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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

I hope everyone enjoyed the last couple weeks of the season after our last Newsletter. As always, I am sad to see the season go, but I love to see the days get longer and warmer. I am also very excited for all of the off-season projects and events. I've already seen invites, announcements, and flyers for clean-ups, duck boxes, calling contests, and more. Since we are a volunteer organization, I really commend the people who arrange these events and everyone who shows up to participate. I hope to make it out to some events and chapter meetings around the state this year to get to know more of our members and see the good work everyone is doing.

The Ongoing Fight for Hunters' Rights

One of the **WWA's** core pillars is advocating for hunters' right and helping to represent the perspective of hunters in our state. On an individual level, each of us can also be advocates. As you may have seen, I sent an email earlier this month regarding providing feedback on the **WDFW's** proposed changes to hunting regulations; 10-year recreation strategy draft; and the spring bear rule change. As we observed last fall, if we are not actively involved in this process, we can — and will see — changes that negatively impact hunters. If you haven't reviewed the materials and made your voice heard, please check for the email or follow the links below.

- **WDFW Videos** linked [here](#).
- **Hunting Season Changes** linked [here](#).
- **Recreation Strategy** linked [here](#).
- **Spring Bear Rule Change** linked [here](#).

In addition to the **WDFW** requesting feedback, there are also a number of bills regarding firearms, hunting, and outdoor recreation. I feel it is imperative for everyone to review the bills below and use this link [here](#) to find contact information for your district legislators and let them know where you stand. Below are some of the bills that are currently before the **WA State Legislature**. This is not a full comprehensive list.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

News for the Flock

2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

Sat thru Tues Feb 12 thru Feb 22	Late Season (white goose only) in Goose Management Area #1
Sat, Sun, Weds only Feb 12 thru Mar 9	Goose Management Area #2 Late Season Summary, Page 10 Electronic Calling Allowed, Page 11 Link to 2021-22 WA Waterfowl Regs
Sat, Feb 19	Whatcom Chapter Work Party at Lake Terrell. See Page 12
Tues, Feb 22	SW Chapter Meeting CANCELLED
Thurs, Feb 24	Usual LC Chapter Meeting. Check for Email blast for particulars.
Thurs, Feb 24	Moses Lake Chapter Meeting, in Person . See Page 6 for details.
Mon, Feb 28	In Person Seattle Chapter Meeting Kenmore Gun Range. Program: WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager, Kyle Spragens. See Page 3 .
Tues, Mar 1	Usual Whatcom County Chapter Meeting, Laurel Farm & Western Supply in Bellingham; 6:30 pm
Weds, Mar 2	WWA Board Meeting Online Only — 7:00 p.m. All WWA Members Welcome to attend. Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor , for a WebEx Online Invitation. See Page 1
Thurs, Mar 3	Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting, 7 pm., Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, See Pages 4 & 5
Weds, Mar 9	Usual NW Chapter Meeting, Twin Cities Sportsmen's Club, Stanwood, WA See Pages 8 & 9
Sat, Mar 19	Youth Duck Calling Contest Sumner Gun Club See Flyer on Page 13

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Outdoor Recreation Bills

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[HJR 4210](#), [SB 5187](#)

Firearms Bills

[ESHB 1705](#), [ESSB 5078](#), [SSB 5568](#), [SHB 1630](#)

WDFW Commission: Unfortunately, our best efforts to encourage the appointments of **Rylan Weythman** and **Brian Blake** fell on deaf ears, as **Governor Inslee** appointed three (3) other candidates to the **Wildlife Commission**. However, we feel the commission is still out of balance, and are not content with the way the commission is currently constituted. We are working on a plan to see what we can do to rectify the situation.

Waterfowling 101: In an effort to improve recruitment to our group and also help new hunters become better, more courteous, and safer hunters, we are attempting to put together a **Waterfowling 101** curriculum. Currently the plan is to pilot an in-person class out of the **Twin Cities Sportsmen's Club** in **Stanwood**, and also create a web series that would be available in the Member's Only section of our website. If you are interested in helping develop the curriculum or if you would be interested in filming one of the sections for our web series, please contact me.

Mentorship: Check out the Success of Year #2 of this Program on **Pages 15 thru 17** of this Newsletter.

For the Resource,

James Ono
WWA President

News For the Flock

Seattle Chapter News

By Nick Brown

For most of us it is officially our off season, though I do hope that some members are making it out for the **Late Snow Goose season**. The rest of us will be taking care of our responsibilities that we neglected during General Season.

February Meeting Presentation

For our February meeting we will be hosting **WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager, Kyle Spragens**, for a presentation. This will be our opportunity to have the voice of the **WWA** heard before future season setting meeting[s] which begin in March. I'm sure **Kyle** will be anticipating some tough questions, but collectively we need to be courteous and respectful. Please write down your comments and questions before the meeting so that you don't forget to ask. Our meeting will be held in our usual slot on Monday, February 28th, at the **Kenmore Gun Range**, with clay shooting beginning at 5 pm.

Some Range house keeping: We will be bringing back pizza starting with this meeting. Please remember \$5 for pizza donation. The range is still out of shells so remember to bring your own if you plan on shooting a few rounds of trap or 5-stand. Also, as per continuing **King County** regulations, masks are still required while inside the clubhouse. I look forward to seeing you all at the end of the month.



Father—Son Duo, Paul (left) and Jacob McGovern made the most Paul's win in the Cedarville Hunt for Two Raffle by harvesting limits in January including this "Hollywood" destined for the wall!



January's Chapter Meeting speaker, Pat Murphy, had some late season success in Skagit with his pup, Kuma.

Last month's meeting featured a first aid presentation by hunter and ICU nurse, **Pat Murphy**. We would like to thank **Pat** for the presentation, as it was a nice refresher on basic field skills.

Work Party Report

On Saturday, February 12th, some local boy scouts and **WWA** volunteers joined our Chapter's Habitat Chairman, **Bob Hazelbrook**, to do maintenance and refurbishing on wood duck nesting boxes in the **Cherry Valley** area. We hope to have a full report with photos in a few weeks.

This year we also plan to do box builds and maintenance for wood duck nesting boxes throughout the **Snoqualmie Valley** at **Stillwater**, as well as in urban public parks areas in **Issaquah** and **Bellevue**. Stay tuned for specifics.

Nick Brown
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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all.

Well that's wrap for the 2021/22 duck season. I started a bit late because of a hand injury, but it all worked out well in the end. Lots of duck in our faces and some great company in the blinds. If any of you have any good hunting stories, remember you can post them on our Facebook page for all to see and linked [here](#). Now onto the late goose season in Area 2.....

Also you can enter your pictures in the new **WWA Photo Contest**. See Flyer on **Page 24** in this issue of the **WWA Newsletter**. I'm not on the judging panel so I plan to enter a few myself.

Chapter Meeting Report

We had a very good first Chapter meeting on Thursday, February 3rd. We discussed this year's work parties, so if any of you are available to "**Volunteer for the Resource**" on a weekday please let me know which days! So far we have three (3) volunteers signed up. Unfortunately my weekends are spoken for thru the first weekend of March — some Wednesdays too. I'd like to get the wood duck nesting boxes at **Scatter Creek** done first, then the **Cedarville Hunt Club** properties. We also have the boxes at **Ed Lagergren's** property to service.

Another thing we discussed is this years **Youth Shotgun Event**. We were forced to cancel the last two "**Colton Smith Memorial**" events because of Covid. We are planning the event even if a new virus mandate comes down from the governor's office.

Another thought I had was to hold another Chapter event at Cabela's in Lacey. We haven't set up the Chapter display in several years, and it would be nice to get out in front of the public once again. Anyone interested?

Our next Chapter meeting will be on the 3rd of March, at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock, 7:00 pm sharp! Their website is linked [here](#).

More pictures of successful Veteran and Active Military hunts on Cedarville properties on the **Page 5**.

Thank you all for your continued support of the **Washington Waterfowl Association**.

Kurt Snyder



Steven Frost supervised his super dog Maizy to help Captain Dick Jensen harvest a full bag limit of ducks on the February 5, 2022 Veteran Hunt Day at the Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club Properties. Dick, has been a WWA-GH Chapter member for a long time and is also a member of the Cedarville Club. Captain Dick deserves and has the upmost respect of both members and staff of the Cedarville crew! At darn near 83 years old he is still out there getting it done! Many thanks to Jon McAninch, owner of Cedarville, Steven Frost, and Tom Sullivan for setting this hunt up for the Captain; and of course Maizy for making this day a special one!

GH Chapter News Continued

(Above)
WWA-GH Chapter
Treasurer, Brandon
DeHart who is also a
guide for the Cedarville
Waterfowl Club and his
father-in-law, Nick.
The Veteran, Nick,
bagged a limit of ducks
and a bonus honker!

(Below)
Allan Taylor after his
hunt on the 2022
Veteran's Hunt Day.
Alan took an all drake
limit (the first 7 from
the left, including that
Bull Sprig). The rest
belonged to his host,
Kurt Snyder.



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Moses Lake Chapter News

From: Dick Price and Bruce Feagan

Moses Lake Chapter Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:00 pm; **O'Sullivan Sportsman Resort Clubhouse**, 6897 Hwy 262 (Near **Potholes State Park - Behind the Shell Station**) Othello WA
Rescheduled April 16, 2022 FREE Youth Shoot Flyer, on Page 7.

Good News for Wildlife

As part of the latest **Farm Bill** three (3) private land conservationists will be hired for positions in **Olympia, Ephrata, and Ritzville**. These positions are part of a collaborative event among **USDA National Recourses Conservation Service (NRCS), WDFW, and Pheasants Forever** to further the delivery of the **NRCS Farm Bill Programs** and assist with the **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)**,

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CCEP), Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), Partners For Fish & Wildlife Program and others.

These positions will be employees of, and be supervised by **Pheasants Forever, Inc** with daily instruction and leadership provided by **Pheasants Forever** and **NRCS Area** staff. The positions are funded by **NRCS, WDFW, and Washington State Pheasants Forever Chapters**.

Their duties will be to assist landowners in assessing and applying for funds to complete wildlife habitat projects on their properties. The **Eastern Washington** positions will also be assisting with the **Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI)** locating and mapping **LEKS**.

These positions have been very beneficial in surrounding states with helping farmers and

ranchers secure funding through the various programs to improve habitat and water quality on their properties. This a five (5) year commitment on the part of the three (3) funding sources.



(From Left) Ryan Troutman of Ephrata, Steve Page of Poulsbo and Blake Froode of Gig Harbor, enjoyed a late season corn field hunt in the Central Columbia Basin. Included in their four-man limit hunt (with guide and WWA-ML Chairman Bruce Feagan) were two (2) banded drake mallards and a drake woody. One of the drakes was banded in Fairfield, Alberta on 8/17/17; the second was banded in Veneta (Lane County), Oregon six (6) days latter on 8/23/17. A third banded mallard was shot the next day in the same field and was banded in Kootenai County, Idaho in August of 2021!

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BROWNELL'S/NRA **FREE** YOUTH TRAP SHOOT

When: Saturday April 16th, 2022,

Time: From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: American Legion Quincy Gun Club

14550 Road Q, N.W., Quincy, WA 98848

There will be **FREE** trap shooting for all youths 18 and under that possess either a hunter safety card or a hunting license. All shells and targets will be provided at no cost to the participants.

Youth Shooters must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Prizes, Give Aways and Food:

Youth Shooters will receive assorted **FREE** merchandise.

Lunch of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages, and Chips will be provided, also at no cost.

Have questions or for more information, contact either:

Dick Price: 509-762-9027 or **Tom O'Dell:** 509-764-8557

or: 206-465-6943

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Moses Lake Washington Waterfowl Assn,
Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever,
and the Quincy Gun Club.**

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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

By now all your waterfowl hunting equipment is cleaned and stowed unless, you're hunting in one of the extended season in **Goose Areas 1 or 2**. And Turkey season here we come!

This is also the right time of the year to do some maintenance on Wood Duck Nesting Boxes, Mallard Nesting Tubes and Goose Nesting Platforms. The **NW Chapter** has several activities and chapter meeting guest speakers planned for 2022 to keep us engaged in our outdoor passion.

Veteran/Active Duty/Youth Waterfowl Hunt

The **NW Chapter** sponsored Youth and Veteran waterfowl hunts on February 5th. This was the third year that the chapter sponsored this special hunt opportunity. Hunts were conducted from several locations from **Samish Bay** to the **Snomish River Delta**. We had numerous Veterans and Youth participate in the event.

The weather and tides were in our favor again this year although hunt success was down from last year. Several hunters took home a mixed bag of ducks and a few Brant were also taken.

Special Thanks...

... goes out to **Tony Breckenridge (Edison Gun Club)**, **Adam Schuller** for coordinating the **Edison hunt**, **Amber Parmenter (The Nature Conservancy)** and the **Blue Chip Gun Club**. The **Edison Gun Club** provided blinds and decoys for the hunt. Thanks to **NW Chapter** members **Tom Elliott** and **Rick Billieu** for providing guided hunting opportunities.

As always, a Big

Thanks to our **Veteran/Youth Hunt Coordinator Rick Skiba** who was once again instrumental in setting up another successful hunt with great memories for all.

Chapter Calendar

The **NW Chapter** has several activities and events planned for the year. A few upcoming activities include a Wood Duck Nest Box build at our chapter meeting and guest speakers from the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**. We will also spend a few days in March and April at **Samish, DeBays** and other units of the **Skagit Wildlife Area** for cleanup and a blind maintenance assessment.

We are always looking for more events and activities that support the **WWA** mission. If you have an idea just let me know or better yet come to a monthly meeting to talk about it.

Rick Billieu

rgbillieu@frontier.com

See and like our Facebook page **Northwest Washington Waterfowl Association** at:

<https://www.facebook.com/waducks.org>

Support your Passion – Get Involved



A fun Youth Hunt Day out in the Nature Conservancy Blind!

NW Chapter News Continued



An Edison Gun Club Mixed Bag!



Snohomish River Delta Success!



A Pinwheel of Brant Harvest!

Dad and sons enjoying a day on the marsh!



Samish Island Brant!

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Selected (and Incomplete) Summary of 2021-2022 Late Season Goose

AUTHORIZATION & HARVEST RECORD CARD REQUIRED TO HUNT SNOW GEESE

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY	POSSESSION
NOTE: (White Geese Are Snow & Ross' Geese)	Goose Mgmt Area 1	Late Season (White Geese Only) February 12—22, 2022 See Pamphlet for Details	20	60

During Feb. 12—22, 2022 specified
WDFW Lands are closed.

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY	POSSESSION
	Goose Mgmt. <u>Area 2 Coast</u> (includes Pacific County and that portion of Grays Harbor County west of Highway 101).	Late Season (White Geese Only) Saturdays, Sundays, & Wednesdays, ONLY February 12—23, 2022	10	30

During Feb. 12—23, 2022 specified
National Wildlife Refuges and WDFW
Wildlife Areas are closed to all goose
Hunting in this Management Area

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY	POSSESSION
	Goose Mgmt. <u>Area 2 Inland</u> (includes Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum Counties; and that portion of Grays Harbor County east of Highway 101).	Late Season (White Geese Only) Saturdays, Sundays, & Wednesdays, ONLY February 12—March 9, 2022	10	30

During Feb. 12—March 9, 2022 specified
National Wildlife Refuges and WDFW
Wildlife Areas are closed to all goose
Hunting in this Management Area

EDITOR'S NOTE: CHECK THE COMPLETE 2021-2022 REGULATIONS LINKED [HERE](#)

WDFW News

Emergency Rule Allows for Use of Electronic Goose Calling Devices

The purpose of this emergency rule is to allow the limited use of electronic calls when hunting lesser snow geese and Ross' geese in **Goose Management Area 1 during February 12-22, 2022 Hunt Period** (11 out of 107 total season days) and in **Goose Management Area 4 during February 12 – March 2, 2022 Hunt Period** (19 out of 107 total season days), bringing the Washington state regulation in alignment with federal allowances (Code of Federal Regulations 20.21.g.1).

Reasons for this Finding: Record-high winter flocks in both **Goose Management Area 1** and **Goose Management Area 4** now pose concerns over general welfare of major agricultural regions that experience intense feeding flocks during winter and spring months as well as pose a public safety threat in zones of high regional and international aircraft traffic. New data, presented to flyway management partners in late-August 2021, indicated the third consecutive year of exceptionally high productivity of lesser snow geese from **Wrangel Island, Russia** forecasting record-setting population size and anticipated winter flock concentrations.

Subsequently, in mid-September 2021, briefings by the **Canadian Wildlife Service** to **Vancouver International Airport** and early arrival of fall migrant lesser snow goose flocks raised concerns over the impact of these geese to multiple sectors of the region.

In mid-October 2021, requested renewal of agricultural depredation permits and a minimum of five (5) new farm inquiries were made to the **USFWS** and **WDFW** targeting lesser snow geese in region of **Goose Management Area 1 (Skagit-Fraser)**.

During November 2021, aerial photos documented 10,000s of lesser snow geese on **Moses Lake**, the most ever documented in this portion of **Goose Management Area 4 (Columbia Basin)**.

WAC 220-416-060 defines the term **“white geese”** as including lesser snow geese, Ross' geese and their blue phase (or plumage) variants, as the two species have identical plumage, and are nearly indistinguishable in flight. In **Washington**, lesser snow geese are the predominant white goose during the winter months, with Ross' geese are considered an incidental or rare occurrence as Washington is on the edge of the species' range in North America.

The amendment of this rule allows for an extremely limited and targeted use of electronic calls during white goose-only season segments for lesser snow geese and Ross' geese.

The amendment of this rule only impacts the lesser snow goose population that has experienced rapid population growth in the past three (3) years and is now significantly above both established flyway and winter-flock population objectives.

It is consistent with the Pacific Flyway Management Plan for the Wrangel Island Population for Lesser Snow Geese, that prescribes harvest rates in excess of 14% when total breeding population estimate is above 120,000 geese and Skagit-Fraser winter flock size estimate is above 70,000 adult geese.

The current total breeding population index (3-year average) is 611,063 geese and the Skagit-Fraser winter flock index (3-year average) is 84,624 adult geese.

This rule amendment has little to no impact on the Ross' goose populations that remains above the established flyway population objective. It is consistent with the **Pacific Flyway Plan for Ross' Geese** that prescribes including Ross' geese without special restrictions in “white goose” regulations when the population is at or above 100,000 breeding birds (counted on breeding areas in the spring), or 150,000 wintering birds (in California).

The current breeding population index (3-year average) is 348,400 breeding birds. In Washington, harvest of this species is incidental to harvest of lesser snow geese.

Guidance set under WAC 220-440-060, prioritizes the use of general season hunting to help minimize damage potential and concerns over killing wildlife causing private property damage under a migratory bird agricultural depredation permit.

For migratory gamebirds, sport harvest allows consumptive use of harvested geese, whereas agricultural depredation permits do not allow for consumptive uses as this is defined as “take” outside of established seasons under the **Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S. Code § 704)**.

The Department will propose this amendment for a permanent rule in the 2022 updates to migratory gamebird hunting season-setting rule making.

Active Link to **Migratory Game Bird Seasons** [here](#).

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Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

The **Southwest Chapter** is working on plans for the upcoming **Youth Duck Calling Contest/Clinic** that we are hosting on March 19th at the **Sumner Sportsmen’s Club (SSC)** linked [here](#). (SSC actually has a **Puyallup** address — **15711 96th Street East, Puyallup, WA 98372** — for your **GPS** purposes).

This event is for youth 16 and younger. We will have some fun prizes; lunch will be provided; and youth will also have the chance to shoot some sporting clays **FREE** of charge. This is a great chance to get out of the house / school and have a fun day!

We still need some additional volunteers to help out. If you can spare a Saturday morning, the contact information for **Nathan Neideigh** or myself is contained on the **Flyer** on the adjacent **Page 13**.

February Chapter Meeting Cancelled

Unfortunately we will have to cancel the February chapter meeting as I will be out-of-town on that day.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30 pm in the **Hunters’ Education Building** at the **Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club** linked [here](#).

Spokane Chapter News

Wenatchee Chapter News

Yakima County Chapter News

No News This Month

Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Lyle Galloway

Blind clean up work party at **Lake Terrell** this coming Saturday, February 19th. We assemble at 8:30 am at the main parking lot near the boat launch. Cleanup usually goes until 12 noon, but may be done earlier if we get enough volunteer help. BBQ (maybe some duck poppers, etc.,) to follow based on how many people attend.

For you new Mentees and others who haven’t hunted **Lake Terrell** before, here’s your chance to check out the lake and its waterfowl hunting blinds in the daylight! For those so inclined, you might also want to visit the **Jackson “Jack” Otto Memorial Bench** which is not far from the parking lot and will be the site of some Youth Conservation Activities later this spring.

We focus on garbage clean up in the blinds, but if we are ambitious there's plenty of garbage left behind by the fishermen and pheasant hunters all over the place.

Bring waders, gloves, boat if you have one. Canoes rowboats or kayaks are helpful for the south end blinds.

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2022 Youth Duck Calling Contest

Saturday
March 19th

**FUN
PRIZES**

Calling Seminar
Calling contest
Lunch
Sporting clay
shoot

***MUST PROVIDE
OWN AMMO
AND SHOTGUN***

LOCATION:
Sumner Sportmen's Club
15711 96th Street East,
Puyallup, WA
98372



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Washington Waterfowl
Assoc. and Sumner
Sportmen's Club**

**@9AM
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@8:30**

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EVENT AGES
16 AND
YOUNGER**

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Veteran's and Youth Hunt February 5th

We have heard there were some Veteran and youth hunts hosted by our chapter members. Please send photos — and if you like — a story about the outing for next month's newsletter.

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Blind Info

Covid is still having its way with our ability to work at the refuge. In a monthly virtual meeting with chapter officers on Tuesday February 1st **Complex Manager Juliette Fernandez** gave us some guidelines for work party plans at the refuge in 2022.

- They would like to delay closing of blinds, maybe April to get past the Covid surge.
- They think they will be able to install two (2) of our "black box" hard plastic composite pit blinds next year.
- They would like to know where we want them planted.
- They also thought as the weather permits maybe we can prep them when we close up the other regular blinds.
- The prepping would include painting and adding the dog box as we have done in the past.

- It probably would be August before things dry out enough to place them.
- If we would like to add dog boxes to the box blinds, we need to decide how we would like to do that and give them a plan.

Shillapoo Wildlife Area

We will take a run at planning a wood duck next box refurbishing and/or blind clean up for March at our meeting this month.

Let's Talk Turkey

We will be talking turkeys at our February meeting this month. Member **Al O'Conner** will share some of his techniques and insights that might help you get a turkey this spring!

Please Contribute

We need your input for the newsletter. Hunting stories, unusual experiences and/or photos. New tech help and gear, advice and ideas you can share, experiences hunting other venues. Whatever would interest you to read about in this newsletter. Submit them to dlhargin@msn.com. Thank you!



“Black Box” Blind, Sept. 2019 Retro-Fit with stairs and a dog box, Blind #17 at the Ridgefield NWR. (LC Chapter members from left) Chris Stalcup, Arlan Hackett, Rick Scott and David Mason.

WWA Mentorship Program



Bradley Tormey



Mentoring Report — 2021-2022 Season

By Paul McGovern
WWA Mentorship Program Chair

We have completed our second season of the **WWA Hunt Mentorship Program**. We had a total of 12 mentees paired up all across the state. It was awesome to see some of the success these new hunters had. Admittedly we did have some growing problems, including a couple of Mentees that weren't able to be paired with a Mentor this season. We failed to pair a Mentee from **Spokane** and a Mentee from the **Lower Columbia Chapter**. We know we have issues but are trying to improve Mentee hunts and introduce more fellow sports men and women into waterfowling. Towards that goal I sent out a **Survey Monkey** linked [here](#) to hopefully get some more feedback to help make the Program bigger and better next year, teaching new hunters the values of conservation, sportsmanship, and hunting ethics.

Along those lines we are starting early this year in getting Mentors to sign up. If you would like to volunteer to mentor a new hunter or 2 next season, please reach out to me, **Paul McGovern** at Hans1031@frontier.com

All that being said, there was some huge success by my estimation — the prime example being **Tobin Rippo's** mentorship of 11-year-old **Bradley Tormey**. Over the past season **Bradley** came to the **NW Chapter** meetings with his Mother. He embarrassed the other adults at trap using my 12 gauge Citori that he wielded like a marksman. He could barely get his cheek down on the stock to get a sight picture, but he was shooting an amazing 5 out of 5 on some stations. A pure instinct shooter! His impressive duck strap haul from a **Whatcom county** hunt shows this boy can hunt!!! Look out all you old timers there's a new crop of water fowlers coming up!"

WWA Mentorship Program Continued



Mentee, Marshall Burke



Marshall Burke, Matt Marusich and "Dakota!"

Matt Marusich mentored Marshall Burke.

From Matt: "Marshall had hunted small game birds before so he was no stranger to a shotgun. I spit out a lot of info about duck hunting gear and tactics, and he seemed to soak it up well. Hopefully it wasn't too much!

Looks like **WWA** contacted **Marshall** a bit out of the blue. He said that he "liked" something on **Instagram** (I can't remember what) and got something from **WWA** about the **Mentor Program**. Just wanted to pass that along. I know we're trying to reach out to folks in different ways, and it looks like it worked in this case.

Marshall is an assistant pastor for his church, and mentioned that once he gains some duck hunting experience he would like to use it to get disadvantaged youth involved in the sport."

Billy Walker mentored Brandon Ridenour.

From Billy: "He is a very conscientious and ethical hunter. I thank you for the opportunity to meet and mentor him. Great guy! I've made a friend for life."

NW Chapter Chair Rick Billeau mentored two (2) new hunters all within the Everett area —

Nick Biagi and Rob Knox.



Mentee Brandon Ridenour (mentored by Billy Walker) with his very first duck — a hen redhead he took at Lake Terrell.

WWA Mentorship Program Continued

We've got seven (7) other 2021-2022 Mentors / Mentees to post up your input on the Program at the *Survey Monkey* linked [here](#) so we can make this **Mentorship Program** even better for the 2022-2023 waterfowl hunting season by getting more, much-needed volunteers outside of the Puget Sound areas!

A huge **THANKS** to all the Mentors who took Mentees out hunting and passed along our waterfowler traditions!



Nick Biagi



Rob Knox



Terry Raynes, mentored by Tom Elliott

WWA Legislative News

WA Legislative Report

By Mark Pidgeon
President, Hunters Heritage Council

Editor's Note: This article is written entirely by the **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)**, a Washington State based organization dedicated to political action on behalf of the hunting and related communities of Washington. The **Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA)** had no input into this article. This article is in this newsletter because of **WWA's** membership in **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC)**. **WWC** is a member organization of **HHC**. The opinions contained in this article are entirely those of the author, and the **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)**.

The animal-rights (**AR**) groups had an aggressive legislative agenda, and the **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)** was up to the task. The first two (2) major dates of this legislative session have passed — the first date was February 3rd which was policy committee cut-off, where bills that don't have an impact on the budget have to pass their respective policy committee. The second major date was February 7th, which was fiscal committee cut-off, where bills that have an impact on the budget have to pass their house of origin's appropriations committee. I am proud to say that only one anti-hunting bill is still alive, the **HHC** managed to kill the myriad of bad bills. The highlights of the worst:

SB 5656: A bill that looks good on the surface, but is terrible. If the Senate does not confirm an appointment to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission** within 12 months, the appointment to the Commission expires, and the Governor must provide a new appointment. If the Chair of the **Natural Resources Committee** doesn't like an appointment he/she can sit on it — a potential for a horrible abuse of power. This bill also strips the balance doctrine on the Commission. Just an awful bill.

HB 2027: Another bill that looked good and had potential, but was poorly drafted. Under the bill, a joint legislative task force on the governance of the **WDFW** would have been created. This task force would have been charged with reviewing options to restructure or eliminate the **Commission**; recommend options for a new governance structure of **WDFW**; and review the statutory mandate (read into that, reduce the importance of hunting

and fishing) of both the **Department** and the **Commission**. This bill had potential, it needed lots of work, but in its original form, it was garbage. The hunting community was way underrepresented — a representative from a true hunting group would never have been chosen, and the bill was way too partisan. I was asked about this bill in the **Northwest Sportsman**; the **AR** groups loved it, and I sure gave them an opposite opinion!

SB 5721: Would have consolidated **WDFW** into the **Department of Natural Resources**. Hunters and fishers would have lost big time with no **Commission** oversight, and the stripping of the legislative mandate that hunting and fishing is a priority of **WDFW**. A putrid bill.

HB 1718: This was the reintroduction of HB 1375 that I warned about previously. They stripped the **COVID-19** part of this bill and made it a pure **AR** bill. This was a bill that would have prohibited activities related to the production and manufacturing of fur products. Another crazy bill.

SB 5708: This may have been the most radical bill of them all. This bill would have gone further than the California fur ban. This bill would have banned fur and taxidermy in the state of Washington. A crazy **AR** bill.

DISCLAIMER

The HHC has been, is, and always will be a hunting-rights organization. We have never been, are not now, and will never be a Second Amendment organization. The Second Amendment is very important to us, but there are Second Amendment organizations whose sole purpose is to fight the gun-rights battle, just as it is the HHC's sole purpose to fight the hunters-rights battle. In fact, we have an agreement with the gun-rights lobby, that on hunting issues the HHC takes the lead, and on Second Amendment issues the gun lobby takes the lead, and we follow. What follows is legislative victories, toes not being stepped on, and quick decisions being made in the heat of battle. In one Second Amendment newsletter, a question was asked to the editor why he never reported on hunting legislation. His reply was that Title 77 issues were under the preview of the HHC. However the current legislative session contains some critical pieces of Second Amendment legislation I feel that I have to report on — all bad — and I couldn't report on it without this disclaimer first. All the [links](#) to bills are active.

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Legislative News Continued

Status — Second Amendment Bills

ESSB 5078: The high capacity magazine ban bill. This bill passed the state senate on a straight party line, 28 - 20, vote with one Republican senator excused voting. There is good reason for hunters to be alarmed as *this is the first time a measure like it has received a floor vote in the Legislature!* The bill goes to the **House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary** for a hearing.

ESHB 1705: A bill that would further limit ghost guns, including untraceable firearms and untraceable unfinished frames and receivers that can be used to manufacture or assemble untraceable firearms. This bill passed the state house on a straight party line vote, 57 - 39, with two Republicans representatives excused voting. As of the writing of this article, it has not been assigned a senate committee.

SSB 5568: This may be the most dangerous of all the anti-gun bills. This would allow cities to supersede the state's preemption laws and restrict open carry. This bill is still in the **Senate Rules Committee**, and I think the bill will be held up there. This bill had an unusual coalition against it. Strong opposition from the **LGBTQ+** and **Asian** communities, to the **Washington Civil Rights Association**, to **SonShine Acres**. We need open carry to protect against criminals, bears, and cougars. If this passes the state senate, I doubt that house leadership will pass it.

I want to emphasize that the **National Rifle Assn. (NRA)** and the other gun lobby groups are working extremely hard to kill these bills. They are amazing good at what they do, just like we are good at what we do. I have the utmost confidence that they will come out on top.

I know how hard our lobbyist, **Tom Echols**, has worked this session on the huge volume of bad bills, and I know that I have busted my tail end harder than I can ever remember. This session has been grinding, but the **HHC** can't do it alone. We depend on the strength of our member groups. We couldn't exist without them. I've said this before, I'll say it again, and I'll say it a thousand time if I have to — the only way we can counter the **AR** movement is for all the **HHC** member organizations to be strong too!

We need you to be part of the **Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA)**. The threat to hunting **IS REAL**. The **AR** group, **Washington Wildlife First (WWF)** is well-funded; they are well-organized; and they are the biggest threat hunting has ever faced in this state.

If your membership to **WWA** is lapsed, please renew it; if you are a current member, please consider upgrading. If you are in the financial position to donate or become a **Life Member of WWA**, now is the time to do it. We need a strong and vibrant **Washington Waterfowl Association!** **WWA** is **THE** premier waterfowl organization in this state, and **EVERY** dollar they receive stays within Washington to protect your waterfowl rights.



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WWA Duck Stamp Program
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Bonney Lake, WA 98391

(Absolute Deadline is March 31, 2022)
(Unclaimed Stamps will be destroyed in April)

News for the Flock

Washington Senate Passes Bill Limiting Manufacture, Sale of Ammunition Magazines with more than 10 Rounds

UPDATED: Thu., Feb. 10, 2022, from the *Spokesman-Review Newspaper*

By Laurel Demkovich

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OLYMPIA – The **state Senate** passed a bill [SB 5078 linked [here](#)] that would prohibit the manufacture, distribution or sale of gun magazines with a capacity of more than 10 rounds.

The original bill would have prohibited the possession of magazines with a capacity of more than 10 rounds. An amendment that passed Wednesday removed the provision banning possession. The bill would exempt law enforcement and armed services from having to follow the rule.

If passed by the House, it would ban magazines for rifles as well as a number of pistols that can hold more than 10 bullets. “This measure will make Washington a safer place,” bill sponsor **Sen. Marko Liias, D-Everett**, said on the floor. “This measure will save lives.” **Liias** said he sponsored the bill in response to a 2016 shooting in Mukilteo that killed three people and injured another.

The bill passed 28-20 along party lines, the first time a measure like it has received a floor vote in the Legislature. It's unclear if it will be able to pass the **state House of Representatives** by the end of the 60-day session March 10. **House Speaker Laurie Jinkins, D-Tacoma**, told reporters Wednesday it was “way too early” to say how her caucus would feel about the bill.

The bill is a request from State Attorney General Bob Ferguson, who first proposed it in 2017.

“This historic vote represents an important step toward combating mass shootings,” Ferguson said in a statement. “The devastation of mass shootings traumatizes entire communities. The research is clear – bans on the sale of high-capacity magazines saves lives.”

Nine (9) states and the District of Columbia have enacted regulations on large capacity magazines, according to Giffords Law Center, a gun control organization started by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. Those states are California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Vermont. California's ban was recently upheld in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals but could be headed for the U.S. Supreme Court.

Democrats and gun control advocates have pushed for restrictions on high-capacity magazines as a way to help prevent mass shootings. Republicans and gun rights activists, however, have argued these restrictions infringe on their Second Amendment rights.

A day after the bill passed, about 50 gun rights advocates took to the Capitol steps Thursday for their annual lobby day. It was the first guns rights rally at the Capitol since the Legislature passed a law prohibiting open carry of firearms on campus. Speakers expressed concerns that lawmakers were “not listening to the people” on gun bills. **Ben Charles Jr., of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe**, criticized the Legislature's move to ban open carry on the Capitol campus, at “the people's building.”

During the debate, **Sen. Phil Fortunato, R-Auburn**, said the bill is not good for public safety in Washington as it removes the ability of people to defend themselves.

Sen. Keith Wagoner, R-Sedro-Woolley, said there are already magazines with more than 10 rounds of ammunition in circulation among gun owners. If someone wants to get a hold of them, they will, he said.

Sen. Patty Kuderer, D-Bellevue, said the bill is a way of “taking a commonsense approach” to a public safety issue. “This is a matter of life and death,” **Kuderer** said.

Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle, said he can't say with certainty whether this bill will prevent future mass shooting events. “We live in a world of uncertainty,” **Frockt** said. “The question for me is whether or not we should try to take some steps to change the trajectory of what's happening.”

News for the Flock

The Hunter's Table

By James Ono

BBQ Pulled Goose Leg Sandwiches

Wild goose legs provide an awesome culinary opportunity. Legs are often disposed of because of they can be tough and have a lot of extra bone and connective tissue and on ducks they do not have a lot of meat, so it takes quite a few to make a good meal. Geese on the other hand, have legs and thighs that are big enough that you can make a decent amount of food with the legs and thighs off just one bird.

This recipe is easy and approachable and has mass appeal since most people are familiar and like pulled BBQ sandwiches. In this recipe a Dutch oven is used, but it can be easily adapted for a crock pot, pressure cooker, or instant pot.

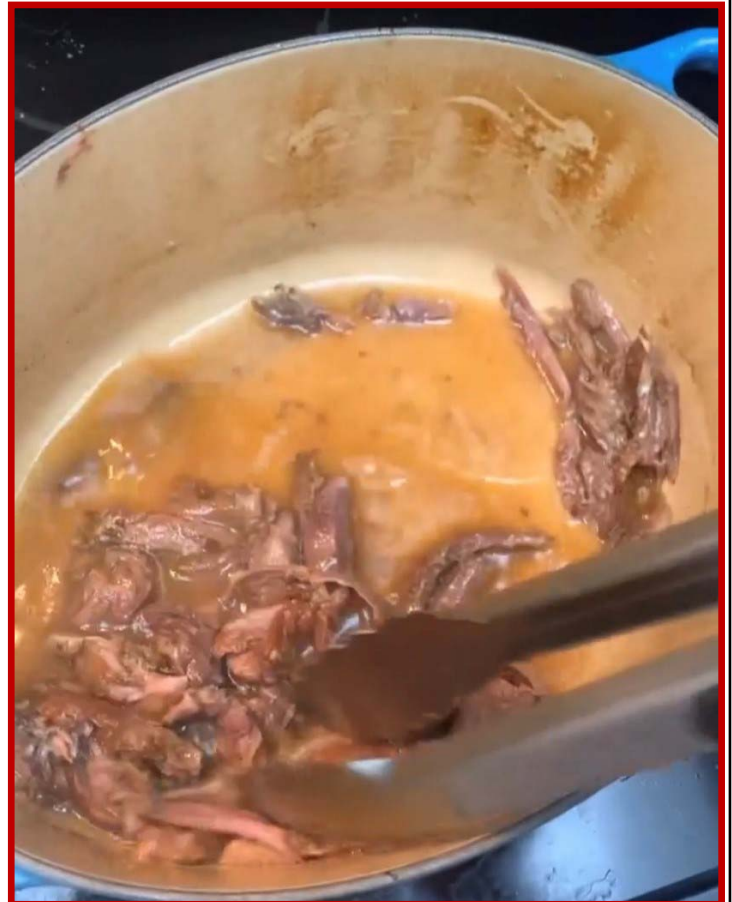
Ingredients

(makes 2 sandwiches)

- 2 goose legs and thighs
- 2 quarts of stock (game stock, beef stock, vegetable stock can all work)
- 2 Tbs oil
- ¾ cup BBQ sauce of choice
- ½ can of lager (drink the other half)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

- Season the meat with salt and pepper on both sides
- In a Dutch oven coated with oil, brown the legs and thighs on high heat. About 5 minutes per side
- Deglaze the pot with beer and reduce by half
- Add stock and ½ a cup of BBQ sauce and bring to a simmer
- Cover and simmer for approximately 2 hours or until the meat is tender
- Pull the legs and thighs out and pick the meat from the bones
- Once all the bones are removed, shred the meat like you would for pulled pork
- Discard 90% of the braising liquid, keeping 10% in the Dutch oven
- Add the remaining BBQ sauce and the meat to the liquid left in the Dutch oven
- Mix thoroughly
- Serve on buns with pickles and coleslaw or any toppings and sides you like.



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2021/22 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

The Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2021
Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp and
Limited Edition Print.

Artist Denise D. Nelson



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.

To order your print(s) and accompanying stamps, please complete the application on the adjacent page and send with check to:

**Washington Waterfowl Association
Duck Stamp Program
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E. Bonney Lake, WA 98391**

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2021 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

Please send me:



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Total Amount: \$ _____.00

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2008 WA State Print



2021 WA State Print & Stamp



Duck Calls, Duck Straps, WWA Logo'd Caps and more Prints...

WWA PHOTO CONTEST

WATERFOWL SEASON PHOTOS
•
WIN PRIZES!



We think that with almost everyone having a camera with them, especially hunting, that we could give some prizes for this year's best hunting photos. This contest is **FREE** and open to all that hunt and their guests. WWA members will choose from the available **prize list**:
Game lanyards, duck stamp prints and duck calls. Non-members receive an annual WWA membership and a hat!

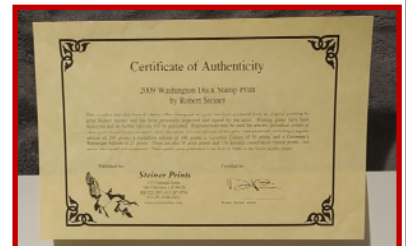
- Entrants can submit three images.
- Photos must be taken during the 2021/22 waterfowl season.
- Your three images must be submitted electronically with a submittal form.
- All images will become property of the WWA and may be used for advertising and/or to promote safe and fun hunting! (Originals can still be used by the contestant)
- Winning images will be posted in the WWA monthly newsletter.
- Judging will be performed by the WWA Promotion Team and will take place at the end of the season, the second week of March.
- **Submit your photos electronically, with your name to the email address below. Type "Photo Contest" in the subject block. You can just use first names for those in the photos if you wish.**

wawaterfowlmedia@gmail.com

Check us out at www.waduck.org

Submitted images should reflect the hunt, hunt prep, travel to and from, dogs, decoys, sun rises and sunsets, camps and anything else water-fowling hunting related. Images should show good sportsmanship and comradery!

Some things to think about: open gun actions; safe gun handling; safe boating; avoid showing alcohol and remember that kids will be looking at these images so keep it clean and classy!



2009 WA State Print

Classified Ads – For Sale / Wanted

Wanted

Looking for a started Black or Yellow male Lab. Will consider a female. Hard driving in the field with an off switch. Waterfowl & Hunt Trials. **Contact Aaron, 206-406-8921**

Wanted shotgun & decoys. **Contact Bryan, 253-590-3301**

For Sale

Mustang Flootation Suit and Jackets. Unused – just stored. These are \$200.00+ when purchased new. **\$ 50.00 each!**

All proceeds go to Washington Waterfowl Association

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Contact Rick at (425) 299-6704 or rgbillieu@frontier.com



FREE

WWA Classifieds

WWA is dedicating a page in the newsletter for WWA Members to sell hunting related items to their fellow members. No business ads please. That extra shotgun, waders, decoys or boat could get you some cash or trade for something another member has on hand.

Rules are simple:

- 25 words or less.
- Members only may advertise.
- For sale items only, not for business ads.
- Submit your classified ad each month (*we have no way of knowing if you sold/purchased your item or not*).
- Include your contact info. Phone and/or email.

For Sale

1. **8 boxes Speed Ball Goose loads**, \$23 per box, 10 shells per box, 3 1/2" — BB's, 1650 fps
2. **Winchester Super X magnum shotgun**, 3 1/2" **\$500**
3. **Box of new widgeon duck decoys.** Never used, **\$30 OBO**
4. **Remington 1100, 28 ga new**, never fired. **\$1,000 OBO**
Have *Bismuth* and lead shells, which are extra
Contact Tom, 425-299-8160

Browning Citori 725, S-3, 30" Barrells, Like New. Pictures and details upon request. **\$2,900**
Call or text Tim, 206 369 9105

8' Olympian fiberglass dinghy, oars, 4hp Suzuki w/ self contained tank. Easily seats two adults or an adult & 2 children. **Total Package — \$600 OBO.**
Contact Jim, 206-612-8772

Large Dakota, 283 dog kennel, \$375
Compare at \$499 — \$529
Call Zach, 253-691-9368



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renew Online at www.waduck.org

If you have not received your membership card or decal. Please contact **Mark**. As well, if you have questions or changes to your address please contact **Mark Pidgeon** at marpwwa@gmail.com or call 425-221-3986.

WWA Life Members

#1 Gary Talbert G	#2 Paul Bunn S	#3 Austin Addicoat S	#4 Rone Brewer S	#5 Fritz Kiemle S
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#46 Analise Arrabito	#47 Robert Zeka	#48 Ron Watkins D	#49 Ken Boyer S	#50 Henry Field
#51 Ric Wray	#52 Rich Phillips	#53 Ross Barkhurst S	#54 Michael Bess	#55 In Memory of Anne Grichuhin
#56 Frank Gallo S	#57 David Irons S	#58 David Ragsdale	#59 Tim Koehler S	#60 Brad Davis
#61 James Ono	#62 Ann Bullard	#63 Vance Boyer	#64 Albert O'Connor	#65 Dick Smith

New Levels of Life Membership

Effective June 1, 2021, WWA converted to three (3) different levels of Life Membership acknowledging that **ALL** WWA Life memberships are "**Sustaining**" to the organization. Those three (3) new levels along with their respective emoluments are:

Bronze Level Life Membership — \$500.00 (USD)

Includes one **WWA** Logo'd Belt Buckle **OR** one **Pacific Calls** WWA Logo'd Duck Call.

Silver Level Life Membership — \$1,000.00 (USD)

Includes one **Pacific Calls** WWA Logo'd Duck Call **AND** one WWA Logo'd embroidered "Life Member" Jacket.

Gold Level Life Membership — \$2,000.00 (USD)

Includes one **Pacific Calls** WWA Logo'd Duck Call, **AND** one WWA Logo'd embroidered "Life Member" Jacket, **AND** one guided Duck or Goose hunt for one.

All will include the option to decline the gift[s] accompanying their respective membership in order to provide maximum financial support to **WWA**.

All formerly \$750 "Sustaining" Life Members were automatically "bumped up" to the new Silver Life Member Level with no additional necessary payment nor any new emoluments of membership awarded.

If you have a question about the level of your Life Membership as listed above, please contact **John Arrabito** at jarrabito@comcast.net or **Mark Pidgeon** at marpwwa@gmail.com and we will be happy to help you by researching **WWA** records to make sure that we have the correct information about your existing Life Membership support of **WWA**.

THANK YOU ALL for your "sustaining" support of the **Washington Waterfowl Association**.

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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 in **red** is a listing of recent contributions to the five (5) primary funds established by the **WWA** since publication of the **January 2022 Newsletter**.

WWA General Fund — \$1,533

WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,640

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$11,077

WWA Legal Fund — \$20,753.52

WWA Youth Fund — \$1,810

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.

TWIN RIVERS BIRD TAXIDERMÝ

Basic quotes for the mount are set. The customer is tasked with deciding a habitat and pose for their bird and a final quote can be decided once the habitat scene is narrowed down.

Bases are entirely custom, and the cost is also custom, by quote only!

Regular prices for the bird mount only (without a base) are:

- Duck mount is \$320.
- Seaducks & Mergansers are \$350.
- Goose mount is \$500.
- One pheasant mount is \$280.

Other Terms and Conditons:

- Bird sent in before Thanksgiving **NEED TO BE FROZEN** and **SHIPPED OVERNIGHT**. Afterwards two (2) day mail is OK.
- Birds **MUST** be placed in double ziplocks, with a filled out federal tag in the outer bag. Pen ink can bleed onto the bird.
- A list of other requirements will be sent and is to be signed by the hunter **PRIOR TO** any shipping and engagement of my services.
- I will not be held responsible for a bird that is lost to rot, extensive damage, heavy amounts of pinfeathers, dog bite or slobber damage, freezer burn nor any other damage caused by improper storage by the hunter prior to my receipt of the bird.



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Active Link to >>>: [Twin Rivers Bird Taxidermy FB Page](#)

Link to WDFW Regs

TREASURER's REPORT

At its February 27, 2018 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting, the WWA Board voted to stop publishing our monthly financial report in the Newsletter which is available to the general public on our website [www.waduck.org].


However, in an effort to maintain and continue our history of financial transparency with respect to our membership, the monthly Treasurer's Report will be emailed to not only the BOD, but also to each and every Chapter Chairman to be made available for inspection and review by the Chapter membership or any individual Chapter member in good standing with dues paid current at any regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting.

2021-22 Regs Are Linked [Here](#)

See Migratory Game Bird Season Summary on **Page 18** of the Pamphlet, (Page 20 of the Link).



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Membership Type:

- Family (immediate family up to age 18) — \$ 35.00
- Regular — \$ 30.00
- Bronze Lifetime* — \$ 500.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
- Silver Lifetime* — \$ 1,000.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
- Gold Lifetime* — \$ 2,000.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
- ** Please check box if you do not wish to receive a gift.**
- Senior (65 or over) - \$ 15.00
- Junior (under age 18) -- \$ 15.00
- 2-Year Regular \$ 50.00
- 2-Year Family \$ 60.00
(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 — VACANT**
- 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 Quarterly TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the **Twin City Sportsmen's Club**, 26933 64th Ave NW Stanwood.
- Peninsula Chapter — VACANT**
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Monday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell.
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E., Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter — VACANT**
- Tri Cities Chapter — VACANT**
- Wenatchee Chapter** – Dates and Places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.

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A few facts about the WWA:

- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- Nine (9) active 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 Hunter Mentor one-on-one waterfowl hunting activities for those new to the sport
- 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 Sportsmen's Shows painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing full 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 waterfowling hunt 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 Sportsmen's Shows annually
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours for Swan Mortality Mitigation Studies
- Donation of funds and volunteer 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, boots on the ground" conservation projects.