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Saturday, August 4th
11:00 a.m.

at the

Sumner Sportsmen's Club
Sumner, Washington

The 2018 Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Championships

competitions include;

Kids 12 and under Duck – no fee

Novice Duck, 13 & up (has not previously competed) - \$10

Washington State Sanction Duck - \$30

Open Goose - \$25

Check in begins at 10am with competition starting at 11am

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Prizes in all classes

Washington State Sanction Winner receives \$1,000 for travel to World Championships

Kids must pre-register no later than July 21st, contact Nathan Neideigh: 1971handa@gmail.com, (253) 229-5794

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Contact Troy Taylor: troy.taylor@cbre.com, (206) 406-0831

Food and drinks will be available on site

Hosted by Washington Waterfowl Association Southwest Chapter

Mission Statement

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

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2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

July & Aug	Compete in the WWA FERD NIST MEMORIAL TROPHY. More info on page 22.	Aug 14	Annual Swap Meet & NW Chapter Monthly Meeting and at the Conway Fire Station at 7pm. More info on page 12.
July 21	Shotgun Shooting Clinic at the Evergreen Sportmen's Club. More info on page 10 & 11.	Aug 18	Colton Smith Memorial Youth Shooting Event at Evergreen Sportsmen's Club. More info on 18.
July 21	Youth interested in competing in the WA State Duck and Goose Calling Championships must pre-register by today. More info on page 1 & 7.	Aug 25	Moses Lake FNRA Free Trap Shot at the American Legion Quincy Gun Club. More information on page 16 & 17.
July 24	Planning meeting for the WWA Duck Calling Contest at 6:30 pm at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Education Building.	Aug 26	12th Annual BJ Brown Memorial Trapshoot at the Kenmore Shotgun Range. More information on page 9. <i>NOTE: This will be the ONLY gathering of the Seattle Chapter in August.</i>
July 25	Seattle Chapter Meeting at the Kenmore Shotgun Range. Program is hands-on 5-Stand Instruction from NRA Certified Instructor, Rich Smith. More info page 8.	Aug 29	SW Chapter Meeting with Special Guest Erik Bakkan of "The Fallen Outdoors."
July 28	Lower Columbia Chapter Monthly Meeting at Vancouver Trap Club.	Sept 14-16	WOW Fall Weekend Workshop for women 18+ years old. More information on page 4.
July 31	SW Chapter meeting at 6:30 at the Tacoma Sportmen's Club	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.
Aug 2	Evening Shillapoo Work Party. More info on page 14.	Sept 29	Lower Columbia Chapter Annual Banquet. Mark your calendar and donate your items. More information on page 14 & 15.
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 foxredlab12@yahoo.com	Oct 4	Cedarville Farms Hunt for 2 Raffle. More info on page 19.
Aug 4	The 2018 Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Championships at Sumner Sportsmen's Club in Sumner, WA. More information on page 7		

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



Letter from the President

I joined the **Northwest chapter of WWA** in April 2014. After a year or so our chairman at the time, **Reb Broker**, asked me to run for the Board of Directors (BOD) as we had no representation. This morning I find my position as **President!**

Last month **Kurt Snyder** wrote about volunteering. Volunteers are the heart and soul of the **WWA**. I used to think that giving my \$ 35.00 to **DU** was giving back to the resource, I received stickers and a vest or a hat etc. I am doing my part. **How wrong I was.**

As a member of the **NW chapter** I wanted to help make a difference. I now know what it means to volunteer. It means that a person invests time for the good of the **WWA**. The BOD we have now spends a lot time giving to keep injustices from happening to waterfowling.

Last year March or April **Bob Taylor**, a Board member from the **Lower Columbia chapter**, came to us with Information that the **WDFG**

and along with **BPA** were planning to breach the dikes at **Shillapoo wild life area** in the name of salmon habitat. The Board went into action, it has been amazing to be a part of. Letters were written, meetings set and attended with state



representatives and senators. We have been able to stop the breechings so far. The people that want to get this done are not backing off. We have to keep the pressure on. That is where the volunteer comes to bear. Attend your monthly meetings, get informed and get involved. Do not let a few carry the whole load. **We need your time.** Time given to any project of your chapter far out weighs money given. The load is not so heavy with more hands involved.

*For the Resource,
Rick Holt WWA*

P.S. My one goal for myself this year is to attend a meeting of every chapter in the state. Hope to see you there this year!

WWA 2018 Election Results

Corporate Offices:

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[] **Rick Holt — 28**
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[] **Kurt Snyder (GH) — 28**

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The 2018/19 Duck Stamp

By: Mike Bell
WWA Duck Stamp Comm. Chairman

The new 2018/19 duck stamp artwork is here and it is sure to be a **WWA** favorite! Go to www.washingtonduckstamp.com to see what all the hype is about.

WWA Duck Stamp Committee is proud to announce the 2018/19 duck stamp artist **Donnie Hughes** from South Carolina. Donnie has done us proud with this year's stamp. This year we have dedicated the stamp to **WWA** for taking on the duck stamp program when the state decided it wasn't in the budget. Instead of just letting the program die, **Jim Cortines** has done a wonderful job continuing to generate the stamp for the last six (6) years. I hope to carry on the great work that has been done thus far for the foreseeable future.

The **WWA duck stamp committee** has recently donated \$500 to the **Seattle Audubon, Washington State Jr. duck stamp program**. The funds assist with a better prize pool and \$100 cash to the grand prize winner. The money was generated from the sale of last year's WA state stamps and prints. This ongoing donation will help the **Jr Duck Stamp Program** in WA encourage a future local artist pool for the state duck stamps.

The **WWA Duck Stamp Committee** could use a few more volunteers. If anyone is interested please email me at wwaduckstamp@outlook.com. Thank you in advance.

Did you know that you can get a complimentary stamp with the purchase of your license authorization to hunt migratory waterfowl? Go to the [website](#) or in the waterfowl hunting regulations book to find out how.

PLEASE BUY STAMPS AND PRINTS, THE MONEY GENERATED GOES RIGHT BACK INTO OUR STATE. GO TO:
WASHINGTONDUCKSTAMP.COM
TO LEARN MORE AND PURCHASE.



Washington Outdoor Women (WOW) Fall Weekend Workshop

September 14-16, 2018

Camp Waskowitz
North Bend, WA
for women 18 years+

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 21st year, **Washington**

Outdoor Women will host its popular **Weekend Workshop** September 14 – 16, 2018, in North Bend, WA.

WOW offers the right skills at the right pace! Choose three (3) four-hour classes and we'll provide expert instructors, all the equipment you'll need, and the **WOW** "can-do" attitude. We'll also provide plenty of take-home resources and a wealth of networking opportunities.

Go to our [website](#) to browse the **Fall Workshop Course** descriptions. Then register online. Sign up soon as classes fill early so don't delay. Join other **Washington Outdoor Woman** in an empowering experience!

Learn more at: <http://washingtonoutdoorwomen.org/workshops/weekend/>



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WWA Ties with Ohio for best Design in National Duck Stamp Collectors Society

Editor's Notebook – Wayne L. Youngblood

2017 NDSCS Duck Stamp Poll Results

The results of the 2017 NDSCS Duck Stamp Poll are in! Unfortunately there were only 15 qualifying ballots this year, but voting was quite varied, with the stamps of 20 different states receiving attention one way or another.

Each year we feature the NDSCS poll to get membership feedback on the products of the state duck programs. It should be stated – up front – that there is no way this can be an apples-to-apples comparison for judging. Not only are the formats and requirements different from state to state, but artists' handling can be very different, as you are no doubt well aware. While we do feature a "Best Design" category, it (like the others) is simply a subjective opinion and not fine art critique. Still, we'd like to think that the results of our polls help artists and state programs shape future stamps.



Ohio and Washington State share top honors in this year's poll for the "Best Design" category.



For "Most Favorite," this year's contest featured a three-way tie between Ohio (top right), Arkansas and Pennsylvania.

To get to the point, the "Best Design" category featured a two-way tie between Ohio (one of last year's winners) and Washington State, each with three votes. Arkansas was close behind with two. Both entries are shown nearby. What's interesting (again) this year is that these are two very different stamps; the Ohio stamp is part of an overall AIM pane design and format (it isn't offered separately), and the Washington State stamp is a single design that features a dog very prominently.

The "Favorite" category (obviously voted upon differently by NDSCS members than "Best Design") resulted in a three-way tie between Ohio, Arkansas and Pennsylvania, with two votes each. The strong showing by Ohio in both of these categories leads me to declare it the official overall winner in this year's contest.

Conversely, there was no competition for "Least Favorite," which went – hands down – to Rhode Island, with five votes (or one-third of the total), followed by Alaska, with three votes.

The winner of this year's prize (donated by Bob and Rita Dumaine of Sam Houston Duck Co.) is John Benza of Bronx, N.Y. He will receive two DVDs (including *The Million Dollar Duck* and



Rhode Island's stamp ended up "winning" the "Least Favorite" category.

America's Darling: The Story of Jay N. "Ding" Darling, as well as a hardcover copy of *The Wild Duck Chase*, by Martin J. Smith.

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Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

Planning Meeting for the WA Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest:

The Southwest Chapter will be holding a planning meeting for the **WWA Duck Calling Contest** on 24 July 2018 at 6:30 pm at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Education building**.

WA Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest:

Join us at the August 4th **WA State Duck Calling Contest** at the **Sumner Sportsmen's Club!** Registration starts at 10 am and the event will begin at 11 am. We have some nice prizes for all four (4) levels of the competition. Not only will there be the calling contest but we will have a silent auction, T-shirt sales and will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs. This should be a great event so be sure to attend! See details on the front page of the newsletter!

July 14 Duck Box Work Crew:

Thank you to the following people that came out for our Wood Duck Nesting Box replacement work party on 14 July. We were able to get the boxes replaced in a short time because so many members showed up. So thank you: **David Irons, Peter Kilburn, Brain Lee, Roger Leonhard, Aaron McClellan, Lance Kintrea, Rod Boyer, and Joe Schumacher.** We couldn't have done it without you.

July & August Chapter Meetings:

Our regular Southwest Chapter meeting will be at 6:30 pm on 31 July, 2018 at the same location.

We are looking forward to our 29 August 2018 meeting when we will have Erik **Bakkan of "The Fallen Outdoors"** as our guest speaker. It should be interesting, so come out to find out about this great organization providing organized hunting and fishing adventures for veterans past and present!



Thanks to those who came out for our Wood Duck Box replacement work party on 14 July. Pictured from left to right: **David Irons, Peter Kilburn, Brian Lee, Roger Leonhard, Aaron McClellan, Lance Kintrea, Rod Boyer and Joe Schumacher**



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Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

5-Stand Shooting Instruction from Rich Smith:



Taking advantage of the longer daylight hours in July to go outside, **WWA-Seattle Chapter** member and **NRA Certified Shooting Instructor, Rich Smith**, will again repeat his popular **5-Stand Shooting Clinic** at our July 25th

meeting. The last time **Rich's** put on his presentation, he was overwhelmed with the attendance to the point that he felt bad that he didn't have the time or space to let the attendees immediately practice what they had learned. So while this year's learning session is available to all participants, only the first 10 shooters signed up will receive actual one-on-one shooting instruction from **Rich**.

Open to **ALL** members of **ALL** Chapters, so far six (6) **Seattle Chapter** members **James Ono, Cameron Way, David Hanson, Ian Padron, and Paul and Jacob McGovern**, have signed up. Contact me at jarrabito@comcast.net or 425-894-4080 to get on the personal instruction list. The class starts at 5 pm at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range**.

We had hoped to do a second one-on-one session in August, but the **BJ Brown Memorial Shoot** [see details below and the **Flyer on the adjacent page**] will be our Chapter's only gathering in August.

Programs Past and Future:

Many thanks to **Kurt Benson** of the **NW Chapter** for putting on a demonstration of his decoy carving skills at our June Chapter meeting. In addition to the satisfaction of hunting waterfowl over his own hand carved decoys, **Kurt** also donates his time teaching 4-5 classes per year to middle school children on his craft through the **Burlington and Marysville Parks Departments**. **Kurt** has donated literally hundreds of his finished hand carved decoys to fund raising efforts for groups like **WWA, DU, the WA Brant Foundation, Pheasants Forever, the Mule Deer Foundation, and even Campfire Girls!** Thanks for all you do to give back to the Resource, **Kurt!**

BJ Brown Memorial Shoot Aug 26th Benefits WWA:

Speaking of shooting the **12th Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shoot** will be held on Sunday, August 26th on our home course here at the **Kenmore Gun Club**. Over the course of the previous 11 years, **Jenny and Mike Lutz** have donated over \$15,000 to **WWA** from the proceeds of this fun shoot honoring the memory of their son who was killed in a tragic auto accident in 2006.

Catered BBQ lunch; trophies, and raffle prizes makes this a **GREAT** way to spend a Sunday in August!

I strongly encourage all **WWA** members to come out for this event and support those who support **WWA!**

Ferd Nist Trophy Shoot Begins in July:

WWA wants to know who is the best shot in **WWA!** For the next two(2) months the **Annual Ferd Nist Shooting Competition** will take place to determine the best shotgun shooter in **WWA**. The rules [printed on **Page 22**] are set up to allow **WWA** members of All Chapters to participate. Just



get your local Range Master and another **WWA** Member to verify your score in each event. Let's get some more Chapters involved this year!

Will we be engraving your name on the **Ferd Nist Traveling Trophy** this year? 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 days.

The **Seattle Chapter** meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range. Trap and 5-Stand Shooting** all afternoon until 7 p.m.

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BJ Brown Memorial Trapshoot 12th Annual

In loving memory of BJ Brown, April 9, 1998-August 26, 2006

In loving memory of Cooper (BJ's hunting dog) October 7, 2003-April 11, 2018



Proceeds Donated to Washington Waterfowl Association
(over \$15,000 has been donated over the past eleven years!)

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Registration 9am

Kenmore Shotgun Range 1031 228th St SW Bothell, WA 98021 (425-481-8685)

Entry Free: \$75.00

Includes 125 Targets and Lunch

50 Singles 50 Handicap 25 5-Stand

(each event \$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 DRAWING FOR DONATED PRIZES

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

Upcoming Events:

We have a couple of events coming up; Our annual shot-gunning clinic this coming Saturday the 21st and our annual Youth shooting event on the 18th of August that is dedicated to **Colton Smith**. Please check out our flyers in this newsletter.

Also, still going on is our **Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle**. These tickets are a pretty good price as the winning odds are high due to the low amount we sell every year. The odds double as we draw TWO winners from the same lot! Who needs 101 million dollars in the mega lottery when you can win one of these hunts for two!

Thanks for the Votes, Here's What We Need to Do:

I want to thank all of those that voted for me as a **WWA** board member. I hope I can live up to all the promises I made! As we continue into another waterfowl season remember this; we are the luckiest people on earth to have such a great variety of prey. Ducks, (29 species), geese, dozens of different big and small game, big salmon, shellfish and just about all the bottom-fish you can eat right here in our backdoors. I have been to a number of states that cannot compare. We are fortunate but we have to keep our shields up. When government agencies think they can do whatever they please, we have to fight for what is right. We are seeing loss of hunting opportunities and open public lands as the (agencies) tell us it will be mitigated. The areas that **WE paid** to create for waterfowl conservation are getting changed for unproven recovery of other species. We feel this is unacceptable as many of those areas were put in place because of loss of habitat due to development. The waterfowl will suffer as the areas created for them are diminished.

There are a few ways we can fight this but we will need a bigger number of waterfowlers to send messages to their legislators. There are over 44,000 authorizations to hunt waterfowl sold in our state every year. If all of them would participate in our efforts we would be a formidable entity to contend with.

We need more members. Plain and simple. A small fee of \$30 dollars a year is all it takes. If just ten percent (10%) of those members volunteer for the events we have we would be in heaven! The **Grays Harbor Chapter** always gets the volunteers we need and that is why we are enjoying success!

Classifieds– For Sale and Wanted

For Sale:

August 14 at 7pm at the **Conway Fire Station** come to the annual Waterfowl Swap Meet of the **NW Chapter**.

Wanted:

Spinning wing mallard decoy. Original Zebco fishing reel driven with speedometer cable. Mathews Speedo. Any parts or pieces or broken works also. Price flexible. **Contact 206-579-4129.**

WWA Classifieds:

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

Rules are simple:

- 25 words or less.
- Members only may advertise.
- For sale items only, not for business ads. (Businesses are welcome to purchase business ads from us.)
- Submit your classified ad each month (we have no way of knowing if you sold/purchased your item or not).
- Be sure to include your contact info. Phone and/or email.
- Send to **Matty Moore** at: matty@vision-marketing.net or call 509.944.1009 by the 10th of the month.



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News for the Flock

Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

New Blinds at Samish Unit:

The NW Chapter constructed two new hunting blinds at the **Skagit Wildlife Area Samish Unit**. The first weekend in July we removed an older well used blind at **Samish Unit (east)** and replaced it with a camo'd-out 4 x 8 blind. Materials were provided by **WDFW and the NW Chapter**. Thanks to **NW Chapter** members **Joe Molitor, Brian Tholstrup, Leslie Henson, Mike Rathvon, Greg Brittan, Ron Coster and Lab's Ava and Avery** that spent their weekend constructing this blind.

The following weekend **NW** members met with members of **Boy Scout Troop 86** out of Stanwood for another new blind construction. This blind was built at the **main Samish Unit** under the leadership of **Brian Gibson** of Stanwood. **Brian**, age 16, is an active Scout in his local Troop, and the blind is his "**Eagle Scout**" service project.

Last month members of the **NW Chapter** along with **Greg Meis** and **Rob Wingard** of the **WDFW** met with **Brian** and his father as part of the project planning. A blind location adjacent to a large pond was identified for the site.

Materials for the blind were donated to **Brian** by **Cascade Lumber of Camano Island** and the **NW Chapter**. The blind was completed in short order and decked out with a roof for those soggy days in the field. There was plenty of help thanks to volunteers from the **NW Chapter; Greg Brittan, Brian Tholstrup, Joe Molitor and Howard Huglen**. Volunteers from **Troup 86** included **Brian Gibson, Tommy Gibson, Dave Gibson, Matt Griep, Dennis Griep, Jordan Koster, Trevor Foxen, Nick Foxen, Travis Reide and Steve Mann**.

Duck Calling Clinics:

Calling all Quackers or want to be Quackers! Effective waterfowl calling is sometimes one of the keys to a successful hunt. This year we are again planning to hold the chapter's **Annual Duck Calling Instruction**. This is a series of instructional sessions during August and September. From call familiarization, making basic quacks to advanced calling tips, come join us and improve the odds for your future waterfowling success. Free calls for the kids. We'll be BBQing Dogs and Duck Brats. More info to follow.

August Monthly Meeting & Swap Meet:

On August 14th we will be hosting our annual **Waterfowl Swap Meet** for the monthly meeting at the **Conway Fire Station** at 7pm. If you're an equipment junky like me you probably have more stuff than you could ever use (it looks cool all piled up in the garage though) so, load up the wagon and let it go!

Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two:

The **NW Chapter** has **Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle** tickets. Tickets are available through **Rick Billieu** or at our Chapter meetings. The Drawing date is October 5th.

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 1-360-853-3742 or foxredlab12@yahoo.com or **Rick Billieu** at 1-360-653-8571 or rgbillieu@frontier.com for more information.

Monthly Meetings:

The Northwest Chapter meets on the second Tuesday each month. Our next meeting will be held on August 14th, at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7pm. Gift Certificate Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

Support your passion – get involved

Rick Billieu

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News for the Flock

Building of the New Blinds at Samish Unit



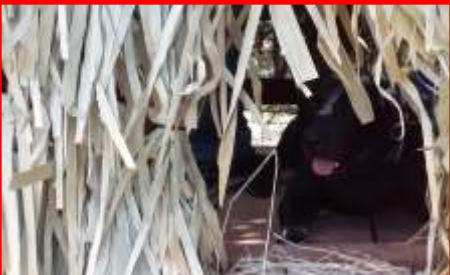
Mike Rathvon, Leslie Hansen and Greg Brittan busy on the chop saw.



Materials for the blind were donated to Brian by Cascade Lumber of Camano Island & the NW Chapter. The blind was completed in short order and decked out with a roof for those soggy days in the field.



Ron Coster and Leslie Hanson Camo'ing it up



Ava checking out the view from the inside.



Ready for your hunting adventures!

News for the Flock

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Oregon Waterfowl Festival:

With the duck mount display and our trailer we had an indoor and outdoor presence at the festival this year. Thanks for your help with the booths this year. **Bob Taylor** hauled the **WWA-LC** trailer both ways, set up and tear down and worked both days. **Arlan Hackett** helped set up and worked both days. **Cliff** and **Jackie Pepper** helped both days also. **Ted Blade**, **Doug Lee**, **Michael Andriotti** and **Dan Haffenbrack** worked Saturday. A special thank you to **Nathan Neideigh** of the **SW Chapter** for traveling down from up north with the **WWA Trailer and Duck Mount Display** and staying the weekend.

Thank you Guest Speaker State Representative Lynda Wilson:

We had a great opportunity to get to know Lynda and her background at our June meeting. Her husband is a bird hunter and her two daughters are certified firearm instructors. **Representative Wilson** listened to our concerns about the **Shillapoo Salmon Project**.

Shillapoo Work Party:

Thursday, August 2nd we will conduct an evening work party to finish up work on blinds in the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. Please contact **Chapter President Ted Blade** Ted.Blade@providence.org for more info if you can help out.

WDFW Waterfowl Meeting Region 5 HQ July 16th :

State Representatives **Lynda Wilson** and **Ann Rivers** sponsored a meeting with the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** regarding waterfowl hunting opportunities in our region. This is primarily spurred by the threats to displace waterfowl hunting in the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area** by what WWA believes are misguided efforts to fulfill the court mandated juvenile salmon habitat dictates in a vital public access hunt area.

The proposed project will also drastically alter habit for many species including the threatened **Dusky goose** and the **Sandhill crane**. We would like to thank **Representatives Rivers** and **Wilson** for their efforts to make this meeting happen. A show of hands asked for by **Representative Rivers** indicated zero support for the project in the audience. We would like to thank **WWA President Rick Holt**, former president **Jim Cortinez** and **Treasurer John Arrabito** for attending the meeting. The following **WWA Board Members**; **Bob Taylor**, **Mark Pidgeon**, **David Irons**, **Jim Goldsmith** and **Kurt Snyder** made the trip down from up north also. Thanks to **Jon McAninch** also. Many members of our Chapter also took time to attend the meeting and ask questions of WDFW staff.

We all appreciate your time and efforts to stop this flawed project!

15th Annual Chapter Banquet:

Our chapter banquet is two short months away on **September 29th**. Tickets are available now. 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** at **(360) 903-6951** for information.



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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

FREE Trap Shoot:

Join the **Moses Lake Friends of the NRA, Brownells, Washington Waterfowl Assoc. & the Quincy Gun Club** at the **Moses Lake FNRA Free Trap Shoot** on August 25 at the **American Legion Quincy Gun Club** from 11 am to 3pm.

Youth are **FREE** (with a hunter safety card or hunting license); shells and targets; and lunch will be provided at no cost to all participants. **Learn more from the Flyer on page 17.**

Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month

Whatcom County Chapter News

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Kitsap County Chapter News

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U.S. House Passes Bipartisan Bill to Save Endangered Salmon, Selectively Remove Sea Lions

From **Congresswoman Jaime Herrera-Beutler**
Representing SW Washington's 3rd District
June Newsletter.

Good news: my bipartisan [bill](#) to lethally remove the most egregious sea lion predators that are devastating our salmon and steelhead runs passed the U.S. House yesterday with a strong, bipartisan 288-116 vote.

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WWA Youth Fund — \$2,565
WWA Legal Fund — \$18,172
WWA Habitat Fund — \$910
WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$10,957
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You can contribute in so many ways to the **WWA**, from locally in your Chapter, to statewide, helping the **WWA** carry on! Many donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your generous contribution to the **Waterfowler's Heritage**.



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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 trophy. **David Hanson** of the Seattle Chapter is the defending champion! This year's winner will be announced in September.

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**, 425-260-4816, or davidhanson73@hotmail.com
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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TREASURER'S REPORT

At its February 27, 2018 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting, the WWA Board voted to stop publishing our monthly financial report in the Newsletter which is available to the general public on our website[www.waduck.org].

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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- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
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