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Hello Fellow Waterfowlers:

First off let me congratulate **Mr. Al O'Connor** on being appointed to the Board of Directors. He was a letter writing machine regarding the **Shillapoo** and **Steigerwald** dike breaching issues. With all the pressure that **WWA** has put on the **Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)** and the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** the projects are essentially stalled. According to sources the **Shillapoo Salmon Restoration Project** has recently been downgraded a low priority by both. Thank you all for your diligence.

Yet another Salmon Restoration Project rears its ugly head proposing yet another round of dike breaching at the **Farmed Island** segment of the **Skagit Wildlife Area**. We have to block this project and also remain vigilant at the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (RNWR)**.

A new member, who recently moved from Oregon to Spokane is interested in restarting the Spokane Chapter. **Ramon Gruel** is new to waterfowling. Let's give him all the support we can muster!

### Membership, Membership, Membership

Currently there is a membership drive sponsored by the **Northwest Chapter**. All new members that sign up prior to July 1, 2019 will be entered into a drawing for a sneak boat that is being constructed by members of the NW Chapter. See **Page 15** for more.

**WWA** will have the trailer and duck mounts at the **Oregon Waterfowl Festival** on June 21st thru 23rd. If you get a chance to get down to **Rickreall, Polk County, OR** next weekend, please stop by and support the **WWA-Lower Columbia Chapter** and their display booth.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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

## News for the Flock

### 2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun, June 16	Father's Day
Thurs, June 20	Next GH Chapter "Chip Shoot" 5 p.m. Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Rochester, WA See complete schedule on <a href="#">Page 4</a> .
Fri, June 21	Deadline for Applications for Youth Conservation Camp. See <a href="#">Page 5</a>
Fri thru Sun June 21 thru 23	Oregon Waterfowl Festival at the Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR, just west of Salem. Learn more at: <a href="http://oregonwaterfowlfestival.com">oregonwaterfowlfestival.com</a> .
Tues, June 25	Southwest Chapter Meeting at 6:30pm at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Education Building.
Wed, June 26	Seattle Chapter Meeting at the Kenmore Shotgun Range in Bothell.
Thurs, June 27	Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting at the Vancouver Trap Club in Vancouver.
Thurs, June 27	Another GH Chapter "Chip Shoot" 5 p.m. Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Rochester, WA
Tues, July 9	NW Chapter Meeting at 7pm at the Conway Fire Station with raffle for attendees.
Weds, July 10	WWA Board of Directors Meeting at 11:30 am at Denny's Restaurant in Kent. All WWA members are always welcome to attend.
Thurs, July 11	Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting at the Evergreen Sportsmen's Club near Littlerock at 7:00 PM.
Thurs, July 18	Another GH Chapter "Chip Shoot" 5 p.m. Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Rochester, WA

Sun, July 21	WH Chapter Family Picnic, <a href="#">Page 16</a>
Thurs, July 25	Another GH Chapter "Chip Shoot" 5 p.m. Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Rochester, WA
Sat, Aug 3rd	WA State Duck and Goose Calling Championships, Sumner Sportsmen's Club, See Flyer, <a href="#">Page 9</a>
Sun, Aug 18	13th Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shoot, Kenmore Shotgun Ranges. See Flyer on <a href="#">Page 11</a>
Sat, Aug 24	FNRA <b>FREE</b> Youth Shoot, Quincy, WA See Flyer on <a href="#">Page 7</a>
Sat, Sept 28	LC Chapter Banquet, at Club Green Meadows, Vancouver, WA
Sat, Sept 28	NW Chapter Banquet, at Hillcrest Lodge, Mt. Vernon, WA
Sun, Sept 29	15th Annual Youth Mentor Shoot, Kenmore Shotgun Range

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



## News for the Flock

### (President's Letter Continued from Page 1)

Please try and attend the Washington State Duck and Goose calling contest on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at the **Sumner Sportsmen's Club**. The **Southwest Chapter** is still looking for WWA volunteers to help staff this event. Contact **SW Chapter Chairman Bruce Burns** (See Page 1 for contact number) for more information.

### Samish Unit Blind Built as Eagle Scout Project

Finally on a personal note, Congratulations to **Brian Gibson**, the grandson of a longtime friend, on attaining his Eagle Scout rank! **Brian**, along with members of the **WWA -NW Chapter** built a blind at the **Samish Unit** for his Eagle Scout Project. **Brian**, Thanks for your contribution to "The Resource!"

That's all Folks

FOR THE RESOURCE,

***Rich Holt***

WWA President



### Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hello everyone —

I only have just a few things to put out this month. Our Weekly fun shoots have been fun as predicted. The chips shoots will help you concentrate more, on a smaller target hopefully making you a better wing shot. I'll let you know this coming duck season if it worked for me. Everyone is welcome to join us at the **Evergreen Sportsman's Club (ESC)** near Littlerock WA on selected Thursday nights. See Flyer for schedule of future shoots on adjacent **Page 4**.

### Hunt for Two Raffle Tickets

The annual Hunt for Two raffle is still selling if anyone you know would want to get in on a chance for one of these hunts. Each ticket purchased gets you **TWO** chances to win. Drawing date is October 3rd, 2019. See your Chapter chairman for ticket purchase. I bet someone you know wants in on this and they make great gifts. See Flyer on **Page 20** of this Newsletter.

### July Meeting Moved

I'm also betting no one wants to come to a meeting on the 4th of July, so our Next Chapter meeting is on the **ELEVENTH of July** this year, at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**, 7:00 pm as usual!

The 4th of July is a big holiday for me as we celebrate our independence from a monarchy that was quite free at taking Americans hard earned money and giving nothing in return. Sound recent? Thurston County just put on the 2020 spring ballot a 37.25% property tax raise! You just may see a revolution here if it passes. Spread the word all Thurston County members. Vote no on this unbelievable tax rate!!!

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/>

Thank you all,  
**Kurt Snyder**,  
Your Chairman

# News for the Flock



## 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 9<sup>th</sup>  
 May 16<sup>th</sup>  
 May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 May 30<sup>th</sup>  
 June 13<sup>th</sup>  
 June 20<sup>th</sup>  
 June 27<sup>th</sup>

July 18<sup>th</sup>  
 July 25<sup>th</sup>  
 August 8<sup>th</sup>  
 August 15<sup>th</sup>  
 August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 August 29<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:kurtsnyder@outdrs.net) or 360-485-9353

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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](mailto: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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## Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

### Second FNRA FREE Youth Trap Shoot:

The second **FNRA FREE** Youth Shoot is scheduled for August 24th at the **American Legion Quincy Gun Club, 13056 Road Q NW, Quincy, WA 98848**. 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.

The event is co-sponsored by **Brownell's, Friends of the NRA (FNRA), the Quincy Gun Club, and WWA**, who in addition to providing all the ammo and range fees, will also BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixins' for all. All the kids will also receive a logo'd T-Shirt and ball cap! See Flyer on adjacent **Page 7**.

### No More On-The-Ground Nest Counts

**WDFW** will not be performing the annual "goose nest surveys" for the next several years, according to **Ella Rowan, WDFW Assistant District Wildlife Biologist** out of the Ephrata Office. Management has needed to reevaluate projects, which is likely tied to funding problems and needing to ensure we are spending money on projects that will provide the best data and outcomes. "We are a bit short-handed right now, and it may get worse. It was always fun seeing you, and thank you all for your work on this project over the years. If additional opportunities arise, we will be in touch."

### WWA Goldeneye Nest Box Report

Upon my inquiry of **WDFW** about the current status of the Goldeneye Nest Boxes built by **WWA** members and others at the Ephrata office four (4) years ago, I

received the following response and pass it on for all the folks that had worked on that project.

From **WDFW's Matt Wilson**: "I checked six (6) in 2018 – there was use in two (2) boxes with some scouting signs (down and contour feathers) and preliminary nest building. I have plans to get out there this summer to see what use we had this past spring. Sea duck cavity nesters are notoriously slow to adopt new boxes."

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## Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

### June Chapter Meeting:

The **Southwest Chapter** will have our next meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** at 6:30pm in the **Education Building**. Come early for a bite to eat and visit before the meeting.

### Upcoming Duck and Goose Calling Contest

We will be making plans for the upcoming **Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Contest**. The banners and shirts have been ordered; some prizes have already been secured; and we will be taking care of other items for the contest. So come on out and pitch in.

We are also looking for people to help at the day long event on Saturday, August 3rd! See Flyer on **Page 8**.

Looking forward to seeing you there and hearing your ideas about how to make the Contest that much better.



# ALL AMERICAN ARMORY

# MOSES LAKE FNRA FREE TRAP SHOOT

Saturday August 24, 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](mailto:dickprice@nctv.com)

or

Tom O'Dell: 509-764-8557

[Mallard1@qosi.net](mailto:Mallard1@qosi.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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**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**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>**  
contact Nathan Neideigh: [1971handa@gmail.com](mailto:1971handa@gmail.com), (253) 229-5794

Novice & State Sanction Duck and Open Goose  
Contact Troy Taylor: [troy.taylor@cbre.com](mailto: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

#### Road Trip! — Sport Clays in Gervis, OR

We ended up with a foursome on our trip down to Gervis, Oregon for a fun shoot at **Mid Valley Sporting Clays**, on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. **Ted Blade, Bob Taylor, Rick Scott** and **Doug Hargin** spent the morning chasing 100 targets each over the course. We had an excellent time and suspect a larger turn out for the next time. Apparently, **Rick Scott** was the high score but we're hoping to review the scorecards one more time!

#### Oregon Waterfowl Festival June 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

We can use your help staffing the booth over this three-day event as well as set up and tear down. 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.

This year it will run over the three day weekend of June 21st-23rd at the **Polk County Fairgrounds, in Rickreall, OR**, just west of **Salem**. The organizers are working hard to make this the best one yet. Check out Facebook and their website at: <http://oregonwaterfowlfestival.com/>

#### Banquet Time

Our Chapter banquet is just three (3) months away on Saturday, 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 more information.



**WWA-LC Chairman Ted Blade pulling the clay bird and Immediate Past Chairman Rick Scott pulling the trigger at a May 18th outing at Mid Valley Sporting Clays in Gervis, OR.**



## News for the Flock

### Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu and Rich Phillips

#### Adopt-A-Park Program

The NW Chapter has entered into an agreement with **Skagit County Parks** to maintain the **Conway Boat Launch**. This launch is heavily used by waterfowl hunters, fishers, and recreationalists. **Skagit County Parks and Recreation** provides yearly maintenance at this site including leveling, trash cleanup, silt removal and a Port-a-Potty during the high usage months. We donated \$500 towards upkeep. This project will benefit members and non-members alike!

We also donated \$100 to the **Conway Fire Department** for the continued use of their facility for our monthly meetings.

#### May Chapter Meeting

The **NW Chapter** hosted biologist, **Chris Danilson** from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** as our guest speaker at our May 14th meeting. **Chris** works out of the **Sedro Woolley DNR Office**. He is an active waterfowl hunter and recently purchased a German Wirehaired Pointer (GWP) for his hunting dog.

**Chris** gave us a DNR 101 basic primer, explaining many of the projects he works on from fish to elk. He also discussed the negative impacts a large black bear population poses to commercial timberland through peeling trees upon their emergence from hibernation in the spring. Thanks **Chris** for an entertaining and educational presentation!



#### WA Brant Foundation Decoy Carving Contest

The **WA. Brant Foundation** hosted the “**Puget Sound Open**” Decoy Carving Championship in Burlington on May 18th. **WWA President Rick Holt, Seattle Chapter Chair John Arrabito, NW Chapter Chair Rick Billieu, and NW Chapter Treasurer Rich Phillips** manned the **WWA** booth. **NW Chapter member Dennis Fisk** also had his decoy booth on display at the Festival. We answered questions from festival attendees, gave away all our secret places to hunt and signed up several new members!

This was a great event and an opportunity to watch several world champions compete, including **WWA member Tom Newell** of LaConner and **Marty Hanson** of Wisconsin.

All funds generated support a scholarship program, field research and decoy carving classes by **WWA member Kurt Benson**, available through the Burlington Parks & Recreation Dept.



**It's not enough that your carved deke looks pretty, it must also self-right when tossed in the floating pool in order to win. (L to R) Kurt Benson, Judges Jeff Hay of Ohio, Marty Hanson, Tom Newell.**

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### 4th Annual NW Chapter Banquet

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **NW Chapter Banquet**, a fun evening of dinner, auctions and raffles shared with good friends! The Chapter has set a date of Saturday, September 28th and will hold this event once again at **Hillcrest Lodge** in Mt Vernon.

The Banquet provides financial support for conservation activities and chapter events. The Chapter is always in need of member donations, auction items and member volunteers for this event. Looking forward to seeing you at the Banquet! More information to follow in the coming weeks.



### Two (2) More Weeks until the New Member Raffle

Get the word out! The LAYOUT BOAT project is nearing completion! It will be raffled off to a new member soon. 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, WA** <http://www.fiberglasssupply.com> to build this boat.

**Fiberglass Supply** offers Free "How to Basic Build" demos each month at their facility. The **NW Chapter Facebook Page** has lots of pictures of the evolution of this project and the members involved. Encourage friends and family to join **WWA** for a chance to win this great boat!! A one year membership puts them in the drawing. Share the opportunity to own this boat and share our build story on the Chapters Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/waducks.org/>

### Welcome to all the new WWA members!

Welcome to the recent new members of the **WWA**. Chapter members look forward to getting to know you. A good way to get to know the Club and its members is by attending a Chapter Meeting or event.

### Membership Renewal and Next Meeting

If you have not renewed your membership you can do so online at [www.waduck.org](http://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 7pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

Support your passion – get involved,  
**Rick Billieu, Chapter Chair**  
[rgbillieu@frontier.com](mailto:rgbillieu@frontier.com)

## News for the Flock

### Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

#### Shooting, Shooting, and More Shooting

The summer **Seattle Chapter** meetings beginning in June will concentrate of shotgun shooting events — for you; for Charity; and for Youth!

June (July and August) kicks off the annual inter-Chapter competition to determine the top shotgunner in **WWA — The Ferd Nist Memorial Trophy Competition!**



**Jim Painter, Defending Ferd Nist Champion!**

In August we will once again forego our regular meeting night the 4th Wednesday of the month in order to encourage our membership to participate in the 13th Annual **BJ Brown Memorial Trapshoot** on Sunday, August 18th, hosted by **BJ's** parents and Chapter members **Jenny and Mike Lutz**. Fun, Food, and Prizes based both on skill and on luck! See Flyer on adjacent **Page 13**.

In September, **Tricia Ring** and her husband, **Royce**, will continue the tradition of her parents, **Larry and Kathy Gordon** in leading the Seattle Chapter in the production of the 15th Annual Youth Mentor Shoot!

#### First Things First with Ferd

Unfortunately in past years, **WWA-Seattle** has had very limited success enticing participation from other Chapters in this event. This is particularly disappointing considering the fact that at least three (3) other Chapters routinely host their meetings at various shotgun ranges around the state, and others do so in the summer months.

**Shoot Chairman, David Hanson**, continues to tinker with the shoot format to try and remedy this prior lack of participation by changing up the events and coming up with a simplified set of rules for qualifying shooting scores. See Rules Posted on **Page 14**

**The first** change in this year's event to make it more fun and encourage additional competition will be to replace the 16 yard shoot in favor of a Continental Trap round.

As a kick-off incentive for shooting, we plan to have a doubles trap set up and will offer a **FREE** round of doubles for **ALL WWA Members of ALL Chapters** attending our June 25th meeting. There may also be some fun competition shoots, such as a game or two of "Cutthroat" from the 29-yard line if we manage to get prior approval for the same from the **Kenmore Shotgun Range**.

Bring your "smoke pole," and come out and join us. Bring and sign up a new prospective member to the meeting and give him/her a chance at winning the custom made Layout Boat being fabricated by **NW Chapter** members. See **Page 11** for more details!

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.

#### "Like" Our Facebook Page:

Check out our Chapter's FB page **Washington Waterfowl Association— Seattle Chapter** at: <https://w.facebook.com/ups/24026559992025/>

# **BJ BROWN MEMORIAL TRAPSHOOT THIRTEENTH ANNUAL**



**Proceeds Donated to the Washington Waterfowl Association  
(over \$15,500 has been donated over the twelve prior years!)**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019**

Registration 9:00 a.m.

Kenmore Shotgun Range 1031 228<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. Bothell, WA 98021 (425-481-8685)

**Entry Fee \$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, 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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### RULES -- 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 7 spaces left on the trophy.

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

The contest will run from June through the end of August. This year we will change it up, and it will consist of a 25 clay round of Continental Trap, a Slider round and a Doubles round for a total of 100 clays.

#### Ferd Nist Contest Rules

1. Shoot in the months of June, 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 officer.
4. Report your score next day to **David Hanson**, at [davidhanson73@hotmail.com](mailto:davidhanson73@hotmail.com) or 425-260-4816.
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, Continental Trap, two shots are allowed for each target, 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.

## News for the Flock

### 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 Witchita, 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.**



# News for the Flock

## Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Matt Berry

In lieu of our regular meeting the first Tuesday of the month, the **WWA-Whatcom County Chapter** is holding a Summer BBQ Picnic/Swap Meet on Sunday, July 21st. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided, but guests are asked/encouraged to bring a potluck dish of their own. There will be drawings, competitions, and a gear swap. Bring all of your unwanted hunting/camping/outdoor gear to trade.

Check your email in the coming weeks for more information and see you then!

### "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:

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## Kitsap County Chapter News

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## WDFW News for the Flock

### Summary of 2018 BPOP Surveys

By Matthew Wilson, WDFW  
Statewide Waterfowl Specialist

**WDFW** conducted the annual breeding pair count (**BPOP**) for waterfowl throughout Washington this spring. Flying in a Bell Jet Ranger helicopter, and following standardized transects, surveys were conducted at an elevation from 75 to 300 feet above ground level, and cruising up to 90 knots. Individual wetlands within 1/8 mile (200 meters) on either side of the transect line are flown to get a complete count.

Observers record data on Species, Number, Sex, Composition (lone bird, pair, flock, group) as well as information on the type, extent, and seasonality of all water bodies, natural and artificial alike. The surveys were completed in four (4) days on the west side of the Cascade Crest and five (5) days on the east side.

Transcription and analysis of the aerial data is nearly complete with lower overall numbers than the previous few years anticipated. Results will be made available online and to **WWA** as soon as possible.

Beginning in late April, west side biologists began surveys near **Bellingham** in the **North Puget Lowlands**, continuing on the west side of **Puget Sound** south to **Chehalis** and north again throughout **Hood Canal**, wrapping around **Dungeness Spit** to the **Port Angeles** area. In general, conditions were below average overall with fewer persistent wetlands and ponds.

Continuing to the east side, biologist covered heavily irrigated areas in the **Yakima Valley**, and **Columbia Basin**, working from **Richland** north to **Ephrata**. Continuing north, **Douglas County** and the **Okanogan Valley** are flown, followed by the **Northeast Highlands** near **Colville** and the potholes and ponds of the **Turnbull** and **Channeled Scabland** regions.

Not surprisingly, conditions were drier than the previous two (2) years, with noticeable changes in natural water body availability, like small ponds and potholes, especially in the **Yakima** and **Columbia Basin Regions**.

### WDFW News Briefs...

#### Northwest States, Tribes Apply to Feds for OK to Kill More Columbia Sea Lions

June 13, 2019, By Andy Walgamott

The **WDFW**, along with a consortium of state and tribal partners, today submitted an expanded application to lethally remove California and Steller sea lions preying on threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead runs in the Columbia River and its tributaries. Steller sea lions have not previously been subject to lethal removal.

The application submitted to the **National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)** by **WDFW** and its partners is the first since Congress passed an amendment to the Marine Mammals Protection Act (MMPA) in December 2018. That amendment, spearheaded by the **Pacific Northwest** congressional delegation, passed with strong bipartisan support and offers greater flexibility to wildlife managers when determining if a sea lion should be lethally removed in waters that host ESA-listed runs of salmon or steelhead.

**WDFW** and its partners have taken steps to deter California sea lions in the Columbia River basin for more than a decade, but non-lethal measures have proven largely ineffective, driving animals away for only short periods. If approved, **WDFW** expects to begin humanely removing animals under the terms of the expanded application beginning in 2020. The application is subject to a public comment period and review by **NMFS**. Members of the public can review the application at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-06/MMPA-120f-application.pdf>.

#### Annual Target Shooting Restrictions Take Effect at Wenas Wildlife Area

YAKIMA – To reduce the risk of wildfires, the **WDFW** will again restrict target shooting on the 105,000-acre **Wenas Wildlife Area** near Yakima and Ellensburg. The restriction, which will be in effect June 5 through Sept. 30, will limit target shooting to the hours between sunrise and 10 a.m., when the risk of starting a wildfire is less severe.

The department has restricted target shooting every summer since 2012, with the support of the community-based **Wenas Wildlife Area Advisory Committee**.



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By: Mark Pidgeon

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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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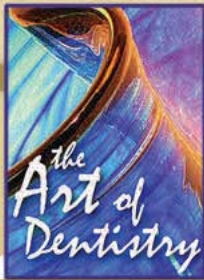
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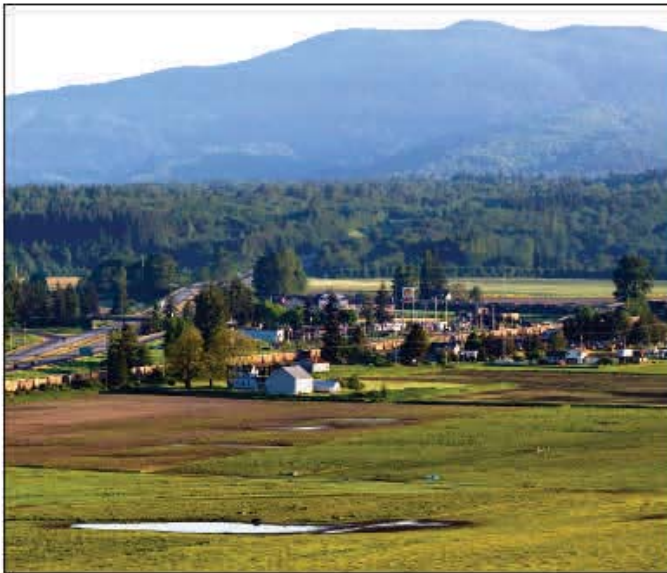
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- Sponsoring of the Annual NW Decoy Collector's Show
- Participating in multiple Sportsman's shows annually
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours for Swan Mortality Mitigation Studies
- Donation of funds and man hours to WDFW for goose banding and satellite tracking
- Litter pickup projects at public hunting areas, boat ramps, and along highways; and conducting multiple fund raising banquets annually to pay for all of these "hands on" conservation projects.