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## Letter from the President



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## June is election month for WWA Directors and Officers, be sure to fulfill your responsibility.

### VOTE!!!!

**Vote for Officers & Directors!**

**Proposed ballot on page 5.**

**Ballots are due June 30, 2018**

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### The Volunteer:

Hi all. At the **May WWA Board Meeting**, recent past **WWA President, Jim Cortines** asked if any of us would like to write the Presidents column for the June newsletter. I, **Kurt Snyder**, told him I would do it. I thought he could use a break as he has been doing it for a long time. It seems **Jim** has been volunteering for the **WWA** (waterfowl) as long as many of us remember. I share the same thoughts with many others that he has done a really great job of representing the **WWA**. **Thank you, Jim!**

I believe that your efforts have and will continue to benefit the **WWA** in its ongoing goal of waterfowl conservation. **Jim** will still be involved in other **WWA** tasks such as the duck stamp program and the state calling contest! You see, **Jim** is what I consider a **hardcore volunteer**. He, like many of us, sees an injustice and immediately wants to do something about it! Jumping in with the gusto of a beached Marine. Always looking out for the members, the waterfowl and the associated hunting of them.

*(More from the President on **Page 3**)*

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

## News for the Flock

### EVENTS CALENDAR

#### 2018 Events

- June 16** Sporting Clays Fun Shoot at Dryke's in Sequim. Fundraiser for Ducks Unlimited, Bellingham Chapter. **More info on page 3.**
- June 19 & 26** Clinic with Two-Time Washington State Duck Calling Champion - Troy Taylor at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club. **More info on page 9.**
- June 22** Youth Camp Scholarship Deadline. **See page 18 for more information and application.**
- June 23 & 24** Oregon Waterfowl Festival at Polk County Fairgrounds. **Learn more [here](#).** Interested in volunteering? Please contact Doug Hargin.
- June 26** Southwest Chapter Meeting starts at 5 pm due to Duck Calling Clinic at 6:30 pm.
- June 27** Seattle Chapter Meeting at the Kenmore Shotgun Range. Program is a decoy carving presentation by Kurt Benson. **More info page 4.**
- June 30** Ballots for WWA Officers and Board of Directors due. **VOTE!!!**
- July 21** Shotgun Shooting Clinic at the Evergreen Sportmen's Club. **More info on page 11**
- July 21** Youth interested in competing in the WA State Duck and Goose Calling Championships must pre-register by today. **More info on page 17.**
- July 25** Seattle Chapter Meeting at the Kenmore Shotgun Range. Program is a decoy carving presentation by Kurt Benson. **More info page 4.**

- July 28** Lower Columbia Chapter Monthly Meeting at Vancouver Trap Club. **More info on page 16.**
- Aug 2-3** 17th Annual Western Open at the Top Gun Club in Mt Vernon. Volunteers needed to man the WWA booth. Rick Holt at 360-853-3742 or [foxred-lab12@yahoo.com](mailto:foxred-lab12@yahoo.com)
- Aug 4** The 2018 Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Championships at Sumner Sportsmen's Club in Sumner, WA. **More information on page 17.**
- Aug 14** NW Chapter Monthly Meeting at the Conway Fire Station at 7pm.
- Aug 18** Colton Smith Memorial Youth Shooting Event at Evergreen Sportsmen's Club. **More info on page 12.**
- Aug 25** Free Trap Shoot for Youth with the WWA-Moses Lake Chapter. **More info on page 10.**
- Sept 22 & 23** Nora Ross Trap Shooting Clinic: Nora Ross, 34 Time ATA All American and a member of the ATA Trap Shooting Hall of Fame, will be returning to the Old Skagit Gun Club for a two-day trap shooting clinic. **Learn more [here](#).**
- Sept 30** Lower Columbia Chapter Annual Banquet. Mark your calendar and donate your items.
- Oct 4** Cedarville Farms Hunt for 2 Raffle. **More info on page 15.**

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



## Letter from the President Continued from Page 1

We will miss you as President **Jim** and wish you well in your future endeavors. **Again, thank you.**

Now this has me thinking about the volunteers that we rely upon to do what the **WWA** does. You all give your time and money, and we the **WWA** could not function without you. I have been quoted as saying; "your time is the most valuable thing you can give". I truly believe this. Some members in the past have apologized to me for not being able to give up some time. There is no need for this as all members have given something.

When we need to get the word out about crooked politicians creating anti-hunting ordinances dressed to look like protection for citizens, you stepped up and helped. When we needed your participation in various letter writing campaigns you stepped up and wrote the letters. Then asked your non-hunting friends to do it! You bought hundreds of dollars' worth of raffle tickets. You spent your hard earned green backs at the banquets. You donate until it hurts sometimes! Hunts, banquet prizes, art work and tons of other things for us to use as fund raisers. Even if the member has only the ability to pay dues and do nothing else, they ARE DOING something!

I feel very fortunate to have a great volunteer base within the **Grays Harbor Chapter**. In the beginning there were just a few of us, and we almost didn't make it. But then we gained the support of some great people and have blossomed to as high as 75 members. Doesn't sound like many does it? We can still get a lot done.

A successful duck nest program and a few free annual events. We are partnered with the **WDFW Wildlife Area Management**. AND we consistently get much more than the standard 10% participation. Multiply this by all of the **WWA Chapters**, and we are a work force to be reckoned with! And, with mostly volunteers!!!

There has been much concern within **WWA** that we only have an average of 1,000 members. We have had membership drives in the past that really didn't work much. Why is this? Well, its because we don't have a huge monthly magazine. We ask for membership dues and some of your time. Not much for benefits other than a hat and the future of waterfowl. And we still represent the 40,000+ waterfowl hunters in this state!

The members we do have do it **ALL**. The serious hardcore volunteers concerned enough for the resource that they give and give, time and time again!

I would take you all hunting with me if I could. (Hold on if I win the MegaBucks Lottery). **Until then please know that I appreciate your help very much.** It keeps me going when I lose sight of things. And I don't think I'm alone with that!

Keep up the great work and I hope to see many of you in a blind sometime!

**Kurt Snyder**

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## DU Fun Shoot at Dryke's June 16<sup>th</sup>

### SHOOTERS:

In case you haven't signed up yet.....Below is a link to your application for the Saturday June 16 **Sporting Clays Fun Shoot** up at **Dryke's** in Sequim. This is a fund raiser for the **Bellingham Chapter of Ducks Unlimited**..... a great opportunity to help the resource, and have a cool day trip with family and friends.

This is a casual event for all shotgunners at a great range with interesting targets. All Entrants can win guns and other prizes with the raffle style of awards. The better you shoot, the more raffle tix you get but everyone has an opportunity to win something. A hearty burger/hotdog BBQ is included with your entry fee. You will shoot 100 targets so bring at least 4 boxes of target shells. Semi-auto or O/U's work best for this event.

Entry fee is \$100 — basically \$1 per clay target; PLUS lunch; PLUS multiple chances to win some GREAT raffle prizes!

## How To Get There....

Best to catch the 7:55 AM **Edmonds Ferry** to **Kingston** but can get there in nick of time catching the 8:50 AM Ferry. Very scenic drive to **Port Gamble**, over **Hood Canal Floating Bridge** and up to **Sequim**. **Dryke's Sunnydell Range** is about four (4) miles past Sequim taking right on **Dryke Road**. Proceed about quarter (¼) mile ahead where road bends left. Range is a block ahead on your right.

**Robb Stack**

206-909-7189 (No need to RSVP if you cannot go)

## News for the Flock— No on Initiative 1639

### Hunters and Gun Owners **MUST** Oppose and Reject I-1639

By Phil Watson, Chairman, S.O.S. | **NO on I-1639**  
<https://saveoursecurity.net>

Hunters and gun owners are no strangers to a constant barrage of political pressure. As a current and former director of several groups like the **Second Amendment Foundation** and the **Firearms Policy Coalition** I'm all too familiar with these fights. We are staring down the barrel of another disastrous gun control ballot measure—backed by the billionaires who have their own armed security.

I-1639 looks to be the biggest and most dangerous gun control initiative in the history of Washington State. This 30-page proposal would establish many new criminal penalties for firearms owners, even those that are victims of theft and crime – even in the sanctity of your own home.

Among the other egregious clauses in this monstrosity, I-1639 establishes a statewide firearms taxation and registration scheme which leaves all of your personal data, guns that you own, your SSN, DOB, etc. with the state's **Department of Licensing (DOL)** – an agency which was recently panned for disclosing personal information without a warrant.

Here's the basics of I-1639:

- I-1639 **arbitrarily increases waiting periods to buy a gun**, even if you can pass the *instant* background check—and even for victims of crimes and stalking.
- I-1639 **would create statewide excise taxes on firearms** that could later be increased. A tax on your constitutional rights.
- I-1639 **would create a universal registry** of all your private information and the guns you own with the **DOL**.
- I-1639 will **mandate expensive training courses and taxes**
- I-1639 **will make it basically impossible for individuals 18-21 to purchase or adequately defend themselves** and their family with a firearm—even if they are trained, vetted, and can pass a background check.

- I-1639 **would define any semi automatic rifle with the politically charged and factually inaccurate "assault weapon."**
- I-1639 **will create a crime if for any reason you do not store your gun in compliance** with the new arbitrarily created law.

Finally, I-1639 does nothing to *actually* help public safety nor school security; nothing to crack down on hard core criminals or keep them in jail; and nothing to help individuals in a mental health crisis.

**OUR MISSION NOW** is to alert our friends and neighbors of this bad law and oppose it as fiercely as we can. We can do this several ways.

**First**, do not under any circumstances sign I-1639. Our opponents only have until July 6 to gain over 259,000 valid voter signatures. To attempt to accomplish this they are paying signature gatherers \$5 to \$10 per signature. Many people don't know what they're signing.

**Second**, alert our campaign to where these paid signature gatherers are located so other volunteers can debunk them and alert the public. By deceptively referring to I-1639 as the "**Anti Assault Rifle**" petition, they are running a highly unethical scam, as few members of the public have the time nor desire to read through the 22-page Initiative to learn the truth. One or two individuals at each of these locations warning people not to sign, can stop this Initiative from getting on the ballot in November.

**Third**, sign up to volunteer, and wherever you see these paid operatives, please debunk them and alert your fellow citizens to I-1639 and this scam. There's no law against doing this if you're simply in a public place outside a store or in a park.

**Lastly, join the S.O.S. | NO on I-1639** movement by not just volunteering, but also donating. If this measure makes it to the ballot we'll need funds to combat the avalanche of lies and propaganda on the airwaves.

You can find more information, articles, and details on how to sign up at [SaveOurSecurity.net](https://saveoursecurity.net) – please visit, sign up, and pass along this information to other concerned citizens.



# Candidate Bio's for Board Positions

## Bio for Rick Holt — Candidate for WWA President

My name is **Richard ( Rick) Holt**, I am a retired union carpenter. I have lived in Washington state for 40 years. I joined the **WWA Northwest Chapter** in April 2014. I was elected to the Board of Directors (BOD) in 2015. I am currently the Vice President. As our current BOD president is stepping down from his position as President, I would like to be elected the next President of **WWA**. I believe in the goals we are trying to accomplish and will do my best to keep us going in the same direction.

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## Bio of Bob Taylor — Candidate for WWA Corporate Secretary

I'm a life-long nature lover and fisherman from Vancouver, WA, who got into waterfowl hunting about 10 years ago when a seven-week old Golden Retriever pup joined the Taylor family. I figured the dog would be happiest if it had a mission in life above just being an affectionate throw rug, so *Spirit* and I taught each other to hunt ducks.

*Spirit's* four-year old niece, *Skye*, has since joined the team and we're very passionate about our sport. As one might guess, I love training dogs and hunting birds and even built my own duck boat to get us out on the Columbia. One fact that makes **Washington Waterfowl** a special organization is our passion for hunter advocacy in addition to our conservation work, and I've been in the thick of the fight to save the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**, created and maintained for waterfowl and waterfowl hunters since the '50's, from being converted into a salmon restoration zone.

That said, all should know that I believe we need to seek allies among bird-watchers and other non-consumptive nature folks so as to present a united front against unrestrained development and destruction of the outdoor environment we need and love. We have much more in common with other naturalists than we don't, and we need to stand up and fight so that our kids don't spend their entire lives with heads poked into virtual reality boxes. We must give our children the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors but to do so, there has to be some "outdoors" left to enjoy!

## Bio for John Arrabito — Candidate for WWA State Treasurer

My name is **John Arrabito**. I am a retired private practice attorney and a former deputy prosecutor for **Yakima County**. I have lived in Washington state for 39 years. I joined the **WWA** in 1982. I have held basically every office in **WWA** and been on the Board of Directors (BOD) of **WWA** off and on for years. I have been the Corporate Treasurer of **WWA** since at least 2008, basically because no one else is willing to do it. I am also currently the Chapter Chair of the **WWA-Seattle Chapter**.

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## Bio for Bruce Burns — Candidate for WWA Board of Directors

I am running for election to one of the **WWA Board of Directors** positions in the upcoming June 2018 Election. I have been a member of **Southwest Chapter** of the **WWA** for the past 10 years, two (2) years ago I took over the Chairperson of the **Southwest Chapter**. During my time with the organization I have been involved in setting up and running the **WWA** booth at the annual **Puyallup Sportsman Show**; maintaining the duck blinds at **Rapjohn Lake**; plus other volunteer projects with this Chapter.

About six (6) months ago I was appointed to the **WWA Board of Directors** to fill a open position, around the same time I was invited to the newly formed **Pierce County Sports and Recreation Council**.

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## Bio for Mark Pidgeon: Candidate for WWA Board of Directors

My name is **Mark Pidgeon**, I joined **WWA Grays Harbor Chapter** in April of 2016. I was appointed to the Board of Directors in January of 2018. I am currently the President of the **Hunters Heritage Council** and also **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation**. I have been active in the political process in Washington for 42 years. I believe in **WWA** and its mission.

# Candidate Bio's for Board Positions

## Bio for Jim Goldsmith — Candidate for WWA Board of Directors

I have hunted big game, small game, and birds (including waterfowl) since I was about 10-years-old. Much of my hunting background was in Arizona. However, I have also hunted in Washington, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and South Africa as well. I am very passionate about protecting our rights and ability to hunt, and our Second Amendment rights. I was the hunter representative in the workgroup formed to review the proposed **Thurston County No Shooting Zone Ordinance** in 2011 and 2012 and worked diligently to the defeat of **TCNSZO**.

My family and I have been members of the **WWA** since 2011. I have been on the **WWA** Board of Directors from mid-2017 to present. I have been on the Board of Directors for **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation** from 2014 to present, and Westside Vice-President from 2015 to present.

Other organization affiliations include (to name a few): **Delta Waterfowl, Safari Club International, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Rifle Association, Second Amendment Foundation, Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms**. Professionally, I worked as a manufacturing engineer for over two decades. I have a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering and a Master's degree in Geographic Information Systems.

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## Bio for Kurt Snyder — Candidate for WWA Board of Directors

Hello. For those of you that don't know me I am the Chairman for the **Grays Harbor Chapter of the WWA**. Our Chapter was started in 2008, and I have been serving as Chairman since then. I am also an appointee on the **WWA board** of directors since last year.

Before that I have volunteered as an officer and chairman of the **Marysville Rifle Club** trap discipline from 1990 to 1996. I have been volunteering for most of my life ever since joining the **US Army** back in 1974. I've given my time for the **Cub Scouts** and was soccer coach and referee for several years. I believe that I can be beneficial to the **WWA** with it's mission and goals. My personal goals are to improve communication between members and the officers. To continually improve the **WWA** By-Laws and to promote the **WWA** to new prospective members that want to volunteer their time. I firmly believe in the "crawl, walk, run" philosophy in getting our business done. I'm hoping that you vote for me this June. I'll do my best with the time at hand.

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# Officer and Board Member Elections

This is the final publishing of the **WWA Ballot** for corporate Officers and Directors. All Officer positions are up for election because of mid-term appointments and the end of two-year terms.

### BOARD MEMBERS OPEN POSITIONS:

In addition, [per Article III, Section 4, of the current **WWA By-Laws**] six (6) new directors were appointed by **President Jim Cortines** for various reasons to fill vacancies that occurred in the **Board of Directors** in 2017 and 2018. Those new Board Members in alphabetical order are: **Bruce Burns, Jim Goldsmith, David Irons, Earl Mikkelson, Mark Pidgeon, and Kurt Snyder**, and their appointments are valid through June 2018.

Only Board Member **Rod Boyer** is not up for re-election as he is in the last year of a 2-year term.

The final ballot of the **WWA-Corporate** offices and board positions is set forth to the right. **WWA by-laws encourage a board member from each Chapter, who may participate in board meetings electronically.**

**Hopefully, most of you will vote at your respective Chapter meetings this month. However if you missed that opportunity, you may also use this ballot as an Absentee Ballot under the rules below:**

**Absentee Ballot** — This ballot may be used as an Absentee Ballot. To vote by Absentee Ballot, first mark your ballot and place it in a blank envelope without any identification of the sender, and seal it. Place the unmarked envelope in an envelope identifying the voting member with a return address. In order to be counted, absentee ballots will only be counted from members who have paid their 2018 dues.

Ballots must be emailed to outgoing President **Jim Cortines** at: [wawtrfwlr@comcast.net](mailto:wawtrfwlr@comcast.net), or postmarked and addressed to:

**WWA,**  
P.O. Box 2131  
Auburn, WA 98071

by **June 30, 2018.**

## WWA Corporate Sample Ballot

### Corporate Offices: (One Vote For Each Office)

President

**Rick Holt**  
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(Write In)

Vice President

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(Write In)

Secretary

**Bob Taylor**  
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(Write In)

Treasurer

**John Arrabito**  
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(Write In)

### [Board of Directors: (Vote For No More than 8) (Listed In Alphabetical Order with Chapter Designations)

- Abel Cortina (YV)**
- Bruce Burns (SW)**
- Jim Goldsmith (GH)**
- Bruce Feagan (ML)**
- David Irons (SEA)**
- Earl Mikkelson (SW)**
- Mark Pidgeon (SW)**
- Kurt Snyder (GH)**

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# News for the Flock

## Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

### Duck Calling Clinic:

We had a **GREAT** turnout at the first of three (3) Duck Calling Clinics put on by nationally know call maker, former 2-time **WA State Duck Calling Champion**, and current **SW Chapter** member, **Troy Taylor** on Tuesday, June 12. Follow up classes will be held at the Tacoma **Sportsmen's Club Education Building**, on Tuesdays, June 19, and June 26, beginning at 6:30 pm. Looking forward to once again welcoming the people, young and old, that have signed up.

### Wood Duck Box Replacement:

The next event coming up will be are **Wood Duck Box replacement work party** on July 14. We will meet at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** at our storage container at 8 am to load up and get on our way. Bring your waders and gloves and join in.

### June Meeting:

Our regular meeting this month will start at 5 pm on Tuesday, June 26th due to the Duck Calling Clinic at 6:30 pm.

### WA Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest:

We are still working on the August 4<sup>th</sup> State Duck Calling Contest that will take place at the **Summer Sportsmen's Club**.

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## Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month

## Whatcom County Chapter News

No News This Month

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## Kitsap County Chapter News

No News This Month

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## July Newsletter Deadline:

The July Newsletter will not hit your inbox until July 20<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to send content for the newsletter by Monday, July 16 to [matty@vision-marketing.net](mailto:matty@vision-marketing.net). This includes your ads for the Classifieds and Chapter reports. Thanks!



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*June 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>*

*A rare opportunity to receive three (3) two-hour duck calling sessions from*

**Two-Time Washington State  
Duck Calling Champion  
Troy Taylor**

The sessions will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the three succeeding Tuesdays at the TSC Hunter Education Building.

Since each session will build on the previous session, we ask that those who sign up for this opportunity make a three (3) week commitment to the program.

**There is No Charge!  
It is absolutely FREE!!!**

In addition to winning the State Contest twice, Troy has competed at the World Championships in Stuttgart, Arkansas; is an accomplished duck and goose call maker having been crowned Grand National Call Making Champion on six (6) occasions, as well as National Call Making Champion of Champions.

He is also a well respected waterfowling guide in the Pacific Northwest.

We strongly encourage all-ages to attend, especially parents and young waterfowlers!

Please reserve your spots by contacting  
Washington Waterfowl Association  
Chairman Bruce Burns a.s.a.p.

(253) 961-8802

P.S. We hope to have current WA State Champ, Robert Strong, stop by for a visit during one of our sessions.

# News for the Flock

## Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

### Dedication of Annual Youth Hunt:

Hi all. I would like to announce that our annual youth shoot will be dedicated to one of our members that passed away last year. **Colton Smith** was one of our dedicated (hard core) volunteers in the years preceding his passing. He died in an auto accident the morning after his high school graduation. Please look for the new flyer in these pages. **Colton** was a great kid, and I missed him at our **Cabela's** stand and set up this past spring. **Colton** and his father **Mike** always took an all day shift at the display. Please pass this flyer around to anyone you may know that would be interested!

### Please Vote:

This is the annual **WWA officer election month**. Please vote using the ballot provided in this issue. Our Chapter is also having its bi-annual officer elections. In accordance with **WWA and Grays Harbor Chapter By-Laws**, all members must be given an opportunity to vote in officer elections. Our chapter will keep nominations open until our July meeting. We allow for e-voting, snail mail voting, and a physical vote at the July meeting.

As you will notice I am running for a **WWA Board of Directors** slot that I was appointed to last year by outgoing **WWA** president **Jim Cortines**. If you've read my brief Bio on page 6, you know I would appreciate your vote.

I was unable to attend our June Chapter meeting and would like to thank our Vice Chairman, **Greg Fulwider** for heading it up!

### July Chapter Meeting:

Our next Chapter meeting will be TBA to facilitate the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** schedule. July is their busiest month so we sometimes change our date for that. Stay tuned to your email.

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## Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

### Another Youth Free Trap Shoot:

Save the date Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> for another free youth trap shoot at the **American Legion Quincy Gun Club**. The shoot is for any youth 18 and younger that has a valid hunting license or hunter safety card. Everything is provided at no cost, shells, targets, gun use, merchandise, and Hamburger/Hot Dog lunch.

Funded by **Moses Lake Friends of the NRA & Col. Thomas O'Dell**. More in upcoming bulletins.





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## News for the Flock

### Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

#### Welcome:

Welcome to the recent new members of the Chapter. We look forward to getting to know you. A good way to get to know the **WWA**, it's chapters and members is by attending a Chapter Meeting or one of the many events hosted by our chapters.

#### New Blinds at Samish Unit:

The **NW Chapter** will be constructing two new Hunting Blinds at the **Skagit Wildlife Area Samish Unit**. One of the Blinds will be constructed under the leadership of **Brian Gibson** of Stanwood. Brian, age 16, is an active **Scout** in local **Troop 86**, and this will be his **"Eagle Scout"** service project. Members of the **NW Chapter**, **Greg Meis** and **Rob Wingard** of the **WDFW** met with **Brian** and his father earlier this month at the unit. A Blind location adjacent to a large pond was identified for the site.

The second Blind location a half mile from the main unit and near the Samish River will be a replacement of an older existing Blind. This project will be constructed under the leadership of member **Joe Molitor**.

#### 17th annual "Western Open":

The **NW Chapter** will host a **WWA Booth** at the **17th annual "Western Open,"** August 2-5 2018 at the **Top Gun Club** in Mt Vernon. The **Western Open** is one of the premier Sporting Clays events in the nation. The **Top Gun Club** has over 130 acres of ponds, rockeries and rolling hills. We will have the **WWA Trailer, Duck Mount Display, and WWA information** available at the booth. We are looking for volunteers to support this event.

Please contact **Rick Holt** at [foxredlab12@yahoo.com](mailto:foxredlab12@yahoo.com) or 360-853-3742 for more information.

#### Newly Installed Wood Duck Nest Boxes:

Two of this seasons newly installed Wood Duck Boxes are located near local property owner, **Stephan Stacey's** home in Arlington. One of the boxes has a nesting hen! Thanks **Stephen!**

#### July Meeting Cancelled — August on Track:

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Tuesday each month. We will not met in the month of July. Our next meeting will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7 pm. Gift Certificate Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

**Support your passion – get involved**

Rick Billieu

[rgbillieu@frontier.com](mailto:rgbillieu@frontier.com)



**A Wood Duck hen and dozen ducklings in a pond at the home of Stephen Stacey. Thanks to Stephen for installing Wood Duck Nest Boxes constructed by NW Chapter members at our Feb meeting.**



**New Hunt Blind locations at Samish Unit**



## News for the Flock

### Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

#### Decoy Carving Presentation by Kurt Benson in June:

WWA member **Kurt Benson** routinely shares his impressive talents carving decoys with a great cross section of people from school students to fellow waterfowl hunters. He also routinely donates some of his finished decoys to groups like **WWA**, the **Washington Brant Foundation**, and **Ducks Unlimited**, for fund raising.

Though **Kurt** sometimes uses rasps and wood chisel tools to carve his decoys, he will put on a demonstration of his skills with the **Foredom** power rotary tool and a block of cork as shown in the photo. It's kinda like your **Dremel** tool

on steroids! In short order **Kurt** will transform the cork block into the shaped body of a working decoy. If time allows, we'll also ask him to demonstrate some of his finer work fashioning a piece of yellow cedar or balsa into the head for the decoy.

If you have ever had even the slightest interest in carving your own decoys, you won't want to miss this month's meeting and **Kurt's** presentation!

#### Programs Past:

Many thanks to **Rob Wingard**, one of **WDFW's Private Lands Biologists for Region 4**, for his presentation at our May meeting on the Department's **Feel Free to Hunt**, **Register to Hunt**, and **Hunt by Reservation** programs for King County and north. He even gave up some "honey holes" within the systems! We're still following up to get a copy of part of his Power Point presentation to share with our members.

#### ...And Future:

With the long daylight hours coming up **WWA-Seattle Chapter** member and certified **NRA** Shooting Instructor, **Rich Smith**, will again repeat his **Sporting Clays Shooting Clinic** at both our July and August meetings. The last time **Rich's** popular presentation was overwhelmingly attended to the point that he didn't have the time or space to let the attendees immediately practice what they had learned. So this year's presentations will be limited to 10 different shooters each month.

All can attend the presentation, but only the first 10 signed up for each month will be able to "practice what **Rich** preaches" on **Kenmore's** 5-Stand course. Contact me at 425-894-4080 or [jarrabito@comcast.net](mailto:jarrabito@comcast.net) to make your reservations for either month. Open to **ALL** members of **ALL** Chapters, but **Seattle Chapter** members will be given preference for scheduling.

#### General Information:

The **WWA-Seattle Chapter** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month [January through October] at the **Kenmore Shotgun Ranges**, 1031 – 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Bothell, WA. Shooting open all afternoon until 7 pm., followed by pizza and soda, a brief business meeting, then the feature program of the evening — this month from **Kurt**. Hope to see you there with a prospective new member!



**Ever wanted to hunt over your own carved working decoys? Come join us at our June 27<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting and watch carver Kurt Benson use his magic Foredom tool to convert a block of cork into a working decoy before your very eyes!**



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## News for the Flock

### Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

#### Thank you Guest Speaker Larry Hoff:

Larry Hoff spoke at our May meeting. He is a candidate for outgoing Representative Liz Pike's 18<sup>th</sup> District seat. He is a former Navy veteran and recently retired as the CEO of Fiber Federal Credit Union. His roots run back to North Dakota where Larry learned to duck and pheasant hunt. Thank you for taking the time to get to know our organization Larry!

#### Oregon Waterfowl Festival June 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>:

Our chapter is supporting the festival as a Lead Sponsor again this year. We invite all WWA members to join us that weekend at our booth. **We really need some staffing help on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.** The event is billed as the largest waterfowl festival west of the Mississippi. The location has moved this year to the Polk County Fairgrounds west of Salem, OR. New to the festival this year is the NW Elk Camp. Please join us and sign up to put in a few hours at the booth. Check out their website at: <http://oregonwaterfowlfestival.com/>

#### Shillapoo Work Party Results:

We worked with Shillapoo Wildlife Area Manager Daren Hauswald to build two new blind platforms for the light weight conduit blinds they have been using on the wildlife area. We also tore down an old dilapidated blind. We were limited to where we were able to work do to the ground saturation from the high river levels. Thanks to Daren, Dan Haffenbrack, Rob Baty, Ted Blade, Cliff Pepper and Doug Hargin for their time and effort.

#### June Guest Speakers:

17<sup>th</sup> District Senator Ann Rivers and 3rd District Senator Lynda Wilson will speak at our June meeting. A key topic will be the proposed Shillapoo Salmon Restoration Project.

#### Raffles:

We have a new raffle for a Benelli Super Black Eagle 3 in MAX 5 camo. Also the infamous Cedarville Hunt Club raffle tickets are available.

#### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapter Banquet:

Our chapter banquet is three (3) short months away on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for donations, gift cards, auction items and anything else you can come up with to make this our best event yet!

Contact Doug Hargin (360) 903-6951 with your donations or for more information.



Upper: The Lab reports on the project were all positive! WDFW Manager Daren Hauswald, Ted Blade, Cliff Pepper, Rob Baty and Dan Haffenbrack

Right: Building the deck base for light weight prefab conduit blinds. WDFW Manger Daren Hauswald, Cliff Pepper, Dan Haffenbrack, Ted Blade and Rob Baty.







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### DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YOUTH CAMP APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 22, 2018

Between several changes in the **Washington Waterfowl Assn, (WWA)** mailing address in the past year, to the Youth Camp moving to an online registration only system, this notice just recently came to our attention, and we forward it on for any members who may know of a young person between the **ages of 12 and 17 who may be interested in going to these Youth Camps courtesy of a full tuition scholarship form the WWA!**

Applications [[See Link Below](#)] for the **2018 version of WA Youth Conservation Camp** must be postmarked by **June 22, 2018** in order to be considered for the complete \$350 Scholarship to Camp from **WWA!** Shortly thereafter this deadline, **WWA** will be selecting up to four (4) Young People [2 boys, and 2 girls] who will receive the Scholarships.

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The week-long camps for both Boys and Girls are held at the **Camp Moran Environmental Learning Center in Moran State Park on Orcas Island** in mid July.

Girls Camp is – Sunday, July 15 to Saturday, July 21.

Boys Camp is Sunday, July 22 to Saturday, July 28.

An application for consideration of the of a full \$350 scholarship courtesy of **WWA** can be found at the link below

More general information for parents regarding the Camp can be found at their website:

<https://www.washingtonconservationcamps.org/>

[Click here for the 2018 WWA Sponsored Youth Camp Application Form.pdf](#)



**Nationally know call maker and two-time WA State Duck Calling Champion and long-time WWA member Troy Taylor conducting a duck calling clinic at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club on June 12th. There are two (2) more sessions are available June 19 and June 26th. See SW Chapter News on Page 8.**



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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By: Ellen Satre

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### Richland Rod and Gun Club (RRGC) Wood Duck Project

By: Dale Schielke

I grew up in New Jersey on a 3 acre wooded lot with a small pond where I built and installed a wood duck nest box. Some 25 years later I moved to Richland and after learning that



there were a few wood ducks in the area, I built and installed a nest box near Benton City. Within two (2) weeks a hen had found my box and was using it. Enthused I approached the

RRGC with a proposal to build 40 boxes to be installed in February 1983. Since then we have added boxes year after year to the current total of **450 boxes**.

The secondary objective of the project has been to involve youth to the extent possible. Numerous scouts have built and installed wood duck nest boxes for **Eagle Scout** projects. We have also hosted **Kids Duck Days** at the **McNary Refuge** and at the **Tri-Cities Sportsman Shows** where youth were invited to assemble boxes. For the last 9 or 10 years we have presented information on wood ducks and then assembled boxes in local schools, followed by field trips to install the student built boxes.

**Barker Ranch** has been a valued partner by allowing students to install the boxes on their property. Wood ducks often frequent the nest boxes that are close to the main office and associated buildings where power and wi-fi is available. This is an asset to the other learning tool we added in 2012, in-box cameras, which require the power and internet service to be able to provide LIVE streaming video of "The JUMP." Students at the local school will often have the LIVE streaming video on a screen in the classroom while other teaching activities are occurring. We also know there are other schools in Seattle area that have tuned in for the JUMP. There are many viewers to our cameras around the world, we know of some in Russia.

One really remarkable event we were able to experience during our educational outreach was discovering the white (*Leucistic*) wood duck. During a May 21, 2014 field

trip for Ki-Be Middle School students we discovered the very unique white wood duck. Using a fiber optic inspection camera we were able to view into the nesting box and take pictures/video without disturbing the hen. Much to our surprise we discovered that the eggs the hen was incubating were hatching and ducklings were appearing from under the hen. The **DeWalt** camera has a detachable monitoring screen that the students were able to pass around to get a good view of the hen and her ducklings. It appeared that even though the hen is *Leucistic*, the 10 ducklings are all normal colored. We have banded and recaptured the hen multiple times during the five (5) documented nesting seasons to date.

As a part of our banding program we are able to document other hens that are returning to the same nesting box year after year. We have several that have returned for 4 and 5 years. This year we also were able to document a second nesting of the same hen in a nearby box after apparently loosing the first brood of 10 ducklings. Hen #30156 is currently incubating this second batch of eggs in box 494 viewable at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc-duckcam>.

Because of the frequency of recapturing hens year after year, we are proposing to work with **WDFW** to purchase and place geolocator bands on some of these hens. The geolocator bands collect data that if the band is recovered, ie the hen returns to the same box the following year, can be downloaded to a computer. Light level geolocation is the method of using measured ambient light level (solar irradiance) to establish geographical location using astronomical algorithms. To record light data, the geolocators contain a battery, small computer, memory and an accurate clock.

Migration patterns can be determined from the Lat-Long data. This is another feature we feel will enhance the student interest and learning experience. The geolocators are made by **Migrate Technology** in England. The C65 band cost about \$135 each plus postage. We have requested reallocating money within our **ALEA** grant, but may also have some other funds in **RRGC**. The battery only lasts 2 years, and the band must be recovered to read the data. They have a 3-4 month lead time to order, so our order needs to be made in November for February shipping, and banding in April 2019.

**(Continued on page 21)**

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### Classifieds— For Sale and Wanted

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#### (RRGC Wood Ducks Continued)

**WDFW** needs to approve this proposed use of geolocators on wood ducks and may need to revise their permit. **WDFW** has the interface software already to read the bands once they are recovered; unless the battery is dead, then it has to be returned to the factory.

There are other types of locators like the GPS type which would provide real time locations. These cannot be used because they require a "battery backpack" which would prevent the hen from entering the nest boxes, and the cost is thousands of dollars each.

In addition to being able to view Wood Ducks, Western Screech Owls, and American Kestrels with the nest box cameras. We recently added two (2) cameras at a **Burrowing Owl** burrow, one inside the burrow and the other at the entrance. This LIVE streaming video of the 9 owlets and their parents can be viewed at:

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc-nestcam>.

We have also posted our various RRGc LIVE streaming video channels at: <https://sportsmansparadiseonline.com/rrgc-wood-duck-nest-cams> which allows viewing of all 5 RRGc channels at once.

The status of our cameras and information on the Wood Duck Project is available at: <http://www.rrgcwoodducks.org>.

#### WWA Classifieds:

**WWA is dedicating a page in the newsletter for WWA members to sell hunting related items to their fellow members.** No business ads please. That extra shotgun, waders, decoys or boat could get you some cash or trade for something another member has on hand.

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However, in an effort to maintain and continue our history of financial transparency with respect to our membership, the monthly Treasurer's Report will be emailed to not only the BOD, but also to each and every Chapter Chairman to be made available for inspection and review by the Chapter membership or any individual Chapter member in good standing with dues paid current at any regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting.

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**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 – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Bothell, WA
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.
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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.