was Hot, Hot

Arlan Hackett's big fan made it at least bearable for us. At this booth we had the ever popular **WWA** mounted duck display. This is always a big draw and provided hours of entertainment and opportunity to sell our raffles and memberships. **Michael Andriotti's** commercial display boards provided a great looking booth with all our signage. We also displayed the beautiful scroll saw art donated by **Terry Foltz** that we raffled. Our other two raffles were the **Cedarville Farms Hunt (See Page 12)** donated by **Jon McAninch** and a Tracker electronic safe. Suffice it to say our booth staffers were busy at both locations!

We would like to express our thanks to **Dave Weston** and **Michael Andriotti** for their hard work on this event. The dynamic duo basically took on the boat blind contest for the whole weekend. They were well organized with plenty of signage and direction. The competition went off without a hitch or complaint, to their credit. **Arlan Hackett** was also instrumental in organizing the troops and worked all three (3) days.

Dave, Michael and **Derrick** stayed on sight and camped all three (3) days. **Ted Blade** worked all three (3) days and his son **Evan** was there for two. Thanks to **Bruce Head, Rick Scott, Jerry Piazza, Dino Mastri, David Chavez,**



LC Chapter WWA booth at OWF

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Al O'Connor, Doug Hargin and Dan Hafenbrack for their help on one or more days.

Thanks also for great help from other chapters.

WWA President Jim Cortines (SW) towed the WWA trailer and mounted bird display. Earl Mikkelson (SW), Jack Westerfield (SW), Jon McAninch (GH), Mike Lovelace (SEA) and Kurt Snyder (GH) were all great help at the booths. Kurt was there both days and returned the trailer. Thanks to All!

Backwater Pit Blind Is Here!

The new blind is here and will be delivered to the Ridgefield NWR for replacement installation at blind #12. We need a few volunteers to sand and paint the balance of the lids and exposed lip of the blind. Rick Scott jump started the project prior to displaying at the OWF.

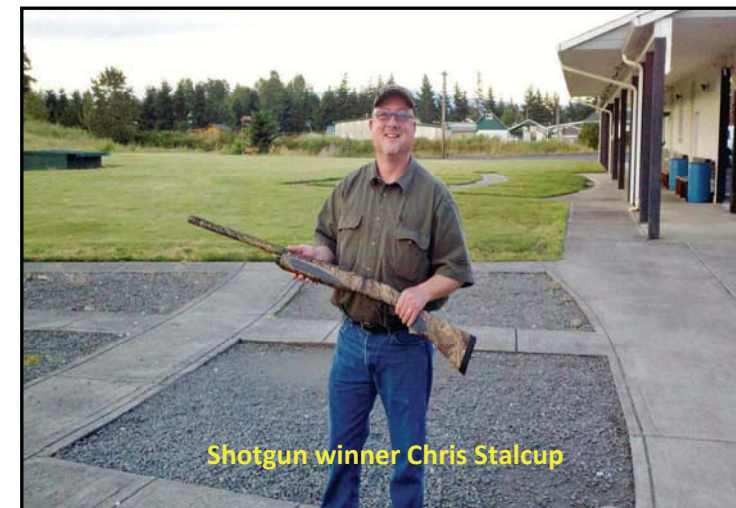


Rick Scott with the new Backwater Pit Blind

Shotgun Raffle Winner

We are happy to announce that long time Columbia River Chapter contributor and member Chris Stalcup held the winning ticket for the Remington 12 Gauge 11-87 Super-Mag Waterfowl autoloading shotgun.

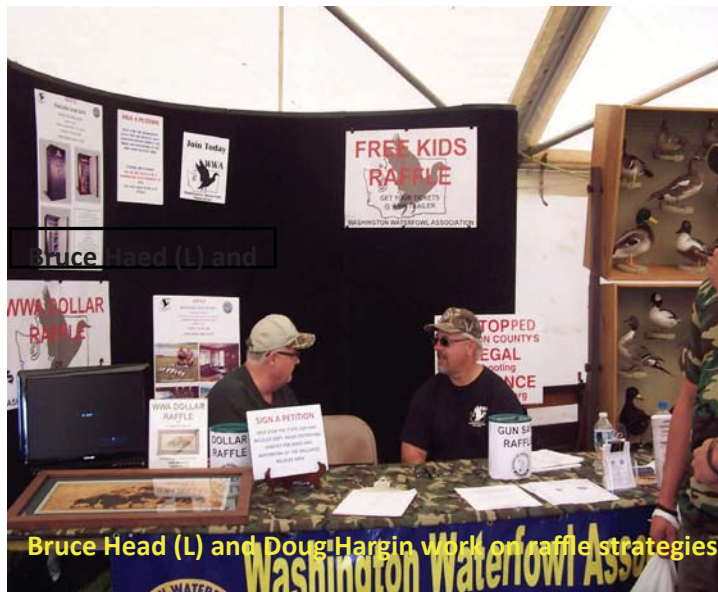
Many thanks to all those who purchased tickets, and special congratulations to Chris! We'll expect a report later next year regarding your 2013—2014 waterfowl hunting success with this shotgun!



Shotgun winner Chris Stalcup

Lower Columbia Banquet is September 14th

Mark your calendars and begin gathering donations! Our annual fundraiser will soon be here. Tickets will be available next meeting and we need your support!



Bruce Head (L) and Doug Hargin work on raffle strategies



Derrick Tackett (L) and Dino Mastri prepare for OWF



Left to right: Jon McAninch, Jack Westerfield, David Chavez, Dan Hafenbrack

Yakima Valley Chapter News

Roger Bennett

Goose Banding Project

The Yakima Valley Chapter helped out with the yearly one-day goose-banding project in Yakima and Selah this past month. Several chapter adults and kids were part of the 15+ crew that caught and banded Canada Geese at several locations.

Just over 100 birds were captured this year, with just under 100 being banded. The kids especially got a kick out of the proceedings.



WWA-YV Chapter youth member, Carson Mackey



YV Chapter member Tim Bennett & WDFW's Oscar

The YV Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month, at various locations in the Valley. For more information, contact YV Chapter Chairman Abel Cortina (abelcortina@gmail.com).

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WWA Members Dick Jensen, Kurt Snyder and Norm Westby on a previous raffle hunt

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. These 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!

YV Chapter In the Hen House Business!



WWA-YV Chapter member Roger Bennett surrounded by students from the **Selah High School** metal shop with their Prototype Hen House.

The **YV Chapter** is getting started building Hen houses to improve nesting success in the Yakima Valley. We have built a prototype (see photos), and are discussing the possibility of selling sponsorship of individual hen houses to groups and/or specific people. We have not figured out the exact details as of this newsletter's date, but more information will be coming.

With the help of student volunteer metal-workers in **Selah High School's** metal shop, costs of these nesting structures are very reasonable. **Delta Waterfowl** has shown success for years using these nesting tubes to supplement naturally occurring nesting areas.

YV Chapter member **Hugh Carney** has spearheaded this project, as well as being in charge of construction of the prototype. "This just seemed like a fairly easy, common sense thing we as a chapter could do to help the ducks pull off more broods in our area," said **Carney**. **YV Chapter Chairman Abel Cortina** agrees, "We hope to have a number of these structures in place for the 2014 nesting season."

The **YV Chapter** will determine how far-reaching this project can be in the next few months. At the very least, we should be able to install one or two dozen hen-houses in the valley. If this project really takes off, there is the possibility of selling these structures to other **WWA** chapters. Look for more information in upcoming issues of the **WWA Newsletter**.

Experts to Discuss How Wolves Effect Your WA Hunting

OLYMPIA - Big game managers from Washington, Idaho and Montana will discuss their experiences managing game animals in areas populated by wolves during a **live webcast July 18**. The event will take place from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. via the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW)** website (<http://wdfw.wa.gov/>). Viewers will have an opportunity to provide questions via email at july18event@dfw.wa.gov .

Montana and Idaho have been managing wolves longer than Washington and their experience can provide context to inform the department and citizens on how to confront the challenges that lie ahead, said **Phil Anderson, WDFW Director**.

"This will give the public an opportunity to hear directly from those who have been involved in wolf management in other areas of the west," said **Anderson**, who will participate in the discussion.

Jon Rachel, from **Idaho F&G** and **Jim Williams**, from **Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks** will discuss the impacts wolves have had on deer, elk and other big game animals in their states. They will also discuss strategies that successful big game hunters have adopted while hunting in their states.

Dave Ware, WDFW statewide game program manager, will describe the status of wolves and big game hunting in Washington.

CALLING CONTEST NEEDS YOUR HELP

When: August 24th

Where: Cabela's in Lacey, WA

Volunteers for setup, takedown, vendors, awards, and other issues. Please contact Kurt Snyder, Jim Cortines, or Rone Brewer (Tel #'s on page 1) to help out. THANKS!

Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

No Seattle Chapter Banquet Again This Year

Due to a lack of volunteers, for the second year in a row the **WWA-Seattle Chapter** will not be hosting a fund raising banquet this year at the Nile Country Club as originally planned.

Needless to say, this is discouraging news for the largest of all 11 **WWA** Chapters with a **current** paid up membership of 192 able bodies.

We hope to be able to help incoming **WWA President Rone Brewer** with a **WWA Corporate Banquet** tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2014. Stay tuned. In the meantime, please support the **WWA-LC Chapter's Fund Raising Banquet** on September 14, 2013 in Vancouver.

B.J. Brown Memorial Shoot on Sunday, August 18th

As an alternative **WWA** fund raising event for this summer I encourage **ALL** members of **ALL** nearby **WWA** chapters to participate in this year's **B.J. Brown Memorial**

Shoot at the Kenmore Shotgun Range, Sunday, August 18th hosted by **BJ's** parents, **Jenny and Mike Lutz**.

A teenager, **BJ** died far too young in an automobile accident in August of 2006. To celebrate his memory his family, friends, and **Kenmore** members [where **BJ's** had his first real job pulling trap] have gathered each August for the past six (6) years to participate in these Memorial Shoots in his honor. See the Flyer regarding the shoot on the adjacent Page 15.

Programs

Many thanks to new **WWA** member **Paul Gilmore** and **Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Manager, Brian Boehm**, for their presentation at our June meeting regarding upcoming volunteer projects for our Chapter to get involved with. Included in these are improvements at the **Cherry Valley Unit** that will restore it for dog training as well as safe, upland and waterfowl hunting for Youth Shoots in September, and for public hunting for all later this season.

ALL members of **ALL Chapters** are invited to come on out for a free round of trap or 5-stand to sharpen up your shooting skills for the upcoming **BJ Brown Memorial Shoot!**

NEW BANDED CANADA GOOSE SUMMARY 2010-2013

Location	2010			2011			2012			2013			2010-2013 Total
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	
Columbia Park (Tricities)	77	87	164	31	134	165	4	64	68	6	101	107	504
Wade Park (Tricities)	112	0	112	31	51	82	86	5	91	0	0	0	285
Chiawana Park (Tricities)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	17	28	28
Sprague Lake	7	80	87	11	59	70	6	112	118	14	115	129	404
Moses Lake	25	48	73	7	89	96	12	37	49	55	150	205	423
Rock Island (Wenatchee)	51	124	175	15	47	62	35	108	143	11	37	48	428
Walla Walla Park (Wenatchee)	44	5	49	16	20	36	23	36	59	22	24	46	190
Treetop (Yakima)	15	114	129	5	34	39	9	51	60	0	30	30	258
Sarge Hubbard (Yakima)	6	8	14	6	34	40	4	23	27	0	0	0	81
Munson Ranch (Yakima)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	55	60	60
Arboretum (Yakima)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5
Gonzaga (Spokane)	0	0	0	16	0	16	0	0	0	21	39	60	76
Liberty lake (Spokane)	0	0	0	26	11	37	0	0	0	18	31	49	86
Hangman golf course (Spokane)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	13	22	22
TOTALS	337	466	803	164	479	643	179	436	615	172	617	789	2850

CANADA GOOSE RECAPTURES 2009-2013

Location	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009-2013 Total
	Recaptures					
Columbia Park (Tricities)	4	18	33	7	13	75
Wade Park (Tricities)	31	55	24	40	3	153
Chiawana Park (Tricities)	0	0	0	0	2	2
Sprague Lake	0	3	6	10	9	28
Moses Lake	0	0	1	3	15	19
Rock Island Golf Course (Wenatchee)	0	41	13	25	5	84
Walla Walla Park (Wenatchee)	0	1	7	42	23	73
Treetop (Selah)	0	3	2	3	0	8
Sarge Hubbard (Yakima)	0	7	10	9	0	26
Gonzaga (Spokane)	0	0	3	0	8	11
Liberty Lake (Spokane)	0	0	0	0	5	5
Total	35	128	99	139	83	484

BJ BROWN MEMORIAL TRAPSHOOT SEVENTH ANNUAL



Hosted by the Family of BJ Brown

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Prizes For All Categories:

- Champion receives \$1,000 provided by the Washington Waterfowl Association.
- Sanctioned Duck Calling Champion will be provided the opportunity to go to the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest, November 29th/30th in Stuttgart, Arkansas

Registration:

- Pre-registration will be allowed starting June 21: Contact Kurt Snyder
kurtsnyder@outdrs.net
- Entry fees must be paid, and all entrants must register at least two hours before category start time. *Exception is Junior Duck with registration opening at 8:00 am.*

Schedule/Calling Categories:

<u>On-Site Registration</u>	<u>Open 8:00 AM</u>		
1. Junior Duck	8:30 to 9:15 AM	45 Minutes	\$25 Entry
2. Junior Goose	9:15 to 10:00 AM	45 Minutes	\$25 Entry
3. Pee-Wee Duck	10:00 to 10:30 AM	30 Minutes	No Entry Fee
4. Novice Duck	10:30 to 11:30 AM	1 Hour	\$30 Entry
5. Lunch Break	11:30 to 12:30 AM	1 Hour	
6. W. S. Championship Duck	12:30 to 2:00 PM	1.5 Hours	\$40 Entry
7. W. S. Open Goose	2:00 to 3:00 PM	1 Hour	\$40 Entry
8. Open Duck	3:00 to 4:00 PM	1 Hour	\$40 Entry
9. 2 Man Meat Calling Duck	4:00 to 5:00 PM	1 Hour	\$50 Per Team Entry
10. 2 Man Meat Calling Goose	5:00 to 6:00 PM	1 Hour	\$50 Per Team Entry



For additional information please contact:

Kurt Snyder, (360) 485-9353

kurtsnyder@outdrs.net

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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, Wash., 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

New York Breakfast

Ingredients:

8 pieces thin pumpernickel bread (3.5" square)
¼ C whipped cream cheese
8 oz thinly sliced smoked salmon
½ red onion, thinly sliced
¼ English cucumber, thinly sliced
2 medium ripe tomatoes, cored, seeded and diced
2 t chopped fresh chives
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1 finely diced Jalapeno, cored and seeded (optional)

Directions:

Toast the bread, then spread 1.5 t of cream cheese on top of each piece. Put a slice of smoked salmon, a couple slices of onion, a slice or two of cucumber, about 1 T of chopped tomato, and about 10-15 pieces of finely diced Jalapeno on top. Sprinkle with chives and season with salt and pepper.

SEND US YOUR RECIPE TO POST HERE AND RECEIVE CREDIT FOR IT!

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2013 WATERFOWL SURVEY

Species	2013	2012	% change from 2012	% change from LTA
 Mallard	10.372	10.602	-2*	+36
 Gadwall	3.351	3.586	-7*	+80
 American wigeon	2.644	2.145	+23	+2*
 Green-winged teal	3.053	3.471	-12*	+51
 Blue-winged teal	7.732	9.242	-16	+60
 Northern shoveler	4.751	5.018	-5*	+96
 Northern pintail	3.335	3.473	-4*	-17
 Redhead	1.202	1.270	-5*	+76
 Canvasback	0.787	0.760	+4*	+37
 Scaup	4.166	5.239	-20	-17
Total Ducks	45.607	48.575	-6	+33
May Ponds (US/Can)	6.892	5.544	+24	+35

Numbers in millions. LTA (Long-term Average)

*No significant change

Source: Ducks Unlimited

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TREASURERS. REPORT (7-11-2013)

Corporate Checking	\$ 21,287.94
Chapter (LC, ML & SEA)	
Trust Monies for Goose	
Satellite Transmitters	
For WDFW	\$ 8,250.00
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,555.31
Corporate Total	\$ 47,093.25

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking	\$ 1,841.49
Kitsap Chapter	(To Be Funded)
LC Checking	\$ 8,640.38
ML Checking	\$ 8,333.69
NW Checking	\$ 3,,297.16
OP Checking	\$ closed 3/25/13
SEA Checking	\$ 29,537.04
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,736.24
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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:
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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

GUN CONTROL**COLORADO DEMOCRATS FAIL TO STAVE OFF GUN CONTROL-BASED RECALL EFFORTS**

Two Colorado Democratic lawmakers facing recall elections for their support of the state's strict new gun control laws failed to block or slow their recall elections Wednesday.

The secretary of state's office ruled against Senate president **John Morse** of Colorado springs, who wanted his recall effort invalidated because of a technical error by his opponents. Deputy secretary of state **Suzanne Staiert** also rejected a request by **Democratic senator Angla Giron** of Pueblo to have her recall challenge shifted to a new venue because she said **Republican Secretary of State Scott Gessler** wouldn't fairly decide her case.

The twin decisions mean appeals and more wrangling over what could be the first state legislative elections in Colorado history.

In the **Morse** case, **Staiert** rejected the Democratic claim that recall petitions were invalid because they were improperly worded. She said the petitions "substantially complied" with the law. She said that **Morse's** opponents "made a good-faith effort to comply with the law and did not consciously attempt to mislead the electorate."

In the **Giron** case, the senator's recall petitions were worded much the same, and she is making an identical challenge. But first, a Democratic lawyer asked for **Gessler's** deputy to recuse the office.

Mark Grueskin made the recusal request after seeing a March account in the *Pueblo Chieftain* of **Gessler** telling a Republican gathering about the recall process.

"This is an event and an act that calls into question the ability of the secretary to render a decision without the appearance of impropriety," **Grueskin** said.

Staiert dismissed the concern, saying **Gessler** didn't advocate for a lawmaker's recall. "There is no appearance of impropriety here," **Staiert** wrote. **Jennifer Kerns**, a spokeswoman for the group attempting to oust **Morse**, told the *Denver Post* that any further legal challenge would amount to an attempt to "delay and deny justice" to **Morse's** constituents.

They delivered above and beyond the number of signatures needed to commence the recall process," **Kerns** told the newspaper. "The people of Colorado knew darn well what they were signing; they want to recall the elected officials who are drastically out of touch with their constituents."

Giron and **Morse** are being targeted for recalls because they both supported gun control measures. Gun-rights advocates say Democrats went too far curbing gun rights with two of the measures—one to restrict ammunition magazines and another re expand required background checks.

Four Democrats were initially targeted, but recall petitions only made it to completion against **Morse** and **Giron**. **Gessler's** office has said the **Morse** and **Giron** petitions had enough valid signatures to force recall elections, possibly later this summer. **Democratic Governor John Hickenlooper** would ultimately set the recall elections dates, but not before legal challenges are exhausted.

If **Morse** and **Giron** face recall elections, they'd be the first state lawmakers to go to a recall vote since Colorado adopted the recall in 1912. **Grueskin**, the lawyer making both recall challenges, has said he'd appeal decisions to the Denver District Court.

Governor John Kickenlooper is required to set an election date after receiving the certificates from the Secretary of State's office, which could come as early as Monday, according to the *Denver Post*. The election must be held within 60 days of receiving the paperwork (Source: www.foxnews.com)

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 June 14, 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 — \$1,545

Pat O'Hagen — \$80

WWA General Non Specific Donations — \$123

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- Family (immediate family up to age 18) — \$ 35.00
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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** meets the 1st Saturday of the month (Jan – Nov) at **10 a.m. at HJ Carroll Park**, 9884 Rhody Drive, **Chimacum, WA 98325**.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 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.