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Hi All,

No matter how you look at it, waterfowl management has dropped off the list of priorities in Washington State. Overall the Pacific flyway numbers are pretty good for most waterfowl species so there is little incentive for waterfowl concerns to be more important than those for wolves or Chinook salmon. But for some of us, waterfowl are still a priority, and we would like to see additional research, management, and hunting opportunity.

For example, our **WWA Moses Lake Chapter** is doing good habitat work with their **WWA tractor** and with plantings in the **Gloyd Seeps Area** where additional water flow is planned. But, I think there are many opportunities to gain more waterfowl knowledge and provide additional waterfowl, waterfowl management, and waterfowl hunting.

To this end, I have contacted **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** waterfowl biologist **Erin Wehland** in Ephrata, to propose that the **WWA** form a statewide waterfowl technical council, with knowledgeable representatives from various regions across the state. The council should include folks interested in learning more about waterfowl in Washington, but also with a good understanding of waterfowl ecology in each region and a focus on increasing that understanding and providing increased hunting opportunity. The council would try to work with **WDFW** waterfowl management goals, but be independent in selecting council actions. If successful, **WWA** has already made some contact with other state waterfowl groups, and similar councils could communicate across multiple states. I'll be researching the feasibility of this waterfowl technical council and maybe putting together a draft charter over the coming months...stay tuned.

On another note, hopefully you're getting all the odd jobs done around your property so you can enjoy a turkey hunt in April. I managed to prune the fruit trees and get some of my hunting gear put away last weekend, but still

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

- Tuesday, Feb 25** **Southwest Chapter Meeting;**
7 p.m. @ Tacoma Sportsman’s Club.
Contact Terry Satre.
- Wednesday, Feb 26** **Seattle Chapter Meeting;** 7 p.m. @
Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell.
Predator Hunting Presentation by pro
guide/wildlife biologist, **Matt Stevens**.
Contact **John Arrabito**.
- Thursday, Feb 27** **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting**
7 p.m. @ **Vancouver Trap Club**.
Contact **Rick Scott**.
- 3 Weekends in March** **Work Party Opportunity** to help rebuild
the **WDFW Game Farm in Centralia**.
See **SEA Chapter News** on **Page 10**.
- Monday, Mar 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, Mar 4** **Whatcom County Chapter Meeting**
5-7 p.m. @ **Tenant Lake Interpretive**
Center, Ferndale. Contact **Scott O’Day**.
- Wednesday, Mar. 5** **Kitsap Peninsula Chapter Meeting**
6-8 p.m. @ **Bremerton Trap & Skeet**
Club. Contact **Les Hollilster** at
navy20120201@gmail.com.
- Thursday, Mar 6** **Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting.**
7 p.m. @ **Evergreen Sportmen’s Club**,
near **Littlerock**. Contact **Kurt Snyder**.
- Thursday, Mar 6** **WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting**
6:30 p.m., @ **Canyon Park Denny’s**
All WWA members always welcome.
- Tuesday, Mar 11** **Northwest Chapter Meeting;**
7 p.m. @ **Conway Fire Hall**.
Contact **Rone Brewer**.
- Thursday, Mar 13** **Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting;**
6:30 p.m., @ **Café Villa** in Prosser at
6:30 pm. Contact **Abel Cortina**.
- Saturday, Mar 29** **Richland Rod & Gun Club Wild**
Game Banquet in the **Tri-Cities**.
Contact **Leo Pfeifer** for tickets.
(425) 210-0321.

need to sort through the tangled decoy lines and patch holes so the decoys all float on opening day next season. I had my snow goose decoys set out all season in hopes of another goose hunt after opening day...but they never got to go out with me again, something to look forward to next season. Anyway, take care out there and keep sending us your waterfowl thoughts and ideas.



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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

We will be contacting members to perform nest tube maintenance whenever the weather decides to give us a break. Hopefully that will be before the end of February.

Hope everyone had a fair season, even though there were a lot of geese in the area, most everyone I've talked to was having only fair success. It looked like a lot of the ducks had moved out when the cold weather came in December and success on them was poor. Upland hunting also was poor this year, with few wild birds taken. Release areas continue to receive fewer birds every year, with the increased money being spent on habitat projects in the Southeast counties.

The **Corn Stubble Retention Program** had a lot of fields shown on the WDFW web site, but there were complaints of people reserving several fields and then not showing up. I'm sure this will be an item of discussion for the next **Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG)** meeting. If you experienced this maybe you could contact a **WAG** member and relay your experience. Several **WWA** members are on the **WAG**.

I have submitted two (2) **ALEA (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account)** grant requests for funding in the 2014-2015 time frame. One is to provide 2 **ADA (Americans with Disability Act)** blinds at the **Frenchman Restricted Access Area** and one to plant nesting cover, habitat plots and food plots in the **Gloyd Seeps Wildlife Area** on the Middle Crab Creek project.

Dick

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

By now all the decoys are clean and put up, the boat decks scrubbed and dry and the rust and powder residue scraped off your shotguns. At least that's what *should* have been done.

It was quite a slow waterfowl season for most of us, but not because of anything that we did or didn't do. Between the weather and the economy many of us hunted less or went out and tried things differently. I know the diver hunting areas were very crowded this season. I managed to scout out some new areas, and a few of them panned out. I got to hunt with many new people this year, and that was one of the things that made my season a very good one.

I had the misfortune of getting stranded in my boat a LONG way from civilization on my last camping/hunting trip. The impeller bearing in my jet pump failed, bringing the motor to a quick and scary sounding stop. The bearing was greased every time it was used and the seals were functioning well. One bad thing about being stranded on the edge was that the divers were flying by me about every two minutes, and I had no way of retrieving them so I couldn't hunt (**Editor's Note:** Time to buy a dog, Brad). I had to give up shots at some very nice trophies.

My signal flares worked as advertised and I was rescued by a very nice couple of fishermen in a very nice boat. I have rescued at least five (5) other boaters in my life so I guess I cashed in on some good karma. **Lesson learned: prepare for that unexpected stranding.** I was, and other than getting angry at a crappy bearing, all was well and the hunt was a success!

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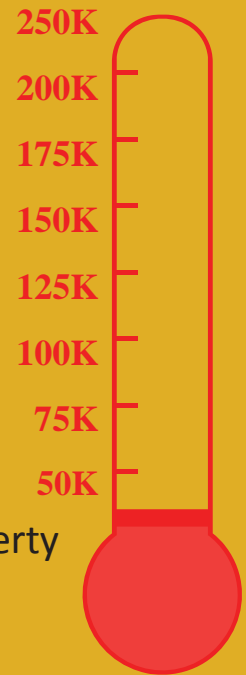
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Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Abel Cortina



Successfully assembled mallard nest tube

Nesting Tubes Are Ready To Go

Our Chapter commissioned a first round of 20 nesting tubes made, and they are all ready to go. A big thanks to **Mr. Ray Harris' Tech Class** for doing the metal work, and **Mrs. Meggie Powell's SPED Class** (both at **Selah High School**) for installing this year's Timothy hay in all 20 tubes.

These tubes were sold at the **Central Washington Sportsman's Show** last week, and we still have some extras for sale at \$50 each. These are high quality tubes, that are all metal (no wooden platform), so they should last for many seasons. They also have an adjustable height pole. We also will make any leftover tubes available to any **WWA Members** after the show. In the adjacent column are some helpful suggestions for using these, or any, nesting tubes.

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Some Good Nesting Tube Suggestions:

- It is best to place nesting tube in an area that mallards are known to consistently nest with plenty of natural cover and water.
- The tube needs to be attached to the cradle with zip ties or metal wire.
- Bury steel tube 2-3 feet into solid ground above water in the nesting area.
- Tube should sit 3-4 feet above the water. The inner steel tube will adjust about 2 feet. If the water level changes in the wetland you are planting this structure, be sure there is water below the tube in the spring time when birds are using it.
- Place the side of the tube to the prevailing winds. You don't want the winds pushing through the tube.
- Once the tube is in place you need to fill inside of the tube about 2/3 full of timothy hay, slightly compacted. Mallards won't bring nesting material to the nest, you have to provide it. The hen will take it from there.
- If there is more than one nesting tube in the area you are placing this tube, make sure the nesting hens will not have direct visual sight of each other when they are in their tube.
- Tubes should be "planted" no later than early March, and Mid February is better.
- If you are going to change location of the tube wait until mid-summer to remove the tube. Every year just before nesting, the tube needs to be refilled with Timothy hay and checked for needed repairs.

Yakima Valley WWA at the Sportsman's Show

For the second year, the **WWA-YV** staffed a booth at this year's **Central Washington Sportsman's Show**, held last week at the Yakima Sundome.). Along with selling and promoting our nesting tubes, we also had a fundraising raffle for decoys; however, our favorite thing to do at the show was to get kids blowing duck & goose calls. Great fun!

Next Meeting

Our March Chapter Meeting is Thursday, March 13th (see page 2 at the **Café Villa in Prosser** at 6:30 pm. In order to accommodate our Chapter membership residing throughout the Yakima Valley, we will be alternating our regular monthly meetings between **Café Villa in Prosser** and **El Ranchito Restaurant in Zillah**. Be sure to check each month's Newsletter on page 2 to determine where we are meeting that particular month.

Hope to see you out at one of our regular monthly Chapter Meetings.!

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Our Chapter had its first meeting of the year, and I would like to thank all the members that could show. The planning for the new year is in first gear, and it looks to be a good one. We voted to support a young **Eagle Scout** prospect in his wood duck nesting box project. We lightly discussed our projects for the summer, and hopefully we can expand a bit over last years' accomplishments.

No one has taken me up on my membership challenge so here it is again. I have challenged myself to gaining 10 new members for the **WWA** in the coming year. If any of you can beat this I will treat you to a trophy sea duck hunt in the future for you and a friend.

I also challenge any of you to at least bring in **ONE** new member. We have over 20,000 waterfowlers in this state, yet we only have just under 1,000 **WWA** members. If we are going to be an organization to be reckoned with we are going to need some numbers.

There is a coalition of organizations in **WA** state called the "**Big Tent Coalition.**" The coalition is loaded up with all sorts of outdoors related clubs and organizations. We, the **WWA** were not invited to be a part of it. **In fact NO shooting or hunting organizations were invited.** My guess is that if we had had 3,000 members we *may have* been. By the time you read this I will have more info to give you as I plan to attend the next coalition event in Olympia on the 13th of February. Read more about the "**Big Tent Coalition**" on page 16.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on March 6th (see page 2) at 7 p.m. at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock. Thank You all for your support in all things waterfowl!

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Kitsap Chapter News

By Richard Bazzell

The **Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** meets the first Wednesday of each month at **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club** Our first Chapter meeting of the year will be held on March 5, 2014. **Les Hollister** of Poulsbo will be leading our Chapter for the 2014-15 season, so come join us at 6 p.m. In addition, each Chapter meeting throughout the off season will be followed by shooting and dinner provided by our local **Kitsap Ducks Unlimited Chapter.**

For further details please email **Les Hollister** at navy20120201@gmail.com. Also, be sure to check us out on Facebook at **Kitsap Peninsula Waterfowlers.**

Whatcom Chapter News

By Scott O' Day

Hi everybody,

The Whatcom County chapter has several projects going at this time:

- We held our annual **Lake Terrell** blind cleanup last Sunday, February 16th.
- We are also getting closer to scheduling a **Hunter Education Class.** Looking toward the end of March. Check the **WDFW** website to see official dates and to sign up. Class will be first come first serve.
- Fund raising ideas are being discussed for the **Kyle Hasseldon Memorial Scholarship.** We are looking at a raffle with a limited number of tickets.

If you know of any **Whatcom County** area high school seniors looking for help with college have them contact their counselor for details on how to apply for this scholarship.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday March 4th, (see page 2) at 7 pm at **Tennant Lake Interpretive Center.** Association's website at www.outdoorindustry.org/recreationeconomy/

Southwest Chapter News

By Bob Schwent

Another waterfowl season has come and gone, and I hope it was safe, fun, and successful for all of you. The **Puyallup Sportsman's Show** was a great success again for the **Southwest Chapter.** A big thank you to all of you who volunteered to work the booth this year. Raffle ticket sales were great, and we got to spread the word about the Club and the work we do, and met some possible new members.

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As always, the **Southwest Chapter** is still 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**.

Chapter Meetings

Turnout was light at the January meeting, in part because it was the first time in several years we held one in January. The weather was a challenge for shooting, but we covered the upcoming chapter activities and recapped the **Sportsman Show**.

Our next meeting will be February 25 at 7:00 pm at the **Tacoma Sportsman's Club** (16409 Canyon Road E., Puyallup). Shooting starts at 6:00 so bring your shotgun and have dinner in the clubhouse. This meeting we will be starting our incentive program. All those attending will get a ticket for the drawing at the end of the year. More details to come at the meeting. Come and share your stories from the past hunting season, and maybe some pictures.

It is also that time of year to renew your **WWA** membership if you haven't already. We will be sending out reminders by email. It is easy to renew online www.waduck.org or bring your renewal to the meeting.

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

Operation Salmon Thank You

At our January meeting **Army Captain Richard Ingleby** and **Veterans Assistance Center Chair Jerry Keen** recognized our chapter's support of **Operation Salmon**. The event provides active duty and veteran military the opportunity to fish for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon on the **Columbia River** with local guides. Member **Dion Hess** spearheads the event working with the **CMAC (Community Military Appreciation Committee)**, guides, local businesses and organizations to provide this life changing experience for those who serve our country. Certificates of Appreciation and words of gratitude were given to kick off our first meeting of the year. Thank you **Dion** for your generosity and hard work to this worthy cause!

Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge Work Party February 22nd

Save the date for Saturday February 22nd to clean up and close down the blinds at the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge**. We will rally at the hunter check station at 8:00 AM **sharp**. Please bring your waders, gloves, buckets, shovels and siphons if you have them. We will clean out and seal the pits and pick up trash around the blinds. A delicious BBQ lunch will be provided. Please come out and helps us finish off the season with one more visit to the refuge!

Pacific Northwest Sportsman's Show (Snow bowl)

For the second year our chapter manned a booth at this popular event. We gathered many new contacts for future members. We also sold many raffle tickets for a Remington VersaMax 12g shotgun. Beginning Thursday heavy snow began to fall and accumulate in our area.

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As the weather worsened the mass exodus of people leaving work and schools created a travel nightmare. These weather circumstances dramatically affected the attendance at the Show and our members' ability to make it in to staff the booth. Thanks to **Derrick Tackett** and **Mike Horne** for getting in there on Friday to cover us. Thanks also to the following members for signing up and serving in the booth: **Ted Blade, Bruce Head, Chris Sundstrom, Rick Erickson, Al O'Connor, Bob Taylor, Dan Steadman, Doug Hargin, Arlan Hackett, Rick Scott, Dan Haffenbrack, Terry Foltz, Michael Andriotti, Hersch Heddlesten, Craig Sherwood, Mark Weston and David Chavez.**

Shillapoo Wildlife Area Blinds

Ted Blade has been in conversation with **WDFW Manager Daren Hauswald** for an ambitious project to build 6-8 blinds this winter/spring to replace deteriorated hides in the **Shillapoo W.A.** We are actively searching for a venue with cover to construct the blinds. Please contact us if you have a good facility or would like to help in the construction process.

Chapter Officer Line-up Changes

Congratulations to **Ted Blade** voted in as the new **Vice President** of the **Lower Columbia Chapter**. **Ted** replaces **Arlan Hackett** who stepped down from the position to give others an opportunity to serve. **Arlan** won't escape that easily however, as he was elected Treasurer and will continue to contribute to the success of this chapter. **Ted** has been an enthusiastic member and supporter of **WWA**, and we are very fortunate to have him as VP!

Wood Duck Box Prep

As soon as the weather improves we plan to refurbish the wood duck boxes for the new broods. Please let us know if you can help out!

Editor's Note Correction:

The hosted hunt, complete with pictures of **Jim Goldsmith** and his son, **Will**, as published in the **WWA January Newsletter**, was actually donated by **Gene and Jackie Teel** at our annual fund raising banquet. Thank you **Gene & Jackie** for your continuing service and dedication to the **WWA-LC Chapter**. **Kurt Snyder** also donated a hosted sea duck hunt for our fund raising efforts, but that was not the hunt published in the January Newsletter.

Next Meeting

Our next chapter will be Thursday, February 7th, 7 p.m., (see page 2) at the **Vancouver Trap & Skeet Club**. Contact **Rick Scott** for details.

Seattle Chapter News

By **John Arrabito**

Predator Hunting Program -- Our February 26th meeting features a return appearance of wildlife biologist and professional guide, **Matt Stevens**, with his always popular and informative power point presentation on Predator Hunting. At Matt's suggestion we moved his program up from June to February, so members can immediately put to use their new [to them] information and hunting tips.

An expert marksman, **Matt** works for the **US Department of Agriculture (USDA)** in Snohomish County and is responsible for keeping the runways and grounds at **Paine Air Field** in Everett clear of animals and fowl that may interfere with air traffic. **Matt's** programs are always popular with our membership, so if you want to learn how to do it right, don't miss this month's meeting.

Raffle Prizes & More -- **Matt** will be bringing a few **Point Blank Predator** calls for a free raffle like he usually does, and after showing you how to properly use them, will also have calls to sell for \$10, with all the proceeds going to our Chapter.

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For those of you who do not know by now, **Matt** is the “go-to-man” for many local jurisdictions when they have a particularly troublesome predator problem. He has some great “war stories” to tell. We just need to encourage him a bit to get him started. When last here **Matt** indicated that predator incidents have increased in the **Greater Seattle Metro Area** every year since 2005. We’ll see what he has to say this year.

Next time your hunting buddy brags to you about “tipping over a yote” at 500 yards, be sure to call him on it. **Matt**, who acknowledges he has shot “probably over 1,800” coyotes in his career, said he has **NEVER** shot one at 500 yards and very few at 400 yards!!!

Finally, we’ll also see if we can book **Matt** back-to-back for our March meeting, where Matt has previously presented to “standing-room-only” on the topic of Turkey Hunting in Washington.

Work Party News – We’ll also be planning some work parties in late February/early March to install some of the Wood Duck Nesting Boxes we put together at our last meeting. **Chapter Habitat Chairman, Bob Hazelbrook**, will be on hand to sign up volunteers and schedule outings in the **Snoqualmie Valley Area** for this same time period, and I will do the same for our “urban” placements in public parks in **Bellevue and Issaquah**.

Eastern Washington Work Party — We will be doing our annual duck nest tube maintenance work party in Eastern Washington on the weekend of March 29 – 30th, meeting at 9:00 a.m., on that Saturday at **Leo Pfeifer’s Home Place in Royal City**. If you need directions, contact me. This project takes place on public hunting grounds, so if you are looking to do some off season scouting or learn some new areas to hunt in E WA, don’t miss this work party! Several of us have trailers at **Leo’s Place** and can put you up. Again, let me know if you need lodging Saturday night.

In addition, many of us travel to the Tri-Cities that Saturday night to enjoy the **Richland Rod and Gun Club’s** annual **Wild Game Banquet**. This event usually sells out, so if you want to go, be sure and contact **Leo at (425) 210-0321** to reserve tickets at \$20 each.

Master Hunter Points Opportunity to Help out the WA Pheasant Program — On Saturday, February 8th, at about 3 pm Centralia was hit with about 6” of snow. **WDFW Game Farm Manager, Christopher White**, and 3 volunteers knocked snow off of the major brooding areas and breeder pens until about 10 pm that night. This saved those critical



These are the results we are looking for from our Wood Duck Nesting Boxes!

areas, however there was extensive damage to the outlying flight pens.

White says that they are in need of volunteer labor to put the farm back into working order. He is estimating that 48% of the bird rearing area is damaged and unusable.

The game farm is capable of supplying materials needed for the project. Volunteers with boots, rain gear and a good work ethic is all that is required. Flexible hours and dates are available for you to volunteer your time. Their core work hours are Monday-Friday 8 am to 5 pm. For those that cannot come during the week, **White** has scheduled three (3) weekend work parties that people can call and sign up for. This project will count toward master hunter hours if master hunters are interested.

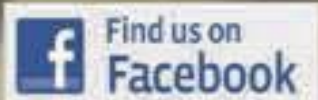
The goal is to have the pens usable by mid-July. Work parties will be held on the weekends of **March 1 & 2, March 8 & 9, and March 15 & 16**. Volunteers should contact **White** at 360-807-6211 a day or two before coming down for the first time.

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Contact me directly, **Kurt Snyder** at kurtsnyder@outdrs.net for any additional info or pictures.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014

Renew Online at www.waduck.org.

We're pleased to announce a change in membership choices. Effective immediately you have a two-year option on renewal or new membership at a reduced price! That's right a savings to you. Two year regular membership will be \$50 and two year Family membership is \$60. That's a saving of \$10 to you. If you have questions or changes to address or email please contact me at Teltim@comcast.net or call 253-845-2398. If you have already renewed via an email or hard copy invoice, Thank you!

Ellen Satre

NAME	CHAPTER	DUE	NAME	CHAPTER	DUE
Arnold, John	Moses lake	February	Breidenbach, Terry	Seattle	March
Becheren, Cory	Northwest	February	Brown, Melvin	Seattle	March
Blade, Ted	Lower Columbia	February	Burn, Jeff	Seattle	March
Broker, Ian	Northwest	February	Burn Robin	Seattle	March
Broker, Robert	Northwest	February	Carlsen, Gary	Seattle	March
Broker, Tarquin	Northwest	February	Conine, Gregory	Seattle	March
Broker, Balerie	Northwest	February	Davis, Brad	NW	March
Buhner, Ted	Seattle	February	Denholm, Bill	Moses lake	March
Cox, Charles	Olympic Peninsula	February	Denholm, Tonny	Moses lake	March
Green, Bill	Moses lake	February	Drewry, Elliott	Olympic Peninsula	March
Green, Rosann	Moses lake	February	Drewry, Spender	Olympic Peninsula	March
Hackett, Arlan	Lower Columbia	February	Espley, Phylis	Seattle	March
Harris, Josh	Seattle	February	Esplay, Stephen	Seattle	March
Hazelbrook, Bob	Seattle	February	Farrey, Edward	Northwest	March
Hoxie, Erling	Seattle	February	Farrow, John	Grays Harbor	March
Hublou, Dee	Northwest	February	Fernelius, Nancy	Grays Harbor	March
Hublou, Roland	Northwest	February	Fleege, Patrick	Seattle	March
Lines, Ivan	Spokane	February	Fulwilder, Greg	Grays Harbor	March
Martin, Alan	Whatcom	February	Galde, Tim	Northwest	March
Mastri, Dino	Northwest	February	Gordon, Kathy	Seattle	March
Miller, Tony	Northwest	February	Hanseth, bot	Northwest	March
Moyer, Luther	Northwest	February	Hess, Dick	Lower Columbia	March
Nechanicky, Noel	Yakima Valley	February	Hodges, Cole	Southwest	March
Norris, Chad	Olympic Peninsula	February	Hoxie, Lisa	Seattle	March
Olwell, Jeff	Southwest	February	Hoxie, Patrick	Seattle	March
Pauole, Adriane	Kitsap County	February	Hulgen, Howard	Northwest	March
Pauole, Justin	Kitsap County	February	Larsen, Ronald	Seattle	March
Pettit, Col. John	Southwest	February	Miles, Tracy	Tri-Cities	March
Pierce, Dave	Lower Columbia	February	Miller, Dick	Grays Harbor	March

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Schirato, Greg	Grays Harbor	February	Nelson, Scott	Grays Harbor	March
Schwent, Brenda	Southwest	February	Scallan, Nicholas	Whatcom	March
Schwent, Robert	Southwest	February	Simmons, Todd	Whatcom	March
Scott, Rick	Lower Columbia	February	Smith, Gina	Southwest	March
Snyder, Kurt	Grays Harbor	February	Smith, Hunter	Southwest	March
St Sauver, Paul	Seattle	February	Smith, Linda	Seattle	March
Stalcup, Chris	Lower Columbia	February	Smith, Scott	Southwest	March
Stalcup, Christine	Lower Columbia	February	Smith, Scott jr.	Southwest	March
Sullivan, Elizabeth	Northwest	February	Stack, Robb	Seattle	March
Woodk, Jack	Tri-Cities	February	Swartz, Bob	Seattle	March
Wood, Nicole	Tri-Cities	February	Tackett, Derrick	Lower Columbia	March
Zeka, Robert	Seattle	February	Ward, Stuart	Lower Columbia	March
Andreotti, Michael	Lower Columbia	March	Winkley, David	Grays Harbor	March
Anthony, glenn	Yakima Valley	March	Wray, Rick	Lower Columbia	March
Bosman, Karl	Whatcom	March	Wyman, Ken	Seattle	March
			Ylenni, Mike	Seattle	March

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#1 Gary Talbert	#8 Roger Bennett	#15 Bud Hufnagel	#22 Jaime Herrera-Beutler	#29 Dan Stearns
#2 Paul Bunn	#9 Bruce Feagan	#16 John Arrabito	#23 Ken Packard	#30 John Hanson
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#4 Rone Brewer	#11 Rich Greenshields	#18 Mike Lutz	#25 Lance Kintrea	#32 Sean Phillias
#5 Fritz Kiemle	#12 Mike Lovelace	#19 Reserved on	#26 Jim Kline	#33 Mickey Clary
#6 Jim Cortines	#13 Reserved on	Time payments	#27 Leon Kollman	
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	#14 Jack Westerfield	#21 Earl Mikkelson		

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WELCOME NEW WWA MEMBERS

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NEW MEMBERS

NAME	CHAPTER	NAME	CHAPTER
Bennett, Tim	Yakima Valley	Needler, Capt. Mark S.	Northwest
Clure, Harold	Northwest	Nelson, Nathan	Northwest
Cole, Ryan	Southwest	Saunder, Bill	Tri cities
Coster, Nathan	Whatcom	Snell, Mike	Southwest
Hieronimus, Gret	Moses Lake	Stickles, Sharon	Southwest



Successful 2013-2014 pheasant hunt with friends (L to R): Gary Weiman, Richard Meek, and Michael Kiser with WWA member Jim Cortines

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PUBLIC-PRIVATE "BIG TENT COALITION" POINTS TO RECREATIONS'S ECONOMIC IMPACT

OLYMPIA - **Governor Jay Inslee** joined a group of businesses, non-profit groups and public agencies in Olympia this past week to highlight the message that outdoor recreation is an economic powerhouse that generates billions of dollars in business and tax revenue within Washington state.

Nearly three dozen Washington for-profit, non-profit and government organizations, known as **The Big Tent Outdoor Coalition**, held a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 13, in the lobby of the Natural Resources Building (NRB), 1111 Washington St. S.E., to focus on the importance of outdoor recreation. State agency participants include the **Departments of Fish & Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, the Recreation and Conservation Office, and the State Parks and Recreation Commission.**

Governor Inslee, several legislators and state agency leaders shared their perspectives on the importance of the outdoor recreation sector to Washington's economy and quality of life. The Governor announced an initiative to promote the outdoor recreation and tourism sectors and to get more young people and families involved in outdoor activities.

Other activities included informational displays where the public and policymakers had the opportunity to visit with representatives of several recreation groups and agencies. Later, coalition members met with legislators before attending a reception at the Governor's Mansion, hosted by the **Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition (WWRC).**

"The Big Tent coalition is committed to raising public awareness about the incredible benefits that outdoor recreation brings to our state and its residents," said **Doug Levy**, a spokesman for the coalition who represents statewide parks, recreation and boating organizations. "The **Outdoor Industry Association** last year reported that Washington ranks sixth (6th) nationally in the number of outdoor recreation jobs, and that nearly 67% of Washingtonians participate in outdoor recreation each year."

The study concluded that \$22.5 billion is spent annually in Washington on outdoor recreation, supporting 227,600 jobs and generating \$1.6 billion in state and local tax revenue. Outdoor advocates said the impact is actually greater, since the study did not include equestrian, sailing and diving activities, all of which generate significant economic activity in the state. Jobs in the outdoor recreation sector include outdoor gear and apparel design and sales; lodging and transportation; guiding and outfitting services; and many more.

"We are delighted that **Governor Inslee** is highlighting the broad business and social benefits of outdoor recreation. The sector is among the state's biggest contributors to economic, community and personal health," said **Marc Berejka**, who directs **REI's** government and community engagement. "We look forward to working with the Governor and others to find ways to better support the people, communities, and entrepreneurs who help make Washington one of the best states in the country for outdoor recreation."

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In addition to the state agencies and the **WWRC**, the coalition includes **American Whitewater, Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Bicycle Alliance of Washington, Citizens for Parks & Recreation, Coastal Conservation Association, Evergreen Bike Alliance, Fish Northwest, Northwest Marine Trade Association, Northwest Motorcycle Association, Northwest Sport fishing Industry Association, Northwest Yacht Brokers Association, Puget Sound Anglers, and the Recreational Boating Association of Washington.**

Others include **REI, Ski Washington, The Mountaineers, The Nature Conservancy, The Trust for Public Land, The Wilderness Society, Washington Scuba Alliance, Washington State Motorsports Dealers Association, Washington State Parks Foundation, Washington State Snowmobile Association, Washington Trails Association, Washington Environmental Council, Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance, Washington Public Ports Association, and the Washington Recreation and Park Association.**

The recreation economic report and fact sheets on each state are available on the Outdoor Industry Association's website at www.outdoorindustry.org/recreationeconomy/. For more information contact:

- **Doug Levy**, Washington Recreation & Park Association & Boating Association (425) 922-3999
- **Frances Dinger**, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition (206) 748-0082
- **Bruce Botka**, Department of Fish and Wildlife (360) 902-2262
- **Virginia Painter**, Washington State Parks (360) 902-8562
- **Susan Zemek**, Recreation and Conservation Office (360) 902-3081
- **Diana Lofflin**, Department of Natural Resources (360) 902-1023

(source: Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife)

(Editor's Note: We'll likely be hearing more from this group)

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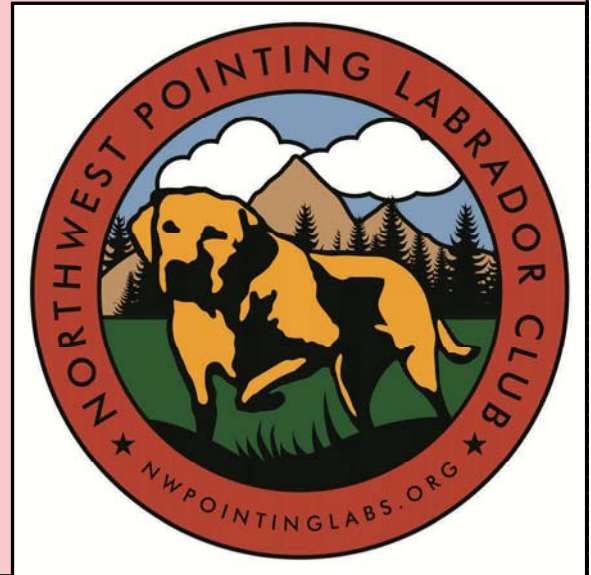


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POINTING LAB CLUB'S FIRST TRAINING DAY HELD

The Northwest Pointing Lab Club (NWPLC) held its first training day on February 2nd in Centralia, WA. This is a first-ever attempt to organize a pointing lab club, and it has sparked interest from all over. Video of some of the first training day can be seen on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYm7QXzdzoE>

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 ririro@gmail.com. Visit their website at: <http://www.nwpointinglabs.org>



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH CREAM SHERRY PHEASANT

Ingredients:

1 finely chopped shallot
1 c. sliced mushrooms
¼ c. cream sherry
1-3 cloves garlic
3 cups homemade pheasant stock OR low sodium chicken broth
4 pheasant (or grouse) breasts
1 cup heavy cream
4 Tbs. Butter
salt/pepper
1cup chopped green onion (1/4" lengths)

Directions:

Reduce pheasant stock or chicken broth at low heat to a simmer to half. Slice pheasant or grouse breasts lengthwise and season with salt and pepper. Roll in flour and sauté in butter in separate cast iron skillet. Add shallot, garlic, and mushrooms. Brown meat on both sides then deglaze with cream sherry. When sherry has been reduced to almost nothing, add 1 c. pheasant stock or chicken broth and heavy cream. Bring contents to boil and put the iron skillet in the oven at 375 degrees for at least 8 minutes or until done. Top each serving with chopped onions

Serve over mashed potatoes, with a side vegetable of your choice.

Note: The pheasant or grouse can be legs and thighs with breasts too.

[SEND YOUR RECIPE TO WWA_BULLETIN@COMCAST.NET, SEE IT PUBLISHED](mailto:WAW_BULLETIN@COMCAST.NET)

“WIND RIVER’S LUCY”, OWNED BY WWA LIFE MEMBER MARK HACKETT

SEND YOUR DOG’S PHOTO TO WWA_BULLETIN@COMCAST.NET, SEE IT PUBLISHED HERE

NOTE FROM ARLAN HACKETT:

Here is a picture of “Lucy” Retrieving a Drake Canvasback at **Cedarville Farms Hunt Club** on January 22, 2014. Just another duck to her, **but the first Can shot on this Property.** The duck was shot by by **Jon McAninch** , owner of **Cedarville Farms** and a big **WWA** supporter. Dog is my son's, **Mark Hackett**, who is a WWA Life Member. Also on the hunt was **Kurt Snyder**, Chairman of the Grays Harbor Chapter. Lucy is six years old and purchased from **Wind River Labs** and trained by my son and North West Performance dogs in Monroe, Washington. (**Editor’s Note:** I hunt about 5-6 miles from **Cedarville Farms** and can attest that shooting a Canvasback in that area is a **HUGE** bonus!)

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 since the publication of the **WWA** January Newsletter to the four (4) primary funds established by the **WWA**.

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Al O'Conner, \$35

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.



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TREASURERS. REPORT (2-6-2013)

Corporate Checking	\$ 13,802.63
To be deposited	\$ 2,726.00
Chapter (LC, ML & SEA)	
Trust Monies for Goose	
Satellite Transmitters	
For WDFW	\$ 8,250.00
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,582.72
Corporate Total	\$ 42,361.35

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking	\$ 2,131.38
Kitsap Chapter	(To Be Funded)
LC Checking	\$ 22,052.63
ML Checking	\$ 8,333.69
NW Checking	\$ 2,633.16
OP Checking	\$ closed 3/25/13
SEA Checking	\$ 28,014.28
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,742.21
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$ 1,316.45
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- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** meets the 1st Wednesday of the month (Feb – Oct) 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**.
- 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** – Vacant
- Tri Cities Chapter** meets the 2nd Monday of the month (Feb – 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 (Feb – Oct) alternating between **Café Villa in Prosser** or **El Ranchito, in Zillah**. See Page 2 for this month's meeting location.

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- We spend all of our resources within Washington State

Our projects include:

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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.