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Hello Fellow Waterfowlers:

Another of our priceless waterfowl hunting areas is on the chopping block all in the name of fish habitat. The **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** and the **Skagit Watershed Council (SKC)** want to breach the dikes on the **Farmed Island Unit** of the **Skagit Wildlife Area** in order to enhance the Deep Water Slough for fish habitat. All at the price of one of the premier waterfowl hunting area in the state, with absolutely no regard for the ducks, geese and other wildlife that use the area.

NW Chapter Chairman, Rick Billieu and I recently attended a meeting with the Director of the **SKC** and a WA State Legislator concerning the area. Both **Rick** and I came away from the meeting with the impression that the Director of **SWC** is set on his agenda for the breaching of the dikes. We are also set in our opposing views. Contact your State representatives expressing your displeasure with this project. Tell your friends to get the word out!

The **WDFW** has set up an Advisory Committee concerning the Skagit Valley. There has been no date set for the first meeting. When a time is set an email blast will come out with the date. I ask that we attend the meeting in mass. Let's show these people that we mean business.

On another note I did attend the **Whatcom's Chapter** meeting on Tuesday, May 7th. There was a good turn out to hear **WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager, Kyle Spragens'** presentation on how our waterfowl hunting dates and seasons are set within the 107 days allowed by the **US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)**.

The 2019-2020 WA state duck stamp is out, and it's fantastic! The **WWA Duck Stamp Committee** works hard at developing and obtaining the artwork for both the stamps and prints. According to Committee Chair **Mike Bell**, there is

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MISSION STATEMENT

TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PROMOTE WATERFOWL, WATERFOWL HABITAT, & WATERFOWL HUNTING IN WASHINGTON STATE

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2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

May 16 **Next GH Chapter "Chip Shoot"**
5 p.m. Evergreen Sportsmen's Club,
Rochester, WA See complete
schedule on **Page 5**

May 18 **Washington Brant Foundation**
Decoy Carving Competition at
Maiben Park in Burlington, WA.
Learn more at www.wabrant.org
For Info See **Page 9**

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

May 22 **Seattle Chapter Meeting** at the
Kenmore Shotgun Range in Bothell.

May 23 **Another GH Chapter "Chip Shoot"**
5 p.m. Evergreen Sportsmen's Club,
Rochester, WA

May 27 **Memorial Day Holiday**

May 28 **Southwest Chapter Meeting** at
6:30pm at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's**
Club Education Building.

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

May 30 **Another GH Chapter "Chip Shoot"**
5 p.m. Evergreen Sportsmen's Club,
Rochester, WA

June 4 **Whatcom Chapter Meeting** at
7:00pm at the **Laurel Farm &**
Western Supply, in Bellingham.

June 5 **WWA Board of Directors Meeting**
at 11:30 am at **Denny's Restaurant**
in **Kent**. All WWA members are
always welcome to attend.

June 6 **Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting** at the
Evergreen Sportsmen's Club near
Littlerock at 7:00 PM.

June 11 **NW Chapter Meeting** at 7pm at the
Conway Fire Station with raffle for
attendees.

June 13 **Another GH Chapter "Chip Shoot"**
5 p.m. Evergreen Sportsmen's Club,
Rochester, WA

June 16 **Father's Day**

June 21 **Deadline for Applications for Youth**
Conservation Camp. See **Page 10**

June 21-23 **Oregon Waterfowl Festival** at the **Polk**
County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR, just
west of **Salem**. Learn more at:
oregonwaterfowlfestival.com.

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



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2019 Duck Stamp Artist & Stamp

Meet the 2019 Washington State Duck Stamp Competition Winner and **Washington Waterfowl Association's (WWA) Artist of the Year: Catherine Temple.**



Catherine Temple is a wildlife and pet portrait artist residing near Clarkston, Washington. In this rugged, beautiful and diverse terrain she finds the inspiration for her art while pursuing her other passions of photography, bird watching and hunting with her husband, **Brian** and dog, **Balin**.

Catherine began her love affair with art, birds and dogs at an early age in rural northern Illinois. Her father had a passion for raising exotic birds and animals and this gave her ample opportunities to develop her drawing skills as well as her love of nature and the outdoors. As an adult she continued to hone her skills by studying biology and taxidermy to better understand the anatomy of the birds and animals she loved to paint.

When she acquired her first hunting dog, a Chesapeake Bay retriever named **Jake**, a deep bond was formed. Out of love for her dog she decided to paint his portrait and soon discovered that there were others who loved their dogs as much as she did. This developed a new direction for her art, and she has since created dozens of portraits for pet owners across the country.

Primarily a self-taught artist, **Catherine** enjoys painting with water-based media, especially acrylic, as this gives her the most versatility in creating the detail and realism that her art is known for. As she develops the painting, she almost always completes the eyes

first as she believes this brings the spirit and character of the animal to life. This is also what most people viewing her paintings comment on first.

In recent years all of **Catherine's** passions of art, the outdoors, ducks and dogs have led her to begin entering duck stamp contests. She received her first win with the **2017-2018 Delaware Duck Stamp** depicting her Chesapeake Bay retriever, **Balin**, and canvasback ducks. Most recently she was chosen to create the **2019-2020 Washington Duck Stamp** which depicts a chocolate lab and ring-necked ducks. Her canine art has garnered awards from **Art Show at the Dog Show** in Wichita, Kansas, and she has won several awards locally for her wildlife art.

Catherine considers her art to be a calling, one that is both challenging and fulfilling and a gift from God that she is to share with others. She continues to enjoy participating in the realm of duck stamp competitions as well as showing her work locally and regionally and completing commissioned work for her collectors.

[Click here](#) to go to the pre-sale of the **2019-2020 print and stamp.**



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room for a couple of more volunteers on the Committee who can attend one evening meeting/month. If you are interested in the current season's print or stamp (or those from previous years) please get your order in at our dedicated sales website:

www.washingtonduckstamp.com

They make a great birthday, Christmas gift, etc.

See Story back on [Page 3](#).

The **WA Brandt Foundation** is hosting its annual **Puget Sound Decoy Carving Contest** this coming Saturday, May 18, 2019 at **Maiben Park in Burlington WA**. After the decoy judging has been completed, there will be a fund raiser with live and silent auctions. This is a fun event for the whole family!

WWA will have our duck mount display trailer on site. We will be promoting our organization as well as pushing to attract new members.

Attend a Chapter meeting and consider getting Involved in supporting your sport!

FOR THE RESOURCE,

Rich Holt

WWA President



Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all —

I have just a few things to put out this month. Our first **"Summer Fun Shooting"** event was past Thursday, May 9th. We all had a great time shooting target "chips." Some of our shooters wanted to shoot some meat shoots, which means waaaayyy back on the 20-something line! After two rounds of chip shoots we backtracked for some meat shooting. Our Chapter made a few bucks and everyone that shot had a great time. That's what it's all about!

I had mistakenly advertised the shoot as a meat shoot so we had shooters come from Tacoma to shoot with us. Anyway, we will be resuming the schedule this Thursday and "Chip Shoot" will be the game! Come on down and shoot with us! Twenty-five (25) shot rounds and way too much fun doing it! Check out the Flyer on the adjacent [Page 5](#) for the summer schedule!

Hunt for Two Raffle Tickets

Don't forget that the annual "Hunt for Two Raffle" is still going on. You just can't beat the price of these tickets, and they add to your Chapter's funds! See your Chapter Chair for ticket info and check out the Flyer on [Page 17](#) of this Newsletter.

You all can check out our Facebook Page for all our events. We are the "Washington Waterfowl Assoc. Grays Harbor Chapter. <https://www.facebook.com/GrayHarborChapterWashingtonWaterfowlAssoc/>

2019 WWA Membership Drive

One last thing — the **Northwest Chapter** has started a **2019 WWA Membership Drive** by building and donating a layout boat to give away as a prize that all new members can get a chance to win! I and the **NW Chapter** have been posting the progress of the build on Facebook. So, check it out and get someone to join the **WWA** and possibly win this great layout boat! Gift memberships count!!!

Okay, one more last thing -- Our next Chapter meeting will be on the 6th of June at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock at 7:00 pm sharp! Hope to see y'all there!

Kurt Snyder

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SUMMER FUN

AT THE EVERGREEN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

\$\$ CHIP \$\$

\$\$ SHOOT \$\$

- TEAM CHIP SHOOT
- \$\$\$ \$5.00 FIVE BUCKS A ROUND PER GUN \$\$\$
- SELECTED THURSDAY NIGHTS, SEE SCHEDULE BELOW 5 PM START TIME

May 9th
 May 16th
 May 23rd
 May 30th
 June 13th
 June 20th
 June 27th

July 18th
 July 25th
 August 8th
 August 15th
 August 22nd
 August 29th

Half of the "pot" goes to the round winners and half to the Grays Harbor Chapter of the Washington Waterfowl Association after targets are paid for. For info contact; *Kurt Snyder*, kurtsnyder@outdrs.net or 360-485-9353

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Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

May Chapter Meeting:

The **Southwest Chapter** will have our next meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** at 6:30pm in the **Education Building**.

This month we will kick off the planning for the **2019 WA State Duck and Goose Calling Contest**. See Flyer on adjacent **Page 7**.

So bring your ideas on how to make this year's contest better than last year's event. All Southwest Chapter members are invited. Come early for a bite to eat and visit before the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

Results of FNRA FREE Youth Trap Shoot:

On Saturday, April 20, 2019, we had approximately 20 young people show up with their parent(s)/guardian(s) at the **American Legion Quincy Gun Club** for our free Youth Trap Shoot, co-sponsored by **Brownell's, Friends of the NRA (FNRA), the Quincy Gun Club, and WWA**.

The day started quite windy, but calmed down a little in the afternoon, and the kids were able to shoot several rounds of trap. For some it was their 3rd or 4th time at this twice annual event, and they are getting quite competent on the trap range. In addition to lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs for all, the kids each received a logo'd T-Shirt and ball cap and had a good time!

The second **FNRA FREE** Youth Shoot is scheduled for August at the same shooting venue, with more to come later. All youth, 18 and under that possess either a hunter safety card or hunting license are welcome to attend. They must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



ALL AMERICAN ARMORY

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Saturday, August 3, 2019
11:00 a.m.

at the

Sumner Sportsmen's Club
Sumner, Washington

The 2019 Washington State Duck and Goose **Calling Championships**

competitions include:

Kids 12 and under Duck – no fee
Novice Duck, 13 & up (has not previously competed) - \$15
Washington State Sanction Duck - \$35
Open Goose - \$30

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Prizes in all classes including:
shotguns, decoys, duck blind, guided goose hunting trip, guided
salmon fishing trip, free Bird taxidermy mount and so much more.

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

Novice & State Sanction Duck and Open Goose
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
Chairman, Bruce Burns: (253) 961-8802

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Tom Moats April Meeting Speaker

Thanks to **WDFW Enforcement Officer Tom Moats** for speaking at our April meeting. **Tom** covered a wide array of topics from Dusky goose enforcement to homeless people on state lands. He is part of an experienced enforcement team that lays down the law in a fair and thoughtful manner. We are fortunate to have such a high caliber person working our area.

Oregon Waterfowl Festival June 21st-23rd

Our chapter is supporting the festival as a Lead Sponsor this year. We invite all **WWA** members to join us that weekend at our booth. The event is billed as the largest waterfowl festival west of the Mississippi. In a new twist this year it will run three days – **June 21st-23rd** at the **Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, OR**, just west of **Salem**. We will need plenty of help with set up, tear down and manning the booth. The organizers are working hard to make this the best one yet. Check out their website at: <http://oregonwaterfowlfestival.com/>

Banquet Time

Our Chapter banquet is four (4) short months away on **September 28th**. We are looking for donations, gift cards, gift baskets, time share weeks, vacation rentals and other auction items. "Like new" items in your garage or attic work well for the silent auction! Contact **Doug Hargin (360) 903-6951** for information.

Sporting Clays Saturday May 18th

Our chapter will take a trip down to **Gervis Oregon** for a shoot at **Mid Valley Sporting Clays** Saturday May 18th. For more information contact **Chapter President Ted Blade** at 360-558-1770.



David Herbenson Closing his Taxidermy Studio

After 30 years long time **WWA** supporter and member **Dave Herbenson** is officially retiring from his taxidermy business. **Dave** was a career instructor in the Vancouver area. He had run the taxidermy business in conjunction with his teaching. He is liquidating all his supplies and molds. If you are interested in obtaining any of the trappings of a taxidermy shop, please give **Dave** a call at **360-600-7044**.

Dave, thank you for all of your support over the years!



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Seattle Chapter News

By: Cameron Way

April Meeting:

A **BIG THANKS** to **Martha Jordan** for her power point presentation on lead poisoning of waterfowl — most specifically her beloved Trumpeter Swans. Unfortunately the most recent examples from last hunting season were locally in Snohomish County at the **Crescent Lake Unit** within the **Snoqualmie Wildlife Area**.

Lead shot has been banned in WA since the early 1990's, but lead shot left from decades of waterfowling in our area before the lead ban continues to take it's toll on all waterfowl. It takes as few as two (2) lead pellets to kill a Trumpeter swan, the largest waterfowl in North America! Ironically it is this huge white bird — easily spotted in the muddy fields and lakes — that acts as the “canary in the coal mine” to give biologists a estimate of just how many other more camouflaged waterfowl die each year from lead poisoning.

Martha has moved on from the national **Trumpeter Swan Society** to form a local organization to more readily respond to the stewardship and conservation of Swans in NW Washington. That organization is **Northwest Swan Conservation Association** [<https://nswswans.org/>], of which she is **Executive Director**. The **WWA-Seattle Chapter** unanimously voted to donate \$1,000 to **Martha** and **NW Swans** to continue their great work which ultimately benefits all waterfowl.

WA Brant Festival and Decoy Carving Competition

If you're looking for a fun event for the entire family, don't miss the **WA Brant Foundation Festival** this coming Saturday, May 18th, at **Maiben Park**, 1011 Greenleaf Avenue Burlington, WA 98233. Decoy entry check in at 9:00 am, judging begins at 9:30 am.

The **WA Brant Foundation** will host their annual fundraiser celebration with the **2019 Puget Sound Open Decoy Carving Competition**, featuring entries from across the U.S. This year's guest of honor is **USF&W Biologist Chris Nicolai** from Reno, NV. **Chris** is well known as one of the most prolific banders of wild waterfowl ever in North America and his involvement with cutting edge satellite tracking technology. Also a master carver, he will also be bringing some works to display and chat about.

Other special guests include nationally recognized carvers **Marty Hanson** from **Wisconsin**, and local **World**



Champion Carver, Tom Newell of LaConner. Also attending will be expert **Mike Miller** with his books documenting the history of west coast decoys.

Competition classes include Novice, Pro, a special Mini, and the **Ducks Unlimited** State Championship. Other displays will include **WA Waterfowl Assoc (WWA)** mounted birds display trailer, **Air Strike Bird Control Live Raptors**, and various outdoor & decoy vendors such as **Jerry Corrión, Dennis Fisk**, and Craig **Cimmiyotti** from Oregon.

Food available along with activities for kids. Judging will be ongoing from 10 am until noon, then at 12:30 pm awards, live auction of decoys and related items, scholarship winners, and sponsor gun raffle.

Funds generated support our scholarship program, field research, and public outreach which includes decoy carving classes through Burlington Parks & Recreation.

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 usually a program/presentation for the month.

Bring a friend and come join us!

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 21, 2019

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 last year, please take **NOTICE**:

Any **WWA** members who may know of a young person between the ages of 12 and 17 **[must be 12 prior to the onset of camp and can not turn 17 by the end of camp]** who may be interested in going to the Washington Youth Conservation Camps in July at **Moran State Park on Orcas Island, courtesy of a full tuition scholarship form the WWA!** please:

1. **Link to the Camp website at: <https://www.washingtonconservationcamps.org/>**
2. **Fill out the online application;**
3. **Print a copy of the application; and**
4. **Submit the printed copy to WWA by the end of business on Friday, June 21, 2019.**

Applications for the **2019 version of WA Youth Conservation Camp** must be postmarked by **June 21, 2019** in order to be considered for the complete \$350 Scholarship to Camp from **WWA!** Shortly after this deadline, **WWA** will be selecting up to four (4) Young People [2 boys, and 2 girls] who will receive the Scholarships.

Return completed applications
[preferably by email] to:

WWA

c/o John Arrabito
2004 - 193rd Avenue SE
Sammamish, WA 98075
jarrabito@comcast.net

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 14 to Saturday, July 20.
Boys Camp is Sunday, July 21 to Saturday, July 27.

Since 1952 the **Washington State Youth Conservation Camp** (also known as the WA State Junior Sportsmen's Conservation Camp) has been educating campers ages 12 to 16 about the outdoors, and how to wisely enjoy them. They encourage conservation methods to ensure our resources will be there for "future generations." The camp is located on breathtaking Orcas Island at the foot of Mount Constitution, in the **Environmental Learning Center of Moran State Park.**

Activities include Archery, Hunter Safety Training [Range use is restricted to spring loaded BB guns. No live firearms are brought to camp], Survival in the Outdoors [including shelter building; fire building, and water collection], the basics of fishing [in a stocked lake], how to canoe, and a 6-mile, day hike DOWN Mount Constitution with a stop for a picnic lunch and a fun visit to Cascade Falls.

Campers are grouped by age. There are 8-12 campers per cabin. Each cabin is assigned a Senior and Junior Counselor. Cabin assignments may be requested, but placement cannot be guaranteed.

There will be a Senior AND a Junior counselor assigned to each cabin. There will always be one with their campers/cabin at all times (outside of free swim time and meal time); including at night.

Junior counselors often range in age from 16-18. Senior counselors range from 17-23. All counselors have previously been outstanding campers and/or who showed the ability to lead by example, the maturity to follow instructions, and the responsibility to make good decisions. They go through training before camp begins, and meet with the Head Counselor daily throughout the week.

Camp will have a licensed nurse on staff, able and trained to deal with emergency situations, as well as everyday cuts and scrapes. There is an ambulance and emergency clinic on the island as well.

All staff and instructors receive a comprehensive national screening and background check.

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

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

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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Conway Boat Launch Donation

The **Conway Boat Launch** on the south fork of the **Skagit River** provides access to hunters, boaters, fishing and recreation on the water. **Skagit County Parks and Recreation** provide year-round maintenance at this site including leveling, trash cleanup, silt removal and a Port-a-Potty during the high usage months. When the river is high this area is prone to flooding so maintenance of the ramp is necessary throughout the year.



WWA NW Chapter Member Rick Skiba (L) presents a \$500 check from the Chapter to Skagit Parks and Recreation Director, Brian Adams.

Access to the site is made possible through the vigilance of Parks department personnel like **Mike McCutchin (lead)** and crew. **Northwest Chapter members Rick Skiba, Rich Phillips and Rick Billieu** recently presented **Brian Adams (Skagit Parks and Rec Director)** with a check in the amount of \$500 for their efforts in maintaining this launch site. The **Northwest Chapter** has agreed to include the launch site in their cleanup efforts in the region as part of the county's **Adopt-A-Park Program**.

Cleanup Time

A soggy morning didn't hinder the volunteers at our annual cleanup of the **Skagit Wildlife Area Samish Unit!** These 16 volunteers swept through all areas of the unit including the 12 blinds and the surrounding dike, collecting plenty of trash, shells (spent and un-spent), beer cans, bottles and you name it -- discarded. Drainage of the unit by **WDFW** personnel was well under way so access to all areas and a through cleanup was made easy. Thanks to these volunteers for their outstanding level of effort supporting this yearly cleanup effort -- **Mike Rathvon, Steven Massingale, Chris Martin, Greg Huggins, Belinda Rotton, Ethan Lehman, Jenny Barker, Chris Baker, Joe Molitor, Rick Skiba, Oscar Graham, Pat Bunting, Greg Brittan, Emmitt Roth, and Sabrina Brittan-Hughes.**

Sign them up

Get the word out! From April 15th through June 30th New WWA Members are entered into a drawing to win a hand-built **Hybrid Layout Duck Boat**. We have partnered with the experts at **Fiberglass Supply of Burlington**, <http://www.fiberglasssupply.com> to build this boat. **Fiberglass Supply** offers **FREE "How to Basic Build"** demos each month at their facility. Members of all chapters are welcome to join in on this Boat Build. The build process is being documented on our Chapter Facebook page, **Northwest Washington Waterfowl Association** at: <https://www.facebook.com/waducks.org/>

So get with your friends, family members, acquaintances and other hunters and let them know a one year membership puts them in the drawing for this bad boy boat. Share the opportunity to own this boat and share our story on the Chapter's Facebook page.

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, at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

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Thanks to the NW Chapter Samish Unit Clean Up Crew — (From L to R) Chris Martin, Ethan Lehman, Greg Huggins, Sabrina Brittan-Hughes, Greg Brittan, Emmitt Roth, Steve Massingale, Joe Molitor, Belinda Rotton, Mike Rathvon, Rick Skiba, Jenny Baker and Chris Baker.



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WWA Membership Drive Boat Build

(Clockwise from Left) Fiberglass Supply Owner Mark positioning the bulkhead; WWA members positioning components; WWA Member Greg Huggins installing epoxy on the bottom/side joints; and WWA Member Greg Brittan pre-wetting fiberglass to bond the bottom and the sides.



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Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Matt Berry

The **WWA-Whatcom Chapter** was visited by **WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager Kyle Spragens** at the last meeting. **Kyle** spoke about duck and goose population health in the area and explained how the **WDFW** sets seasons and bag limits. The meeting was well attended and ran nearly an hour over due to questions and interest from the group. Thanks again **Kyle!**

As a thank you to our venue sponsor, members from the Chapter volunteered at the **Laurel Farm & Western Supply Customer Appreciation Day** last weekend. **Lyle Galloway** and I staffed the children's trout fishing pond. Kid's 14-and-under were given bamboo fishing poles baited with worms and set loose on the stocked pond. It was a great time! Hundreds of kids went home with their first fish!

The Chapter is now planning our **Lake Terrell** clean-up and Summer BBQ/Swap Meet. Stay tuned!

Monthly Meetings:

Join the **Whatcom County Chapter** at their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 4th (the first Tuesday of the month) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.

"Like" Our Facebook Page:

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

Kitsap County Chapter News

No News This Month

Spokane Chapter News

No News This Month

Tri-Cities Chapter News

No News This Month

Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month



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SEE RESULTS

Classifieds – For Sale

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.
- Submit your classified ad each month (*we have no way of knowing if you sold/purchased your item or not*).
- Include your contact info. Phone and/or email.

For Sale:

Belgian O/U made by FN, 12 Ga. Trap gun, just like a Browning Superposed but way better deal. Near new condition \$790.
Call **Robb** 206-909-7189

15 ft Smoker Craft Canoe. Comes with two paddles. Easy to move and handles great with two people. \$100.
Contact **Frank** 509-995-4977

For Sale:

Easy Rider expedition canoe 19', capacity 900lbs. Good car topable duck blind. Excellent condition. \$500.
Contact **Kent** 425-778-7490.

Cabelas Armor Xtreme Gun Case. Brand new, never used. Exterior; 39 1/2 x 17 x 6 1/2. Interior: 36 x 15 x 5 3/8. \$140.
Contact: **John** 206-919-2799.

2008 Mercury 15hp long shaft. Low hours. Macsriver runner camo clad or peel off and go back to original. \$1400 or trade for 25hp.
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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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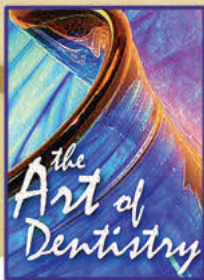
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