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Diligence and commitment have paid off. We have made progress in deterring the dike breaching at **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. The **Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)** has decided that the project is of low priority.

March 28, 2019 the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** had an open house to discuss the **Skagit Wildlife Area 10-Year Plan**. I think the staff from **WDFW** were surprised at the turn out of concerned citizens. **WWA** had members from the **Seattle, Whatcom and the Northwest chapters**. Hunters probably accounted for 95% of the people there. We were courteous with our questions and statements about their plans for the **Skagit** units. It was also an opportunity to attract new members that had not heard of our organization.

The **Washington Brandt Foundation** is having it's annual decoy carving competition [**The Puget Sound Open**] on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at **Maiben Park**, 1011 Greenleaf Avenue, Burlington, WA 98233. If you have not previously been to this event, it is well worth seeing. The carvings are truly amazing. Carvers from all over the country attend this event, and others send their works also. There is also a silent and live auction of decoys, prints etc. This group does great work for the Brant Geese. Please attend and support.

I have made a commitment to attend a different chapter meeting every month. I attended the **Seattle Chapter** meeting last month. I had good time. Prior to the meeting we shot three (3) rounds of trap.

Next month I will attend the **Whatcom Chapter** meeting on May 7 at 7:00pm at the **Laurel Farm & Western Supply**. And on May 30, 2019 I plan on attending the **Lower Columbia Chapter** in Vancouver.

On a side note, please plan to join me on June 21-23 at the **Oregon Waterfowl Festival** at the **Polk County Fairgrounds**, 520 S. Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall, Oregon 97371. **WWA** will have a booth onsite. [Click here](#) for more information. We'll need your help so please consider volunteering. See **LC Chapter News**, page 3.

Mission Statement

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

News for the Flock

2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

- April 20** **Moses Lake FNRA Free Trap Shoot for Youth** at the **American Legion Quincy Gun Club** in Quincy, WA.
See flyer on page 5

- April 23** **Southwest Chapter Meeting** at 6:30pm at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** Education Building.

- April 24** **Seattle Chapter Meeting** at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range** in Bothell, WA. Swan Specialist, **Martha Jordan**, is the feature speaker.
More details on page 8-9.

- April 25** **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting** the **Vancouver Trap Club** in Vancouver. Guest speaker: An enforcement officer from the **WDFW**.

- April 27** **Youth Outdoor Unlimited Banquet, Red Lion Inn, Yakima.** Tickets available online at:
Charityauction.bid/2019YOUYakima
See flyer on page 12.

- May 2** **Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting** at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock at 7:00 PM.

- May 4** **Free Trap Shoot for 2019 Hunters-Ed Graduates** at the **Twin City Sportman Club** in Stanwood. **More details on page 7.**

- May 7** **Whatcom Chapter Meeting** at 7:00pm at the **Laurel Farm & Western Supply**, in Bellingham.

- May 14** **NW Chapter Meeting** at 7pm at the **Conway Fire Station** with raffle for attendees.

- May 18** **Mid Valley Sporting Clays Event** in **Gervis, OR** with the **Lower Columbia Chapter**.

- May 18** **Washington Brant Foundation Decoy Carving Competition** at **Maiben Park** in Burlington, WA. Learn more at www.wabrant.org

- May 30** **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting** the **Vancouver Trap Club** in Vancouver.

- June 21-23** **Oregon Waterfowl Festival** at the **Polk County Fairgrounds**. Learn more at: oregonwaterfowlfestival.com.

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



News for the Flock

Grays Harbor Chapter News:

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all. We had a really good Chapter meeting last Thursday, April 4. We didn't solve all the world problems, but we did put a dent in them! I feel fortunate to have so many of our members either showing up for meetings or volunteering to get our work done. **Thank you all!**

Raffle Update:

We have sold quite a few Hunt for Two raffle tickets and it's only April! We hope to sell them all by the drawing date in October. This raffle is our Chapters main fundraiser. So, buy some and fund our conservation efforts! Remember, **each ticket gets you TWO chances to win** a great hunt for you and a buddy with overnight lodging included. Pretty good odds for a fair price!

May Chapter Meeting:

Our next Chapter meeting is on the 2nd of May at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock at 7:00 PM sharp! Hope to see more of you there!

Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Matt Berry

Monthly Meeting:

Join the **Whatcom County Chapter** at their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 7 (the first Tuesday of the month) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.

"Like" Our Facebook Page:

The **Whatcom County Chapter** is switching from a closed group to a regular Facebook page to be able to take advantage of some of Facebook's features. Please "like" our page: <https://www.facebook.com/WhatcomWWA/>

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Wood Duck Boxes:

Thanks to **Lower Columbia** members **Bob Taylor** and **Doug Lee** for their work assisting **WDFW's Luke Hawk** cleaning out and refurbishing 33 boxes and hanging 22 new ones. **Bob** put four, 8-hour days with **Luke** to get the boxes done in time for the wood ducks pairing up. The tree mounted boxes continue to show signs of predator interference with the nesting and hatching process. The boxes are being converted to steel posts which have almost no predation issues.

One of our first **WWA** boxes hung on a tree just west of the **Lafromboise** Road Boat Launch has been a consistent producer even though it is tree mounted. One box was full of leaves. Upon release of the box bottom an explosion of unhappy squirrel dropped down into the water. Apparently properly motivated squirrels aren't bad swimmers!

Oregon Waterfowl Festival 2019:

We have signed up as a lead sponsor again this year at this popular waterfowl festival. In a new twist this year it will run three days – **June 21-23** at the Polk County Fairgrounds in **Rickreall, OR**, west of **Salem**. We will need plenty of help with set up, tear down and staffing the booth. Learn more about the event [here](#).

Shillapoo Juvenile Salmon Project:

According **Washington State Senator, Ann Rivers**, the project has been shelved by the **Bonneville Power Association (BPA)**. Contacted for confirmation,
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Lower Columbia Chapter News Continued...

Daren Hauswald, Shillapoo Wildlife Area Manager, indicated the project had been reprioritized for the time being due to the cost/benefit ratio. We will try to get a definitive prognosis for this project long term from the Department.

Guest Speaker This Month:

Don't miss our meeting on April 25th. We have an enforcement officer from the WDFW scheduled to speak. We meet at the Vancouver Trap Club in Vancouver.

Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

FNRA FREE Trap Shoot:

Along with the Friends of the NRA and the American Legion Quincy Gun Club, WWA-Moses Lake will again be hosting a **FREE** trap shoot on April 20th for all youths 18 and under that possess either a hunter safety card or hunting license. **See the flyer on page 5 for more information.**

Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

March Chapter Meeting:

We would like to invite everyone out on April 23rd to our **Southwest Chapter** meeting at 6:30 PM at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Education Building.**



Kids Fishing Derby at **Northern State Pond**, in **Sedro-Woolley** on Saturday, May 4. The gate opens at 7 am. Fishing starts at 8 am. Release forms can be picked up at **Oliver Hammers, S.W. Chamber, Holiday Sports , Big Scoop Ice Cream** and will be available at the Derby at Registration. Bring poles and gear and bait. If don't have gear, show up and we will loan you some. [Click here](#) to learn more.



ALL AMERICAN ARMORY

MOSES LAKE FNRA FREE TRAP SHOOT

Saturday April 20, 2019

at the

American Legion Quincy Gun Club at:

14550 Road Q N.W.

Quincy, WA 98848

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.

Youths must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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

There will also be **FREE merchandise** for youths.

So we will know how much food is needed to be provided please sign up in advance 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, Brownells, Washington Waterfowl Assoc. & the Quincy Gun Club.

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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

March Chapter Meeting:

Our guest speaker at the meeting was **Kyle Spragens WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager**. Kyle gave a presentation on **Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations**. This presentation was presented to the **WDFW Commission** at their March meeting.

Kyle provided the group with a firm understanding of how changes in the hunting regulations framework is determined through the **Pacific Flyway Council, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)** regulations committee and our state **Fish and Wildlife Commission**. He also spoke about the public comment process and how public input is used to influence the process. The Department provides for proposed hunting season input through the **WDFW** website.

He presented the 2019-2020 Duck Season Proposal and reviewed it's similarities or differences in relation to the 2018-2019 season. Kyle also provided data on Goose and Brant population status and their associated season proposals. Management agencies utilize **Adaptive Harvest Management (AHM)** to establish seasons based on Survey data and population models.

Kyle fielded a broad range of questions from the meeting participants and a good level of discussion ensued.

Also in attendance was **Callie Moore, WDFW Biologist**. Callie has held several positions as a wildlife biologist and her current assignment is in the **Skagit Wildlife Area**. We are looking forward to working with Callie in the coming months.

Thanks to Kyle and Callie for attending our chapter meeting and sharing information with us!

Cleanup Time!

Thanks to members of the chapter we completed our annual cleanup of the **Skagit Wildlife Area Farmed Island** on March 30th. We had 3 boats and a dozen donuts to get us to the landing.

Drainage of the island was well under way so getting to all the permanent blinds, temporary blinds and every bush used by hunters was made easy. As always there was plenty of trash, shells (spent and un-spent), beer cans, bottles and you name it discarded. This is a 15-shotshell-limit area and we always find a cache of extra shells stashed around the island.

The weather was pleasant and the team was able to clean out the 22 Blinds that are provided by **WDFW** for hunters.

Thanks to member volunteers for supporting this yearly cleanup effort!

Ed Farrey, Mike Rathvon, Rick Holt, Curran Cosgrove, Chris Martin, Steve Massingale, Ethan Lehman, and Anthony Giebel.

Samish Unit Cleanup - Saturday April 13:

On Saturday, April 13 the NW Chapter met at the **Samish Unit** parking lot at 10:00 am. We focused on the 12 Blinds on the unit. Hip boots or calf-high (Muck Boots) were necessary.

NW Chapter Members at the HQ launch getting ready to do the off season cleanup work.
Thanks to member volunteers for supporting this yearly effort!
Ed Farrey, Mike Rathvon,
Rick Holt, Curran Cosgrove,
Chris Martin, Steve Massingale,
Ethan Lehman & Anthony Giebel.



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Trash Bags and haul out were provided by **WDFW**. We will assess blind conditions for future maintenance. Thanks to everyone that joined us!

Washington Brant Foundation Decoy Carving Competition:

Be sure to join us on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at **Maiben Park** in Burlington, WA. The Decoy carving festival and carving competition [**The "Puget Sound Open"**] is an opportunity for you to show off your carving skills or just have fun enjoying the decoys on display, from carvers, vendors, and available in raffles, and silent and live auctions.

The carving competition features entries from across the U.S. Carving contest classes include, **Brant Division, Open Working Decoys, WA State DU Carving Contest, Novice/Youth and a mini decoy swap.**

For more information on registration or the festival go to <http://www.wabrant.org/>

Free Trap Shoot for 2019 Hunters-Ed Graduates:

The **NW Chapter** and the **Twin City Sportsman Club (TCSC)**, in partnership with the **Hunter Education Division** of **WDFW** are hosting a **FREE Day** of shotgun orientation and Trap Shooting..

The event will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, May 4th at the Twin City Sportsman Club in Stanwood. Open to the first 30, 2019 Hunter Education graduates from **WDFW Region 4.**

Contact **Rick Billieu** at rgbillieu@frontier.com for information.

To Register: Contact **WDFW Region 4 Hunter Education Coordinator Steve Dazey** @ 425-775-1311 Ext. 106 or by email at steven.dazey@dfw.wa.gov.

Membership Renewal and Next Meeting:

If you have not renewed your **WWA** membership you can do so online at

www.waduck.org or you can also renew at the next chapter meeting. The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Tuesday each month, May 14, at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

NW Chapter Facebook Page:

See and like our Facebook page **Northwest Washington Waterfowl Association** at <https://www.facebook.com/waducks.org/>

Support your Passion – Get Involved

WASHINGTON BRANT FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUNDRAISER CELEBRATION

2019 Puget Sound Working Decoy Carving Competition

Saturday May 18th, 2019

10:30 Judging Vendors Displays

12:00 Results Awards

12:30 Live Auction

Sponsor Raffle Scholarship Fund

Maiben Park

1011 Greenleaf Ave

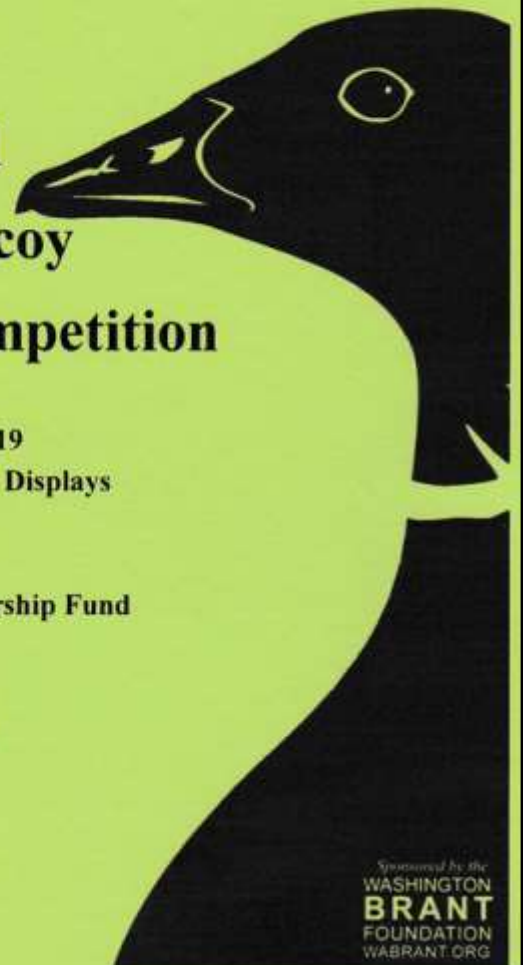
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Competition Classes:

- Brant Class
- Open Class
- Novice
- Youth (16&under)
- Mini Class

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Seattle Chapter News

By: Cameron Way

April Meeting:

The April 24th meeting of the **Seattle Chapter** will feature a presentation from **Martha Jordan**, Executive Director of the **Northwest Swan Conservation Association**, and affectionately known by locals as **"The Swan Lady!"** **Martha** has been advocating for swans for more than 40 years.

Previously the problem of lead poisoning of swans in the Northwest was mostly contained to an area known as **Judson Lake**, a trans boundary body of shallow water that is three quarters in the U.S. [**Whatcom Co., WA**] and one quarter in Canada. Unfortunately more recently the problem has moved south with more than 50 swans found dead in 2015 in the **Carnation-Fall City** area of **King County**. Since March 17th of this year, another 60 trumpeter swans have been found dead or dying at **Crescent Lake** in the **Snoqualmie Waterfowl Area**, in **Snohomish County, WA**. Necropsies have confirmed the deaths are the result of lead poisoning.

Lead shot has been banned in WA since the early 1990's, but as the natural infilling process in these popular waterfowling areas makes them progressively shallower over the years, the swans with their long necks, can now reach these muddy bottoms while feeding. There they pick up lead shot left from decades of waterfowling in these areas before the lead ban. It takes as few as two (2) lead pellets to kill a Trumpeter swan, the largest waterfowl in North America!



Martha Jordan and her Irish Water Spaniel, Moss, chase down a Trumpeter Swan, sickened by lead poisoning and unable to fly.

Photo by Marc Hoffman/SongbirdPhoto.com



Paul McGovern showing us how to make his secret recipe for duck and pork smoked snack sticks.

A BIG THANKS to **Paul McGovern** for making the March monthly meeting a special treat. Literally! **Paul** let us in on his secret recipe to his duck and pork, smoked pepperoni snack sticks. He took us through the entire process from grinding up the duck meat, to stuffing the mix into a collagen casing, and my personal favorite he smoked some for us right out side the **Kenmore Trap Range** so we all got to give them a taste before the night was over!

Here's the complete recipe as promised from the March newsletter:

Step 1: Grinding meat:

Take **2 lbs** of cut-up skinless duck breast. Grind duck in the grinder with a **coarse plate** then a second (2nd) time with the **fine plate**.

Step 2: Mixing meat:

Mix duck with **2 lbs Jimmy Dean hot breakfast sausage (50/50 ratio duck/sausage)**

Mix **cure from Cabela's Mix** into the meat.

Slowly sprinkle **Pepperoni spice, 1 tablespoon per 1 lb combined pepperoni meat**. Mix meat for **8 minutes** by hand.

Step 3: Stuffing the casings:

Clean out grinder and load **the combined pepperoni meat** into the hopper.

Cut and load the **21 mm casing** on the grinder cone.

Feed out 12-16 inches of **stuffed pepperoni**. Cut and twist end.

Reload casing

Step 4: Smoking the Pepperoni sticks

Smoker cook the links at **150-170 degrees** until meat thermometer reads **165 degrees** internal temp!

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Martha Jordan and Moss caught up with the sickened Trumpeter Swan, who was showing the classic signs of lead poisoning — paralysis in the digestive system causing the Swan to lose muscle coordination and becoming too weak to fly. Unfortunately what this picture doesn't show is that under the live Swan in the boat were six (6) dead ones picked up along the shores of Crescent Lake. (Photo by Marc Hoffman / SongbirdPhoto.com)

Seattle Chapter News Continued...

The **Seattle Chapter** meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, January thru October, at the Shotgun Range facility at the **Kenmore Gun Ranges**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA. Trap and 5-Stand shotgunning available at Club Member rates all afternoon; followed by pizza and soda at 7 pm; a short business meeting; and the program/presentation for the month.

Bring a friend and come join us!

"Like" Our Facebook Page:

Check out our Chapter's FB page **Washington Waterfowl Association— Seattle Chapter** at: <https://w.facebook.com/ups/240265559992025/>

Moss doing his thing, retrieving sick / dead Swans.



News for the Flock

Youth Outdoor Unlimited Banquet: Y.O.U Can Make a Difference

By: Cameron Way, WWA-Seattle

As many of you may have seen there is a new flyer in the newsletter on the adjoining page for **Youth Outdoor Unlimited (Y.O.U)**. This is a fantastic organization run entirely by volunteers to help get terminally ill and disabled youths out and hunting. Many of these kids come from outdoor and sporting families but under their circumstance have not been able to participate with their loved ones.

Y.O.U. comes in and gets these kids a full team of volunteers to set up, break down, and manage camp, gets access to amazing private hunting lands, a fully off-road capable power chair (if needed), an unbelievable success rate on their hunts, and a Full Shoulder mount of the animal they decide to harvest. All of this at **absolutely no cost** to the family funded by donations and auctions.

I had the privilege of volunteering at the **Moses Lake** banquet this past week and it was truly an amazing experience. Just seeing how happy these kids are to go out and get that once in a life time hunt was awesome. I know this Club is Statewide, and they have Events in almost every corner of Washington with an upcoming banquet on April 27 at the **Red Lion Hotel in Yakima**

I encourage all members to try to attend one event this year just to see what its all about and see how you may be able to help in any way shape or form. Maybe you know a child who might be deserving of a hunting or fishing trip. Feel free to reach out and talk to the organizers or myself!

Learn more, purchase tickets and follow **Y.O.U** at: <https://www.youthoutdoorsu.org/>

Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month

Spokane Chapter News

No News This Month

Kitsap County Chapter News

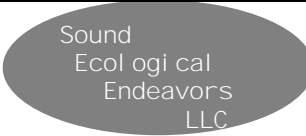
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News for the Flock

Youth Outdoor Unlimited: Bringing the love of hunting and fishing to kids in need

Editorial Opinion by Cameron Way

In the past few newsletters many of you have probably seen the **Youth Outdoor Unlimited (YOU) flyer**. I have been working with this organization in conjunction with volunteering time with **WWA** and working my sales job full time. The **WWA** is an amazing nonprofit organization that I fully intend on volunteering with for the rest of my life. **YOU** is also special to me but in a different way, it doesn't fulfill my personal needs as a waterfowler in which I want to build habitat, preserve land for all, and get a kid who has never been shooting out on a trap range busting clays. **YOU** gives me something different, an unexplainable feeling of accomplishment and overwhelming sense of purpose, knowing that my money spent, the mother's cheesecake, the items my employer donated, and my future volunteer hours at the hunting camp all go to helping a sick or disabled child to fulfill their dream of shooting that 6x6 bull elk, getting that black bear, or catching that 20lb steelhead.

Unfortunately, someone from our great organization has made some extremely disparaging comments about **Y.O.U.** As the common denominator of these two great organizations, I feel tasked with addressing any and all concerns, to return **YOU** to its rightful place of high respect and integrity. Here are the accusations being made:

The organization pays the two paid employees \$60k a year, the assertion is that this is too much.

Yes, **YOU** does have two hourly paid positions. No they do not make \$60k per year. Both employees work well over full time hours and are in their wage earning years.

The couple has a new pick up on the Youth Outdoor dime.

The husband and wife team, **Cindy** and **Joe**, do have a newer truck that they use to get to every event and get the all-terrain power chair to all of the hunt camps. However it is paid for out of pocket not on the organizations dime.

Everything is donated why do they need to have all this fund raising?

This is a fully functioning guide service run by volunteers, they have outfitters tents, firearms, cooking equipment, food for the hunter and their family and all the volunteers, and they take 20 kids a year out hunting and fishing. Costs pile up especially for food and other amenities for all these people. So no, **Cindy** and **Joe** do not make it to every camp but they do have food for the volunteers so the hunter and their families get to enjoy every aspect of these trips!

All in all, I would say that this organization has proven its self to be quite charitable and was awarded **Organization of the Year in 2017** by **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** and have brought 20 kids in the last year to experience the joy of hunting.

These claims are dramatic and baseless. **Y.O.U** is a 501(c) organization, so you can look at all of their financial records for yourself to validate their efficiencies, and if you have questions please reach out to me, I'm happy to discuss.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and hopefully some of you attend the upcoming event in **Yakima** (April 27) or any of the upcoming events in 2020 (**Tri-Cities, Moses Lake, Bellingham, Olympia or Yakima**). And finally to the member who had the issue with **Y.O.U**, I have two (2) seats reserved for you at **Yakima Banquet**, and I implore you to attend, and learn what the organization is really about. If interested, please contact me, **Cameron Way** at: (425)-941-7853

cameronway@hotmail.com



Y.O.U. CAN MAKE A KID'S DREAM COME TRUE!



Youth Outdoors Unlimited is a Washington based non-profit organization dedicated to take youth diagnosed with life threatening illnesses and/or physical disabilities on the hunting or fishing adventure of their dreams!

We host fundraisers throughout Washington state, including our auction banquets that feature great food, raffle games, silent and live auctions, as well as the most heartfelt presentation of our kids' adventures! This is not your typical auction - you will be forever changed to see these amazing kids and their love for the great outdoors!

WIN auction items like: guided hunting & fishing trips, rifles, handguns, sports tickets, handmade crafts/artwork, gift certificates, wine baskets & SO much more!

For more info on attending an event, donating items, volunteering or being a sponsor, please visit our website or Facebook page:

www.YouthOutdoorsU.org

[Facebook.com/YouthOutdoorsUnlimitedWa/](https://www.facebook.com/YouthOutdoorsUnlimitedWa/)

WDFW Letter for The Flock

WDFW Nest-Tube Project

**By: Ella Rowan,
WDFW Assistant District Wildlife Biologist**

A great deal of time and funding has gone into installing over 120 nest-tubes in wetlands around **Grant County** over the past 20 years (usually provided by **WWA, Aquatic Lanacs Enhancement Account (ALEA) Funds** and other sources). Sadly, many of these nest-tubes are now deep in the tall emergent vegetation, which has encroached over time. While **WDFW** is battling wetland succession and *phragmites* invasion to the best of our ability, it feels like a never-ending battle. Many excavations to open up basins have taken place the last few years, with more planned...so, we're trying!. But, we will attempt to maintain some tubes that are still in open water.

WDFW reviewed historic data for over 120 nest tube locations, and we are planning to maintain and monitor 50 specific tubes over the next five (5) years. Tubes will be evaluated for hen use as well as nesting success to better understand the potential and cost-effectiveness of this tool for improving mallard production.

Additionally, many supplies for new duck tubes were provided to neighboring Districts in Yakima

County and Okanogan County, so they could install some tubes in their wetlands.

In late March, numerous volunteers from the **Moses Lake Chapter of the Washington Waterfowl Association** and others helped **WDFW** create 30 new duck nesting tubes. Many of these same dedicated folks helped install them the very next day. **WDFW** is grateful to these hardcore waterfowlers that continue to devote their free time to improving duck production in the Basin.



Our Trusty Volunteers!
From Left: Kirke Lisi, Fritz Kiemle, Jeremy Iverson, Jeff Waltz, Mark Olmsted, and Bruce Feagan.
Photo by Ella Rowan



The mother-load of supplies was found!



A maintained nest-tube, ready for a lucky hen.



AUGUST 24TH 2019

**COLTON SMITH
MEMORIAL**

Free youth SHOOTING EVENT

Free for 15 years of age and under

Get the 2019 waterfowl season off to a great start with this free youth shot gunning event! Lunch and kids' prizes provided by the Grays Harbor Chapter of the Washington Waterfowl Assoc.



www.waduck.org

Limited instruction for inexperienced kids

***Military adults shoot for \$15.00**

Free to all kids

age 15 and under!
Parents can shoot with
the kids for a \$20.00
target fee. *

Prizes for all kids!

Potluck style lunch
free to all entries and
parents!

**RSVP
Recommended!**

Hosted by the
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Sportsman's Club!
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**August 24 2019, 9:00
AM**



OCTOBER 3RD, 2019 HUNT FOR TWO RAFFLE

Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club and the Grays Harbor Chapter of the Washington Waterfowl Assoc.

Two chances at a hunt for two with each ticket purchase. Win a one day, fully guided waterfowl hunt for two at Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club exclusive properties. Overnight lodging included. All equipment provided except hunters licensing.



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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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- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
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- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** – Vacant
- Tri Cities Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
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- 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
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- 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
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- Sponsoring of the Annual NW Decoy Collector’s Show
- 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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