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Less than a month to turkey hunting. I hope you have a chance to get outdoors, hear a gobbler or two, enjoy hunting partners, observe the spring green, and maybe get your heart rate up while calling in a bird or two. For those interested, the **National Wild Turkey Federation** has a banquet March 22nd at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bothell. Contact is **Ted Moore** @ 425.765.5592 for more information.

R.I.P. Fellow WWA Members

Relatively early in my hunting days, my primary hunting partner **Jim Verheyden** passed away way too soon. I had the honor of providing a eulogy for him, and to this day provide him a nod and a single shot fired at the beginning and end of each hunting season. Over the past year, several of our **Washington Waterfowl Association** hunting acquaintances have passed on. Most recently **Doug Graef** and **Gary Fisher**, both members of **WWA**. **Doug** was a long time member of the **WWA Board of Directors** and most recently helped establish the **WA State Duck Stamp & Print Program** for **WWA**. **Gary** was involved in the decoy collecting community. Both men supported our hunting heritage in many ways.

Another good hunter friend was **Ralph Ferguson** of Camano Island. **Ralph** often told me how important he thought hunters and fishers were. Though he never would go into much detail, he often alluded to the abilities — and maybe more importantly, the will power of these outdoor folks. The will power, after putting in a solid work week, to get up at any hour of the night in pretty much any weather and spend hours standing in a marsh with hands so cold it is hard to flip the safety; or wading rivers sucking on rod guides that are freezing up, all in order to bring home a few pounds of food. And the audacity to have fun doing it. **Ralph** felt this outlook on life is what would protect our heritage, our homes, and our country. I'll miss these guys!

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

- Tuesday, Mar 25** **Southwest Chapter Meeting;**
7 p.m. @ Tacoma Sportsman’s Club.
Contact **Terry Satre.**

- Tuesday, Mar 25** **Lake City (North Seattle) DU Banquet**
5 p.m. @ Sandpoint Country Club
8333—55th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98115
Contact **Chuck Brewster 206.755-1411**

- Wednesday, Mar 26** **Seattle Chapter Meeting;** 7 p.m. @
Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell. **Turkey**
Hunting Presentation by pro guide/
wildlife biologist, **Matt Stevens.**
Contact **John Arrabito.**

- Thursday, Mar 27** **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting**
7 p.m. @ **Vancouver Trap Club.**
Contact **Rick Scott.**

- Saturday, Mar 29** **Richland Rod & Gun Club Wild Game**
Banquet in the Tri-Cities. Contact **Leo**
Pfeifer for tickets **(425) 210-0321.**

- Tuesday, Apr 1** **Whatcom County Chapter Meeting**
5-7 p.m. @ Tenant Lake Interpretive
Center, Ferndale. Contact **Scott O’Day.**

- Wednesday, Apr 2** **Kitsap Peninsula Chapter Meeting**
6-8 p.m. @ Bremerton Trap & Skeet
Club. Contact **Les Hollilster.**

- Thursday, Apr 3** **Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting.**
7 p.m. @ **Evergreen Sportmen’s Club,**
near **Littlerock.** Contact **Kurt Snyder.**

- Thursday, Apr 3** **WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting**
6:30 p.m., @ Canyon Park Denny’s
All WWA members always welcome.

- Monday, Apr 7** **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, Apr 8** **Northwest Chapter Meeting;**
7 p.m. @ Conway Fire Hall.
Contact **Reb Broker.**

- Thursday, Apr 10** **Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting;** **6:30**
p.m., @ Café Villa in Prosser at 6:30
pm. Contact **Abel Cortina.**

- Saturday, Apr 12** **Washington Outdoor Women —**
Intro to Waterfowling. See Page 14.

- Saturday, May 3** **40th Annual NW Decoy Show**
Bellevue Coast Hotel.
Bellevue, WA See **Page 13.**

There are a myriad of folks within **WWA** that, similar to Ralph, but in their own way, feel that waterfowl hunting is important. Early on in life hunting, it is freedom, rebellion, responsibility, and a challenge, and likely a myriad of other things to different hunters, but if nothing else it is fun. It becomes part of us. And later on becomes something to be nurtured and enjoyed with friends. And still later on, something to preserve and pass on. Heritage with Intent.

Ultimately this is the vision of **WWA**. We are looking for ways to provide for waterfowl, waterfowl habitat, waterfowl hunters, and waterfowl hunting with public access, all primarily in Washington State. It is a broad spectrum of goals, much like the broad spectrum of skills needed to be a versatile hunter, and the breadth of possible actions spreads us thin at times.

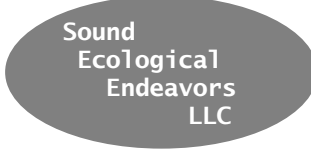
We need your ideas, knowledge, and time, to brainstorm our actions, select projects, develop plans, and “make it so.” We’d like nothing more than to do something for ducks and duck hunters.

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SEE RESULTS

Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Nest Tubes

Winter is still holding up our ability to get the nest tubes refurbished, but Spring must be on the horizon somewhere. If you can help with this effort please contact **Robin Hickok** so he can alert you when the weather cooperates. E-mail: rhood007@aol.com, Cell phone: 425-238-6292.

Goose nest count

Save May 17, 2014 for our annual Goose nest count for the Columbia Basin. This year's count will be conducted on **Moses Lake** and is an important factor in deciding if there will be an early Goose season in the region. This is later than in years past, so we will be looking for mostly hatched nests and re-nesters. Great chance to get the kids out for a good time, and as always the event will finish up with a potluck. Watch for further details in next month's book.

Dick

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Hi all.

Where are all the waterfowl? This is the time of year that all the local spots are covered in ducks and geese — not this year though. I haven't got them figured out yet, but any day now the **Chehalis Valley** will be covered in feathered fowl. At least I hope so.

Last Saturday I had the pleasure of leading a small bunch of **Boy Scouts** to most of our Wood Duck nesting boxes on **Scatter Creek**. One of them will be doing his **Eagle Scout**

Project by setting up a nesting box program on the **Nisqually River**. I showed them what they will be doing once their program is in place.

Our Chapter voted to support this young Scout with education and donation of materials. **Jon McAninch, WWA** member and owner of **Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club** has donated three (3) complete boxes to give them a great start. This is one of the many things that the **WWA** does to promote Wildfowl Conservation and Youth Outdoor Activities.

The first box we checked had a decomposing dead squirrel in it. It was pretty stinky so I don't think the Wood Duck will be using it this season. The second box we checked had the remains of hatched Wood Duck eggs! No un-hatched eggs. The rest of our boxes either had Merganser hatches or live squirrels in them. Two went unchecked as of this writing. Only one box out of seven (7) had a Wood Duck hatch. I think



Matt Neeley, Joseph Adams, Asa Seburiske, Riley Neeley, Dalton Arnold, Ahiram Hernandez, and Zabdi Hernandez hiking in to do nest box work.

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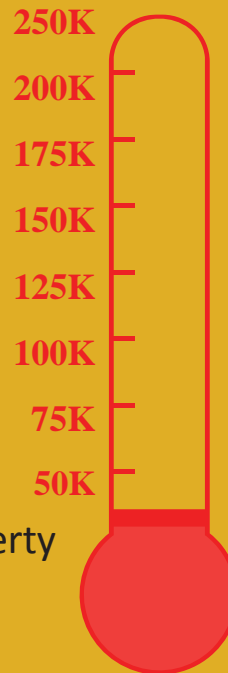
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Yakima Chapter News

By Roger Bennett

More On Yakima Valley Hen Houses

In previous issues, we have shared our chapter's interest and work toward getting a number of hen houses built and placed in the **Yakima Valley**, to try and help with local duck production. Our initial effort was to get 20 hen houses built, paid for and placed this year.

Here's where we are in that effort so far:

As of the beginning of March, we got our 20 hen houses built. As of this date, all but seven (7) have been purchased and placed for use this Spring by nesting hens. Hopefully we can get the last few sold and placed soon, or they will have to wait until next late-winter.

I purchased three (3), and was given permission to place them on the **Yakama Indian Reservation** by **tribe waterfowl biologist David Blodgett III**. David and I took a couple of hours one afternoon in late February, and installed the tubes out at **Satus Wildlife Recreation Area (WRA)**, east of Toppenish. We put them in locations with year-round water, that will be easy for him to check frequently. We are considering these three (3) tubes our "trial-run" for this year. If they are successful, we will increase the number next year.

Predation is an obvious problem everywhere, and the **Yakima Valley** is no exception. Having these tubes over water will hopefully give a few hens a safe place to pull off a brood. Our tubes are designed off of plans from **Delta Waterfowl**, an organization with a long track record. Being over water keeps them out of reach of coyotes, raccoons, bobcats, etc. The size of the entrance is supposed to provide protection from raptors. Let's hope they work out.

I personally would like to see a 100 or more tubes in the **Yakima Valley** placed in the next couple of years. I'll keep you up to date on our efforts.



Yakima Valley Chapter member Roger "Hollywood" Bennett with a newly installed mallard nest tube.



Yakama Nation Waterfowl Biologist David Blodgett III getting a hen house ready to place.

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Next Meeting

Our next Chapter Meeting is Thursday, April 10th (see page 2) at the **Café Villa in Prosser** at 6:30 pm. 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 at one of our regular meetings!

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it's still worth the effort we have put in. None of the boxes were vandalized this year.

The oak trees along Scatter Creek haven't had a very good crop of acorns for five (5) years now. Our hopes are that they start producing to attract and hold more Wood Ducks.

Because of scheduling problems combined with a slow season (and a bit of bad luck) the winners of the Cedarville Hunt for Two didn't have that great of a hunt. Jon McAninch has generously offered both winners another hunt in the upcoming season and both have accepted! On that note, Jon has offered the WWA another two (2) waterfowl hunts to raffle off. These are premium hunts that can bring in a lot of capital for your Chapter. Two, one-day waterfowl hunts for two (2) people, with a night's lodging on the Cedarville properties! It doesn't get any better than that for the price of the tickets.

Same as last year we will be offering all WWA Chapters tickets to sell. The Chapter keeps all proceeds after a small price for ticket printing. Over 665 tickets total were sold last year. The ticket money our Chapter made paid for our annual Youth Shooting Event.

We had some great work parties last year and put together 20 Wood Duck Nest Boxes. These are some exceptionally well made boxes that should last for many years. They are so nice that we decided to sell some of them to make money for more cedar to make more boxes. If you would like to purchase one or more just get with me and I will fix you up. **If you order your box within the next 30 minutes, installation is free!** Actually installation is free with the purchase price of \$35.00, within a reasonable distance from Rochester.

Our next meeting will be held on April 2nd (see page 2) at 7 p.m. at the Evergreen Sportsmen's Club near Littlerock. Thank You all for your membership and continued support in all things waterfowl!

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Kitsap Chapter News

By Les Hollister

First Fundraiser

Kitsap Peninsula WWA is planning our first fundraiser of the year and volunteers are welcome. **WWA-Kitsap** is also getting ready to place orders for **WWA** logo'd apparel. Our plan for this year with the fundraising money is to conduct

blind maintenance, clean up, and add a new blind to the new property on Lynch cove.

Meetings

The Kitsap Peninsula Chapter meets the first Wednesday of each month at **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club** Our next Chapter meeting April 2nd, 2014 (see page 2) . I will be leading our Chapter for the 2014-15 season and need your help, so come join us at 6 p.m. In addition, each Chapter meeting throughout the off season will be followed by trap shooting and dinner provided by our local **Kitsap Ducks Unlimited Chapter**.

For further details please email **Les Hollister** at navy20120201@gmail.com or at (210) 410-3037. Also, be sure to check us out on Facebook at **Kitsap Peninsula Waterfowlers**.

Whatcom Chapter News

By Scott O' Day

Hi everybody


We held our annual Lake Terrell blind clean up Feb 16th. Thanks to **Rick and Nathan Coster, Rob and Kieth Neher, Lyle Galloway, Brian Duim, and Scott O'Day** for taking the time to help. A special thanks to **Richard Kessler WDFW Whatcom Lands Manager** for throwing some burgers on the grill. **Richard** is looking for help with blind repair later in the year [August]. If you would like to help, give him a call at (360)384-4723. **Master Hunter** candidates could use this time toward their certification.

Scholarship

There is still time to apply for the **Kyle Hasseldon Memorial Scholarship**. If you know of a Whatcom county high school senior[s] remind them that they have until April 1st to send in their applications.

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Hunter Safety/Education

A Chapter sponsored **Hunter Ed** class looks to be in the works for some time in April at the **Lynden Shotgun Club**. Check the **WDFW** website for the dates and to sign up for the class.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday April 1st, (see page 2) at 7 pm at **Tennant Lake Interpretive Center**. Association's website at www.outdoorindustry.org/recreationeconomy/

Southwest Chapter News

Chapter Meetings

The Southwest Chapter meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the **Tacoma Sportsman's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26th. Contact **Robert Schwent** for details.

Tri-Cities Chapter News

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, April 7th. Contact **Tracy Miles** for details.

Spokane Chapter

CHAIRMAN NEEDED

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

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Work Party

On Saturday February 15th we had another successful work party at the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. Several eagles and thousands of waterfowl greeted us as we returned to the Refuge to close up the hunt area until next season. **Eric Anderson** with **USFWS** met us at the hunter check station, and we assigned areas and headed out to pick up trash and seal the pit blinds. For a February day we were fortunate to have great weather. We convened back at the check station for burgers and chili cooked up by **Arlan Hackett**.



(L to R) Derrick Tackett, Eric Anderson and Dion Hess prepare to clean the blinds at Ridgefield NWR.



(L to R) Dave Weston, Michael Andriotti, Ryan Weston and Ted Blade at lunch after blind cleanup.

Reports back on blind conditions were highlighted by the difficulty accessing blinds 9, 13, and 18. The trails have such deep mud that staying on your feet and getting to the blinds is a real challenge. We hope to work with the

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refuge to improve access next season. Blind 9 will need to be raised up as it has 5" of water in the blind. Blind 18 is infested with nutria. The holes and waste created by the invasive rodents will dictate stepped up efforts to eliminate the problem.

The handicapped blind has some issues with the floor that will need some work. In general the consensus was less trash and spent shell casings this clean up.

We would like to thank **Eric Anderson** for his assistance with the clean up on numerous pit blinds and driving the Mule ATV. Thanks to the following members for their participation: **Dion Hess, Chris Stalcup, Dan Hafenbrack, Dino Mastri, Al O'Connor, Bob Taylor, Jerry Piazza, Doug Hargin, Ted Blade, Derrick Tackett, David Weston** and his wife **Ryan, Michael Andreotti and Arlan Hackett**. Thanks also to **Bob** and **Al** for picking up the directional signs for the blinds on the following day.

Shillapoo Work Party Planned for March 15th

On Saturday March 15th join us at 8:00 AM at the parking area off **Laframbois Road** on the south end of **Vancouver Lake**. We plan to clean out and refurbish wood duck boxes and nesting tubes for the spring hatch. Bring gloves, waders, wire cutters, ladder and post pounder if you have one. A BBQ lunch will be provided. Please join us as we prepare the wetlands for some little waddlers!

We are also in the process of gathering materials for the construction of replacement blinds on the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. We have permission to build the blinds in a steel farm building near the site. New vice president **Ted Blade** is organizing the project and we will announce blind building parties soon.

Construct your own Working Cork Decoys

Member and award winning decoy carver **Hersch Heddlesten** has offered to teach a seminar on how to construct a working decoy for your spread. The plan is to gauge the interest and what kind of duck to build. We will then find a venue to learn the steps and actually build your own decoy. Please contact **Hersch** at **(360) 831-1142** if you would like to pursue this adventure!



Doug Hargin

Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

Talking Turkey

Wildlife biologist and professional hunting guide, **Matt Stevens**, follows up his February program on **Predator Hunting** to return to our venue to present his always popular [and timely] power point presentation on **Turkey Hunting in WA** at our Chapter meeting on March 26th at the **Kenmore Gun Ranges** in Bothell.

Matt, a Pro Staffer with **Point Blank Hunting Calls**, has been hunting turkeys in WA for 20 years now, and he'll speak on everything from the basics, to different types of turkey calls, to how to use them, when to use them, and how and where to scout.

As part of his presentation, **Matt** will entertain a Question and Answer session, then give away a few turkey calls. Check out **Point Blank's** Facebook Page at: https://www.facebook.com/Pointblankcalls?ref=br_tf

Spring Turkey season opens statewide in WA on April 15th and runs thru May 31st. Find the current turkey hunting regulations on page 71 at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/01496/wdfw01496.pdf>

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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.

Work Party Reports – Urban Wood Duck Boxes within in Issaquah and Bellevue didn't produce much this year. One box in **Emily Darst Park** in Issaquah had a squirrel that didn't want to be disturbed, and one of two nesting tubes was used as a dump nest containing 15 cold duck eggs.

In Bellevue, one of three (3) wood duck boxes had some kind of unidentified bird nesting use. The two (2) nesting tubes didn't show any use.

The recent flooding in the **Snoqualmie Valley** scuttled the plans of **Chapter Habitat Chairman, Bob Hazelbrook**, in scheduling Wood Duck Nest Box maintenance in the usual areas of **Twin Rivers, Cherry Valley, and Stillwater**. **Bob** will be reporting on later efforts at our March 26th meeting.

Northwest Chapter News
By **Reb Broker**

Back from another trip. Went to Southern California to hit Disneyland with the family. Worked the drive down and back to make sure we could see the ducky areas in the daylight. I am happy to say there were duck and geese in the air and on the fields all through Oregon and northern/central California. As always two (2) days after the season ended here in **Skagit County** the birds were everywhere. Had to stop on the road to watch them walking around in the fields.

The **Northwest Chapter** has had a busy postseason, with members cleaning Wood Duck Nesting Boxes and building new ones. A few members met up to build 15 new boxes and get to enjoy some of the post season meat



(From Left) **Jim Owens, Rone Brewer (with dogs, Cork & Bayo), Rick Skiba, Rick Holt, and Art Kendall.**

(translate that as pepperoni & jerky). If you need a wood duck box let me know, so we can get some into your hands.

New Sign for TNC Property

WWA-NW has also been hanging new signs with our youth hunt partners **The Nature Conservancy**. With the season done and two different youth hunts planned again for next September, we replaced the sign out in front of their property to prepare for the **Stanwood Snow Goose Days**.



For the **Farmed Island Unit**, we are planning to repair and add new duck blinds due to ditch work. If you want to find out about the Farmed Island Unit, this would be a great chance to walk around and get familiar with the area in preparation for next season.

In addition, we submitted for a **Duck Stamp Project Grant** to do some work out at **Debay's Slough**. The project entails opening up a timber shoot and to help organize the fields. This will open up one new blind and will separate at least two (2) field hunting areas.

News for the Flock

2013 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

The Washington Waterfowl Association is please to present the 2013
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Revenue received through this program will be used by the **Washington Waterfowl Association** & the **Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife**, to improve habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds in Washington. This year's artwork, a pair of northern shovelers afloat on the water, was completed by **Mr. Bart Rulon**.

Double Down for the Ducks

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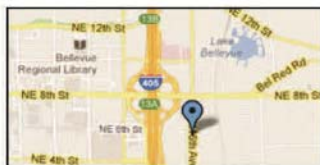
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| | | | | |
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| #4 Rone Brewer | #12 Mike Lovelace | #19 Reserved on | #26 Jim Kline | #33 Mickey Clary |
| #5 Fritz Kiemle | #13 Reserved on | Time payments | #27 Leon Kollman | #34 Reserved for Bqt Presentation |
| #6 Jim Cortines | Time payment | #20 Brett Stark | #28 Derek Melton | #35 Reserved for Bqt Presentation |
| #7 Neco VILLELLA | #14 Jack Westerfield | #21 Earl Mikkelson | #29 Dan Stearns | #36 Doug Graef |
| #8 Roger Bennett | #15 Bud Hufnagel | #22 Jaime Herrera-Beutler | | #37 Robb Stack |

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Douglas “Doug” William Graef

Our friend, long time **WWA** Board Member, and chief architect of **WWA’s WA Duck Stamp and Print Program**, **Doug Graef**, age 73, of Redmond, WA passed away on February 19, 2014 of esophageal cancer that he first disclosed to his many friends on the **WA Refuge Forum** in late October of 2013.

Doug was a quiet and humble leader. As described at his *Celebration of Life* gathering in his honor, “always the consummate gentleman.” For years he gave up his opening day of the waterfowl season to be a greeter and ambassador for **WWA** at the **Skagit Wildlife Area**. He demonstrated the dedication and perseverance to lead **WWA** in one of the most ambitious projects in its history — taking over from **WDFW**, the management of the **WA State Duck Stamp and Print Program**, where he established a firm foundation for the program into the future.

Articulate on any subject but never a braggart, few at his memorial service had knowledge of his distinguished service in the **US Navy**, where he earned the **National Defense Service Medal**, **Vietnam Service Medal** and **two (2) Bronze Stars**.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, **Barbara**; his children, **Lisa (Paul)** of Pocatello, ID; and **Ryan (Savannah)** of Missoula, MT; his grandson, **Bridger** of Pocatello; and his brother, **Allan** of Long Beach, CA.

A collection of his emails from his travels in Montana during the summer of 2007 [**One Montana Summer**] has been compiled in book form by his daughter, **Lisa**, and can be found at: <http://www.blurb.com/b/4828094-one-montana-summer>



Doug Graef in some of his happiest times — with family, in this case with his grandson, Bridger.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN MARCH & APRIL 2014

Renew Online at www.waduck.org.

Membership information by ELLEN SATRE

New members and those that have renewed in the last six weeks or so should have received a new membership card and a WWA decal for your car, boat, truck, etc. If not let me know. The list of members coming up for renewal is as of March 4th so if you have since renewed we **THANK YOU**.

If you have a change in phone number, address or email you can change it yourself in your online system profile, or send the information to Ellen Satre at: Ellenswwa@comcast.net if you have difficulty changing it.

| NAME | CHAPTER | DUE | NAME | CHAPTER | DUE |
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| Michael Andreotti | LC | March | Patrick Hoxie | SE | March |
| Glenn Anthony | YV | March | Lisa Hoxie | SE | March |
| Terry Breidenbach | SE | March | Ronald Larsen | SE | March |
| Melvin Brown | SE | March | Tracy Miles | TRI | March |
| Jeff Burn | SE | March | Dick Miller | GH | March |
| Robin Burn | SE | March | Scott Nelson | GH | March |
| Gregory Conine | SE | March | Nicholas Scallan | WH | March |
| Tonny Denholm | ML | March | Todd Simmons | WH | March |
| Elliott Drewry | OP | March | Hunter Smith | SW | March |
| Spencer Drewry | OP | March | Scott Jr. Smith | SW | March |
| Phylis Espley | SE | March | Scott Smith | SW | March |
| Nancy Fernelius | GH | March | Gina Smith | SW | March |
| Patrick Fleege | SE | March | Bob Swartz | SE | March |
| Greg Fulwider | GH | March | Derrick Tackett | LC | March |
| Tim Galde | NW | March | Stuart Ward | LC | March |
| Kathy Gordon | SE | March | David Winkley | GH | March |
| Bob Hanseth | NW | March | Ric Wray | LC | March |
| Dion Hess | LC | March | Ken Wyman | SE | March |
| Cole Hodges | SW | March | Branden Neils | ML | April |
| Cory Beck | ML | April | Mike Nesbitt | GH | April |
| Leah Bernard | ML | April | Col. Thomas O'Dell | ML | April |
| Charles Cheshire | LC | April | John C O'Neill | GH | April |
| Casey Cooper | ML | April | Jim Owens | NW | April |
| Kenneth Corkum | SW | April | Brittany Pease | ML | April |
| Bruce Crawford | NW | April | Walt Phillips | SW | April |
| Gary Fisher | NW | April | Arland D. Richardson | LC | April |
| Grant Gollehon | ML | April | Jan Schweiter | SE | April |
| Don Gulliford | SE | April | Dick Schweiter | SE | April |
| David Hanson | SE | April | Kenneth Shields | ML | April |
| Bruce Head | LC | April | Diana Shields | ML | April |

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN APRIL 2014

| NAME | CHAPTER | DUE | NAME | CHAPTER | DUE |
|----------------|---------|-------|--------------------|---------|-------|
| Dan Heasley | LC | April | Tom Slomer | SE | April |
| Grant Hosford | WA | April | Tony Solberg | ML | April |
| Jon Hublou | SEA | April | Dale Stickel | YV | April |
| Jacob Hynning | LC | April | Tom Sullivan | SW | April |
| Jacob Jewell | ML | April | Donald Taylor | GH | April |
| Arthur Kendall | NW | April | Rodney Vandersypen | WH | April |
| Anne Kendall | NW | April | Joan Vandersypen | WH | April |
| William Krause | SE | April | William Vogel | GH | April |
| Heather Krause | SE | April | Walter Watkins | SE | April |
| Steve Loreng | TRI | April | Sara Weythman | SE | April |
| Ben Melgren | ML | April | Rylan Weythman | SE | April |
| James Neil | SW | April | | | |

WELCOME NEW WWA MEMBERS

| | | |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
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| Thomas | Bonewell | Yakima Valley |
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| Tracy | Crain | Northwest |
| Nathan | Crain | Northwest |
| Brandon | Crain | Northwest |
| Leslie | Hollister | Olympic Peninsula |
| Greg | Lincoln | Northwest |
| Michael | Matz | Lower Columbia |
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POINTING LAB CLUB'S NEXT TRAINING DAY MARCH 30th

The Northwest Pointing Lab Club (NWPLC) will hold its next training day on Sunday, March 30th, 10:00 a.m. 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 riri@gmail.com. Visit their website at: <http://www.nwpointinglabs.org>

WDFW asks public's help to generate leads in shooting of radio-collared wolf

OLYMPIA - The **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** is seeking the public's help to identify the person or persons responsible for shooting and killing a gray wolf last month in Stevens County. A 2-year-old black female wolf from the Smackout Pack was found dead February 9th near Cedar Lake in northeast Stevens County.

WDFW, with the help of three non-profit organizations, is offering a reward of up to \$22,500 for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case. **Conservation Northwest, the Center for Biological Diversity, and The Humane Society of the United States**, have each pledged \$7,500 to create the reward.

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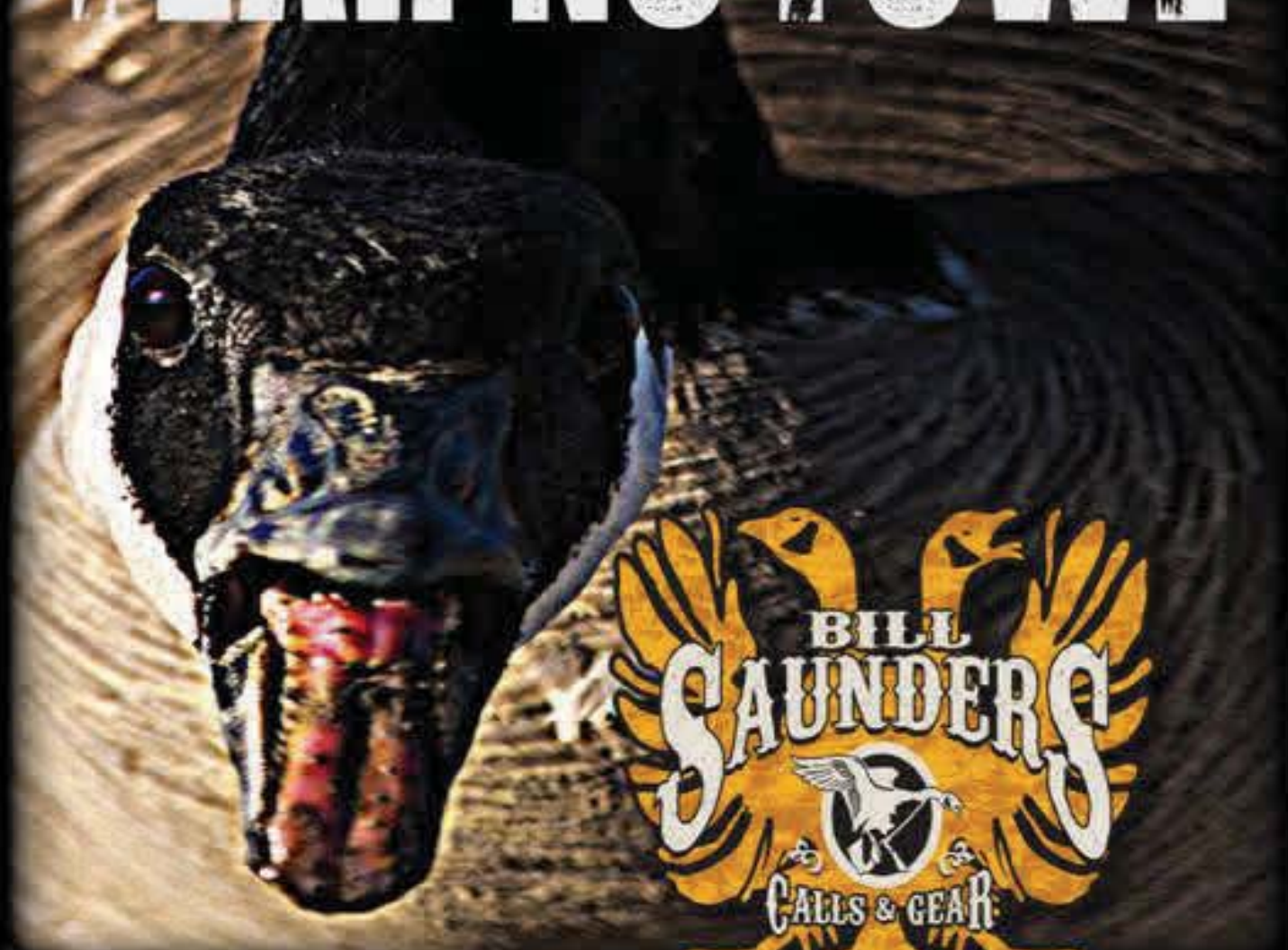
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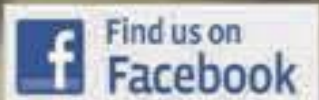
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

TEAL EMPANADA

INGREDIENTS

12 Teal breasts

4 T plus 2 t olive oil

2 T unsalted butter

2 med yellow onions, finely sliced

2 t sugar

2 eight oz. pkgs. goat cheese

Puff pastry
sheets

1 cup hoisin
sauce

1/4 cup sweet chili sauce

1/4 cup soy sauce



DIRECTIONS

- Heat 4 T olive oil and the butter in a large saute' pan, and add the onions, Season with sugar and a pinch of salt ana pepper, Cook stirring frequently, until the onions caramelize, about 25 minutes. Transfer the onions to a mixing owl to cool at room temperature. Add the cheese to the bowl, but don't mix just yet.
- Add 2 T olive oil to the same pan and raise the heat to high. Working in batches, sear the breasts. About 3-4 minutes per side. Transfer to a cutting board, and thinly slice across the grain, then run the knife back through them for a nice mince. Add meat to the onions and cheese and mix it all together with your hands. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Flour your countertop. Take one sheet of puff pastry and cut rounds with a 3" cookie cutter. Holding a round in one hand, place a spoonful of the filling on the center, fold over, pinch the seam shut, then crimp it with a fork. Stick each batch in the freezer before moving on to a new sheet of pastry.
- No need to thaw the empanadas before cooking. Just drop six at a time into a 360 degree fryer or Dutch oven with fresh peanut oil. They take 7-9 minutes o everything to be ooey and gooey inside. Whisk together the hoisin sauce, chile sauce, and soy sauce for a killer dip.
- Serve with the ice cold beverage of your choice.

[SEND YOUR RECIPE TO WVA_BULLETIN@COMCAST.NET-SEE IT PUBLISHED](mailto:WVA_BULLETIN@COMCAST.NET)

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"CORK" & "BAYO" ON SKAGIT BAY, OWNED BY WWA MEMBER RONE BREWER



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

OORAH!!!



JJ and Emily Cooper, the two youngest members of the SW Chapter. This was JJ's first year hunting with his 20ga Nova, and Emily has the passed-down BB gun. This was a trip over to the Pot holes just before the freeze. (Submitted by WWA member (& Grandpa) Joe Hedberg.

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 February** Newsletter to the four (4) primary funds established by the **WWA**.

WWA Youth Fund — \$1,305

WWA Legal Fund — \$16,457
Jan Sabin (Leque Island Fund), \$50

WWA Habitat Fund — \$285

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$5,951
Frank Lyman, \$100

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 (3-6-2013)

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Corporate Checking | \$ 18,890.19 |
| Chapter (LC, ML & SEA) | |
| Trust Monies for Goose | |
| Satellite Transmitters | |
| For WDFW | \$ 8,250.00 |
| Corporate C.D. | \$ 17,582.92 |
| Corporate Total | \$ 44,722.91 |

CHAPTER FINANCES

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| GH Checking | \$ 2,125.29 |
| Kitsap Chapter | (To Be Funded) |
| LC Checking | \$ 21,981.94 |
| ML Checking | \$ 8,333.69 |
| NW Checking | \$ 2,263.16 |
| OP Checking | \$ closed 3/25/13 |
| SEA Checking | \$ 27,631.83 |
| SEA CD Amount | \$ 9,742.87 |
| SEA Robert Hickok Fund | \$ 1,316.47 |
| SPO Checking | \$ 170.50 |
| SW Checking | \$ 5,530.31 |
| Tri-Cities Checking | \$ 300.00 |
| (Original Seed Money) | |
| WH Checking | \$ 6,789.27 |
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- Cannon Mini-Mag electric downrigger. Used only once since I overhauled it. New bearings, wires, switch and circuit breaker. New swivel base. Runs like new. \$125.00 obo.
- Okuma Convector CV45L; Mounted on a Shimano Voltaeus 7 foot Med Heavy/Fast bottom fish rod. \$35.00.

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

- L/H Ruger 77R-R in .300 Winmag, Leupold VX-3 3.5-10x40, sling. Gun was sighted in, never hunted. \$700.
- L/H Ruger 77-R in 30-06, Nikon Monarch 4-12x40 BDC. sighted in, never hunted. \$700 .
- L/H Tika .243 stainless, Nikon Monarch 4-12x40 BDC. sighted in, never hunted. \$700 .
- Winchester 100 in .308, Leupold mini 2x7. second owner, sighted in never hunted. \$750.
- Thompson .50 Hawken muzzleloader. I'm second owner, never fired. \$300.
- Thompson .50 White Mountain carbine muzzleloader, not used since 1994, mint. \$275.
- White .50 stainless whitetail muzzleloader, synthetic stock, tackdriver. \$350.
- One XL Columbia jacket, mossy oak breakup parka & liner, never worn, \$70.
- Two XL Columbia wigeon treebark duck coats & liners. I paid \$119.00 each, \$50 each.
- One XL Columbia old style camo coat & liner. I paid \$125.00, \$50.
- Wolverine Durashock hiking boots, size 11 W, never used. Retail \$139.00, \$50
- Martin Lynx compound 55-70#, arrows, quiver, new light-site, counterweight. \$200.
- Pedersoli 12 G sxs. I'm second owner, never fired. \$300.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior (65 or over) - | \$ 15.00 | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Year Regular | \$ 50.00 | (New) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Year Family | \$ 60.00 | (New) |

Chapter & Newsletter: (Please specify your preferences)

Newsletter by email or hard copy

- 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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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.