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For the first time in forty or so years, I find myself down to one gundog, my black Labrador, Jett. At eight plus years, he's retained the enthusiasm of a pup; in the field he gets down to business. He's better disciplined than the guy that shoots over him.

Between my son Eric and I, we maintained three (3) hunting dogs for most of these years, usually spacing them out five (5) years apart. One headed into retirement at 10 years, one in his prime, and always a youngster trying my patience.

It's funny, but when I was young, it seemed that I always had the time to take the dogs out and work them for 30 or 40 minutes most days. Back then, it seemed I had the time ... before I became more responsible and spent more time in the moment and less time thinking of the future.

It seemed that the dogs Eric trained were always superior in the field.

I started out with Springer Spaniels...Mo, Windy, and Clancy. Between the latter two was Rommel, the doggoned best field Cocker Spaniel ever. I used to get a few smirks when he jumped out of my Ford Falcon ...my hunting rig when I started. All were great fun to shoot ringnecks over. Clancy was a superior water dog... as good on ducks as upland birds. Windy trapped and retrieved more roosters in the sugar beets in the **Yakima Valley** than most people would believe.

I have to confess, every hunter has had a dog he doesn't talk much about. In the mid-70's, my friend **Randy Little** convinced me to try an **English Pointer**, we called her

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Mission Statement

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

2017 Events

- March 18** **Washington Outdoor Women (WOW)** Introduction to Waterfowling workshop. **More info on page 5.**

- March 22** **Seattle Chapter March Meeting** at Kenmore Gun Club; Shooting all afternoon; Pizza and soda at 7 pm, business meeting to follow.

- March 25** **E WA Duck Nesting Structures Rehabilitation Work Parties.** Meet at Leo Pfeifer's "Home Place" in Royal City at 9 a.m.

- March 25th** **Richland Rod and Gun Club Annual Game Feed Banquet.** Contact Leo Pfeifer at 425-210-0321. He **MAY** have a few tickets left if you care to go after the work party that Saturday.

- March 28** **Southwest Chapter March Meeting** at Tacoma Sportsman's Club at 6:30pm.

- March 30** **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting** at the Vancouver Trap Club for our March Meeting. Trap shooting starts at 5:30pm for those that wish to shoot, followed by business meeting at 7pm. Food will be provided for a \$5 donation.

- March 31** Duck Stamp Orders due. **See page 24-26 for order forms.**

- March 31** **Deadline to request complimentary WA State Duck Stamp.** **See Page 9.**

- April 6** **All Chapter Meeting:** Amendments to by-laws presented to Chapter Chairmen. **More info on page 4.**

- April 6** **Grays Harbor March Chapter Meeting** at Evergreen Sportman's Club.

- April 7 & 8** **WWA booth at the KlineLine Kids fishing day.** Volunteers needed. Please contact Doug Hargin to Volunteer. .

- April 8** **WDFW citizen's Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG)** meeting in Ellensburg. Get you input to anyone of the **WWA** members of the **WAG.** **More info on page 19.**

- April 8** **Cedarville Farms Garage Sale.** **More info on page 11.**

- April 13** **Yakima Valley April Meeting** at Barn Restaurant in Prosser at 6:30pm.

- May 6** **Moses Lake Chapter Annual Nest Count and BBQ.**

- May 24** **Annual Youth Mentor Shoot** at Kenmore Gun Range. **See page 17 for more info.**

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



Letter to the President

Letters to the President

From: Jude Servi

In the latest **WWA** Newsletter, **Jim Cortines** wrote about the lack of ducks in the **Columbia Basin**, the reduction in numbers of duck hunters and related reduction in purchase of duck stamps. **Jim** said "Members, I'd like to hear your opinions on this subject. I'd like to publish some of your viewpoints in the upcoming newsletters."

Here is my feedback:

First, I've hunted the **Potholes** area since I moved to Washington state, which is since the early '90s. I, for one, agree with what **Jim** said regarding the number of ducks around the **Moses Lake** area specifically, especially the areas I hunt. I am a boot hunter. I've hunted around the **Winchester and Frenchman Hills Regulated Access Areas (RAAs)** since before **WDFW** made them "Quality Hunt Areas." I agree that there seems to be a change in how the ducks are using Basin. I just don't see the number of ducks like I used to. This year was especially poor in terms of number of birds seen. I don't have an explanation or any ideas where the birds are — other than the idea that warm weather keeps them up north longer than in the past. I read the **Refuge Forum** (<http://www.refugeforums.com/refuge/forums/washington-flyway-forum.36/>), and it seems like hunters around the Tri Cities were getting a lot of birds, even late this season. I've never hunted around the Tri Cities. I am a "west sider," and it is a bit too far for me.

Second, I'd like to add that it seems to be getting harder to find decent places to hunt where I am used to hunting. As mentioned above, I hunt near two **RAAs** - **Winchester and Frenchman Hills**. Honestly, in the past I spent the majority of my time at **Frenchman Hills**. Even though it is regulated, I never had issues getting access on most weekends when I hunted until recently. The past two (2) years have been something else. **Winchester** has always been hard to get into, the past two (2) years **Frenchman** has been nearly impossible to gain access. I talked to guys that are hunting it, they show up on Thursday night and camp out so they can get in line Saturday morning at 4:00 AM. For a guy that drives over Saturday morning, that is a bit hard to compete against.

So, back to the topic of the lack of ducks. I can't complain about people who have the time to beat me to the "head of the line" to get into an **RAA**. My solution to that is to find another place to hunt. I've spent plenty of time hiking around the two (2) areas mentioned. If you don't see ducks, you can't find another place to hunt!! I've typically hunted around the **Potholes** until freeze up, sometimes after if there are still ducks around. This year, even before freeze up, I shifted my hunting to the West side because I just did not see many birds. I have to admit, I really like hunting around **Moses Lake** and the **Potholes**. It obviously is so different than the West side. I just enjoy spending days in the desert and seeing the wildlife there, not just waterfowl.

I'm not going to stop hunting there — not yet anyway — and I'm certainly not going to stop duck hunting. I enjoy being outdoors too much and enjoy hunting with my dog too much (he is really enthusiastic about getting birds!). I don't know what the solution is yet. It does seem like in these times of high bird populations that hunting should be better, east and west of the mountains.

Send your letters to the
President and
Membership by emailing
Jim Cortines at
wawtrfwlr@comcast.net.



Letter from the President and News of the Flock

President Letter from Page 1....

Some folks say **Chesapeake Retrievers** can be challenging; those guys have never had an **English Pointer**. After three (3) years, I gave her back to **Dr. Rice**, the veterinarian that bred her. The people that founded Tri-Tronics collars must have had an **English Pointer**. Nuf said about that experiment.

In the early 80's, came Mocha...our first Labrador. She was more aggressive on ducks and Pheasant than most males I've shot over. She was followed by Chip, Max, Gunner, Bo, and Dusty. All were great gun dogs that gave my family and I treasured hunting and non-hunting memories.

Back in the late 60's, I think Mo cost me \$125; Rommel was a freebee! From there on out, our habit made its way to over \$1,000 per pup.

Last spring I was thinking about replacing Dusty. Something just didn't seem balanced with only having one dog after all these years. As fate would have it, member **Jim Wreggelsworth** advertised an exceptionally well-bred litter and OMG, he was only asking \$800 per pup.

I just couldn't pull the trigger and all the pups were spoken for in a heartbeat. I guess maybe, I didn't want to think about who'd take care of my pup after I was gone?

It's funny, every time I see a Little Nickel or the like, I invariably have to look at 'Labrador pups for sale'.

Recently, I saw some pups advertised that were, according to the ad, better bred than most human types. AFC, FC, CFC, MH, and I think a PHD on both sides. My God, at \$1700 per pup, I thought this litter should be working at Microsoft. And, that was with a "Limited Registration" meaning the new owner couldn't breed his pup when old enough without the approval of the breeder aaand/or kicking in more \$\$\$.

At first, I thought these folks had lost their damned minds. But then I recalled that my first 12 gauge I bought from **Sears Roebuck** back in 1968 cost about\$95, pretty much in line with what I'd paid for Mo. Maybe PHD pups are not so out of line after all, seems like these days it takes the better part of \$1400 for a modern shooter by the time you get it home. (Too bad **Jeff Bezos** don't sell 'em at Amazon)

Nonetheless, when it's all said and done, I know that whether it's \$500 or \$1500 for a pup; price wouldn't stop me should I decide to take the plunge one more time. The countless memories I've enjoyed throughout my life while watching my gun dogs do what they were bred for was truly an amazing experience.

I'm thankful for every one of them.

**For the Resource,
Jim Cortines**

Notice of Proposed Changes to the Washington Waterfowl Association By-Laws:

The **WWA Directors and Officers** have been working on a few amendments to the by-laws since last fall. Those changes will be presented to the Chapter Chairmen at the upcoming All-Chapter meeting on April 6th and then to the general membership in the April newsletter. All members are encouraged to vote on the proposed changes.

Avian Cholera Outbreak Deaths Climb to 4,200 Birds in ID

By Roger Phillips, Public Information Specialist

If you will recall in the February newsletter the appearance of Avian Cholera was brought to our attention with a die off of 3200 birds south of the Tri-Cities (see page 8 of the [February Newsletter](#)). Here is an update from **Roger Phillips, Idaho Public Information Specialist**.

Fish & Game crews and volunteers are picking up dead birds to minimize the impact.

Idaho Fish and Game personnel continue to find and collect dead waterfowl from an avian cholera outbreak in the **Parma** area, and officials now estimate

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more than 4,200 birds have died since the outbreak started in early February.

The outbreak has occurred on private land, and the disease has killed mostly ducks, but also some geese and other birds. **Fish and Game** crews and volunteers are

Note: The outbreak has originated on private lands due to tight waterfowl concentrations that enhance disease transmission.

Please make comment on the health of waterfowl in your region.

collecting the dead birds and burying them at nearby **Fort Boise Wildlife Management Area** to prevent, or reduce, further spread of the disease.

"We're trying to minimize the impact," said **Tyler Archibald, Fish and Game** habitat biologist at **Fort Boise Wildlife Management Area**.

Avian cholera is the result of infection with the bacterium *Pasteurella multocida*. The bacterium kills swiftly – sometimes within 6 to 12 hours – and is released into the environment by dead or dying birds, or by birds carrying the disease.

Avian cholera is not considered a high-risk disease for humans, according to the **National Wildlife Health Center**. It is fairly common in Idaho, but this is a larger-than-usual outbreak.

"Outbreaks of avian cholera have occurred annually in the area over the past decade," **Archibald** said. Tight waterfowl concentrations can enhance disease.

transmission among healthy birds. **Archibald** said when more ponds, reservoirs and lakes thaw and waterfowl disperse, cholera outbreaks tend to diminish and eventually end.

If people see numerous dead birds, they are asked to call and report the location to **Fish and Game** within their region.

Washington Outdoor Women Presents an Introduction to Waterfowling:

WOW's outdoor education season begins with an **Introduction To Waterfowling Workshop** to be held **Saturday, March 18, 2017** at a private hunt club near Monroe, WA. A registration fee of \$125 includes all instruction, equipment, shotguns, ammunition, clays, a light breakfast, a hearty lunch, and a **Washington Outdoor Women** t-shirt. You must be 18 to participate. Check the **WOW** website or call for registration and details: call 425-455-1986

www.washingtonoutdoorwomen.org

Women will learn about the tradition, techniques and ethics of hunting waterfowl from certified instructors and experienced hunters. Learn about shotgun patterning and shooting moving clays, setting decoys, duck calling, the use of blinds, and understanding why a retriever is such an important partner in this hunting experience. The day is a hands-on learning experience and requires a lot of walking since it is held in actual duck hunting terrain. You do not need a hunting license for this event.

**Don't Delay!
Registration is limited!**



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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Successful Shillapoo Wood Duck Box Clean Up March 11th:

With all the rain this winter the duck box refurbishing was a high water event. Boxes we would normally have walked to required a little flotation to reach this year. We concentrated on pole mounted nesting boxes for this clean up. **WDFW Manager Daren Hauswald and Tyler Hand** met our group off LaFrombois Road on

South Shillapoo. **Justin Esperto** brought four duck boxes he had constructed for an eagle scout project. His father **Bob Esperto** and **Tyler** planted the boxes on the west side of South Shillapoo. After a morning of rain it was nice to meet back at the **WWA** and set the awning and enjoy some pulled chicken BBQ sandwiches, hot beans, coleslaw and chips. Thanks to the following members for their help: **Dan Hafenbrack, Ron Anderson, Marlin Reinholdt, Michael Andriotti, Bob and Justin Esperto, Ted Blade, Doug Hargin, Tyler Hand and Daren Hauswald.** Thanks guys!



Shillapoo Wood Duck Box Clean Up Day. Thanks for all your help everyone!

Top Left: **Bob Esperto** and son **Justin** with completed nest installation.
Bottom Left: **Justin Esperto, Daren Hauswald** and **Bob Esperto**

Top Right: **Justin Esperto** with the duck box, **Ron Anderson** with the buckets of wood shavings, **Michael Andriotti** facing towards the camera, **Bob Esperto** with the ladder and **Tyler Hand** with the fence post and driver.

Middle Right: **Justin Esperto** carrying the box with dad, **Tyler**.
Bottom Right: VP **Michael Andriotti, Ron Anderson, Dan Hafenbrack, Justin Esperto, Marlin Reinholdt, President Ted Blade, Bob Esperto, Daren Hauswald, Tyler Hand** and of course, **Dan Hafenbrack's** black lab "**Gracie.**"

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Lower Columbia Chapter News continued...

Waterfowl Clinic Opportunity

Dan Boes spoke at our February meeting about the possibility of putting on a waterfowl hunting clinic. Dan is the Region 5 Hunter Education Program Coordinator. The proposed clinic would offer demonstrations and "hands on" opportunities in gun safety, blind building and placement, decoys and more. The event presents a great opportunity to recruit new hunters and exposure to WWA.

KlineLine Kids Event April 7th & 8th:

Last year over 3000 kids 5-14 had the opportunity to learn about fishing at Kline Line Ponds. Please contact us if you would like to help out or man a booth at the event.

Willapa Bay Eelgrass Spraying Update:

By Kurt Snyder

I want to again thank all of you for commenting on the Wa Dept of Ecology (DOE) about the Willapa Bay eel grass spraying permit modifications.

We can make a difference! Without your support the spraying of Imazamox would have just continued as they had planned it.

I am not against the shellfish growers wanting to keep their beds clear, but it must be done in a way that the other areas are not affected by it. Both types of eel grass are too important for fish & wildlife. Japanese eel grass was introduced in years past but was not considered noxious until the shellfish growers wanted to spray it. In fact it was considered beneficial to fish and wildlife by the WDFW!

So the DOE issued a permit for spraying and it was studied for buffer zone data. The wrong amounts were used effectively changing the study. The buffer zones were bigger than expected with the use of the smaller amount. It has been brought to my attention that the amounts listed in fact sheets have changed periodically, and it's uncertain what amounts were used in the last study.

I will try and keep you all updated on the subject as information comes available. Thanks to WWA Life Member Ross Barkhurst for putting in his time on this project, and his concern and monitoring of the low wintering numbers of waterfowl on Willapa Bay.

Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation:

By: Jim Goldsmith



As your WWA member designee in WWC, please enjoy the [Winter 2017 WWC Newsletter](#).

As a WWA member and your WWA member designee in WWC, I can say that WWC truly appreciates WWA's continued membership in the organization and being a part of the united voice of sportsmen and sportswomen in Washington State!

National FREE Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration:



Coming in September 2017 this state-level recognition of the hunting and fishing communities is an important achievement for all.

WWC member and our representative on the WWA, Jim Goldsmith was able to talk with the Governor during the presentation and thank him for issuing this important proclamation. The Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, Jon Snyder (Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development Policy Advisor to the Governor), and WWC are already on board with the 2017 effort so mark your calendar for September 23 in Snohomish, WA.

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Shillapoo Update - Ask Questions:

By: Kurt Snyder

We've learned that work on the South **Shillapoo Project** is temporarily at a standstill due to the possibility of a lawsuit being brought by **Paul King** of the **CRANE** organization. **CRANE**, as the name implies, is primarily concerned with the welfare of Sandhill Cranes and these birds are one of the regulars using **South Shillapoo** during migration. Apparently, neither **CRANE** nor **WWA** believe that the proposed project will be beneficial to waterfowl.

While the project may be halted temporarily, it has not been cancelled, and we understand that all **WDFW/BPA** would have to do to keep the project alive after March, 2018, is to send someone out to turn one shovel-full of dirt prior to that date.

We urge all **WWA** members to email **Nicole M Czarnomski** (Nicole.Czarnomski@dfw.wa.gov) at **WDFW** expressing your concerns about this project.

While all letters of opposition are appreciated, it is best **the letter contain a question** so that **BPA/WDFW** can't simply respond with boilerplate. Here are some examples of possible questions you could ask and request response:

Appropriate questions might include:

- Was any **Pittman-Robertson** money used to develop water control or other structures at Shillapoo?
- What past grant money must be refunded due to the change of mission this project will bring to South Shillapoo?
- Have any studies of the effects on waterfowl of similar dike-breachings at **Willapa Bay** and other wildlife refuges been conducted and, if so, what were their conclusions?

- Have any studies addressed the possibility of the **South Shillapoo Project** lowering the water table at **North Shillapoo**?
- What studies have been initiated concerning the effects this proposed project will have on the federally Listed Columbian Whitetail Deer population at Shillapoo?

You Can Make a Difference by Asking Questions:

Contact Nicole Czarnomski at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) TODAY with your questions to help stop the destruction of Shillapoo Wildlife Area.

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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. Thereafter, per **WDFW** mandate, those stamps not specifically assigned to

REMEMBER: Purchasers and those seeking complimentary 2016-2017 stamps, the deadline for your requests is March 31st.

corresponding prints must be destroyed. MEMBERS WANTING COMPLIMENTARY 2016-2017 WA STATE DUCK STAMPS, GET YOUR LICENSE PHOTOCOPY AND YOUR S.A.S.E. INTO THE MAIL. **Order forms are on pages 24-26** or are available online at www.waduck.org

Be sure to order your prints today!

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.

Grays Harbor Chapter member Greg Fulwider, of the Grays Harbor Chapter servicing the WWA hen house and goose nest platform at the Cedarville Farms Property near the Chehalis River.

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Our chapter has started the planning for all of this years events! We plan to expand our nest program and put on a higher level shooting clinic! Our free youth shooting event will be moved forward to mid August! Stay tuned for the new event fliers!

Just like last year we will be hosting another "Hunt for Two Raffle!" [See Flyer on **Page 10**] The tickets are in and available for all Chapters of the **WWA**. All Chapter Chairman should have been contacted by the time this goes to print so you should be able to order some of these tickets by then. Same as last year, the two (2) winners will choose from an inland waterfowl hunt or a **Puget Sound** sea duck hunt. We had a good time taking last years winners out and look forward to this years winners. Many thanks to **Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club** for donating these hunts!

Here are Cliff's notes on the raffle: Every **WWA Chapter** is welcome to sell these tickets. Proceeds go to the selling Chapter after a \$20.00 ticket admin fee. Each ticket will get the buyer **TWO (2) chances** at this hunt for two. Overnight lodging included at **Cedarville Farms Lodge**.

Our next Chapter meeting is on the 6th of April at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock.

Thanks for all your continued support!
Kurtsnyder@outdrs.net 360-485-9353



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Hunt for Two Raffle

CEDARVILLE FARMS

WATERFOWL CLUB



- **Drawing Date October 5th 2017 at the Evergreen Sportsman's Club**
- **Two Chances to Win with every ticket!**
- **Two Drawings and Two Winners!**
- **Hunts will be on the Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club exclusive hunting properties or Puget Sound during the 2017/2018 waterfowl season.***
- **Overnight lodging included at the Cedarville Farms Lodge near Oakville Wa.**
- **Winner has choice of; *Inland waterfowl hunt or Puget Sound trophy Sea Duck hunt!***

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

Read the small print below

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.

This raffle is sponsored by the Grays Harbor Chapter of the Washington Waterfowl Association

**Some exceptions may apply.*

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CEDARVILLE FARMS GARAGE SALE APRIL 8, 2017



PLACE: CEDARVILLE FARMS, 15 WHITE OAK LANE, OAKVILLE, WA 98568

CONTACT: cedarvillefarms@aol.com

BRING ITEMS TO SELL OR TRADE

SET UP: 7:00AM – 9:00AM

SALES: 9:00AM – 4:00PM (NO EARLY OR PRE-SALES)

LIST ITEMS YOU WISH TO SELL IN THE COMMENTS

SPACE AVAILABLE: APPROXIMATELY 3000 SF

“PARTIAL LIST” OF ITEMS CEDARVILLE FARMS WILL HAVE FOR SALE:

N.I.B. F/A ELIMINATOR FULL BODY GOOSE FEEDER 4 PACK (3 BOXES) \$90.00/BOX

N.I.B. F/A ELIMINATOR GOOSE SHELLS 12 PACK (1 BOX) \$100.00/BOX

N.I.B. F/A LAST PASS FULL BODY GOOSE FEEDER 4 PACK (4 BOXES) \$100.00/BOX

N.I.B. F/A LAST PASS FULL BODY GOOSE FIELD 6 PACK (8 BOXES) \$100.00/BOX

N.I.B. F/A HD GUNNER FULL BODY DUCK FIELD 6 PACK (7 BOXES) \$60.00/BOX

N.I.B. F/A HD GUNNER FULL BODY DUCK FEEDER 4 PACK (3 BOXES) \$50.00/BOX

N.I.B. HIGDON FULL BODY GOOSE 4 PACK (2 BOXES) \$75.00/BOX

N.I.B. HIGDON STACKABLE GOOSE FEEDER SHELLS 12 PACK (3 BOXES) \$90.00/BOX

N.I.B. F/A PRO-GUIDE XL LAYOUT BLINDS (2 EACH) \$200.00/EACH

N.I.B. F/A PRO-GUIDE ELIMINATOR WATER MOCCASIN (1 EACH) \$90.00

N.I.B. F/A PRO-GUIDE ELIMINATOR SNOW COVERS (4 EACH) \$60.00/EACH

N.I.B. F/A WHOOPGRASS NATURAL (10 BOXES) \$30.00/BOX

N.I.B. RIO ROYAL BLUESTEEL 3 1/2", 1 3/8OZ, #2, 1550FPS (9 BOXES) \$14.00/BOX

N.I.B. KENT FASTSTEEL 3 1/2", 1 3/8OZ, #3, 1550FPS (8 BOXES) \$16.00/BOX

N.I.B. KENT FASTSTEEL 3 1/2", 1 3/8OZ, BBB, 1550FPS (26 BOXES) \$16.00/BOX

N.I.B. KENT FASTSTEEL 3", 1 1/4OZ, BB, 1450FPS (1 BOX) \$11.00

TOO MANY NEW, USED, LIGHTLY USED, AND LIKE NEW ITEMS TO LIST:

MOMARSH FATBOY LAYOUT BOAT, FREIGHTER CANOE, STACKABLE GOOSE SHELLS, BACKPACK LAYOUT BLINDS, LAYOUT BLINDS, FLOATER GOOSE/DUCK DECOYS, MAG HAULER, FULL BODY DUCK/GOOSE DECOYS, DECOY BAGS, BALES OF RAFFIA, HAND/TOE WARMERS....

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Northwest Chapter News

By: Reb Broker

End of the Line:

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, last but not least **WATERFOWLERS!!!**

This month marks the end of a 5-year run for me as the **Northwest Chapter Chairman**. On Tuesday 14 March (Pi Day for those of you with kids in school still will know what I mean) the **NW Chapter** will be choosing a new Chairman. My family and I are going to be moving to Naples, Italy for two (2) years. Going to go and try a few seasons with Call birds.

So I thought with this newsletter I would recap some of the accomplishments/progress the Chapter has made. I would like also to try to thank some (but not all of them) of the people that advised (read: *help me not make a fool out of myself*), guided, and mentored me along the way.

First off I like to thank some of the old guys crew in the chapter, **Art Kendal, Jan Sabin, Carl Ostrom, Rick Holt & Howard Hicks**. These guys kept me on the straight and narrow. Reeled me in when my ideas were not even in this country! So thanks guys! Also they were a driving force in getting an **Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grant** approved in 2016. This grant built an **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)/Bird viewing blind** out at the **Skagit Wildlife Area**.

These guys also provided a ton of information to help us get a **Duck Stamp Grant** approved to do a refurbish of an **ADA blind at Debay Slough** and a tree clearing and blind

build opening up a new timber area too. The fun part of this was that we were able to bring along the crew from **Waterfowl Evolution**. (<https://www.youtube.com/user/waterfowlevolution>) The crowning moment of the whole work party was my truck getting stuck in the timber and the crew having to pull me out! It was a great turnout with lots accomplished despite the bad driving on my part!



Refurbishing an ADA blind at Debay Slough along with tree clearing and blind building.

Work parties and tours are a big part of what we have been doing here in the Northwest. With clean-ups after the season at the local Wildlife area's to preseason tours of some of the off beaten locations. One of my favorites is the **HQ/Farmed Island tours** that we have done the past few years. Everyone loading up in the boats and taking them out to show them some of the off-beaten places to hunt.



Pre-season tours of the many hunting grounds available to WWA members.



Building the ADA/Bird viewing blind at Skagit Wildlife Area.

Northwest Chapter news continues on next page....

News for the Flock

Northwest Chapter News continued...

It's kind of funny cause I have been yelled at by local hunters that I know (*non-members*) that were upset that I was showing the area to "Outsiders." My response has been, well if you were a member then you could have ran the tour to make sure they hunted somewhere else! The other great thing was that a few of the people that we took, got back with me and some pictures of the great hunts that they were able to take advantage of.

It is easy to pick out what my kids favorite part of **WWA** is, **YOUTH HUNTS!!!** I would introduce you all to the man that has put these on along with pulling all the strings to make these happen. It is member **Rick Skiba** and his great dog **Griffey** (*no relation to JR*)! **Rick** has beaten the bush and ran to find new hunting areas and solidify relationships with private land owners and non-traditional hunting areas for us to use. Along with the private land owners I would really like to thank **Joelene Boyd** with **The Nature Conservancy (TNC)** at the **Port Susan Restoration Site**.



Happy youth hunters proud of their day's efforts! The future of **WWA**.

TNC has provide over 20 blinds to young hunters and more ducks and geese then I can shake a stick at. I hope that we are able to keep it going! Also a big thanks to **all the members that provide equipment and guide service** for these hunts. **THANKS AGAIN!**

Raising money and growing the chapter, at this point I'd like to thank/yell at member **Geoff Bush** for talking me

into doing the banquets. Let me just say that if you have never put on a banquet then you have never lived!!! Going into the first one with no idea how it was supposed to work or if we were even going to breakeven on the event was a **GREAT TIME** (*now that it's over with*). Even though **Geoff** sold me on it, the membership (*providing donations*) and the committee that found the food/beer/venue/chairs/tables/sound systems/cups/tickets and everything else in the world were amazing. Thanks for all of your hard work in making the first one happen and our second banquet a real success!

Nesting tubes have been a real passion for me. The Chapter has built around 20 of these and put them all over the Skagit Valley trying to entice a duck to lay an egg in one of them. I'm sad to report that none of the tubes checked so far nested birds this past year. The closest I've found so far is a nest about 20 feet away (*under my Blind actually*). But these tubes have generated a few phone calls and even more new members so they have grown the resource, *just not in how they were designed!*

Lastly I would like to thank the **205 members of the Northwest Chapter of Washington Waterfowl Association!** You have been amazing in making all of these things (*and way more, read the last few years of newsletter*) happen. I wish that I could have listed all of your accomplishments, but I lost track of time and the newsletter editor said I had to have this submitted tonight or she was going to hit me with the thumb screws!

So thank you all, and I see only good things in the future of the chapter. You have become a known name in the area! Well done!

Thanks again everyone and have fun blowing your calls this next year!

For the last time: **Chairman Northwest Chapter, Reb**



News for the Flock

Yakima Valley Chapter News

By: Roger Bennett

YV WWA Booth at the Central WA Sportsmen's Show:

The **Yakima Valley WWA** made its presence known at the **Central Washington Sportsmen's Show** this past month. We gave away lots of flyers and applications for **WWA**; had kids blowing duck calls (lots of antibacterial gel for this one!); and ran our yearly raffle for some Dakota Goose decoys. It was a great time, and we got to make lots of contact with lots of people. The winner of the four-pack of Dakota Xtreme goose decoys was **Ralph Baumgarten** of Naches. **Ralph's son** bought five one-dollar tickets, and had his dad sign them as a gift. Congratulations to **Ralph!**

April Meeting:

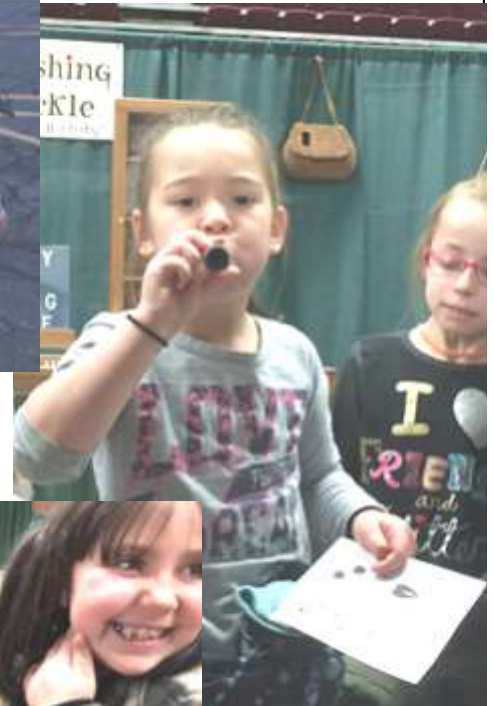
Our April meeting is the second Thursday of the month, on Thursday, April 13th. We will be meeting at the **Barn Restaurant in Prosser** at 6:30pm. For more information, contact YV Chapter Chairman **Abel Cortina** at 509-786-9196.



Roger Bennett & Marcus Lueke staffing the WWA booth at the Central WA Sports Show!



Raffle winner **Ralph Baumgarten** with one of his new decoys.



Kids blowing calls at the **Central WA Sports Show** – we used lots of antibacterial gel here!

News for the Flock

Southwest Chapter News

By: Terry Satre

Not much to report on this time of year as things are slow. Time to clean out wood duck boxes and get them ready for a new crop!

Our next meeting is at **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** on Canyon road in Puyallup on March 28th at 6:30

Any questions contact:

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

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

Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

Come Refurbish Mallard Nest Tubes:

Come join the Moses Lake Chapter to refurbish some of our Mallard nest tubes when we get the materials together. If you would like to help, e-mail **Chapter Chair, Robin Hickok** at rhod007@aol.com after March 17.

Goose Nest Count:

Set aside May 6 for the annual nest count and bar-b-que in Moses Lake. Watch the April newsletter for more detailed information on this.



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Mark Olmsted and Fritz Kiemle replacing Mallard nest tubes at "Birders corner" (corner of Frenchman Hills and Dodson Road) and putting up Wood Duck boxes on private property near Othello.

You'll notice how much easier it is to replace the tubes when the water is "hard."



News for the Flock

Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

FREE Round of Trap or 5-Stand at our next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the **Seattle Chapter** will be Wednesday, March 22, 2017. No specific program on tap, but we will again be offering a **FREE** round of trap or 5-stand for **ALL members of ALL Chapters** in attendance.

Thanks to WWA-Seattle Chapter member Andrew Koeppen

Thanks and Kudos to member **Andrew Koeppen**, for his excellent presentation on **Emergency Preparedness** at our **February 22nd Chapter meeting**. A lot of good information -- including handouts to take home and study -- was to be had.

Ironically that same evening there was a moderate Earthquake [Magnitude 4.2] centered on the Kitsap Peninsula that same evening about 9 p.m., as we were disbursing to go home, bringing into sharp focus a lot of the topics discussed by **Andrew**.

Chapter Work Parties

Thanks to **WWA-Seattle Chapter member, Bob Hazelbrook**, for introducing some of our younger members to the “nuts and bolts” of our Chapter’s artificial nesting program. It was also an excellent opportunity for these younger members to learn “the ropes” of a couple of west side public hunting areas – the **Stillwater Unit** and the **Cherry Valley Unit**, both located in the **Snoqualmie Valley Wildlife Area**.

Bob has been the face of our Chapter’s program from well before **WWA** first obtained an Artificial Nest Contract with the **Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)** in July of 2009. Over the years he has kept meticulous records of the nesting structures; their GPS locations; and their annual success rate in hatching ducklings.

On Monday, March 6th, **Bob** introduced Chapter member **Todd Carver** to the **Stillwater ponds** where they found 18 of the 28 wood duck boxes had been successfully used. On Sunday, March 12th, **Bob** and chapter member, **James Ono**, checked the nest boxes at Cherry Valley, but only found that four (4) of the 13 boxes there had been used.

For those Chapter members with young families and wishing to introduce small children to this endeavor, we can still arrange to do a ‘*suburban*’ duck nest and box survey at **Emily Durst Park within the Issaquah City limits and/or the Mercer Slough within the Bellevue City limits**. If interested, contact me at a Chapter meeting or at jarrabito@comcast.net or 425-894-4080.



WWA-Seattle Chapter member, Todd Carver cleaning out a Wood Duck Nesting Box at the Stillwater Unit of the Snoqualmie Valley Wildlife Area.

Upcoming Work Party

On Saturday, March 25th, the Chapter will be doing our annual Eastern WA nest tube refurbishing on ponds in the **Lower Crab Creek** drainage south of Royal City. This is an excellent opportunity for members to do some off-season scouting of the area!

Volunteers will be assembling at 9 a.m., at **Leo Pfeifer’s Home Place in Royal City**. Contact me if you need help with overnight lodging.

Leo might still have some extra tickets for the **Richland Rod and Gun Club Game Banquet** on Saturday night. It’s all game food all the time, plus an excellent chance of winning some great raffle prizes including \$2,000 towards any “Quality Hunting or Fishing Trip” you design for you and a buddy. Give **Leo** a call at 425-210-0321 if interested.

Annual Youth Mentor Shoot at Seattle Chapter May 24th Meeting — Larry and Kathy Gordon of AMS Guns in Woodinville will be putting on their 13th Annual Youth Mentor Shoot at our May 24^h Meeting. The program has run upwards of 240 youth thru this program over the years, and their daughter, Tricia Ring and her husband Royce, have agreed to carry the torch forward from there! More in April's Newsletter. See Flyer below for details!



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Youth Mentor Shotgun Shoot, May 24, 2017

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By: Ellen Satre

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Last name	First name	Chapter	Membership level
Cisney	Scott	Lower Columbia	Individual membership
Darymple	Al	Whatcom	Senior (65+) Membership
Keith	Scott	Seattle	Family membership two year
Smith	Greg	Gray's Harbor	Individual membership two year
Tripp	Gene	Gray's Harbor	Individual membership

WDFW Citizen's Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG) Meeting on April 8th

WWA is fortunate to have many of its members on **WDFW's citizen Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG)**. If you have any input you wish to make to **WDFW** about seasons, regular and/or extended, bag limits, avian cholera, public access, etc., contact any of the following **WWA/WAG** members around the State and give them your input for the meeting – **Ted Blade, LC; Abel Cortina, YV; Dave Drewry, KP; Art Kendall, NW; Thor Ostrom, TRI, Dick Price, ML; Rodney Vandersypen, WH; Ben Welton, NW; and John Arrabito, SEA.**

The **WAG** was formed by **WDFW** in early 2003 to increase citizen involvement in the management of Washington's waterfowl resources. The mission of the **WAG** is to serve as a liaison between the **WDFW** and the waterfowling community.

Purposes

1. To provide input on and review the expenditures of the state migratory bird stamp revenues.
2. To educate the waterfowling community on how the **WDFW** uses state migratory bird stamp revenues both in process and purpose.
3. To explain and educate the waterfowling community about the **WDFW** waterfowl management purpose and policy.
4. To serve as representatives of the waterfowling community to provide input to the **WDFW** on waterfowl and other migratory game bird related concerns.; and
5. To provide advice to the **WDFW** on a variety of waterfowl and other migratory bird related topics like seasons, public access and other related topics.



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WWA Youth Fund — \$1,750

Monthly Recurring Donation — Jim Goldsmith, March 2017— \$5

WWA Legal Fund — \$17,862

Scott Howell — \$50

Monthly Recurring Donation — John Arrabito, Feb & March 2017— \$10

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

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Corporate Checking (Banner)	\$ 13,953.95
Funds to be Deposited	\$ 0.00
Duck Stamp Account	\$ 11,097.73
Merchandise Account (As of 1/5/17)	\$ 2,415.15
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,628.06
Corporate Total	\$ 58,702.61

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking (1-7-2016)	\$ 1,632.41
Kitsap Chapter (To Be Funded)	
LC Checking	\$ 26,391.26
ML Checking	\$ 26,046.43
NW Checking	\$ 18,941.64
SEA Checking	\$ 21,141.45
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,754.40
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$ 1,317.19
SEA Total	\$ 32,213.04
SPO Checking	Closed 5/19/2014
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Classifieds— For Sale and Wanted

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Livingston 11ft with 15HP Johnson/trailer/easy on/off marsh grass boat blind in good condition. \$950 total . Contact John Hanson john@all-mountain.com 425 343 3401

Truck Vault for SUV, 48" w x 28" l x 7.5d - good shape -Bolts to floor - was in Excursion & Suburban, \$130. for pics, e-mail Jim wawtrfwlr@comcast.net 206.612.8772.

1998 Alaskan Camper \$15,000. 10 ft. cabover with heater and furnace, stove, oven, refrig, toilet. Excellent condition. Jacks and dolly included. Original owner: 206-919-2799: jmcm333@comcast.net

2012 Yamaha OB motor: 8 HP, 4-Stroke, model F8LMHA, 20" shaft, manual start, manual tilt, with tiller controls, used 3 times. Price \$1800. Text if interested (360) 661-7971.

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The WWA is launching a private land/public access program called *Heritage Lands*. The goal is farmland preservation and public outdoor recreation opportunity, with the initial implementation in the Skagit and Stillaguamish River valleys.

DON'T let your Heritage Lands Turn from this into....



This Program will **Purchase Farmland, Preserve it, Conserve it, Promote it, Maintain it, and Manage it for Waterfowl and Public Hunting for you and the Next Generation.**

We need your personal, corporate, or in-kind commitment to help us exceed our goal of \$300,000! We currently have a benefactor that will match the first \$2,000. Contact Rone Brewer to donate (206) 595-7481.

Every Donation Helps! WWW.WADUCK.ORG

For additional information please contact:

**Rone Brewer, (206) 595-7481
nwducks@frontier.com**

Skagit Valley Photos
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WWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Best Phone Contact: (_____) _____

Membership Type:

- Family (immediate family up to age 18) — \$ 35.00
 - Regular — \$ 30.00
 - Life — \$ 500.00
 - Sustaining Life — \$ 750.00
 - Senior (65 or over) - \$ 15.00
 - Junior (under age 18) -- \$ 15.00
 - 2-Year Regular \$ 50.00 (New)**
 - 2-Year Family \$ 60.00 (New)**
- (2-year memberships not available online)**

Chapter & Newsletter: (Please specify your preferences)

- Newsletter by email or hard copy
- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
 - Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** — 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 (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsman’s Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.
 - Spokane Chapter** – Vacant
 - Tri Cities Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
 - Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st 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.

Pay with a credit card from our website:
www.waduck.org

or

Mail with a check to:

WWA,
10610 66th Avenue E.
Puyallup, WA 98373

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.