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Habitat, Hunting, Legislation, Legal

Top of the Season to Ya's,

I imagine by the time the newsletter comes out, some of you will have a few of those early season geese in the bag already. For the rest of us, we'll sleep in for another few weeks while we wait and prepare for the traditional opener.

But before I go a word further, I want to express my sincerest thanks on behalf of **WWA** to **Rone Brewer** for his dedication and leadership in recent years. **Rone's** background as a biologist and his technical understanding of the roles and limitations of the various government agencies is un-paralleled in **WWA** history. In short, it takes a person with his type of credentials from being 'steam-rolled' by those agencies that we waterfowlers have traditionally believed to be in our camp. I look forward to working with **Rone** on behalf of our waterfowling pastime during my tenure.

I know that most of you have had your hunting gear ready since February. ☺ But, for those of you who have yet to ready, I urge you to lay out everything on the garage floor and take inventory. In my case, it's not so much an inventory for what's not there, but what I really don't need to be packing. I am one of those people that if I don't keep myself in check will pack everything including the microwave into my gear. It is especially important to double-check the kid's and grandkid's gear. Nothing can turn a long awaited outing with Dad or Grandpa from an adventure to a less than enjoyable outing than missing gloves, a warm cap, etc. ...oh, and warm socks.

Oh yea, and then there's little things: fresh batteries in the headlamp & flashlight, checking decoy lines & weights, and the damaged decoy. And, lets don't forget than in some (many) cases, the scattergun hasn't been out of the safe or the furnace room in months. Even great lubes and protectants dry out and disappear over time.

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Mission Statement

To Preserve, Protect and Promote Water fowl , Water fowl Habitat, & Water fowl Hunting in Washington state

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sept 17	Columbia Basin Chapter Youth Upland Bird Hunt at B&G Farms in Royal City. More information on page 18.
Sept 17	Moses Lake Ducks Unlimited Greenwing Event in Othello, WA. More information on page 19.
Sept 17 & 18	NW Chapter Youth Hunt Weekend. Bring out the kids or come along to help. Always looking for more Guides and Lands to hunt. More information on page 9.
Sept 24	13th Annual Lower Columbia Fundraising Banquet at the Green Meadows Athletic Club. More information on page 7.
Sept 24	NW Chapter Banquet in Mt Vernon. Tickets on Sale NOW! More information on page 20.
Sept 27	Southwest Chapter Meeting at the Tacoma Sportsman Club.
Sept 28	NW Chapter Duck Calling Lessons at the Skagit Wildlife HQ Area in Conway at 6:30pm. More info on page 8.

**Be an Active Member
and
Attend one of these
GREAT Events!**

Oct 1	Boat tour of the Skagit Wildlife Area and Farmed Island Hunting Area with the NW Chapter. More info on page 9.
Oct 1	WWA-Tri-Cities Chapter hunting blind pre-season prep at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Contact Cory Thompson at cbh20fowler@gmail.com
Oct 6	Drawing for the Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club Hunt for Two Raffle Buy your tickets today! More information on page 11.
Oct 8	Lower Columbia Chapter brush up and blind opening at 8am. More info on page 6.
Oct 11	NW Chapter Monthly Meeting with WDFW personnel from the Skagit Wildlife Area. More info on page 9.
Oct 12	NW Chapter Duck Calling Lessons at the Skagit Wildlife HQ Area in Conway at 6:30pm. More info on page 8
Oct 29	Seattle Chapter Youth Hunt Weekend. 2 nd Annual Youth Only Hunt at the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge near Ilwaco. Always looking for more WWA Volunteers to help out. More information on page 12.
Jan 25-29	Southwest Chapter at the Western Washington Sportmen's Show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. More info on page 14.
Feb 9	Next Yakima Valley Monthly Chapter Meeting.
Feb 17-19	Yakima Valley Chapter at the Central Washington Sportmen's Show at the Yakima Valley Sundome. More info on page 5.

Letter from the President Continued....

And for you many folks hunting with a boat, please pull out the Coast Guard list and verify you have **ALL** the gear required to keep everyone safe.

And lastly in my little checklist, don't forget to introduce yourself as a **WWA** member to new faces you encounter this year. Ask them to check us out on the internet and/or attend a chapter meeting.

Lastly, I want to thank **John Arrabito** for staying on as **WWA** Treasurer.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable opener!

For the Resource,
Jim

Washington: Anti-Gun AG Promises Firearm and Magazine Ban Legislation Next Year

From: **NRA-ILA Institute for Legislative Action**
and **Rone Brewer**



Anti-gun Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson announced that he will propose legislation during the 2017 Legislative Session to ban the sale of popular and commonly-owned

semi-automatic rifles and ammunition magazines. While the legislation has not yet been drafted, your **NRA-ILA** fully expects it to follow the same anti-gun blueprints being called for by the Bloomberg/Clinton gun control supporters.

AG Ferguson's announcement comes on the heels of a call for similar legislation by anti-gun groups in Washington, the same groups claiming that their goal wasn't to take

anyone's gun while advocating for Initiative 594 in 2014. Having now called for the banning of the most commonly owned firearms and ammunition magazines, these gun control groups have revealed their lie and proven that their real goal is to repeal the Second Amendment in Washington State, one step at a time.

Please contact Attorney General Bob Ferguson and voice your disappointment that he would call for legislation that would do nothing to prevent crime and only place undue burden on law-abiding gun owners. You can contact AG Ferguson by calling (360) 753-6200 or by emailing him [here](#). Encourage your friends, family and fellow gun owners to do the same.

This proposed legislation is nothing more than a political maneuver by Attorney General Bob Ferguson that could prevent Washingtonians from being able to effectively defend themselves. Instead of playing games with the rights of his constituency, maybe AG Ferguson could focus on stopping the criminals who commit the crimes instead.

Criminals do not abide by new gun laws, and will continue to break the law using whatever tool they wish to commit their crimes. This legislation will only disarm and restrict law-abiding gun owners from being able to defend themselves using the most effective means.



Classifieds— For Sale and Wanted

For Sale:

Ithaca Mag 10 semi auto 10 gauge shotgun, grade 1, in excellent shape with some reloading components and shells. \$650.00. Contact **Tom** at 253-549-2413

Duckboat, plywood, epoxy and fiberglass construction. 10' long, 46" wide, square stern, pointed bow, decked over with 75" x 38" cockpit approximately 90 lbs. \$350.00. Contact **Tom** at 253-549-2413

Wanted:

Capturing Stories of old NW Waterfowl Hunting; including Old Wooden Duck Decoys, Shell Boxes, Hunting Photos, Log-books, or other historic information. Please contact **Brett Stark** at NWDecoy@gmail.com.

Wanted to Buy: Canopy, good condition, to fit 2001 GMC P/U. 68" wide, 81" long, cab height about 22 ½" tall. 503-317-0843. Contact **Ron**: 503-317-0843.

Wanted to Buy: Cart in good condition to haul lots decoys that is easy to load into pickup with cab height canopy. Contact **Ron**: 503-317-0843.

Spinning wing mallard decoy. Original **Zebco** fishing reel driven with speedometer cable. **Mathews** Speedo. Any parts or pieces or broken works also. Price flexible. Contact 206-579-4129

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. (Businesses are welcome to purchase business ads from us.)
- Submit your classified ad each month (we have no way of knowing if you sold/purchased your item or not).
- Be sure to include your contact info. Phone and/or email.
- Send to **Matty Moore** at matty@vision-marketing.net or call 509.944.1009 by the 10th of the month.

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News for the Flock

Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Roger Bennett

Duck Banding Update:

Banding efforts have been very successful this August, both by the state at the **Sunnyside WMA**, and by the **Yakama Tribe** on the Reservation. Exact numbers were unavailable at newsletter press time, but we will get the numbers out to you in a future newsletter. Thanks so much to all the volunteers who helped with banding this year!

Central Washington Sportsmen's Show:

We will be participating in the **Central Washington Sportsmen's Show** again this year in the **Yakima Valley Sundome**, February 17-19, conducting our usual raffle and getting **WWA** sign-ups. If you would like to help, contact **YV Chairman Abel Cortina** at the number below.

Future Meetings:

Our next meeting is not until the second Thursday of February (February 9th), as we will be on meeting hiatus until hunting season is over. For more information, contact **WWA-YV Chapter Chairman Abel Cortina** at 509-786-9196.



Marcus Leuke and Jeff Bernatowicz banding a mallard.



Roger Bennett with a newly banded mallard drake (above).



Alex proudly holding a freshly banded mallard (above) then getting ready to release one with Marcus Leuke (right).



News for the Flock

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

State Presents Hydrology Forecast for South Shillapoo Juvenile Salmon Project

At our August meeting the project leader **Nicole Czarnomiski** gave a presentation on the projected hydrology for the proposed juvenile salmon project. Also attending were **Regional Wildlife Program Manager Sandra Jonker**, **Wildlife Area Manager Daren Hauswald**, **Engineer Alex Uber** and **Biologist Matthew Wilson**. We would like to thank the following **WWA Board Members** and **Officers** for driving down to our meeting for this important presentation: **President Jim Cortines**, **Treasurer John Arrabito**, **former President Rone Brewer**, **Board Members Terry Satre**, **Howard Hicks**.

The short version is this: When the **Columbia River** is running at high levels due to rain in the winter or run off in the spring there will be water in the area. As soon as the tide or river level drops water will drain from the wildlife area with no residual ponds or holding water for wildlife or waterfowl. The projected costs of \$10-13 million will have the bulk of the money going towards raising **Lower River Road** to create 2-3 bridges with breaches 40' to 200' wide into the wildlife area.

We found it incomprehensible that no thorough studies have been done to determine the long term effect on wildlife from this project. The spring floods will wipe out waterfowl nests that previously had been safe in the more stable habitat. The bottom line is this: The **Shillapoo Juvenile Salmon Project** is going to drain vital, viable wetlands that currently support a host of wildlife species and provide nesting habitat for local waterfowl. We cannot support such a misguided endeavor.

Blind #4 at Ridgefield NWR reinstalled with new cover (below). Second blind #18 RNWR new three person blind installed west of its original location (right).

Photos by member **Doug Lee**.



September 24th is Banquet Time!

Grab your family, friends and neighbors and bring them down to our fun filled annual fundraiser Saturday the 24th of this month. We have unique, fun and must have items in our silent and live auctions. We have the best raffle ever! We would like to invite all chapters interested to attend. So come on down and support **WWA!** For tickets contact **Doug Hargin** at dlhargin@msn.com or 360-903-6951.

Pit Blind Gets Green Light for North Shillapoo

Wildlife Area Manager Daren Hauswald notified us that the **Black Box** 3-person pit blind with dog box has been given the go ahead by the archeological study for installation on Thursday the 15th of September in the **North Shillapoo Wildlife Area**.

Ridgefield NWR

Thanks to **Doug Lee** for doing a walk through and blind check on the refuge for repairs on the blinds. Blind #4 has been reinstalled with a directional shooting cover. Blind #18 has been replaced with a new **BlackBox** blind in the same location as the original (See Photos). It would appear the **Saturday before the season opener October 8th** is the only one available for **brush up and blind opening** with a busy September schedule and **Birdfest** on the 1st. We will plan on meeting at the hunter check station at 8:00 AM. Bring waders, buckets, shovels and pruners. Lunch will be served.

September 3rd at Sportsman's Warehouse

Thanks to **Arlan Hackett**, **Doug Lee**, **Cliff** and **Jackie Pepper** for promoting our Banquet, sold over \$300 worth of raffle tickets and gathered petitions against the **Shillapoo Salmon Recovery Project**. Thank you!



WATERFOWL BANQUET

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE 13TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION BANQUET, LOWER COLUMBIA CHAPTER

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

Northwest Chapter News

By: Reb Broker

First and foremost got some catching up to do. The last few summer months have been crazy with running around the country enjoying the great outdoors.

New Mower Arm:

In July the **WDFW at Skagit Wildlife Area** received a mower arm from local donors and the **WWA Jay Koetje Memorial Fund for Skagit Farmed Island**. This mower will be used to clean dike banks and mow back brush in hard to reach areas. Thanks **WWA Members** for your donations to help with this purchase.

Chapters Together for a Shoot:

Also in the month of July, the **Northwest Chapter** teamed up with **Whatcom Chapter** for a lot of food and some shooting up at the [Lynden Shotgun Club](#) for some fun and getting members out to have some fun shooting trap, Skeet, and 5-Stand. We had over 20 members attend from Whatcom and Northwest and no one took a pic. Guys it was **Rick Billieu's** hotdogs and hamburgers that made everyone forget the pic's. We are planning a Northwest Shoot again in April this coming year so hopefully we'll have it together for the next one.

The August Duck Boat Show and Swap Meet:

Thanks to the members that brought your rigs into be looked at, talked about and scrutinized as to why you put it together the way you did.

Well we are swinging into the final stretch before we get into the main part of hunting season. **Northwest Chapter** is doing all we can to help with that one. After last year's calling classes and members asking for them again we have brought them back again.

Can You Talk Duck?

The first class was on Aug 31. We start at 6:30 but if you get there a little earlier we'll toss and you a hotdog and chips to keep your belly from messing up your calling and have you ready to brush up on your ways of the duck. The classes are at the **Skagit Wildlife HQ Area** out of Conway and go about 2 hrs. In August we had 22 callers there for the first meeting and all walked away with a full belly and plenty of homework to prepare them for the next class on **Sept 14**. Be sure to join us on **Sept 14, Sept 28, and the final class on Oct 12th**. With the Season starting on the 15th of October your sure to be ready!

(More NW Chapter news on page 9)



NW Chapter members checking out boats, rigs and setup's plus doing some shopping at the August Duck Boat Show and Swap Meet. Plus thanks for the great dogs **Rick!**



Northwest Chapter News continued...

Got a Kid Who Hunts?

Youth weekend is the 17th and 18th of September. Member **Rick Skiba** has been killing himself securing hunting locations for the kids this year. This past weekend had a few members out preparing blinds for the kids! Thanks Guys for the work! If you have a kid that would like to get out shoot an email to **Rick** reskiba@msn.com to see what he can do for you!



NW Chapter members working on blinds for the Youth-Only Hunt Weekend Sept 17-18.

Party, Yes it's time!

The **Northwest Chapter's** Banquet is set and on for September 24 in Mount Vernon. There is only one expectation for our Banquet, try to wear something clean! This is a no frills event and having a good time is what we are out for this evening. So if you want some good food and get to hang out with waterfowlers as passionate as you are, come up and enjoy a night out. Contact **Rich Phillips** at Warden156@hotmail.com to get your seat. Tickets are \$35 for a single or grab your best girl and bring her for \$60. **(more information on page 20)**

Don't know where to hunt?

This is a never ending search for water fowlers. You can always hear someone else blasting away the day and you just don't know how to get there. Well on Saturday, October 1st we are going to be doing a boat tour of the **South Fork of the Skagit River** and the **Farmed Islands**. We will meet at the **HQ Boat Launch** at 10am, to head out. Should be good for about 4 hours but you can come and go as needed.



Members climbing aboard for their tour of the Farmed Islands and Skagit River in 2015. Be sure and join them this year for insider tips and hints!

If you want to come send an email to me at LostFish01@gmail.com and let me know. If you need a ride or if you have your own boat. Last year we had 20+ hunters and a great time. Hope to see you out with us learning about an area that is a solid producer and lots of frustration!

October 11th Meeting:

This is the big one you don't want to miss. We will be hosting **WDFW personnel** from the **Skagit Wildlife Area** who bring us the lands of **Samish/Welts, Farmed Island/Skagit HQ, DeBay's Slough** and **Leque Island**. Some of the most productive and popular hunting areas in Western Washington. We will also host **WDFW personnel** from the **Private Lands Office** that provide the **Quality Hunt** locations. These two sections of **WDFW** provide the majority of hunting opportunities that we all use during the season. So get it on the calendar for October 11th at 7pm at the **Conway Fire Station**.

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Just this morning the eleventh of September, I spotted the first flock of small geese for this season over my house. Actually my dog *River* spotted and heard them first. Hopefully they are the first of many!

Shotgun Shooting Clinic

Our Chapter held its first shotgun shooting clinic on the 27th of August. We had 11 shooters present and all of them went away better shooters making it was a successful event! The crew was so busy with the shooters that we didn't get any good pictures, but you can vision young shooters hitting targets for their first time.

Jon McAninch who was one of our instructors conveyed his happiness about teaching these shooters and seeing great results! Anyone that knows **Jon** will attest to his being right at home behind a shotgun! Many thanks to him and **Dirk Farrar** for putting on this clinic! **Dirk** is a pretty good shot in the blind and on the range, himself, so between him and **Jon** the students got a lot of good instruction. Also thanks to Chapter members **Mike & Colton Smith** and **Mike Nesbitt** for helping out with the clinic!

Youth Shooting Event Recap

We also had our annual **Youth Shooting Event** on the 10th of September. We only had nine (9) young shooters and three (3) adults shoot the course, but we think that the event went very well. We had to compete with several hunting seasons going on at the same time, including early goose, so I am very glad we had the shooters that could be there. No doubt they all had a pretty good time shooting our course. They all went home with a hand full of prizes (or prize vouchers) and some pretty big smiles. And that's what its all about!

We have a bunch of folks to thank this year. I'll start with our Chapter volunteers who donated their time and money to make the shoot possible: **Terry & Ellen Satre** and **Bruce Burns** of the **South West Chapter** who volunteered their time and food to make a great BBQ lunch for all the participants and volunteers; **Cabela's** for making a prize donation worth over \$400 and the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** for being so accommodating! We will be brainstorming about how to make this event even bigger and better for next year.

Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Hunt for Two Raffle

The **Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Hunt For Two Raffle** (*See page 11 for more information*) is well in progress and the returns for this year are looking very positive! The drawing for the lucky winners will be on the 6th of October! You only have a short period of time to get your tickets!

Remember, you will only get to hunt with **Cedarville Farms** if you buy these tickets or join them as a member! Past hunts have been phenomenal!

Finally I hope everyone has a great and safe waterfowl season and I hope to see some of you "out there" this year!



One of our Youth Shoot attendees shooting a target from a layout blind- He hit the target by the way (above). All of the kids and volunteers at the September 10 Youth Shooting Event (below).



Hunt for Two Raffle CEDARVILLE FARMS WATERFOWL CLUB



Drawing Date October 6th, 2016

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Hunts will be on the Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club exclusive hunting properties or Puget Sound during the 2016/2017 waterfowl season.*

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Winner has choice of: *Goose hunt, Duck hunt or Puget Sound trophy Sea Duck hunt!*

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

**Some exceptions may apply.*

Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

September 28th Program – Hands On Demonstration on “How to Flock Decoys”

Bring at least one decoy and learn from **WWA-Seattle Chapter member, Bob Stephens**, how to flock your decoys for much more realism! **Bob** has put on this program for us before, but not in the “hands-on” format. It’s a great time for newbies [and old timers] to learn how to spiff up your decoys before the season.

We have the black flocking material and the glue. I will order some green flocking material and hopefully it will be here before our meeting on the 28th.

Thanks for **Seattle Chapter member Robb Stack**, for his great pictorial presentation of his recent dove hunting trip to Argentina. Can you imagine running 5,000+ shells through your shotgun in one week? Some of our Chapter members including **John Hanson, John Tierney** (senior **DU** Regional Director for the **PacNW**), and **Robb** have made this trip several times before. For others of us, it’s still on our “Bucket List.” But programs like Robb’s bring the dreams closer and closer! Thanks again, **Robb!**

The **10th Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shoot** was the most successful yet, with \$1,587 in proceeds donated to **WWA** from this year’s event! To date the event has donated some \$13,207 to **WWA** coffers. Thanks **Jenny and Mike Lutz!** See the accompanying story and pics on the [adjacent page](#).

Ferd Nist Trophy Shoot has a New Champion!

There’s a new Sheriff in Town and his name is **Bill Maxwell**. Last month at the half-way point of the competition I told you I wouldn’t release his name so as to “jinx” him, and apparently that was a good move on my part.

Bill broke 88 targets in three (3) different disciplines, 16-yard trap; a 16-23 yard slider; and doubles. His score was the highest since **former WWA President** (and current Idaho resident) **Gary Webster** won the event in 2011.

Two time [and defending **Ferd Nist** Champion], **Seattle Chapter** Sec-Treas, and all around good sport, **David Hanson**, has arranged for the engraving of **Bill’s** name into the traveling trophy and will make the presentation to **Bill** at our September meeting. Hope you’re there to congratulate **Bill!**

Donation to the Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show

For the second year in a row, the **WWA-Seattle Chapter** has donated \$500 towards a Scholarship Award to the beginning decoy carver – young or old – displaying the best new talent at each year’s show. The photos here are some of the award winning carvings by **WWA-NW Chapter**

member, Tom Newell. **Tom** is a nationally known carver, renowned for his detailed decoy painting, and is annually requested to judge decoy carving competitions all around the country.

More importantly, he is a generous man with his time and talent, having hosted at his LaConner studio, a carving group from the **WA Refuge Forum** that was put together by **NW Chapter member Kurt Benson**. If you are interested in learning carving with this group contact **Mike Lovelace, Paul McGovern**, or myself.



Can You ID these shorebirds by Tom Newell?



Painting Detail



Miniature Pintails

Youth Only Hunts

Several **WWA** Chapters [**Northwest and Moses Lake**] will be hosting Youth

shoots this coming weekend. Last year, **WWA-Seattle** hosted an inaugural Youth Shoot at the **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**, down by **Ilwaco**. However, those pesky tides don’t always cooperate with the **WDFW** designated 3rd full weekend of September. We had only three (3) youngsters willing to make the rather long trek from the staging area to the water’s edge.

So this year it is scheduled according to the best weekend tides available at **Willapa**, Saturday, October 29th.

Last year **NW Chapter member Ben Welton**; **SW Chapter member Jack Westerfield**; and **Pacific County member Dan Heasley**, joined **Mike Lovelace** and myself to help **Willapa NWR** personnel put on the event. If you would like to participate this year, let me know by October 15th.

BJ Brown Memorial Trap Shoot Recap

By: Jenny Lutz

The Tenth Annual BJ Brown Memorial Trapshoot held Sunday, August 21 at the Kenmore Gun Range was a huge success on many levels! All monies collected are donated — \$1587 went to WWA and \$1500 went to the BJ Brown Memorial Scholarship that honors a Bothell High School graduate. This is an all-time high!

We were pleased with both WWA and Kenmore Gun Range members that joined the shoot – thank you for participating! We had loads of donations (thanks to Larry & Kathy Gordon of AMS Guns of Woodinville, Adventure Sports, Bishops, Robb Stack, Timon Gasowski, The Wilson Leake Family, Januik Winery, John Arrabito, (I hope I did not forget anyone) and many left with new T-shirts, WWA-Logo'd hats & other gear.

Jarrett Leake, BJ's 19-year-old cousin, won Top Gun with a score of 106/125. He also won Men's Singles and tied with Dave Hanson for Men's Handicap. Men's 5-stand was a three-way tie – Mark, Chris Trewin and Robb Stack. Novice Singles went to Rich and Novice Handicap to Larry. Women's Singles and 5- Stand went to Rae and Women's Handicap went to Amelia. It was a great day for family and friends of BJ to get together and honor BJ in a way fitting his personality.



Top Gun, Jarrett Leake - BJ's cousin, standing between Jenny Lutz, BJ's Mom and Mike Lutz - BJ's step Dad.



Photos of some of those who came to help us celebrate the life and legacy of BJ Brown. Thank you for your support and participation.



News for the Flock

Washington State Duck Stamp and Print Collectors



The 2016-2017 Washington State Duck Stamp prints and stamps with the image of a Hooded Merganser, created specifically for Washington by **Doug Snyder** of Chicago, IL are available for purchase. As in recent years, the **WWA** is

strictly limiting the number of prints to just 110 copies. So order your today!!!

Order forms are contained in the newsletter on pages 23-26 or are available online at waduck.org

Be sure to order your prints today!

Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Dove Hunting

Season opener was spotty in the Basin. If you found a place with nesting cover, water and harvested grain fields you did OK, otherwise the rain of the first week and strong winds pretty much ruined your chances of opening day success.

Watch the changes that have been made to the **Frenchman Regulated Access Area**. You will still be required to park in one of the designated parking spots, but the area will be open 7 days a week.

Upcoming Work Party

Watch for more information next month on the habitat plantings to take place on the **Middle Crab Creek channel** at Rd. 19 N.E. and Willow Lake Rd. N.E. in November.

Southwest Chapter News

By Terry Satre

The **WWA-SW Chapter** participated in the youth shoot sponsored by the **Grays Harbor Chapter** at the **Evergreen Sportsmans Club** by cooking hamburgers and hotdogs with chips, drinks and cookies.

The next major event will obviously be the start of waterfowl season. The next Chapter event will be the **Sportsmans Show** at Puyallup Fairgrounds on January 25th thru the 29th.

Our next meeting is Tuesday the 27th of September at **Tacoma Sportsmens Club**.

Any questions contact

Terry Satre @ 253-845-2398 or Teltim@comcast.net

Bruce Burns 253-961-8802 or bwburns36@gmail.com

Kitsap County Chapter News

The Kitsap County Chapter is looking for a new Chapter Chairperson. Peninsula Waterfowlers, we need someone to step forward.

Spokane Chapter News

The Spokane County Chapter is looking for a new Chapter Chairperson. Inland Empire Waterfowlers, we need someone to step forward.



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News for the Flock

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 six (6) primary funds established by the **WWA** since publication of the August 2016 Newsletter.

WWA Youth Fund — \$1,720

Bill Nichols — \$20

Monthly Recurring Donation — Jim Goldsmith, Sept. 2016 — \$5

WWA Legal Fund — \$17,532

Monthly Recurring Donation — John Arrabito, Sept. 2016 — \$5

WWA Habitat Fund — \$785

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

Dollars used to buy a mower to help maintain the Farmed Island Unit of the Skagit Wildlife Area

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$10,957

WWA General Fund — \$148

Bob Oliver — \$20

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Achurra	Taylor	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Beck-Facey	Jackson	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Burgess	Brandon	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Dearborn	Janet	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
DeLaTorre	Ethaniel, Jessica, Julian	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Gallegos	Alonzo	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Gramse	Mateo	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Hernandez	Manolo Lopo	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Kaldor	Joshua and Mary	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Koski	Cierra	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Kube	Nason	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Kunze	Philipp	Seattle	Individual membership two year
Marusich	Matt	Northwest	Individual membership two year
Sheed	Andrew	Gray's Harbor	Family membership

WELCOME BACK to the following members, rejoining after an absence of 3 months or more.

Nichols,	Bill	McCormick,	Bruce
Beckman,	Paul	McMahon,	John
Beitz,	Ken	Meaux,	James
Breidenbach,	Terry	Oliver,	Bob
Cortines,	Erik	Patterson,	Dave
Crawford,	Bruce	Payne,	Jim
Cuda,	Ed	Russell,	Paul
Goodenough,	Ryan	Schnebly,	Doug
Hames,	Tracy	Stevick,	Paul
Hamlin,	Jim	Stilwell,	Fred
Hawkins,	Bob	Strand,	John
Hublou,	Matthew	Tenwalde,	Rocky
Irwin,	Tom	Vail,	Russ
Kessler,	Dave	Westerfield,	Paul
Landers,	Ned	Wood,	Jack
Lines,	Ivan		





Columbia Basin Chapter Youth Upland Bird Hunt

Saturday, September 17, 2016
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Location: B & G Farms in Royal City



The Columbia Basin Chapter of Pheasants Forever (CBPF), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and B & G Farms in Royal City are partnering in an effort to recruit youth into the sport of hunting by providing youths an opportunity to hunt wild and planted birds in some of the best habitat available in Grant County. Years ago, WDFW partnered with B & G Farms to install shrub plots to provide optimal bird habitat, particularly important to pheasant survival during rough winter conditions. In addition, dense nesting cover has been planted between shrub rows to provide quality nesting cover which can help boost

annual productivity of wild birds. These numerous, but relatively small (several acre), habitat plots have matured to high quality habitat and will serve as ideal locations to plant birds throughout the day, to ensure that all youths are safely dispersed and have a good chance at kicking up birds. CBPF is donating the birds to the cause and is currently recruiting volunteers to help ensure a safe and enjoyable hunt by pairing an experienced hunter with each youth. Additionally, WDFW will provide assistance of a certified Hunter Education instructor to give each youth a refresher course on hunter safety before beginning the hunt. And, as an added bonus, every youth participant will have a **chance of winning a 20-gauge shotgun!**

Hunters are encouraged to make a reservation for this hunt day; **Saturday, September 17th** (anytime between 9am and 2pm). Though not required, the reservation will help planners ensure an adequate supply of pheasants and refreshments for after the hunt (*make reservations at: http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/hunting_access/private_lands/hunt/392/*). Please help us protect our hunting heritage by participating in this unique opportunity!

You can find more information about the Columbia Basin Chapter of Pheasants Forever on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaBasinPF>



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The Moses Lake DU Committee

Saturday, September 17th 2016

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- Hot Dogs/Hamburgers - Calling Seminar -
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Pre-registration required at www.ducks.org/washington/events
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Contact: Rich Phillips 360.631.4456 Warden156@hotmail.com

News for the Flock

TREASURER's REPORT (9-8-2016)

Corporate Checking (BAC)	\$ 12,650.86
Corporate Checking (AW)	\$ 8,339.60
Funds to be Deposited	\$ 130.00
Duck Stamp Account	\$ 2,300.00
(Most recent report 6-16-2016)	
Merchandise Account	\$ 2,219.79
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,621.84
Corporate Total	\$ 43,262.09

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking (1-7-2016)	\$ 1,632.41
Kitsap Chapter (To Be Funded)	
LC Checking	\$ 18,730.04
ML Checking	\$ 26,216.38
NW Checking	\$ 7,924.99
SEA Checking	\$ 23,300.92
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,753.91
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$ 1,317.07
SEA Total	\$ 34,371.90
SPO Checking	Closed 5/19/2014
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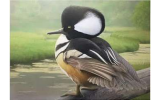
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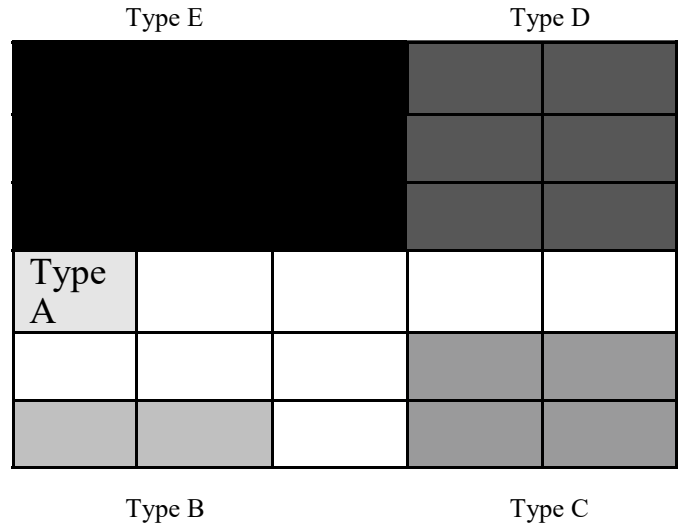
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Chapter & Newsletter: (Please specify your preferences)
 Newsletter by email or hard copy

- 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** — Dates and places TBD.
- 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 year round 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, WA
- 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 of the month (Jan – Nov.) at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center**.
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- 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
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- 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.