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Hello Fellow Waterfowlers —

The other day I was discussing with my wife the **Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA)**. She asked me what do the members get for the membership. Well how about:

- (1) Representation concerning the future of waterfowl hunting. We are in the background fighting against injustices to the hunting community and our public lands. We are looking for help in many different arenas. Right now we have a lobbying group **Natural Resource Results (NRR)** in the District of Corruption (Washington DC) taking on a fight for you **pro bono**. They are also asking **Delta Waterfowl** and **Ducks Unlimited** to join the fight. **Delta** and **DU** are their paying clients. **WWA Board member, Al O'Connor** has been the point of the spear on this endeavor. He has been tireless — writing letters, sending emails, etc., to all who are fighting against the loss of waterfowl habitat in the Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**.
- (2) **Administers the Washington State Duck Stamp Program**. The **WWA** volunteer committee comes up with the idea for the stamp; contacts artists to draw the stamp; judges the artwork to determine that year's best artist; gets the artwork to the printers; and the finished stamp[s] and prints to the purchasing public. All sales proceeds by law go into a dedicated fund for waterfowl habitat conservation.
- (3) Sponsors the **Sanctioned WA State Duck (and Goose) Calling Contests**.
- (4) Annually pays the full scholarships for multiple youth (boys and girls) to attend the **Youth Conservation Camp** on Orcas Island every summer.
- (5) Represent **WWA** at various **Sportsmens Shows** around the state.
- (6) Donate and represent **WWA** at the **Brant Foundation** Decoy Carving Contest.
- (7) Sponsor and conduct **Youth and Veteran mentored Shooting Events** and
- (8) **Waterfowl Hunts** around the state.
- (9) **Hands-On Conservation** — Build, install and maintain **Wood Duck Nesting Boxes** and **Mallard Nest Tubes** as well as (9) refurbish, build and annually clean up hunting blinds, parking areas, trails and dikes on public hunting sites.
- (10) Participation in **WDFW Policy Determination** — Many of our members are on the **Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG)**.

WWA does quite a lot in the State of Washington. Keep up the good work!

FOR THE RESOURCE,

Rick Holt, WWA President

News for the Flock

Editor's Note:

As of publishing time on Sunday evening, March 15th, all gatherings listed below were still on track to proceed as scheduled.

2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

- Sat, March 21 **Richland Rod & Gun Club Wild Game Dinner;** at the **Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds.** Guest speaker, **Bill McIrvn** of the **Diamond M Ranch**, talking about his experiences with the wolf population on their cattle ranch near the USA/Canadian border. Doors open at 5 p.m.

- Wed, March 25 **Seattle Chapter Meeting** at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range** in Bothell. **Matt Stevens** will put on his always popular **Turkey Hunting Program.** **All WWA Members from All Chapters** are welcome to attend.
More info on pages 10-11.

- Thurs, March 26 **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting** at **Vancouver Trap Club** in Vancouver.

- Thurs, March 26 **Moses Lake Chapter Meeting** at **O'Sullivan Sportsman Resort Clubhouse, 6897 Highway 262 (near Potholes State Park), 6:30 pm.,** Contact **Bruce Feagan 206-714-8020.**

- Tues, March 31 **SW Chapter Meeting** at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** in Puyallup.

- Tues, March 31 **Last Day to get your complimentary WA State Duck Stamp.** Send a copy of your hunting license with Waterfowl Endorsement along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:
WWA
P.O. Box 2131
Auburn, WA 98071

- Thurs, April 2 **Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting** at at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near **Littlerock** at 7:00 pm sharp.

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- Sat, April 4 **Ducks Unlimited Fun Shoot** at **Granite Falls.** Check in at 9 am, Shoot at 10 am, lunch included at noon. Cost \$100 and \$50 for Youth
www.ducks.org/Washington/events

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

- Sat, April 11 **The Columbia River Chapter of Delta Waterfowl** will have their annual fundraising banquet at **Club Green Meadows.** For more info contact **Danny Neal, (503) 369-4868** or spiritlabs@aol.com.

- Tues, April 14 **Northwest Chapter Meeting** at 6:30 pm at the **Conway Fire Hall.**

- Wed, April 15th **Turkey Season opens statewide.**

- Sat, April 25 **WWA-ML Chapter and Friends of the NRA FREE Trap Shoot, Quincy Gun Club, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** See **Flyer on Page 9.**

- Sat, May 16 **WWA All Chapter Meeting, Potholes Reservoir, near Othello, WA.** (To be further discussed at the **WWA Board of Directors Meeting in April**)

- Sat, May 16 **WA Brant Foundation Decoy Carving Competition, Maiben Park, 1011 Greenleaf Avenue, Burlington, WA**

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

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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Our guest speaker at our March chapter meeting was **Rob Wingard—Private Lands Manager** and Biologist for **Region 4, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**.



Rob provided the attendees with information on the Private Lands Hunting Program. The process includes lands designated as **“Feel Free to Hunt”**, **“Register to Hunt”** and **“Hunt by Written Permission.”** This is a statewide program that provides the public with opportunities to hunt at private properties.

Land owners in partnership with **WDFW** allow public access for hunting on their properties. **Rob** shared information on all sites within **Snohomish, Skagit** and **Whatcom** counties, including data on how well the properties hunted and usage by hunters .

Rob also gave us a forward look at some of the planned enhancements to the program and how the program is currently financed through the **Farm Bill** and **Duck Stamp** funds. This program currently provides a significant amount of forage crops for waterfowl in our state.

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.

April Chapter Events

The **NW Chapter** will be engaged in our annual cleanup effort at various **Skagit Wildlife Area** units. Some of these sites currently hold a significant amount of water. Wildlife Area employees are monitoring the water levels. Once the areas drain off, we will schedule the cleanup activities.

Mandatory Reporting Deadlines

Don’t forget to report your waterfowl harvest!! **Sea Duck, SW Canada Goose, Snow Goose** and **Brant** harvest reports are due by March 20, 2020! You must report hunting activity on your harvest record cards to **WDFW** using the online reporting system at: fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/, or by mailing the cards to:

WDFW
Wildlife Program - Waterfowl Section
P.O. Box 43141
Olympia, WA 98504.

Reports need to be postmarked by the reporting deadlines **even if you did not harvest any birds.**

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

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

Support your passion – get involved

Rick Billieu

rgbillieu@frontier.com



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SW Chapter "Spec"ulating!

Members of the SW Chapter show off the fruits of their Late Season Goose Hunt in Klamath Falls, OR.

(from the left)

Randy Righto,
Scott Meaker,
Bruce Burns, and
Lance Book.

Work Party

The **Southwest Chapter** had a Wood Duck Nest work party on Saturday March 14, 2020 in Puyallup. We will be meeting at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** at 9 am to get started. If there are enough volunteers we will try to complete the work on the boxes.

I would like to thank **Peter Kilburn** and **Joe Schumacher** for taking care of the seven (7) Wood Duck Nest Boxes at the **West Hylebos Wetlands** in Federal Way the weekend of March 7th. They reported that six (6) of the nesting boxes showed signs of activity this past season.

Upcoming Chapter Meeting

Our next chapter meeting will be March 31, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** in the Education building. We will be planning a work party for the 2 duck blinds at Rapjohn Lake and have an update on this August Duck Calling Contest.

The **Southwest Chapter** meets the last Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30o p.m., at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**, Education Building. Come out early for a bit to eat or shoot a round for trap or skeet. Looking forward to seeing you there.



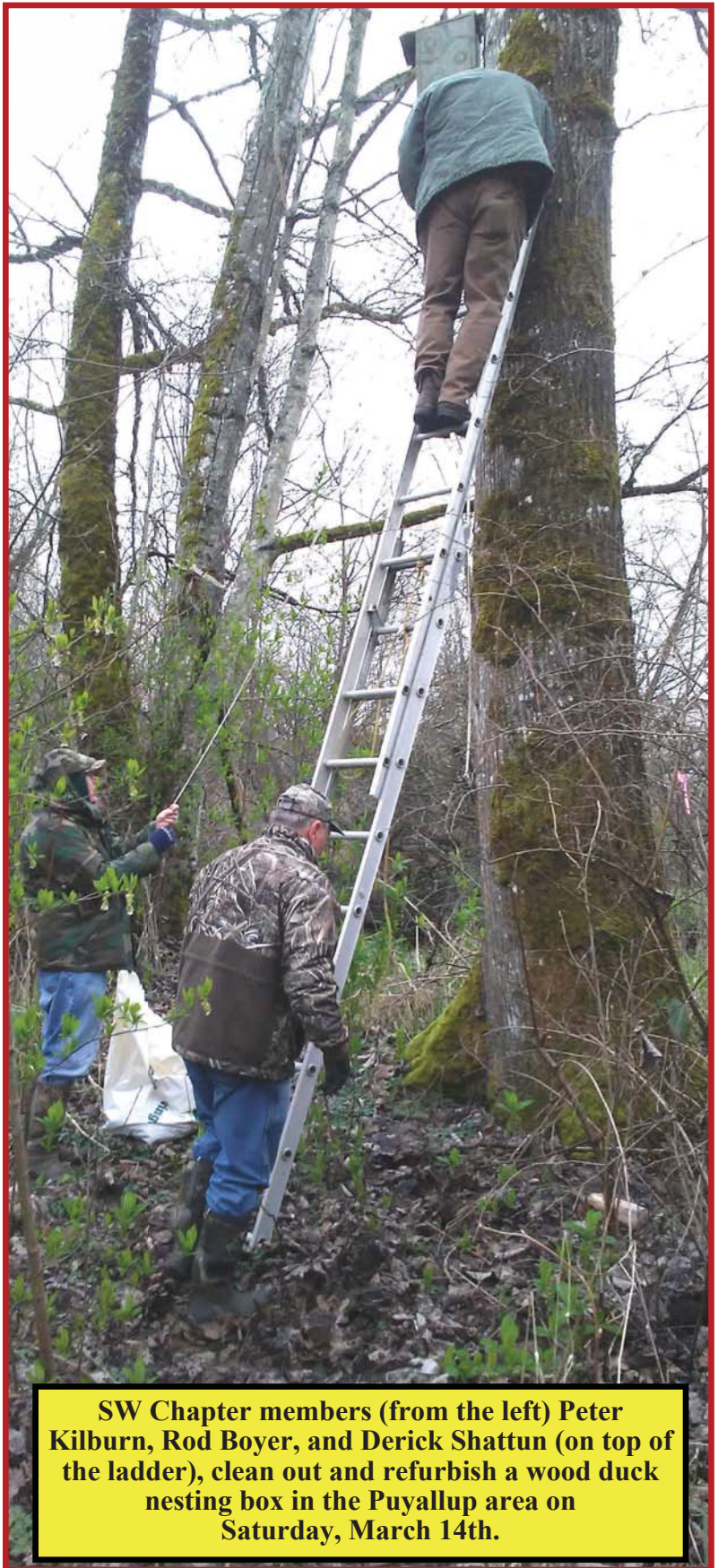
Members of the SW Chapter (from the left)

Derick Shattun, Rod Boyer,
Lance Kintrea, Roger Leonhard
and Peter Kilburn volunteer
their Saturday, March 14th,
cleaning, refurbishing, and
replacing Wood Duck Nesting
Boxes in the Puyallup area.

SW Chapter News Continued



SW Member Joe Schumacher servicing a Wood Duck Nest Box in the West Hylebos Wetlands in Federal Way on Saturday, March 7th.



SW Chapter members (from the left) Peter Kilburn, Rod Boyer, and Derick Shattun (on top of the ladder), clean out and refurbish a wood duck nesting box in the Puyallup area on Saturday, March 14th.

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi everyone.

Well now, what do we do?

Duck season is over and turkey doesn't open for a month.... Guess I could clean out the garage. Or fix broken decoys. Maybe catch up on sleep? No, I will be spending countless hours sitting at this computer spewing out tons of info that is designed to amaze, anger or disgust.

Man, I got to get this back fixed. I spent most of the duck season with a sore back and found out it's pretty bad. I like to say overworked but that would be pushing it!

Blind Building

At least I am catching up on my WWA duties. We are currently planning to get an **Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)** grant to fund some blind builds at the **Davis Creek Unit** of the **Scatter Creek Wildlife Area**. If any of you know how to get a grant from the **Washington State Duck Stamp Fund** (endorsement), please let me know. Blind building would be a great way to spend some of it.

If any other Chapters wish to get in on this project let me know. I will be asking the membership for help when the time comes. You all have never let me down when the work needs getting done.

Cedarville Farms Fund Raising Raffle

The **2020 Hunt for Two Raffle** is in full swing. I'm happy to say that I bought the first five (5) tickets. (See Flyer on adjacent Page 7). I will be transferring ownership of these tickets, and I may buy more. I just wanted to be first. **WWA-Lower Columbia Chapter** sold the most tickets last year. I will be working to not let THAT happen again! HA HA!

Check out the new flyer for the info on this raffle. The rules have changed a bit for this year, but the general rules are identical to previous years. Contact me if you want to read the seller rules, and the Grays Harbor Chapter raffle rules.

New Officer Elections

We are having our Chapters Bi-annual officer elections this year. I am strongly suggesting that someone else besides me run for chairman! I would like to take a break, and it would be cool to have a whipping boy and not

be one for a change. I wouldn't quit the **WWA**, but just do what I do best. Be a good soldier. The official notice will be going out to chapter members soon.

Our next Chapter meeting will be on the 2nd of April at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock, at 7:00 pm sharp. The planning and discussion will continue! Thank you all for your time money and work!

Thanks All,
Kurt Snyder
WWA-GH Chapter Chair

Spokane Chapter News

By: Ramon Guel

Chapter Meeting Changed to On-line Event

Due to the COVID-19 issues in this state, and an overabundance of caution, the **WWA-Spokane Chapter** will adjust the March meeting format. An announcement on our Facebook page at: [<https://www.facebook.com/wwaspokane/>] will soon be posting a change to our scheduled **March 27th** Chapter meeting [6 pm] from an in-person meeting into a Facebook Live event.

Treasurer **Scotty Allenton** and I will meet up and broadcast our agenda and answer any questions you all may have throughout the hour. Scotty's first attendance at the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG)** meeting has already been "postponed" by newly implemented rules by **WDFW** regarding public meetings.

We want to ensure everyone that wants to stay home, can stay home, while still having a voice at the table. We'll see you on Facebook Live on March 27th!



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OCTOBER 1ST, 2020 HUNT FOR TWO RAFFLE

Presented by; Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club and the Grays Harbor Chapter of the Washington Waterfowl Assoc.

Two chances at a hunt for two with each ticket purchase. Win a one day, fully guided waterfowl hunt for two at Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club exclusive properties. Overnight lodging included. All equipment provided except hunters licensing.



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Washington Waterfowl Association

Ticket price is \$5.00 each or \$20.00 per five (5)

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Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

ML Chapter Meeting

The **Moses Lake Chapter** will be holding a meeting:
 Date: March 26, 2020
 Time: 6:30 pm
 Location: **O'Sullivan Sportsman Resort Clubhouse**
 6897 Hwy 262 (Near Potholes State Park)
 Contact: **Bruce Feagan**, 206-714-8020.

Stamp and Print Project

Planning work continues at the **Winchester Project** on the North side of the Refuge to bring back and upgrade what was one of the first ever projects to use these dedicated funds. With a commitment from both the **Seattle Chapter** and the **Moses Lake Chapter** for funds to pay for seed and volunteer help to get it planted. We should see part of the project completed by this fall. New water is always a large attractant to waterfowl and with its location next to a Refuge, it should provide some decent opportunities for several years.

FREE Youth Trap Shoot

We will again be co-sponsoring a **FREE Youth Trap Shoot** on April 24th, 2020 at the **Quincy American Legion Trap Club**. See the flyer on Page 9 of this Newsletter.

WDFW Duck Nest-Tube Project

By Ella Rowan

WDFW Assistant District Wildlife Biologist

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Ephrata District is continuing the second year of a 5-year pilot project tracking nesting success in duck nest tubes in Eastern Washington. **Bruce Feagan** from the **Moses Lake Chapter of WWA**, and two additional volunteers helped restore or create new tubes for this year's deployment.

Many thanks also to **Dick Price** also of **WWA-Moses Lake**, who donated chapter funds to help purchase some supplies for these tubes!

WDFW biologist Rowan has installed three (3) new tubes in one **Game Reserve** thus far, and will be installing or switching-out old tubes at other sites in the coming month. Special surveys will be done to evaluate nesting attempts and success this summer, aimed at reducing disturbance to the hens and ducklings.

If **WWA** members are interested in volunteering to help install tubes, contact biologist **Rowan** at ella.rowan@dfw.wa.gov.

WDFW is grateful to these hardcore waterfowlers and to **WWA** who continue to devote their free time and money to improving duck production in the Basin.



WDFW volunteers, WWA Board member Bruce Feagan (center) and potential new WWA members, from left: Jeremy Iverson and Todd Teeters.

Photo by Ella Rowan

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MOSES LAKE FNRA **FREE** TRAP SHOOT

When: Saturday April 25th, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: American Legion Quincy Gun Club,
14550 Road Q, N.W. Quincy, WA 98848

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.

Prizes, Give Aways and Food:

There will be 10 dozen Duck and Goose decoys to be given away. Lunch of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages, and chips will be provided, also at no cost.

In addition to the decoys, there will also be other free merchandise given out to the Youth Shooters.

So we can plan how much food is needed, please sign up with either:

Dick Price: 509-762-9027

or

Tom O'Dell: 509-764-8557

dickprice@nctv.com

Mallard1@qosi.net

This event is sponsored by the Moses Lake
**Friends of the NRA, Brownells,
Washington Waterfowl Association
and the Quincy Gun Club.**

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Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

March Meeting to Feature Turkey Hunting Presentation

Turkey Season opens Statewide on April 15th along with a **Youth-Only Season** on April 4-5. Professional guide, **Matt Stevens**, has agreed once again to put on his always popular power point presentation regarding the **“How To’s, and Where To’s”** of Wild Turkey Hunting in Washington State.

Matt’s past presentations to our chapter [Turkey Hunting and Predator Hunting] have been some of the most popular and highly attended presentations we host. **WWA** members of **ALL** Chapters are welcome to attend. Join us and learn how to step up your turkey game with some pro tips from **Matt!**

Trap and 5-stand are open all afternoon until 7 p.m., followed by pizza and soda, a brief business meeting, and then **Matt’s** program. Invite a hunting buddy and/or potential new member, and come join us!

Youth Steps Forward for WWA-Seattle Chapter

James Ono has stepped forward and agreed to stand for election to replace me as Chairman of the **WWA-Seattle Chapter**. A ballot is contained on this page. We’ll use it at the March meeting.

Also new chapter member, **Aaron Kao**, has agreed to volunteer his substantial computer and web expertise to update and modernize the **WWA** website — waduck.org — to make it more user friendly and attractive to younger waterfowlers and hence prospective members of **WWA**. This is our future. We need to make contact!

Finally the chapter needs one more volunteer to step up and volunteer to take over and fill the rather large foot-prints left by **Chapter Secretary-Treasurer, David Hanson**, who has taken an out-of-state employment “offer he couldn’t refuse” and will be leaving us in June. Current benefits of this position include a complimentary (paid for by the Chapter) annual membership to the **Kenmore Gun Club** — quite a bargain these days as the price has recently doubled!

Virus Causing Havoc with Public Meeting Scheduling

At the time of this writing all scheduled meetings as posted on page 2 of this Newsletter are still a “Go!” However who knows what the next week or month will bring. Already new public meeting rules of **WDFW** has “postponed” the previously scheduled March 28th citizen **Waterfowl Advisory**



Professional Matt Stevens in Elk Hunting Mode. He takes his Turkey Hunting Just as Seriously.

Group (WAG), approximately half of whom are also **WWA** members from around the state.

If scheduling of any of these posted events changes, we will notify membership by bulk email blast.

The **Seattle Chapter** meets on the fourth Wednesday each month. Our next meeting will be held on March 25th, at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA. Shooting is open all afternoon until 7 pm., followed by Pizza and Soda; followed by a short business meeting and a program. Come join us and check us out!

Check out and like our Facebook page

Washington Waterfowl Association—Seattle Chapter at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/240265559992025/>

WWA-Seattle Chapter Ballot

Chairman

James Ono

Secretary-Treasurer

Seattle Chapter News Continued



The Proof is in the Mentoring

(Above) In both 2018 and 2019 Matt guided his son Sam in filling both of their turkey tags in each year.

(Above right) Matt's 2nd bird in 2018.

(Immediate right)
The beard on one of Sam's heavy birds was 9 2/16 inches. As Matt says, "It will also go book easy."

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Good Turnout for February Meeting

We had 30 members attend our meeting last month. It might have been for **Bob Taylor's** awesome goose burger chili! We were able to cover plans for events for the upcoming year.

- We plan to participate in the **Oregon Waterfowl Festival** in June.
- In July on the 18th we have a **Shillapoo Wildlife Area** work party planned.
- On August 15th we are planning a waterfowler swap meet.

Chapter and BOD Member Al O'Connor gave a presentation on the **Natural Resource Results (NRR)** lobbying group that **Delta Waterfowl** uses and that **WWA** might use for possible representation on waterfowl vs. salmon land use issues in our state. There was a good article in the **Delta 2019 Winter Magazine** addition eferencing our struggle with this issue in the region.

Member **Dave Weston** spoke about the **Eurasian milfoil** weed infestation covering 27% of **Vancouver Lake**. **Friends of Vancouver Lake** has acquired corporate and public donations to treat the invasive plant this spring. Most of the group is comprised of rowing and sailing enthusiasts. As an avid waterfowler **Dave** got involved as he found there was no hunter representation in the process. Thanks **Dave!**

Ridgefield NWR Scheduled Clean Up Cancelled

Our Chapter's scheduled work party to help with post-season cleanup at the **Ridgefield NWR** on Saturday, March 14th, was cancelled by **Ridgefield** on Friday, March 13th. Coronavirus concern? No official word yet.

Delta Waterfowl Banquet April 11th

The **Columbia River Chapter** of **Delta Waterfowl** will have their annual fundraising banquet **April 11th** at **Club Green Meadows** (same location we hold our annual banquet). Another great organization that deserves our support. For more information contact **Danny Neal** at (503) 369-4868 or spiritlabs@aol.com.

Klineline Pond Kids Fishing Event

We are again sponsoring this wonderful event to get kids out fishing. On **Saturday May 2nd** over 2,500 Children, ages 5-14, and their parents will descend on **Klineline Pond** for some stocked trout fishing fun. We will have a booth that day to raise interest in waterfowl hunting and **WWA**. **Sean** and **Crystal Mathews** are coordinating are involvement with your help.

Please contact **Crystal** at to sign up to help angelbmeeh@yahoo.com.

Who knows what the status of such large public gatherings like **Delta's** banquet or the **Klineline Pond Kids Fishing Event** will be by mid-April or early May? We will attempt to keep our chapter members advised by email blast and/or this Newsletter.

Welcome to the Flock

We would like to welcome new member **Tyler Glidden**. **Tyler** is 27 and had never hunted waterfowl when he attended our chapter waterfowl clinic in August of 2017. He got the "bug" and began hunting **Sauvies Island** with a couple of experienced Portland area hunters.

Tyler is a veteran and on February 1st took out two other young veterans to the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. They had a great time and a very successful hunt that day.

Tyler joined at his first meeting last month. He had been on our email blast that **Arlan Hackett** sends out periodically advising of **WWA** events.

Thanks **Arlan!** You never know when those email blast will pay off — sometimes as in this case, years after the first contact.

Welcome to the flock **Tyler!**



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].

Today is March 12, 2020 and the 2020 legislative session having *sine die*, or in other words it has ended. For us in the hunting community, it has been a fantastic session. I will cover four (4) aspects of the session, the first being **WDFW** related, the second being hunting related, the third being firearms related, and finally other bills of interest.

WDFW fared well in its agency request legislation. The **Department** got a \$27 million general fund lift in the supplemental budget, which was a million dollars more than they requested, and they got ongoing funds, faring far better than the Governor's budget or the state senate's budget! I feel this was necessary, as the new director needs support. I think **Director Kelly Susewind** is doing a fantastic job, and he took over an agency in crisis. He needed a win, and he got a big one in this budget battle!

On the hunting side, all the anti-hunt bills were easily killed. All the 2019 bills from last session didn't move at all, so the awful senate fee bill didn't move at all. The same with **Representative Sherry Appleton's** horrible dog bill, wolf bill, and wild horses bill. **Senator Christine Rolfes'** fee increase bill at the request of **Governor Jay Inslee** didn't move at all, and **WDFW** didn't want it to move. Unfortunately, the one good bill from last session, **Senator Shelly Short's** whitetail count bill, didn't move either.

WDFW had a great House Bill, HB 2571, an enforcement reform bill that passed, it allowed **WDFW** enforcement officers to issue civil penalties instead of criminal penalties on certain minor infractions if the violator has a clean background. This way the offender doesn't lose their fishing or hunting rights. A very good bill.

The **Hunters Heritage Council** has an agreement — we lead on hunting issues, and the **NRA/Second Amendment** groups lead on gun issues. This agreement works very well, so we never work against each other.

On gun issues we were remarkably successful considering how bad it could have been and considering that both **Governor Inslee** and **Attorney General Bob Ferguson** had so much agency request legislation. The gun lobby was able to kill the proposed training requirement before getting a Conceal Pistol License (CPL), large capacity magazine ban, and a so-called "assault weapons" ban.

The worst of the bills that passed will be a bureaucratic nightmare — Senate Bill SB 6288, which creates an **Office of Firearm Violence Prevention** within the executive branch of the state government. This office will be nothing more than a taxpayer-funded lobby group whose sole purpose is to erode self-defense rights in Washington.

HB 2622 is another bad bill that modifies Washington's existing firearm surrender provisions for individuals subject to a court order. This bill compels a respondent to appear and provide proof of compliance with the surrender order, a serious encroachment on the right against compelled self-incrimination. Finally, SB 5434 prohibits the possession of firearms in childcare centers. These are the three (3) anti-gun bills that passed, but if you look at the number introduced, this is a pretty small list.

On the other list is an animal cruelty bill I talked about last month. The animal-rights people tried running the senate version of the bill, SB 6300. We did the same thing to them in the senate version of the bill that we did in the house version of the bill. Most importantly, the "animal pain equals human pain" was struck from the bill.

All the vague language on pain and suffering was struck from the bill, the same with psychological pain. The final draft of the bill was a darn good bill that punishes people who hurt animals. It has been signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. It will become law. This will prevent the animal-rights people from running an initiative next year. It feels so good to win for a change!

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:

Ammo — Eight (8) boxes of new Remington (case) hypersonic steel (1700 FPS), 12 gauge, 3 inch, Number 4 s. \$15.00/box.

Contact Al, H: 360-892-4479 or M: 360-907-9244.

BRAND NEW Stoeger P350, 12 gauge, in 3.5" Mag, pump action, DU Logo on black composite stock, vent rib, chokes, solid duck/goose gun, \$250. FFL Legal Transfer only.
Contact Robert, 206-909-7189

Ithaca 12 gauge, SxS in Mod and Full, standard model in nice shape for a 1925 gun, \$525. FFL Legal Transfer only.
Contact Robert, 206-909-7189

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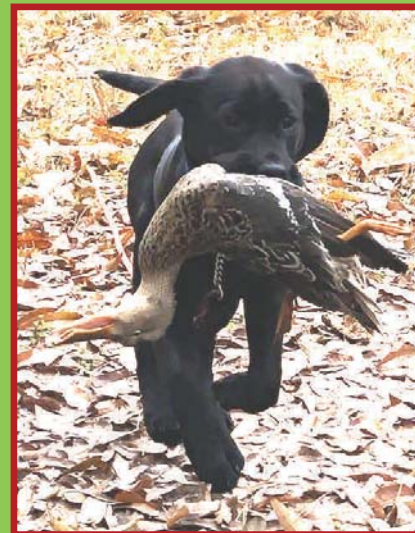
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By: Mark Pidgeon

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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 **February Newsletter**.

WWA Youth Fund — \$2,565

WWA Legal Fund — \$19,192

WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,125

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$11,077

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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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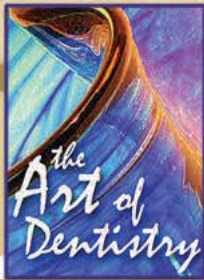
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- (2-year memberships not available online)*

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 2nd Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
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- Spokane Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
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- 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.