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Hey Y'all,

I hope most of you have not only been able to “bring” in the new year, but have “hunted” in a very happy new year, no matter how hard it has been to find the ducks and geese (or quail). I haven’t been able to hunt as much as I would like this year (who does, right?), but did manage to get my boys out for a couple duck hunts and an upland bird hunt where they both knocked down a quail or two — that was fun to see. Taking them hunting reminds me of my Dad taking me snipe hunting in the puddled-up **Wylie Farm** green chop fields, learning how to quickly and safely shoulder my gun and get that darn hammer back (or safety off) before the birds were out of range.

It also reminds me of the several more experienced hunters, many of them in **WWA**, who have introduced me to their hunting areas and techniques. A few years ago, through the **WWA**, I met an older gentleman named **Brad Edgerton**. **Brad** had experienced a stroke and was beginning to lose memory and physical abilities. **Brad** introduced me to the **Ochoa Farm** and other nearby areas he hunted for years, around **Othello**. We (including my dogs) stayed at the hotel in Othello where he had been going for decades, drank some beers in the nearby bar, and enjoyed several days together. **Brad** moved south and I lost contact with him, but I remember our time and our last hunt together at the **Farmed Island**. Thanks **Brad**.

It has been a busy couple months for **WWA**. Transitioning from a short list of members to a full-fledged member management system capable of handling thousands of members has been a much longer process than I envisioned. Thanks to the efforts of several officers, directors, and members, particularly over the past few months, the system is up and running. Our communication with members should very noticeably improve as we develop our protocols and, painful but necessary policies, for protecting, emailing, and printing information from the new system. Our website also has been updated and migrated to a new server and combined with our member management system. This should allow chapters to more readily create and edit their own web pages and manage their members too.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

[\(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers\)](#)

- Friday-Sunday, Jan 17 Through 19** **Tri-Cities Sportsman's Show**
The Trac in Pasco off of Highway 68
- Wednesday, Jan 22** **Seattle Chapter Meeting;** 7 p.m. @
Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell.
Contact **John Arrabito**.
- Wednesday-Sunday** **Washington Sportsmen's Show**
Jan 22 Through 26 **Washington State Fairgrounds;**
Puyallup. Contact **Terry Satre**.
- Sunday, Jan 26** **Closing Day of Waterfowl Hunt Season**
- Tuesday, Jan 28** **Southwest Chapter Meeting;**
7 p.m. @ **Tacoma Sportsman's Club.**
Contact **Terry Satre**.
- Thursday, Jan 30** **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting**
7 p.m. @ **Vancouver Trap Club.**
Contact **Rick Scott**.
- Monday, Feb.3** **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, Feb 4** **Whatcom County Chapter Meeting**
5-7 p.m. @ **Tenant Lake Interpretive**
Center, Ferndale. Contact **Scott O'Day**.
- Wednesday, Feb. 5** **Kitsap Peninsula Chapter Meeting**
6-8 p.m. @ **Bremerton Trap & Skeet**
Club. Contact **Richard Bazzell**
- Thursday, Feb 6** **Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting.**
7 p.m. @ **Evergreen Sportmen's Club,**
near **Littlerock.** Contact **Kurt Snyder**.
- Thursday, Feb 6** **WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting**
6:30 p.m., @ **Canyon Park Denny's**
All WWA members always welcome.
- Tuesday, Feb 11** **Northwest Chapter Meeting;**
7 p.m. @ **Conway Fire Hall.**
Contact **Rone Brewer**.
- Thursday, Feb. 13** **Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting;** 6:30
p.m., @ **El Ranchito, in Zillah.**
Contact **Abel Cortina**.
- Wednesday-Sunday,** **Pac NW Sportsman's Show @ the**
Feb 5 Through 9th **Portland Expo Center; Volunteers**
needed to staff WWA-LC booth.
See LC Chapter News, Page 7.
- Thursday-Sunday,** **Central Washington Sportsman's**
Feb 14 Through 17 **Show @ Yakima Sundome.**

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January is a big planning month for **WWA**, when our chapters get together and decide what needs to be done during the year. We are looking to continue our efforts to gather waterfowl count data from the **US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)** and across the state, and support increased hunting or higher quality hunts at our **National Wildlife Refuges** and **State Wildlife Areas**. We have several chapters that have submitted, or are currently submitting, proposals for receiving duck stamp funds, **Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)** grants, and other monies to conduct waterfowl habitat and **public waterfowl hunting enhancement**.

And please note that I just wrote "**public**" waterfowl hunting enhancement. This distinction is the core of the **WWA's** mission and sets us apart; enhancing waterfowl and **public access** to waterfowl. We do ducks, and volunteer to preserve the duck hunting heritage, for you.

Even if you don't read much else of the newsletter, **Please check out the "In an Instant" article on Page 8** in the **Lower Columbia Chapter News**.



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News for the Flock

HERITAGE LANDS PROGRAM

Private lands, owned by WWA, preserved as farmland forever, leased to farmers for farming, lease fees reinvested into the property to manage public access such that agricultural productivity is not impacted. Public access managed by hunters, for hunters and other outdoor recreationists.

Why do we rely on private donations: Most grants and other funding sources require oversight by a public agency or placement of an easement or other qualifications that reduce, or sometimes eliminate specific uses for the subject property. Other than providing that the farmland remains farmland forever, **WWA** wants the property to be unencumbered. Purchase with private hunter dollars allows us to manage the property for public access without the direct oversight of a lending agency.

Recent Donations

As many of you may have noticed, last fall we had a \$2,000 match challenge from **Mr. Gary Talbert**. Well, that \$2,000 was matched last November by **Mr. Robb Stack**, providing a total of \$4,000 into the Heritage Lands coffers. And, more than that, Robb has agreed to provide another \$2,000 match.

Thank you Robb!

Every dollar contributed beginning in January goes toward a match for another \$2,000. So, if we get \$2,000, another \$2,000 will be donated. Folks...please consider \$10, \$20, \$50, or any amount because

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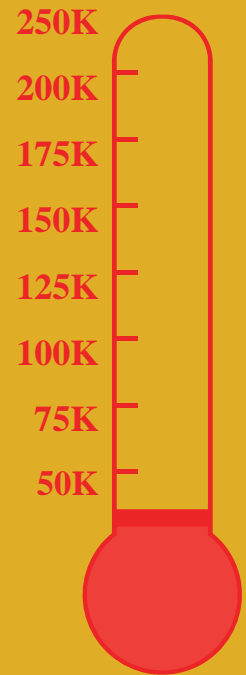
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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

The Moses Lake Chapter will be building and re-doing nesting tubes at the residence of Robin & Susan Hickok on Moses Lake on January 29th. Starting time will be at 2 P.M. Call **Robin** at 425 238 6292 or 509 765 3541 if you need directions.

The ice is about 8 inches thick in front of my house, some tubes will be replaced while I can still walk on water.

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Hi all.

I hope everyone's hunting season has been safe and fun for you. The weather has left us high and dry for as long as I can remember. The ducks that have migrated through have done just that too. Not much water around our neck of the woods to keep them around so the "duckin'" has been on the slow side compared to recent past years. I can tell other hunters have had the same problem because there has been an increase in the Diver duck hunters. I would never do anything but encourage hunting but there are a LOT of us out there this year. So, the numbers of **WWA** members should increase, right? I think so.

I have made it my personal goal to induct 10 new members to the **WWA** this year, and challenge any member to meet or beat this. There are no prizes to be had, however, what you will get is a stronger and larger **WWA** and all that goes with it, which includes:

- Land ownership for public hunting access;
- Voice in government as it affects your waterfowling;

- Continued and expanded Waterfowl Conservation;
- Secure hunting future for the kids, and their kids; and
- OPEN public lands.

If you cannot do any volunteering for the **WWA** this year, at least try to bring in a new member. The future of waterfowling in Washington depends on it.

Our Chapter's first meeting of the year is scheduled for the 6th of February, 7:00 PM sharp at the Evergreen **Sportsman's Club (ESC)** near Littlerock.

Chapter meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, February through October., but the July meeting is TBA because the **ESC** is very busy that month.

OK, I'll tell you what. You send a new member to our meeting, and I'll buy you a new **WWA** logo'd hat. If you don't want the hat make it a line of trap.

Thank you all,

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Kitsap Chapter News

By Richard Bazzell

Annual Blind Maintenance

Kitsap Peninsula WWA joined **District Wildlife Biologist Jeff Skriletz** at **Lynch Cove** on **Hood Canal** in mid-September for some annual blind maintenance. The outing provided a great opportunity to share the good work **Jeff**

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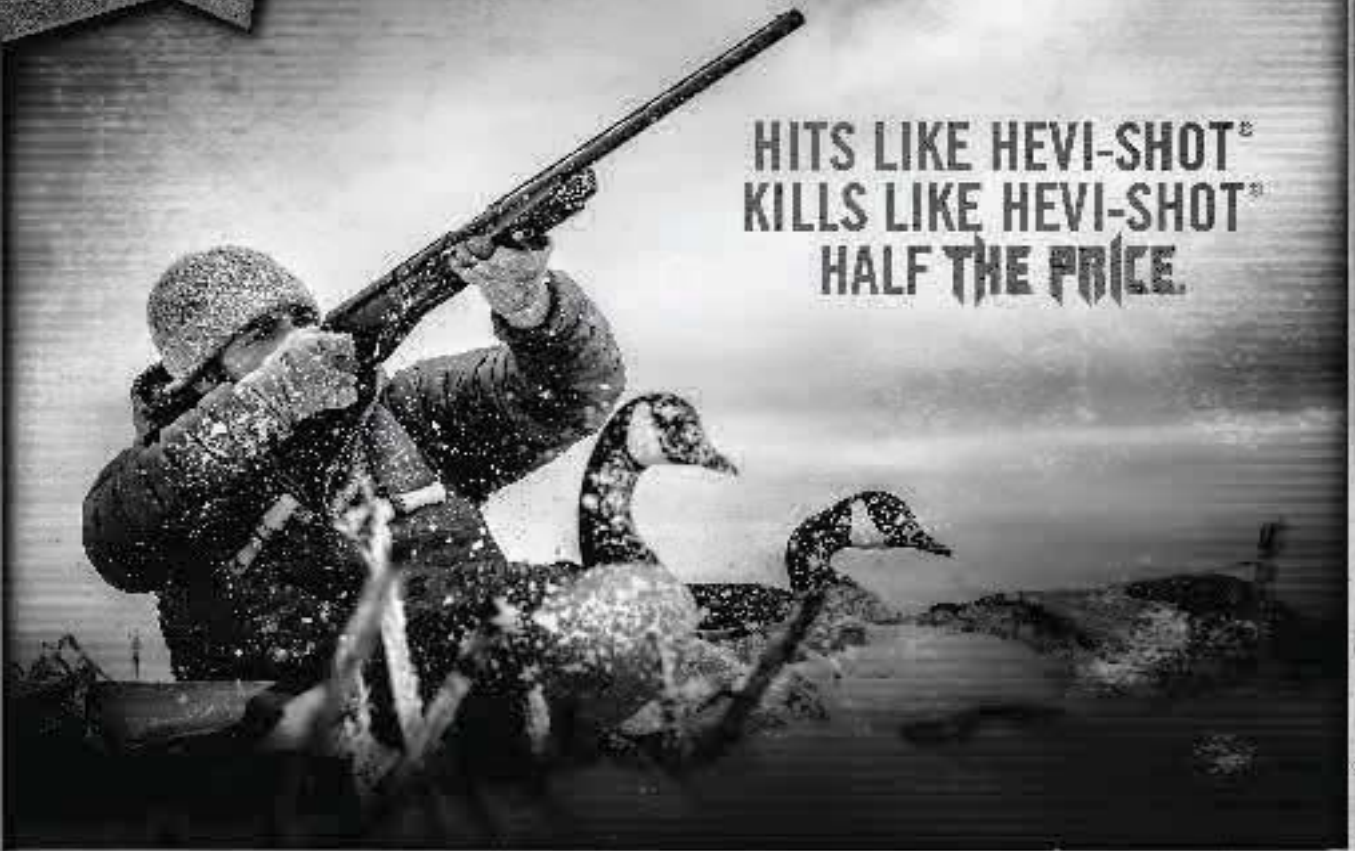
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does for our District, and also provided a preseason scouting trip for the new member volunteers. Big thanks to **Jeff Skriletz, Justin Maggioli, and Justin Pauole** for your commitment. More volunteers are needed in Jefferson County to help manage the Short Farm and Shine Creek areas.

Next Meeting

The **WWA Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** will meet Wednesday, February 5th, and the first Wednesday of each month thereafter at **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club**. Please contact **Richard Bazzell** at rbazzell@yahoo.com or 360-509-7900 for further details and interest in projects. Also, be sure to check us out on Facebook at **Kitsap Peninsula Waterfowlers**.

Whatcom Chapter News

By **Scott O' Day**

Hi everybody,

Hope you all had a great Christmas. We are ready to get back at it, and had our first 2014 meeting on Tuesday, January 7th, Our **WWA Whatcom** Chapter meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, 5-7 p.m., @ **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, Ferndale**, and will next meet after the hunting season on Tuesday, February 4th. Contact **Scott O'Day** for more details. Hope to see you there!

Southwest Chapter News

By **Terry Satre**

Sportman's Show

The **Western Washington Sportsmen's Show** starts Wednesday the 22nd of January, and runs through Sunday the 26th, at the Puyallup Fair Grounds. We'll have a booth there spreading the ducky word. Come see us and buy a raffle ticket or five.

Next Meeting

WWA-Southwest Chapter will be meeting again starting January 28th (see page 2) . Hope to see you there.

Tri-Cities Chapter News

By **Tracy Miles**

Chapter Meetings

The **Tri-City Chapter** meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m., at the **Benton County PUD Building** in Kennewick. Our next meeting is not until Monday, February 3rd. Contact **Tracy Miles** for details.

Spokane Chapter

CHAIRMAN NEEDED

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.

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

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By **Doug Hargin**

Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show February 5th – 9th

We need your help covering our booth and setting up for this huge show — always a fun event to attend and run a booth at. We need volunteers for all shifts Wednesday through Sunday. Please step up and help out with one or more 4 hour shifts by contacting **Arlan Hackett** at aghackett@aol.com or 360-600-9484. Free admission to the show will be provided for those that do a booth shift.

Cedarville Donated Hunts

We want to take this opportunity to thank **Jon McAninch** and his **Cedarville Farms Hunt Club** donation of two (2) guided waterfowl hunts. These were raffled by **WWA Chapters** and became a Major Fund Raiser for **WWA** as a whole. **Jon** offers some of the best duck and goose hunting on the west side on the many properties he owns and leases. This has been a low rainfall year and has changed the game somewhat this season for most westside

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hunters. You can always depend on **Jon** to put in a 125% effort to position his hunters in the right circumstances to shoot birds. Thank you **Jon** for your unwavering support of **WWA** and for your generous donations!

In an Instant ...

This is story of a typical hunt many of us have enjoyed over the years. A great day out with friends chasing waterfowl, ducks cooperating, the dog retrieving. Friend and **Chapter President Rick Scott** had invited me along with fellow chapter member and friend **Dan Hafenbrack** hunting on his lease. After a short boat ride and tossing out the decoys we settled in for what would turn out to be a most memorable hunting trip. Soon after shooting time **Rick** dropped a pintail. We were surprised spectators as an eagle took our first duck of the day right off the water before we could mount a retrieval party in the early morning light. Uncharacteristic for the lake we had mostly *spoonies* strafing the decoys all morning. The widgeon started showing around 11:00 AM. By around 2 PM we had our limits.

I shot our last duck, and it went down too far out for my 2-year old female yellow lab, Riley, to retrieve. I had brought the Marsh Rat along for just such an occasion. With a little 2x4 frame seat to get up higher for paddling the chase was on!

The duck was just winged so it swam like an Olympic champ and after paddling like a mad man into the wind across the lake I decided I needed to just take a kill shot. As I lined up on the duck the wind turned me out of line for the shot. To compensate I twisted back at an awkward angle, and the center of gravity went bad.

I had just squeezed the safety off to shoot the wounded bird and in an instant realized I was rolling in to lake. I performed a slow motion side roll head first into the chilly lake. Completely underwater I kicked up from the bottom towards the light and surfaced with gun in hand but submerged underwater and me sputtering to grab the boat with my free left hand. In my struggle to get ahold of the

boat and keep my gun in hand things got worse. I still had ahold of the gun with finger in the trigger hole not thinking to try and change my grip as I struggled for control of the situation. **So.... the gun goes off underwater!** A little unnerving to say the least! I finally get the gun up and realized the barrel was toast.



Result of discharging shotgun underwater

Meanwhile back at the blind **Rick** and **Dan** are scrambling to my rescue with adrenalin at full throttle. The water at the shore where the blind sits is so shallow that **Dan** is paddling like mad and **Rick** is holding the motor up trying to pull start it. I toss the gun into the half swamped Marsh Rat and begin the process of kicking my way back towards them. When they reach me these guys are in full adrenalin rescue mode, and I am honestly concerned for their health and feel my situation is under control.

They want to roll me in the boat, but I convince them to just let me hold on and tow me back. My waders are full of water, and I know there is no way to get 240lbs of me and another 100lbs of water over the gunwale. So we get back to the blind. I crawl to shore and drop my neoprenes and have **Rick** hold up my boots to shed the water. **Rick** commented that the water was warm. I said

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yes I was basically in a wet suit at that point of the adventure. They wanted to strip me down and hug me or put on a dry coat. I assured them that I was not yet hypothermic. I had on a light waterproof jacket and several layers of wicking *Under Armor* underneath. So with the waders and clothing I was fine. They ignored my desire to go get that duck, and indicated we would get the decoys picked up and head back.

Lessons Learned:

1. Keep my fanny down in the watercraft when I do anything. I still feel comfortable paddling up on the high seat but would never perform any shooting or other actions or maneuver unless down in boat.
2. Always wear a floatation device when on the water, period.
3. It is best to hunt with a friend as they may very well save your life if things go south.
4. Don't panic if you go in over your head. Contrary to popular belief your waders will not sink you like a rock. They weigh no more in the water than if you had them in your hand. The weight factor comes into play upon attempting to exit the water with full waders. Crawl out of the water on to the shore and pull them down to release the now heavy water now that you on land.
5. A wader belt may help reduce the amount of water you take on.
6. Don't fire your gun under water. (Okay that one is probably a little too obvious)

I would like to thank **Rick** and **Dan** for coming to my rescue, and most of all Thanks to God for sparing me from any injury. **STAY SAFE OUT THERE!**

Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Abel Cortina

Hunting has been pretty good the past week or so in the wind. Hope you get a chance to get out.

Sportsman's Shows

The **Tri-Cities Sportsman's Show**, will be held this week, January 17-19, at the **Trac in Pasco** off of Highway 68. Boats, fishing guides, outfitters, etc. Yours truly will be providing waterfowling seminars each day, 5 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 4 pm on Sunday. Stop by and say hello if you can.

February 14-17 is the **Central Washington Sportsman's Show** at the **Yakima Sundome**. The **Yakima Chapter of WWA** will have a booth at this show. Stop by

and buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win a dozen Dakota mallard decoys. Nest tubes will also be available.

Mallard Nest Tubes

We have mallard nest tubes available for purchase or for sponsorship. These hen houses were built by student volunteers in the tech/metal shop classes at **Selah High School**, which helped keep the cost down. And, unlike some hen houses, these are all metal construction (some prior versions had a wooden base). This should help them last for many years out in the weather. You can buy the nest tubes from us or sponsor a tube, and we'll put it out for you. Stop by our booth at the Show or give me a call for more information.

Next Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be at 6:30 on **February 13, 2014** at the **El Ranchito in Zillah**. For more information, contact **WWA-YV Chapter Chairman Abel Cortina** at abelcortina@gmail.com.

Northwest Chapter News

By Rone Brewer

Hunting has been hit or miss, with a lot of miss. Had an influx of unwary ducks with the cold blast of weather, but the ducks wised up pretty quickly. Very few birds moving into the fields during the daytime until this recent bout of rain and wind. Most of the planted grain was gone by December or early January. Brant season is a go!

Youth Hunt

The **NW Chapter** will be holding another youth only hunt on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18th and 19th. Please contact **Rick Skiba** at 360.387-2225 if you would like to schedule a hunt for a young hunter on one of these dates. These youth hunts are available on a first come/first served basis, so call early if you'd like to reserve a place.

Work Parties

Wood duck nest boxes building at **Rone Brewer's** house at 11 a.m., at the February 11th Chapter meeting. Contact **Rone** for directions (206) 595-7481.

Then wood duck box placement in mid-March and litter pick-up in April. We may also support removal of Quality Hunt blinds in February, but this is not yet finalized as the new **Quality Hunt Coordinator** was just hired for our area. We also will be planting willow stakes at the **Nature**

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Conservancy's Port Susan Bay Property to help them out in return for hosting our youth hunts at the property.

Fundraising

Reb is working on the planting about an acre of pumpkins that we will sell in October. Land likely to be donated by a local farmer. May need to buy seeds and fertilizer, but may get some support on these too.

Reb and **Rone** are working out potential for managing hunting blinds on private property. Blinds would be placed and managed by **WWA**. Users would reserve blinds and pay a reservation fee online, for a certain day or series of days. Proceeds would be shared with the landowner. This program gets folks hunting private land, while letting the landowner know who is on his property. **WWA** provides management and cleanup; Both **WWA** and Landowner make a little money. Checking into insurance Requirements at the present time.

Next Meeting

The next **NW Chapter** meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 7 pm at the **Conway Fire Hall**. We hope to see many of you there! No guest speaker yet, but we'll try to get Google Earth up on the big screen and show some areas to hunt. We may try to get a **WDFW** Enforcement Officer at the meeting to discuss waterfowl violations in our area as well as the two recent hunter-related shootings up here in the boonies.

Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

Upcoming Meeting

Wednesday, January 22nd will be our first Chapter meeting of the year. We'll be assembling wood duck nesting boxes from scratch, so come out and learn how it's done. These boxes will be part of our work parties in February in

the **Snoqualmie Valley** area. Great event for the whole family to participate in.

As far as the meeting itself is concerned, **ALL** members of **ALL** Chapters in attendance will be treated to a **FREE** round for trap or 5-stand by the Chapter. So come out to tune up for the last few days of the season. Better yet bring a friend and sign him/her up as a new **WWA** member. Both you and that new member will each receive a **FREE logo'd WWA** hat and a 7 inch **WWA** decal for your rigs.

WWA — Giving Back to the Resource

Thanks to the members of the **Seattle Chapter** that gave up their Saturday [December 14th] hunting to help out **Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Manager, Brian Boehm**, and about 20 other volunteers and **WDFW** staff to clean up the **Crescent Lake Unit** which was shut down the previous week because of a baiting situation caused by slob hunters and discovered by federal game enforcement officers.

Without your help cleaning up a truckload of downed corn scattered throughout the acreage, this popular public hunting area close to an urban population would have been shut down to waterfowling for the rest of the season. Thanks to all for giving back to the Resource!

Meet Scout....

Owned by **LC Chapter** member, **Matthew Eleazer**, this pic of Scout won the recent **Oregon Waterfowl Festival Photo Contest** because many of you fellow **WWA** members voted for him daily throughout the month of December. In gratitude, **Matt** donated the first prize \$100 Gift Certificate to **WWA-LC** for future fund raising. Thanks **Matt** and thank you, **Scout!**



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WELCOME NEW WWA MEMBERS

Hi folks, I am **Ellen Satre** and have taken on the task of membership maintenance in the new computerized membership management system. You, as a member, can now access the system thru www.waduck.org. At the present time we have entered all current and former members into the database. We then can use the system to notify members when their membership is due and of events that are important to you as a waterfowler. We are now listing new members and members that are coming up for renewal in the newsletter. If you have a change in phone number, address or email you can change it yourself in your system profile, or send me the change, and I will fix it for you. Contact me if you have difficulty changing it, or email me the information at Ellenswwa@comcast.net. Thanks.

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Gott, Rebecca	Junior	Moses Lake
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Greninger, Drew	Junior	Moses Lake
Haney, Madison	Junior	Southwest
Herbenson, Dave	Senior	Lower Columbia
Inman, Gary	Senior	Northwest
Kirley, Darcy	Complementary	Southwest
Kurashige, Aaron	Individual	Whatcom
Mattson, Lewis	Junior	
O'Neil, Michael	Individual	Southeast
Parsons, Ehren	Individual	Southwest
Poer, John	Senior	Lower Columbia
Poplawski, Thomas	Junior	Moses Lake
Rodriguez, Kohl	Junior	Moses Lake
Rodriguez, Marcus	Junior	Moses Lake
Ross, Katelynn and Mikayla	Junior	Moses Lake
Sammans, Nathan	Junior	Tre-Cities
Sanwald, Walter	Individual	Olympic Peninsula
Sisolak, Brian	Individual	Northwest
Skredsvig, Paul	Family	Northwest
Sorensen, Kelley; Environmetal	Business	Oregon
Sunstrom, Chris	Individual	Lower Columbia
Thompson, Cory	Individual	Tri-Cities
Tousley, Briar	Family	Tri-Cities
Turner, Michael	Individual	Southeast
Verbon, Mark ,Susan,Nick	Family	Northwest
Wilhelm, Peter and Sydney	Junior	Tri-Cities
Worsham, JC	Junior	Moses Lake

WWA Life Members

#1 Gary Talbert	#8 Roger Bennett	#15 Bud Hufnagel	#22 Jaime Herrera-Beutler	#29 Dan Stearns
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	#14 Jack Westerfield	#21 Earl Mikkelson		

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Member Profile



Mr. **Cal Roberts** is originally from Caldwell, Idaho, but was raised in Aberdeen, Washington, where at a young age he started hunting ducks and geese. **Cal** has been an active member of our **Lower Columbia Chapter** where he has volunteered for many blind building and cleanup projects. **Cal** has hunted big game but his passion always has been ducks and geese. He belongs to two duck clubs in the Westport area and has two Labrador retrievers and a munsterlander (a pointing retriever: www.largemunsterlander.org). Family, camping, hiking, hunting, and enjoying the great northwest outdoors are large parts of **Cal's** life. He also enjoys trap and skeet shooting and has introduced bird hunting to his wife **Diana**, two daughters, and grandson **Dakota**. From the looks of the picture, he has done a good job teaching **Dakota** the fine art of bird shooting. Now retired, he is looking forward to sharing more of his time with his grandchildren.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014

Renew Online at www.waduck.org.

NAME	CHAPTER	DUE DATE	NAME	CHAPTER	DUE DATE
Coster, Rick	Whatcom	January	Hicks, Howard	Southwest	February
Coster, Teresa	Whatcom	January	Hoxie, Erling D	Southeast	February
Eleazer, Matthew	Lower Columbia	January	Hublou, Dee	Northwest	February
Farley, Dave	Southeast	January	Hublou, Roland	Northwest	February
Field, Henry	Tri-Cities	January	Lines, Ivan	Spokane	February
Galloway, Lyle	Whatcom	January	Martin, Alan	Whatcom	February
Geyer, Adam	Whatcom	January	Mastri, Dino	Lower Columbia	February
Hayes, Justin	Northwest	January	Miller, Tony	Lower Columbia	February
Sherwood, Jack	Southwest	January	Moyer, Luther	Kitsap Peninsula	February
Sievers, David	Moses Lake	January	Nechanicky, Noel	Yakima Valley	February
Singley, Jonathan	Southwest	January	Norris, Chad	Olympic Peninsula	February
Skiba, Rick	Northwest	January	O'Connor, Albert T.	Lower Columbia	February
Smith, Dick	Northwest	January	O'Day, Scott	Whatcom	February
Stagner, Mark	Grays Harbor	January	Olwell, Jeff	Southwest	February
Van Nieuwenhuise, Mel	Southeast	January	Pauole, Adriane	Kitsap Peninsula	February
Whitbeck, James	Southwest	January	Pauole, Justin	Kitsap Peninsula	February
Willis, Gregory	Southwest	January	Pettit, Col. John	Southwest	February
Arnold, John	Moses Lake	February	Pierce, Dave	Lower Columbia	February
Becheren, Cory	Northwest	February	Satre, Terry	Southwest	February
Blade, Ted	Lower Columbia	February	Schirato, Greg	Grays Harbor	February
Broker, Ian	Northwest	February	Schwent, Brenda	Southwest	February
Broker, Robert	Northwest	February	Schwent, Robert	Southwest	February
Broker, Tarquin	Northwest	February	Smith, Diane	Grays Harbor	February
Broker, Valerie	Northwest	February	Snyder, Kurt	Grays Harbor	February
Buhner, Ted	Southeast	February	St Sauver, Paul	Southeast	February
Cox, Charles	Olympic Peninsula	February	Stalcup, Chris	Lower Columbia	February
Duim, Brian	Whatcom	February	Stalcup, Christine	Lower Columbia	February
Fisk, Dennis	Northwest	February	Sullivan, Elizabeth	Northwest	February
Green, Bill	Moses Lake	February	Sullivan, Mike	Northwest	February
Green, Rosann	Moses Lake	February	Tousley, Brett	Southwest	February
Hackett, Arlan	Lower Columbia	February	Tousley, Briar	Tri-Cities	February
Hargin, Doug	Lower Columbia	February	Tousley, Deborah	Southwest	February
Harris, Josh	Southeast	February	Wood, Jack	Tri-Cities	February
Hazelbrook, Bob	Southeast	February	Wood, Nicole	Tri-Cities	February
Hedberg, Joe	Southwest	February	Zeka, Robert	Southeast	February

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POINTING LAB CLUB FORMING

There is an effort underway, with guidance from the **American Pointing Labrador Association (APLA)** to form a Pointing Labrador Retriever club in western Washington. If the effort is successful one of the Club's goals will be to host **APLA** sanctioned hunt tests.

If you or anyone you know who owns a pointing Lab who live in western Washington or Oregon (from Seattle to Portland) that you think may be interested in joining such a club (to promote the breed, do group training, run fun gun dog trials, etc.), please contact **Dr. Lily Lo** at (360) 508-0022 or at riri@gmail.com. Visit their website at: <http://www.nwpointinglabs.org>



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L to R: Erik Peterson, Dino Mastri, Rick Scott, and Doug Hargin. Hunt took place 12/4/13 near Kennewick.

"BARRETT," OWNED BY MIKE SALAZAR OF SALT2SUMMIT GUIDE SERVICE



"RILEY," OWNED BY DOUG HARGIN (R), WITH RICK SCOTT

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

BANGKOK QUAIL WITH RED CHILES

Ingredients:

12 quail, boneless	6 minced shallots
2 t salt	4 minced garlic cloves
1 T turmeric	1 C ketchup
2 t cinnamon	2/3 C white vinegar
3 T peanut oil	5 T sugar
10 dried whole California or Mexican chiled	1 t salt
1-2 Habanero chile, seeded and diced	1 c diced carrots, blanched & cooled
3 stalks lemongrass, cleaned, minced	1 C cooked peas (frozen o.k.)
	40 fresh mint leaves

Directions:

- Toss quail with salt, turmeric, and cinnamon, set aside.
- Cut off and discard chile stems, shake out seeds.
- Placed dried chiles into a cup of boiling water, let sit for 10 minutes.
- Drain and puree them with fresh chiles, shallot, garlic and lemongrass in a food processor, set aside.
- Heat peanut oil in very large pan or wok over high heat. Brown the quail and set aside.
- Add the chile mixture to the pan and cook for 4 minutes until fragrant and mahogany colored. Add the quail back into the pan and cook, tossing until it is all cooked thoroughly.
- Stir in the ketchup, vinegar, salt, and sugar.
- Cook for several minutes after the mixture boils, to heat through and consolidate the flavors; add the vegetables and mint.
- Toss and serve immediately with small side bowls of steamed Thai sticky rice at room temperature.
- Top with thin cut green onions. (not shown in ingredients)

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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 contributions to four primary funds established by the WWA.

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**Landon Beall-\$5; Jake Beall-\$5; Anonymous-\$5; Anonymous-\$20; Ryan-\$15; Garrett-\$15; Shannon-\$25;
Gary Talbert-\$2,000; Robb Stack-\$2,000**

You can contribute in so many ways to the WWA, from locally in your Chapter, to statewide, helping the WWA carry on!

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Waterfowler's Heritage.





WWA-Grays Harbor Chapter member, **Jim Goldsmith** was the successful bidder of this hosted hunt donated by **GH Chapter Chairman, Kurt Snyder** (setting decoys) to the **LC Chapter Banquet** fundraising last September. **Jim** and his son, **Will**, on **Will's 1st Waterfowl Hunt** (1/4/2014). Memories are made of this!

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Corporate Total	\$ 41,631.59

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- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
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- Working with the WDFW in the creation of premium quality hunt waterfowling areas
- Building and rehabilitating blinds in public hunting areas
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- 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
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