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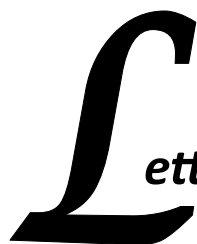
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October 24th is just around the corner. For some of you, your first opportunities to pull the trigger this season will kick-off a month or so earlier.

In the **WA State Migratory Waterfowl & Upland Game Reg's**, Dr. Jim Unsworth, **WDFW Director**, says that things are looking pretty cheery with the waterfowl populations for the season. Good. I hope Washington waterfowl hunters are in full agreement come the 1st of February.

With some goose species seeing increases up to 72% in recent years, **WDFW** (with the blessings of the **WAG, Pacific Flyway Council, & USFWS**) has increased the bag limit for a mixed species of geese to 20 per day...20 per day!?

I see the reincarnation of what I thought to be a lost industry in **Grant & Douglas counties** developing this fall — Professional goose pickers will be back!

For over 50 years now, October thru January, I have spent at least two to four days a week in pursuit of birds and fowl from Washington to Nebraska. I think my wives have looked forward to those months as much as I. I know they liked the peace and quiet and the opportunity to do "girl things." Eight months of preparation around my place each year, **WWA** this and **WWA** that, decoy prep, a variety of trailers, boats, and equipment would disappear for a few months while I pursued my passion in "the Basin" or the "Yakima Valley."

For months now friends and relatives have been posing the same questions that I heard for decades. "Looking forward to hunting season? Have you got a place lined up for this coming season? Is Jett at graduate school (getting a tune-up with the trainer)?" This past year, I have to admit I have been a bit coy with my responses.

(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**

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| <p>Aug 19</p> <p>Aug 20</p> <p>Aug 23</p> <p>Aug 27</p> <p>Aug 29</p> <p>Aug 31</p> <p>Sept 9-10</p> <p>Sept 12</p> <p>Sept 15-17</p> | <p>Duck Stamps available to order.
More info on page 27.</p> <p>Free Trap Shoot for Youth at the Quincy Trap Club. More info on page 13.</p> <p>BJ Brown Memorial Trapshoot at the Kenmore Gun Range. More info on page 5.</p> <p>NO SEATTLE CHAPTER MEETING THIS MONTH. Instead members are asked to participate in and support the BJ Brown Memorial Trapshoot at the Kenmore Gun Range on Sunday, August 20th.. More info on page 4 & 5.</p> <p>Waterfowl Clinic with the WDFW at the Vancouver Trap Club. More info on page 3.</p> <p>Southwest Chapter Meeting at 6:30 at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club on Canyon Road in Puyallup.</p> <p>Compete in the WWA FERD NIST MEMORIAL TROPHY. More info on page 10.</p> <p>Cabela's Fall Hunting Classic at the Tulalip store location. Contact Rick Billieu to help with this event. (360) 653-8571 rgbillieu@frontier.com</p> <p>NW Chapter Monthly Meeting at Conway Fire Station at 7pm.</p> <p>Washington Outdoor Women Fall Workshop at Camp Waskowitz in North Bend, WA. See page 11 for more info.</p> | <p>Sept 16</p> <p>Sept 23</p> <p>Sept 23</p> <p>Sept 23</p> <p>Sept 30</p> <p>Oct 5</p> <p>5th Annual Ducks Unlimited Green Wing BBQ for youth hunting season at Mar Don Resort. More info on page 14.</p> <p>Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever Youth Upland Bird Hunt at Gloyd Seeps Columbia Basin Wildlife Area. More info on page 15.</p> <p>Lower Columbia Chapter Banquet. Make your donation today! More info on page 3 & 16.</p> <p>National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration. More info on page 20.</p> <p>NW Chapter Banquet at Hillcrest Lodge in Mt Vernon. Reserve your tickets today. More info on page 9.</p> <p>Hunt for 2 at Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club Raffle Drawing. Purchase your tickets before this date! More info on page 7.</p> |
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**Be an Active Member
and Attend one of
these GREAT Events!**



News for the Flock

President's Letter continued from page 1...

"I'm not sure I'm going to hunt anymore. Getting out of bed at zero-dark-thirty doesn't thrill me like it once did. I'm thinking of getting into fishing again. I'm thinking of doing some traveling this winter.....to warm spots, where the temps are in the 70's, where they serve great multi-colored drinks,... where 03:30 hours doesn't exist."

I have been pretty much met with disbelief from all. "You'll change your mind! What!?!? You're not that old...are you? If you hang it up, are you selling any of your stuff?"

My immediate family has ignored my changing view. Maybe this might finally be the year that my bride and I purchase the 15 day pass and tour the country via the rails for a couple weeks, or go to Hawaii in a month other than March. Maybe we can visit my nephew at his new home in Arizona.

I'm sure if I'm not in a duck blind opening morning... wherever I am, someone from my tribe will probably be checking my pulse.

**For the Resource,
Jim Cortines**

Condolences to Our Fellow WWA Member:

The **Washington Waterfowl Association** extends our sincerest condolences to **Rod Boyer**, member of the **WWA Board of Directors** and the **Southwest Chapter**, on the loss of his lovely wife and best friend, **Sheri**.

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Work Party:

Saturday, August 12th we built a platform to raise blind #9 up out of the water for this next season. An update and photos next month!

Waterfowl Clinic Not Just for Kids:

On Sunday, August 27th, in partnership with the **Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)** we are planning a "not just for kids" waterfowl clinic at the **Vancouver Trap Club** located at **1110 NE 76th St in Vancouver**. The clinic will run from **noon to 4^{PM}**. We will have a **BBQ** following the clinic. This is a great opportunity to expose potential and upcoming waterfowlers of all ages to our sport and share with novice hunters' some tips and advice. Contact **Ted Blade** at **(360) 558-1770** if you would like more information.

14th Annual Chapter Fundraising Banquet:

Tickets are now available! Saturday September 23th will be here before we know it. We need your help gathering the gift certificates/cards and donations for this great fundraising event. If you have questions or just need solicitation and banquet flyers please let us know. Any business that you frequent is a potential donor. Even lightly used gear for hunting, boating, fishing or whatever is desirable. Contact **Doug Hargin (360) 903-6951** for donations or more information. **See Flyer on Page 16.**



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Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

No Chapter Meeting in August

Thirty-Five years as a member of the **WWA-Seattle Chapter** has taught me that the July and particularly the August monthly meetings of the Chapter are lightly attended as members and their families usually go on vacation before the new school year begins. It is with this knowledge in mind that there will be no formal nor organized Chapter meeting this month on the 4th Wednesday, August 23rd.

Alternative to Chapter Meeting Strongly Suggested:

Instead I am asking all members of the **Seattle Chapter** to support and participate in the **B.J. Brown Memorial Shoot** on Sunday, August 20th, at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range**. This is our way to give back to those who give to **WWA**, and I am not just talking about the members of the **Seattle Chapter!** Since 2007, **Jenny** and **Mike Lutz**, have donated over \$14,000 to **WWA Corporate** from this shoot, held annually in memory of their son, **B.J.**

Incentive for Non-Seattle Chapter Members:

This is why it would be so nice this year to see some more participation from nearby **WWA** Chapters. As a little incentive for this, the **Seattle Chapter** will donate *dollar-for-dollar* the amount of entry fees paid by any and all **non-Seattle Chapter** members who participate in this fun event.

There are three (3) separate shooting venues to participate in (50 singles; 50 Handicap; and 25 5-Stand] with a \$25 entry fee for each. However if 125 clay birds is a bit much for your shoulder all in one day, participants need not shoot all three (3) events. Instead you can shoot either one, two, or all three events, at your choosing.

Some Background on B.J. Brown:

BJ Brown, was just a teenager when he was lost in a tragic automobile accident several years ago. He had a real passion for both waterfowl and upland hunting and took a job as a Trapper at the **Kenmore Range** where he could hone his shotgun skills and be constantly around the shooting sports. His parents, **WWA-Seattle Chapter** and **WWA Life Members, Jenny** and **Mike Lutz**, utilize this event to celebrate the memory of their son with family and friends.

In addition there are always a great mix of shotgun shooters — new to experienced — at the **B.J. Brown Shoot**. **WWA** members and their family and friends; **Kenmore Range**

members, as well as public shooters who happen to be there for the day and want to contribute.

Snacks; a catered **BBQ** lunch; trophies; and drawings for donated prizes round out the fun day. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and shooting starts at 10 a.m. Festivities usually wind up mid-afternoon.

Note: This is not a **Kenmore Range** Sanctioned shoot, so the range will be open as usual to the public from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m. **See Flyer on adjacent page for more.**

Ferd Nist Trophy Shoot Ends August 31st:

At the July Chapter meeting several people shot practice rounds of the three (3) venues set up for the annual **Ferd Nist Shooting Competition** to determine the best shotgun shooter in **WWA**. However there was only one person who shot a “qualified” round.

One of the rules (**See Page 10**) of the competition is that a shooter must declare **before** starting one of the three (3) shooting venues that your score will count for the **Ferd Nist Competition**. The rules are set up to allow **WWA** members of **ALL Chapters** to participate. Just get your local Range Master or another **WWA** member to verify your score in each event.

This will be extra important this year for **Seattle Chapter** shooters as we will not be having a regularly scheduled Chapter meeting this month. One opportunity will be at the **B.J. Brown Shoot** on August 20th, where you can shoot a “qualified” event by declaring before one of your two 25 singles events. Shoot the first 25 for practice and the second 25 for the **Ferd Nist Competition** and support the **B.J. Brown Memorial Shoot** at the same time!

Let’s get some more Chapters involved this year! Will we be engraving your name on the **Ferd Nist Traveling Trophy** this year?

Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle Tickets:

Once again we are selling the **Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two** raffle tickets generously donated by **WWA** member **Jon McAninch** as a fund raising tool for all **WWA** Chapters. The drawing date is **October 5th**, which is coming up quickly so get them now! We will have them for sale at the September Chapter meeting, but if you can’t make it then, contact me at jarrabito@comcast.net or **David Hanson**, at davidhanson73@hotmail.com and we will send them out to you. They make really great gifts for that waterfowler you know. As before, check out the **Flyer here in this issue on page 7** for more details.

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BJ BROWN MEMORIAL TRAPSHOOT ELEVENTH ANNUAL



Hosted by the Family and Friends of BJ Brown

Proceeds Donated to the Washington Waterfowl Association

(over \$14,000 has been donated over the 10 prior years!)

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Registration 9:00 a.m.

Kenmore Shotgun Range: 1031 228th St SW Bothell, WA 98021 425.481.8685

Entry Fee: \$75.00

Includes 125 Targets and Lunch

50 Singles 50 Handicap 25 5-Stand
(each event is \$25.00- could do one, two or all three)

Trophies for Men, Ladies and Novice

Top Gun (must do all 125 targets) Singles Handicap 5-Stand

RAFFLE DRAWINGS FOR DONATED PRIZES!

SHOT GUN RAFFLE!

For Information Call: Mike Lutz 206.550.6924 or Jenny Lutz 425.218.7868

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all. Can you believe we are only a bit more than a month away from the early goose opener? It seem like I just put all the decoys away just to pull them out again!

On Saturday, August 12th we had our Chapter's annual "**Free Youth Shooting Event.**" It went well with the 11 young shooters having a good time on the sporting clays range. We were a bit shy on volunteers the week before the event so I reached out, and we had excellent participation with 13 volunteers giving up their Saturday to help us out! I have always believed that your time is the most valuable thing you can Donate, and **our Chapter and the WWA** has come through once again! I cannot show how much I appreciate all the donations of time, money, and effort that makes our events! Thank you all!

Special thanks goes to member **Dirk Farrar** for heading up this event! **Dirk** has come through time and time again to make sure our Chapter exceeds it's goals and maintains it's purpose!



Top: One of our young shooters Shane Nelson.
Middle: WWA-GH members Dick Jensen and Joe Jauquet giving some up close and personal instruction. The target was shot, by the way.
Bottom: Dessert cake for the event!



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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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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Hope your summer is going well and you managed to beat the heat. Perhaps dreaming about last season's winter weather when you ice skated down a few Boat Ramps, wished your *Mister Heater* fit in your layout blind or just enjoyed the crisp morning air. Early Goose, youth hunts and the season opener are just around the corner. Now is the time to cleanup or repaint those decoys, mud that new Layout Blind up or put a few more patches on the Waders.

Calling Clinic:

Effective waterfowl calling is sometimes one of the keys to a successful hunt. This year we are planning to hold the chapters **Duck Calling Clinic**. This is a series of instructional sessions during September and early October. From call familiarization, making basic quacks to advanced calling tips, this is a good event to hone your calling skills. The clinic will be held at **Skagit Wildlife HQ** again. I'll bring the *BBQ* and send out the details soon.

Youth Waterfowl Hunts:



Last year's Youth hunt was awesome and this year we're going to match the success. **The NW Chapter** is sponsoring youth waterfowl hunts on **September 16th and 17th** at various locations in **north Puget Sound**. We'll be running morning hunts (half hour before sunrise to noon) and afternoon hunts (1 PM until sunset). We will be hunting from Pit and Dike Blinds. **Reservations are required.** First come-first served.

Youth must be 15 years old or younger with a **WA** small game license. For more information please contact **Rick Skiba**, (360) 387-2225 or reskiba@msn.com or **Rick Billieu**, (360) 653-8571 or rgbillieu@frontier.com

Cabela's Hunting Classic:

Saturday & Sunday, September 9-10 the **NW Chapter** will be supporting the **Cabela's Fall Hunting Classic** at their **Tulalip** store location. This is an annual event and opportunity to **Share Our Passion**. **WWA** member **Matt Klope (Whidbey Island Taxidermy)** will have Mounts on display. If you're interested in supporting this event, please contact **Rick Billieu** (360) 653-8571 rgbillieu@frontier.com

Third Annual Chapter Banquet:

Reservations for the Northwest Chapter's **Third Annual Banquet** is now open. This year's event is going to be on **Saturday September 30th**. The festivities will again be at **Hillcrest Lodge in Mount Vernon**. The event is a fun get together that includes **Kelley's BBQ, Tulip Winery**, Silent and Live Auctions, Raffles and lots of talk about one of our favorite outdoor pastimes. The Banquet supports conservation activities and chapter events.

For reservations Contact **Rich Phillips** (360)-631-4456 warden156@hotmail.com or **Rick Billieu** (360) 653-8571 rgbillieu@frontier.com. Please include the number and type of tickets (single, couple, youth or Hunter Table) you would like, the names of your guests, your mailing address, phone number and email to help with speeding everyone through check-in. Pre-payment is preferred. Cash, Check or Credit Cards will also be accepted at the Door. **[See Flyer on the page 9]**

Monthly Meetings:

Big thanks to **Mark Pidgeon** from **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC)** for attending and presenting at our August Chapter meeting. **Mark** shared some great insights, **WWC** accomplishments and strategies.

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Tuesday each month at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7pm. See you there and bring a friend. Questions? Contact **Rick Billieu** rgbillieu@frontier.com.

Washington Waterfowl Association NW Chapter 3rd Annual Banquet

Saturday Sept. 30th, 2017

**HILLCREST
LODGE**

1717 South 13th Street
Mt Vernon, WA



**Washington Waterfowl
Association**

For Reservations Contact:

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(360) 631-4456

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Dinner includes: BBQ Brisket and chicken with sides and soft drinks

Youth: \$20 Single: \$35 Couple: \$60

Hunting Party Table: \$500

Includes: 8 Tickets, WWA Membership for new members, WWA Commemorative Beer Glasses, FREE Beer, Hats and \$200 per table Raffle Tickets.

Only 125 tickets available. Sold out last year so don't wait.

Advanced payment preferred. Checks, Cash and Credit Cards also accepted and processed at event door. Make all checks payable to: **NW Washington Waterfowl Association.**



Doors Open: 5:00 PM
Dinner at 6:30 PM

Come and enjoy an evening with family fun, auctions, raffles, and delicious food.



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WWA FERD NIST MEMORIAL TROPHY

We want to know who is the best shot in WWA! This annual contest is named after **Ferd Nist**, one of the WWA founding members. The contest started in 1978 and this perpetual trophy is awarded to the best shotgunner with the highest score out of 100 clays. **John T. Scott** was the first winner in 1978 with two more wins in 1979 and 1982. **Dick Schweiter** has 6 wins, **Don Aker** has 5 wins, **Leo Pfeifer** has 4 wins. **Gary Webster** holds the record with 7 wins. There are 9 spaces left on the initial trophy. **Bill Maxwell** of the **Seattle Chapter** is the defending champion! This year's winner will be announced in September. Will we be engraving your name next?

Ferd Nist contest Rules

1. Shoot in the months of July and August.
2. Declare before starting event that your score will count for the Ferd Nist Competition.
3. Have your score witnessed by another chapter member or range personal.
4. Report your score next day to **David Hanson**, davidhanson73@hotmail.com or 425-260-4816
5. Tie breaker-high score from the slider.
6. Second tie breaker- Sudden Death, first miss loses. Shoots in August.

The Competition (Each event does not have to be completed in the same day) 100 Clays, compete for the bragging rights, "Who is the best shot." The highest score wins.

Event I

Trap, 16 yard, 25 clays, shoot 5 clays from each post. Report score

Event II

Trap, Slider, 25 clays, shoot 5 clays from each post, moving back or forward 2 yards after each shot.

(Example)

Start at post 1, 16 yd, shoot clay 1

Move back to 18 yd, shoot clay 2

Move back to 20 yd, shoot clay 3

Move back to 22 yd, shoot clay 4

Move back to 24 yd, shoot clay 5

Rotate to post 2, 24 yd, shoot clay 6

Move forward to 22 yd, shoot clay 7,

Continue moving 2 yards for each shot forwards and backwards at each post. Ending on Post 5, 24yd.

Report score.

Event III

Trap doubles, 50 clays, 16 yard, two clays at the same time, 5 doubles on each post. Report score.

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Washington Outdoor Women



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- Duck Hunting 101
- Dutch Oven Cooking
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- Fly Fishing
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- Herbal First Aid
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- Survival
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- Wilderness First Aid
- Wildlife Awareness

Washington Outdoor Women

WOW is an outdoor skills program that empowers women and girls through classes that sharpen their outdoor talents and improve their wilderness know-how. We know you have the potential....WOW offers the opportunity!

WOW Fall Workshop

Grab your hiking boots and come join other women who, like you, are eager to gain skills and greater confidence in the outdoors! Celebrating our 20th year, Washington Outdoor Women will host its popular Weekend Workshop September 15-17 at Camp Waskowitz in North Bend, Washington.



Engage in an empowering experience to sharpen your outdoor skills and improve your wilderness awareness. Invest in your personal growth and discover a new sense of self-reliance. Outdoor skills training is best experienced through hands-on practice. WOW will rekindle that link to the outdoors you've been seeking!



What: Annual WOW Weekend Workshop
When: September 15-17 (2½ day event)
Where: Camp Waskowitz, North Bend, Washington
Who: YOU! Women 18+
Scholarship info: <http://ow.ly/7CkL30cHbIN>

Information and registration: www.washingtonoutdoorwomen.org

Washington Outdoor Women is an educational program of the Washington Wildlife Federation www.washingtonwildlife.org

Washington Outdoor Women
PO Box 1656
Bellevue, WA 98009
425-455-1986



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Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

Youth Shoot:

Come join us for the **Brownell's/NRA Free Trap Shoot for Youth** scheduled for Saturday, August 19th in Quincy, WA. This is a free event for all youths that possess either a hunting license or a have hunter safety card. Youths must be 17 or younger and be accompanied by a responsible adult. **See flyer on page 13 for more information.**

5th Annual Green Wing Youth Event:

We will again be helping with the 5th annual Green Wing event to be held at **Mar Don' Resort on Potholes Reservoir** September 16th. **See the flyer on page 14** for further information on how to get registered for this fun event after a morning of Waterfowl hunting.

Columbia Basin Youth Pheasant Hunt:

On September 23rd **WDFW, Pheasants Forever, and Moses Lake WWA** will be hosting a youth Pheasant hunt on the farm unit at 10th N.E. and Stratford Road. N.E. This is northeast of Moses Lake.

See the Flyer on page 15 for further information on how to find the site and how you can win a shotgun

Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

Monthly Meeting:

The next meeting will be August 29 at 6:30 at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** on Canyon Road in Puyallup.

Yakima Valley Chapter News

By: Abel Cortina

Monthly Meeting:

The Yakima Valley Chapter *will not* be holding a meeting until further notice.

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Brownell's/NRA Free Trap Shoot

Saturday August 19, 2017

at the

Quincy Gun Club

14550 Road Q N.W. Quincy, WA 98848

from

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

There will be a free trap shoot for all youths 17 and under that possess a hunter safety card or hunting license. All shells and targets will be provided at no cost to the participants. Youths must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Youths will receive a duck call, lanyard, Waterfowl I.D. book, T-shirt and more assorted merchandise.

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

Additional sponsors are:

Moses Lake Friends of the NRA

Moses Lake Washington Waterfowl Association

Moses Lake Ducks Unlimited

Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever





5th Annual Ducks Unlimited Green Wing BBQ

September 16, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at Mar-Don's Resort in Othello, WA on Potholes Reservoir

The event is held on the opener of the WA State Youth-Only Season September 16-17, 2017.
\$5.00 for youth 16 and under and must be accompanied by a responsible adult. \$10.00 for adults.

All Youth will receive:

a *Haydel* Duck call, lanyard, hat, pencil, Waterfowl I.D. book, limited decoys and flying disc.

There will be a Duck calling seminar around 1:00 P.M.
for those wanting to learn how to properly use their new duck call.

Pre-Registration is required on the Ducks Unlimited web site:
<http://www.ducks.org/washington/events/46315/moses-lake-greenwing>
No registrations will be accepted after September 13th, 2017

Point of contact for this event is:

Col. Thomas M. O'Dell

Phone: 509-764-8557 Cell 206-465-6943

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Alternate contact:

Troy Wiley at twiley@hotmail.com





Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever

Youth Upland Bird Hunt

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

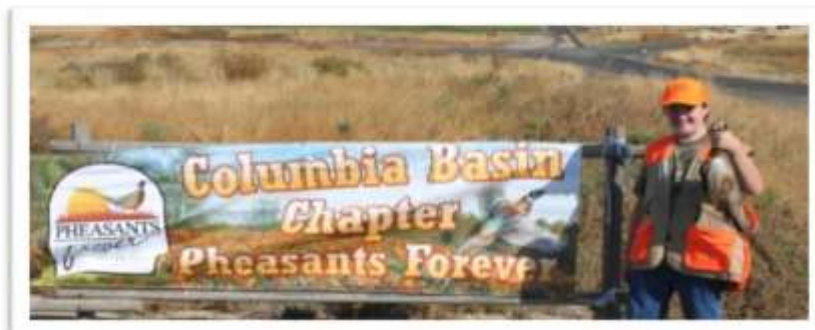
Location: Gloyd Seeps (Road 10), Columbia Basin Wildlife Area

The Columbia Basin Chapter of Pheasants Forever (CBPF) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) are partnering in an effort to recruit youth into the sport of hunting by providing youths an opportunity to hunt wild and planted birds in some of the best habitat available in Grant County. The event will be held at the Farm Unit access road just north of Road 10 ([HERE](#)). In the past, the youth hunting event was held at B & G Farms, but the event was moved to accommodate the growing numbers of youth hunters. The hunting area has been in the process of being actively restored and will become prime pheasant habitat once all vegetation becomes fully established.

WDFW Hunter Education instructors will be on site and will help with shooting instruction, will offer “loaner” shotguns, and volunteers will be providing dogs to assist youth hunters. Additionally, Pheasants Forever will providing food for all hunters and parents and will give away a shotgun to one youth hunting participant, no purchases will be required. For more information, check the [Columbia Basin Chapter of Pheasants Forever - Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaBasinPF) (<https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaBasinPF>) or call the WDFW Ephrata Regional Office at (509) 754-4624. More information about Pheasant Releases can be found [HERE](#).



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Letters to the President/Opinions

Bad News for Region Two Corn Stubble Hunters

Anonymous

As of this date the **WDFW** has discontinued the region's hunting on private corn stubble lands program. As in previous years, the Duck Stamp funds are available for the continuation of this worthy program. Though the program was recommended for funding by the **Waterfowl Advisory Group** at their most recent meeting, the program did not make "the cut" when it came to funding (*other programs were deemed more worthy.*)

This valuable long standing program has pretty much been 100% booked on-line every week of the waterfowl season each year since its inception. Further, this program provides the only way for many, many hunters to gain access to and hunt corn stubble fields.

Not funding this program will virtually cut out all field hunting for much of the general public. What happened to the state expanding hunting programs on private lands policy?

Is the 'average Joe' only to have the opportunity to hunt corn stubble fields via clubs and guides at \$350 per day?

That said, where was **Moses Lake WWA** during this decision making process? Were any of the local **WWA** members even informed? Why wasn't it brought forward at the **Moses Lake Chapter** at a monthly meeting? Did I miss something in the **WWA** newsletter?

When similar events have occurred elsewhere in our state, **WWA** efforts have resulted in transparency and in some instances reversing bad decisions by government officials.

The Short Answer from WWA:

Unfortunately you are mistaken about the **WAG** recommending funding. All Projects/Programing needing funding are brought by **WDFW** to the annual **WAG** meeting for prioritization of the limited duck stamp funds. In a 10-hour meeting of these citizen volunteers, tough choices are made, and the corn stubble project didn't make the cut line.

However due to the continuing efforts of **Dick Price**, a **WWA-ML** officer and member of the **WAG** and new **WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager, Kyle Spragens**, yeoman's efforts are still being made to find funding... Stay tuned!

More Participation

By: Robb Stack

I am a Life Member due to a donation made to buy land in Skagit area. **John Arrabito** was kind to suggest a Life Membership for that donation. Otherwise, I am not much of a duck hunter. Don't care to eat them so not keen on shooting them, although I love to shoot so **WWA** Meetings at Kenmore are an excuse to go out break clays.

I am a **PF Life Member** and I support **DU** and **SCI** functions, though not really a big game hunter either. If I had a favorite, it would be upland birds but no dog so I resort to clays targets for my fun. It is disappointing to see so few participating in club events. A few core people do all the work it seems. Glad to help spur on love of the outdoors and promote education (**NRA** Instructor for 13 yrs.) Keeping today's youth interested is a lot of work given all the distractions of city life.

Not sure I have any insights for you to drum up more participation, but it is a universal problem within many organizations. The shooting events help keep club interest up, and I appreciate **Matty** doing the free classifieds.

Voter Apathy

By: John Rodgers

As a former Washington resident now living in Montana, I still manage to hunt in Washington a couple of times a year. For that reason, I joined **Washington Waterfowl** so I was assured my dollars would stay in state. But I did not vote because I could not make an informed decision since I had no idea who these people were or what their agenda was. **Maybe next election cycle you could print a short bio of each candidate and their reason for running.**

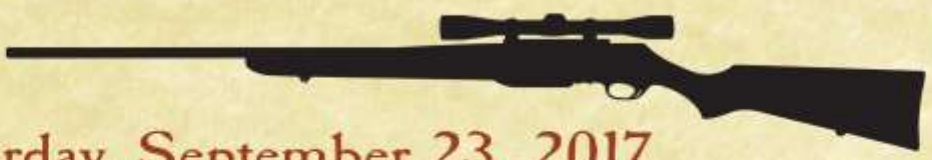
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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Update

Common Goldeneye Nest Boxes

Ella Rowan

- **WDFW Assistant District Wildlife Biologist**

In Spring of 2016, the **Columbia Basin Chapter** of the **Washington Waterfowl Association** helped construct a dozen goldeneye nest boxes for use around **Lake Lenore**. This species is known to produce a small number of broods on this body of water, although no nesting cavities have been found. **WDFW Waterfowl Specialist Matt Wilson** felt it would be beneficial to increase cavity nesting opportunities by installing nest boxes around this lake.

The blood (literally) and sweat of **WWA and WDFW** folks are showing signs of potential. The boxes were installed in early April 2016 and showed signs of visitation by unknown

duck species within a couple months evidenced by depressions in the wood shavings. **WDFW** staff checked the boxes again this May and found a few unidentifiable feathers and one songbird nest amongst 3 boxes. According to **Matt**, it may take a few years for goldeneyes to take up residence, so we are optimistic!

WDFW is appreciative of the many efforts and contributions **WWA** has provided across Washington, and I personally thank our local Columbia Basin crew for helping with this project and others. It's been an enjoyable experience working with you and sharing respectful banter over the one year I've been in this District!

Many thanks to **Dick Price, Robin Hickok, Bill and Rosann Green, John Arnold**, and a few others who I can't recall now who helped with this particular workshop.



Upper: Common goldeneye brood. Photo by Mary Konchar



Right: Nest box hanging on the cliff wall. Photo by Matt Wilson

Lower: Bill, Rosann, Robin, and John hard at work. Photos by Matt Wilson



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 July 2017 Newsletter.

WWA Youth Fund — \$2,620

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Corporate Checking (Banner)	\$ 15,348.95
Funds to be Deposited	\$ 720.00
Duck Stamp Account	\$ 7,726.48
Merchandise Account (As of 1/5/17)	\$ 2,415.15
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,633.13
Corporate Total	\$ 55,052.26

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking (1-7-2016)	\$ 1,632.41
Kitsap Chapter (To Be Funded)	
LC Checking	\$ 21,895.51
ML Checking	\$ 26,004.97
NW Checking	\$ 18,941.64
SEA Checking	\$ 19,331.73
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,754.80
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$ 1,317.29
SEA Total	\$ 30,403.82
SW Checking	\$ 6,464.73
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**Selected (and Incomplete) Summary of 2017-2018
Migratory Game Bird Seasons (Significant Changes in Red)**

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Ducks	Statewide	September 16-17, 2017 (Youth Hunt Only (a) Oct. 14-18, 2017 and Oct. 21, 2017— Jan. 28, 2018 EXCEPT Scaup closed Oct. 14 — Nov. 3, 2017	7 (b) 7 (b) 3 (b)	14 (b) 21 (b) 9 (b)
	(b) Bag Limits:	Statewide Western WA	7 ducks to include not more than 2 hen mallards; 1 pintail ; 3 scaup; 2 canvasback, and 2 redhead; To include not more than 1 harlequin; 2 scoter, 2 long tailed duck; and 2 goldeneye	
(b) Season Limit		1 harlequin in Western WA		
(b) <u>Possession Limits Statewide</u>		3 pintail ; 9 scaup; 6 canvasback; 6 redhead & 6 hen mallards 6 scoter; 6 long tailed duck; & 6 goldeneye in Western WA		
		Coots, and	25	75
		Snipe	8	24

AUTHORIZATION & HARVEST RECORD CARD REQUIRED TO HUNT SEA DUCKS, BRANT & SNOW GEESE

Geese (except Brant)	Statewide	September 16-17, 2017 (Youth Hunt Only (a)	4(c)	8(c)
	Goose Mgmt.	Early Season (Canada Geese Only) Sept. 9-14, 2017; 5(c)		15(c)

Statewide Regular Season, Daily Bag & Possession Limits in ALL Management Areas unless noted otherwise.

Snow Geese	6	18
White-fronted Geese	10(e)	30(e)
Canada Geese	4(g)	12(g)

	Area 1	Snow, White-fronted Geese — Oct. 14-Jan 28, 2018 Canada — Oct 14-26; & Nov 7-Jan 28, 2018		
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2	Early Season (Canada Only)— Sept. 2-10, 2017; 5(c) All Areas EXCEPT Ridgefield & Willapa NWR's Everyday** — Oct 14th—29th (f) Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays ONLY Nov 25, 2017 thru-Jan 14, 2018 Feb 10-Mar 10(f) Feb 10 — Mar 10 (Goose Hunting CLOSED in Ridgefield NWR and in Willapa NWR.		15(c)
**Refer to specific Willapa NWR Rules (Saturday, Sunday & Wednesday)				
<u>Dusky Canada Goose Season</u> is closed in Area 2 during October thru March		Ridgefield NWR	4(g)	12(g)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 3	Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-14, 2017; 5(c) Oct. 17-26 and Nov. 25, 2017—Jan. 13, 2018(f)		15(c)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 4	Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-10, 2017; 5(c) Sat, Sun, & Weds, only, Oct. 14— Jan 21, 2018 Nov 10, 23, and 24; Dec 25, 26, 28, & 29, 2017; and every day Jan 22-28, 2018.		10(c)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 5	Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-10, 2017; 5(c) Oct. 14-16, & every day Oct 21—Jan 28, 2018		10(c)
Brant (see authorization requirements on page 4 of 2017-2018 on p. 4 of 2017-2018 regulations pamphlet)		Clallam & Whatcom Counties — Jan 6, 10 and 13, 2018	2	6
	Pacific County	Jan. 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20 & 21, 2018	2	6
	Skagit County	Jan. 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, & 21, 2018	2	6
	Skagit County	If the pre-season wintering population in Skagit County is between 3000 and 6000 (as determined by the midwinter survey) this brant season will be limited to Jan 6, 10 and 13, 2018. If the pre-season wintering population in Skagit County is less than 3000 (as determined by the midwinter survey) the brant season in Skagit County will be canceled.		
Mourning Dove	Statewide	September 1 thru October 30	14	45

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior (65 or over) - | \$ 15.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior (under age 18) -- | \$ 15.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Year Regular | \$ 50.00 | (New) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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** — Dates and places TBD.

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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.