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Greetings All,

As I'm sure most of you know, longtime **WDFW** waterfowl biologist **Don Kraege** retired a few months ago. I imagine **Don** will enjoy more waterfowling this fall than he has in decades. That said, he will also learn what many of us retirees come to question upon retirement... how did I ever have time for a job? ☺

So, on behalf of **WWA**, I just wanted to acknowledge **Don's** contribution to waterfowling in our region and thank him for his many efforts on behalf of **WWA** over the years. That said, I want to welcome **Don's** replacement at the **WDFW**, **Kyle Spragens**... whom I hope to meet soon and invite to one of our Director's meetings.

A few months ago, I asked for volunteers for the Duck Stamp Committee... a handful of meetings per year and perhaps 10 to 12 hours including travel time. I received two responses; both were from non-WWA members. So here's the situation, the average age of the stamp committee is 'north' of 65. We (the stamp committee) won't last forever and neither will the Washington State Duck Stamp and Print program without someone to pass the reigns too. Please consider volunteering.

Over the years, I have heard comments from members, officers and directors about **WWA's** relationship with the government agencies, including **WDFW**, **USFWS** and **County Councils**. Some held the view that **WWA** was all too frequently confrontational with the aforementioned. Others felt that **WWA** was all too frequently condescending. My own viewpoint is that the **WWA** should endeavor to continue our good works with the agencies; but not be timid about pointing out when the waterfowling community, not just the **WWA**, has been slighted.

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Mission Statement

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

- Oct 15- 23** Early Week of Goose Hunting
- Oct 26** **Seattle Chapter** monthly meeting will feature our annual swap meet. Bring any waterfowling gear, calls, decoys, etc., to buy, sell or trade. Ten (10%) of all proceeds will go to the Chapter. As we have some active Junior members in our Chapter, it would be great to bring some items of particular interest and sizing for them. For more info: Contact **John Arrabito**.
More information on page 9.
- Oct 29** **Seattle Chapter Youth Hunt Weekend.** 2nd Annual Youth Only Hunt at the **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)** near Ilwaco. Always looking for more **WWA** Volunteers to help out. **More information on page 9.**
- Nov 8** **NW Chapter** monthly meeting.
More info on page 19.
- Nov 15-18** **Volunteer Opportunity** with **WWA** and **Pheasants Forever** at the Road 19 Habitat Enhancement Project.
More info on page 10.
- Nov 23** 2nd Opening of Goose Hunting
- Dec 1-18** Smithsonian Waterfowl Collection.
More info on page 20.
- Dec 8** **Annual Seattle Chapter Christmas Dinner.** Separate Flyer to follow in November.

- Dec 13** **NW Chapter** monthly meeting.
More info on page 20.
- 2017 Events**
- Jan 10** **NW Chapter** monthly meeting.
More info on page 20.
- Jan 25** **Seattle Chapter** monthly meeting .
- Jan 25-29** **Southwest Chapter** at the **Western Washington Sportmen's Show** at the **Puyallup Fairgrounds.**
- 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**

**Print the handy pocket
schedule from the WWA
President on page 19.**



Letter from the President Continued....

(President's Letter continued)

All too often over the years, the **WWA** learns of the 'done deal' when it's too late for what we have to say to have any impact. Further, organizations such as **WWA** are then tasked with the bearing the expense and/or man-hours to play catch-up with the agency. Oh yeah, most of our member have full-time jobs...so the heavy lifting falls on very few shoulders.

Let me be clear. No other organization in the State of Washington is more intent on enhancing waterfowl and habitat for the use of the **consumptive sportsman/woman** than **Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA)**. We share state and federal lands and waterways with a bevy of outdoors enthusiasts and organizations...but the consumptive sportsman/woman pays the bills. And yet, it's surprising to me anyway, that the waterfowlers' opinion is rarely considered before an agency takes an action that further undermines our pastime.

A Modest Proposal

So where's he going with this rant you ask?

I would like to see **WWA** start providing input on a regular basis to the agencies and especially **WDFW** on the opinions and concerns of waterfowlers in our state...direct input from the masses.

I am proposing that **WWA** undertake the use of a program such as 'Survey Monkey' to poll not just **WWA** members but also non-members to see what their concerns are and opinions about waterfowling and the **WDFW**.

It seems to me that no communication link exists between the waterfowler and the **WDFW** whereby the waterfowling community as a whole can provide feedback to the agency. I'm sure the expense for the **WDFW** to tackle such a program would be prohibitive.

The **WDFW** makes decisions, changes and rules without any input from we, their 'customer'.... and we are then expected to accept and go along.

One might say the **Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG)** is there to provide input to **WDFW**. Not really, because there is **no feedback** to the **WAG** from waterfowling community as a whole, other than a few members who contribute on the

WA Refuge Forum.

So here's my pitch —

My e-mail is: wawtrfwlr@comcast.net. IF, you would like to see some sort of direct feedback to the agencies, including **WDFW**, that control Washington State waterfowling:

Would you please e-mail me that yes you would like to see WWA communicate to the WDFW via survey results on your behalf.

Secondly, would you be interested in helping build the survey question program?

All the Best, Be Safe, and Have a Great Opener!!

Jim

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Classifieds— For Sale and Wanted

For Sale:

4 Pieces Dura-Cover Blind Cover--overhead cover for duck or goose blinds -New in Boxes. See page 101 **Cabelas Waterfowl Catalog** — \$140-located in Spokane. **Ivan Lines** 509.994.3744 or ivanlines@gmail.com

Remington 1100 - 12 ga. w/ ribbed skeet barrel, fair cond.- \$290.

Wall hanger muzzle-loading old shotguns – 12 ga. \$90, and big 10 ga. \$150. **Robb** 206-909-7189

14ft alum duckboat & trailer. Boat is a Hewescraft, motor is 2004 Johnson 20hp with weed guard. Want \$2,000. Call **Joe** at 425-338-2611

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.

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

Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Volunteer Opportunity

The local chapters of **Washington Waterfowl Association** and **Pheasants Forever** were awarded an **Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grant** (see <http://wdfw.wa.gov/grants/alea/>) to assist **WDFW** with planting approximately 10,000 seedling shrubs for habitat in the **Gloyd Unit** of the **Columbia Basin Wildlife Area**. This area is open to hunting and provides diverse hunting opportunity from mule deer to quail.

On November 15-18 starting at 9 a.m., shrubs will be planted and covered with plastic mulch material by tractor. We need hands to help cut the material and pull the shrubs through, then staple the plastic mulch around the plants to keep weeds minimized. This job requires a lot of bending over and/or kneeling. Be sure to bring clothing for all weather. Food and water provided. Please email or call **Rich Finger** to sign up: Ricard.Finger@dfw.wa.gov or 509.754.4624 x229. **See page 10 for directions and more information.**



Volunteers cutting covering and pulling shrubs through to create great hunting opportunities. Please join us November 15-18.

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Hello everyone!

Well, the geese are flying around my neck of the woods in pretty good numbers. But still down compared to past years. This can only mean one thing — Hunting season! I can hardly wait to make that first shot.

It's Because of You— So Thank You

Our Chapter has done well this year for one reason, that we had volunteers and donors. I feel very fortunate to have as many volunteers as we do. I would like to **thank all of you for your service to the WWA!**

Your time will show in the future when the waterfowl once again become a concern of our supporting government, the **WDFW**. Right now salmon recovery seems to have taken a front seat. I'm sure we will have our day with all your support!

To see that our children and their children still have the privilege to hunt and maybe even the right to hunt will be a big part of our goals and purposes. We could not do it without **all** of you! Consider yourself a part of the solution and NOT the problem.

Hunt for Two Raffle
CEDARVILLE FARMS
WATERFOWL CLUB

Announcing the Winner of the Cedarville Farm Hunt

Congrats to the winners of this years **Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two: Jerry Allen** of Hillsboro Oregon and **Jesse Ratcliff** of Olympia. Congratulations go out to each of you.

I want to thank all of you that bought and sold tickets for this wonderful set of hunts! It's the main fundraiser for our Chapter!

I wish you all a great and safe hunting season and I'm sure I will be hunting with several of you. See ya "out there!" Call if you need anything:

Kurt Snyder
360-485-9353

News for the Flock

Lower Columbia Chapter News

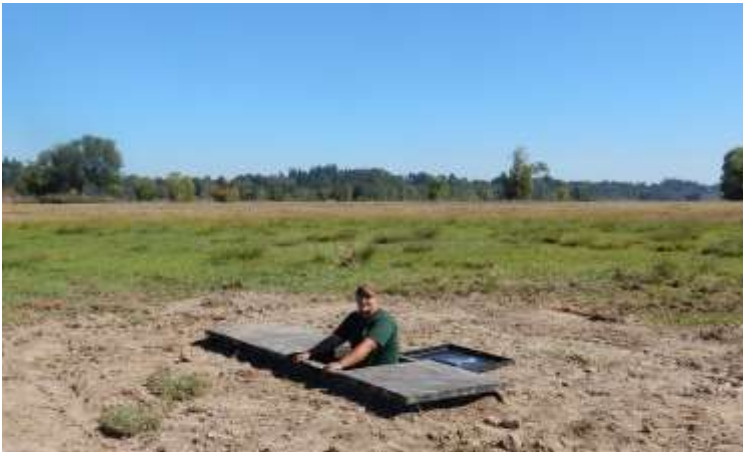
By: Doug Hargin

Annual Fundraising Banquet a Success!

We had another wonderful evening of fun, food and fundraising on September 24th! Chapter president **Ted Blade** got his first auctioneer opportunity and did a fine job. Thanks to **Rick Scott** for taking the emcee duties again this year. We **raised just under \$11,000 this year**. Thank you to our members for their donations, bringing in the goods and generously bidding on them.

Pit Blind Installed At North Shillapoo

The three person (and a dog) pit blind was installed on **North Shillapoo** September 15th by **WDFW** area manger **Daren Hauswald** and his assistant **Tyler Hand**. Our chapter purchased the blind early this year. The old #4 blind was removed and this one placed in the vicinity nearer the water.



Tyler Hand with WDFW tries out the new Shillapoo pit blind installed on September 15th.

Check Out Changes in the Goose Program

Check your **Waterfowl Hunting Pamphlet!** We have an early week of goose hunting to begin the season this year from October 15th to the 23rd. It will close down and reopen on November 23rd. Shooting hours are 30 minutes after the official waterfowl in the morning and 30 minutes prior to closing. Areas 2A and 2B have been combined also. Don't have your regs yet? [Click here...](#)

Ridgefield NWR Blind #8

Rick Spring spearheaded a project to bring disabled access to blind #8 up to standards. Funds were provided by **The Washington Waterfowl Association, Vancouver Wildlife League** and others. The blind has been totally rebuilt and gravel added. This blind has disabled access but is not designated as disabled only as blind 1a currently is.



The newly refurbished **Blind #8** at the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge**.



Ridgefield NWR Opening and Brush Up Party October 8th

Saturday, October 8 at the **Ridgefield NWR Orientation and Work Party**, we had probably the largest turnout ever. With 25 Chapter members and a dozen non-members, all blinds got attention, with Fast Grass applied. They are all ready for the Opener Saturday. Where there is Smart weed there are Ducks.

Forty Hamburgers, 30 bags of Chips, a couple of dozen Hot Dogs and a Gallon of Chili were consumed. Some of us ended up smelling like a big hamburger. Others probably had a little indigestion. Anyway we hope everyone will live to tell about it and we thank everyone for showing up.

Great job and a great turn out Guys. Thanks to: **Ron Anderson, Ted Blade, Dave Chavez, Chuck Chelshire, Carl Degner, Ivan Degner, Mike Ellis, Rick Erickson, Arlan Hackett, Dan Hafenbrack, Joe Hendrix, Doug Lee,**

Dino Matri, Al Oconor, Gerry Piazza, Arland Richardson, Rick Scott, Rick Spring, Dan Spureck, Chris Stalcup, Bob Taylor, Mark Weston, David Weston, Ryan Weston and Jack Whitney.



Where's Waldo?

Rick Scott making sure blind 13 at **RNWR** is ready for opening day (*above*). **Dan Hafenbrack** with wonder dog **Grace**! They are testing out the newly installed blind 18. This is a polymer pit blind donated to **RNWR** by the **WWA Lower Columbia Chapter** (*below*).



Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

October 26thth Program – Annual Swap Meet

This month's **Seattle Chapter** monthly meeting will feature our annual swap meet. Bring any waterfowling gear, calls, decoys, etc., that you no longer use to buy, sell or trade for someone else's! Ten (10%) of all proceeds will go to the Chapter. As we have some active Junior members in our Chapter, it would be great to see some items of particular interest and sizing for them. If you got it, and don't use it anymore, bring it to the swap meet. ALL **WWA** members of ALL Chapters are welcome to participate.

Also this month being the last Chapter meeting of the year, ALL **WWA** members in attendance will get a **FREE** round of trap or 5-stand!

Many thanks to **Chapter member, Bob Stephens**, for putting on last month's how-to-program on flocking your decoys. I was surprised that no one took me up on my offer to bring some dekes for some "hands-on" experience.

Second Annual Willapa Youth Hunt Going With the Tides

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 designated 3rd full weekend of September. So this year we're going against the tide of the designated Youth Hunt Weekend and have it scheduled according to the best weekend tides available at **Willapa** in the early season — specifically Saturday, October 29th. Registration begins at 9 a.m. See Flyer on adjacent **page 9**.

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 have never hunted the **Willapa NWR**, this weekend would provide you with an excellent opportunity to (1) get your Master Hunter volunteer credits; (2) scout out the area on Saturday with volunteers with local knowledge; and (3) hunt Sunday and/or into the following week! If you would like to participate this year, please let me know before October 22nd.



Jackie Ferrier, Project Leader at the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge Complex near Ilwaco, helps a couple of youth hunters and their father identify species of waterfowl with the aid of books and the WWA Duck Mount Display at the first ever Refuge sponsored Youth Hunt in September of 2015. WWA member volunteers included (L to R) Jack Westerfield (SW) and Dan Heasley (Pac Co) in background.



Youth Waterfowl Hunt

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Event starts at 9:00 am

Fun! Prizes! Hunter Education!

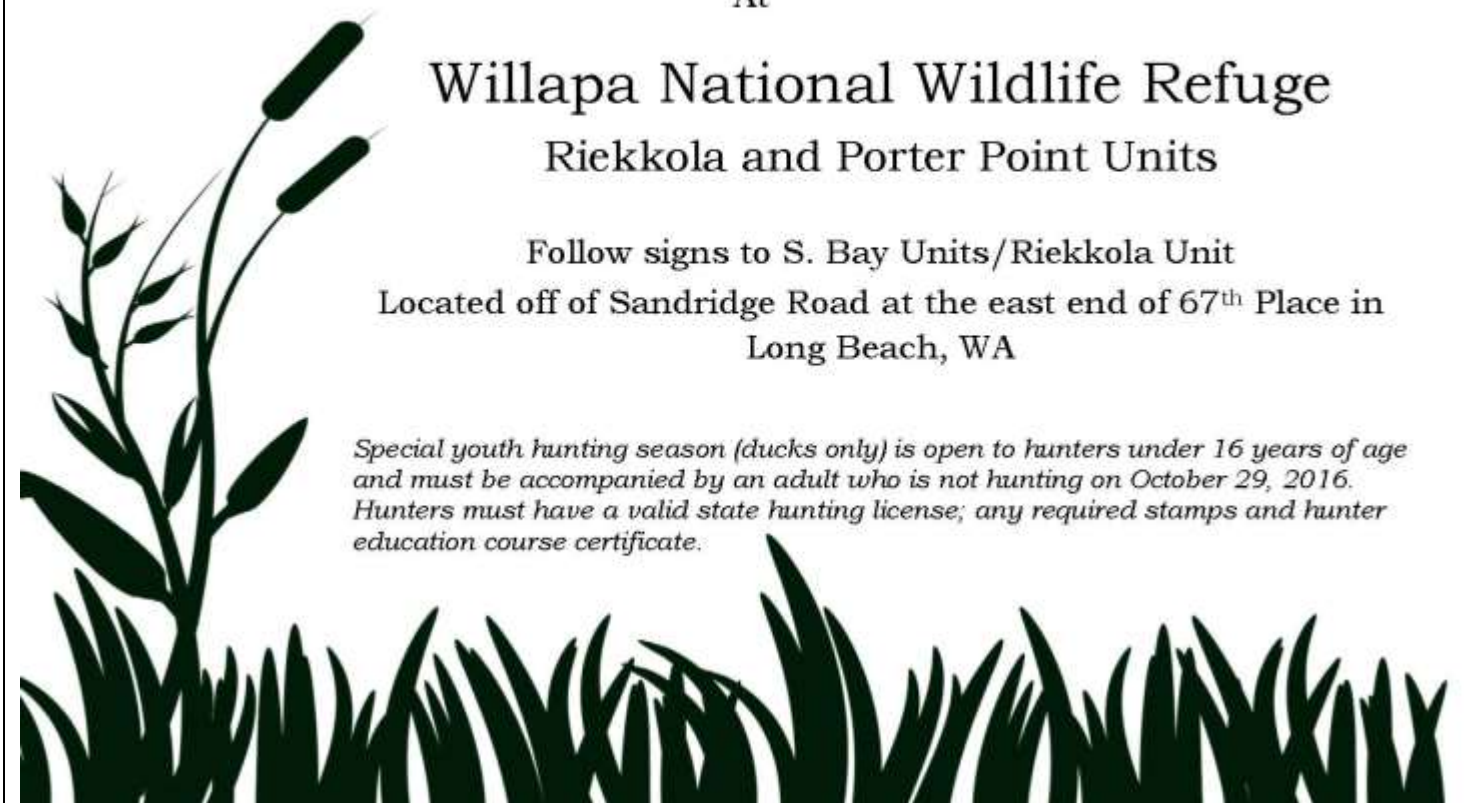
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At

Willapa National Wildlife Refuge
Riekkola and Porter Point Units

Follow signs to S. Bay Units/Riekkola Unit
Located off of Sandridge Road at the east end of 67th Place in
Long Beach, WA

Special youth hunting season (ducks only) is open to hunters under 16 years of age and must be accompanied by an adult who is not hunting on October 29, 2016. Hunters must have a valid state hunting license; any required stamps and hunter education course certificate.



Volunteer Opportunity

Road 19 Habitat Enhancement Project

November 15-18, 2016

At junction of Road 20 NE and Road E NE Meet each day at 9am



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Bring clothing for all weather. Food and water provided.

Please email or call **Rich Finger** to sign up.

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Directions from Moses Lake:

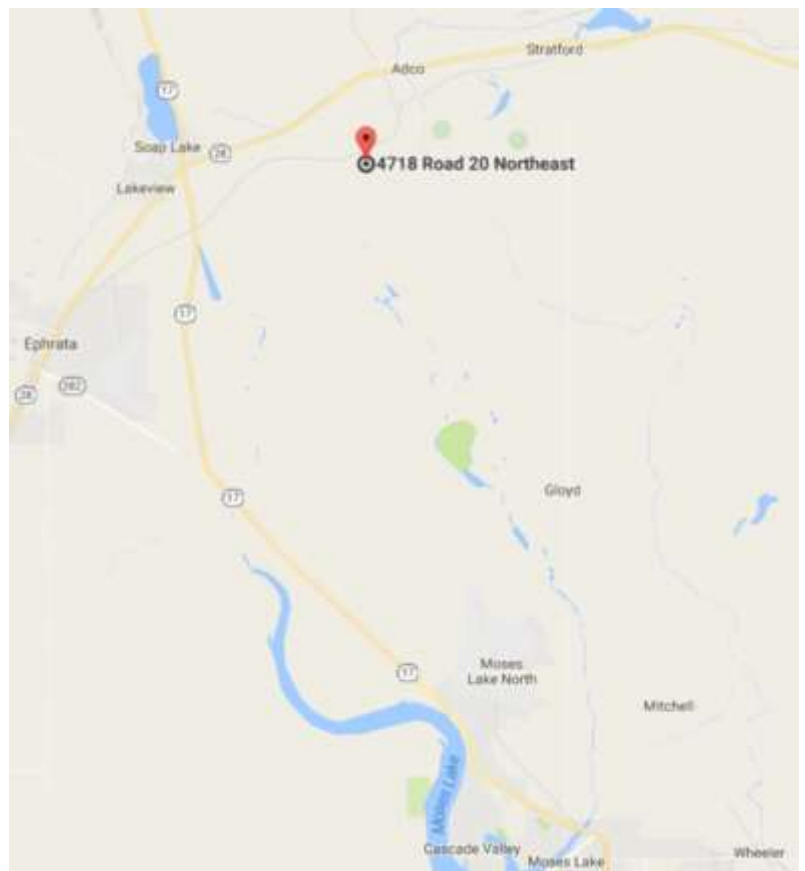
North on Stratford Road to Road 20 NE.

Turn left (west) on Road 20 NE and proceed for 5.1 miles. Parking area is just before bridge and Road E NE.

Directions from Ephrata:

Northeast on Hwy 28 to Road 20 NE.

Turn right (east) on Road 20 NE and proceed for 4.3 miles. Parking area is just after Road E NE and bridge.



Northwest Chapter News

By: Reb Broker

Got a Kid Who Hunts?

From the **NW Chapter** Youth Hunt Coordinator **Rick Skiba**:

September 17 & 18 our Youth Hunt had a total of 12 young hunters join us for water fowling at its best. Some of the youth limited out, some came close to getting their limit and others didn't have to worry about cleaning birds or running out of shells...oh well that's hunting. A special "THANK YOU" to the **Tony Breckenridge** and the **Edison Gun Club** and **Adam Schuller** and the **Swinomish Gun Club** for their gracious hospitality, blinds, decoys and great hunting. Also, "THANK YOU" to all the **WWA members** who helped out during and before the event.



NW Chapter News continued.....

NW Chapter News *Continued*

Banquet

The NW Chapter Banquet held on September 24 was a **Great Success**. We had 128 Men, Women, and Kids through the door. Crammed the guest and 13 Live Auction Items, 3 tables of Silent Auction Items, a Decoy wall and over 60 General Raffle items including an 8' boat. Two kegs of beer,

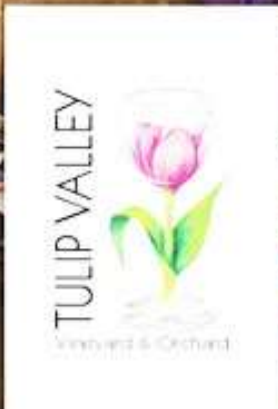
BBQ to feed the masses and more empty wine bottles than I think is respectable to mention, all into the **Hillcrest Lodge** in Mount Vernon!!! **Thank you to all of our donors!** We are **VERY** happy with all of the guests and the money that you so graciously spent! Finally thanks to all of the volunteers that spent so many hours preparing for this event and making it another great one!



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NW Chapter News *Continued*

Can You Talk Duck?

Over the last 8 weeks **Nick Handly** has been giving calling class to duck hunters from the Skagit Area. We have been meeting out at the **Skagit Wildlife HQ Area** every other Wednesday for a total of four meetings.



Nick has walked us through the basic Quack, Feeder and the ever popular Hail Call. Talked about whistles and some tactics on when/how to use them. Also talked about the different call types (woods/plastic/acrylic, double or single reed) and how they can affect your calling style. I think that a lot was learned and can all be applied to this season. Also would like to thank [Pacific Calls](#) for giving a 20% off to any class attendees who ordered anything. Also [Pacific Calls](#) donated a matched set of Duck and Goose Calls for the Banquet too! So thanks again to Pacific Calls and to everyone that attended the classes.

Farmed Island Tour

On October 1st the Chapter held another boat tour of the **Farmed Island Area**. We started off at the **Skagit Wildlife Area HQ Boat Launch** Toured Teal Slough and the



front side landings on the Islands. At the upper landing we caught up with **Belinda Rotton** and **Curran Cosgrove** from **WDFW Skagit HQ Area**. They walked us around pointing out the different food plots they have going and some of the new blinds that have been put in for this year.

Replacing Lost Assets

WWA member Jim Hamlin, who enjoyed walks out to the bench at the end of the dike at Skagit HQ, before it was washed away in the King Tides last year was pleased to find members **Art Kendall**, **Rone Brewer** and **Rick Holt** built a replacement for it.

After the tour members and locals met **Jim** at the new bench for a seat and a story with him about the time before the Cattails.



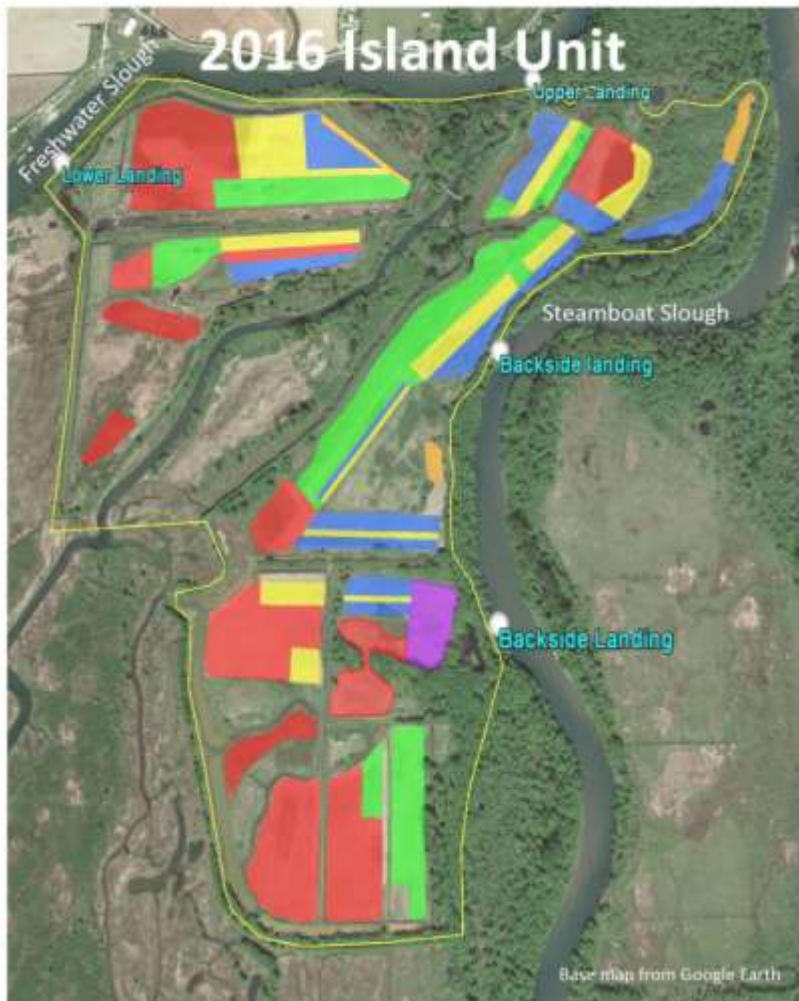
Farmed Island tour and bench dedication: A day of getting ideas on access, favorite hunting locations and of course a lot of "the one I missed" stories.

NW Chapter Hunting Locations for the Season

Well, we all know why it is so COOL to be a member of the **NW Chapter — THE HUNTING AREA**. Hands down the **Skagit** area is a great place to hunt and has some of the most diverse hunting in the state. So with that here are some maps of the Blinds in the larger state properties here.

First is **Farmed Island** or as the State Calls it **The Island Unit**

Additionally, there is more farmland planted this year than ever before. Along with a plow that was able to turn some of the grass over and a great crops of Smartweed and other Duck favorites that reseeded in the place of the Canary Grass.



Field Planting Legend

- Blue: Fava beans
- Purple: Annual Rye
- Green: Barley
- Red: Millet and/or smart-weed
- Orange: Sunflowers
- Yellow: Corn

Many of the fields have a mixture of agricultural and moist-soil plants such as millet, smart weed, sedges, and bidens. Providing a diversity of food types is important to meet the nutritional needs of migrating and overwintering waterfowl and provide food sources throughout the waterfowl season.

NW Chapter News Continued

Welcome to the Samish Unit of the Skagit Wildlife Area

This 410-acre site is owned by the WDFW and was acquired with funding from the **North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA)** and **Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Program (State Duck Stamp)**. The primary purpose of this acquisition was to meet **NAWCA** objectives to provide seasonal wetland habitats for waterfowl and other water birds. Following acquisition, wetland enhancements, including ponds, swales and water control structures were installed in partnership with **Ducks Unlimited**.

The **Samish Unit** is managed to provide managed seasonal wetlands with overwintering forage in the form of wetland plants and agriculture crops. Crop plantings are made possible with funding from a **State Duck Stamp** project and partnership with local farmers and agricultural vendors.

During the fall of 2015, additional pipes and wetland swales were added to connect ponds for drainage and flooding. The new swales are located in the north west field and eastern portion of the site as seen in this photo.

Hunting blinds are available on a first



come first serve basis and as sheet water conditions improve during the season there are opportunities to hunt from temporary blinds throughout the area.

The **Samish Unit** is also known as “West 90” and is a well-known birding location on the Samish flats to observe waterfowl, raptors and shorebird species

Aerial Waterfowl Survey - Port Susan to Drayton Harbor

North Puget Sound Aerial Waterfowl Counts

WDFW was able to get a count of **Port Susan North** this past week. With clear skies and easy counting on the water here are the numbers.

Date 10/10/16		Pilot/Plane: Jeff N734QQ		Observer Paul DeBruyn	
Weather Wind:0-10 NE Partly Cloud		Tide Start: 2.0		Tide Finish:7.0	
Location	Mallard	Northern Pintail	American Wigeon	Green-Winged Teal	total
Port Susan Bay	1655	1200	800	400	4055
Livingston Bay	675	135	135	655	1600
Skagit Bay	21595	14270	5195	7405	48465
Fir Island Restoration	175	1500		750	2425
Fidalgo Bay	25				25
Swin. Reserve					
Padilla Bay	4250	1100	7325	200	12875
Samish Bay	850	4200	1700	475	7225
Nooksack Delta/Portage	285	285	285	95	950
Lummi Bay	125	75	50	0	250
Birch Bay	1375	825	275	275	2750
Blaine/Drayton Harbor	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31010	23590	15765	10255	80620

Private Lands/Quality Hunt Program

Lastly the other large hunting opportunity managed out of the Skagit area is the Private Land or **Quality Hunt Program**. We enjoy a great presentation that **WDFW** provided to our members this past meeting. Lots of good things coming for this season. Below is a listing of the sites for this year. They will come on line as the fields are done being worked. See the final list for a legend of the color meanings.

Big Ditch is Open

Big Ditch out of Stanwood has been under construction the past few months. It will be open for use starting this Friday so here is another access point for the season that we didn't think would be available. Hunt it early as it will close during the super low tides in November to finish the project.

2016-17 Waterfowl Quality Hunt Program Site List Snohomish

Red = not available to the public yet		RES = Reservation	Temporary = steel post and grass matting			
Green = available to the public as of 10/15/20		REG = Register to Hunt	Permanent = wood constructed blind			
		FFTH = Feel Free to Hunt	Open Field = hunting allowed any where in field			
OPE	County	Unit	Hunt Type	Days Opened	Blind Type	Parking Spa
	Snohomish	Pioneer North	RES	6 days/week No Sundays	Open Field/Temporary	1
	Snohomish	Pioneer South	RES	7 days/week	Temporary	1
	Snohomish	Marine	REG		Temporary	1
	Snohomish	Thomle 1	REG		Open field	2
	Snohomish	Thomle 2	REG		Open field	2
	Snohomish	Thomle 3	REG		Open field	1
	Snohomish	Thomle 4	REG		Open field	1
	Snohomish	Thomle North	REG		Open field	2
	Snohomish	Miller East	REG		Open field	1
	Snohomish	Miller West	REG		Open field	1
	Snohomish	Norman West	RES	Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat	Temporary	1
	Snohomish	Norman	REG		Layouts	1

NW Chapter News *Continued*

2016-17 Waterfowl Quality Hunt Program Site List Skagit

OPEN	County	Unit	Hunt Type	Days Opened	Blind Type	Parking Spa
	Skagit	Bayview 3	REG		Temporary	2
	Skagit	BayviewEdison N	REG		Open Field/Temporary	2
	Skagit	BayviewEdison S	REG		Open Field/Temporary	2
	Skagit	Edison East	REG		Permanent Blind	1
	Skagit	Edison West	REG		Permanent Blind	1
	Skagit	Edison South	RES	Wed/Sat/Sun	Permanent Blind	1
	Skagit	Sam Bell North	FFTH		Permanent Blind	2
	Skagit	Sam Bell South	FFTH		Temporary	1
	Skagit	Cook West	FFTH		Temporary	1
	Skagit	Cook East	REG		Open Field/Temporary	1
	Skagit	Green	RES	Tues/Thurs/Sat	Permanent Blind	1
	Skagit	Kelleher North	FFTH		Open Field/Temporary	1
	Skagit	Kelleher South	FFTH		Temporary	1
	Skagit	Dahlstedt	FFTH		Temporary	1
	Skagit	Francis East	FFTH		Temporary	2
	Skagit	Francis West	FFTH		Open Field/Temporary	1
	Skagit	Lindgren	FFTH		Temporary	2
	Skagit	River Bend	REG		Temporary	2
	Skagit	Kamb	FFTH		Temporary	1
	Skagit	Jungquist	FFTH		Temporary	1
	Skagit	Beavermarsh 1	FFTH		Layout blinds	1
	Skagit	Beavermarsh 2	FFTH		Temporary	2
	Skagit	Beavermarsh 3	FFTH		Temporary	2
	Skagit	Beavermarsh 4	FFTH		Temporary	1
	Skagit	Beavermarsh 5	FFTH		Temporary	1
	Skagit	Calhoun	FFTH		Temporary	1
	Skagit	Chilberg	FFTH		Open Field/Layouts	1
	Skagit	J Nelson	RES	Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat	Temporary	1
	Skagit	Fisher Slough	RES	Wed/Fri/Sun	Temporary	1

NW Chapter News *Continued*

Have Your Name in History:

Smithsonian Museum of Natural History is planning on coming to the **North Puget Sound** area to collect five (5) specimens of every type of waterfowl that we can hunt for in this area. Sea Ducks, Puddlers, Geese and Fish Ducks. We have roughly 27 different species that are available in this area not counting any one off birds that transit through this area.



Smithsonian
National Museum of Natural History

We will be getting more info out via **WWA's** email system. So if you're not a member and

would like to get a chance to have your name on a bird that will be in the same room as birds that are on collection from people like **Charles Darwin, John Muir or Teddy Roosevelt**. Then you'll need to **join WWA** to be able to receive the details. If you are a member you'll get the info as so as I get it. So below is what we have so far.

ATTENTION Waterfowl Hunters: The Smithsonian Institution's Division of **Birds** http://vertebrates.si.edu/birds/birds_research.html is planning on coming to our area **December 1-18, 2016** to collect waterfowl specimens for the **National Museum of Natural History**. Not only will they be shooting birds but they need your help in gathering up the species and numbers of waterfowl they require.

So this will be your chance to donate a species of waterfowl to the Smithsonian collection with **YOUR NAME** on it. Details on the project will follow in the coming weeks. The bottom line is they will require five (5) specimens of every species of waterfowl from our area and they will have to be fresh - only hours old. Please contact **Matt Klope, Whidbey Island Taxidermy**, who will be hosting these researchers, at **360 672-5100**, or <http://www.whidbeyislandtaxidermy.com> for additional details.

Trouble During Your Season? Come Meet with Us

The Chapter continues to meet throughout the season to talk about how hunting is going and what is working and what is not. Where to be and when not to be there. If your season is a little off then come on in for a little

help or give a hand to a fellow hunter. It will make your season better in the end. We meet at the Conway Fire station on the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting at 7^{pm}. With the dates of 8th of November, 13th of December, and 10th of January. So Happy Birthday Marines! Relax and reflect on Veterans Day, Enjoy the Family on Thanksgiving, Hope for a new sack of decoys for Christmas and don't forget to kiss your sweetheart wishing in Old Anzine!!! See you in the January newsletter or hopefully the boat ramp!

A Pocket Schedule from Your President

Keep the 2016-17 hunting season hours guide handy with this wallet size schedule. Thanks for making it **Jim!**

Washington Waterfowl Association ~ 2016-2017 Season ~ Pac Std Time	
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News for the Flock

Washington State Duck Stamp and Print Collectors



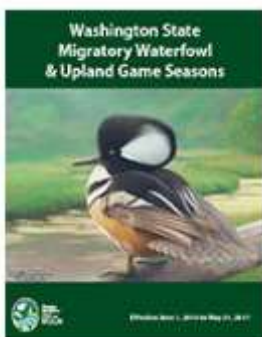
The 2016-2017 Washington State Duck Stamp prints and stamps with the image of a Hooded Merganser, created specifically for Washington by **Doug Snyder** of Chicago, IL are available for purchase. As in recent years, the **WWA** is

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

Order forms are on **pages 27-30** or are available online at waduck.org

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Need your 2016-17 Migratory Waterfowl & Upland Game Regulations?



Download the **2016-17 Migratory Waterfowl & Upland Game Regulations** today for free from WDFW at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations/>. A waterfowl identification guide is also available for download at the site.

Southwest Chapter News

Our Chapter is currently on "Hunting Season Hiatus" during the fall and winter.

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.

Yakima Valley Chapter News

Our Chapter is currently on "Hunting Season Hiatus" during the fall and winter. **Our next meeting will be February 9, 2017.** For more information, call or text YV Chapter Chairman Abel Cortina at 509-786-9196.



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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 September 2016 Newsletter.

WWA Youth Fund — \$1,725

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

WWA Legal Fund — \$17,537

Monthly Recurring Donation — John Arrabito, Oct. 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

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.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Waterfowler's Heritage.



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| #11 Rich Greenshields | #12 Mike Lovelace | #13 Reserved on Time Payments | #14 Jack Westerfield | #15 Bud Hufnagel |
| #16 John Arrabito | #17 Jenny Lutz | #18 Mike Lutz | #19 Reserved on Time Payments | #20 Brett Stark |
| #21 Earl Mikkelson | #22 US Rep Jamie Herrera-Beutler | #23 Ken Packard | #24 Jan Sabin | #25 Lance Kintrea |
| #26 Jim Kline | #27 Leon Kollman | #28 Derek Melton | #29 Dan Stearns | #30 John Hanson |
| #31 Mark Hackett | #32 Reserved 2nd Bud Hufnagel | #33 Mickey Clary | #34 Reserved for BQT Presentation (2015) | #35 Reserved for BQT Presentation (2015) |
| #36 Doug Graef | #37 Robb Stack | #38 Rod Boyer | #39 Paul Sullivan | #40 Jessica Dunn |
| #41 Dave Farley | #42 Will Goldsmith | #43 Shaunie Cochran | #44 Claudean Talbert | #45 William Dunlap |
| #46 Analise Arrabito | #47 Robert Zeka | #48 Ron Watkins | #49 Ken Boyer | #50 Henry Field |
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WELCOME TO NEW WWA MEMBERS for September

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Johnson	Andrew and Charity	Gray's Harbor	Family membership
Mertz	Eric	Lower Columbia	Individual membership
Schierscher	Joe	Lower Columbia	Individual membership
Achurra	Taylor	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Beck-Facey	Jackson	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Buchanan	Spencer	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Burgess	Brandon	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Carter	Craig	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Crowell	Matt	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Daniels	Anthony	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Dearborn	Janet	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
DeLaTorre	Ethaniel, Jessica, Julian	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Dorman	James	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Dorman	Sarah	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Gallegos	Alonzo	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Gessele	Heather	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Gramse	Mateo	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Hansen	Kohl	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)
Landoni	Trenton	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Maharjan	Madhukar	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Mansfield	Amber	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Morton	Joseph	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Ogg	Cole	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Ramirez	Juan	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Rodriguiz	Michael	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Rothenberger	Tom	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Rustman	Ronald	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Sanders	Colton	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Sanders	Katie	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Sanderson	Tristin	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Spencer	Cole	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Stevenson	Emma	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Villarreal	Mike	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Visker	Carter and Collin	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Welch	Owen	Moses Lake	Jr Membership (Under 18yo)
Burghy	Hunter	Northwest	Individual membership
Colby	Evan	Northwest	Individual membership
Miller	Adam	Northwest	Family membership two year
Campbell	Riley	Seattle	Individual membership
Ono	James	Seattle	Individual membership
Way	Cameron	Seattle	Individual membership

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
SW Checking	\$ 6,127.94
Tri-Cities Checking	\$ 100.00
(Original Seed Money)	
WH Checking	\$ 5,178.21
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This year's artwork, Hooded Merganser, was created by Mr. Doug Snyder of Chicago, Illinois.



To order your print(s) and accompanying stamps, please complete the order form.

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



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See next page for examples of stamp order types

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

Combined Total \$ _____

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WASHINGTON MIGRATORY BIRD STAMP ORDER TYPES

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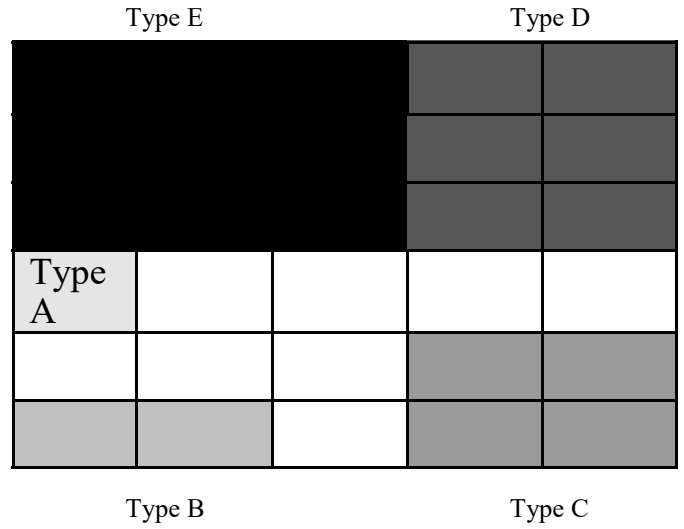
Type D= Corner Block of 6 Stamps

Type E= Corner Block of 9 Stamps

Type F= Full Sheet of 30 Stamps

Note:

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

Our projects include:

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