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Hey Y'all —

Here we are, at the last newsletter of the year, as duck season is upon us. First to business, I hope you get a chance to look at the facts of Initiatives **591 and 594**. One of my hunting buddies read I-594 carefully a couple weeks ago and called me in exasperation because the proposed rules could easily make us criminals if we give guns to our friends or relatives. It even seems to bring into question the handing of a gun to another person while target practicing or crossing a fence while hunting.

Make no mistake, I-594 is an anti-gun initiative and should be voted down. It is not simply closing the "gun show loophole". However I realize I'm preaching to the choir as far as the majority who receive this Newsletter. What is vitally important is that each one of us educate our non-hunting and non-shooting neighbors as to why they should **Vote NO on I-594 and Vote YES on I-591!** Some talking points for your argument of persuasion are contained on **Pages 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, & 18** of this Newsletter.

Now on to hunting...

I had a stellar opening day with three (3) friends out on **Skagit Bay**. Seemed to be fewer hunting parties out there than past years, but more ducks than the past four or five years. Maybe the ducks (and lack of hunters) was related to the weather, which turned pretty nasty for a while with lightning, thunder, fairly high wind gusts, and pelting rain. But after the squalls passed through, the sun came out for a bit for our boat ride home. After cleaning a pile of ducks and eating a big bowl of homemade chili for dinner, we all agreed it was a pretty spectacular day.

The WWA Year in Review

Looking back it has been a building year for **WWA**. Building our new membership database, building our merchandising, building our membership,

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

- Saturday, Oct 18** 2nd Opener of the 2014-2015 Waterfowl Hunting Season. See **Page 23**.
- Wednesday, Oct 22** **Seattle Chapter Meeting;** 5:30 p.m. @ **Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell.**
FREE Round of Trap or 5-Stand for **ALL** members of **ALL CHAPTERS!**
Contact **John Arrabito**.
- Saturday, Oct 25** **Youth Hunt Day at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).** See Lower Columbia Chapter News on **Page 5**.
- Tuesday, Oct 28** **Southwest Chapter Meeting;** 7 p.m. @ **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club.** Contact **Bruce Burns**.
- Thursday, Oct 30** **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting** 7 p.m. @ **Vancouver Trap Club.** Contact **Rick Scott**.
- Tuesday, Nov 4** **Whatcom County Chapter Meeting** 5-7 p.m. @ **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, Ferndale.** Contact **Scott O'Day**.
- Tuesday, Nov 4** **ELECTION DAY**
Vote For I-591 and Against I-594 to protect your Second Amendment right to protect your family with a firearm.
Inform you non-hunting and non-shooting neighbors to do the same. Use the information and talking points provided in this Newsletter on **Pages 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, and 18**.
- Wednesday, Nov 5** **Kitsap County Chapter Meeting** **Bremerton Trap and Skeet** Contact **Les Hollister**.
- Thursday, Nov 6** **WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting** 6:30 p.m., @ **Canyon Park Denny's.**
All WWA members always welcome.

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building new and renewed individual and corporate member relationships, and conducting the **WWA Corporate (state) Banquet**. Though not the financial success that we had hoped, it was a steep and rewarding learning curve for those of us that had never put on a fundraising banquet before.

Thanks to all the members who have donated thousands of volunteer hours over the year and to our corporate sponsors who make our events rewarding. Please check out the sponsors listed throughout the Newsletter and realize these folks are supporting your public waterfowling experience all year long.

Next year my focus will continue to be connecting with current and new members and financial growth across all chapters. Also, we have some new ideas and options for initiating the **Heritage Lands Program**, we just need the money to make it happen. I look forward to the challenge.

So, here's to a good season, birds in the decoys, and a tall cool one at the end of the day with your hunting partners and families. Be safe, stay warm.



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SEE RESULTS

Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Combined WWA/DU/NRA Youth Event

On September 20th in conjunction with **Moses Lake DU, Moses Lake Friends of the NRA, and Moses Lake WWA** put on an event for youth to go along with the Youth Hunt weekend.

Col. Tom O' Dell bought or got donated merchandise so that every youth received a **Cabela's** blind bag; a **Wise** duck bucket; a camo beanie and neck gaiter; a **Real Avid** gun tool; an LED flashlight and key chain; Camo ear muffs and camo net headset; a **NRA** camo hat; a **WWA** hat; and a **DU Haydel** duck call. It was like Christmas in September.

WA State DU was represented by immediate past state chairman **Mike Hutchins** and current Greenwing and Ladies chairperson, **Joanne Keller**. Eastern WA **DU Field Rep Garrett Coussens** was also there.

Friends of the NRA Field Rep Jim Windrem also showed up to help. **Moses Lake DU and WWA** members **Col. Tom O'Dell, Erin O'Dell, Marvin Leyda, Frank Bosnitch, Dave Helms, Troy Wiley, Aaron Robertson, Caleb Stredwick, and Dick Price** also helped out.

Special thanks go to **Abel Cortina** from the **Yakima WWA Chapter** for showing up and giving the kids a lesson on how to use their new calls. The kids really paid close attention to the **2012 WA State Duck Calling Champion**, and some were pretty good after only a few minutes of instruction. Of course we told all the kids to be sure and practice in the car on their way home!!!!

The cost for all of the donated "swag" and lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs was only \$5 for youths and \$10 for adults because all of the food was donated by current **DU State Chairman Mike Nilsen's** buddy from Idaho who owns

several **Super 1 Food Stores** in Idaho. Not only did he donate the food, but he also delivered it to **MarDon's Resort** for us.

Also thanks to **MarDon's** for the use of their facility to put on this event for the second year in a row. We are already looking forward to doing it again next year.

All in all, we had 38 adults and 41 youths attend the event, and part of them had already gone hunting that morning and/or were planning to go out that afternoon. While the weather was great for the event it was not really good hunting weather — 89 and sunny!!!

Waterfowl Prospects

There should be lots of open water available. **Potholes Reservoir** is adding about one (1) foot per day the last 10 days as the irrigation season winds down. Access to the back bays and potholes should become easier. If you boat on deeper water please use your personal floatation devices (PFD's, aka Life Jackets). Unfortunately we have had two (2) unnecessary drownings on **Potholes** this year because the folks were not wearing PFD's.

The weather in the area is still hot and sunny with a full moon at night so field hunting will probably be pretty slow with the birds feeding early and late in the day.

Whatcom Chapter News

Many thanks to **Brad Otto** and the **Quality Hunt Supervisor** for joining us at our October 7th Chapter meeting and educating all of us on the many available sites to hunt this season.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 4th, @ 7pm at the **Tennant Lake Interpretive Center**.

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

Guest Speaker for October Meeting

Kelly Warren CEO of **Wild Spirit Resources** will be our speaker at the October 30th meeting. His company focuses on nature photography and resource documentation. He collaborated with the Oregon and Washington Wildlife Departments to produce the **"Identification Field Guide to the Geese of the Willamette Valley and Lower Columbia River."**

Banquet a Success

Thanks to the hard work of our members, generous donors and great support from our banquet attendees, we had another successful fundraiser! Our net proceeds were **\$10,393.10** on a gross of **\$20,075.99**. Thanks to **Steve Pagel** for donating his auctioneering talents. **Pioneer Pest Management** owners **Bruce Head** and **Mike Adamson** for their donation of the **Winchester SX3**. President **Rick Scott's Innovative Control Solutions** for his cash donation as well as emceeing the event. **Sportsman's Warehouse** for donating a **Beavertail "Final Attack"** boat and **Mike** their hunting manager for bringing the card cut gun. Thank you to our hard working members, who showed up early set up the room, and acquired and made donations over the previous couple of months. Your efforts are much appreciated. Thanks finally to everyone for making it a priority to show up and participate. We thank you all!

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Work Party

On Saturday September 27th hunter check station volunteer **Dave Lescalleet** and wife **Cindy**, along with the **USFWS Park Ranger Josie Finley** greeted the volunteers for a day of blind cleaning and refurbishing. **Dave** is a retired federal wildlife enforcement officer and donates his time running the hunter check station at **Ridgefield**. With 23 willing workers the group set out to prepare the Refuge for the new hunt season.

We replaced the hunting stools in the new pit blind #12 that we donated last year. The smaller stools will allow more mobility in the blind and should be a better fit for the hunters. The lids on pit blind #5 had rusted out and were replaced with lids fabricated by **Kirk Benson** for his senior high school shop project. We were able to quickly camo the box blinds with Real Grass panels. **Eric Anderson** and other Refuge staff have kept the replacement pumps running during high tide for the last several weeks. They have had to start and shut down the auxiliary pump system at all hours of the day and night. Their work to provide water in spite of the underground power line failure has

ensured plenty of water for opening day. **Bob Taylor** will set out the directional signage for the blinds prior to the opener. Thanks **Bob!**

Thanks to the following members who were able to make it for this work party: **Jerry Piazza, Michael Andriotti, Dave & Ryan Weston, Dan Weston, Dave Chavez, Rick Scott, Doug Hargin, Arlan Hackett, Al O'Connor, Michael & Susan Ellis** and **Daren Hauswald**. Thank you all for your efforts!



Before and After Pictures of Blind #13 at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)



Shillapoo Work Party

On Saturday October 4th a good turnout of Chapter members installed and brushed 4th blinds at the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. **Wildlife Area Manager Daren Hauswald** and his assistant **Tyler** were on hand to help the group place the blinds. They did a great job, and the blinds really look good. All we need now is a lot of rain to fill the wetlands! Thank you to the following members for their

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time and efforts: **Ted Blade, Dan Hafenbrack, Dave Herbenson, Jack Whitney, Bob Esperto and Arlan Hackett.**

Birdfest 2014

Birdfest and Bluegrass Celebration was the main attraction in the **City of Ridgefield** on October 4th and 5th. **Al O'Connor** set up the **WWA** trailer to represent our group at the event. Thanks to **Al** for his efforts on this busy weekend.

Ridgefield NW Refuge Youth Hunt on Saturday, October 25th

We will have decoys, calls and provide prizes for the young hunters. A BBQ for the youth and the adults accompanying them will be provided. The refuge will open up general hunting at noon for those desiring to take available blinds.



(Above L - R) WWA-LC Chapter Members, Bob Esperto, Dan Hafenbrack, Tyler with WDFW, Jack Whitney, Dave Herbenson and Arlan Hackett.



(L to R) LC Chapter members and guests at an early October Work Party at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Al O'Conner, Dave Chavez, Chapter President Rick Scott, Greg Ellyson, Dave Lescalleet, Dylan Olive, Cliff Nichols, Cindy Lescalleet, and Gary Piazza.

News for the Flock



2014

WWA Membership Drive RAFFLE WINNERS !!!



1. Winchester SX3, Camo, 3 ½ inch, 12 gauge or \$1,000 cash.
Bob Boldman, WWA-Seattle Chapter
2. Moses Lake Hosted Duck or Goose Hunt for 2 & \$100 travel money.
Jim Goldsmith, WWA-Grays Harbor Chapter
3. Hosted Brant Hunt for 2 @ Samish Island Brant Club & \$100 travel money.
Claudean Talbert, WWA-NW Chapter
4. Guided Goose Hunt for 2 with Burbank Guide Service & \$100 travel money.
Brendan Osburn, WWA-NW Chapter
5. WWA Sustaining Life Membership, Life Member jacket, plaque, a \$750 value.
William Dunlap, WWA-Lower Columbia Chapter
6. WWA Regular Life Membership, WWA belt buckle, plaque, a \$500 value.
Jessica Dunn, WWA-Seattle Chapter
7. Remington Express Super Mag, 3 1/2 inch, 12 gauge.
Dave Farley, WWA-Seattle Chapter
8. \$200 Gift Certificate at a business of your choice.
Matthew Klope, WWA-NW Chapter
9. Case of 12 gauge Hevi-Metal Shotgun Shells.
Ren Dike, WWA-Seattle Chapter
10. Mossberg Youth 20 gauge pump shotgun.
Gary Talbert, WWA-NW Chapter
11. 2014 WA Duck Stamp Print, framed and matted.
Bonnie Pullman, WWA-NW Chapter
12. Case of 12 gauge, 3 ½ inch magnum shotshells.
John Smith, Spokane
13. Case of 12 gauge, 3 inch magnum shot shells.
John Hanson, WWA-Seattle Chapter
14. Case of 12 gauge, 2 ¾ inch magnum shot shells.
David Bean, WWA-Seattle Chapter
15. Case of 12 gauge, 2 ¾ inch shotshells.
Jessica Dunn, WWA-Seattle Chapter
16. \$100 Gift Certificate at a business of your choice.
Ed Whitford, WWA-NW Chapter
17. Case of Clay Pigeons & Case of 12 gauge trap load shotshells.
Jessica Dunn, WWA-Seattle Chapter
18. Ammo Can with 4 boxes of 12 gauge, Hevi-Metal shotshells.
John Arrabito, WWA-Seattle Chapter
19. Ammo Can with 4 boxes of 12 gauge, Hevi-Metal shotshells.
Timon Gasowski, WWA-Seattle Chapter
20. Two (2) tickets to the 2015 WWA-Corporate Banquet.
John Burk, Sr., WWA-NW Chapter

Drawing conducted October 7th by WWA Newsletter Publishers, **Andrew and Cheryl Koeppen**, at the **Offices of Hot Off the Press**.

The Drive brought in 102 new members, 14 of the 20 of which were Raffle winners!

To make arrangements to receive your prize, please contact **WWA Membership Director, Gary Talbert** at (360) 679-2067 or **Treasurer John Arrabito** at jarrabito@comcast.net

Note

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Firearms must be picked up by October 31, 2014.

NOTICE – FIREARMS WILL BE RELEASED ONLY TO THE ITEM WINNER. IF THE APPLICANT IS DECLINED ON THE MANDATORY FEDERAL BACKGROUND CHECK, THE FIREARM RETURNS TO WWA OWNERSHIP.

News for the Flock



WELCOME NEW & RETURNING WWA MEMBERS !!!!



| CHAPTER | LAST NAME | FIRST CITY | YEAR | CHAPTER | LAST NAME | FIRST CITY | YEAR | |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| KC | Abrahamson | RichardPort | Ludlow | 2014-S* | WH | Lausier Fredric | Blaine | 2016* |
| NW | Bahr Brandon | Oak Harbor | 2014* | NW | LeVan Duke | Lake Stevens | 2014* | |
| LC | BarnumBruce | Vancouver | 2014* | SW | Lisowski, Brady | Spanaway | 2014-S* | |
| SEA | Bean David | Monroe | 2014-J* | SEA | Long Chris | Redmond | 2014* | |
| SEA | Bean Jonathan | Monroe | 2014-J* | SEA | Long Chris | Redmond | 2014* | |
| NW | Benson Kurt | Stanwood | 2014* | LC | Lowrey Mike | Ridgefield | 2014-F* | |
| NW | Black Brian | Bow | 2014* | NW | Masonholder, Brian | Mt. Vernon | 2014-F* | |
| SEA | Boldman, Bob | Edmonds | 2014* | SE | McGovern, Jacob | Lynnwood | 2014-J* | |
| SP | Bornholdt, Richard | Spokane | 2014* | SE | McGovern, Paul | Lynnwood | 2014* | |
| NW | Bridges Joe | Arlington | 2014* | LC | McPhee James | Columbia City, OR | 2014* | |
| NW | Broker Ron | Craigmont, ID | 2014* | LC | Meyer James | Ridgefield | 2014* | |
| LC | Buckley Wayne | Vancouver | 2014* | LC | Mirza Iurie | Ridgefield | 2014* | |
| NW | Burk, Miriam | Oak Harbor | 2014-F | NW | Montoya, David | Marysville | 2014* | |
| NW | Burk, Sr., John | Oak Harbor | 2014-S* | NW | Moody Thomas | Sedro Woolley | 2014-F | |
| NW | Churchill, Todd | Arlington | 2014* | NW | Moore Frank | Bridgeport, WA | 2014* | |
| NW | Cicero David | Oak Harbor | 2014-F* | SEA | Morgan Jeff | Everett | 2014-F* | |
| SEA | Cochran, Shaunie | Snohomish | LIFE* | SEA | Mosko Lawrence | Seattle | 2014* | |
| GH | Davis Joshua | Tenino | 2014* | SEA | Muldowney, Doug | Sammamish | 2014* | |
| NW | Davis Lou Ann | Mt. Vernon | 2014-S | LC | Murray Quinn | Camas | 2014* | |
| LC | DeLone Alan | Vancouver | 2014* | NW | Nelson Larry | Clear Lake | 2014-S | |
| SEA | Dike Ren | Seattle | 2014* | SEA | Nelson Stan | Shoreline | 2014-S | |
| NW | Dobbs James | Burlington | 2015* | WH | Newton Mark | Sumas | 2014* | |
| NW | Dunkin Michael | Snohomish | 2014* | SE | Nicholson, Jim | Sammamish | 2014* | |
| LC | Dunlap Barbara | Longview | 2014-F* | NW | Osburn Brendan | Stanwood | 2014* | |
| SEA | Dunn Jessica | Kirkland | LIFE* | NW | Painter Mike | Anacortes | 2014* | |
| SW | Ehnat Tom | Tacoma | 2014* | SEA | Patty Gerald | Seattle | 2014-F* | |
| SEA | Farley Dave | Snohomish | LIFE* | NW | Perkes Cody | Oak Harbor | 2014 | |
| SW | Finley Wade | Graham | 2014* | KC | Petersen, Larry | Port Ludlow | 2014-S* | |
| WH | Flint Greg | Lynden | 2014-F* | NW | Peterson, Sean | Sedro Woolley | 2014* | |
| SW | Gallo Frank | Puyallup | 2014* | LC | Piazza M.J. | Brush Prairie | 2014-S | |
| NW | Gerardt, Robert B. | Burlington | 2014* | SEA | Pierce Rick | Bothell | 2014* | |
| NW | Gibson William | Arlington | 2014-F* | NW | Pullman, Bonnie | Sedro Woolley | 2014-F | |
| GH | Goldsmith, William | Olympia | LIFE* | SEA | Reed Isaac | Snohomish | 2014* | |
| SEA | Goodenough, Ryan | Sammamish | 2014* | KC | Reginato, John | Gig Harbor | 2014* | |
| NW | Gray Kyle | Marysville | 2014* | NW | Reid Tyler | Burlington | 2014 | |
| NW | Griep Matthew | Arlington | 2014-J* | SE | Reyes Miguel | Seattle | 2014* | |
| SEA | Harris Josh | Lynnwood | 2014* | GH | Roberts Hunter | Tumwater | 2014-J | |
| NW | Hobbs Jim | Burlington | 2014-F* | SEA | Rooney Patrick | Snoqualmie | 2014-F* | |
| NW | Holt Tony | LaConner | 2014 | NW | Rosemore, Eric | Oak Harbor | 2014* | |
| NW | Huggins Greg | Tulalip | 2014* | SEA | Roskelley, Robert | Anchorage | 2014-S* | |
| NW | Ingals Steven | Marysville | 2014 | SEA | Rossen Shane | Mill Creek | 2014-F* | |
| NW | Janicki Peter | Sedro Woolley | 2014* | SEA | Russell Adam | Seattle | 2014* | |
| NW | Jeffreys Simon | Puyallup | 2014* | SEA | Russell Matt | Seattle | 2014* | |
| NW | Kendall Lee | Superior, CO | 2014-F* | SEA | Sandifer, John | Seattle | 2014-S* | |
| NW | Klope Matthew | Oak Harbor | 2014* | SW | Satre Tim | Puyallup | 2014* | |
| GH | Lane Troy | LaCenter | 2014-F* | NW | Schroeder, Kenneth | Arlington | 2015* | |
| WH | Lausier Fredric | Blaine | 2016* | | | | | |

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Welcome New Members Continued

| CHAPTER | LAST NAME | FIRST CITY | YEAR |
|---------|----------------------|---------------|---------|
| SW | Schulz Matthew | Puyallup | 2014* |
| LC | Scott Doug | Vancouver | 2014* |
| NW | Sebens Kenneth | Oak Harbor | 2014-S* |
| LC | Sherwood, Craig | Camas | 2014* |
| SEA | Skoglund, Paul | Medina | 2014-S* |
| GH | Small Jason | Olympia | 2014-F* |
| SP | Smtih John | Spokane | 2014* |
| LC | Snider Timothy | Vancouver | 2014* |
| SW | Spero Howard | Puyallup | 2014* |
| LC | Spring Rick | Vancouver | 2014 |
| ML | Stanford, Doug | Moses Lake | 2015* |
| KC | Stevick Paul | Bremerton | 2014-S* |
| SW | Stock Bill | Puyallup | 2015* |
| NW | Talbert Claudean | Oak Harbor | LIFE* |
| GH | Taylor Allen | Rainier | 2014* |
| SW | Taylor Troy | Puyallup | 2014* |
| NW | Tholstrip, Brian | Sedro Woolley | 2014-F* |
| TRI | Trimble, Tom | Kennewick | 2014-F* |
| NW | Trueman, Richard | Mt. Vernon | 2014-S |
| LC | Venema, Dale | Battle Ground | 2014-S* |
| LC | Vsixteen Development | Vancouver | 2014* |
| NW | Walsh Jon | Oak Harbor | 2015* |
| ML | Waltz Jeff | Othello | 2014* |
| LC | Weston Daniel | Vancouver | 2014* |
| NW | Whitford, Ed | Arlington | 2014* |
| KC | Wilson James | Paulsbo | 2014* |

Tri-Cities Chapter News

No News This Month

Grays Harbor Chapter News

No News This Month

Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month

Northwest Chapter News

By Reb Broker

Well there I was a week out and chomping at the bit. The dog was all tuned up and excited to put all of our work over the past few months into birds in the mouth. So with starting out a new season I thought that it would make sense to wrap up the old one.

A Clever Way to Encourage Spent Shell Pickup

The NorthWest Chapter had a busy year. Throughout last season we emptied out shell receptacle at three (3) different locations every week during the season. A special thanks to **Art Kendall** for all of his work in getting these built and being the one that placed, checked them on a regular basis, and removed them at the end of the season.



In February we got together to build Wood Duck Nesting Boxes. Six (6) of us put our heads down and banged out over a dozen of these boxes. Then went in the house and enjoy some good eats and some cool refreshments. Thanks to **Rone Brewer** for hosting this event. If anyone is interested in getting a box give me a call and we can get one in your hands. *(Continued on Page 9)*



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Blind Building....

The last weekend in April and first weekend in May the Chapter went to the **Farmed Island of the Skagit Wildlife Area** and built five (5) blinds this was a great event as we were able to not only build the blinds but we were able to familiarize some hunters with new area's to hunt. Hopefully it will pay off for them this season.



....And Youth Hunts

Like many chapters, the **Northwest** was able to conduct our Youth Hunt on the Youth Only Weekend of Sept 20th & 21st. Thanks again to **The Nature Conservancy (TNC)** for allowing us to use their site at the mouth of the **Stillaguamish River**.

I also want to especially thank **Rick Skiba** for all of his work in putting together the hunts this year working with **TNC** and providing support for their site. None of this would come together without his efforts. We had seven (7) different groups out over that weekend and everyone got some shooting in. Was kind of slow on the shooting but we were all able to work on our tans! Hoping to be able to have another late season hunt for the kids again. Stay tuned for details!

Chapter Received a State Duck Stamp Grant

The Chapter also submitted and was approved for a State Duck Stamp Grant. This grant was to mow blackberries, repair the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Blind**, and cut down a large area of dog hair cottonwoods to open up a flooded timber area. All adding additional hunting acres for Waterfowlers.

It all came together on 27 September as we had 16 volunteers and members show up to go to work. Also had the pleasure of working with the Hosts and Crew from **TV's WaterFowl Evolution**. Not only were they hard workers and got right in, they really helped out in moving the chipper around and getting trucks unstuck! I won't say any names now, but if it survives the editing room you will be able to see it in an episode starting in January 2015 on the Pursuit Channel.

On a side note, anyone that hasn't gotten to run a large chipper needs to! I put one on my Christmas wish list.

Another ADA Blind

Last but not least **Art Kendall** and I were out at Skagit HQ recently to work on another **ADA** blind and cutting cattails to open up a spot for birds to land. With a few tidal flows, this area will be opened up and ready for waterfowlers.

One Chapter — 274 Hours of Volunteer Effort

So after I go through these projects, and I know that our members had even more things that they spent time on. I had to tip my hat for over 274 hours of volunteer time "For the Resource." So when asked what **WWA** does for the sport, here is just one chapter's efforts! Thanks again to all of our members and their family for the support!

The last thing that I will add is that I saw about 3,000 to 4,000 Snow Geese that were starting to hit the fields. Good luck and have a safe and plentiful season! Give me a call if you have any questions about hunting this area!

Kitsap County Chapter News

By Les Hollister



WWA-Kitsap County Chapter members James Marron and Krista O'Connor are refurbishing one of the floating (and chain anchored) salt water blinds at Lynch Cove before brushing it up for the waterfowling season.

Kitsap WWA has had a busy month! Thanks to all of our volunteers and a special thank you to **WDFW Regional Biologist, Jeffrey Skriletz** for giving us a chance to help out!

We did a check on the **Lynch Cove** blinds and re-brushed the walk in blind, as well as cleaned the trash from the floating blinds. We also conducted maintenance on the exciting blinds and also built an **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** wheel chair accessible blind at **The Shorts Farm**.

Duck season has begun and our hard work has paid off for some quality public hunting in Kitsap County.

Just a reminder the **WWA-Kitsap Chapter** meets at the **Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club** the first Wednesday of every month at 6 pm! Come bring a shotgun and join us! Any questions call **Les Hollister** 210-410-3037.

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Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

Last FREE Round of Shooting before the Season

Well proposed dual program hosts — Six (6) time **WA State Duck Calling Champion, Shane Rossen**, and **WDFW Region 4 Director, Bob Everitt** both had schedule conflicts on our Wednesday, October 22nd, meeting night, so we'll just offer up another **FREE** round of Trap or 5-Stand to **ALL WWA** members of **ALL Chapters** whose dues are current! Grab your shotgun and come out and join us.

There's A New Sheriff In Town

They say one vote can make all the difference. Well one single broken clay pigeon was all that separated the new "**Ferd Nist**" **Shooting Champion** from a former multi-year winner of the event. In a shooting competition held over two (2) months in three (3) different shooting disciplines — regular trap, doubles, and a slider — **David Hanson** won bragging rights as the best **WWA** Shotgunner for 2014 by shooting one more clay bird than six (6) time **Ferd Nist Champion, Gary Webster**.

The annual competition is named in honor of one of the founders and main benefactors of **WWA** in 1945 [then known as **Washington Duck Hunters, Inc.**]. Congratulations **Dave!** His name now joins his uncle, **John Hanson**, on the traveling trophy. John won the event in 1992.

BJ Brown Shoot Donations to WWA top \$10,500

Jenny and Mike Lutz have donated another \$1,545 from the nets proceeds of the **Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shotgun Shoot** held annually in August in honor of their son, **BJ**, who died tragically in 2006 in an automobile accident when he was just 18 years of age. In their eight (8) years of hosting this event, Jenny and Mike have donated some \$10,545 to **WWA!**

Because of a special raffle for a Browning Sporting Clays semi automatic 12 gauge shotgun in conjunction with this year's shoot, another \$1,035 was donated to the **Northshore Scholarship Foundation**, which awards a \$2,000 college scholarship to a **Bothell High School** graduate each of the last eight (8) years.

All proceeds of the event are donated as snacks, trophies, and a catered BBQ lunch are all paid for by **BJ's** family.

"**BJ** was an avid waterfowl hunter, a trap boy [at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range** where the event is held], a gifted snowboarder, a bright young man who loved people and adventure. This event helps us to remember his spirit; his energy; his love of life. He is so deeply missed, says **Jenny**."



Jenny wished to thank the many volunteers who help she and **Mike** put on the annual shoot. According to **Jenny**, the event would not be possible without the help and support of **Patricia and Gary Webster**, and the generous raffle donations of **Kathy and Larry Gordon** of **AMS Guns** in Woodinville.

Her simple goal: To see every Chapter of **WWA** put together a shooting squad to compete against each other in this event in the future.

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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!

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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.

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Hi all.

The geese are here in my neck of the woods now. Every day large flocks fly over my house wave after wave. Mostly Specklebellies, but lots of large honkers too. They frequent the gravel pit ponds that surround my place to the south. I think someone may be shooting them nearby.

The duck action has been slow around here but should pick up with the coming of nasty weather. Fingers crossed.

Youth Shooting Event a Success

Our Chapter hosted it's **Third Annual Youth Shooting** event on the 13th of September, and we consider it a success. We had more shooters and **LOTS** of volunteer support! The event was considered a success because we exceeded our goals to have a function set up just for the younger shooters and introduce hunting in a safe and fun way.

I have a ton of thank you's to put out so I will start with all those that volunteered to staff the event. We could not do this stuff without you all. You have given until it hurts in some cases. Thank you all!

We also had a great financial sponsorship supporting the event. Big **THANK YOU'S** to; Cedarville Farms, Tanglefree Waterfowling Products, and a few of our members that donated gifts to give as prizes. Thank you to **Greg Fulwider** for that.

We look forward to putting this event on again for 2015!

Cedarville Hunt Raffle Winners

Congratulations to **Mike Nesbitt and Jake Countryman**, the two winners of our **Cedarville Hunt for Two Raffle**. **Jake** was an entry in the **Youth Shooting Event**, and we are happy to report that this will be his first waterfowl hunt ever! Ahh, I remember it well....

Many thanks to all that bought and sold these raffle tickets. If any of you would like to see the raffle report, an official Grays Harbor Chapter record, just let me know, and I will supply it to any **WWA** member in good standing (meaning dues paid current).

I wish you **ALL** a very productive, fun and safe waterfowl season and hope to see some of you "out there!"

Kurt Snyder,
Chairman,

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WWA News Briefs....

The Ultra Rich With Their Own Armed Security Want to Prohibit You From Arming Yourself

Initiative Contributions and Spending for Washington State 2014 General Election (from **WA Public Disclosure Comm.** as reported on October 15, 2014).

I-594 Background Checks for Gun Sales and Transfers

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Contributions -- | \$8,899,733 |
| Expenditures -- | \$7,313,235 |

I-594 Against Background Checks

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|------------------|------------|
| Contributions -- | \$ 432,597 |
| Expenditures -- | \$ 373,704 |

Major contributors to date

I-594 For Background Checks for Gun Sales and Transfers

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|---|-------------|
| Nicolas Hanauer, Seattle, WA | \$1,385,000 |
| Lenore M. Hanauer, Seattle WA | \$ 100,000 |
| Every Town for Gun Safety, New York, NY (aka former NY Mayor, Michael Bloomberg) | \$1,650,000 |
| Connie Balmer Bellevue, WA | \$ 575,000 |
| Steve Balmer Bellevue, WA | \$ 500,000 |
| William Gates, III Kirkland, WA | \$ 525,000 |
| Melinda Gates Kirkland, WA | \$ 525,000 |
| Paul Allen Seattle, WA | \$ 500,000 |
| Ann P. Wyckoff, Shoreline, WA | \$ 375,000 |

EveryTown for Gun Safety Action Fund for I-594

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|------------------|------------|
| Contributions -- | \$ 648,241 |
| Expenditures -- | \$ 645,633 |

Major contributors to date

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|---|------------|
| Every Town for Gun Safety, New York, NY (aka former NY Mayor, Michael Bloomberg) | \$ 215,920 |
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I-591 Protect Our Gun Rights

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|------------------|-------------|
| Contributions -- | \$1,230,031 |
| Expenditures -- | \$1,060,652 |

Major contributors to date

| | |
|--|------------|
| Washington Arms Collectors | \$ 502,544 |
| Citizens Comm for the Right to Keep & Bear Arms | \$ 305,000 |
| Gun Owners Action League | \$ 100,000 |

What Seattle Liberals Think of Us “Gun Nuts”

(From WA Arms Collectors.org)

Seattle’s best source of bird cage liner, *The Stranger*, can – if naught else – be counted on to reveal how the self-appointed liberal elites of Seattle really view you and the world in general when they don’t think folks of other viewpoints might be listening.

According to *The Stranger*, support of I-591 is limited to “a handful of private arms dealers” and “is put forward by gun nuts” before going on to describe supporters as “a bunch of cowardly arms dealers.”

Never one to miss a chance to act out the role of mouthpiece of the Seattle liberal elite, *The Stranger* opposes I-591 while carefully neglecting to mention that it is supported by the **Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs (WACOPS)** and the **Washington State Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association (WSLEFIA)** – two of the largest and most firearms-knowledgeable law enforcement organizations in the state.

Apparently the “one-percent,” while generally nefarious *illuminati*, are suddenly far wiser than folks who actually deal with folks who deal with guns and law enforcement (and law enforcement resource allocation) on a daily basis for a living.

Or it could be such folks are just old-fashioned hypocrites.

Federal Mandates Undermine State Wildlife Mgmt.

(From [Biggameforever.org](http://biggameforever.org))

There is a new threat that puts previous efforts to shame. A petition is before the Obama administration that will restrict access on 165M acres of prime deer and upland bird hunting areas in the Western United States by listing the Greater Sage-Grouse on the **Endangered Species List**. This bold new move threatens not only our rights as hunters, but tens of billions in economic productivity, hundreds of thousands of jobs, and hundreds of millions in **Education Funding** from **School Trust Lands**

You might recall the results of dramatic federal mandates when it came to wolves and spotted owls, and you understand the kind of lasting damage this kind of a listing can have.

You are the front-lines of this major battle for the western states, so we need you to sign our petition right away, and share this with your like-minded friends and neighbors! Head to <http://biggameforever.org/sage-grouse/sportsmen> now to make your voice heard.

Is this a big deal for you? Absolutely. Listing Greater Sage-Grouse as “threatened” under the **Endangered Species Act** will allow powerful special interest groups to stop balanced use of our natural resources and block access to America’s great public lands. Together we can stop this dangerous agenda. Sign the petition asking Congress to keep the sage grouse off the **Endangered Species List**.

Federal officials in Washington D.C. are asking us to trust them instead of supporting programs that are working in our own backyards. Our tax dollars shouldn't be wasted by another massive regulatory decision out of WA DC.

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In A Nutshell.... (Compiled from multiple news sources)

Initiative 594 would extend criminal background checks to all gun sales or transfers. Background checks would not be required for gifts between immediate family members or for antiques.

Initiative 591, the opposite of I-594, would forbid the government from requiring background checks unless a uniform national standard is required. It would also make it unlawful for any government agency to confiscate guns or other firearms from citizens without due process.

Think about it. If as proponents of I-594 argue, it is only a “universal background check” measure, then why does it take 18 pages to describe the Initiative?

Those opposed to I-594 argue that it is really a universal handgun registration scheme being pushed by a very wealthy group of anti-gun elitists.

The reason: Buried in the 18 pages, under I-594 every time a handgun is transferred, the person receiving the handgun will have their name added to a database being maintained by the **WA State Department of Licensing**. In other words, **I-594 would create a government record of all lawfully transferred firearms in Washington**, which could be used to facilitate their future confiscation.

The Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility (WAGR) talks a lot about how I-594 will keep guns out of the hands of criminals. But I-594 is not aimed at criminals who, by definition, do not obey the law.

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.

I-594 will not be an effective crime deterrent. It will only impose heavy burdens and legal hurdles for law-abiding

citizens who want to exercise their Second Amendment rights to possess a firearm.

“Gifts” vs. “Transfers” Confuse Voters

Under I-594 you would still be able to “**gift**” a firearm to an immediate family member without going through a background check.

However 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. This is because in reality, I-594 regulates all firearm “**transfers**” and the exemptions are so narrow and limited that, in most cases, they will not apply.

I-594 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 a dictionary will clarify that “intended” means “intentional,” and “deliver” means “to hand over.”

So 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 — i.e.,

- 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.

And, for Dad to return the shotgun to his son, that’s another “**transfer**” and so it’s back to the dealer to go through the whole process again!

It’s complete lunacy that won’t affect criminals, who again by definition, do not obey the law in any event.

News for the Flock

TREASURERS. REPORT (10-2-2014)

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| Chapter (LC, ML & SEA) | |
| Trust Monies for Goose | |
| Satellite Transmitters | |
| For WDFW | \$ 8,250.00 |
| Jay Koetje Trust for | |
| Skagit Farmed Island | \$ 1,250.00 |
| Corporate C.D. | \$ 17,594.98 |
| Corporate Total | \$ 53,157.99 |

CHAPTER FINANCES

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| GH Checking | \$ 1,618.19 |
| Kitsap Chapter | (To Be Funded) |
| LC Checking | \$ 28,673.10 |
| ML Checking | \$ 8,186.22 |
| NW Checking | \$ 2,342.16 |
| OP Checking | \$ Closed 3/25/2013 |
| SEA Checking | \$ 26,136.51 |
| SEA CD Amount | \$ 9,747.19 |
| SEA Robert Hickok Fund | \$ 1,316.61 |
| SPO Checking | \$ Closed 5/19/2014 |
| SW Checking | \$ 4,602.38 |
| Tri-Cities Checking | \$ 300.00 |
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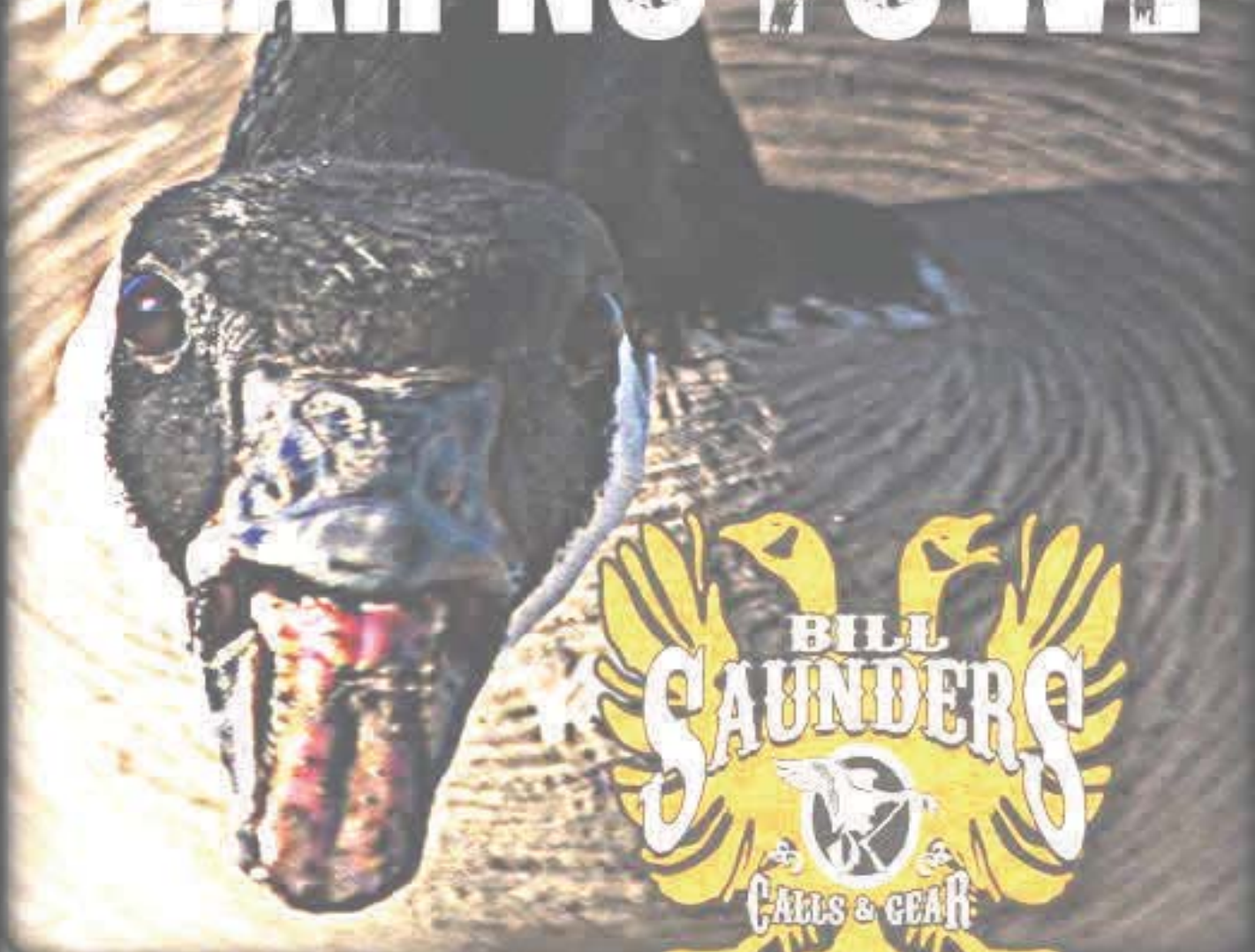
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WWA Youth Fund — \$1,345

WWA Legal Fund — \$17,457

Ken Packard for Leque Island — \$1,000

WWA Habitat Fund — \$580

Paul Skogland — \$85

WWA Jay Koetje Memorial Fund for Skagit Farmed Island — \$1,875

Guyette & Deeter, Inc. — \$500

Gary and Claudean Talbert — \$50

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Summers — \$25

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$6,256

Joel Meeteer — \$65

Stan Nelson — \$85

WWA General Fund — \$128



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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 | | 1 dusky Canada goose | 1(e) | 3(e) |
| (e) Season Limit | | | | |
| | 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. | | |

EDITOR'S NOTE: CHECK THE COMPLETE 2014-2015 REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFICS NOT PRINTED HERE.

News for the Flock

WWA MEMBER FREE CLASSIFIEDS



FOR SALE — German Shorthair Puppies

Our GSP's, Nitro and Jetta, just recently produced 8 pups; 3 black males, 4 black females, and 1 solid liver female w/white chest (no ticking). **Nitro and Jetta** are both **NAVHDA Natural Ability Prize 1 Dogs**. In addition **Nitro** is an **International Champion**, and awarded **Best of Breed at Ridgefield, WA IABCA Show**. We will run Jetta in this event as soon as she is back in shape. We are certain she will confirm as an International Champion.

We have had both dogs eyes and hips tested, they were both certified with excellent results. Test results are available. Jetta and Nitro are registered with **AKC** and we have three (3) generations of lineage available. Both dogs are also registered with **NAVHDA** and will be registered with **GSP of Washington**. These puppies will be available mid December.

By the time the pups are released they will have been shot over. They will have been wormed and received

the necessary shots for their age. In addition the pups will have been tested for **Prey Drive** and stressed for temperament to eliminate fear biters.

We will be asking **\$1500.00** for the pups. The only hook is I will require that the pups go to a hunting family. These dogs need room to run and require about an hour a day of exercise. Running not walking. I worked **Nitro and Jetta** for about 10-15 minutes a day to ready them for the **NAVHDA N/A Test**. I highly recommend that you run the dog in a **NAVHDA N/A Test**. These people are awesome and will help you with any training you and the pup may need. We will be taking deposits for these dogs starting October 16th, 2014. The deposit of \$100.00 is non refundable. Please, only make a deposit if you are serious about a puppy. We only have (five) 5 pups that are not spoken for. We would appreciate hearing from prospective buyers by telephone **206 963 6065** or e-mail tpptyrant@msn.com. These dogs are affectionate and live to hunt. Looking forward to hearing from you. **Gary and Patricia Webster**.

FOR SALE -- BOAT, MOTOR & TRAILER -- \$1,350. READY TO HUNT!

12' fiberglass layout boat made by Barefoot Electric Boat Co.

Width 38" — Depth 12" — Weight 85 lb.

Load capacity 540 lb — Cockpit Dimensions — 90" x 22"

Boat comes with a 36 lb thrust Minn Kota (shortened to fit boat); deep cycle battery; and paddle. Grass camo cover was made last year. Cover is made from rot proof screen and hand sown, held on with snaps & clips. Also has a cover for towing to protect the grass. It has been stored under cover so the grass is not rotten.

Tilt Trailer has been rebuilt with all new steel, new tires, and new bearings with bearing buddies. Trailer by itself will accommodate a 12' to 14' aluminum boat.

I will sell the boat, motor, battery and paddle -- without the trailer -- for **\$950.00**. Have title & license in hand. If you have any questions call **Howard Hicks** at **253-847-6274**.



2014 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

The **Washington Waterfowl Association** is please to present the 2014

Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp and Limited Edition Print

Revenue received through this program will be used by the **Washington Waterfowl Association** and the **Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife**, to improve habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds in Washington.

This year's artwork, a pair of redheads afloat on the water, was created by **Ms. Cynthia Fisher**.

Double Down for the Ducks

Please consider ordering two stamps or prints to increase finances available for waterfowl and other migratory birds.



To order your print[s] and accompanying stamps, please complete the application on the other side of this sheet.

2014 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

Please send me:

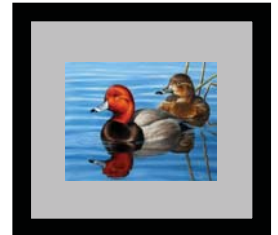
1 2 3 4 (circle one) or more _____: unframed print(s)



1 2 3 4 (circle one) or more _____: unframed print(s) and stamp(s)



1 2 3 4 (circle one) or more _____: framed print(s) and stamp(s)



If available, the edition number(s) I would like are: _____

Please Ship Prints to:

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

I have included \$55* for each unframed print for a total of \$_____.00

I have included \$70* for each unframed print & stamp for a total of \$_____.00

I have included \$120* for each framed print/stamp for a total of \$_____.00

*(Prices include shipping and handling)

Total Amount: \$_____.00

Mail a check for the total amount to:

Washington Waterfowl Association

PO Box 2131

Auburn, WA 98071-2131

Order/Pay Online with PayPal: http://www.waduck.org/WWA_Duck_Stamps.htm

2014/15 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Order Form
 (Complete order form and submit with check or money order for the combined total)

Please include a self addressed stamped envelope and proper protective materials to:

WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION
 PO Box 2131
 Auburn WA 98071-2131

Orders must be received by March 31, 2015 for fulfillment by WWA

Questions? Call 206-890-9559

See next page for examples of stamp order types

| | | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|---|----------|
| TYPE A STAMPS | _____ | X \$15.00 | = | \$ _____ |
| Single stamps | No. of stamps | | | Total |
| TYPE B STAMPS | _____ | X \$30.00 | = | \$ _____ |
| Corner block of 2 stamps | No. of blocks | | | Total |
| TYPE C STAMPS | _____ | X \$60.00 | = | \$ _____ |
| Corner block of 4 stamps | No. of blocks | | | Total |
| TYPE D STAMPS | _____ | X \$90.00 | = | \$ _____ |
| Corner block of 6 stamps | No. of blocks | | | Total |
| TYPE E STAMPS | _____ | X \$135.00 | = | \$ _____ |
| Corner block of 9 stamps | No. of blocks | | | Total |
| TYPE F STAMPS | _____ | X \$450.00 | = | \$ _____ |
| Full sheet of 30 stamps | No. of sheets | | | Total |
| TYPE G STAMPS | _____ | X \$15.00 | = | \$ _____ |
| Mini-sheet; looks similar to Federal Duck Stamps | No. of mini-sheets | | | Total |
| Combined Total | | | | \$ _____ |

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone number with area code _____

Email _____

Please include a self addressed stamped envelope and proper protective materials

WASHINGTON MIGRATORY BIRD STAMP ORDER TYPES

| Stamp Sales Description | Type E | Type D |
|--|--------|--------|
| Type A = Single Stamps | | |
| Type B = Corner Block of 2 Stamps | | |
| Type C = Corner Block of 4 Stamps | | |
| Type D = Corner Block of 6 Stamps | Type A | |
| Type E = Corner Block of 9 Stamps | | |
| Type F = Full Sheet of 30 Stamps | | |
| <u>Note:</u> All Stamps are in full color | | |



Type G Mini-sheet

Business Directory

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Washington's Premier Guide Service Since 1977
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East Harbor Gun Dogs 360-861-8385
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Attorney at Law (FAX) 425-775-8016
Lynnwood, WA jarrabito@comcast.net

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Oakville, WA www.cedarvillefarms@aol.com

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Ellensburg, WA
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Bay City, OR 97107 www.baysideoregon.com

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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

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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.