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Hello Fellow Waterfowlers:

Every month I write the members a letter for the newsletter. The content sometimes gets hard to come up with.

The point I would like to bring up for this month is the work and time that a lot of individuals have put into their passion for the good of the **WWA**.

GET INVOLVED! WRITE A LETTER OR SEND AN EMAIL TO YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATOR IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THE **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** OR ANY STATE AGENCY. BE A VOICE THAT WILL BE HEARD. THE SQUEAKY WHEEL GETS THE GREASE, BE THE WHEEL.

Washington State Calling Contests, August 3rd

The **Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Championships**, sponsored by **WWA**, is set for "Sound Off" on Saturday, August 3, 2019, at the **Sumner Sportsmen's Club**. The **Southwest Chapter**, as producer of the event, is still looking for **WWA** volunteers to help staff this event. Contact **SW Chapter Chairman Bruce Burns** (253) 961-8802 or bwburns36@gmail.com for more information.

COME AND ENJOY. FOOD, DRINKS AND MAYBE PICK UP SOME CALLING TIPS. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE. See Flyer on **Page 5**.

FOR THE RESOURCE,

Rick Holt

WWA President

MISSION STATEMENT

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

News for the Flock

2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

Sat, July 20	Delta Waterfowl, Columbia Chapter Banquet at Cottonwood Golf Center, Portland, OR. Contact Danny Neal at (503) 369-4868 or email at spiritlabs@aol.com .
Sun, July 21	WH Chapter Family Picnic, Page 12
Tues, July 23	Pheasant's Forever Meeting and Fun Shoot, 6-8 p.m., at the Sumner Sportsmen's Club. Cost: \$10 includes burger/cheese burger, chips, soft drink, and one round of trap.
Wed, July 24	Seattle Chapter Meeting at the Kenmore Shotgun Range in Bothell.
Thurs, July 25	Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting at the Vancouver Trap Club in Vancouver.
Thurs, July 25	Another GH Chapter "Chip Shoot" 5 p.m. Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Rochester, WA. See Flyer, Page 6
Sun, July 28	Olympia DU/Annual Fun Shoot 9 a.m., Evergreen Sportsmen's Club.
Tues, July 30	Southwest Chapter Meeting at 6:30pm at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Education Building. Final planning date for the Aug 3 WA State Duck and Goose Calling Contests!
Thurs, Aug 1	Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting at the Evergreen Sportsmen's Club near Littlerock at 7:00 PM.
Sat, Aug 3	WA State Duck and Goose Calling Championships, Sumner Sportsmen's Club, See Flyer, Page 5
Tues, Aug 6	Whatcom Chapter Meeting at 7pm at Laurel Farm & Western Supply in Bellingham.
Wed, Aug 7	WWA Board of Directors Meeting at 11:00 am at The Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. All WWA members are always welcome to attend.

Sat, Aug 10	Ducks Unlimited Washington State Fun Shoot, 8 a.m., Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club.
Tues, Aug 13	NW Chapter Meeting at 7pm at the Conway Fire Station with raffle for attendees.
Thurs, Aug 15	Snoqualmie Valley Ducks Unlimited Banquet at the Snoqualmie Casino. Snoqualmie, WA.
Sun, Aug 18	13th Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shoot, Kenmore Shotgun Ranges. See Flyer on Page 9
Sat, Aug 24	FNRA FREE Youth Shoot, Quincy, WA See Flyer on Page 7
Sat, Sept 7	5th Annual Mount Baker Council Pull for Scouting Sporting Clays Classic, at the Granite Falls Sportsmen's Club.
Sat, Sept 28	LC Chapter Banquet, at Vancouver, WA. See Flyer on Page 16
Sat, Sept 28	NW Chapter Banquet, at Mt. Vernon, WA. See Flyer on Page 17
Sun, Sept 29	15th Annual Youth Mentor Shoot, Kenmore Shotgun Range. See Flyer on Page 15
Sat, Oct 26	Youth Hunt at the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge. See Flyer Page 21

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



News for the Flock

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Oregon Waterfowl Festival

By all accounts we had a very successful festival as an organization on June 21st through the 23rd. We had a number of members step up hauling trailers, setting up and tearing down and staffing our good looking booth over the weekend. Our Chapter was a Lead Sponsor at event held at the **Polk County Fairgrounds** west of Salem.

Eight (8) new members joined, and we sold out the **Cedarville Hunt for Two Raffle** tickets we had. See Flyer on [Page 20](#).

Thanks to **Rick Scott** and **Bob Taylor** for hauling the trailers. **Bob, Al O'Conner** and **Arlan Hackett** for booth work all three (3) days. Thanks also to **Ted Blade, Doug Lee, Jorja Blake, Dan Hafenbrack, Bill Mitchell, Sean Mathews, Jack Whitney, Dave Chavez** and **Rick Scott** for their help staffing the booth on and off through the 3-day weekend.

Banquet Time

Our chapter banquet is just three months away on September 28th. We are looking for donations, gift cards from businesses you frequent, gift baskets, time share weeks, cash or gift donations 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. See Flyer on [Page 16](#).

Waterfowl Swap Meet in August

We are planning a waterfowler's swap meet in August. As soon as a date and venue are locked in, we will send out that information.

Welcome New Members

Joining **WWA** at the **Oregon Waterfowl Festival** — **Roy Elicker, Cody Brague** and wife **Sam, Michael McIntire, Terry Thomas, Danny Neal, Jeremy Ulvin, Erron Ulvin, Kenny Eckerson** — WELCOME to the **WWA** family!



LC Chapter member and Corporate Secretary, Bob Taylor (right), showing off the WWA Duck Mount Display at the Oregon Waterfowl Festival.

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hello everyone —

We continue this month with our Weekly Fun shoots. These chips shoots will help you concentrate more, on a smaller target hopefully making you a better wing shot. Like I said earlier, 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 6**.

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.

Delta Waterfowl Banquet in Portland

I wanted to take a moment to promote the **Delta Waterfowl, Columbia Chapter Banquet** this coming Saturday, July 20, 2019 at **Colwood Golf Center**, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR. This is first **Delta** event in **Portland** since 2013, with **special \$25 ticket prices for Veterans!** So let's welcome **Delta** back in style!

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/>

Kurt Snyder,

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**.

Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

July Chapter Meeting:

The **Southwest Chapter** will have our next meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** at 6:30pm in the **Education Building**, where we will be focused on finalizing plans and assigning the prizes for upcoming **Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Championships** on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at the **Sumner Sportsmen's Club**. This contest will be a great one, so come on out and support us.

We are also still looking for WWA volunteers to help at the day long event on that Saturday. Contact me if you can help out (253) 961-8802 or bwburns36@gmail.com See Flyer on **Adjacent Page 5**.

Looking forward to seeing you there and hearing your ideas about how to make this year's Contest the best ever!



News for the Flock



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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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

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

or

Tom O'Dell: 509-764-8557

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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Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

July Meeting to Feature Decoy Touch Up

Bring your tired, your dilapidated, your long since abandoned decoys to our July 24th Chapter meeting where member **John Hanson** will lead a hands-on demonstration of decoy paint touch up and more. **John** says he has the paint and suggests that any members wishing to participate bring a decoy or two to the meeting for either bulk painting (i.e., converting old mallard decoys, to divers, etc.) or touch up.



A cheap plastic Mallard Decoy — long ago converted to a member of a long line setup of Canvasbacks — needs a touch up of its red head and chest, and a complete redo of its “whitewalls.” Can Chapter member John Hanson do something about the hole in its beak? Come to our July 24th Seattle Chapter Meeting and find out.

New Seattle Chapter Member Wins Boat Build

Congratulations to new **Seattle Chapter** member **Harold Abell** of Mercer Island, WA who moved to the **Greater Seattle Area** just a year ago. He won the New Member Raffle for a hand made Layout Boat. See **NW Chapter News** on **Pages 10 and 11**.

He says he hopes to hunt sea ducks this fall/winter. This Layout Boat should give him a good head start!

Ferd Nist Competition Shoot Off to Fast Start

WWA-Seattle Chapter members came out firing from both barrels on the doubles-trap-set-up at the **Kenmore Gun Range** at our June monthly Chapter meeting. That event kicked off three (3) months of competition in the annual inter-Chapter competition to determine the top shotgunner in **WWA — The Ferd Nist Memorial Trophy Competition!**

The other two (2) competition events include Continental Trap and a Trap Slider. See Rules and examples

of same on **Page 14**. **Also** for the first time, I have been approached by some **WWA** members outside of the **Seattle Chapter** that seriously want to compete this year. To them, I also suggest a perusal of the Rules and see how easy it is to participate at your local trap/skeet range. Contestants have the rest of July and all of August to complete the three (3) shooting venues.

August Meeting to be Focused on BJ Memorial Shoot

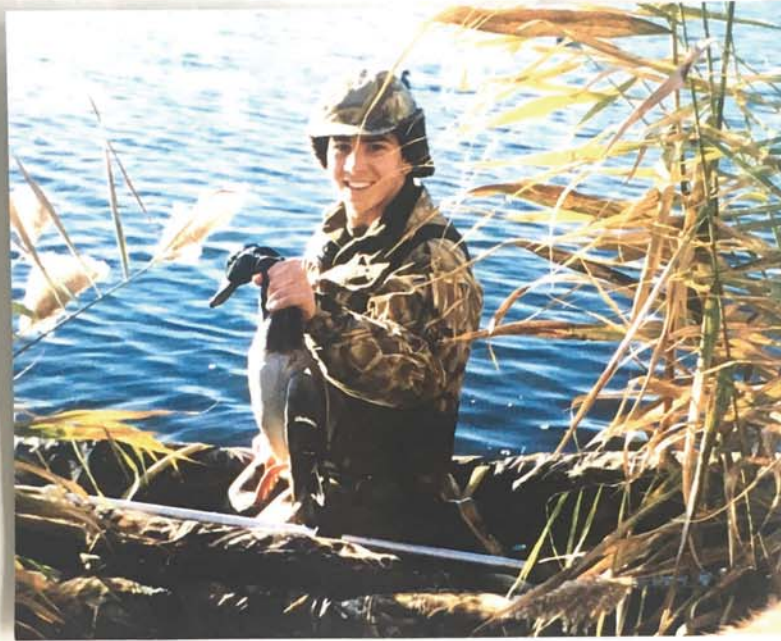
In August we will once again forego our regular meeting night the 4th Wednesday of the month in order to encourage our membership to participate in the 13th Annual **BJ Brown Memorial Trapshoot** on Sunday, August 18th, hosted by **BJ's** parents and Chapter members **Jenny and Mike Lutz**. Fun, Food, and Prizes based both on skill and on luck! See Flyer on **adjacent Page 9**.

Youth Shoot/Hunt Events in Sept/Oct

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!** In addition to the traditional give-aways of WWA logo'd caps, we hope to have a free duck call for each participant. See Flyer on **Page 15**.

Saturday, October 24th, the **Seattle Chapter** will once again participate in the 4th Annual **Ben Welton Memorial Youth Shoot** at the **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. See Flyer, **Page 21**.

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 228th 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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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

We have a winner!

Its official! The winner of the Hybrid Layout Boat is **Harold Abell** of the **Seattle Chapter**. **Harold** is one of **WWA's** newest members to be entered in the recent Layout Boat Raffle that ran between April 15th and June 30th.

The boat turned out to be a real winner also and building the boat was a lot of fun for members of the **NW Chapter**. Special thanks to member **Jason Bolser** for the idea to build and raffle the boat. **Jason** organized the effort including arranging the build location at **Fiberglass Supply of Burlington**. **Jason** also spearheaded the communications effort with other chapters and weekly Facebook posts.

Mathew Weaver of Fiberglass Supply hosted the Boat Build at his business in Burlington. **Mathew** took an existing boat design (sketch) to the next level through multiple refinements using digital definition and extensive fabrication knowledge. **Fiberglass Supply** provided all materials for the boat build and the expertise needed to guide

Chapter members through the build process. Thanks to **Mathew** and his employees for their generosity in making it all come together!

Thanks also to **NW Chapter** members **Greg Brittan, Greg Huggins, Tom Elliot and Rick Billieu** for their participation in the Boat Build. Their willingness to share their hands-on skills and volunteer their time was instrumental in the boat build and made for a fun activity.

August Meeting -- Swap Meet

On August 13th we will be hosting our annual Waterfowl Swap Meet for the monthly meeting at the Conway Fire Station at 7 pm. If you're an equipment junky like me you probably have more stuff than you could ever use (it looks cool all piled up in the garage though), so load up the wagon and let it go!

Guest Speaker

Our August meeting Guest Speaker will be **Jacqueline Langston** owner at **Timber Hen Taxidermy**. **Jacqueline** will show us some of her amazing work and the art of Taxidermy.



New Member Raffle Night with the finished product at the July 9th NW Chapter Meeting. And the Winner is... Harold Abell of the Seattle Chapter! Congrats!

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4th Annual NW Chapter Banquet

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **NW Chapter Banquet**. The Chapter has set a date of September 28th and will hold this event once again at **Hillcrest Lodge in Mt Vernon**. The Banquet provides financial support for out conservation activities and chapter events. A fun evening with good friends, dinner, auctions and raffles.

The chapter is always in need of member donations, auction items and member volunteers for this event. Looking forward to see you at the Banquet! See Flyer on **Page 17**.

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 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.



A View From The Top!



(Left) Rick Billieu, Greg Higgins, Matthew Weaver, and Greg Brittan putting some final touches on the Boat Build.



^^^^ Tom Elliott
<<<< Greg Brittan and Jason Bolser.

Support your passion – get involved!
Rick Billieu, Chapter Chairman
rgbillieu@frontier.com

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Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Matt Berry

Family Picnic Reminder

Just a reminder that the **WWA-Whatcom County Chapter** will be 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 for more information and see you then!

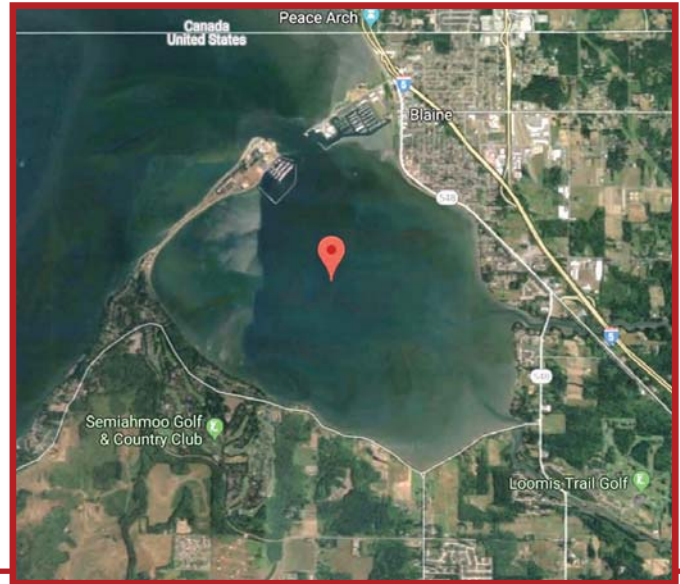
We will resume our regular meeting schedule of meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, conducting our August Chapter Meeting on Tuesday, August 6 at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.

Next No Shooting Zone Dispute

The editor of the **Northern Light** recently (July 11th) contacted me asking for comments from hunters. The **City of Blaine** is lobbying the county to make **Drayton Harbor** a no shooting zone because residents are concerned about the

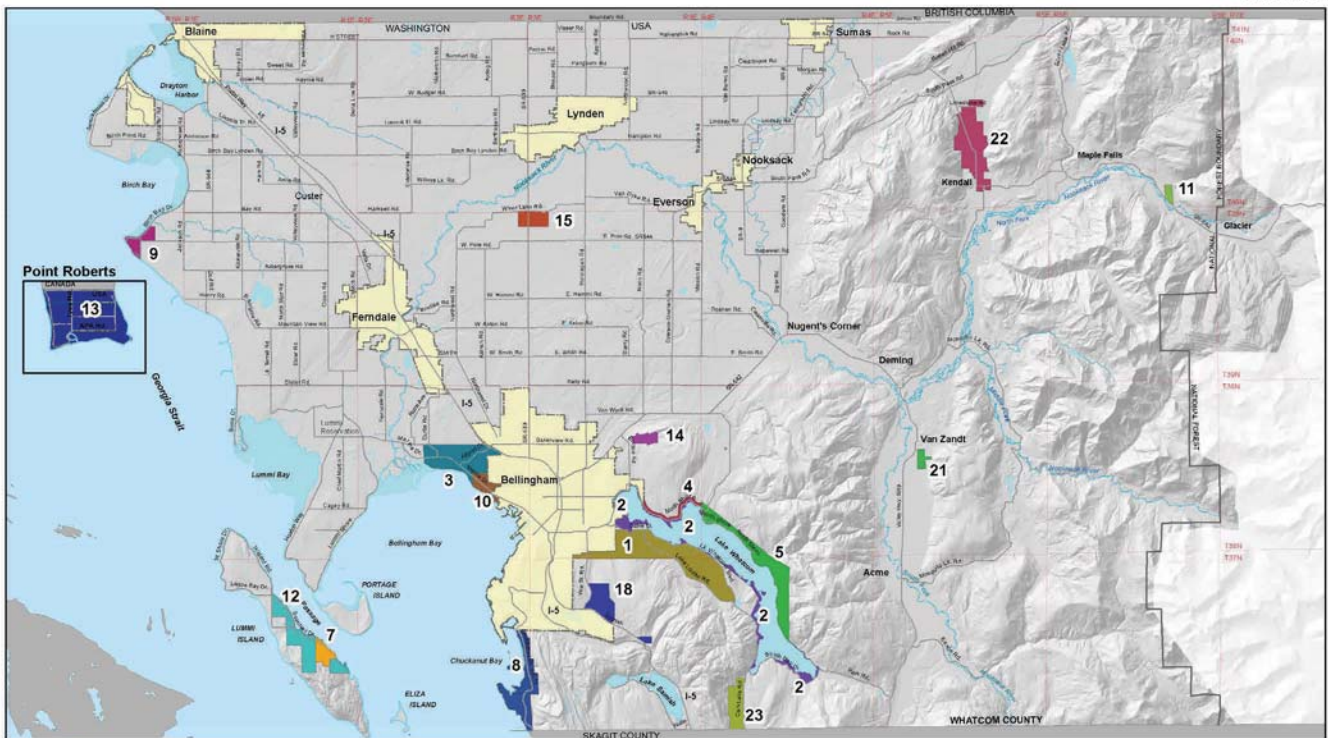
gunfire. Have any of you who hunted it? Any comments we can send the editor for his story? Thanks, **Matt**.

Drayton Harbor is in the top left portion of the attached **Whatcom County No Shooting Zone Map**, and is pictured adjacent to high end golf properties close up.



Whatcom County

No Shooting Zones WCC 9.32



Legend
Incorporated City

USE OF WHATCOM COUNTY'S GIS DATA IMPLIES THE USER'S AGREEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: Whatcom County does not warrant the accuracy, currency, completeness or quality of data included on this map. Any user of this map assumes all responsibility for use thereof, and further agrees to hold Whatcom County harmless from and against any claims, suits, or liability arising from any use of this map.



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
Evergreen
Sportsman's Club!

12736 Marksman St SW
Olympia, WA 98512

**RSVP TO;
KURTSNYDER@OUTDRS.
NET
360-485-9353**

**August 24 2019, 9:00
AM**

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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 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.

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15th Annual Youth Mentor Shoot

When: Sunday, September 29th
12:00pm-3:00pm

Where: Kenmore Gun Range
1031 228th St SW, Bothell, WA 98021

Who: First time shooters ages
12-16 years of age

First time or beginning shooters will have a chance to learn firearm safety, and shotgun shooting skills in a safe and fun environment.

All youth shooters will receive free of charge:

- Firearm safety training in a one-on-one setting
- Guns, shells and range fees
- Hat
- Lunch

All youth participants **MUST BE** accompanied by a legal guardian/adult/parent.
Registration is required as space is limited.

To reserve your spot please email Tricia Ring: triciaering@gmail.com
Reservations must be made by September 20th.

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WATERFOWL BANQUET

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE 16TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION BANQUET, LOWER COLUMBIA CHAPTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 2019 at 5:30 PM



CLUB GREEN MEADOWS

7703 N.E. 72ND Ave VANCOUVER, WA

DINNER

\$40 SINGLE, \$75 FOR COUPLES

EVENTS:

Live & Silent Auctions, Raffles, Guns, Decoys, Waterfowl Art, Guided Hunts, Ladies Raffle, Hunting Equipment, and much more!

For Tickets Contact Banquet Chairman, Doug Hargin, at (360)903-6951 or dlhargin@msn.com

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Washington Waterfowl Association NW Chapter 4th Annual Banquet

Saturday Sept. 28th, 2019

**HILLCREST
LODGE**

1717 South 13th Street
Mt Vernon, WA



Washington Waterfowl Association

For Reservations Contact:

Rich Phillips

(360) 631-4456

Warden156@hotmail.com

Rick Billieu

(360) 653-8571

rgbillieu@frontier.com

Dinner includes: BBQ Brisket,
Chicken, Salad with sides and soft
drinks

Youth: \$20 Single: \$40 Couple: \$70

Hunting Party Table: \$500

Includes: 8 Tickets, WWA
Membership for new members,
WWA Commemorative Beer Glasses,
FREE Beer, Hats and \$200 per table
Raffle Tickets.

Only 115 tickets available. Sold out last year
so don't wait.

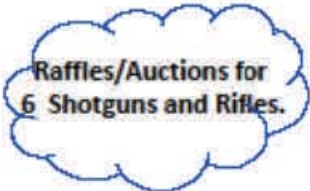


Kelly's BBQ
Tulip Valley Wines

Doors Open: 5:00 PM
Dinner at 6:30 PM

Come and enjoy an evening
with family fun, auctions,
raffles, and delicious food.

Advanced payment preferred. Checks,
Cash and Credit Cards also accepted and
processed at event door. Make all checks
payable to: NW Washington Waterfowl
Association.



Raffles/Auctions for
6 Shotguns and Rifles.



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:

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WDFW Completes Goose Banding at Lake Terrell



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The **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** completed its annual **Canada Goose Banding Program** on July 12th at the **Lake Terrell Unit** of the **Whatcom Wildlife Area**. Together, biologists, students, and volunteers managed to capture and band more than 1,000 new geese throughout Washington. Highlights included new areas for banding, such as the **Pend Oreille River** near **Newport**, and **Lake Tapps** near **Auburn**. Banding also continued in the **Greater Spokane Area**, on **Moses Lake**, and **Ellensburg**.

Additionally, **47 Resident Dark Geese** on the **Lower Columbia River** were outfitted with white neck collars for **Dusky Canada Goose** re-sight surveys and population demographics. Gosling production was decent, although many broods were later than usual, meaning non-feathered young were caught into early July.

See upcoming banding opportunities for volunteers on the **adjacent Page 19**.

WDFW News for the Flock

Avoid the Rush, Complete Hunter Education Now

OLYMPIA The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) reminds prospective hunters to complete their hunter education class before hunting season.

"Since most hunting seasons don't open until September, summer is a great time to enroll in hunter education to ensure you can participate in fall hunting seasons," said **David Whipple, WDFW Hunter Education Division Manager**. "WDFW recommends completing a hunter education course early because late summer and fall courses fill quickly."

WDFW offers both traditional and online options to complete the hunter education requirement.

"The traditional classroom experience includes direct instruction from certified volunteer instructors, which can be important for younger students," **Whipple** said.

"The online course offers the same content, but on the student's schedule. If you take the online course, you must still complete an in-person field skills evaluation."

All hunters born after Jan. 1, 1972 must complete a hunter education course to buy a hunting license. To find a course and learn about hunter education requirements, new hunters should visit the WDFW hunter education webpage at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/education/basic>.

Those who are unable to complete a hunter education course before the fall hunting seasons may qualify for a hunter education deferral. For more information on the deferral, visit <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/education/deferral-program>.

The WDFW is the state agency tasked with preserving, protecting and perpetuating fish, wildlife and ecosystems, while providing sustainable fishing and hunting opportunities.

My How Time Flies

This year, the Department celebrates its 25th Anniversary – 25 years since the WA State Legislature combined the **Wildlife and Fisheries Departments** to bring a unified approach to habitat, fish, and wildlife management.

WDFW to Resume Banding Programs

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will begin Mallard banding soon, according to **Matthew Wilson, WDFW Statewide Waterfowl Specialist**.

Wilson says that if people would like to volunteer to help out they should contact the district biologist in the region they either live in or are interested in volunteering in. He adds that **Districts 4, 5, 8, & 14** usually have active programs that can use help.

Interested people can find contacts at https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-02/wildlife_district_bios_0.pdf

Editor's Note: I would assume that these volunteer efforts could be used for Master Hunter credits.

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The **WWA** is based on volunteer efforts and donations from folks that care about the waterfowl hunting heritage. Our success rides on the shoulders of these volunteers and generous benefactors. Below in red is a listing of recent contributions to the five (5) primary funds established by the **WWA** since publication of the **June 2019 Newsletter**.

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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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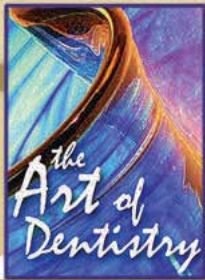
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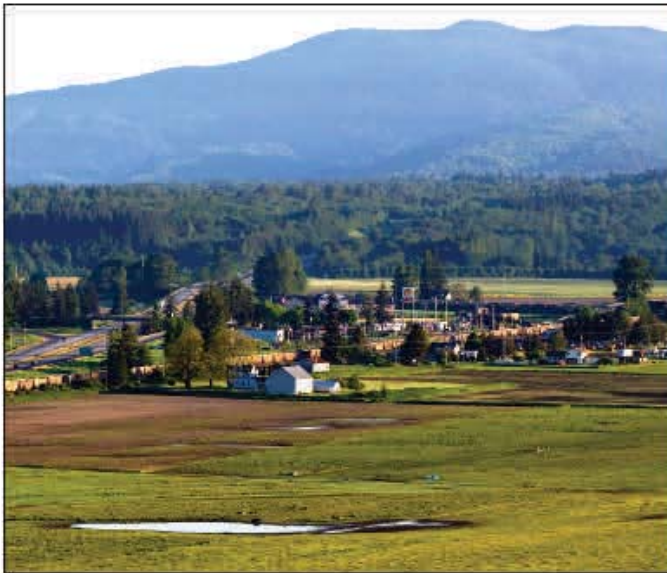
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