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Habitat, Hunting, Legislation, Legal

A fine spring to y'all...and what can we do for ducks in the spring, you may ask? Well, within the **Washington Waterfowl Association's** broader vision of **Habitat, Hunting, Legislation, and Legal**, and to steal a phrase from M.C. Hammer...Its Habitat Time!

We've already cleaned out the next boxes and nest tubes so the ducks are now setting up residence and laying eggs, or getting ready to do so. Now, if you have areas that hold water into the late spring or early summer, and you always see spring ducks paired up there, well then, we'd like to work with you to increase nesting habitat around that water. Even if it is just a spot you see along the drive to work on someone's private land...let us know and maybe we can work with the landowner, because keeping ducks around all year increases our local population and increases hunting opportunity in the early season.

Then, while the ducks are paired up, safe, and out of the way, it is time to lay plans to open up some water on those puddles and ponds you used to hunt but now are all grown over. It's not mowing, it's called successional reset... but just plan it because we don't want to start the actual work until the young ducks are grown a bit and out of the way.

While you are laying these plans you have to be thinking on your feet, because right now it's time to get the equipment out into the fields, prep the ground, and get ready to plant that duck food. And while you are prepping the ground, before you do that final round of tillage, it might be a great time to round out that puddle that forms in the field every winter, so it is just the right size for duck landings or maybe so a duck blind fits just perfect into the corner. Then, when the time is right for your plantings, get'em in the ground. Sometimes all this work is easy for folks to do on their own...sometimes it needs several years of planning and design, so think ahead.

MISSION STATEMENT

TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PROMOTE WATERFOWL, WATERFOWL HABITAT, & WATERFOWL HUNTING IN WASHINGTON STATE

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

- Wednesday, April 22** **WWA-Seattle Chapter Meeting;** 5:30 p.m. @ **Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell.** Contact **John Arrabito.**
- Tuesday, April 28 (New Time)** **WWA-Southwest Chapter Meeting;** **6 p.m. @ Tacoma Sportsmen's Club.** Contact **Bruce Burns.**
- Thursday, April 30** **WWA-Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting** 7 p.m. @ **Vancouver Trap Club.** Contact **Rick Scott.**
- Tuesday, May 5** **WWA-Whatcom County Chapter Meeting** 5-7 p.m. @ **the Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, Ferndale.** Contact **Scott O'Day.**
- Wednesday, May 6** **WWA-Kitsap County Chapter Meeting @ Bremerton Trap and Skeet** Contact **Les Hollister.**
- Thursday, May 7** **WWA-Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting @ The Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Little Rock, WA.** Contact **Kurt Snyder.**
- Thursday, May 7** **WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting** 6:30 p.m., @ **Canyon Park Denny's.** All WWA members always welcome.
- Saturday, May 9** **WA Brant Festival and Puget Sound Open Decoy Carving Contest.** 10 A.M. @ **Holiday Sports in Burlington.**
- Tuesday, May 12** **WWA-NW Chapter Meeting** 7 P.M. @ **the Conway Firehouse, Conway, WA.** Contact **Reb Broker.**
- Tuesday, May 12** **WWA-Tri-Cities Chapter Meeting** 6 PM @ **Kiko's Tacos, 1014 S Washington Street, Kennewick.** Contact **Jason Oliver.**
- Thursday, May 14** **WWA-Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting @ 6:30 P.M., this month at the El Ranchito restaurant in Zillah, WA** Contact **Abel Cortina.**
- Wednesday, May 27** **11th Annual Youth Mentor Shoot** See Flyer on **Page 7.**
- Saturday, June 27** **First Ever Grays Harbor Chapter Turkey Shoot @ Evergreen Sportsmen's Club in Olympia.** Contact **Kurt Snyder. See Flyer, Pg 14**
- Saturday, July 18** **WWA Sponsored WA State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest in Monroe, WA** in conjunction with **NW Performance Dogs. See Page 9.** Contact **Rone Brewer.**
- Saturday, Sept 19** **Third Annual Moses Lake DU Greenwing Barbeque** will be held at **Mar Don Resort, Othello, WA.,** in conjunction with **Youth Only Hunting** weekend. Greenwings are youth under 18 years of age. A ton of **FREE** hunting gear to be distributed to attending Youth. More in future **WWA** Newsletters. Contact **Col Tom O'Dell. 206-465-6943.**

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Legislative Report

On the Legislative side, it appears we have successfully passed legislation that protects your duck stamp dollars, keeping them for their intended use specifically related to migratory birds. No pilfering of the account will be tolerated! Thanks to **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC)*** and the **Hunter's Heritage Council (HHC)** for their support of "our" bill, SB 5380. [* **WWA** is a voting member of the **WWC**; **HHC** is a separate lobbying arm of the **WWC**].

HHC, mainly through the efforts of **HHC President, Mark Pidgeon**, lobbied hard and were successful in killing all of the anti-hunting bills proposed in this year's State Legislature. You may run into **Mark** at any of several **WWA**, **DU** or **Safari Club International (SCI)** events or banquets. If you do, tell him **THANKS!** He definitely has the Hunters' backs covered.

And for your spring and summer "**To Do**" list, check out our list of events and chapter news to find out all the stuff you can get involved in to support ducks and huntin' em. And remember, supporting hunting also supports your 2nd Amendment rights.



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Lower Columbia Chapter News

Come On Out to Our Next Meeting, April 30th!

We have trap shooting at 5:30 PM for a new reduced \$2 range fee and \$4.50 a round at the **Vancouver Trap Club**. We have great food and comradery. We are always looking for guest speakers. If you have a suggestion, we would love to hear it.

We have a participation incentive Raffle with a drawing at year end for a chance to win one of five \$50 gift cards. You obtain one (1) free Raffle Ticket for attending a meeting, two (2) for attending a Work Party. So come on out and support your Chapter!

Klinline Kids Fishing Event April 10th and 11th

Our chapter was a contributing sponsor to this great event at **Klinline Ponds** last weekend. On Friday special needs kids got a chance at the trout and on Saturday everybody joined in the fun. Each child got a fishing pole and chance at other prizes (not to mention a few trout).

Welcome

We would like to welcome new **WWA-LC Chapter** members **Chuck and Paula Strange**.

Tri-Cities Chapter News

The revitalized **WWA-Tri Cities Chapter** has finalized plans to resume their monthly meetings beginning Tuesday, May 12th at **Kiko's Tacos**, 1014 S. Washington Street, Kennewick, WA 99337.

Contact new **Chapter Chairman, Jason Oliver** at 509.366-9914 or megan-oliver@hotmail.com or new **Chapter Treasurer, Charles Jones** at 206.930-2498 or cjones84@gmail.com if you would like to get involved.

Additionally get the word out to all your waterfowl hunting friends on the **Tri-Cities Waterfowlers** Facebook page. [<https://www.facebook.com/groups/tricitywaterfowlers/>]. We need to get these local waterfowl hunters involved in waterfowl conservation and other programs to give back to "The Resource" in the off season.

Also check out the **Tri-Cities, Washington Hunting Gear** Facebook page [<https://m.facebook.com/groups/329972597100518>] hosted by **Charles Jones**.

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Well most of our migratory waterfowl have moved on to complete their life cycle and the “residents” have started nesting in any area that is suitable. The geese that call our state home are well into nesting, and we have spotted many nesting pairs with some already sitting on eggs.

These geese are considered a nuisance by some as they tend to occupy human populated areas. Farm predation and parks carpeted in goose poop make them an undesirable presence in some cases. Their nesting areas are shrinking. This is evident when a farm sub divides for housing or a refuge is eliminated for other conservatory projects.

I am personally guilty of this. I bought a new house seventeen years ago that is part of a sub division on a parcel that was part of the Grand Mound prairie. There was a nesting pair of geese here, but they had to find other grounds when the 11 houses were built. These geese were here long before man, and if the **WWA** succeeds they will be here long after.

Our Chapter has developed a new type of nesting platform for them, and we are happy to report great success! Two (2) of the four (4) new platforms have mother geese sitting on eggs! The other two (2) have geese showing interest and most likely will have eggs in them soon. With the help of our awesome volunteers, we are hoping to expand this project to several other areas this summer! Many thanks to the private landowners like **Cedarville Farms** for permitting us access for these projects.

On Another Topic....

This leads me to another subject, and I am passing along a letter that I sent to all our Chapter members last month. The message below will explain all: *I recently received a message about a member that quit the **WWA** because of our nesting projects on **Cedarville Farms** properties. **Cedarville Farms** operates a waterfowl hunt club, and the (ex) member believes we are doing these*



Dubbed the “Island Queen” because she and her mate have run off all nesting competitors.

*nesting projects solely for the benefit of **Cedarville Farms**.*

*First off, our nest projects whether on public or private land are for waterfowl propagation and Conservation — one of the primary purposes for existence of **WWA**, and they both help achieve this objective. **Jon McAninch**, owner of **Cedarville Farms** has for several years been generously supporting our little chapter and the **WWA**. **Jon** has been a good friend to me and the **WWA**,*

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Volunteers David and Devin Leenhouts in action building our goose platforms.

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and I know for a fact that he would never expect or direct our chapter to do anything for the sole purpose of enhancing the hunting on his properties, nor would I permit this to occur.

This year **Jon** permitted us to expand some of our nesting projects to his properties. Waterfowl use these properties and surrounding areas for their migration and propagation needs, making them logical choices for nesting structures, and thus enhancing nesting success. **Cedarville Farms** doesn't derive any more benefit in waterfowl population growth from these nesting projects than the general public. Our goal is for conservation of the resource and species survival in our ever shrinking environment, especially since salmon recovery has taken priority over waterfowl with our governing bodies. Our plan is to continue expansion of our nest programs as our Chapter grows. This was just our most recent nesting project.

We currently have nesting enhancement projects in multiple watersheds and three (3) different counties; **Scatter Creek, Lincoln Creek, Nisqually River, Black River, Chehalis River, and McAllister Creek**. The nesting projects on private lands are free from vandalism and extensive human activity, creating a better and more successful nesting environment which produces more birds for everyone's benefit. These birds do not live exclusively where they nest or hatch and travel far and wide at free will to wherever they choose.

I am sorry that we lost a member over this as it didn't need to happen. I'm disturbed that a member would think that our efforts were aimed at enhancing hunting for a private entity, and I hope no one else feels this way.

The **WWA** does so much for the resource and the public area hunter.

- We fight to keep wetlands intact from government entities that wish to destroy or convert waterfowl habitat;
- we fight to protect our hunting heritage when anti-hunters attempt to destroy it;
- we assist the **WDFW** in the creation of new and quality hunt areas;
- we work to clean up litter and repair vandalized public areas;
- we install blinds and disabled access blinds in our public hunting areas;
- our agenda for the future includes the purchase of land for waterfowl conservation and hunting;
- we volunteer countless hours to the resource and our hunting heritage;

- we hold workshops, youth oriented events, and have a free youth summer camp;
- all of this on top of our successful nesting programs.

NO other entity does more for waterfowl and waterfowl hunting in the State of Washington. You only need to read page two of a **WWA** membership application to see that this is true.

Nothing we do helps private landowners directly, but when private landowners permit us to install nesting structures on their property it provides another valuable means to help meet our conservation goals which benefit all that use the resource. It is a misperception to believe otherwise.

I'd like to thank the member that brought this to my attention. Please feel free to contact me about any personal concerns regarding our chapter.

Two More Items....

I have just a few more things to add this month. Our Chapter has started what we hope to be a successful and fun annual "Turkey Shoot." It's scheduled for June 27th at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock, WA. The prize values are from \$20.00 to \$89.99. The event is sponsored by our **Grays Harbor Chapter** and supported by the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club and Cabela's**. Check out our flyer in this issue at **Page 14**.

Our annual **Cedarville Farms Hunt** for Two is on! The tickets are in and have been made available to all **WWA Chapters for their fundraising**.

This year we added an alternate sea duck hunt! The winners will have a choice of an inland waterfowl hunt or a Puget Sound trophy sea duck hunt!

The ticket price will remain the same, \$5.00 per ticket or a book of five for \$20.00. This is a great way for you to support the many things the **WWA** does! **Remember, your Chapter keeps all the income from this raffle after a \$20 fee to cover ticket printing, shipping and handling!** I would love to see our east side Chapters get involved in this so we would have a chance to get them over here for a great "wet side" hunt! Lodging is included! Check out the flyer in this issue at **Page 15**.

As usual, you can contact me any time for just about any reason!

Thank you all for all you do for the resource!

Kurt Snyder

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Kurtsnyder@outdrs.net

Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

Thanks to **Martha Jordon** of the **Trumpeter Swan Society** and its Everett, WA state affiliate, **Washington Swan**

Stewards, for her informative presentation of lead poisoning of waterfowl in western Washington.

Following **Martha's** presentation at our March 25th meeting, the **WWA-Seattle Chapter** voted to donate \$1,500 to the **Washington Swan Stewards** to fund the flight time necessary in 2015-2016 to spot sick and dying Swans [and other waterfowl] in the King/Snohomish County area in an attempt to find the source of the lead contamination that is killing these majestic birds.

In June of 2008, **WWA Corporate** donated \$13,000 and thousands of volunteer hours to the **Swan Mortality Mitigation Project** to protect swans from lead poisoning at **Judson Lake** on the US (Whatcom County)/Canada border.

See:

<http://ext.wsu.edu/forestry/video/WCFWR/doc/PDF's/smith.pdf>

Donation to the Willapa NWR

The **Seattle Chapter** is purchasing a copolymer 3-person goose blind for donation to the **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. The blind will be sited in the **Riekkola** Unit of the **Willapa NWR** that is open for goose hunting during the season. The **WWA-Lower Columbia**

Existing "Black Box" Blind at the Riekkola Unit of the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge.



Chapter has purchased these same blinds for use at the **Ridgefield NWR in Clark County, WA** in the past and will also be purchasing another this year for use at **Ridgefield**.

Chapter Meeting Agenda

This month's meeting will feature a **FREE** round of trap or 5-stand for **ALL WWA members of ALL WWA Chapters** in attendance. Shooting at our meeting location, the **Kenmore Shotgun Range** in Bothell, is open all afternoon; followed by pizza and soda for \$5; followed by a short business meeting.

Please call (425.894-4080) or send me an email [jarrabito@comcast.net] if you are joining us and want to have dinner, so we will be sure to have enough and varied pizza's.



According to the manufacturer, MTECH, "All our blinds are designed and manufactured in USA using the latest software and computer-controlled manufacturing equipment, which means every blind coming off our assembly line looks and functions exactly the same way. MTECH uses only virgin copolymer sheet stock, a material that is highly impact resistant, will never rust or corrode, warmer than metal or concrete, and will not scratch or scuff equipment, including the finest gun finishes."



WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION & THE WILDLIFE COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON INC. PRESENTS:



**11th ANNUAL YOUTH MENTOR SHOTGUN SHOOT
MAY 27th – KENMORE GUN RANGE**

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- ✦ USE OF SHOTGUN
- ✦ WWA HAT AND DINNER

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LEGAL GUARDIAN/PARENT/ADULT
CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 4:00 P.M. & PROGRAM RUNS TO 8:00 P.M.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 16TH (LIMITED TO 20 YOUTHS)

****REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, NO WALK ON'S, NO EXCEPTIONS****

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Youth Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____

E-Mail: _____ Fax: _____

*Do you own your own "Youth Shotgun"? Yes _____ No _____

*Are you a member of WWA? Yes _____ No _____

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Must attend "The Firearm Safety Training" at 4:30 p.m., to be ALLOWED to Shoot.

Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Roger Bennett

The WWA-Yakima Valley Chapter headed to the Sunnyside Wildlife Area two (2) weeks ago to do its yearly clean-up, as well as putting up some nesting tubes and wood duck nest boxes. We were happy to find the hunting area had substantially less litter than in years past. Hopefully hunters are getting the message that they need to be responsible for hauling out their own trash.

Those in attendance put up several nesting tubes on the property as well. In this, the second year of our Chapter's push with these "hen houses," we are still trying to determine the best conditions and locations to put these structures in.



Scott Honeycutt hands Abel Cortina the top portion of the Nest Tube to slide into the already embedded angle iron steel sleeve to Abel's left.

We are also looking forward to seeing if our wood duck nest boxes get used to pull off a brood also. There is a substantial learning curve involved with helping hens successfully raise the next generation!

One source of valuable information is our conservation neighbor to the south, the **Richland Rod and Gun Club (RR&GC)**. Below are three (3) of their links to live cameras in these "Woody" boxes, where one can watch the hen incubate her eggs. Hens will lay one (1) egg a day in the morning for 8-12 days then start incubation. During incubation the hen will be on the nest except for a short food and drink break about dawn and dusk.

Thanks to **Dale Schielke**, who heads up this program for the **RR&GC** and provided these links.

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc-nestcam>

(Incubating, expect hatch watch ~April 26);

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc-Duckcam>

(Just started laying, check in AM for activity)

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc>

Carmichael student built box. Just started laying, check in AM for activity).

Upcoming Projects/Events Our Chapter

- A more focused effort in helping local banding projects, both with **WDFW** and on the **Yakama Reservation**;
- Trying to figure out some creative ways to increase our fundraising efforts; and
- Planning our big Summer BBQ at **Steve and Kathy Thoney's Ranch** in **Prosser**.

Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Our May meeting will be at **El Ranchito Restaurant, in Zillah**. For more information, call or text **Yakima Valley Chapter Chairman Abel Cortina** at 509-786-9196.



Eleven year old Brooke Bennett, daughter of YV Chapter member, Tim Bennett, with double turkeys taken in this Spring's Youth Hunt. She got both with one shot from her 20 gauge!

Northwest Chapter News

By Reb Broker

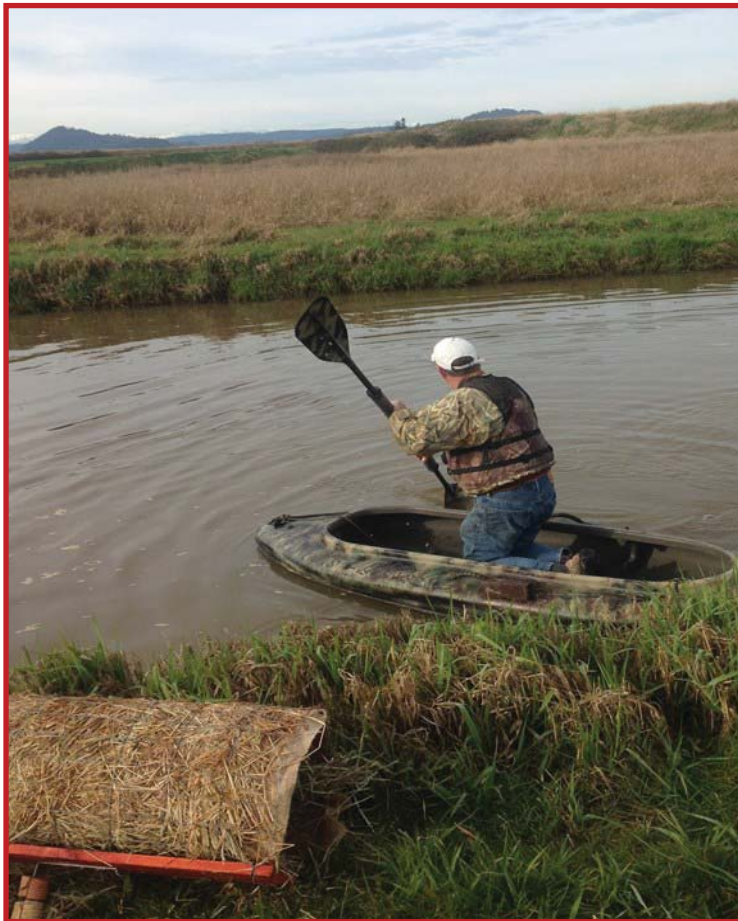
Ah, April, that magical month. Snow geese migrate to Russia; plant your starts in the window; taxes are due; Honkers are getting on the nest; Wood Ducks are crawling into their boxes; and Mallards are getting ready to start nesting too. So lots of fun things to keep you going and one to keep you up late at night SWEATING over.

Nesting Structures

On the subject of nesting, the **WWA-NW Chapter** was able to place five (5) Mallard Nesting Tubes into the sloughs in the **La Conner** area. Special thanks to Todd G. at **Dike District 15** in working with us on placement of them. Also want to thank the farms and landowners that the tubes are on: **Hovert Farms, Maple Valley Farms, Fohn Dairy** and **Todd Lenning**. Also want to thank **WWA** members **Art Kendall** and **Tony Holt** for coming out and helping put in the nests.

Next Chapter Meeting

With the weird month I can't tell you how the meeting with **WDFW's** Private Lands went, but I will say that our next meeting is going to be on Tuesday, May 12th, starting at 7pm in the **Conway Fire Station**.



WA Calling Contests on West Side

In an effort to attract more spectators **WWA** will be sponsoring the **WA State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest** in Monroe, WA on Saturday, July 18th. This in coordination with **NW Performance Dogs**, who will be conducting a **"Duck Dog Challenge"** at the same time/location. By including dogs and hopefully some hunting-related activities, the goal is to draw more folks and their children with a variety of fun stuff going on for the whole family.

The Monroe location is an outdoor/grass/field/ponds/dog training/duck hunting area in the middle of several duck clubs. Other duck/goose/junior/open and "meat" calling contests will also be held the same day.

WWA needs to return this event to at least a "break even" proposition, so vendors and corporate sponsorships are encouraged. More in future **WWA** Newsletters.

Kitsap County Chapter News

Just a reminder the **WWA-Kitsap County Chapter** meets at the **Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club, 4956 State Highway 3 SW in Bremerton**, on the first Wednesday of every month! Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 6th. Come and join us!

Any questions call **Les Hollister** at 210.410-3037.

Whatcom Chapter News

Just a reminder the **WWA-Whatcom County Chapter** meets at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, 5236 Nielsen Avenue, Ferndale, WA** on the first Tuesday of every month! Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 5th. Come and join us!

Any questions call **Scott O'Day** at 360.966-4112.

Moses Lake Chapter News

See the Notice on Page 2 and put on your calendar, the **Moses Lake DU/Greenwings Youth Event** in conjunction with the **WA Youth Only Hunting Weekend** in September.

Southwest Chapter News

By Terry Satre

The drawing for our **Sportsmen's Show Raffle** was held at our March 31st meeting. Winners were:

1st — **Alex Collecchi** — **Remington 870 Express Super Mag 3.5" Camo Shot gun;**

2nd — **Joe Edwards** — **Eagle Claw Claw 8.5' rod with line counter reel;** and

3rd — **Anders Hansen** — **Zebco Kids fishing outfit.**



One Happy Camper — Anders Hansen, and his father, Jason, with the Zebco Kid's Fishing Outfit won in the SW Chapter's 2015 Puyallup Sports Show Raffle.

That Boat Has Sailed (Well Almost)

Howard Hicks reports the boat's full! All 24 spots have been filled by **WWA** members of several chapters and some of their family members for the May 30th charter boat excursion out of **Westport** for rock fish. If you want to get on a cancellation list, contact **Howard** at (253.847-6274) or email him at: hkhicks1302@gmail.com. The **Southwest and Seattle Chapters** had each agreed to pay \$25 for any of their Chapter members wanting to go on this trip. Cost is around

around \$110 with bait and tackle; \$100 if you want to bring your own tackle.

We're Going to have a Picnic

The **SW Chapter** is planning an **ALL WWA Family Picnic** to be held at **Sumner Gun Club** (under new management) on Sunday, July 26th. We hope to have enough kids for some activities for them, and adults can try their hand at sporting clays or trap. Maybe even a game or two of cutthroat as per past picnics. The plan is to have a (rock) fish fry as the main attraction of the picnic — with donated fish from the Charter. There will also be varied BBQ meat and chicken entries. Pot luck for the rest. **WWA-SW** to provide non-alcoholic beverages. More Later.

SW Chapter Work Parties

SW Chapter members have been busy of late with wood duck nesting boxes. Although sometimes it seems as if the mergansers don't get it — They're called wood duck boxes not merganser homes! Most all had eggs or an angry hen setting in it, so that's good!

Much thanks to **Aaron McClellan** and friends, **Lance Kintrea**; **Jack Westerfield**, and me. Ask me about stumps in **Lake Kapowsin!**

Next Chapter Meeting

The **WWA-SW Chapter** meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** on **Canyon Road** in **Puyallup**. Next meeting is April 28th at **6:00**.

Any questions or need for more information, contact:

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Bruce Burns,
253-961-8802 or
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IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD YOU MUST HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN PRESENT THE ENTIRE DAY.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A PRE-EVENT LETTER THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE WITH DETAILED INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR THE DAY.

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(PLEASE **CLEARLY** PRINT ALL INFORMATION **INCLUDING CITY**)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

*****BE SURE TO INCLUDE CITY AND ZIP CODE!!*****

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
(FOR QUICK CONTACT AND FOLLOW UP INFORMATION)

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE NUMBER ON JUNE 20th: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF:

RIGHT HANDED ___ OR LEFT HANDED ___

I HAVE NEVER SHOT A FIREARM ___ I HAVE SHOT RIFLES OR PISTOLS ___

MY **SHOTGUN** EXPERIENCE: I HAVE NEVER SHOT A SHOTGUN ___ I HAVE SHOT UNDER 200 TARGETS ___
I HAVE SHOT OVER 200 TARGETS ___

I WILL BRING MY OWN SHOTGUN: YES ___ NO ___ THE GUN IS: 12GAUGE ___ 20GAUGE ___

***I NEED TO HAVE A SHOTGUN FITTED: YES ___ NO ___ WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SHOTGUNS TO LOAN AND YOU **MUST ARRIVE BY 7:30am FOR GUN FITTING**

I PREFER TO BE ON THE SAME SQUAD AS: _____

(YOU MAY LIST 3 OTHERS AS THERE WILL BE 4 TO A SQUAD)

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PRE-EVENT LETTER SENT _____ CERTIFICATE MADE _____

News for the Flock

TREASURERS. REPORT (4-2-2015)

Corporate Checking	\$ 19,718.15
Chapter (LC & SEA)	
Trust Monies for Goose	
Satellite Transmitters	
For WDFW	\$ 5,550.00
Jay Koetje Trust for	
Skagit Farmed Island	\$ 1,975.00
Duck Stamp Account	\$ 10,404.49
Merchandise Account	\$ 1,350.39
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,603.15
Corporate Total	\$ 56,596.18

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking	\$ 1,470.68
Kitsap Chapter	(To Be Funded)
LC Checking	\$ 25,121.01
ML Checking	\$ 9,945.69
NW Checking	\$ 2,646.16
SEA Checking	\$ 30,176.95
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,749.61
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$ 1,316.73
SPO Checking	\$ Closed 5/19/2014
SW Checking	\$ 5,445.01
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for more information and to RSVP

News for the Flock

Hunt for Two Raffle CEDARVILLE FARMS WATERFOWL CLUB



Drawing Date October 2nd 2015

Two Chances to Win with every ticket!

Two Drawings and Two Winners – Each for a Two-Person Hunt!

Hunts will be on either:

- the Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club exclusive hunting properties or
- on Puget Sound
- during the 2015/2016 waterfowl season.

Overnight lodging included at the Cedarville Farms Lodge near Oakville, WA.

Winner has choice of: *Inland Waterfowl Hunt or Puget Sound Trophy Sea Duck Hunt!*

Ticket price is \$5.00 per single ticket or \$20.00 for Five (5) tickets.

Need not be present at drawing to win. 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 360-485-9353 for purchase, raffle rules and information.

Donations

The **WWA** is based on volunteer efforts and donations from folks that care about the waterfowl hunting heritage. Our success rides on the shoulders of these volunteers and generous benefactors. Below is a listing of recent contributions since the publication of the **WWA March** Newsletter to the six (6) primary funds established by the **WWA**.

WWA Youth Fund — \$1,510

Dr. Roland A. and Dee Hublou— \$165

Bob Swartz — in kind donation, youth shotgun — \$120

WWA Legal Fund — \$17,472

Monthly Recurring Donation — Jim Goldsmith, April 2015 — \$5

WWA Habitat Fund — \$765

Patrick Rooney — in kind donation, nesting tubes — \$175.00

WWA Jay Koetje Memorial Fund for Skagit Farmed Island — \$1,975

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$10,386

WWA General Fund — \$138

Jeffrey Burn— \$10

You can contribute in so many ways to the WWA, from locally in your Chapter, to statewide, helping the WWA carry on! Many donations are tax deductible.



News for the Flock

New WWA Logo'd Merchandise

By Terry Satre

Soon we will have for sale a light weight, waterproof, windproof jacket with the **WWA logo** on the left chest. It will contain two (2) zippered hand pockets and a outer chest pocket plus a hood. Above is a picture. Let me know if interested and your size. Price will be in the \$100 range.

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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:

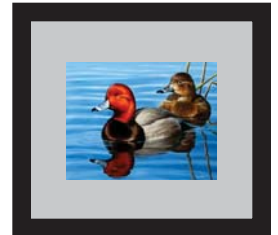
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If available, the edition number(s) I would like are: _____

Please Ship Prints to:

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

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

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*(Prices include shipping and handling)

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Auburn, WA 98071-2131

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 (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:

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 PO Box 2131
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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

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



Type G Mini-sheet

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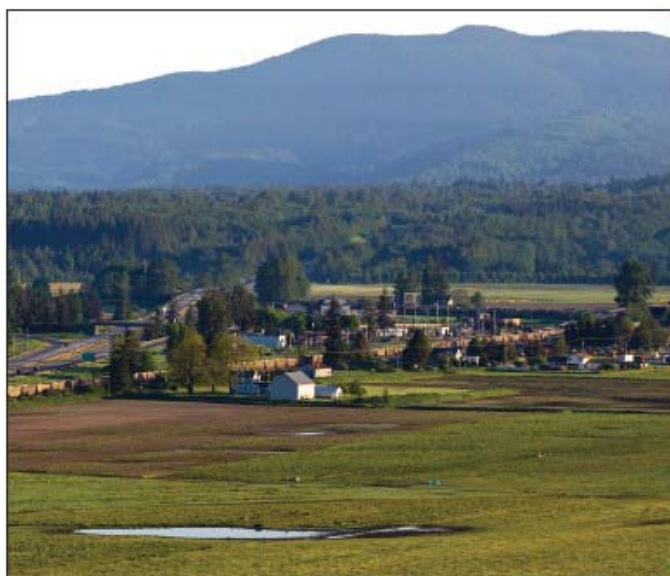
Heritage Lands



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.

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Best Phone Contact: () _____

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 - 2-Year Regular \$ 50.00 (New)**
 - 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 on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Kiko’s Tacos**, 1014 S Washington Street, Kennewick, WA 99337.
- 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 **Jeremy’s Public House in Prosser** or **El Ranchito, in Zillah**. See Page 2 for this month’s meeting location.

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A few facts about the WWA:

- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- 10 chapters throughout Washington
- We spend all of our resources within Washington State

Our projects include:

- Working on behalf of Hunter’s Rights issues to keep public access open and available
- Administration of the WA Migratory Bird Stamp and Print Program
- Hosting and sponsoring the Washington State Duck Calling Championships
- Wood Duck Nest Box & Mallard Nest Tube, Goose Nest Pot & platform construction, installation, & maintenance
- Working with the Boy Scouts of America on Eagle Scout projects
- Hosting Youth Mentor shotgun shooting one-on-one instruction events
- Conducting NRA sanctioned Hunter Education classes for Youth & donation of funds to offset WDFW printing costs for youth gun safety classes
- Donation of funds to support high school shooting teams in Washington
- Teaching adults and youth decoy carving arts
- Working with thousands of children at Sportsman’s Show painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing scholarships for boys and girls to attend a week at Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island, WA
- Working with the WDFW in the creation of premium quality hunt waterfowling areas
- Building and rehabilitating blinds in public hunting areas
- Distribution and planting of thousands of pounds of donated corn seed for waterfowl consumption
- Working with the Yakama Tribe in banding upland birds and waterfowl, and building duck “blinds” on tribal lands
- Goose and duck nest counts and banding of both with the WDFW and USFWS
- Working with the WDFW on dove counts & planting WDFW food plots in Eastern WA with WWA owned tractor and farming implements
- Sponsoring of the Annual NW Decoy Collector’s Show
- Participating in multiple Sportsman’s shows annually
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours for Swan Mortality Mitigation Studies
- Donation of funds and man hours to WDFW for goose banding and satellite tracking
- Litter pickup projects at public hunting areas, boat ramps, and along highways; and conducting multiple fund raising banquets annually to pay for all of these “hands on” conservation projects.