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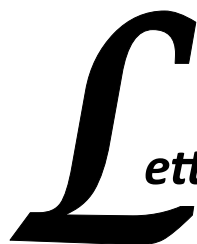
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Our good friend Jeff Christiansen, former head of Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC) once told me that it was his good intention for the WWC to just about go bust every year. What he meant was that as a 501c3 (non-profit), it was his and WWC's intent to spend the funds they raised each year doing great things for young and old, male and female hunters, fishermen, trappers, and the like. Then, WWC would start the cycle all over again by getting out there and hustling up donations, fundraisers, etc.

I guess Jeff's underlying philosophy underlying was, and is, that WWC couldn't accomplish good things with an ever increasing bank account. It takes some 'brass' to go through most all of your income as a 501c3 and re-start the engine every year.

Lots of Great Events!
Be sure to invite a friend or youth hunter to attend with you!

Food for Thought for us at WWA.

That aside, recently there's been a lot of e-mail flowing back and forth as well as a few phone calls over the State Sanctioned Duck Calling Championships held annually here in Washington. The "sanctioned" contest is licensed out of Stuttgart, Arkansas since ducks started flying I guess. The "sanction" is a tightly controlled process that licenses only an individual (not a company or non-profit) to arrange the contest. There are strict rules for the venue; promotion, video recording, documentation, sequestering of the contestants, judging, and oh yes beating the bushes for prizes for the winners and placers must all be in place leading up to the big day. **IT AIN'T EASY!**

Rone Brewer, amongst all the WWA hats he's worn has been the "Sanction Holder" for twenty years or more. Thank you Rone for keeping our state in the hunt for

(More from the President on page 3)

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

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EVENTS CALENDAR

2018 Events

- February 22 **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting** at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- February 24 **Clean Up Day at Farmed Island** at 10am. **More info on page 9.**
- February 27 **SW Chapter Meeting** at 6:30pm at the Education building at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**. **More info on page 6.**
- February 28 **Seattle Chapter Meeting** at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range**. Shooting open all afternoon until 7 p.m.
- Mar 1-4 **Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show** at Deschutes County Fair & Events Center in Redmond, OR
- March 6 **Whatcom County Chapter Meeting** at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center**.
- March 10 **Clean Up Day at Samish Unit** at 10am. **More info on page 9.**
- March 13 **NW Chapter Meeting at Conway Fire Station** with guest speaker and gift certificate raffle. **More info on page 9**
- March 17 **Ridgefield NWR Cleanup and BBQ lunch**. **More info on page 12.**
- April 22 **Free Youth Trap Shoot at Quincy Gun Club**. **More info on page 7.**

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for the coveted championship in Stuttgart each fall. Over the years great help has come from the likes of **John Farrow, Troy Taylor, Tracy Miles, Abel Cortina, Kurt Snyder** and many others to help the contest come together.

Our judges over the years have come from far and wide with little to no compensation to help with the contest. God knows.... we'd have been toast without 'em. We've had callers as best I can remember from all over Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and a few lost Californians as I recall.

We've had some Champs with great runs: **Abel Cortina, Troy Taylor, Rob Strong, and Shane Rossen** have all had multiple years in pursuit of the Holy Grail....Stuttgart. **But, the National Champ from Washington is still in the making.**

This summer, we expect to have a great contest. **John Arrabito** has taken over the "Sanction." **Troy Taylor** will be managing the process. **They can't do all the work by themselves...nor should they; when they call, it will be your time to step up.**

That said, **WWA** is hoping to put on some calling clinics for kids around the state this coming year. **WWA member's kids as well as non-WWA member's kids need to be at those clinics when they come about.**

In a good year, kid's contests are held... as well as Novice and Open contests (other than the sanction). And, in a really good year, we are able to put together 'two man team calling' contests as well as goose calling contests.

Waterfowling is a 'broader thing' than just going out and pulling the trigger a few time each season. There's a lore, if you will, about competitive calling contests and what the competitor undertakes when he (or someday she) decides to add this pursuit to this pastime we know as 'waterfowling.' I dare say the top competitors have invested thousands of hours perfecting their calling on the way to being Champ. They drive their parents, siblings, wives, girlfriends, co-workers, neighbors, and neighbor's neighbors nuts as they practice. Whether it's in the garage, behind the barn, in the car on the way to work; when it comes to 'showtime', the slightest squeak of a single note, a couple of seconds beyond the time limit, or a decimal in the judge's collective scoring may be the difference between **Duckdom Immortality** and

another year of getting ready for the same.

SO! When the 2018 Washington State Sanctioned Calling Contest date is announced, PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDER, BRING YOUR KIDS AND SPOUSES AND FRIENDS AND HAVE A GREAT TIME and maybe you or one of yours will one day become our Champ on their way to Stuttgart.

WWA leadership over the years has debated the costs & benefits of the Sanctioned Contest. The bottom line is **WWA** loses money every year ... and that's just fine with me. As I alluded to in the opening paragraphs ... fat bank accounts won't keep the waterfowling heritage in future generations.

For the Resource,

Jim Cortines

Please note the changes to the Directors and Officers of Your **WWA** on the front page of the newsletter.

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Talk to the President:

Send your thoughts on the future of **WWA**; on governmental policies affecting waterfowl and their habitat; or even send your thoughts on your favorite hunting grounds [without giving out the GPS coordinates, *LOL!*] The president, **Jim Cortines**, wants to hear from you! **Email him today at: wawtrfwlr@comcast.net**

Report Cards Due:

It's almost time to rest the dog and submit those report cards to **WDFW** or get charged all kinds of extra cash next year when you purchase your new license.

Like everything else in this state we need to remember to report our harvest (**Sea Duck/Snow Geese/Brant**) by the **15th of February**. A number of ways you can do this one.

1) **Mail your cards in to: WDFW**, Waterfowl Section, 600 Capital Way N, Olympia, WA 98501

2) **Or go online to: <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/#/login>**

This system has changed some this past year, and you will need to create an account to do it, but it is a little less painful than it used to be. Plus it will work for the other online reporting you do also.

Also if you were picked to do any reporting for **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)** or the states bird harvest reports make sure you get them filled out and sent in too.

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Joe Stohr Named Acting Director of WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife



OLYMPIA- **Joe Stohr**, who has served as deputy director for the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** for more than a decade, has been named the agency's acting director. **WDFW** selected **Stohr**, 61, to serve in the post beginning February 8th.

He will replace **Dr. Jim Unsworth**, who announced his resignation January 24th, after serving three years as director of the department. **Unsworth's** term at **WDFW** was erratic at best, but perhaps the straw that broke the camel's back was a secret agreement made with the tribes regarding salmon allocation — so secret that even the **WDFW Commission** wasn't privy to it until after the fact!

The **Commission**, a citizen panel appointed by the Governor to set policy for **WDFW**, will soon initiate a national search for a permanent director, said **Brad Smith**, Chair of the Commission.

"In the meantime, we know we are leaving the agency in very capable hands by placing **Joe** in charge," **Smith** said. "His leadership and extensive experience will be very helpful as we begin the search for a new director."

A longtime resident of Olympia, **Stohr** joined **WDFW** as deputy director in 2007. In that role, **Stohr** oversees department operations, including budget and finance, capital project management, performance and accountability, risk management and human resources.

Before joining **WDFW**, he spent 21 years at the WA state **Department of Ecology** managing various programs, including water resources, oil spill prevention and response, and hazardous waste management. Prior to that, **Stohr** served four (4) years with the WA state Department of Health.

Stohr said he has appointed **Amy Windrope**, **WDFW's** regional director for northern Puget Sound, to fill the deputy director role while he serves as acting director.

Duck Stamp News

Welcome to Duck Stamp News!

I would like to introduce myself. My name is **Mike Bell** and I will be taking the **Chairman position for the Washington State Duck Stamp Program.**

Did you know that **WWA** is responsible for the printing of the physical duck stamp and print? Did you know that if **WWA** did not step up to take over our state duck stamp program after the state deemed it too costly, our stamp like so many others would have just consisted of words on a license? Did you know the sales from the stamps and prints goes right back into local efforts?

As a hunter and collector of duck stamps when I heard the call for someone to continue the duck stamp program I jumped at the chance. I will taking the reins from **Jim Cortines**. **Jim** has laid some solid ground work for the program and has done a wonderful job. **Jim** will be focusing on other **WWA** activities that also need attention.

Currently the duck stamp committee consist of four (4) people. **We are actively looking for more volunteers for the committee.** From what I can tell **WWA** as a whole is not actively involved in the duck stamp program, which is something I want to change first and foremost. I want to get the chapters involved in the stamp process and take pride in the fact that **WWA** produces the state duck stamp. I feel all of **WWA** should take ownership of the program.

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We are adding a "**Duck Stamp News**" section to the monthly newsletter where I will be keeping you up to date on the stamp progress and what new partnerships we are working on.

If you have questions, concerns or any other reason and need to get a hold of me please do. Looking forward to meeting and working with other members of **WWA**.

DUCK STAMP NEWS

By Mike Bell

Hello and welcome to the **Duck Stamp News** where you will find all the latest news on the duck stamp program.

A little background to get you started is probably in order. In 2012 the **WWA** took over the duck stamp program from **WDFW**. If **WWA** would not have done so, the physical stamp and print would have gone extinct. Since then **WWA** has

been responsible for the subject of the stamp, selecting an artist, printing the stamps and prints, selling the artwork and giving out the complimentary hunters stamp.

Did you know that if you bought a migratory bird permit on your Washington state hunting license you are entitled to a complimentary duck stamp? You didn't? Well go here and learn all about it www.washingtonduckstamp.com.

The duck stamp program has partnered with the **Seattle Audubon Jr. Duck Stamp Program** in assisting with the prize pool funds generated from the sale of the state stamps and prints. This will help the program encourage young artist to get into nature and be our future artist pool for the state duck stamps.

We have a new website just for the state duck stamp (see above). Go check it out, lots of great information, all the previous year duck stamps so you can start collecting and online sales of the current year stamps and prints.

The 2018 duck stamp artist has been chosen and I think that the subject of this year's stamp is going to be a hit. The artist that will be painting the 2018 stamp is **Donnie Hughes from South Carolina**. **Donnie** has some spectacular artwork and has promised to do us proud with this year's stamp.

Remember to BUY your stamps and prints. More to come stay tuned.

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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Youth Trap Shoot:

Free trap shoot at the **Quincy Gun Club** for all youths 18 and under that have a Hunter Safety card or Hunting License on April 22. **See the flyer on page 7 for more information.** Col. Tom O'Dell is the major sponsor of this event through the **Moses Lake Friends of the NRA Chapter.**

Local Work Projects:

I am in coordination with the **WDFW** folks to try and line up some work parties on local projects.

Goose Nest Count with WDFW:

Keep on your calendar the Gosse nest count in early May (historically the first Saturday in May). It will take place on **Moses Lake** this year as opposed to **Potholes Reservoir** with **Robin Hickok** as our liaison with **WDFW.**

Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

Thanks for the Help!

Would like to thank all of the people that helped this year at the **WWA** booth at the **Puyallup Sportsman Show** booth. We had a great time talking to people about the **WWA** and the type of organization we are and the projects we are working on this year.

February Meeting:

There will be a meeting on February 27 at 6:30 pm at the **Education building at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club.** If you want to show up a little early, getting a bite to eat, shoot a round of trap is a good way to start the evening. One of the discussion items on the agenda will be a update on the progress that is being made in Olympia on the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area.**

Raffle Tickets for Great Prizes:

We still have some raffle tickets left so don't miss the chance win. Tickets have been checked out to several Chapters, so be sure and purchase your chance at the this year's prizes:

- 1st prize** is a Stoeger M3000 Max 5 Shotgun with extra chokes;
- 2nd prize** is a Daiwa salmon rod with a eagle claw reel;
- 3rd prize** is a framed WA duck print with stamp.



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Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Quincy Gun Club
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from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

There will be free trap shooting for all youths 18 and under that possess a hunter safety card or hunting license. All shells and targets will be provided at no cost to the participants.

Youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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

So we will know how much food is provided please sign up with either:

Dick Price: 509-762-9027

dickprice@nctv.com

or

Tom O'Dell: 509-764-8557

Mallard1@gosi.net

This event is sponsored by the Moses Lake Friends of the
NRA & the Quincy Gun Club.

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Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

Hands-On Flocking Program for February

As long as the days are short and we're inside, we're staying inside and Chapter member **Bob Stephens** has agreed once again to put on his popular "how to" demonstration on flocking your decoys. However, this year in addition to his presentation, we also plan to provide some hands on experience for you.

So bring a deke or two that you want to spiff up. In addition to black and white flocking for geese, we'll also have green for [what else] greenheads. I hope to have enough self-contained plastic containers so we won't leave a mess at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range Shack**.

Shooting [trap or 5-stand] is open all afternoon for us until 7 p.m., to be followed by pizza and soda for dinner; a short business meeting, followed by Bob's demo, and then your opportunity to get your hands dirty. [Actually we'll have medical exam gloves for you, because you'll be dealing with

glue and/or paint to secure the flocking to your decoy's heads and tails!]

Again we'll provide all the supplies and expertise. All you have to do is bring a deke or two to work on.

Puyallup Sportsmen's Show

I hope some of you took advantage of the **Puyallup Sportsmen's Show** the last week of January. I didn't make it down this year, but I heard there were some deals to be had.

Upcoming Work Parties

Before we get too far into the nesting season, there are wood duck boxes and duck nesting tubes in both the rural areas of the Snoqualmie Valley and the suburban areas in and around Issaquah and Bellevue that need servicing. If you can make a half day of fun family volunteerism on either Saturdays -- February 24th or March 3rd -- left me know at the Chapter meeting or by phone or email, (425) 894-4080 or jarrabito@comcast.net.



Whatcom County Chapter News

At the February 6th meeting, **Scott O'Day** officially resigned as the Chairman of the **Whatcom County Chapter** after many years of dedicated leadership at the helm. **Matt Berry**, was elected as the new Chapter Chair, and former Chapter Chairman, **Randy Johnson**, once again stepped up, this time as Vice Chair.

Scott thanked all in attendance for their volunteer time and effort in the Chapter over the years and agreed to keep involved in the Chapter business as Secretary/Treasurer. **Scott**, we thank you for your service.

The **Whatcom County Chapter** meets the first Tuesday of each month (Jan – Nov.) at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center**.

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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

February Chapter Meeting – Wood Duck Box Build:

Local Wood Duck production seems to be going well so let's give them some more homes. We built Wood Duck Boxes at our February meeting and planned their placement locations. Your bifocals, power screw driver and some of those season hunt stories were greatly appreciated. We also reviewed maintenance plans for existing Boxes and Nesting Tubes the chapter has deployed.



Skagit Wildlife Area Cleanup & Blind Maintenance:

Now that we have cleaned and stored all of our hunting stuff (*I'm sure a couple of you did – maybe*), it's time to cleanup some of the public lands we hunt on — shells and general trash at Blinds in the local wildlife areas. Cleaning up these public hunting areas is necessary and the right thing to do. It's also a good opportunity to see where others hunt and the blind locations at these sites. We can also evaluate the blinds at these sites for maintenance needs prior to the next season.

February 24th– Clean Up Day at Farmed Island: Meet at the **Farmed Island Unit Headquarters Ramp** at 10:00 a.m. Bring a boat if you can and a back anchor. We'll split up into three teams to cover the Island. Trash Bags and haul out provided by **WDFW**. Maps with blind locations will be available. Hope for sun and bring the family, it's a great place to walk. Hip waders are needed.

March 10th– Clean Up Day at Samish Unit: Meet at the **Samish Unit parking lot** at 10:00 a.m. I'll bring Trash Bags and Maps with blind locations. Walking boots will work here.

March Meeting:

March's meeting will include guest speakers from **WDFW Private Lands Program**. This will be a post season debrief on the program for Region 4. Region and county level data on Private Lands Usage, successes and harvest .

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Tuesday each month. Our next meeting will be held on March 13th, at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7 p.m. Gift Certificate Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

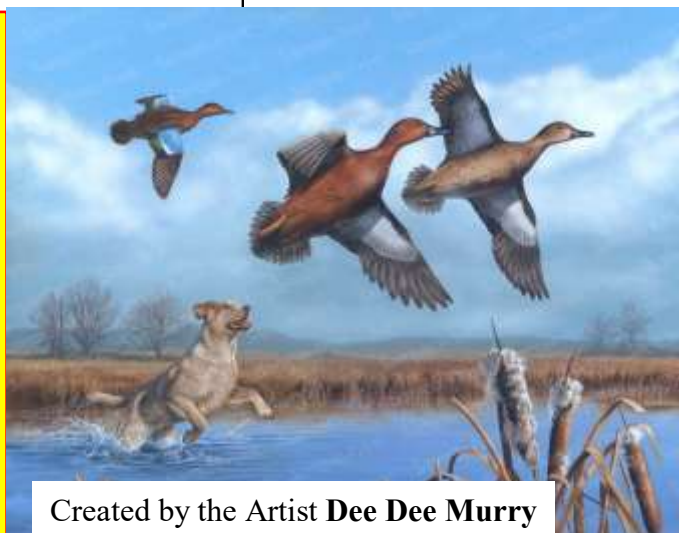
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duckstamp](http://wwa.shuttlepod.org/duckstamp)



Created by the Artist **Dee Dee Murry**

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

49 Hours and 425 Miles of Volunteering:

Our Chapter has started this new year with some power volunteering! Our volunteers have already put in over 49 man-hours and 425 miles, and we are just getting started! We plan to expand our nest program and have partnered with the **WDFW Wildlife Area Management** to put in hunting blinds at the **Davis Wildlife Area**.

I'm kind of excited that we get to be involved with these projects. It's all for waterfowl conservation. In keeping with our purpose we can continue to be a big part of the big conservation picture! And once again I'm happy to thank all of you for your time, effort and financial support.

Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle:

I just ordered the **2018 Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two raffle tickets!** This raffle brought in \$2,230.00 for the **WWA** in 2017! The tickets will be available by February 20th. As in the past, any **WWA** Chapter can sell the tickets and keep the proceeds after a \$20 administrative fee is paid to the **Grays Harbor Chapter**.

The admin fees pay for ticket printing and ticket shipping to the participating chapter. Our raffle rules have been upgraded for 2018 so contact me if you want a copy. I will post the new flyer in the March issue but here it is in a nutshell:

- Chapter orders tickets.
- Sells tickets.
- Pays the first \$20 made.
- Keeps the remaining proceeds.

This raffle is for two (2) guided waterfowl hunts (both hunts will be drawn from the same lot giving each ticket TWO (2) chances at winning)!

The hunt description: Each hunt is for two (2) hunters at the **Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club**. They are one day hunts with lodging provided. Winning hunters must provide their own licenses and shotgun. All other equipment will be provided.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Chapter and the **WWA!**

Grays Harbor Chapter members Will Goldsmith (top) and Brandon Dehart (bottom) at our Scatter Creek nest box sites. The WDFW Wildlife Area managers have always allowed us access to these very productive nesting sites making our job much easier.



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Grays Harbor Chapter members Eric Beitz (R) and Brandon Dehart (L) after modifying and servicing one of our hen houses. And servicing Goose Nest Platform #5 at one of the Cedarville Farms properties.



Chapter members Greg Fulwider (bottom) and Kurt Snyder “holding the bag” at Chapter’s Goose Platform #6, on Mayfield Lake.



Chapter member Diane Smith at one of our Mayfield Lake nest sites!

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January 2018 Swan Count Survey

County	Tot Sw	Tot Trus	Ad Trus	Juv Trus	Tot Tun	Ad Tun	Juv Tun	Tot Unk	Ad Unk	Juv Unk
Skagit	11195	10203	8678	1525	913	797	116	79	68	11
Whatcom	3125	3119	2703	416	6	6				
Island	343	343	305	38						
Snohom	2280	2270	1955	315	10	9	1			
Sumas B.C	820	820	728	92						
San Juan	152	152	135	17						
King/Pierc	566	566	470	96	0	0	0	0	0	0
	18481	17473	14974	2499	929	812	117	79	68	11
2018	18481	17473	14974	2499	929	812	117	79	68	11
2017	19982	18334	15477	2757	588	505	83	1052		
2016	16552	13473	10837	2636	2047	1692	355	1032		

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

January Meeting Participation Awards

Drawing:

At our monthly meeting on January 25th we held our annual member participation drawing. Each member attending a meeting, booth event or work party gets a ticket entry into the drawing. Each January we draw for winners. The more you participate the better your opportunity to be drawn. This year's winners were; **Bill Dose, Doug Hargin, Rick Scott, Dan Hafenbrack, Marlin Reinholdt, Ted Blade** and **Mike Ellis**.

Ridgefield NWR Cleanup:

Meet us at **8AM Saturday March 17th** at the **River S Unit Hunter Check Station**. We will clean out and close up the blinds for the season. Please bring buckets, waders, square nose shovels and a smile. A BBQ lunch will be provided.

Season Ending Discount Deals:

Please be on the lookout for closeout and deeply discounted outdoor items for our banquet and youth events. This is a good time of year to pick up some deals on sporting goods.

Lower Columbia Chapter meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.



Life Member and former WWA Vice-President Dave Farley (left) recently helped out with some WWA webpage issues from his home in Florida, where he's busy these days chasing Dorado!

WDFW Letter to the Flock



Channeled Scablands Waterfowl Surveys

Mike Atamian, Carrie Lowe, and Matt Wilson
WDFW Wildlife Biologists
Tina Blewett,
Ducks Unlimited Regional Biologist

The Channeled Scablands of eastern Washington covers approximately 2,800 square miles of the **Columbia Plateau** and is characterized by a network of permanent, semi-permanent and seasonal wetlands formed by scouring Ice Age floods 15,000 years ago. It is an area of regional and national importance for conserving wetlands for migrating and breeding waterfowl and shorebirds.

To better understand the Channeled Scablands role in waterfowl migration, the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Ducks Unlimited, Audubon, Gonzaga University,** and the **Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge** are undertaking

spring migration waterfowl surveys in the region. Eastern Washington has been known for decades to be an important migratory stopover in spring, however no one has performed large-scale surveys of bird abundance, distribution across the landscape, habitat use, species composition, and migration chronology. These surveys began in the spring of 2016 and will continue through 2019. To see the results, visit:

stephen-hayes-gonzaga-waterfowl.shinyapps.io/CS_Spring_Migration/.

Over 70 percent of the wetlands in the Intermountain West

are privately owned. By keeping the land in agriculture, farmers and ranchers maintain large unbroken tracts, which can preserve wetland habitat for wildlife. However, threats to wetlands still exist. Wetland loss to land conversion continues; climate change can eliminate or degrade wetlands; and land and water uses are changing. Clean water supplies are finite, and these threats have detrimental impacts on wetlands and their dependent wildlife.

The data collected through aerial surveys and work on the ground will help the Eastern Washington conservation partnership better understand how the birds use this landscape, with the ultimate goal of working more effectively with willing landowners to accomplish strategic habitat protection and restoration programs that benefit both the landowners and wildlife.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renew Online at www.waduck.org

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 or call 253.845.2398.

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WWA Youth Fund — \$2,565

WWA Legal Fund — \$18,172

Ken Boyer— Shillapoo Wildlife Area — \$100

WWA Habitat Fund — \$895

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$10,957

WWA General Fund — \$154

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Checks to be deposited	\$	30.00
Corporate Checking (BAC)	\$	7,575.56
Corporate Checking (Banner)	\$	16,108.95
Duck Stamp Account (As of 11/8/17)	\$	8,724.28
Merchandise Account (As of 1/5/17)	\$	2,415.15
Corporate C.D.	\$	17,639.36
Corporate Total	\$	52,493.30

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking (As of 8-2-2017)	\$	3,461.36
LC Checking	\$	27,021.05
ML Checking	\$	25,498.82
NW Checking	\$	26,116.46
SEA Checking	\$	18,321.15
SEA CD Amount	\$	9,755.30
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$	1,317.41
SEA Total	\$	29,393.86
SW Checking	\$	6,506.73
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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.)
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Corner block of 4	No. of blocks			Total
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- Participating in multiple Sportsman's shows annually
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- Donation of funds and man hours to WDFW for goose banding and satellite tracking
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