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etter from the President



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Hello **WWA Troops!**

Waterfowling in Southwest Washington and Washington State needs **YOUR** help in the next day or so. **WWA** has a shot at stopping this misguided effort, but only if you send a letter or e-mail now.

I am asking each of you to send an e-mail to **Nicole Czarnomski** of **WDFW** and / or send her a hard **copy of your e-mail conveying your strong opposition to the destruction of the Shillapoo Wildlife Area.**

A few bullet points to include:

- Though **WDFW** has held 'hearings' seeking input from opposing groups, the determination to move forward on the destruction of **Shillapoo** was determined before the announcement to the public
- The creation of **Shillapoo Wildlife Area** was lauded by the **WDFW** in 1995 as being a great accomplishment on behalf of waterfowl, shorebirds, Whitetail deer as well as many other species (*please read Shillapoo history and funding on page 5 of this newsletter*).

### **You Can Make a Difference!**

Contact **Nicole Czarnomski** at the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** by Tuesday, Feb. 14 and help stop the destruction of **Shillapoo Wildlife area.**

**Nicole Czarnomski**  
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[Nicole.Czarnomski@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Nicole.Czarnomski@dfw.wa.gov)

*(President's letter continued on page 3)*

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

**EVENTS CALENDAR****2017 Events**

Jan 25-29	Southwest Chapter at the Washington Sportmen's Show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. <b>More details on page 11.</b>	Feb 14	NW Chapter Meeting- Date Night with Arts and Crafts at the Conway Fire station. <b>More details on page 10.</b>
Jan 25	Seattle Chapter January Meeting - CANCELLED. <b>More details on page 14.</b>	Feb 14	Voice your concern over the destruction of Shillapoo Wildlife Area by today to Nicole Czarnomski. <b>See the President's Letter for more details and contact information.</b>
Jan 25	Spencer Island Restoration Project Open House from 6:30-8:30 pm. <b>More details on page 17.</b>	Feb 17-19	Yakima Valley Chapter at the Central Washington Sportmen Show at the Yakima Valley Sundome.
Jan 26	Prime Rib January Meeting of the Lower Columbia Chapter with trap shoot. <b>More details on page 7.</b>	Feb 22	Seattle Chapter Monthly Meeting Shooting all afternoon, business, pizza and pop at 7:00 pm at the Kenmore Gun Range, in Bothell.
Feb 2	Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting at Evergreen Sportsmen's Club at 7 pm.	Feb 28	Southwest Chapter Monthly Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club
Feb 8-12	Pac NW Sportsmen's Show, Portland, OR. Help staff the WWA booth with the Lower Columbia Chapter. <b>More details on page 7.</b>	March 31	Duck Stamp Orders due. <b>See page 19-20 for order forms.</b>  <b>Deadline to request complimentary WA State Duck Stamp. See Page 8.</b>
Feb 9	Next Yakima Valley Monthly Chapter Meeting.		

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

## Letter from the President Continued....

*(President's Letter continued)*

- The **Shillapoo Wildlife Area** serves as an important resting and feeding area for migrating waterfowl as well as a nesting area for resident upland birds and waterfowl.
- In his May, 2016 opinion, the US District Court Judge for Oregon determined that **Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)** and government agencies [including **NOAA, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation (BLM)**] have made insufficient progress in abiding by environmental laws created by Congress decades ago. The Judge has given the aforementioned agencies until March of 2018 to come up with a plan and get something going or face new environmental rules that kick-in after the deadline.
- The **WDFW** wants to cash in on the proposed \$14 million payday from **BPA** dam mitigation monies before the Judge's March, 2018 deadline. Since **WDFW** owns the land, they want the fat pay check for their people's salaries who are and would be working on the project.
- The **WDFW** and **USFWS** have completed similar undertakings around the state and region over the last decade and **not one piece of evidence is available that one smolt salmon has been produced or saved as a result of the destruction of the refuges at Willapa Bay, Nisqually, nor Leque Island, etc.**
- The destruction of **Shillapoo** has penalties associated with such a plan inasmuch as funds used to make the original purchase of the lands comprising the wildlife area may have to be reimbursed. Further, the overall costs of this venture may cost as much as \$20 Million before completion.

- **Washington Waterfowl Association's Lower Columbia Chapter** members have donated thousands of hours over the years in the restoration and maintenance of **Shillapoo**.
- It is obvious that **Ms. Czarnomski** has the unfortunate responsibility of being the 'face' of the **WDFW** on this project while her superiors watch from the sidelines.
- It is a mistake for the **WDFW** to destroy what has proven to be an outstanding wildlife area based on no data that such destruction will have **ANY** measurable benefit to Salmon populations. Clearly, the proposed plan is a knee jerk reaction to Judge Simon's ruling to 'get something designed & rolling by March of 2018' .....even if it's the wrong choice.

**Please send your BRIEF communications expressing your lack of confidence in this pursuit by WDFW to:**

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Olympia, WA 98501-1091  
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For the Resource,

*Jim Cortines*

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Hours:  
Tuesday-Friday 10-5  
Saturday 10-2  
VIP hours available

## News for the Flock

### Shillapoo History and Funding for Acquiring 229 acres

Refer: **Susan Saul, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**, Portland, Oregon - 503/231-6121

**David Rosen, Ducks Unlimited**, Sacramento, California - 916/363-8257

**August 25, 1995**

#### CONSERVATION PARTNERS BEGIN \$1.4 MILLION RESTORATION OF LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER WETLANDS

Seven public and private partners announced a \$1.4 million project to acquire 229 acres and enhance and restore approximately 3,500 acres of wetlands, riparian forest, and upland fish and wildlife habitats along the lower Columbia River at a ceremony in Ridgefield, Washington, on August 25, 1995.

The **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Clark County (Washington), Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Oregon Duck Hunters Association**, and the **Phil Wertheimer** family are the project partners, providing funding and other resources. This project also received a \$700,000 grant through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, which is the largest such grant for fish and wildlife habitat restoration ever awarded in the Pacific Northwest.

**Jeanne Wertheimer**, of Longview, Washington, is carrying on the tradition of her late husband, **Phil**, by contributing land and money to this project. **The Wertheimers** have been recognized by **Ducks Unlimited** as Legacy Sponsors, the organization's highest level of contribution recognition, for their dedication to waterfowl habitat and wetlands conservation.

Project sites are located on the Service's **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge**, near Ridgefield, Washington; the **Washington Department of Wildlife's Shillapoo Lake Wildlife Area** and Clark County's Vancouver Lake, near Vancouver, Washington; and the **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Sauvies Island Wildlife Area** near Portland, OR.

The partners have taken an ecosystem approach to management, seeking to restore wetlands and develop water delivery systems to them that will allow the agencies to mimic the natural flood regimes that occurred prior to construction of dams upstream on the Columbia River and its tributaries. Project work includes restoration or enhancement of both permanent and seasonal wetlands, installation of electric pumps to provide dependable year-round water supplies, reconstruction or restoration of water delivery systems, construction of fences to protect riparian forests from livestock grazing, planting of trees, shrubs, and other vegetation, and improving grasslands adjacent to wetlands.

All of these improvements are designed to provide habitat for migrating and wintering waterfowl, such as ducks, Canada geese, and tundra swans. The lower Columbia River wetlands support the second largest migrating and wintering populations of waterfowl on the Pacific Northwest coast, numbering over 200,000 birds.

These habitats also support more than 250 species of other birds, including resident and migratory bald eagles, hawks, shorebirds, waterbirds, and songbirds. **Pacific salmon also will benefit through the improved Columbia River water quality provided by these wetlands. [Emphasis Added].**

By improving waterfowl habitat on federal, state, and county lands, the agencies intend to reduce crop depredations caused by wintering geese on nearby farm lands. The improved habitats, by attracting and holding more wildlife, will improve recreational and educational opportunities for visitors. The public lands are popular sites for wildlife observation, environmental education, photography, waterfowl and upland game bird hunting, and fishing.

The lower Columbia River ecosystem contains a unique complex of freshwater tidal systems that include marshes, forests, shallow lakes, ponds, sloughs, and grasslands. In addition, heavy winter rains provide seasonal flooding of upland marshes, swales, and farm lands.

*(Continued on page 5)*



# News for the Flock

## Continued... History of Shillapoo

Scientists estimate that more than three-fourths of the wetlands that historically existed along the lower Columbia between **Bonneville Dam** and **Astoria, Oregon**, have been lost to agriculture, urban and industrial development, and other activities, such as dredge spoil disposal and flood control.

Historically, waterfowl numbers may have surpassed several million birds when the former vast floodplains were flooded during the winter. Explorers Lewis and Clark reported staggering numbers of birds and complained in their journals that they couldn't sleep at night because of all the noise made by the large flocks.

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## Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

### ALEA Planting Project:

In November we completed our **ALEA (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account)** project on the Middle Crab Creek channel by planting approximately 9,000 trees and shrubs. Thanks to **Bill and Rosann Green** for their help on the project. Also, a big thank you to all the **WDFW** folks from the various areas that showed up to help.

The first 3 days were pleasantly nice, but the last day showed up COLD. We have had a lot of rain so the plants should be off to a successful start, and we have had plenty of snow to cover them and protect them from the latest round of bitter cold.

Will be anxious to view them this Spring to see how well they have survived.

### 2016-2017 Waterfowl Season:

Season started slow with not many birds in the area, then picked up mid-November as the Northerns poured in, followed by snow and freezing temps that have moved the majority of the birds South for now.

If we get a warming trend in the next week or two, the end of the season could be hot as there were a lot of birds here before the freezing weather set in.

If you're out hunting be especially careful in this weather one slip and fall could spell disaster especially if you hunt alone. Make sure someone knows where you are hunting.

### ADA Blind at Buckshot Ranch:

I have been asked by **WDFW** to apply for an **ALEA** grant to replace the **ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)** blind at **Buckshot Ranch** on the Columbia River near Mattawa. This blind was built by **WWA (then known as Washington Duck Hunters, Inc.)** about 30 years ago and has fallen into disrepair to the point that mere repairs needed to make it functional don't financially make sense — hence a brand new blind!

If we get awarded an **ALEA** grant the blind will be pre-fabbed in Moses Lake and then disassembled and hauled to Buckshot for installation in the ground probably in mid September.

Watch for more on this in future bulletins.

Moses Lake Chapter WWA members working on the ALEA Planting Project in November 2016. Some 9,000 trees & shrubs were planted along the Middle Crab Creek channel.



## Classifieds— For Sale and Wanted

**For Sale:**

**Four man floating duck blind** \$250 for sale. It was designed to hunt fields that flood and has a low profile. Pictures available. Contact **Rodney** 360.961.3259

**Several dozen decoys** that have been well used but still can help you kill ducks. Contact **Rodney** 360.961.3259

**18' Reinell boat** that has been made into a duck boat with a 75 mariner motor \$1500. Pictures available. Contact **Rodney** 360.961.3259

**Remington 1100 12 ga.** with ribbed Skeet Barrel. Fair condition \$290. Contact **Robb** @ 206-909-7189

**Rem. 1100 12 Ga.** w/ Skeet and Mod. barrels in Excellent cond. \$495. Contact **Robb** @ 206-909-7189

**Ruger LCP in .380** Auto with Crimson Trace Laser, Like New in the box - \$425. Contact **Robb** @ 206-909-7189

**1988 DU Special Edition Browning 16 gauge** A5, "Sweet 16" with case. beautiful gun, mint condition, never fired. \$2500. Contact **Mike** 360-668-0866

**Wanted:**

Is there a taxidermist in **WWA** that would do a shoveler mount for the **WWA** display? I'm donating this fully plumed Drake Shoveler for the display. Or do you know a taxidermist that would be willing to do the mount for a discount? The **WWA** display trailer REALLY needs some new duck mounts! Contact



[kurtsnyder@outdrs.net](mailto:kurtsnyder@outdrs.net) or 360-485-9353.

**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](mailto:matty@vision-marketing.net) or call 509.944.1009 by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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## News for the Flock

### Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

#### Successful Youth Hunt Well Attended:

On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> we hosted the annual youth hunt at the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge**. We had a great turnout of 19 young hunters. They each received a duck call, shot shells and blind bag. Thanks to **Rick Erickson, Jerry Piazza** and **Rick Spring** for showing up early and handing out the gear and donuts.. Five (5) bags of floating duck decoys with weights/lines were given out also. Thanks to **Rick Spring** for procuring the ammo donation and **Jerry Piazza** for taking out several hunters in need of adult accompaniment. The young hunters came in for lunch with 18 birds harvested and big appetites. **Chris Stalcup** grilled up 48 hamburgers and over a dozen hotdogs. Two gallons of chili and plenty of chips, trail mix, cookies and pop were also consumed. Several groups went back out for the afternoon hunt. Thanks to **Rick Scott** for shuttling the **WWA** trailer. We would also like to thank **Arlan Hackett** and **Chuck Cheshire** for their help. We had three (3) new family memberships under the youth hunt special joining fee.

#### Shillapoo Salmon Habitat Debacle:

We would like to encourage all **WWA members** and friends to weigh in via email on the proposed **Juvenile Salmon Enhancement Project invading the Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. We are completely opposed to this destruction of year round wetlands and waterfowl habitat on one of the few public hunting areas available in SW WA.

Email your opposition to:

[Nicole.Czarnowski@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Nicole.Czarnowski@dfw.wa.gov). See the President's letter on page 1 and 3 for more information.



#### The Pacific NW Sportsman's Show in Portland, Feb 8 – 12:

We are looking for members to help us staff and organize a booth for this year. Your decision to help (or not)

will determine whether we attend this year. Please contact us if you are able to help! Learn more about the show at: <http://www.thesportshows.com/shows/pacific-northwest/show-information/>

#### Prime Rib January Meeting Feast:

Join us at our first meeting of the New Year on **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. We will be serving up **Arlan's** awesome prime rib. Trap shooting starts at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6 pm and the meeting at 7 pm. Come join the fun and share your best hunting stories of the season.



Chris Stalcup grills up hamburgers for the young (and not so young) hunters.



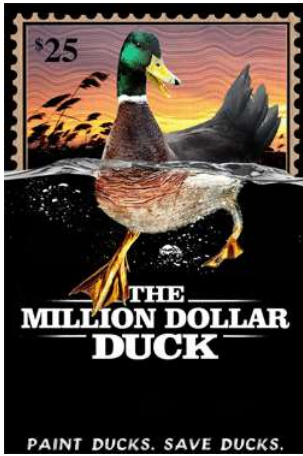
Thanks to all those who helped with and attended the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Youth Hunt on October 29, 2016.





# You Gotta Check This Out!!

## The Million Dollar Duck on Comcast/Xfinity:



This is an entertaining documentary detailing the history of the **Federal Duck Stamp** and how and why it came to be. The program details how the process evolved from the 1930's from being assigned by the federal agency to a national competition.

Being selected as the Federal Duck Stamp artist is the pinnacle for wildlife artists.

The program tracks a handful of artists from around the country who have entered the competition. Some have previously won the revered contest and are seeking the title again. Many are seeking their first success.

There are two points of interest you will see in the documentary: a) once, bitten by the pursuit of this coveted 'crown', artists become very compelled in its pursuit; and b) the winners may be "set" as their works become very valuable, err go 'The Million Dollar Duck'.

Washington's own **Dee Dee Murry** is featured in the program. **Dee Dee** has been chosen as the artist for the 2017-2018 Washington Duck Stamp. We are very excited to working with her this coming year.

### **So, how do you find this programming?**

On Comcast/Xfinity:

- Turn on your set
- Press the Xfinity/Menu button
- Select "On Demand"
- Scroll over to Network
- Scroll down to "Networks A to Z"
- Scroll over to "Animal Planet" and select
- Scroll down to "Movies"
- Click on "The Million Dollar Duck"

Pop some popcorn and enjoy this 70 minute program.

Want to watch the "trailer" of the movie? Click here or go to: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OihxVJ0i\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OihxVJ0i_Q)

Thank You to **Howard Hicks** for bringing this programming to our attention.

# 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 are available for purchase. **REMEMBER: Purchasers and those seeking complimentary 2016-2017 stamps, the deadline for your requests and orders is March 31.** Thereafter, per **WDFW** mandate, those stamps not specifically assigned to corresponding prints must be destroyed. **MEMBERS WANTING COMPLIMENTARY 2016-2017 WA STAE DUCK STAMPS, GET YOUR LICENSE PHOTOCOPY AND YOUR S.A.S.E. INTO THE MAIL. Order forms are on pages 19-20** or are available online at [waduck.org](http://waduck.org)

**Be sure to order your prints today!**

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## Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

**Hello everyone.** I hope the waterfowl season is going well for all of you. It's sure been an up and down season for this area. All-in-all I think we are seeing less ducks and geese wintering here than past seasons.

With the very low waterfowl counts in the **Nisqually** area post dyke removal, they are now trying the same thing in the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. [See Pages 1, 3 & 4 of this Newsletter]. It's only a matter of time before the waterfowl have no place to winter. At least here.

What to do?

I guess we will all have to get just a bit more involved in fighting the wetlands restoration. Sound counterproductive??? The wetlands are not really being restored. The areas that our conservation dollars were (in 1995 and still being) spent are being converted to so called "Salmon Restoration Areas." The restoration of these mostly tidal areas will be and has been at the expense of these waterfowl wintering areas. And, I should also add that none of the salmon restoration areas have in the past or are currently producing larger numbers of returning salmon. It's failed.

Yet the government wants to increase the destruction of these waterfowl wintering areas.

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### Grays Harbor News Continued...

Another thing we can do is to increase the membership of the **WWA**. The Board of Directors is always looking at ideas on how to do this. So, if you have an idea please notify any of the BOD members! (Contact Numbers for BOD on Page 1 of this Newsletter).

#### First Meeting of the Year:

**GH Chapter's** first meeting of the year is on Thursday, February 2nd at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock Wa, 7:00 PM sharp!

#### Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle:

Here are your winners– Jerry Allen and his guest Jim LeClair. After a very successful seaduck hunt you'll be happy to know that we will be starting this years raffle early in April. Chapter leaders, you'll be hearing from me very soon!

Thanks to all of you, **Kurt Snyder** — 360-485-9353



**Jerry Allen on the right and his guest Jim LeClair, both from near Hillsboro Oregon. Jerry was one of the winners of the 2016 Cedarville Farms Hunt For Two raffle. Jerry chose a seaduck hunt and is happy that he did. He was in the layout boat for a whole three (3) minutes before taking the best looking Harlequin duck I've ever seen. It took Jim about 20 minutes to get his Harlequin! We also limited on Surf Scoters and Goldeneye, and Jerry took a great looking Barrows Goldeneye.**

### 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 **WWA-YV Chapter Chairman Abel Cortina** at 509-786-9196.

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### Kitsap County Chapter News

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

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### Spokane Chapter News

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



## Northwest Chapter News

By: Reb Broker

### Cabela's Waterfowl Classic:

Way back in October the Chapter and a handful of our members helped **Cabela's** out with their **Waterfowl Classic**. Special Thanks to **Matt Klope** for putting together the Boards to display some of his birds he had laying around the house! I need to move in over there!



NW Chapters booth at Cabela's Waterfowl Classic. Thanks for the great display **Matt Klope!**

from the digestive track of waterfowl specimens. Both projects will provide specimens and biological data for researchers from around the world.

During their stay they were hosted by **Matt and Joan Klope** of **Whidbey Island Taxidermy**. **Matt and Joan** provided room and board for their two researcher friends that they have known for almost 20 years. Once the project was approved the logical step was to enlist the help of the members of the **Washington Waterfowl Association** to obtain the numbers and species of waterfowl needed for the two projects. And the

Association did not let them down.

Birds came in from three counties: Island, Skagit and Snohomish. The kicker was that the birds could not be more than five hours' dead from the time they were shot. Fresh birds were a must. Not to be deterred, members brought in birds almost every day.

It helped that every hunter that brought in a bird received a letter of donation from the **Smithsonian Institution** and a blue or yellow waterfowl leg band from the Division of Birds. *Did we exceed their expectation? You bet we did* — 19 different species of waterfowl and they took home 90 embalmed birds! More than they ever expected. The project went so well they are talking about coming back next year - so get ready.

### February Meeting: Arts and Crafts, Bring Gloves!

Our meeting on Tuesday, February 14, Yes I know its Valentine's day, so call it "Date night" and bring her along! We are planning on putting some Wood Duck Boxes together and possibly a few nesting tubes too. Need to get them out there so that they are ready to go for the season. Meet at 7 pm at the **Conway Fire Station**.

### Spencer Island Restoration Planning:

Please join us to learn about future restoration opportunities on **Spencer Island at the Spencer Island Restoration Project Open House** on Wednesday, January 25 from 6:30-8:30 pm. For those of you that hunt the **Spencer Island Area**, **WDFW** is going to be having an open house to get the "public was involved" check-in-the-box-meeting as they prepare to "**Restore**" **Spencer Island** into something that the public will be able to "use." They have also put out a one page, six (6) question survey about **Spencer Island** and how you use it, and what improvements you would like to see included in the project. I would **HIGHLY** recommend that you take the few minutes to complete the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpencerIsland>. **Learn more about the meeting on page 17.**

### Helping the Smithsonian:

During the first two weeks of December two researchers **Mr. Chris Melinski** and **Ms. Christina Gephard** from the **Smithsonian Institution's Division of Birds** came to **Whidbey Island** to collect waterfowl for two (2) separate waterfowl research projects. The two projects included:

1. the embalming of whole waterfowl specimens, and
2. the collection of bacteria



**Matt and Joan Klope** of **Whidbey Island Taxidermy** working to preserve birds donated by local **WWA** members to the **Smithsonian Institution's Division of Birds**.



# News for the Flock

## Northwest Chapter News continued...

### North Puget Sound Waterfowl Counts:

Wondering if there are any birds in your hunting area? Here is the December Bird Count information collected for the North Puget Sound Area.



**Top: First Two Ducks: "I Did It Dad" Chase and Shane Rossen. Photo credit to Mark Evans. Lower: Reb Broker with his two Brants.**

12/13/2016					
Weather: Clear Wind NE 5-12		Tide Start	10 Feet	Tide Finish	6 Feet
	Mallard	North- ern Pintail	Ameri- can Wigeon	Green- winged Teal	Total
Port Susan Bay	450	250	250	0	950
Livingston Bay	5520	3390	2095	1940	12945
Skagit Bay	42490	20377	16563	3850	83280
Fir Island Restoration	1600	425	440	175	2640
Fidalgo Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Swin. Reserve	5400	5575	9900	0	20875
Padilla Bay	12600	12260	18410	1845	45115
Samish Bay	14190	23900	10260	1250	49600
Samish River Fields	0	3880	4500	0	8380
Nooksack Delta/Portage	1960	840	0	0	2800
Lummi Bay	2220	3310	2420	0	7950
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## Southwest Chapter News

By: Terry Satre

The season is close to over, for some it is. Hope you were safe and successful. **The SW Chapter** will once again be having a booth at the WA Sportsmen's Show the end of January (25-29). We are looking for volunteers and you know who you are so give me a call. If you have never helped, it's four (4) hours of time spent meeting and greeting other water fowlers, selling raffle tickets and memberships. You get free admission and the rest of the day to see the Show. Parking is FREE also!

Our next meeting is at **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** on Canyon Road in Puyallup on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm.

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Any questions contact

Terry Satre @ 253-845-2398 or [Teltim@comcast.net](mailto:Teltim@comcast.net)

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# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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By: Ellen Satre

If you have not received your membership card or decal. Please contact Ellen. As well, if you have questions or changes to your address please contact Ellen at [EllenSWWA@comcast.net](mailto:EllenSWWA@comcast.net) or call 253.845.2398.

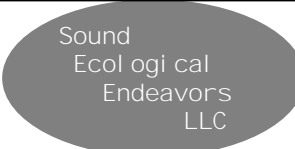
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Bustad	Jonah	Lower Columbia	Family membership
Bustad	Jenna Lynn	Lower Columbia	Family membership
Owens	Tim	Lower Columbia	Family membership
Sheahan	Steve	Lower Columbia	Family membership
Vandenberg	Tim	Lower Columbia	Family membership
Wiley	Troy	Moses Lake	Individual membership
Brown	Rich	Northwest	Individual membership
Cornwell	James	Northwest	Individual membership
Duranceau	Gary	Northwest	Individual membership
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Jefferson	John	Northwest	Individual membership
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Kerr	Jack	Northwest	Family membership
Kerr	Mona	Northwest	Family membership
Logsdon	Wayne	Northwest	Individual membership
Miller	Fred	Northwest	Individual membership
Packard	Kenny	Northwest	Individual membership
Phillips	Ryan	Northwest	Individual membership
Phippen	Darryl	Northwest	Individual membership
Rindal	Ken	Northwest	Individual membership
Roberts	Christopher	Northwest	Individual membership
Scherf	Carol	Northwest	Individual membership
Tawes	Darrell	Northwest	Individual membership
Troutman	Brent	Northwest	Individual membership
Vance	Robert	Northwest	Individual membership
Meaker	Scott	Seattle	Family membership
Meaker	John	Seattle	Family membership
Nasciemento	Duane	Seattle	Family membership
Painter	Jim	Seattle	Senior (65+) Membership
Walstad	Don	Southwest	Individual membership



## News for the Flock

### Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

#### NO January Chapter Meeting:

A number of factors have persuaded me and **WWA-Seattle Chapter Treasurer, David Hanson**, to cancel this month's Chapter meeting which was scheduled for Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:

1. Unpredictable and unseasonably cold weather for the past several weeks;
2. Attendance the last two (2) years in January has only been 9 and 15 members, respectively;
3. January 25<sup>th</sup> marks only five (5) waterfowl hunting days left in this season [thru Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, and some of our members would like to hunt out this season, which by most accounts, has been a rather poor one so far;
4. January 25<sup>th</sup> also marks the opening of the **Puyallup Sportsman's Show**. If you're not going hunting to close out this season, **Terry Satre** of the **SW Chapter** is looking for volunteers to help staff the booth. Four (4) hour shifts are available on all days and gets you into the Show **FREE** to spend the rest of your day browsing and shopping for gear for next season.
5. Along these same lines, the **SW Chapter** has asked us if the **Seattle Chapter** is willing to take over the **Puyallup Show** for an annual Chapter fund raising activity. So volunteers from our Chapter at this year's event will give us a good gauge as to how to respond to this offer.

Again, if you're not going to be hunting those last five (5) days, contact **Terry** at (253) 845-2398 and volunteer for one of the shifts. If you can't spare 4 hours, but still want to go to the Show, contact me for some \$2 off tickets.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Willapa NWR Youth Hunt:

Many thanks to **Seattle Chapter** member **Philipp Kunze** and **Pacific County** member **Dan Heasley**, for joining my wife, **Debra**, and I to help out the **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)** staff put on their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Shoot at the **Riekkola Unit** of the Refuge on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. We missed our mentor and founding father of this event, **WWA-NW Chapter, DU**, and **WA Brant Foundation** member, **Ben Welton**, who was under the weather and couldn't attend.

Unfortunately the number of Youth hunters taking advantage was only a handful, like the maiden year. We need to go back to the drawing board and figure out how to get better Youth participation.

#### New Pistol Ranges at our Meeting Venue:

I know several of our **Seattle Chapter** members are pistol shooters, so I thought I would mention this: **The Kenmore Gun Range in Bothell** — where the **Seattle Chapter** holds its monthly meetings — has created some seven (7) yard pistol bays for those who prefer to practice their home defense skills close up! Prior to these additions, their pistol ranges were all set at 25 yards.

**(Left to Right) Jim Ferrier, Jonathan Bates, Philipp Kunze, Debra Dunn-Arrabito, and John Arrabito, out of the rain with the WWA Duck Mount Display. Pacific County WWA member, Dan Heasley, had to leave early before picture taking. Photo credit to Willapa Refuge Complex Manager, Jackie Ferrier.**





## 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 October 2016 Newsletter.

**WWA Youth Fund — \$1,735**

**Monthly Recurring Donation — Jim Goldsmith, Nov, & Dec 2016— \$10**

**WWA Legal Fund — \$17,802**

**Ted Grichuhin — \$250**

**Monthly Recurring Donation — John Arrabito, Nov, Dec 2016 & Jan 2017 — \$15**

**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 — \$154**

**Amazon Smile Donation, Nov 2016 — \$5.79**

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Corporate Checking (AW)	\$ 13,203.95
Funds to be Deposited	\$ 0.00
Duck Stamp Account	\$ 9,360.13
Merchandise Account	\$ 2,415.15
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,623.90
<b>Corporate Total</b>	<b>\$ 54,842.19</b>

## CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking (1-7-2016)	\$ 1,632.41
Kitsap Chapter (To Be Funded)	
LC Checking	\$ 27,360.19
ML Checking	\$ 25,637.54
NW Checking	\$ 20,931.00
SEA Checking	\$ 22,107.88
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,754.24
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$ 1,317.15
<b>SEA Total</b>	<b>\$ 33,179.27</b>
SPO Checking	Closed 5/19/2014
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# Spencer Island Restoration Project Open House

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Please join us to learn about future restoration opportunities on Spencer Island.

## Save The Date

For those of you that hunt the Spencer Island Area, WDFW is going to be having an open house to get the "public was involved" check in the box meeting as they prepare to "Restore" Spencer Island into something that the public will be able to "use". They have also put out a one page, six question survey about Spencer Island and how you use it and what improvements you would like to see included in the project. I would HIGHLY recommend that you take the few minutes to complete the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpencerIsland>

You will only be allowed to fill it out one time and you can't go back to it once it is completed. **In the comments section you might want to mention that you would like to see the same type of replacement lands here in the Puget Sound Area before any work is started.**

Also here is the site from WDFW about Spencer Island. Visit [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/snoqualmie/spencer\\_island.php](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/snoqualmie/spencer_island.php)



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- 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center**.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (Feb – Sept) alternating between restaurants in either **Prosser** or **Zillah**. See Page 2 for this month's meeting location.

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**A few facts about the WWA:**

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

**Our projects include:**

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