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Hey Y'all —

The time has come...early goose is here, youth hunt up next, upland birds, then ducks...all coming soon. Warm up for the hunting season at one or both of the **Washington Waterfowl Association Banquets (September 20th at Club Green Meadows in Vancouver and September 27th at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club in Puyallup)**. See Flyers on **Pages 4 and 5** in this month's Newsletter. Bars open about 4:30 p.m., social hour from 4:30 p.m. on, then dinner and live auction about 6:30 p.m. Good food, good company, and good times!

You can pre-register for either banquet online at www.waduck.org, scroll down on the home page and click on the appropriate banquet registration button. We'll take it from there. Some really great prizes including multiple guns in many different auctions and raffles.

WWA Membership Drive Ends September 30th

And time is winding down on our **annual membership drive**. This is yet another opportunity for you and the member you sign up to **win some great prizes**. See the 2-page Flyer on **Pages 8 and 9** of this Newsletter. It is hard to emphasize how important the members of **WWA** are. Our ideas, our work, our work parties, our results, and our budgets are all determined by our membership. **You all make it happen**. That's who we are and it's what makes us different from the rest. **The only way WWA can do more is with more members.**

WWA is ready to grow and work for more public hunting access and improvements. Help us get there by signing up now on the member registration page at www.waduck.org.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

- Saturday, Sept 20** Lower Columbia Chapter Banquet
Club Green Meadows
Vancouver, WA See Flyer, **Page 4**
- Saturday, Sept 20 & Sunday, Sept 21** Youth Shoot sponsored by WWA-NW
Chapter on The Nature Conservancy
property at the mouth of the
Stillaguamish River. See NW News on
Page 10. Contact Reb Broker.
- Wednesday, Sept 24** Seattle Chapter Meeting; 5:30 p.m. @
Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell.
Program is our annual **Hunting Gear
Swap Meet**. **FREE** Round of Trap or
5-Stand for **ALL** members of **ALL
CHAPTERS!**
Contact **John Arrabito**.
- Thursday, Sept 25** Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting
7 p.m. @ Vancouver Trap Club.
Contact **Rick Scott**.
- Saturday, Sept 27** WWA-Corporate Statewide Banquet
Tacoma Sportsmen's Club
Puyallup, WA See Flyer, **Page 5**.
- Tuesday, Sept 30** Southwest Chapter Meeting;
7 p.m. @ Tacoma Sportsmen's Club.
Contact **Bruce Burns**.
- Tuesday, Oct 7** Whatcom County Chapter Meeting
5-7 p.m. @ Tenant Lake Interpretive
Center, Ferndale.
Contact **Scott O'Day**.
- Wednesday, Oct 8** Kitsap Peninsula Chapter Meeting
6-8 p.m. @ Bremerton Trap & Skeet
Club. Contact **Les Hollister**.
- Thursday, Oct 9** Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting.
7 p.m. @ Evergreen Sportsmen's Club,
near Littlerock. Contact **Kurt Snyder**.
- Thursday, Oct 9** WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 p.m., @ Canyon Park Denny's.
All WWA members always welcome.
- Monday, Oct 13** Tri Cities Chapter Meeting;
7 p.m. @ Benton County PUD
Auditorium at the corner of 10th Ave. and
HWY 395 in Kennewick, WA.
Contact **Thor Ostrom**
- Tuesday, Oct 14** Northwest Chapter Meeting;
7 p.m. @ Conway Fire Hall.
Program: Cole Caldwell with WDFW's
"Private Lands Hunting Access"
Program (formally known as the **Quality
Hunts**) will be going over the locations
and some of the changes for this season.
Be there and get the latest scoop on
quality public hunting ground near you!
Contact **Reb Broker** for more info.

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Important Ballot Issues Regarding Your Guns

Come election day WA State will provide a major test for the nation regarding your gun rights. There are two (2) competing ballot measures — I-591 and I-594.

I-591, a gun rights Initiative, would prevent background checks from being applied without a uniform national standard. Federally mandated background checks would still be allowed — just not individual variations on the state level. I-591 also has a provision emphasizing that the government cannot confiscate firearms without due process.

I-594, a gun control Initiative, is bankrolled by billionaires and millionaires — who you can bet all have personal armed security — and who have donated some \$6M in an effort to take away your ability to provide security for your family. Gun owners can not hope to compete on the basis of money. Instead it must be a grass roots effort. See **Pages 12, 13, 14 and 15** and educate yourselves as to what I-594 will and will not do to your gun rights. Then inform your non-hunting/shooting neighbors with the talking points shown there.



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SEE RESULTS

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

Ridgefield NWR Blind Opening

Please join us for the Ridgefield refuge blind brush up for the new hunt season. This is a great opportunity to become acquainted with the blind locations in the daylight. We will be cleaning out and cameoing the blinds. Meet at the hunter check station at 8:00 AM Saturday, September 27th. Bring gloves, waders, pruning shears and zip ties. BBQ lunch will be provided.

Annual Fundraising Banquet

Our 11th Annual Chapter Fundraising Banquet is this coming Saturday, September 20th at **Club Green Meadows** in the upper banquet room. Not too late to still get your tickets. Hope to see you there. Contact **Doug Hargin** at dlhargin@msn.com or at (360) 903-6951. See the Flyer on **Page 4**.

Shillapoo Work Party August 26th

Vice President **Ted Blade** organized two work parties to finish the blinds our chapter is building at the

Shillapoo Wildlife Area. The group reinforced the bases of the blinds to allow them to be towed as a skid to different locations. Thanks to these members for their work: **Ted Blade, Daren Hauswald, Dave Weston, Dave Chavez, Gerry Piazza and son Greg, Rick Scott, and Mike and Susan Ellis**.

Shillapoo Work Party Part Deux September 3rd

We had a turnout of 14 members at this work party! The three box blinds and two wire field blinds were completed at this gathering. The blinds are now ready to place in the hunt area. **Derrick Tackett** and **Dino Mastro** finished the painting in the dark. Thanks also to **Dale Venema, Bill Mitchell, Yuri Murza, Dave Weston, Dave Chavez, Michael Andriotti, Daren Hauswald, Al O'Connor, James McPhee, Bob Esperto** and **Dan Weston**.

Ridgefield NWR Youth Hunt Slated for October 25th

Plan on attending this enjoyable event. Sign up your youth hunter or come as a volunteer. Each year we sponsor this fun event to give prizes, feed and encourage the next generation in our sport. To sign up a youth hunter go to the **Ridgefield NWR** website at <http://www.fws.gov/ridgefieldrefuges/ridgefield/recreation/Youth%20Hunt%20Day.html>.

James McPhee (left) and Bob Esperto helping out with the new blind construction at the Shillapoo Wildlife Recreation Area.



News for the Flock — Support WWA By Attending One or...

**You are Cordially Invited to Attend the 11th Annual
Washington Waterfowl Association Banquet,
Lower Columbia Chapter
Saturday, September 20, 2014
6:00 p.m.**



**Club Green Meadows
7703 NE 72nd Ave
Vancouver, WA**

(Directions: From I-205, exit at the Padden Parkway exit heading westbound to NE Andresen. Turn left on Andresen to the next light at NE 78th St. Travel one block and turn right onto NE 72nd Ave. We will be in the main building on your left.)

**Dinner
\$35 Single; \$65 Couple; Ages 13-16/\$22 Ages 6-12/\$12
Children Under 5 eat free**

Events:

**Live & Silent Auctions, Raffles,
Guns, Decoys, Waterfowl Art, Fishing Rods,
Hunting Equipment, Guided Hunts and much more!**

Contact Doug Hargin, at (360) 903-6951 or dlhargin@msn.com

...Both of the Fundraising Banquets — News for the Flock

**You are Cordially Invited to Attend the 65th Annual
Washington Waterfowl Association Corporate Banquet
Saturday, September 27, 2014**

Trap/Skeet Shooting all afternoon from 3:00 p.m.

Social Hour 4:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.



**Tacoma Sportsmen's Club
16409 Canyon Road E.
Puyallup, WA**

(Directions: From WA-512, east or west, take the Canyon Road Exit South approximately 3.6 miles. The entrance to the Sportsmen's Club is on your left [turning East]. You must make a u-turn at the next stoplight (Military Road E) and then turn right into the TSC driveway. Phone (253) 537-6151 if you get lost.

**Reserved Dinner Tickets - \$35; or Buy \$100 in Super Raffle
Tickets & Get Dinner Free. \$45 at the Door**

Events:

- Shotgun Sports All Afternoon from 3:00 p.m.
- Camping and RV Overnight Sites Available

Super Raffle

- 1st Prize -- \$1,000.00 Merchandise Certificate with AMS Guns, Woodinville
- 2nd Prize -- Opera Length (32/33 inches) Natural Freshwater Pearl Necklace with a 14kt Gold Clasp, Retail Value \$1,295.00 * Donated by Wyatt's Diamond Jewelers of Monroe
- 3rd Prize -- \$300.00 Nordstrom Gift Card

**Other Great Prizes including 7 Guns to Win,
Live & Silent Auctions, Key Auction Items,
Poker, Goose Band & Bucket Raffles**

Contact: John Arrabito at (425) 894-4080 or jarrabito@comcast.net

Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Roger Bennett

Duck Banding at Sunnyside Wildlife Recreation Area

Several **Yakima Valley Chapter** members and their kids helped again this year with the duck banding efforts at the **Sunnyside WRA**. Banding got a late start this summer, but there still ended up being over 300 ducks banded at this location. As usual, most were mallards, with a few pintails. As a bonus this year, 3 drake green-winged teal are now sporting “jewelry.”

Banding is a great activity for kids to get involved in, and there is a history of lots of young people helping out at the **Sunnyside WRA**. **Assistant Area Manager Robbie Sak** works well with the kids and is happy to get them excited about getting hands-on (literally) with waterfowl conservation.



Finn Carney, son of YV Chapter Member Hugh Carney and Brooke Bennett, daughter of member Tim Bennett. Having fun yet? Look at those smiles!

Random Notes from **WWA—Yakima Valley**:

- **WWA—YV** meetings are on hiatus during the hunting season. Our next meeting will be in February.
- **WWA—YV** is planning a booth again at the **Central Washington Sportsman’s Show**, in February. We will be raffling off some **Dakota Decoys** once again at the show.



Some of the 300 being herded into the Net Pen.

- We are in discussion about the future of the Sanctioned State Calling Contest, and the possibility of connecting it to another event. If you have input or ideas, please let us know.

For more information about the **Yakima Valley WWA Chapter**, please contact **Chapter President Abel Cortina** at abelcortina@gmail.com or (509) 786-9196.



Sunnyside WRA Assistant Manager Robbie Sak fits some “bling” on a duck being held by Brooke Bennett.

Moses Lake Chapter News

ADA Blind Building

We are still awaiting for the last 100 yards of the road into the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** blinds area to pass WA Cultural Resources approval. Once that is obtained we can move forward with the planning for the gravelling of the road and the final placement of the ADA blinds.

At the present time I would NOT anticipate the blinds being in place for the 2014/2015 hunting season, as we will need for the ground to "harden" up before we try and put down the gravel. As with all dealings with "government agencies" the process is slow.

Whatcom Chapter News

By Scott O'Day

Thanks to the Chapter members **Karl Bosman, Randy Johnson, Keith Neher, and Justin Kulhanek** in joining me for blind brushing on **Lake Terrell** on Saturday, September 6th. We got 3 or 4 blinds done. Due to low water and weeds, this was all we could do.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 7th, @ 7pm at the **Tennant Lake Interpretive Center**. Bring a guest who shares your enthusiasm for waterfowling.

Seattle Chapter News

By **John Arrabito**

Gear Swap Meet at September Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting will be Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at the Kenmore Shotgun Range in Bothell. Historically we have used the September meeting as a "Gear Swap" Meeting to help supply the "newbies" and youth of our Chapter with decoys, camoed hunt clothing, and other waterfowl hunting equipment and accessories.

Clean out your closet, blind bag, and/or decoy string [s] and bring what you want to sell/donate to the meeting. Ten (10%) per cent of the proceeds goes to the Chapter.

Last **FREE** Round of Shooting before the Season

One final tune-up before the waterfowl hunting season. So once again the **WWA-Seattle** will provide a **FREE** round of Trap or 5-Stand to **ALL WWA** members of **ALL Chapters** whose dues are current!

For those competition shooters among us, this is also the last month to shoot for the "**Ferd Nist**" Trophy, for bragging rights as the best **WWA** Shotgunner for 2014. Named after one of the founders and main benefactors of WWA in 1945, the "**Ferd Nist**" Shoot consists of three (3) varied shotgun shooting disciplines — regular trap, doubles, and a slider. Either way — competition or just shooting for fun — grab your shotgun and come out and join us.

Pizza and soda for \$5 at 7:00 p.m. Please send me an email [jarrabito@comcast.net] or call [(425) 894-4080] if you are joining us and want to have dinner, so we will be sure to have enough and varied pizza's.

Don't forget the WWA Fundraising Banquets on September 20th in Vancouver and September 27th in Puyallup. See Flyers on **Pages 4 and 5** of this Newsletter!

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2014

WWA Membership Drive To Celebrate Our 69th Anniversary

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1. Winchester SX3, Camo, 3 ½ inch, 12 gauge or \$1,000 cash.
2. Moses Lake Hosted Duck or Goose Hunt for 2 & \$100 travel money.
3. Hosted Brant Hunt for 2 @ Samish Island Brant Club & \$100 travel money.
4. Guided Goose Hunt for 2 with Burbank Guide Service & \$100 travel money.
5. WWA Sustaining Life Membership, Life Member jacket, plaque, a \$750 value.
6. WWA Regular Life Membership, WWA belt buckle, plaque, a \$500 value.
7. Remington Express Super Mag, 3 1/2 inch, 12 gauge.
8. \$200 Gift Certificate at a business of your choice.
9. Case of 12 gauge Hevi-Metal Shotgun Shells.
10. Mossberg Youth 20 gauge pump shotgun.
11. 2014 WA Duck Stamp Print, framed and matted.
12. Case of 12 gauge, 3 ½ inch magnum shotshells.
13. Case of 12 gauge, 3 inch magnum shotshells.
14. Case of 12 gauge, 2 ¾ inch magnum shotshells.
15. Case of 12 gauge, 2 ¾ inch shotshells.
16. \$100 Gift Certificate at a business of your choice.
17. Case of Clay Pigeons & Case of 12 gauge trap load shotshells.
18. Ammo Can with 4 boxes of 12 gauge, Hevi-Metal shotshells.
19. Ammo Can with 4 boxes of 12 gauge, Hevi-Metal shotshells.
20. Two (2) tickets to the 2015 WWA-Corporate Banquet.

Drive Started July 1st & Ends September 30, 2014

Here's how to participate!

Sign up a new or former member and you both get 3 raffle tickets for the drawing for one or more of the prizes listed above. (A former members is one who has not renewed in the previous 90 days).

Want More Chances???

Recruit /Convert 1st \$250 time payment towards a Sustaining Life Membership, earn 8 tickets!

Recruit/Convert a \$500 Life Member, earn 16 tickets!

Recruit/Convert a \$750 Sustaining Life Membership, earn 25 drawing tickets!

Recruit a \$100 Business Membership, earn 4 drawing tickets!

Recruit a \$250 Business Membership, earn 8 drawing tickets!

Recruit a \$375 Corporate Membership, earn 12 drawing tickets!

Recruit a \$500 Corporate Membership, earn 16 drawing tickets!

Recruit a \$1,000 Corporate Membership, earn 25 tickets!

News for the Flock

2014 WWA Membership Drive



What Are YOUR odds of Winning???

VERY GOOD!!!

Many of our past top prizes have been won by WWA members who only sold one (1) new WWA membership.

- Steve Van Alst — Benelli Shotgun;
- Claudean Talbert — Youth Shotgun;
- Mike Crawford — Case of Hevi-Shot Shotshells.

This Years WWA Membership Drive has Twice as Many Prizes as Past Membership Drives...

MEANING...

YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING ARE TWICE AS GOOD!!!

(Photo of Shotgun Prizes #1, #7 and #10 as Itemized on Adjacent Page 4).

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 Monday, October 13th. Contact **Thor Ostrom** for details at: quakwhackerwa@hotmail.com.

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Hi All. —

By the time you read this our Chapter's events and business will pretty much be done for the year. We have taken the "crawl-walk-run" approach with our Chapter and have been on the walk for more than a few years. I'm hoping that we start running next year.

At our last meeting we talked about having turkey shoots at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**. I think we could make the money we need for future projects and maybe even donate to the **Heritage Lands Program**. Anyway keep your ear to the wall for the announcement of our first turkey shoot.

Fund Raising Banquet Reminders

If you know anybody that isn't planning to go to the Lower Columbia Chapter Banquet on the 20th or the **WWA Corporate** Banquet on the 27th, you may want to remind them of all the prizes up for grabs. Lots and lots of good stuff including six or seven guns. If a lot of folks don't show you could almost be guaranteed to win! See you all there!

We added five (5) more wood duck nest boxes to our inventory on the **Nisqually River**. Boy Scout **Riley Neely** took on the boxes as an Eagle Scout project. Our Chapter is sponsoring him with wood and help. More on this in future newsletters.

Elder as well as Youth Hunts

Lots of you take kids out hunting every year for the kids hunt and throughout the year. I'd like to suggest that you also consider taking out an older hunter. Most of the older gents won't go alone so consider taking a senior hunter out with you a few times a year. I hope I get invited along when I get older and need help! The older generation seems to be full of stories and so far it's been a pleasure to hunt with these guys!

Be sure to check out the Youth Shoot photos on **Pages 16 and 17** of this Newsletter.

Last Chance at Cedarville Hunt Raffle

Don't forget to send me the Cedarville Hunt raffle tickets by the drawing date of the 25th of September! I also need how much your Chapter made and how many tickets were sold!

As usual you can contact me anytime and thank you all for your continued support.

Kurt Snyder

Northwest Chapter News

By Reb Broker

WaterFowlers!!!

It's been a great summer with the traveling, fishing, crabbing and prospecting. Hope everyone was able to get some time off to enjoy it. Here are a few catch up items that the Northwest Chapter has had going on.

Duck Boat Show

In August the chapter had our first duck boat show. We had six (6) boat entries covering everything from aquapods to jet boats. Was fun and had a good turn out. Thanks to the members who took the time to put their rigs together and brought them out! Was neat to see what everyone did with them, and learn the "why and what" they would do different next time.

Youth Shoot This Weekend

September is youth hunt month and we will be going back down to the **Port Susan Restoration Site**, a salt-water/tidal bay thanks to the owners of the property, **The Nature Conservancy**. Our September meeting was spent setting up the hunts with volunteers and materials. We'll be running morning hunts conducted from flinds located on the dike (half hour before sunrise to noon) and afternoon hunts (1 PM to sunset). Reservations are required. First come/first served. There are a few hunts left in the mornings. Please contact **REB BROKER** at lostfish01@gmail.com (760) 859-7442 or **RICK SKIBA** reskiba@msn.com (360) 387-2225 to get your kids in. Otherwise best of luck getting your young hunters on some birds.

Migratory Bird Project Funds Approved

The chapter's request for Duck Stamp funds was approved for our **DeBays Slough Project**. This project will remove dog hair cottonwoods to open some standing water for a timber hunt. The Chapter will be looking for help on the 27th of September to remove some of the larger trees and build a raised blind. If you are interested in seeing what is going on with the property then give me a call so you can find out the details on giving a hand for this project.

Kitsap County Chapter News

By Les Hollister

WWA—Kitsap is meeting on Sunday, September 28th, at 1300 p.m., [that's correct, Sunday so as not to interfere with those planning to go to the **WWA-Corporate Fundraising Banquet** at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** on Saturday, September 27th] to build a handicap blind at the Short's Farm, and to conduct blind maintenance on the other blinds located there.

Bring hip boots and other tools and get an early daylight look at this productive hunting property open to the public. Any questions contact me at: (210.410-3037) or navy20120201@gmail.com .

WWA-Kitsap meets at the **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club** the first Wednesday of every month to have dinner, shoot skeet, and discuss upcoming events.

Southwest Chapter News

By Bruce Burns

Well hunting is upon us and salmon are on the move. Members report some success on both fronts. The real season is a few short weeks away and still lots of things to do. Why do we wait until the last minute?

WWA Statewide Banquet

The corporate banquet is September 27th on our home turf at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**. Let's have a good chapter turnout to help make this fundraising a huge success! Make reservations to save \$10 off your dinner, or better yet, buy \$100 of Super Raffle tickets and meal is free!

Incentive for Chapter Participation

Remember were giving a cash prize to some lucky SW Chapter member at year end. You earn chances by coming to a meeting or helping out on projects.

The Southwest Chapter meeting are held the last Tuesday of the month at Tacoma Sportsmen's Club on Canyon Road in Puyallup. Next meeting is September 30th at 7:00. Any questions contact **Terry Satre** @ 253.845-2398 or Teltim@comcast.net or **Bruce Burns** 253-961-8802 or bwburns36@gmail.com for more info.

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VOTE NO

INITIATIVE 594

On The November Ballot

WHY YOU SHOULD **VOTE NO ON 594**

I-594 is the latest and most comprehensive attempt to restrict the rights of law-abiding Washington state firearm owners. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has committed 50 million dollars to help fuel anti-gun efforts across the country and a chunk of that money is committed right here in the Evergreen State. Bloomberg and other misguided, elitist billionaires have little concern for your rights and are utilizing their personal fortunes to mislead voters. Initiative 594 is much more than the proponents suggest and would only be a stepping stone in the continuing effort to further erode the rights guaranteed to you under the United States Constitution in Washington.

WILL IT STOP CRIMINALS?

NO. Initiative 594 would not prevent criminals from obtaining firearms. Instead, it would create a **huge regulatory scheme** that would disproportionately burden law-abiding firearm owners. It would be **unenforceable** and cause an **expensive** diversion of scarce law enforcement resources. Furthermore, it would expand the **massive government database** of law-abiding handgun owners.

WASHINGTONIANS SHOULD VOTE NO ON I-594 THIS NOVEMBER!

**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NRA CAMPAIGN FIELD REPRESENTATIVE
TO GET INVOLVED IN WASHINGTON TODAY!**

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VOTE INITIATIVE NO 594

YOUR RIGHTS ARE UP FOR VOTE!



I-594 WOULD DO NOTHING TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN AMERICA

Nothing proposed in I-594 does anything to improve America's broken mental health system or strengthen mental health reporting in Washington State. Proponents are making promises to voters that are not present in the initiative's language. I-594 disregards the common threads in recent high-profile gun crimes, where the perpetrator was already under psychiatric care or known to be dangerously unstable, taking psychiatric medications, passed background checks and committed the crimes in a so-called "gun-free zone".



I-594 WOULD NOT STOP CRIMINALS

Criminals will violate I-594 like they break other laws and will continue to acquire firearms where they do now: the black market, straw purchasers, theft and illicit sources such as drug dealers. You can't change criminal behavior by criminalizing lawful behavior.



I-594 IS OPPOSED BY RANK AND FILE LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs (WACOPS), the Washington State Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association (WSLEFIA) and numerous individual Sheriffs oppose I-594. Law enforcement officers see I-594 for what it really is: an unfunded mandate that diverts scarce law enforcement resources away from keeping violent criminals off our streets and simply restricts private firearms ownership without increasing public safety.



I-594 CRIMINALIZES LOANS AND TRANSFERS BETWEEN FAMILY AND FRIENDS

I-594 is 18 pages of costly and confusing regulatory excess. It will specifically regulate ALL "transfers" of firearms, not just sales. The definition of "transfer" is so broad and the exceptions are so narrow that virtually every time the mere possession of a firearm changes hands, even between friends and family members, it is subject to the bureaucracy imposed by I-594, including paperwork, fees, doubled waiting periods, taxes, and government registration in the case of handguns! I-594 makes you a criminal unless you drive to a gun store, get permission and pay a fee to loan or transfer your gun to a family member or friend.



I-594 EXPANDS THE GOVERNMENT DATABASE OF LAW-ABIDING HANDGUN OWNERS

Under I-594, virtually every time the possession of a handgun changes hands, even temporarily, the transfer will become subject to burdensome provisions, including entry into the government registration database of law-abiding handgun owners currently maintained by the Washington State Department of Licensing. I-594 does NOT provide "universal background checks" because criminals will NOT subject themselves to them; rather, I-594 is a universal handgun registration initiative.



I-594 IS CURRENTLY BEING MISREPRESENTED BY ITS PROPONENTS

Talking points and arguments issued by the proponents of I-594 have largely contained misinformation designed to mislead voters. For more information on the provisions that exist in Initiative 594, please visit our website at www.voteno594.com/myths-vs-facts. It is important that voters are informed and know the true, burdensome effects that I-594 will have on Washington State!

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The Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility (WAGR) talks a lot about how Initiative 594 will keep guns out of the hands of criminals. **What they don't report is that Initiative 594 is not aimed at criminals who, by definition, do not obey the law.**

I-594 would *not* be an effective crime deterrent and would only impose heavy burdens and legal hurdles for law-abiding citizens who want to exercise their Second Amendment rights.



The reality is that criminals will still acquire firearms where they do now: the black market, straw purchasers, theft and illicit sources such as drug dealers.

Law enforcement resources, however, will be diverted by I-594 to doing background checks on law-abiding, responsible gun owners who simply want to gift, loan, share and borrow firearms.

The "Gifting" Rules Intended to Confuse Voters

WAGR says that if I-594 is enacted, you would still be able to "gift" a firearm to an immediate family member without going through a background check. That is, in fact, one of the few honest claims they make about I-594.



However, what WAGR doesn't tell you is that, in virtually all other cases, you would be committing a gross misdemeanor if you were to simply hand a firearm to an immediate family member or close, personal friend unless you broker the transfer through a dealer, complete the government paperwork, pay the fees, subject the transfer to Washington State Use Tax and, in the case of handguns, have the transferee added to the state registration database of law-abiding handgun owners.

The Bureaucracy Burdens

WAGR is NOT honest about the extent to which law-abiding citizens will be impacted by their proposed 18-page monstrosity of bureaucracy, regulation taxation and state recordkeeping. They claim that I-594 regulates private firearm "sales" and contains "reasonable" exemptions.



In reality, I-594 regulates all firearm "transfers" and the exemptions are so narrow and limited that, in most cases, they will not apply.

Let's take a look at their proposed language: Again, I-594 regulates private firearm transfers and defines "transfer" as "the intended delivery of a firearm to another person without consideration of payment or promise of payment including, but not limited to, gifts and loans." A few minutes spent with Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary will clarify that "intended" means "intentional," and "deliver" means "to hand over."



So, if you intentionally hand over a firearm to another person, you have just committed a gross misdemeanor under the provisions of I-594 (or a felony for a second occasion).

What might constitute an "unintentional" transfer? Well, someone stealing your firearm would certainly be a transfer you did not intend. But that would not be covered by I-594 (see paragraph 1 above).

A Lesson in Hunting Under Initiative 594

So, yes, as WAGR boasts about their exemptions, a father could "gift" a shotgun to his son. But if Dad wanted to borrow the shotgun back from his son to use for a weekend hunting trip, that transfer would be subject to the I-594 bureaucracy. And, for Dad to return the shotgun to his son, it is back to the dealer to go through the whole process again!



While WAGR claims there is an exemption for hunting, it is unworkably narrow.

If you are out hunting with your Dad or lifelong friend and his firearm malfunctions, you could loan them a spare as long as they only possess it where hunting is legal. But, as described before, you could not loan them a firearm to take on a trip without you.

Further, under the "while hunting" exemption, what happens when they cross a road from which hunting is illegal. They either have you carry the firearm across the road for them or you have just committed a gross misdemeanor.

The Wide-Ranging Criminalization of Firearm Transfers

There is an exemption for the temporary transfer of a firearm "at an established shooting range authorized by the governing body of the jurisdiction in which such range is located."



While this exemption allows you to loan your firearm to a family member or friend to shoot at an authorized range, you would become a criminal if you make the same loan while target shooting on public land.

When this was pointed out to WAGR Spokesperson Cheryl Stumbo during debate, her response was that you shouldn't be shooting on public land anyway because it is not safe and that, family shooting trips on public land are "one in a million...extreme hypothetical examples. If you want to go on public land to shoot guns, go hunting." ([Click Here to Watch the Full Debate](#)) That should give you an idea where the proponents of I-594 are headed!

Age is Everything

One final example of the deeply flawed provisions of Initiative 594: There is another exemption for the temporary transfer of a firearm to a person who is under 18 years of age while under the direct supervision of a responsible adult. So, if you are out shooting on public land with your 17-year old daughter, you can hand over your firearm for her to shoot.



But next week in the same location, after celebrating her 18th birthday, you can no longer allow her to handle your firearm without brokering the transfer through a licensed firearms dealer.

But WAGR is apparently okay with that because they believe you shouldn't be shooting on public land anyway.



Kudos to the members of WWA-Grays Harbor Chapter for putting on the biggest-yet Youth Target Shoot and Pre Duck Season Warm-Up. (From Left) Howard Roberts, Hunter Roberts, Kurt Snyder, Dick Jensen, Brad Roberts, Tony Yaklich, Allen Taylor, Cindy Fulwider, Diane Smith, Greg Fulwider and Bob Gilchrist.



The record number of Youth Participants that enjoyed the event, freebies, and raffle prizes!



Some of what the Youth learned — Shooting from the seated position in a boat.

Membership information

By Ellen Satre

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WWA News Briefs....

Low Water at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

WWA-Lower Columbia Chapter advises hunters to expect lower than normal water levels this year as the underground power lines have failed due to aging of the lines. The auxiliary pumps are in place but not adequate to get the job done.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Awards \$35M for the Conservation of Endangered Species

On September 9th the **USFWS** announced nearly \$35 million in grants to 20 states to help advance their collaborative efforts to conserve America's rarest species, under the **Endangered Species Act**. The cooperative grants will provide vital support to state wildlife agencies and conservation organizations to improve the health of the land and water that supports these species and scores of communities across the nation.

In the Pacific Region, states are receiving six (6) grants totaling more than \$7 million. In WA they are:

- \$2 million for **Heart of the Cascades Project** in **Kittitas County, WA**. This grant is to support the acquisition of over 4,000 acres of strategic habitat parcels in the **Cascade Mountains** that play a major role in the recovery of the federally listed northern spotted owl, gray wolf and bull trout in the state. This project will also benefit steelhead, Chinook salmon, the northern goshawk as well as numerous other birds and mammals.
- \$2 million for **Mountain View 4-0 Ranch Project** in **Asotin County, WA**. This grant of another \$2 million will complement the ongoing acquisition of 2,100 acres in **Asotin County** that includes 1.3 miles of the **Lower Grande Ronde River** and 2.3 miles of its tributaries, protecting endangered species, as well as interior redband trout, Pacific lamprey and other aquatic species present in these tributaries.
- This project is part of a large, multi-phased acquisition that, once completed, will protect a total of 13,072 acres and 15 miles of stream. This rare acquisition of a large, ecologically intact and diverse landscape will also protect many upland habitats including cliff and talus habitats, meadows, springs, curl-leaf mahogany shrubland, interior grassland, and ponderosa pine.

A complete list of the 2014 grant awards under these programs (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 15.615) is available online at: www.fws.gov/angered/grants/index.html .

WDFW Adopts New Tactics in Dealing with Wolves

OLYMPIA - A rancher and state wildlife officials working to herd a flock of 1,800 sheep away from the site of recent wolf attacks in southern **Stevens County** received authorization on August 20th to shoot wolves that approach the flock.

Phil Anderson, director of the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**, authorized livestock owner **Dave Dashiell**, of **Hunters, WA** and agency field staff to use *limited lethal measures* and preventative steps to avoid additional attacks on the flock.

Since August 14th, **WDFW** has confirmed that wolves killed 16 sheep in four (4) separate incidents on leased forest land near **Hunters**, a small community about 48 miles northwest of Spokane. The latest attack occurred the night of August 18th.

Nine (9) other sheep found prior to August 14th had decomposed to the point where the cause of death could not be determined.

Signals from a radio collar attached to a male wolf in the **Huckleberry Pack** show the animal was at the site, likely with other pack members, when the attacks occurred, said **Nate Pamplin, WDFW Wildlife Program Director**.

Necropsies of the carcasses confirmed the sheep were killed by wolves, he said.

"The rancher has four large guard dogs and camps alongside his flock at night," **Pamplin** said. "Yet, the attacks have continued, even after the Department sent four (4) members of our wildlife-conflict staff and an experienced range-rider to help guard the sheep and begin moving them out of the area."

To support those efforts, Anderson directed WDFW wildlife staff to:

- Help the livestock owner find an alternative grazing area away from the Huckleberry Pack.
- Capture and collar additional wolves in the pack to provide additional information on their movements.
- Be prepared to shoot wolves in the vicinity of the livestock owner's sheep. Neither WDFW staff, nor the livestock owner, who was also authorized to shoot wolves in the vicinity, will actively hunt the wolves or attempt to draw them into range.

In 2011, the USFWS removed gray wolves from the federal list of endangered species in the eastern third of the state, but the species is still protected under Washington state law. The state **Wolf Conservation and Management Plan** and state laws set the parameters for responding to wolf predation on livestock.

The Huckleberry Pack, confirmed as the state's seventh wolf pack in June 2012, is known to have at least six (6) members and perhaps as many as a dozen.

News for the Flock

TREASURERS. REPORT (9-6-2014)

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Chapter (LC, ML & SEA)	
Trust Monies for Goose	
Satellite Transmitters	
For WDFW	\$ 8,250.00
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,593.19
Corporate Total	\$ 33,939.78

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking	\$ 1,002.68
Kitsap Chapter	(To Be Funded)
LC Checking	\$ 17,568.53
ML Checking	\$ 8,186.22
NW Checking	\$ 2,090.16
OP Checking	\$ Closed 3/25/2013
SEA Checking	\$ 26,343.31
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,746.82
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$ 1,316.59
SPO Checking	\$ Closed 5/19/2014
SW Checking	\$ 5,674.31
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WH Checking	\$ 6,789.27
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Pheasant Forever Predicts Increased Numbers

While some may think the formula for producing pheasants is confusing or downright mysterious, science tells us weather and habitat are the two critical variables determining our pheasant population. Evidenced by our **2014 Pheasant Hunting Forecast**, positive weather patterns during the winter and spring seasons have assisted in population increases for most states.

For bird hunters who enjoy walking tracts of pheasant habitat, the fall hunting season of 2014 should provide a high level of anticipation compared to recent years. See Washington's Pheasant Hunting Forecast below.

Washington – “The Evergreen State” Aims for Positive Change

Forecast: Weather conditions in the state have been much more favorable for nesting and brood rearing compared to 2013. Abundant insect populations have also been noted by biologists in some areas which will ultimately contribute to chick survival, reports **Brian Calkins, WDFW Section Manager for Small Game**. The total 2013 eastern Washington pheasant harvest was 36,752.

“Based on winter and spring weather conditions, we are optimistic that our pheasant harvest will rebound from last year which was one of the lowest on record,” commented **Calkins**. “Adding to our habitat base, several

thousand acres of permanent cover were seeded with forbs (broad leaf plants) in **SE Washington** this year specifically to improve brood rearing habitat for pheasants.” Upland hunters should revisit Washington hunting rules/regulations for differences between the western and eastern portions of the state for bag limits and legal species of take.

Season Dates: Area 1 (Western): September 27, 2014 through November 30, 2014; Area 1.5 (Western Extended, specific locations, see season link below): December 1, 2014 through December 15, 2014; Area 2 (Eastern): October 18, 2014 through January 11, 2015; September 22-26 (hunters 65 years or older only)

Youth Season Dates: September 20, 2014 through September 21, 2014 (16 years of age and under; in Area 1 (Western) the daily bag limit is 2, & possession limit is 4; in Area 2 (Eastern) daily bag limit is 3, & possession limit is 6)

Regular Daily Bag Limit: Area 1 (Western): 2; Area 2 (Eastern): 3; **Possession Limit:** 15

Field Notes: **Grant, Whitman and Yakima Counties** are traditionally among the top producing areas and will be good bets in 2014. Over the past three (3) years, Washington has enrolled approximately 100,000 acres of private land in access agreements in SE Washington specifically targeting upland bird hunting. Much of this acreage is available through **WDFW's** new online reservation system (***Hunters must make a reservation in advance to use these areas.***)



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Migratory Waterfowl Seasons (Significant Changes in Red)**

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Ducks	Statewide	September 20-21, 2014 (Youth Hunt Only (a)	7 (b)	14 (b)
		Oct. 11-15, 2014 and Oct. 18, 2014— Jan. 25, 2015	7 (b)	21 (b)
		EXCEPT Scaup closed Oct. 11 — Oct 31, 2014	3 (b)	9 (b)
(b) Bag Limits:	Statewide	7 ducks to include not more than 2 hen mallards; 2 pintail; 3 scaup; 1 canvasback , and 2 redhead;		
	Western WA	To include not more than 1 harlequin; 2 scoter, 2 long tailed duck; and 2 goldeneye		
(b) Season Limit		1 harlequin in Western WA		
(b) <u>Possession Limits Statewide</u>		6 pintail; 9 scaup; 3 canvasback ; 6 redhead & 6 hen mallards 6 scoter; 6 long tailed duck; & 6 goldeneye in Western WA		
		Coots, and	25	75
		Snipe	8	24

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Geese (except Brant & Aleutian)	Goose Mgmt. Area 1	Early Season — Sept. 10-15, 2014; Oct. 11-23 & Nov 1 2014 thru Jan 25, 2015 EXCEPT snow, Ross, or blue geese can be taken Oct 11, 2014 thru Jan. 25, 2015(d)	5(c) 4 4	15(c) 12 12
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2A	Early Season — Sept. 10-15, 2014; 8 a.m.— 4 p.m. Nov. 8—30 & Dec 10—Jan 25 Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays Only (EXCEPT Ridgefield NWR) Ridgefield NWR open 8 a.m.—4 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays Only Nov. 8-29, 2014 & Dec 11—Jan 24, 2015 EXCEPT CLOSED Nov 11, 27, Dec 25 & Jan 1, 2015	3(c) 4(e) 4(e)	9(c) 12(e) 12(e)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2B	Early Season — Sept. 1-15, 2014; 8 a.m.— 4 p.m. Saturdays & Wednesdays Only Oct. 11-25 & Nov 1, 2014—Jan., 17, 2015	15(c) 4(e)	45(c) 12(e)
(e) Aleutian Geese in Area 2B (e) Season Limit		1 dusky Canada goose	1(e)	3(e)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 3	Early Season — Sept. 10-15, 2014; Oct. 11-23 and Nov. 1, 2014—Jan. 26, 2015	5(c) 4	15(c) 12
	Goose Mgmt. Area 4	Early Season — Sept. 13-14, 2014; Sat, Sun, & Weds, only, Oct. 11— Jan 18, 2015 Nov 11, 27, and 28; Dec 25, 26, 29, & 30, 2014; Jan 1; and every day Jan 19-25, 2015.	3(c) 4	6(c) 12
	Goose Mgmt. Area 5	Early Season — Sept. 13-14, 2014; Oct. 11-13, & Oct 18, 2014—Jan 25, 2015	3(c) 4	6(c) 12
Brant (see authorization requirements on p. 4 of 2014-2015 regulations pamphlet)	Pacific County	Jan. 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17 & 18, 2015	2	6
	Skagit County	Jan. 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, & 25, 2015	2	6
	Skagit County	If the pre-season wintering population in Skagit County is below 6000 (as determined by the early January survey) the brant season in Skagit County will be canceled.		

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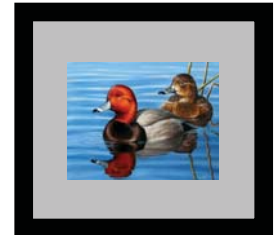
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- ♦ **Drawing Date September 25th, 2014**
- ♦ **Two Chances to Win!**
- ♦ **Two Drawings and Two Winners!**
- ♦ **Hunts will be on the Cedarville Farms exclusive hunting properties during the 2014/2015 waterfowl season.**
- ♦ **Overnight provisions included at the Cedarville Farms Lodge near Oakville, WA.**

Ticket price is \$5.00 per single ticket or \$20.00 for Five tickets.

Proceeds benefit the Washington Waterfowl Associations' Individual Chapter projects like Youth Shooting Events and Youth Water-fowling education.

Contact your **WWA Chapter Chairman** for ticket purchase and contact KurtSnyder@outdrs.net or at 360-485-9353 for purchase and raffle information.



Established 1945
501(c)(3) Tax Exempt

Consider Your Donation For

Heritage Lands



FARMLAND AND PUBLIC ACCESS PRESERVATION

The WWA is launching a private land/public access program called *Heritage Lands*. The goal is farmland preservation and public outdoor recreation opportunity, with the initial implementation in the Skagit and Stillaguamish River valleys.

DON'T let your Heritage Lands Turn from this into....



This Program will **Purchase** Farmland, **Preserve** it, **Conserve** it, **Promote** it, **Maintain** it, and **Manage** it for Waterfowl and **Public Hunting** for you and the Next Generation.

We need your personal, corporate, or in-kind commitment to help us exceed our goal of \$300,000! We currently have a benefactor that will match the first \$2,000. Contact Rone Brewer to donate (206) 595-7481.

Every Donation Helps! WWW.WADUCK.ORG

For additional information please contact:

Rone Brewer, (206) 595-7481
nwducks@frontier.com

Skagit Valley Photos
Courtesy of Dave Honan
www.davehonan.com

WWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Best Phone Contact: () _____

Membership Type:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family (immediate family up to age 18) — | \$ 35.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular — | \$ 30.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Life — | \$ 500.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sustaining Life — | \$ 750.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior (65 or over) - | \$ 15.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior (under age 18) -- | \$ 15.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Year Regular | \$ 50.00 | (New) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Year Family | \$ 60.00 | (New) |
- (2-year memberships not available online)**

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 month (Jan – Nov.) at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center**.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (Feb – Sept alternating between **Café Villa in Prosser** or **El Ranchito, in Zillah**. See Page 2 for this month's meeting location.

Pay with a credit card from our website:

www.waduck.org

or

Mail with a check to: **WWA**,
9792 Edmonds Way
Suite 161
Edmonds, WA 98020

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 pay for all of these "hands on" conservation projects.