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Hello Fellow Waterfowlers —

Saturday, October 12, 2019 marked the beginning of a new waterfowl hunting season. Hopefully it all went well on your opener!

In the September newsletter I failed to mention the **Washington State Duck Stamp Program** that we manage. **Mike Bell, Jim Cortines** and **Earl Mikkelsen** do a fantastic job. They have put the Washington state duck stamp in the national limelight many times over, winning both Best Design and Favorite Stamp in the 2018 **National Duck Stamp Collectors Society (NDSCS)** polling, and tied for first in Best Design in 2017! Let's do the **WWA** a big favor and start ordering your stamp today and buy a print to go with it. Go to washingtonduckstamp.com or waduck.org

Tuesday night we had a good turn out of **WWA** members from several different chapters at the Whatcom County Council chambers to argue against the proposed no shooting zone in **Drayton Harbor** by the City of Blaine. I do not want to go further into this subject as I will give The Whatcom Chapter the opportunity to share their insights on the meeting.

On September 28th, two (2) chapters hosted their annual fund raising banquets — one in Mt Vernon by the **North West Chapter** and the other in Vancouver by the **Lower Columbia Chapter**. I attended the **NW Chapter** banquet. I know that we had a successful one and a good time. From the financial results presented at the **WWA Board of Directors Meeting** in early October, it appears the **LC Chapter** also had a very successful banquet. Thanks to all who attended; who spent months in planning and gathering prizes; helped with set up and clean up. Without you volunteers, these events just don't happen.

I have been impressed by the steady rise in new members through out the year. I do not know the exact numbers but I think we are at 50 new members. Keep it up, there is strength in numbers. We have to keep pressing individuals to join, talk to friends and relatives about the good we do in the community.

Rick Holt, WWA President

MISSION STATEMENT

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News for the Flock

2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

- Sat, Oct 19 **Statewide Pheasant Season Opens**

- Wed, Oct 23 **Seattle Chapter Meeting** at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range** in Bothell. **FREE** round of Trap or 5-Stand for **ALL** Members of **ALL** Chapters. Shooting all afternoon. Business meeting, pizza and soft drinks at 7 p.m.

- Thurs, Oct 24** **NOTE: One week early.**
Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting at **Vancouver Trap Club** in Vancouver.

- Sat, Oct 26 **Youth Hunt** at the **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge**. See Flyer **Page 7**.

- Thurs & Fri** **Waterfowl Season Closed**
Oct 31 & Nov 1 **Statewide**

- Nov 2 thru Jan 26 **Statewide Waterfowl Season Resumes.**

- Sat, Nov 2 **Youth Hunt** at **Ridgefield NWR**
See Flyer on **Page 9**.

- Tues, Nov 5 **Whatcom Chapter Meeting** at 7pm at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.

- Wed, Nov 6 **WWA Board of Directors Meeting** at 11:00 am at **The Poodle Dog Restaurant** in Fife. All **WWA** members are always welcome.

- Sun. Nov 10 **Veterans Hunt** at **Ridgefield NWR**

- Tues, Nov 12 **Northwest Chapter Meeting** at 6:30 pm at the **Conway Fire Hall**.

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



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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi everyone. Boy has this year melted away. Seems like I was just putting my decoys away a few days ago....

I want to wish everyone a safe and fun hunting season. I have heard good predictions and bad ones for this year. I'm kinda stuck in the middle with a "see what happens" attitude. We can always look back with fond memory of great hunts with seemingly millions of cooperating ducks and geese and the friendships developed through the years. This will usually get me through any slow days.

I have been scouring some public information looking to connect waterfowl numbers with any changes in environment, and it has me reeling! As I look through some of these reports, I can connect the times with high numbers to some of my past hunts. The numbers are down. No doubt about it. But, the numbers of hunters buying the waterfowl authorization (duck stamp) has risen.

What does this mean for the hunting? It means more use of the public areas. It goes beyond speculation of how this will affect the hunting. Less quality hunts for sure. Most hunters are happy just to get a few opportunities. Some feel the need to get many limits. Whatever kind of hunter you are, my guess is you will be seeing the results of fewer areas available and fewer waterfowl.

The **WWA** has been foremost in preaching to hunters to take care of the hunting areas and pass on the good word. I don't know anyone in this organization that I would call a bad hunter. I rate the membership as high as you could on any scale. We don't have a lot of members, but the ones we do have are exceptional. Representative of all hunters. That says a lot. I see things with this organization changing in every board meeting. Every event. Always getting better for the conservation of wildfowl. Our effect can only grow with the membership so next time you meet a hunter that is not a member,

give them an application! Fill it out for them if you can! Our Chapter (and others) have always given new members a new **WWA** logo'd hat!

Cedarville Farms Hunt Raffle Results

Our Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle has ended his year with two (2) very excited winners. **Steven Massingale** from **Stanwood** won with a ticket he bought early in the raffle. **David Mason** of **Ridgefield** was also a winner. I wish both of you and your guests a great hunt!

I need to thank all involved in the very cool raffle. **Jon McAninch**, owner of **Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club** has been donating these hunts to the **WWA** for many years now, that benefits **ALL WWA** Chapters that choose to participate! Thank you, **Jon** for being a **GREAT** sponsor. And thank you to all that bought and sold the tickets.

The funds earned will go a long way toward what we do! The net amount brought in was \$2,638.00. Pretty sweet chunk of change! The **Lower Columbia Chapter** took the crown from the **Grays Harbor Chapter** this year by out-selling us by 15 tickets! We'll get it back next year!

Many thanks and Safe Hunting,
Kurt Snyder
WWA-GH Chapter Chair



John Arrabito (SEA), Joseph Schumacher (SW) and Roger Swope (GH) joined me on Saturday, September 28th, staffing the WWA Booth at the Annual Hunt/Fish Day at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club.

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Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Matt Berry

Thanks to All who Attended the Public Hearing

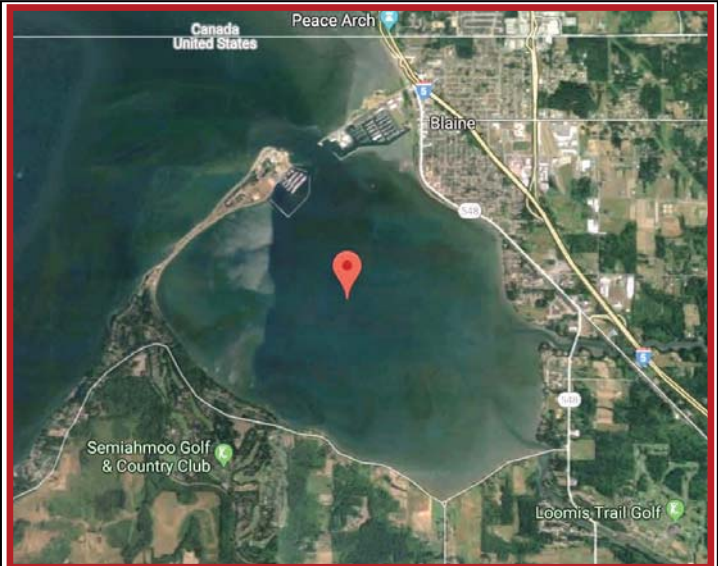
Members from the **Whatcom Chapter** and **WWA Corporate Board** spoke passionately and made some strong points in an October 8th public hearing in front of the **Whatcom County Council** opposing a proposed No Shooting Zone encompassing all of **Drayton Harbor**.

Corporate President Rick Holt interjected some much needed levity in the chambers by explaining that he was responsible for all the elaborate woodworking in the room. When the laughter subsided he explained the mission and purpose of **WWA** to the room and represented the group very well. **Corporate Treasurer John Arrabito**, a retired attorney, summarized existing state law regarding hunting in this area. The **County Council** was unaware of many of the laws protecting hunting, especially the state law that specifically exempts noise from firearm[s] during the course of hunting as a legal reason to impose a No Shooting Zone.

Whatcom Chapter Treasurer Matt Berry presented the **Change.org petition** that had gathered 1,100+ signatures in just the two (2) weeks leading up to the hearing.

Whatcom Chapter Chair Lyle Galloway spoke on hunting safety and shotgun ballistics. Other **Whatcom Chapter** members made great points to the Council including **Anthony Giebel, Pete Adams, Jessie Dwight, Rodney Vandersypen**. Members from both the **Lummi and Swinomish Tribes** made passionate arguments against the proposed Shooting Ban!

WDFW Officer Ryan Valentine stated in his 16 years service in Whatcom County he had received no verified reports regarding safety issues and firearms in **Drayton Harbor**.



High end golf properties and the City of Blaine wish to impose a No Shooting Zone on the entire Drayton Harbor Area of Whatcom County.

He also corrected statements made by some area residents regarding shooting noise from 5 a.m. in the morning, noting that it's impossible to see in the darkness at 5 a.m., and quoted the official hunting regulations that legal hunting begins no earlier than 6 a.m. **Facts** provided by **Officer Valentine** were very supportive of our cause and offered great insight.

Due to a lack of any concrete data from the proponents of the ban, the **County Council** decided to postpone a vote to give the **City of Blaine** time to produce evidence of safety issues posed by hunters. The **Whatcom Chapter** is preparing some data of our own for the upcoming committee meeting in four (4) weeks.

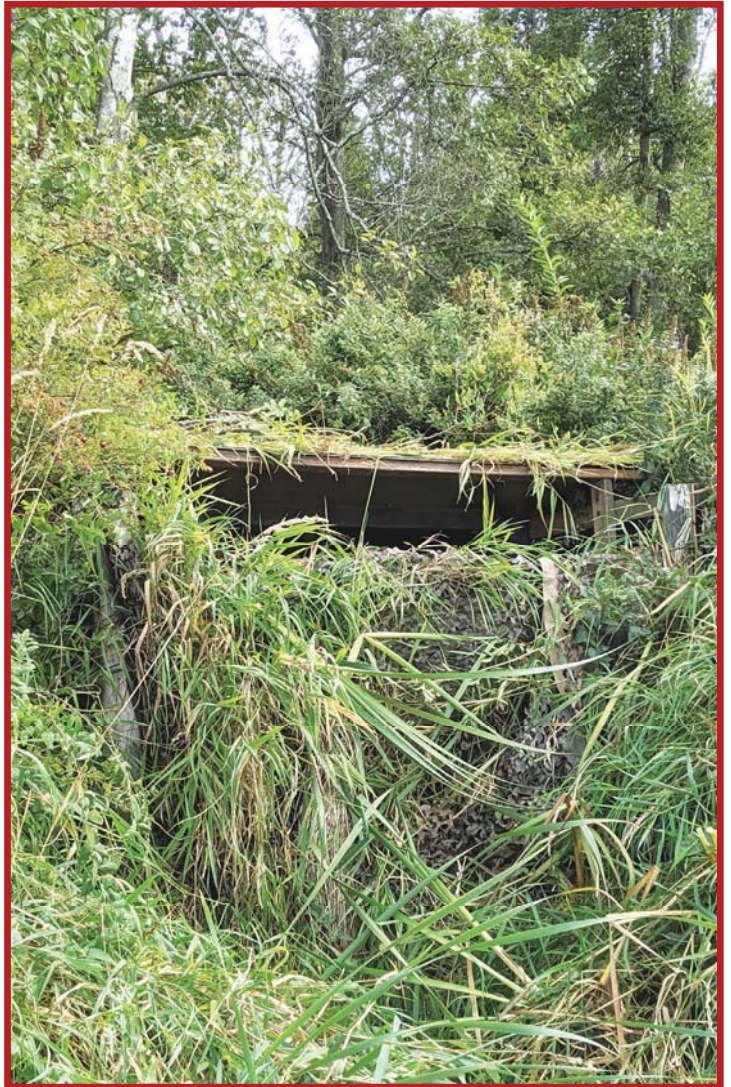


WDFW Officer Ryan Valentine speaking to the Whatcom County Council regarding a proposed NO Shoot Zone in all of Drayton Harbor. (See map above)

News for the Flock — Whatcom News Continued



Whatcom County Chapter Work Party Crew building and refurbishing blinds at Lake Terrell and at the Nooksack Unit, the weekend of September 21st. (From L) Steve Peila, Clinton Macy, Aaroch Ray, Aaroch's Brother #1, Aaroch's Brother #2, Anthony Giebel and Chapter Chair, Lyle Galloway.



Nooksack Unit Blind (right)

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Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

Ferd Nist Competition has Repeat Champion



One of our **WWA-Seattle Chapter** members that hasn't gotten enough credit from us is **Jim Painter**, who recently completed back-to-back years as the winner of the annual **Ferd Nist Memorial Shooting Competition**, which unofficially determines the best shotgunner in **WWA**. **Jim** busted 88 out of 100 targets in Doubles, Continental Trap, and a Trap Slider competitions. I've got to learn to keep my head down on the stock as **Jim** demonstrates in this photo!

The Chapter didn't get a chance to properly congratulate **Jim** at our September meeting as he had to leave early. Then again, he has possession of the **Traveling Ferd Nist Trophy**, so I guess we'll just have to wait for him to return it so we can put his name on there once again.

CONGRATULATIONS, Jim!

Unfortunately once again we couldn't entice any members from any other chapters to participate — hence the "unofficiality" (Is that even a word?) of the term **Best of WWA!** Any suggestions as to how in future years we can encourage participation in this event for other chapters at their local shooting ranges is always welcome.

FREE Round of Trap or 5-Stand at October Meeting

No special program on tap for our October meeting, but after the last Saturday's opener, if any of you feel you need a little more time on the range before you go out again, the **Seattle Chapter** is willing to help out with a **FREE** round of Trap or 5-Stand for **ALL** members of **ALL** Chapters in attendance!

We'll be finalizing plans to bring the **WWA Duck Mount Display** and **Trailer** down to the **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge** for their Annual Ben Welton Memorial Youth Hunt. See more below and Flyer on adjacent **Page 7**.

Christmas Party Ideas, Anyone?

New chapter member **Aaron Kao** has been helping me look for a restaurant venue where we can once again host a Christmas party featuring Peking Duck as the main entrée. Unfortunately **Andy Wang**, former the owner of the **Mandarin Garden** in Issaquah where we held nine (9) previous Christmas dinners, has sold his business and is enjoying some well deserved world travel with his wife. Please let **Aaron** and I know if you have any other culinary ideas!

Willapa NWR Youth Hunt October 26th

Jackie Ferrier, Willapa National Wildlife (NWR) Complex Manager, reminds hunters, age 16 and younger of the **Youth Hunt** on the Refuge, Saturday, October 26th.

Refuge hunting fees will be waived for all youth and supervising adults, though hunters must have a valid state hunting license; all required federal and state migratory waterfowl stamps; and a hunter education course certificate.

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Mallard Photo by Steve Emmons

OCTOBER 26, 2019 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

Ben Welton Memorial Youth Waterfowl Hunt

Hunters under 16 years of age are welcomed to participate in this special youth waterfowl hunt at WILLAPA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old who is not hunting. Refuge hunting fees will be waived for all youth and supervising adults during the youth hunt. Hunters must have a valid state hunting license, any required stamps, and a hunter education course certificate. All state regulations for season dates, bag limits, etc. apply. You may arrive up to 1 ½ hours before shoot time and check in at the self registration kiosk. Experienced hunters, food and educational materials will be provide at the times noted.



**8:00am – 1:30pm
Donuts & coffee
provided.**

**12:30pm – 1:30pm
Light lunch provided**

**Experienced hunters
available to mentor
youth hunters.**

**Fun & Prizes
for youth hunters!**

WILLAPA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Riekkola Unit
East end of 67th Place
Long Beach, WA
360-484-3482

www.fws.gov/refuge/willapa

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Ridgefield NWR Fall Blind Opening



Black Box Dog Retro-Fit, Blind #17 at Ridgefield NWR. (From L) Chris Stalcup, Arlan Hackett, Rick Scott, and David Mason.

We had a fantastic turn out on Saturday September 21st for the fall opening and brush up at the **River "S" Unit Hunt Area on the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. Approximately 35 people cleaned out the blinds and camouflaged the box blinds. The **Refuge** provided fast grass type material along with natural vegetation culled by volunteers to complete the blind disappearance act. With a good turnout we were able to send groups out to blinds they liked hunting out of and finish by 11 a.m.

The aluminum blind at 17 was replaced with one of the new Black Box composite pit blinds. Everyone came back to the check station for burgers, dogs and chili. Thanks to **Dave** and **Cindy Lescalleet** for running the check station and soliciting volunteers through hunter registration. Thanks to **Arlan Hackett** and **Chris Stalcup** for grilling up some tasty hamburgers and chili for lunch.

Another Successful Banquet in the Books!

Thanks to all our faithful members, friends and family for joining us on Saturday the 28th for another memorable fundraising banquet. Thanks to former Chapter President **Rick Scott** for emceeing the event. We appreciate all the donation requests sent out and work on the banquet

by **Arlan Hackett**. We had good help with the set up and banquet from **David Weston, Mark Weston, Dan Hafenbrack, Dino Mastri, Cody and Samantha Brague, Bill Dose, Jackie Pepper, Crystal Matheus, Chris Stalcup, Jerry Piazza, Rick Scott, Ted Blade and Michael Andreotti**.

Michael did another amazing job on the signage and running the raffle sales. Thanks to **Dave Weston** and **Mark Weston** for handling the kids raffle. **Ted** sold the Shot Shell raffle game and **Samantha (Sam) Brague** was the purveyor of beads for our Head's or Tail's game. **Rick** and **Ted** had the group howling with the coin flips and misses! Thanks to **Barb Hackett, Cheryl Hargin, Karla Blade, Samantha Brague** and **Jackie Pepper** (great salsa!) for donating raffle baskets.

Denise Hafenbrack made two nice camo pattern blankets also.

We appreciate **Jon** and **Marty McAninch** traveling down to attend our banquet and again donating the two (2) **Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Raffle Hunts**, (each for two (2) hunters) which provides funds for **WWA** statewide. They have fantastic duck club properties that provide outstanding waterfowl hunting opportunities to the lucky winners.

We would also like to thank **Jack Whitney** for his many donations including a Berretta shotgun from the estate of his sister **Jan Whitney**. Finally, thanks to all who showed up and spent your treasure at the event helping raise a little over **\$11,000**.

Youth Hunt at Ridgefield is November 2nd

This year's **Ridgefield NWR Youth Hunt** (for Youth 15 and younger) will be held on Saturday, November 2nd. See Flyer on **Page 9**. The **Lower Columbia Chapter** sponsors this event with prizes for all youth including duck calls, blind bags etc. A BBQ lunch is provided to all.

The annual **Veteran's Hunt** at the **Refuge** will be held Sunday, November 10th.

Ridgefield NWR Youth Hunt Day



Only youth will be issued reservations to the morning hunt on this day. Therefore no adult reservations will be accepted for this day. Hunters 15 years of age or younger are eligible for this special hunting opportunity and must be accompanied by an supervising non-hunting adult at least 18 years old.

Hunting fees will be waived for all youth and supervising adults. All other refuge hunting program regulations will apply. Also be careful to have appropriate small game license and free state (stamp) validation prior to the hunt. The Refuge has no ability to issue licenses or validations on the day of the hunt! Please also note, goose hunting will not be allowed during youth hunt day. Hunting on this day will be limited to ducks and coot. Supervising adults may not possess firearms in the blind until noon, when general public hunting resumes for the remainder of the hunting day.

At noon, unoccupied blinds will be assigned via a ping pong ball lottery for the general public. After the noon blind assignment, the remainder of the day will resume a typical first-come first-serve procedure to occupy vacant blinds. At noon, adults supervising youth hunters with valid licenses/stamps can hunt for the duration of the day.

To Apply: Simply mail a postcard to Youth Hunt Day, POB 457 Ridgefield, WA 98642 - or- deliver it in person to Refuge Headquarters at 28908 NW Main Ave, Ridgefield, WA. Postcards must be RECEIVED by close of business on October 4th 2019. On the post card please list your name, age, and a mailing address.

Applications are due on October 4th, 2019. Applicants that apply by this date will receive reservations to pick first from the available hunting blinds. Missed the deadline? If you arrive at the check station on the morning of Youth Hunt Day, at least 1 3/4 hours before shooting time, you will be able to choose from the blinds remaining after the reservation youth hunters. Given the typical number of applicants, there will likely be plenty of room on Youth Hunt Day. Please, consider joining the event. Questions? Office # 360 887-4106

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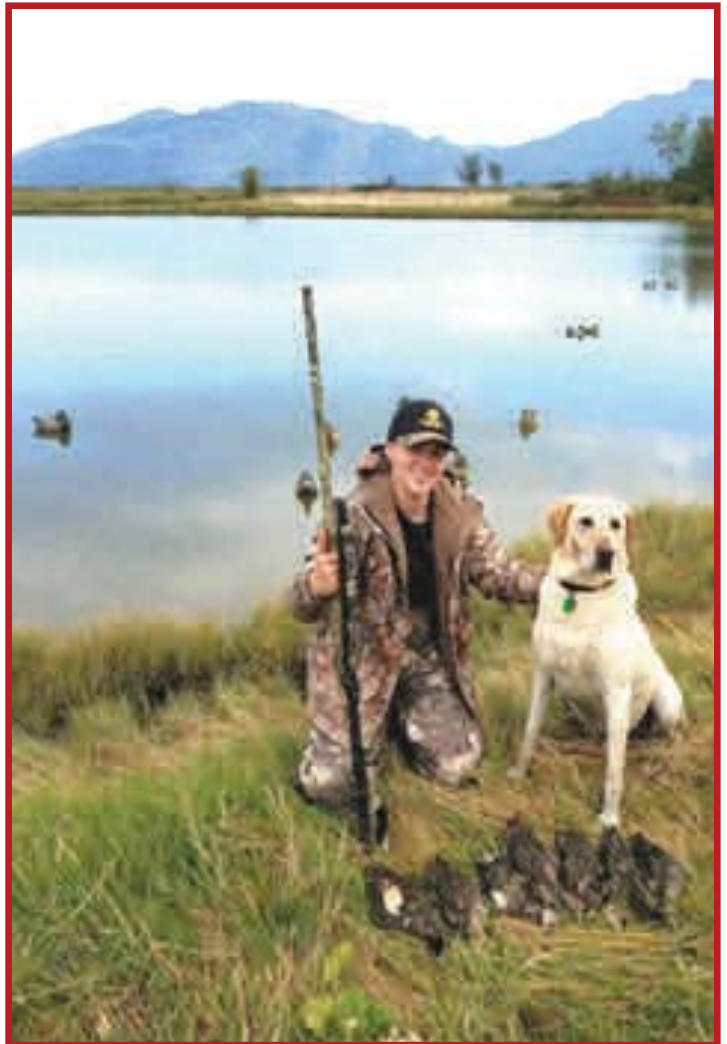
Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Yes the waterfowl hunting season is once again upon us. As always, I'm chomping at the proverbial bit for some adventure in the field and on the water. Seeing all the birds at the **Youth Hunt, Farmed Island Tour** and a couple boat cruises quickly stirred the fever. Quality time with the kids, dad and good friends. Solitude times when we're hunting alone. I hope all of your hunting adventures go well this season. Be safe and don't forget to mention the **WWA** to all the individuals you meet in the field.

Fun, Ducks & Memories on Youth Waterfowl Hunt

The **Northwest Chapter** once again sponsored our youth waterfowl hunts at three (3) local properties. This year's hunts were held at the **Edison Gun Club, Swinomish Hunt Club** and **The Nature Conservancy** on the **Stillaguamish River**. We had a total of nine (9) groups of young hunters, parents and grandparents attending. With seven (7) different blinds and dozens of decoys set out, the kids harvested 28 ducks. Most ducks taken were Teal, Mallards and Northern Spoonbill. There were large numbers of birds in the area so hunting was good. Once again the tides were not the best for waterfowling, but the weather was great for the young hunters. We passed out duck calls and whistles to the kids that didn't already have a



Dakota and Grif and a Limit of Teal!



NW Chapter Member Alex Van Vliet and his son, Ethan.

lanyard full of calls. The biggest success was the kids just having fun and the memories of some first hunts.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

- **Rick Skiba** our chapter's **Youth Hunt Coordinator** for organization of the entire event, including hunt location relations with all of the property owners and organizing all the hunts.
- The **Edison Gun Club, Swinomish Hunt Club** and **The Nature Conservancy** for the generous use of their
- properties and hospitality.
- The "decoy crew" **Reb Broker, Rick Holt & Rick Billieu** for getting the decoys out in the mud at low tide.
- **Steve Massingale** for volunteering to help guide and mentor the kids; and finally
- All the Parents and Grandparents who took the time to spend their day with the kids.

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October Chapter Meeting

Our guest speaker at the October chapter meeting was **Rob Wingard— Private Lands Manager and Biologist, Region 4, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**. Rob provided the attendees with information on the **Private Lands Hunting Program**. This is a statewide program in which land owners in partnership with **WDFW** allow public hunting on their properties. The process includes lands designated as **“Feel Free to Hunt”**, **“Register to Hunt”** and **“Hunt by Written Permission.”** Rob shared information on all sites within **Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom** counties. He provided the members with some of the changes to the program including reservation system changes and survey cards use by hunters, as well as crops planted and acreage amounts planted at sites.

Rob fielded many questions from the audience. Excellent presentation material. Thank you **Rob** for attending the chapter’s meeting and sharing this valuable information with us.

Chapter Banquet

The **Northwest Chapter of WWA** held its 4th Banquet on Saturday, September 28th, at **Hillcrest Lodge** in Mt. Vernon. About 115 people attended the event and looked to be having a great time! We again featured **Kelly’s BBQ** for dinner accompanied by **Tulip Valley Wines**. Both are local businesses in Mt Vernon. Plenty of draft beer to go around, donated by one of our members.



Auctioneer Clint White Doing His Thing!

There were live auction and silent auctions that featured an assortment of prints, decoys, firearms, a chain saw and lots of hunting gear. A big Thank You to the banquets live auctioneer **Clint White**. As always **Clint** was superb at generating an exiting auction. The table raffles provided lots of fun with some very nice merchandise thanks to our very generous donors.

The ladies duck calling competition was a hoot! Ten (10) competitors and a final call-off for 1st and 2nd place, both receiving **Hobby Lobby** Gift Cards. Nice going ladies, and thanks for giving it your best.



Ladies Duck Calling Contest!

A huge thanks to donors **Kent Saltonstall** and **Ted Grichuhin** (**Seattle Chapter** members) who emptied their sheds with items like a **Parker** 12 Gauge; an 18 foot Canoe, vintage decoys and other hunting goods, including a vintage **Herters** Dog Kennel.

Thanks to our set up crew, **Rick Skiba, Rick Holt, Rick Billieu, Rich & Cindy Phillips, Ed Farrey, Reb, Ron and Ian Broker**. Great job on all the guest who helped cleanup after the fun. Thanks to the **Cindy Phillips** who registered our guests with efficiency and a smile. A big thanks to our banquet team **Reb & Ian Broker, Rick Holt, Rich Phillips, Mike Rathvon, James Ono and Tom Elliott**. These members also ran all the raffles and games. Special thanks to our roving photographer, **Ian Broker**.

Thank You to all of our guests and donors for supporting the waterfowling passion and **WWA’s** mission.

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Farmed Island Tour

On Saturday, October 6th the **NW Chapter** members and guests met up at the **Skagit Wildlife Area Headquarters** boat launch for our annual tour of the **Farmed Island** and surrounding waterways. The **Farmed Island** is 240 acres and is identified as the “**Island Unit**” by

the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**. It's one of 16 **Skagit Wildlife Area** sites. We cruised in five (5) boats a short distance up the **South Fork Skagit River** and met **Curran Cosgrove (WDFW)** at the lower landing.

Curran and other **WDFW** employees annually plant waterfowl foraging crops on the island. This year over 120 acres were planted providing a critical food source for migrating waterfowl throughout the season. Crops include barley, millet, fava beans, buckwheat and corn.

Curran guided the tour group to several locations on the Island, providing information on the type of crops planted and pointing out hunt blind locations. A few of us also cruised **Steamboat Slough** to the island backside out to **Skagit Bay**. Thanks to everyone who attended, those that brought their boats (**Rick Holt, Brandon Ballard, Tom Elliott, Steve Massingale, Rick Billieu**) and to **Curran Cosgrove** for once again volunteering his time to show us this unique island gem.

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Tuesday each month at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7 p.m. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

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



Curran Cosgrove Sharing Farmed Island Info.

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Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns



Southwest Chapter WWA members (and their guests) on this year's trip to Alberta, Canada. (From L) David Irons, Rod Boyer, Bret Malakowsky, Rod's dog, Saga, Larry Burns, and Bruce Burns.



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Spokane Chapter News

By: Ramon Guel

Turnbull NWR Youth Hunt — Fun and Birds



WOW! The **Spokane Chapter** has kicked off waterfowl season in a big way. The **Turnbull Youth-Only Hunt** was a mighty success for only having two (2) months of planning and preparation. **Scotty Allenton** (Treasurer) and I met six (6) youth and their dads early on the morning of September 28th at the **Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. As you can see from the accompanying photos, we had some birds down, and smiling kids. At one point we heard three (3) different blinds blasting away which is always music to my ears!

Next year, we plan to have the weekend prior to the hunt dedicated to waterfowl techniques with support from the **Turnbull** staff and members from the Chapter. Expect to have a youth calling contest, decoy placement class, and more!

Turnbull NWR Work Party

The weekend after the Youth Hunt, the fun at **Turnbull** just kept building! To help support **National Refuge Week**, members of the Chapter, along with **Friends of Turnbull** came out on October 5th to plant some trees and mend some fences. We had six (6) members of the Chapter including myself turn out to help support this cause.

Through these two events, we've stuck to our mandate of promoting waterfowl conservation as well as youth mentoring. As we wind down the events to concentrate on actual waterfowl hunting, I want to extend an invitation to any members of other chapters to come hunt with us. Drop us a line, and we'll meet you at the blind.

We'll resume chapter meeting and events after the regular season. Stay safe out there!



News for the Flock — Spokane News Continued

Family Outing at Turnbull NWR Work Party for Spokane Chapter Chair, Ramon Guel, with Neesa McClaghry, Cade Guel, and Avacyn Guel.



(Left) Michael Keith and his son, Tristan!

Former Spokane Chapter Members — Come check out the revival of the Chapter and consider getting involved once again in the sport and waterfowl conservation that prompted your initial membership in WWA!



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Yakima Valley Chapter News —

Chapter Chair Marcus Leuck, WWA Life Member and WA Refuge Moderator Roger Bennett, Chapter Treasurer, Hugh Carney and his son, Finn, were busy in the pre-season building two (2) new blinds and rebuilding the one handicap accessible blind at the Headquarters Unit of the Sunnyside Wildlife Area.



Roger is dangerous with a can of spray paint! lol



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Selected (and Incomplete) Summary of 2019-2020 Migratory Game Bird Seasons (Significant Changes in Red)

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Ducks	W WA Youth	September 21, 2019 (Youth Hunt Only)	7 (b)	7 (b)
	E WA Youth	September 28, 2019 (Youth Hunt Only)	7 (b)	7 (b)
	Statewide	Oct. 12-30, 2019 and Nov. 2, 2019—Jan. 26, 2020 EXCEPT Scaup closed Oct. 12 — Nov. 1, 2019	7 (b)	21 (b)
	Statewide	(Youth, Veterans & Active Military)	February 1, 2020	7 (b)
(b) Bag Limits:	Statewide	7 ducks to include not more than 2 hen mallards; 1 pintail ; 3 scaup; 2 canvasback, and 2 redhead;		
	Western WA	To include not more than 1 harlequin (season limit); 2 scoter, 2 long tailed duck; and 2 goldeneye in W WA		
(b) Possession Limits Statewide		3 pintail ; 9 scaup; 6 canvasback; 6 redhead & 6 hen mallards 6 scoter; 6 long tailed duck; & 6 goldeneye in Western WA		
		Coots, and	25	75
		Snipe	8	24

AUTHORIZATION & HARVEST RECORD CARD REQUIRED TO HUNT SEA DUCKS, BRANT & SNOW GEESE

		Canada WF Geese White Canada WF White						
Statewide	(Youth, Veterans & Active Military)	February 1, 2020	4	10	6	4	10	6
Geese (except Brant)	Goose Mgmt. Area 1	Regular Season Oct. 12-Dec 1 and Dec 14—Jan 26, 2020	4	10	6	12	30	18
NOTE: (White Geese are Snow & Ross' Geese)	Late Season	Feb 8-18, 2020 (White Geese Only)	—	—	6	—	—	18
* Refer to specific Rules (Saturday, Sunday & Wednesday ONLY, Oct 12—27; Nov 2—Dec 1; Dec 21—Jan 19)	Goose Mgmt. Area 2 Coast	All Areas EXCEPT Willapa NWR Everyday* — Oct 12th—27th Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays ONLY Nov 2--Dec 1; Dec 21—Jan 19, 2020 and Feb 8-22 2020. During Feb 8—22 (Goose Hunting CLOSED in ALL NWR and WDFW Wildlife Areas	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
Dusky Canada Goose Season is closed in Area 2 during October thru March	Goose Mgmt. Area 2 Inland	All Areas EXCEPT Ridgefield NWR Everyday** — Oct 12th—27th Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays ONLY Nov 23 thru—Jan 12, 2020; and Feb 8—March 7, 2020. During Feb 8—Mar 7, (Goose Hunting CLOSED in ALL NWR Areas	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
**Refer to specific Rules (Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays ONLY, Oct 12—26; And Nov 23—Jan 11, 2020)	Goose Mgmt., Area 3	Oct. 12-24; Nov. 2—Jan. 26, 2020	4	10	6	12	30	18
	Goose Mgmt., Area 4	Sat, Sun, & Weds, ONLY, Oct. 12—Jan 19, 2020 Everyday Jan 20-26; Additional Hunt Days, Nov 11, 28, 29, Dec 24, Dec 26, 27, 30 & 31, 2019.	4	10	—	12	30	—
Delayed White Goose Opener		Oct 26—Jan 19; Everyday Jan 20—26 & Feb 22—Mar 4	—	—	6	—	—	18
	Goose Mgmt., Area 5	Oct. 12-28, & Nov 2—Jan 26,	4	10	6	12	30	18
Brant	(see authorization requirements on page 4 of 2019-2020 regulations pamphlet)	Clallam & Whatcom Counties — Jan 11,15 & 18, 2020			2			6
	Pacific County	Jan. 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, & 26. 2020.			2			6
	Skagit County	Jan. 11 & 12, 2020			2			6
		Additional season dates to be determined by aerial survey Results. Season updates to be provided by WDFW.						
Youth, Veterans & Active Military	All 4 counties above.	February 1, 2020			2			6
Mourning Dove	Statewide	September 1 thru October 30			14			45

EDITOR'S NOTE: CHECK THE COMPLETE 2019-2020 REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFICS NOT PRINTED HERE.

2019-2020 Official Hunting Hours for Migratory Game Birds, Upland Game Birds, & Turkeys*

Dates (Inclusive)	Western WA	Eastern WA
	A.M to P.M.	A.M to P.M.
Sunday, Sept. 1 - Sunday, Sept. 8	6:00 - 7:45	5:45 - 7:30
Monday, Sept. 9 - Sunday, Sept. 15	6:10 - 7:30	6:00 - 7:15
Monday, Sept. 16 - Sunday, Sept. 22	6:20 - 7:15	6:10 - 7:00
Monday, Sept. 23 - Sunday, Sept. 29	6:30 - 7:00	6:20 - 6:45
Monday, Sept. 30 - Sunday, Oct. 6	6:40 - 6:45	6:30 - 6:35
Monday, Oct. 7 - Sunday, Oct. 13	6:50 - 6:30	6:40 - 6:20
Monday, Oct. 14 - Sunday, Oct. 20	7:00 - 6:20	6:50 - 6:05
Monday, Oct. 21 - Sunday, Oct. 27	7:10 - 6:05	7:00 - 5:55
Monday, Oct. 28 - Sunday, Nov. 2	7:20 - 5:55	7:10 - 5:50
Pacific Standard Time		
Dates (Inclusive)	Western WA	Eastern WA
	A.M to P.M.	A.M to P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 3	6:20 - 4:55	6:10 - 4:50
Monday, Nov. 4 - Sunday, Nov. 10	6:30 - 4:45	6:20 - 4:30
Monday, Nov. 11 - Sunday, Nov. 17	6:40 - 4:35	6:30 - 4:20
Monday, Nov. 18 - Sunday, Nov. 24	6:50 - 4:25	6:40 - 4:15
Monday, Nov. 25 - Sunday, Dec. 1	7:00 - 4:20	6:50 - 4:10
Monday, Dec. 2 - Sunday, Dec. 8	7:10 - 4:20	7:00 - 4:10
Monday, Dec. 9 - Sunday, Dec. 15	7:15 - 4:20	7:05 - 4:10
Monday, Dec. 16 - Sunday, Dec. 22	7:25 - 4:25	7:10 - 4:15
Monday, Dec. 23 - Sunday, Dec. 29	7:25 - 4:30	7:15 - 4:15
Monday, Dec. 30 - Sunday, Jan. 5	7:25 - 4:35	7:15 - 4:25
Monday, Jan. 6 - Sunday, Jan. 12	7:20 - 4:45	7:11 - 4:35
Monday, Jan. 13 - Sunday, Jan. 19	7:15 - 4:55	7:05 - 4:45
Monday, Jan. 20 - Sunday, Jan. 26	7:10 - 5:05	6:45 - 4:55
Monday, Jan. 27 - Sunday, Feb. 2	7:00 - 5:20	6:55 - 5:05
Monday, Feb. 3 - Sunday, Feb. 9	6:50 - 5:30	6:35 - 5:15
Monday, Feb. 10 - Sunday, Feb. 16	6:35 - 5:40	6:25 - 5:25
Monday, Feb. 17 - Sunday, Feb. 23	6:25 - 5:50	6:10 - 5:40
Monday, Feb. 24 - Sunday, Mar. 2	6:10 - 6:05	5:55 - 5:50
Monday, Mar. 3 - Saturday, Mar. 8	6:10 - 6:05	5:55 - 5:50
Sunday, Mar. 9 - Monday, Mar. 10	7:00 - 7:10	6:45 - 6:55

* Exceptions

Western Washington - Pheasant and quail hunting hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in all areas.

Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

Youth Pheasant Hunt Results

We had 36 young people show up for the **Youth Pheasant Hunt** on Saturday, September 21st, at the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** site off of Stratford Road and Road 10 N.E. The young hunters received a T-shirt & cap from Pheasants Forever, and a duck call, Pintail whistle, and lanyard from **WWA-Moses Lake**.

WDFW released over 100 birds for the youths to hunt in small groups with adult supervisors and dogs. Many of the youths were able to harvest two (2) birds, and we received many thanks for putting on the event. Everybody received a free lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs plus all the fixing's and beverages.

One thing we observed was that even though all the youth had been through **Hunter Safety Training**, the majority of the first-time hunters did not know how to mount their gun! I don't know if other chapters are noticing this at their events, but to all members that have young first-time hunters in the family, it would certainly help them if they were to practice mounting their gun at home prior to going afield to hunt.

I haven't received any input about the Youth Waterfowl Hunt in Eastern Washington on Saturday, September 28th, but I can state without question it was a miserable day to be out. We had steady winds at 20 mph and above plus on and off rain downpours. If you were out hunting I hope you were safe and had a fair hunt.

Waterfowl Scouting Report (As of Oct. 1st)

For those trekking over the Cascades to hunt waterfowl, there are good numbers of birds on **Potholes Reservoir** already, and I've seen the numbers of ducks & geese on **Moses Lake** increasing, and I'm sure this cold weather we just experienced the first week of October will be bringing more into the area. The reports I've received say that the Northern areas received a lot of rain and snow which should start the birds South.

Please hunt safely and take no unnecessary chances, we don't want to lose any members to an accident!!

Possible Habitat Projects

One is a group of ponds north of the **Winchester Reserve**. There is a lot of **WA Waterfowl Stamp & Print**

money committed to this project, but not enough to really put it over the top. **WDFW** is looking for a partner that can contribute to the project in the form of money, seed/materials donation, volunteer hours, etc., — items that would help them bolster their small **North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)** grant application.

If **WWA** could commit some more money or manpower to be used for matching funds it would really help to complete the project. **WWA-Moses Lake** is willing to commit \$500 to \$1000 for seed money, and I'm sure we can come up with the volunteer help to make the project a success.

Maybe the **WWA Corporate** or other west side Chapter[s] that have considerable numbers of members who hunt this area of the state might want to contribute also.

The second project is in the **Royal Lakes** area. **WDFW** is still in the process of "fleshing out" this project, but feel it would be a good candidate for an **Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)** grant.

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WWA & WDFW News Briefs

WWA Still Wants Your Input re: Website

By: James Ono

WWA is continuing to try to revamp our website to increase visibility, drive membership, and communicate our vision and efforts. We are still open to collecting members' input and ideas to help guide the redesign. I have been tasked by the **WWA Board of Directors** to perform this task. The starting point is collecting this input from you, our statewide membership.

Please send your feedback on what you like about our current website; what you don't like; what you would like to see improved or implemented; and what you wouldn't want to see on our website.

Please send feedback to **James Ono**, j.ono@hotmail.com

WDFW Director holding online Q&A for Yakima, Kittitas, Benton, and Franklin county residents on October 22nd

Oct 15, 2019

Contact: **Ben Anderson**, 360-902-0045

YAKIMA – **WDFW Director Kelly Susewind** and his **South Central Region Director, Mike Livingston**, will take questions from the public in an online broadcast from 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22nd.

"Our south central region is a popular area for hunting and fishing, and like other areas of the state, faces unique conservation challenges," **Susewind** said. "This region is home to several major wildlife areas, which are a key part of our habitat and management strategies here. We want to hear what's on the minds of residents and stakeholders during this digital open house."

This is the fourth (4th) digital open house held by the Director on a regional level. **WDFW's** south central region spans **Benton, Franklin, Kittitas, and Yakima** counties. Members of the public can watch and ask questions from links on the department's website at wdfw.wa.gov or at <https://player.inventus.com/?clientID=2836755451&eventID=2019101002>.

Susewind and **Livingston** will share updates on a number of local and statewide issues, including land management and the **Yakima Basin Integrated Plan**; habitat projects in the region; **WDFW's** budget challenges, and the latest on the **Yakima Elk Herd** ahead of the modern firearm general season opener on October 26th.

Susewind has held a series of in-person and digital open houses across the state since 2018.

ALEA Grants Available for Non-Profits

Over the years **WDFW's Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grant Program** has supported hundreds of individuals and organizations who have undertaken a variety of projects that engage volunteers and benefit fish and wildlife resources. **ALEA** grants are in high demand; therefore, **WDFW** follows a competitive process to select recipients.

What projects are eligible for funding?

Many project types are eligible, including:

- Habitat - activities that restore and/or preserve fish and wildlife habitat.
- Research - activities that increase our knowledge of fish and wildlife species.
- Education - efforts to share information or provide hands-on experiences to enhance public knowledge of fish, wildlife and their habitats.
- Facility development - efforts to provide or enhance access to fish and wildlife related recreational opportunities; and
- Artificial production - efforts to rear and release fish or wildlife to restore populations or for public recreation.

Applicants must obtain pre-approval from **WDFW** to be eligible for funding. Eligible applicants include individual citizens, **non-profit organizations**, schools and universities, conservation districts, and tribal governments. For-profit businesses, state, and federal agencies are not eligible.

Grant Guidelines

The **ALEA Policies & Procedures Manual** describes grant guidelines, which include:

- Grant funds are available on a cost reimbursement basis.
- Funds may not be used for direct wages, benefits, or stipends.
- Grantees must register volunteers and report volunteer hours.
- Grant recipients must follow state purchasing rules. Equipment purchased with grant funds must be returned to the department at project completion, and
- Project outcomes must be available to the public per RCW 77.100, *et. seq.*

For further information, please contact **WDFW** at 360-902-2685 or alea@dfw.wa.gov.

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.
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By: Mark Pidgeon

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News for the Flock

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 **September 2019 Newsletter**.

WWA Youth Fund — \$2,565

WWA Legal Fund — \$18,182

WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,110

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$11,077

WWA General Fund — \$223

You can contribute in so many ways to the **WWA**, from locally in your Chapter, to statewide, helping the **WWA** carry on! Many donations are tax deductible.

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TREASURER's REPORT

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

However, in an effort to maintain and continue our history of financial transparency with respect to our membership, the monthly Treasurer's Report will be emailed to not only the BOD, but also to each and every Chapter Chairman to be made available for inspection and review by the Chapter membership or any individual Chapter member in good standing with dues paid current at any regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting.

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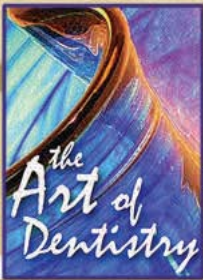
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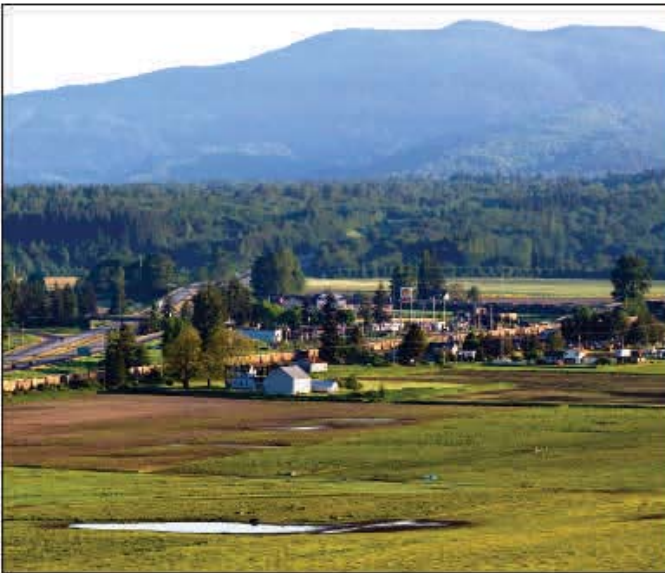
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- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** — Vacant.
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
- Tri Cities Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
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- 10 chapters throughout Washington
- We spend all of our resources within Washington State

Our projects include:

- Working on behalf of Hunter’s Rights issues to keep public access open and available
- Administration of the WA Migratory Bird Stamp and Print Program
- Hosting and sponsoring the Washington State Duck Calling Championships
- Wood Duck Nest Box & Mallard Nest Tube, Goose Nest Pot & platform construction, installation, & maintenance
- Working with the Boy Scouts of America on Eagle Scout projects
- Hosting Youth Mentor shotgun shooting one-on-one instruction events
- Conducting NRA sanctioned Hunter Education classes for Youth & donation of funds to offset WDFW printing costs for youth gun safety classes
- Donation of funds to support high school shooting teams in Washington
- Teaching adults and youth decoy carving arts
- Working with thousands of children at Sportsman’s Show painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing scholarships for boys and girls to attend a week at Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island, WA
- Working with the WDFW in the creation of premium quality hunt waterfowling areas
- Building and rehabilitating blinds in public hunting areas
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- Working with the Yakama Tribe in banding upland birds and waterfowl, and building duck “blinds” on tribal lands
- Goose and duck nest counts and banding of both with the WDFW and USFWS
- Working with the WDFW on dove counts & planting WDFW food plots in Eastern WA with WWA owned tractor and farming implements
- 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.