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Hello Fellow Waterfowlers —

### *Need for Some Serious Discussion*

I would like to again bring up a situation that keeps plaguing us. Money, or rather the lack of it. By almost doubling our membership income we have turned a \$6,000+ annual deficit in 2017 into a narrow thin \$1,000+ surplus for 2019. (See figures on **Page 3**). However, we still need to do better. The consequences of not doing so were written on the wall this past September when the **Minnesota Waterfowl Association** folded their tent after 52 years of existence. (Also see that complete story on **Page 3**).

The **WWA Board of Directors** will be scheduling an **All Chapter Meeting** with the chairperson and one other attendee from each Chapter to brainstorm this financial matter and other issues of importance to the chapters and their respective membership. Right now we're looking at sometime this spring — **probably the April/May time frame**. The meeting would most likely be in a city in eastern Washington, preferably the central Washington area. I welcome your input about possible dates and locations.

In the meantime I know some members and have donating to our various programs (listed on **Page 17**) on a recurring basis; have been lobbying the companies that they work for to help the cause; and others setting up donation sites on facebook. To those I say **THANK YOU!**

Finally on a personal note, I have had my [foxredlab12@yahoo.com](mailto:foxredlab12@yahoo.com) email account hijacked. I will no longer be using that account. My new email will be [foxredlab12@gmail.com](mailto:foxredlab12@gmail.com) for you to get in touch with me.

**FOR THE RESOURCE,**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HAPPY HUNTING**

***Rich 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

Wed, Jan 22	Seattle Chapter Meeting at the Kenmore Shotgun Range in Bothell. <b>FREE</b> round of Trap or 5-Stand for <b>ALL</b> Members of <b>ALL</b> Chapters. Shooting all afternoon. Business meeting, pizza and soft drinks at 7 p.m.
Tues, Jan 28	SW Chapter Meeting at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club.
Thurs, Jan 30	Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting at Vancouver Trap Club in Vancouver.
Sat, Feb 1	Special Veteran and Youth Hunt Day Statewide. See Summary of Seasons on <b>Page 12</b> .
Tues, Feb 4	Whatcom Chapter Meeting at 7pm at Laurel Farm & Western Supply in Bellingham.
Wed, Feb 5	WWA Board of Directors Meeting at 11:00 am at The Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. All WWA members are always welcome.
Thurs, Feb 6	Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting at 7pm at the Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Olympia, WA.
Tues, Feb 11	Northwest Chapter Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Conway Fire Hall.
Fri, Feb 14	<b>Valentine's Day (Don't Forget)</b>
Tues, Feb 25	SW Chapter Meeting at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club.
Wed, Feb 26	Seattle Chapter Meeting at the Kenmore Shotgun Range in Bothell.
Thurs, Feb 27	Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting at Vancouver Trap Club in Vancouver.

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



## A Shot Across Our (WWA) Bow — Sound Familiar?



The 52-year-old **Minnesota Waterfowl Association** is closing its doors as an organization!

In a press release dated September 6th, the **Minnesota Waterfowl Association’s Board of Directors** said it has voted to dissolve the group effective September 30, 2019.

“Times have changed in the waterfowl and conservation world, and the old duck men are fading into the sunset,” wrote **MWA Board Chair John Schroers** in the release. “Due to an aging and declining user base in waterfowl hunting and conservation, a trend has developed over the last decade or so which points to the reality of the time. Declining duck populations, duck stamp sales, access and declining membership are all indicators which contributed to this decision.”

**MWA’s** inability to recruit younger or newer members interested in conservation had contributed to the loss of membership and revenue. Minnesota duck stamp

sales have declined significantly in the past 25 years after reaching nearing 140,000 in the late 1990s.

“**MWA** acknowledges and tips its hat to our founders, our members, our volunteers and our conservation partners,” **Schroers** wrote.

In discussions with **Outdoor News** staffers, **Schroers** said the board is investigating whether other groups or individuals might continue to manage **MWA’s** popular **Woodie Camp**, a summer camp for kids the group operated near **Fergus Falls**. **MWA** also held an annual spring **Waterfowl Symposium** that highlighted **North America** waterfowl research and management strategies, and it annually inducted state citizens into its **Waterfowl Hall of Fame**.

**Brad Nylin, MWA Executive Director**, confirmed that his last day with the organization was August 15th. He’d been with the group 17 years and became its executive director in 2007. A biologist and bookkeeper will remain with the organization until it officially shuts on Sept. 30, he said.

**Schroers** said that after years of declining membership and chapter activity, **MWA** was down to seven (7) smaller chapters after losing two large chapters this year. “It’s a sad, sorry situation. A harsh reality of the times,” **Schroers** said.

**Lance Ness, a Lifetime MWA** member and former board member, called the announcement, “A sad day for conservation and waterfowl.”

Per the **MWA website**, the statewide nonprofit was “dedicated to the preservation, creation and restoration of wildlife habitat in Minnesota.” In its early years, the group advocated for a Minnesota waterfowl stamp, which the state created in 1977.

### Recent Financial Information Re: WWA Corporate

<u>Item</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Total Membership Dollars	\$4,976.74	\$6,751.42	\$9,617.12
Total Income	\$6,300.74	\$7,313.10	\$10,527.12
Total Expenses	(\$12,322.98)	(\$11,616.78)	(\$ 9,461.88)
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$ 6,022.24)	(\$4,303.68)	\$ 1,065.24

## News for the Flock

### Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

#### Ridgefield Refuge Youth Hunt November 2nd

We had 21 youth show up, 18 of which were hunting and 3 observers for our annual youth hunt at the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. Chapter members **Dino Mastri, Dan Hafenbrack, Doug Lee, Sean and Crystal Mathews** showed up early to hand out muffins, duck calls on lanyards, blind bags and teal decoys to each hunter. **Arlan Hackett** brought the BBQ grub, and Chris Stalcup grilled the hotdogs and hamburgers for the young hunters and supervising adults. Thanks to **Dave and Cindy Lescalleet** for administrating the hunt for the refuge.

#### Veteran's Hunt @RNWR November 11th

Our second annual Veteran's hunt at the Ridgefield NWR was a great experience and success for the hunters although the ducks were not as cooperative this year. **WWA** member **Dion Hess** took the reins and organized another first-class event for our veterans.

We would like to thank the **US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)** for hosting and **Dave and Cindy Lescalleet** for running the check station. A big thanks to **State Senator Lynda Wilson** and husband **Tracey** for hosting an awesome catered dinner at their **DeWils Custom Cabinetry** show-room Saturday evening prior to the hunt.

Keynote speaker **USFWS Assistant Regional Director of Science Applications for the Pacific Region, Jim Unsworth** related how this event represents the Service's desire to promote outdoor activities through the R3 Initiative to recruit, retain and reactivate users to public lands. Active duty **Green Beret Justin Boardman** gave a very moving presentation of the how cathartic and impactful outdoor experiences and opportunities like this are to these men and women who have served our country.

Also attending the dinner were **Ridgefield Mayor Don Stose, Vancouver Mayor Ann McEnery-Ogle, Representative Larry Hoff, Senator Lynda Wilson, Acting Refuge Leader Eric Anderson, Media Coordinator Brent Lawrence and Volunteer Coordinator Josie Finley**. Thanks

to **Branden Trager** and **Fallen Outdoors** for coordinating veteran hunters, logistics and ammo. **Brandon** re-upped at the dinner in a ceremony with **Oregon Air National Guard Brigadier General Donna Prigmore** presiding.

Each of our veteran hunters received a blind bag, camo hunting gloves, beanie, commemorative (to this event) duck call, **Gerber** shears, licenses and shot shells. Hunters new to this event also received a waterfowl hunting coat. **WWA-LC** provided pastries and muffins the morning of the hunt as well as a hot after-hunt BBQ lunch for our vets and guides — once again procured by **Arlan Hackett** and grilled up by **Chris Stalcup**. Thanks to **Mayor Ann McEnery-Ogle** for providing her delicious homemade apple pies for the post hunt BBQ on Sunday.

Thanks also to the following supporting partners: **American Legion Post 44, Fallen Outdoors, Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC), Cabela's, Rose Real Estate and Gerber Knives**. **USFWS Public Affairs Officer Brent Lawrence** put together an excellent presentation of the event at: <https://fws.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=77eb727dc927489c98323039531fbc59>

Finally a BIG THANK YOU to **WWA-LC** members **Rich Hannan, Dan Hafenbrack, Ted Blade, Dave Mason and Dino Mastri** for guiding. We would also like to recognize and thank professionals **Mike Horne, Branden Trager, Caleb Benson** and **Justin Boardman** for guiding. Most importantly we would like to thank all the men and women who are serving and have served this great Nation!



# News for the Flock — LC News Continued



**Catered Dinner at DeWils Custom Cabinetry Saturday Night Before the Hunt!**



**(Left)  
Cindy Lascalleet  
serving Ann  
Rivers' Pies!**

**(Below)  
Morning Reveille  
for Blind  
Assignments!**



**Veterans David Castro  
and Steve Lazzina  
after an enjoyable day in the marsh!**



# News for the Flock

## Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all.

Well we are on the downslope as far as the waterfowl season goes, but we have the new business year ahead of us. Time to start our planning for the events and projects that we have advertised.

I hope everyone's water-fowling is going as well as mine has. It's been a busy season and may get a bit busier with the late goose... Now is the time to go out and knock on some doors to get the usual permissions and such. If you did your scouting last season you should know where to go. If not, you will have to go out and scout some more. Good luck with the late goose!

### Cedarville Farms Hunt-for-Two Raffle Winners

The two (2) winners of the Cedarville Farms/ WWA Hunt-for-Two raffles have both had their hunts, and I will say that they were quite successful. See the accompanying photos!

The 2020 raffle tickets will go on sale as soon as I get authorization from the Grays Harbor Chapter members on the 6th of February. Any interested WWA Chapters can pre order tickets if you want.

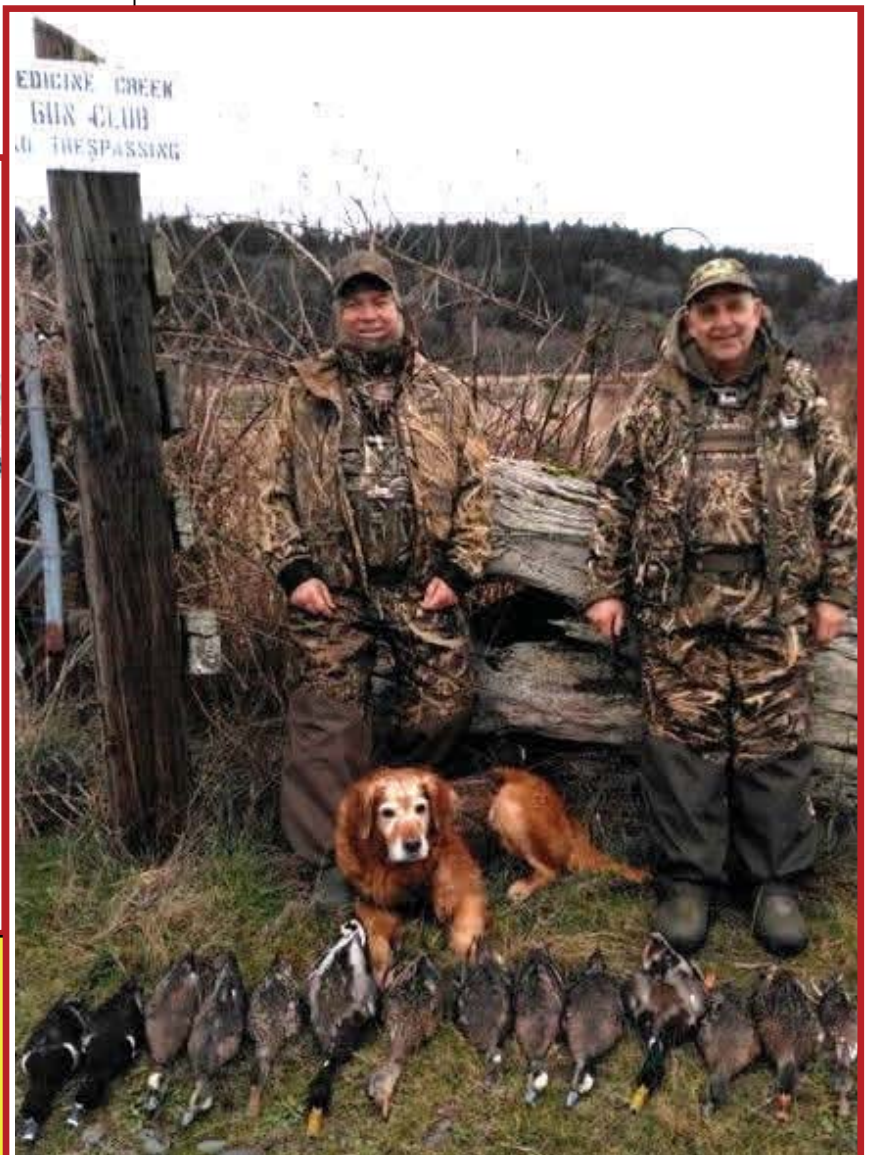
Our next Chapter meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, at the Evergreen Sportsmen's Club near Littlerock at 7:00 pm sharp. I hope to see all of our new members there. We will continue the planning for our chapter's year.

**Kurt Snyder**  
WWA-GH Chapter Chair

**Dave Mason (left) and Dan Hafenbrack Lower Columbia Chapter were the 1st pair of winners of the 2019 Cedarville Farms/WWA Hunt-for-Two. They brought Guthrie, for a longer than usual hunt, but their patience was amply rewarded.**



**Steve Massingale (left) and his buddy Chris from the Northwest Chapter were the 2nd pair of winners of the 2019 Cedarville Farms/WWA Hunt-for-Two and made the most of their opportunities in short order.**



# News for the Flock

## Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Matt Berry

The fight continues over the **proposed Drayton Harbor No Shooting Zone in Whatcom County**. However, waterfowl hunters were delivered a potential compromise by **County Councilmember Browne** in the form of a 1,000 foot-no-shooting-buffer-zone from shore rather than an outright ban on all hunting on the bay.

Thanks to everyone who made it to the December 3rd meeting and stayed until its conclusion at 1:00 a.m. This no shooting zone would have easily passed if not for the support and dedication of the **WWA** and members from the **Lummi** and **Swinomish** tribes. Their continued support means a lot to us and will not be forgotten anytime soon. We are waiting to hear when this issue will be up for discussion again by the council.

### Chapter Election Results

**Brian Duim** was elected **Chapter Vice Chair** at the January meeting. **Brian** is a true waterfowler and Conservationist. For years he has personally built and maintained goose nesting platforms in **Whatcom County**. He has been involved with the **Whatcom Chapter** for many years, and we are all very thankful for him taking on this leadership position. Thank you, **Brian!**

The **Whatcom Chapter** is looking forward to a productive 2020. Happy New Year and best of luck for the rest of this season.

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## Spokane Chapter News

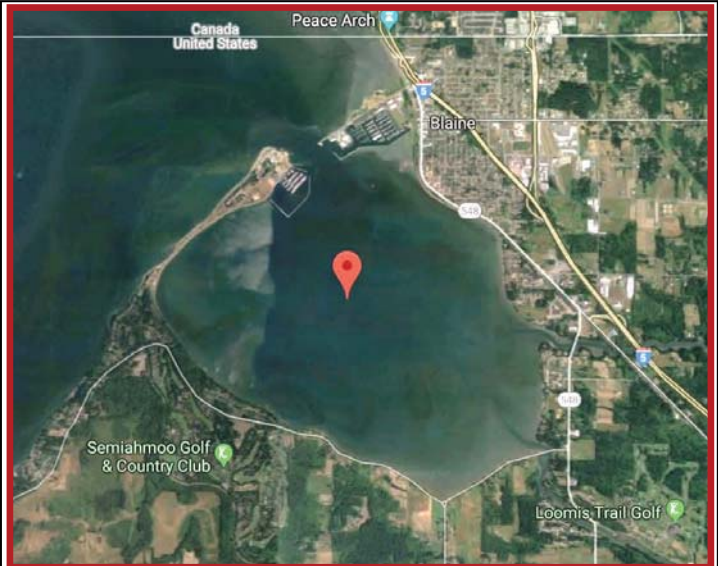
By: Ramon Guel

We will begin in-person meetings mid February. 2020 initiatives will be planned and posted on our section of the **WWA** website at that meeting.

Last September **Pacific Calls** of Spokane donated some 15 duck calls for our Youth Hunt at the **Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge**. Please keep them in mind if you're in the market for an affordable, custom duck or goose call. Check them out at

[www.PacificCustomCalls.com](http://www.PacificCustomCalls.com)

Thanks **Pacific Calls!**



**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.**



## News for the Flock

### Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

#### **FREE Round of Trap or 5-Stand at January Meeting**

No special program on tap for our January meeting, but with only less than a week before the end of the regular waterfowl season, here's a last opportunity to tune up for the final push... and maybe psyche up for the extended season for white geese which will go a late as March 7th, depending on the area. See Season Summary on **Page 12** of this Newsletter. The offer of a **FREE** round of Trap or 5-Stand is good for for **ALL** members of **ALL** Chapters in attendance at our meeting of Wednesday, January 26th.

#### **Thanks Dave for All You Do!!!**

All good things must come to an end, and a new employment opportunity out-of-state for **WWA-Seattle Chapter Secretary-Treasurer, David Hanson**, has had his moving plans moved up to June.

Besides handling the financial affairs of the Chapter, **David** has for several years running organized and conducted the annual **Ferd Nist Memorial Trap Shoot**, which determines the top shotgunner in **WWA**; has cleared dates with the **Kenmore Board of Directors** for our special **Youth Mentor** and **BJ Brown Memorial** Shoots. He has ordered your "**fave**" pizzas for dinner on meeting night; monthly providing a cooler of the accompanying and varied soft drinks; and done the shopping for the extras like chips and cheese dip to handle the munchies before dinner is served.

Add to all of this, hall cleanup after our meetings; and making himself available to unlock the front gate on those occasions when our meeting runs long and the range site has been secured from any individuals getting in after closing hours, and consequently for Chapter members getting out!

**Dave** has given us plenty of advance notice to find a suitable replacement. Anyone interested, let me know. If there are multiple parties interested, we will hold a Chapter vote on the position. One of the sweeteners for the position is the complimentary (paid for by the Chapter) annual membership to the **Kenmore Gun Club** — quite a bargain now as the price has recently doubled!

Speaking of votes, that might be a good idea for Chapter Chair also. I have only been doing this job for the past several years because of the lack of anyone else wanting the job! **Buyer Beware** — there is no complimentary **Kenmore** membership for the Chapter Chair!

### Who Said That Dog Don't Hunt... (and retrieve Waterfowl)?



**Yep, that's a soaking wet Brittany Spaniel (Russ, owned by Seattle Chapter member John Hanson) retrieving a duck last December from the Skagit up by Conway.**



## News for the Flock — Seattle News Continued



Seattle Chapter member John Hanson with “Gunner,” his nephew, David Hanson’s, Brittany.

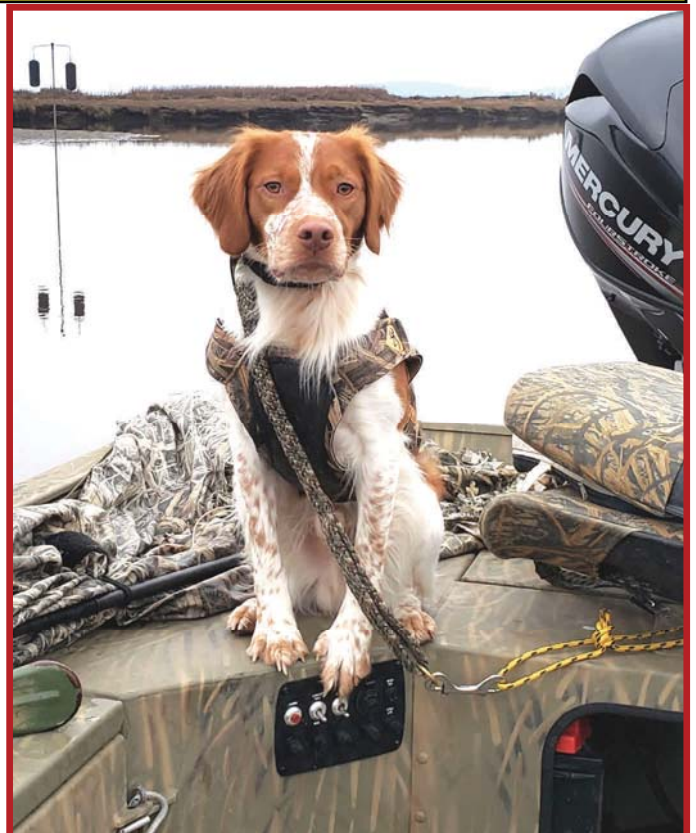
### Annual Willapa Youth Shoot Disappointing

We’ve certainly had our ups and downs over the past five (5) years in October in attempting — along with other like minded conservation groups like **Ducks Unlimited, Vancouver Wildlife League, Friends of Willapa Bay** as well as professional organizations like the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** and the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** — to sponsor and put on this annual Youth Only Hunt at the magnificent **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**.

The first year we had only three (3) youth. In subsequent years we had as many as nine (9). This past October a dozen plus volunteers from the organizations listed above gave up a half day of their Saturday, while only one youth shooter participated — and even he was a not a local! It was the **Seattle Chapter’s Jacob McGovern**, who made the long, overnight trek with his father, member **Paul McGovern**.

Alas, not to be discouraged we’re all going back to the drawing board. The next attempt at a Youth Hunt at the **Willapa NWR** will be on the Youth Only Day in February of 2021 at the famed **Riekkola** Goose Field.

**Stay tuned!**



Gunner Hanson on the Skagit near Conway.

## News for the Flock

### Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Yes the waterfowl hunting season is once again coming to a close. Bird counts have been up and down all season. Mild weather in the far north and plenty of local rain water made for a slow trickle of birds that were spread throughout the region. On a positive note, I had the pleasure of hunting with family, good friends and some new members during the season. I hope all of your hunting adventures went well and safe this season.

#### Ducks for the Museums

Throughout the season, members of both the NW and **Whatcom** chapters have brought specific species of waterfowl to our meetings. **NW Chapter** member **Matt Klope (Whidbey Island Taxidermy)** coordinated this effort with the chapters as an opportunity to provide four (4) separate national museums including the **Smithsonian Institution** with waterfowl specimens.

**Matt** has been involved with these and other institutions for many years supporting waterfowl, mammal research and education. This has been a unique opportunity to not only support these museums but, to have waterfowl (15 species) from this season displayed in a national museum's exhibit or used for research. Special thanks to **Matt Klope** for organizing and coordinating this activity for the **WWA**.

#### Veteran/Youth Waterfowl Hunt February 1<sup>st</sup>

Active duty military and military veterans will have an extra day to pursue waterfowl this season under new federal guidelines. Those military personnel and veterans will be able to hunt waterfowl on February 1st — the same date as the **Washington Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt**. A special waterfowl hunting day for veterans was approved at the federal level to show support for men and women who have served or are serving their country in the armed forces.

The **WWA-NW Chapter** will be sponsoring a Veterans/Youth waterfowl hunt at three (3) local Properties: **Edison Gun Club, Swinomish Hunt Club** and **The Nature Conservancy property** near the mouth of the **Stillaguamish River**. **Reservations Are Required.**

Contact **Rick Skiba**, our chapter's **Youth Hunt Coordinator** at (360) 387-2225, [reskiba@msn.com](mailto:reskiba@msn.com) or **Rick Billieu** at (360) 653-8571 [rgbillieu@frontier.com](mailto:rgbillieu@frontier.com)

#### Chapter Calendar

The Chapter has a full calendar of Activities and Events planned for the year. At our December meeting we solidified our list and will continue to add more. A few upcoming activities include **Wood Duck Nest Box** building at our February chapter meeting. Wood Duck numbers continue to grow in the state, so we'll continue to help them flourish. We will also spend a couple days after the season at the **Skagit Farmed Island Unit** for cleanup and a blind maintenance assessment.

In past years we have held a **Calling Clinic at Skagit Headquarters** prior to the waterfowl season. The clinic had 5-6 sessions and included BBQ'd Hotdogs and Brats. Unfortunately we lost our expert caller and were not able to repeat this educational and fun activity. If you know of someone that is a seasoned caller; can teach these skills to others; and may be interested, please let us know.

We are always looking for more events and activities that support the **WWA** mission. If you have an idea just let me know or better yet come to a monthly meeting to talk about it.

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Tuesday each month. Our next meeting will be held on February 11th, at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7 pm. Gift Certificate Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

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

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

## News for the Flock

### Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

Not much going on here, lots of **White Front** and **Dark Geese** in the area. At the time of writing this report, January 7, 2020, the weather has been unseasonably warm with some pretty strong wind storms. Currently we are experiencing snow, followed by freezing temperatures.

Duck hunting is hit and miss depending on where you are. There are a lot of mallards loafing on **Moses Lake**, but with the warm weather earlier in the month they were not moving much.

With just a few more days to the season please remember to practice safe hunting habits and enjoy the rest of the season and don't forget that the White Goose season continues for a few more weeks — as late as March 7th in some areas. See what's left of season in the **red highlighted** season summaries on **Page 12** of this Newsletter.

#### Upcoming Work Party

Hopefully funding will come through for habitat work on the project north of the **Winchester Refuge**, and we can put together some work parties to help make the project a success. **WDFW** is very appreciative of our efforts to improve the habitat with our sweat and with our dollars!



### Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

Hope everyone had a great Holliday Season and your waterfowl hunting is going well. The **Southwest Chapter** will **NOT** have a meeting in January due to the **Puyallup Sportsmen's Show** being held Wednesday, January 22 thru 26 at the **Washington State Fair Events Center, Puyallup**.

**WWA-SW** will once again have a booth this year, and would like to see you visit us. **Five dollars (\$5.00) Off Admission Coupons** have been distributed to many of your Chapter Chairs. If you plan on going to the **Show**, attend your Chapter's January meeting and pick one up! We would like to thank the volunteers that will be staffing the booth.

#### Next Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting will be February 25, 2020 at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** at 6:30 p.m., in the **Education Building**. Come early; get a bite to eat; and shoot a round or two of skeet or trap. Looking forward to seeing you there.



## News for the Flock

### 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 <b>EXCEPT Scaup closed Oct. 12 — Nov. 1, 2019</b>	7 (b)	21 (b)
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>(Youth, Veterans &amp; Active Military)</b>	<b>February 1, 2020</b>	<b>3 (b)</b> <b>7 (b)</b>	<b>9 (b)</b> <b>7 (b)</b>
(b) Bag Limits:	Statewide	7 ducks to include not more than 2 hen mallards; <b>1 pintail</b> ; 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		<b>3 pintail</b> ; 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						
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>(Youth, Veterans &amp; Active Military)</b>	<b>February 1, 2020</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
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
<b>NOTE: (White Geese are Snow &amp; Ross' Geese)</b>	Late Season	<b>Feb 8-18, 2020 (White Geese Only)</b>	—	—	6	—	—	18
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2 <b>Coast</b>	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. <b>During Feb 8—22 (Goose Hunting CLOSED in ALL NWR and WDFW Wildlife Areas</b>	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
<b>Dusky Canada Goose Season is closed in Area 2 during October thru March</b>	Goose Mgmt. Area 2 <b>Inland</b>	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. <b>During Feb 8—Mar 7, (Goose Hunting CLOSED in ALL NWR Areas</b>	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
<b>*Refer to specific Willapa NWR Rules (Saturday, Sunday &amp; Wednesday ONLY, Oct 12—27; Nov 2—Dec 1; Dec 21--Jan 19)</b>	Goose Mgmt., Area 3	Oct. 12-24; Nov. 2—Jan. 26, 2020	4	10	6	12	30	18
	Goose Mgmt., Area 4	<b>Sat, Sun, &amp; Weds, ONLY, Oct. 12—Jan 19, 2020</b> <b>Everyday Jan 20-26; Additional Hunt Days, Nov 11, 28, 29, Dec 24, Dec 26, 27, 30 &amp; 31, 2019.</b>	4	10	—	12	30	—
<b>Delayed White Goose Opener</b>		<b>Oct 26—Jan 19; Everyday Jan 20—26 &amp; Feb 22—Mar 4</b>	—	—	6	—	—	18
	Goose Mgmt., Area 5	Oct. 12-28, & Nov 2—Jan 26,	4	10	6	12	30	18
<b>Brant</b>								
(see authorization requirements on page 4 of 2019-2020 regulations pamphlet)	<b>Clallam &amp; Whatcom Counties — Jan 11, 15 &amp; 18, 2020</b>				2			6
	Pacific County	Jan. 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, & 26. 2020.			2			6
	<b>Skagit County</b>	<b>Jan. 11 &amp; 12, 2020</b>			2			6
		<b>Additional season dates to be determined by aerial survey Results. Season updates to be provided by WDFW.</b>						
<b>Youth, Veterans &amp; Active Military</b>	<b>All 4 counties above.</b>	<b>February 1, 2020</b>			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.

## WWA & WDFW News Briefs

### WA Legislative Report

By: Mark Pidgeon

[Editor's Note: WWA is a voting member of the Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC). WWC is a member organization of the Hunter's Heritage Council (HHC), a Washington State based organization dedicated to political action on behalf of the hunting and related communities of Washington].

Here are the pre-session bill reports for the **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)** and the **NRA**. Our lobbyist is also one of the contract lobbyists from the **NRA**. There are not that many pre-filed hunting bills that affect our hunting rights. One I mentioned at the board of directors meeting was **State Senator Mark Schoesler's** bill to eliminate the **Discover Pass**, and there is a bill to split the wildlife account for clarity which will show up as two bills because there are companion bills in the state house and senate.

There is **State Senator Christine Rolfe's** new fee increase bill that **WDFW** doesn't really want because they think it will hurt their chance at the general fund lift. One change in position needs to be made in position is the senate version of last year's fee increase should be to oppose, **SSB 5692**. **HHC** helped kill that bill in the senate. It kept the fee increases on the hunters, but "**sunsetting**" the fee increases on fishermen.

#### On the Gun Side, One Word - BOHICA!

Bend Over Here It Comes Again!

So many bad bills pre-filed, the worst, a statewide tax on ammunition. On these issues the **NRA** takes the lead and **HHC** follows. On hunting issues, **HHC** leads and the gun community follows. In fact in one issue of **Gun Owners Action League (GOAL)**, someone asked the editor, **Joe Waldron**, why he never posts positions on hunting bills. **Joe** replied, "because [RCW] Title 77 is under the preview of the **Hunters Heritage Council**."

There is another great piece of agency request legislation — **SB 6071**, and **HB 2571** — which would take minor game and fish violations down from criminal penalties to civil penalties. This way people wouldn't lose hunting and fishing privileges nor have to surrender their catch or their game.

Washington has some of the most stupid regulations in the US like if you pack and animal out you have to

put your tag on the "biggest" quarter with no definition of "biggest." Is biggest heaviest? Longest? Widest?

Here is where we can be a big service to our members. As a 501(c)(3) Non Profit Corporation, **WWA** can't lobby, but through our affiliation with **HHC**, **WWA** can post notices, and these bill reports are part of our membership benefits. We can let our members know what's going on. We can tell them a statewide tax on ammunition is being proposed; we can't tell them what side of the issue to be on; but really are our members that stupid that we have to? We can even say the **NRA** has taken a NO position as long as **WWA** hasn't taken a position.

### 2020 Supplemental Session Budget Info

The upcoming 2020 legislative session is a short, 60-day session expected to span January to early March. Typically, during even-year legislative sessions, the WA legislature is focused on emerging issues or addressing issues that weren't resolved the previous year.

This 2020 supplemental session, the **WDFW** continues to face challenging budget issues. Rising costs are threatening our ability to sustain our core work of "conserving" fish, wildlife, and habitat and providing fishing, hunting, and wildlife watching opportunities. Yet, we also know that the state's fish and wildlife resources are central to the economy of the state. Fishing, hunting, and wildlife watching activities contribute over \$4.5 billion each year in economic activity, and nearly \$350 million per biennium directly to the State General Fund.

### 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](mailto:j.ono@hotmail.com)

## 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.
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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 **October 2019 Newsletter**.

**WWA Youth Fund — \$2,565**

**WWA Legal Fund — \$19,182**

**Ken Packard, NW — Mandatory IRA Withdrawal Donation — \$1,000**

**WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,110**

**WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$11,077**

**WWA General Fund — \$723**

**United Health Group thru Benevity Community Impact Fund — \$500**

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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# News for the Flock

## 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](http://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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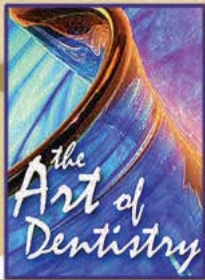
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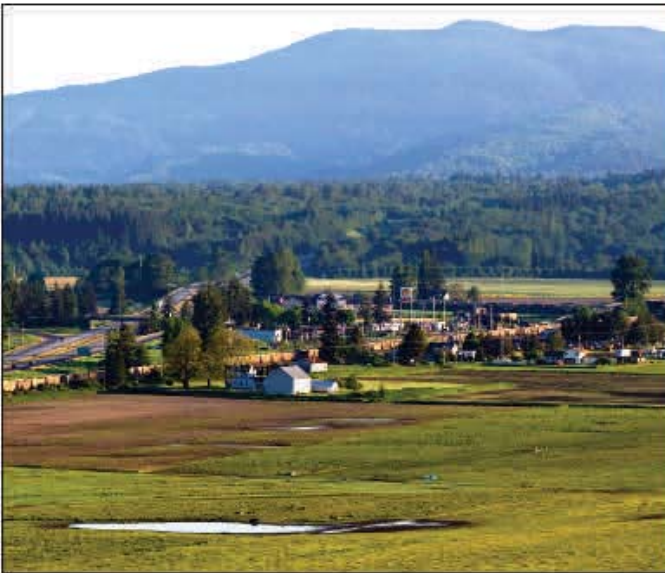
# Heritage Lands



## FARMLAND AND PUBLIC ACCESS PRESERVATION

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- (2-year memberships not available online)**

### Chapter & Newsletter: (Please specify your preferences)

Newsletter by  email or  hard copy

- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Bothell, WA
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### A few facts about the WWA:

- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- 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
- Distribution and planting of thousands of pounds of donated corn seed for waterfowl consumption
- 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.