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Hello Fellow Waterfowlers —

We were to have all chapter meeting this month on May 16th at the O'Sullivan Resort in Othello. Along came a virus and has basically put our lives on hold. The Board of Directors (BOD) have been having meetings through Cisco WebEx thanks to Bob Taylor. At our May 6 BOD meeting we decided to postpone the May 16th webinar meeting until June 6th, beginning at 10:00 am. Bob will be sending out email invitations to chapter chairs and their designated members concerning meeting times, etc.

We have elections going on for the board members and corporate officers. Please vote in this election and the Presidential election in November, **YOUR VOICE AND YOUR VOTES COUNT.**

All Chapter Meeting Topics

There will another WebEx board meeting on Wednesday June 3, 2020. An outline agenda for the All Chapter Meeting will be the main topic of discussion. Topics raised thus far to help out the financial condition of corporate WWA include an online auction fund raiser, as Covid-19 scuttled our scheduled face-to-face Corporate Fund Raising Banquet in September.

Thinking Outside the Box — Online Auction Anyone?

Board member David Irons, (who is also the current President of the NW Chapter of Safari Club International (SCINW) first brought the online auction idea to our attention. SCINW conducted such an online auction this past March in lieu of their usual Spring Banquet and were pleasantly surprised with the Results! Give some thought about what you could donate (or solicit from establishments you do business with) for such an online auction — hunting trips, fishing trips, gear, etc.

Other ideas include establishing graduated Life Membership levels, charging the chapters a proportional fee for insurance premiums corporate pays to cover all chapters
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Consider becoming a Corp Director this Year

Consider the future of WWA

See Proposed Ballot on Page 3

MISSION STATEMENT

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

News for the Flock

2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

- Sat, May 16 WWA All Chapter Meeting,
Postponed
 To June 6th (To be further discussed at the WWA
 On-line Meeting Board of Directors Meeting on
 June 3rd)
- Sat, May 16 WA Brant Foundation Decoy Carving
Cancelled
 To Be Rescheduled Competition, Maiben Park, Mt.
 Vernon.
- Tues, May 26 SW Chapter Meeting
Cancelled
- Weds, May 27 Seattle Chapter Meeting
Cancelled
- Thurs, May 28 Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting
Cancelled
- Tues, June 2 Whatcom Chapter Meeting at the
Pending
 Possible Extension Laurel Farm & Supply, Bellingham.
 of WA Stay Orders
- Weds, June 3 WWA BOD Meeting (on-line only)
- Sat, June 6 WWA All Chapter Meeting,
 (on-line only), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tues, June 2 Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting at
Pending
 Possible Extension the Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club.
 of WA Stay Orders
- Tues, June 2 NW Chapter Meeting at the
Pending
 Possible Extension Conway Fire Hall.
 of WA Stay Orders

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and their respective events; and a letter writing campaign to try and recover members lost within the last ??? years. We welcome your ideas to add to this list. Don’t be shy about sharing your input with us before June 6th.

Unfortunately many, if not all, of our corporate expenses are going up — some by as much as 25% per year — but unfortunately our income seems to remain the same. In order to avoid the terminal end results experienced by our sister organization, the **WA Game Bird Club**, the demise of the **Minnesota Waterfowl Assn.**, and the financial struggles that threaten the continued viability of the **Wisconsin Waterfowl Assn.**, WWA needs your ideas to help us financially.

Mike Bell, head of the **WWA Duck Stamp Program** has informed the Board that there may some money left over from the printing of this years WA Duck Stamp — possibly \$2000.00 to \$3000.00. If your chapter has a project that will enhance conservation keep this in mind.

Finally I have WWA logo’d hats for sale at \$10.00. Questions or comments call me at 360-853-3742 or email me at foxredlab12@gmail.com

FOR THE RESOURCE,

Rick Holt
WWA President

News for the Flock

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

What happens when you send out a mayday for newsletter content to our members? Well they come to the rescue! **Arlan Hackett** sent out a request for ideas, and we had some great input. **WDFW Wildlife Manger Daren Hauswald** indicated he had been using some of his stay-in-place time to capture and band Band-tail pigeons (See Story on adjacent [Page 5](#)).

Arlan Hackett suggested recapping the **Black Box** 3-man polymer pit blinds our chapter has purchased and donated over the years to the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)** and to the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. The blinds we purchased are actually 4-man blinds that we constructed cedar dog boxes for and installed on one end, as **Ridgefield** only allows 3 hunters at a time. These blinds are well made, easy on your guns (as opposed to the old concrete predecessors) and seal up completely between usages. This keeps the blinds relatively dry inside compared to 3-6 inches of water in the old pits (not to mention all the snakes and mice when we open them up in the fall).

That blind is now blind #12 at the **Ridgefield NWR**. Since then we have purchased six (6) more with some help from the **Ridgefield**. They have been placed as blinds #4, #18 and most recently last year #17. The two (2) remaining blinds are yet to be installed. One blind was placed at the **Shillapoo State Wildlife Area**.

The **Seattle Chapter** also has purchased two (2) actual 3-man blinds and the **Willapa NWR** has purchased one, for a total of three (3) for their **Rickola** goose unit. This totals over \$40,000 in blind donations by **WWA** to enhance waterfowl hunting on these two (2) federal refuges. A pretty significant accomplishment.

Crystal Mathews had a wealth of input and good ideas. She mentioned that May is the annual observance of **American Wetlands Month**. Established in 1991 by the **Environmental Protection Agency**, **American Wetlands Month** is a time when **EPA**, and public and private organizations celebrate the vital importance of wetlands to our nation's ecological, economic and social health. The annual recognition helps highlight the important role wetlands play in the natural ecosystem, such as helping to



Pictured is the first Black Box Blind that WWA-LC Chapter purchased in June of 2013 and displayed at the 2013 Oregon Waterfowl Festival.

improve water quality and providing habitat for plants and wildlife. They also control storm water runoff in urban and farm environments, and mitigate floodwater effects. To learn more: <https://www.fws.gov/home/feature/2009/Wetland/>

Lower Columbia Chapter News Continued

Crystal also submitted this tasty looking duck recipe she found:

[Pomegranate Duck with Cranberry-Pistachio Couscous](#)

If you are looking to try something new and different, this looks delicious and healthy.

She had numerous other suggestions to sell **WWA** hoodies/shirts, building duck boxes for next year and suggested a chapter Zoom meeting!

Jack Whitney suggested some articles for new waterfowlers on wing shooting, decoy placement. Along those same lines **Chapter President Ted Blade** thought it may be helpful to list some of the public hunting opportunities and their corresponding lottery draw systems for novice or new to the area hunters.

Ridgefield NWR - Lottery and walk on hunting, 20/21 season info to be posted in August. https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ridgefield/visit/waterfowl_hunting.html

Shillapoo State Wildlife Area – Open hunting first come. <https://wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/wildlife-areas/shillapoo-wildlife-area>

Umatilla NWR Patterson Unit – Open hunting. <https://www.fws.gov/mcriver/documents/regulations/umatilla-boardman-etc.pdf>

McNary NWR – Both lottery and walk on hunting. <https://www.fws.gov/mcriver/documents/regulations/mcnary-headquarters.pdf>

Mid-Columbia NW Refuges – General reference page to check out other opportunities. <https://www.fws.gov/mcriver/regulations.html>

This list is not exhaustive and does not list Oregon refuges, but it's a start. Finally, I stumbled on this website Blog "**Blind 9**" with interesting commentary and information on local waterfowl opportunities that the novice and experienced hunter may find entertaining and helpful to check out:

<https://blind9.com/refuge-guides/shillapoo-wildlife-area-vancouver-wa/>

Chapter VP Michael Andreotti suggested a few links for building Hen Houses. The first is a **Delta Waterfowl** link <https://deltawaterfowl.org/hen-houses/>.

The second a **YouTube** video by a couple of chaps from **NW England** and surprisingly they are **WWA** members across the pond. They represent the **Westmoreland Wildfowl Association!**

<http://www.westmorlandwildfowlersassociation.co.uk/>

Banding Band-Tails

[Editor's Note:] WWA-LC Chapter member and WDFW Wildlife Area Manager Daren Hauswald has been making the most of the "Stay at Home" order by trapping and banding Band-tailed Pigeons at his backyard bird feeder, and describes the process for us.

Since the **Governor's Executive Order** was issued most **WDFW** employees have been teleworking from home as most of the field work that myself and my fellow employees typically accomplish in the spring was suspended due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Although I would rather be working out on one of the many areas we oversee, I made the most of the current situation, by still getting out into the field (er "backyard") to accomplish some wildlife management work.

The Band-tailed pigeons arrive at my feeder in late March every spring and stay until late May before moving on to other locations and food sources. Pigeons will also return in early September as they migrate back south to winter in Mexico.

The banding effort will help track migration movements, age, and harvest rates over the lifespan of the birds by people reporting the marked birds that they recover. I will also attempt to trap pigeons this fall to see if any of the marked birds return, or if perhaps the fall birds are different than the ones that come through the area in the spring.

The traps are modified mourning dove traps. So far, I have banded 43 and I am hoping to get at least 50 in total. The traps that I am using are wire cages that have a door on the top that I can close once the birds jump in.

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The pigeons don't like going through the side funnels all that much and about 80% of the pigeons that I have trapped come in through the top. I have fishing line connected to the top door that I pull closed when birds are inside.

It takes me back to when I was a little kid when I would try to get birds and squirrels with a propped-up box with string connected to a stick to drop the box. Being able to get away from the virtual meetings and trainings to still have some hands-on wildlife work, while not being able to get out into the field has helped greatly in keeping me sane during these circumstances we are all in!

“It not waterfowl, but it is a migratory bird that is funded through the purchase of our state duck stamp. Since I have been working from home for the last six (6) weeks I have been able to trap and put leg bands on band-tailed pigeons that have been visiting my bird feeders for the past several years.”

— Daren Hauswald



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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Companion Raffle to the Hunt for Two Raffle

By **Jon McAninch** and the **Cedarville Farms Hunt Club**.

19th Legislative District Representative **Brian Blake** carved and painted a really cool Tundra Swan (aka Whistling Swan). If you follow **Brian** on Facebook you may have seen pictures of it on some of his posts.

with it in mind that they would one day be utilized in a carving project.

Now that you are familiar with some of the history connected to the Tundra Swan carving, I have the pleasure to announce that **Brian** has graciously donated his finished carving to be raffled off with all proceeds to go to **The Seattle Children’s Hospital**.

Cedarville Farms will administer the raffle by selling tickets for \$1.00 each up until the date of the drawing which

shall be held at **The Cedarville Farms Annual Clambake** on August 15th. You need not be present to win, but an out of area winner would be responsible to pay for shipping. To purchase your raffle tickets for this original carving please send checks made payable to:

**Cedarville Farms
15 White Oak Lane
Oakville, WA 98568**

Please include your name and a contact phone number and reference **Swan Raffle** on your check. All funds shall be deposited in a dedicated account and dispersed to **The Seattle Children’s Hospital** along with our annual **Children’s Hospital Fund Raiser** donations collected at the upcoming Clambake event.

When we receive your raffle check we will place your name and phone number on the tickets purchased, and enter them into the raffle. We will also post confirmation of receipt of payment on our Facebook Page.



The body was carved out of a remnant of a pine log that originated in Idaho and migrated to Washington to be used in the construction of a log home in Grays Harbor County. The head & neck were carved out of Alaskan yellow cedar **Brian** had been saving for many years. Both the pine and yellow cedar were stored away all these years

Hunt for Two Raffle Update

With Governor Inslee’s Lockdown Orders stopping all Chapter Meetings, the **Hunt for Two Raffle** tickets sales have pretty much dropped off. Oh well, still have time to buy them up until the drawing on October 1st. (See Flyer on **Page 9**)

GH Chapter News Continued

Hi all —

Are we tired of the virus thing yet? I have never got so much done at my house in such a short period. Now, I just have to finish all of it.

On a good note all of our goose platforms that are on private property had a hatch this season. We have helped propagate countless geese with these nesting platforms. Good conservation. We intend to put up three (3) more on different areas along the **Chehalis River**. I just need to schedule the work party(s).

Our annual **Hunt for Two Raffle** ticket sales have taken a downward turn because of the virus. I'm blaming everything on the virus. lol Anyway, the tickets are **STILL** on sale by your Chapter so order up and hopefully you will get a good waterfowl hunt this season... If the virus lets us.

Our next meeting will be on the 4th of June. The location is To Be Determined unless the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club (ESC)** opens up for us. We (I) cancelled our May meeting as the **ESC** where we meet, is closed for the duration of the virus. I fully plan to have a June meeting — even if we have to change the meeting place.

Public Input Open Thru June

The **Scatter Creek Wildlife Area** has completed it's planning draft, and it is open for public comment. I read the draft, and I think it is very well thought out will benefit the environment and users — consumptive and otherwise — alike. I made a couple of suggestions, but I never got to do the last "E" meeting about the final draft. The notification is set forth in full below. Read it and make your comments. The plan can be changed or additions made before it becomes official.

Kurt Snyder
WWA-GH Chapter Chair

WDFW Seeks Public Input on Management Plan for Scatter Creek Wildlife Area

OLYMPIA – The **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** wants to hear from the community on a draft management plan for the **Scatter Creek Wildlife Area** located in **Thurston** and **Grays Harbor** counties. Public input is welcome through June 8.

"We greatly appreciate and value input from neighbors, partners, and visitors," said **Darric Lowery, Wildlife Area Manager for WDFW**. "Your feedback helps us craft a more relevant and attainable plan so we can make **WDFW**-managed lands better for both wildlife, and the community."

Consisting of six (6) separate units, the wildlife area covers about 3,601 acres and is popular for hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, horseback riding, and hunting dog training.

The wildlife area encompasses portions of unique **South Puget Sound** prairies and oak woodlands, as well as aquatic, forest, and wetland habitats that support a variety of wildlife species, including the federally endangered **Taylor's checkerspot butterfly**, and the **threatened Mazama pocket gopher**.

A local citizen advisory group helped develop the draft management plan, which will guide how the Department makes operations and budgeting decisions on the wildlife area for the next 10 years.

The draft management plan is undergoing a 30-day **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)** public comment period and is available on **WDFW's** website under "Management Planning" at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/wildlife-areas/scatter-creek-wildlife-area>.

WDFW staff had to cancel plans for a public meeting due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but incorporated some community input into the draft plan from a public meeting held in March 2019.

People can provide feedback on the draft plan on **WDFW's** website at www.wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments or by mail to:

Lisa Wood
SEPA/NEPA Coordinator
WDFW Habitat Program
Protection Division
P.O. Box 43200
Olympia, WA 98504

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OCTOBER 1ST, 2020 HUNT FOR TWO RAFFLE

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Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

No May Chapter Meeting

WWA-Seattle Chapter Members are reporting that they've been able to get out and do some shooting since the State eased up on Lockdown restrictions effective May 5th. Unfortunately, the **Kenmore Gun Range** is **NOT** one of them. Even if they were to open before our regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting by the 4th Wednesday of month (this month, May 27th), it's unclear if the Clubhouse would be open for a meeting and/or our regular pizza feed. See their Notice below.

Member **Robb Stack** participated in an organized shoot at the **Granite Falls Gun Range** on Saturday, May 9th. **Robb** and fellow chapter member, **John Hanson**, shot on Mother's Day at the **Seattle Skeet and Trap Club** in Ravensdale. Though only open to Club members at this time (with special rules), they are offering some half-year membership specials. See <https://sstclub.com>

WWA President **Rick Holt** reported that his local gun club, the **Old Skagit Gun Club** in Burlington has been open to the public since May 7th, though their kitchen is closed until further notice. Check out their website for the days (Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday midday) and specific shooting hours when they are open. <https://www.oldsagit.com/>

Even if **Kenmore** were to open before our regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting by the 4th Wednesday of month (this month, May 27th), it's unclear if the Shotgun Clubhouse would be open for a meeting and/or our regular pizza feed. See their Notice below.

Kenmore Range Opening Update (as of May 10)

From Joe Rinaldi
President, Wildlife Committee of WA, Inc.

It is with deep regret that we announce that we do not have approval by **Governor Inslee's** office to re-open the range. We are currently planning to reopen the range if we meet Phase 2 criteria as set forth by the State of Washington. If we do meet the criteria, then we will be open to the **membership only**. Check for **Kenmore** updates [here](#).

The board came to this decision based on guidance from our legal counsel regarding opening the club and resuming business operations.

Among the activities authorized to restart in Phase I are:

- *Recreational hunting, fishing, and boating;*
- *Outdoor exercise, including hiking, running, walking and biking;*
- *Golfing;*
- *Day-use activities at public parks and public lands.*

The memo is very narrowly tailored toward the reopening and limited operation of golf courses. In proclamation 20-25.2 immediately following the above enumerated authorized recreational activities, the Governor clarifies/limits the scope of Phase I recreational activities as follows:

"...ADDITIONALLY, except as exempted above, I continue to prohibit all other public and private gatherings and multi-person activities for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, regardless of the number of people involved. Such activity includes, but is not limited to, community, civic, public, le...

It is infinitely clear reopening the range would not be permissible during Phase I. Proclamation 20-25.2 also provides

..."[v]iolators of this of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5)."

Violation of this proclamation could therefore subject the range to a gross misdemeanor, and potential civil penalties such as fines and suspension or revocation of the range's business license.

We are disappointed and frustrated that the State's actions are creating confusion for our staff, members and customers, and we are working diligently to resolve this situation by working with entities such as the **National Shooting Sports Foundation** and the **Washington Range Alliance**. Unfortunately if we lose our business license we will not be able to operate for members or the public, hence the board has taken a conservative approach to reopening.

We are waiting for a clear proclamation from the Governor and will remain closed both to the members and public in the near term.

We are extremely saddened that the Governor has not taken a more cooperative approach to our business, and we sincerely apologize to all our membership and customers. We want you to know that we are working with the above mentioned entities to receive approval to resume our operations. We hope to be open soon to provide everyone with the opportunity with the chance to enjoy their passion.

Seattle Chapter News Continued

WWA-Seattle Chapter "E" and/or Mail in Elections

I'm happy to announce that **Tim Tinghino** has agreed to step forward for a leadership role with the **Seattle Chapter**, joining **James Ono** who had previously agreed to stand for election as Chapter Chair.

Nominations and Voting Deadlines

Collectively we have decided not to wait any longer for the possibility of a face-to-face meeting to conduct those elections. Obviously with the-thus-far-only-two-nominees these elections would only be a formality. I as outgoing Chair will accept any further Chapter officer nominees by email and/or **USPS** snail mail postmarked by May 31st, and will update the Ballot accordingly for the June election. Voting will remain open through June 24th, which will hopefully be a face-to-face evening meeting on our regularly scheduled 4th Wednesday of each month.

The issue of further nominees is not a moot issue as historically a membership to the **Kenmore Gun Range** has been included by the Chapter to one officer in exchange for cleaning up the Clubhouse after our monthly meetings; and remaining available to lock up both the Clubhouse and the front gate to the entire facility after that; and act as the Chapter's liaison with the Gun Club, including attendance at their Membership meetings.

I have not accepted that benefit of office in order to avoid the appearance of self serving, and instead passed it on to a then-unaware-of-the-benefit **David Hanson**, who has served the Chapter as **Secretary/Treasurer** with excellent service over the years, but who will be moving his family out-of-state in June to take advantage of an employment opportunity.

Which new office holder will be entitled to this benefit will be up to the agreement of the two incoming officers, or by something as simple as a flip of a coin should there be no such agreement.

Currently a membership to the **Kenmore Gun Club** requires a \$200 initiation fee PLUS \$250 in annual dues!

A ballot is contained on this page for nominations, if any, and a final ballot will be updated as needed and published in the **WWA-June 2020 Newsletter** which will be emailed to all **WWA** membership on June 15th.

Tri-Cities Chapter News

No News This Month

Whatcom Chapter News

No News This Month

Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month

WWA-Seattle Chapter Ballot

Chairman

[] **James Ono**

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Secretary-Treasurer

[] **Timothy Tinghino**

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Spokane Chapter News

By: Ramon Guel

Chapter Meeting Changed to On-line Event

The **Spokane Chapter** has had a successful virtual meeting with Zoom. The link to that meeting is on the **WWA-Spokane Facebook** page.

One of our areas of focus this summer will be networking with land owners for the coordination of **Youth-Only** hunts. Since our main mission is youth mentoring, we want to provide quality youth hunts throughout the year -- in addition to the couple days **WDFW** gives us. I will be crafting a letter of intent for our members so that they may go door-to-door in the coming months, and hopefully we'll have a few quality spots lined up for the season.

I also plan on coordinating a meeting with the **Friends of Turnbull (NWR) Organization** to see how we may be able to sponsor some habitat restoration projects once the State re-opens.

Look for an invite to our next quarterly meeting sometime in June via Zoom. Any members are welcome, and we'd be happy to have other thoughts and opinions at the table.

Check our Facebook page for updates on our future meetings at: <https://www.facebook.com/wwaspokane/>

Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

At this time the **Southwest Chapter** is not going to hold our May Meeting due to the coronavirus. We will start up again when this event is over. Our meeting location at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** remains closed through May 12th, per Governor Inslee's order.

We will be planning our work party for the two duck blinds on **Rapjohn Lake** in the near future.

Hope everyone is staying safe and looking forward to getting back together in the very near future.

The **Southwest Chapter** **usually** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.

Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

Youth Trap Shoot

We have a tentative scheduled free trap and Merchandise/gear giveaway for Saturday August 29th 2020. This is all scheduled to happen if the Governor of the state allows social gatherings. See Flyer on adjacent **Page 13**.

We have a bunch of stuff to give away including 10 dozen Goose decoys, and a Goose decoy trailer to some lucky individual.

We will start at 10 A.M. and be done by 2 P.M.

More information will be in the **WWA June 2020 Newsletter**.



WWA-Spokane Chapter Chair Ramon Guel and his buddy Keyth Phothisongsa (pictured) each already harvested their turkeys in this year's delayed spring season!

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MOSES LAKE FNRA **FREE** TRAP SHOOT

When: Saturday August 29th, 2020,

Time: 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 will know how much food is needed to be provided, 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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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

May Chapter Events

The chapter's May events are currently cancelled and on hold. Some of these events take place at **Wildlife Areas** that are also closed. When these areas are reopened we will re-schedule all previously scheduled activities. The Chapters Calendar of events for the year will also be reviewed at our next meeting. Hopefully our June meeting.

Wood Ducks

Earlier this year the chapter assembled a dozen new Wood Duck Nesting Boxes. Members have since deployed the boxes at several counties on the west side. Most of the new boxes were logged on the chapters spread sheet for location, maintenance check and member responsibility.

Obviously the stay at home order has had a minor impact on our maintenance efforts.

The **Northwest Chapter** usually meets on the second Tuesday each month at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. We hope to resume these monthly meetings in June, pending a further continuation of the Governor's Stay at Home Covid-19 Order. See you then 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



Special Hunt Permit Application Deadline Extended to May 21st

OLYMPIA – Hunters can now submit special hunt applications **through midnight Thursday, May 21** for deer, elk, mountain goat, moose, bighorn sheep, and fall turkey 2020 seasons in Washington.

“The original deadline was May 18,” said **Eric Gardner, WDFW Wildlife Program Director**. “Unfortunately, the printed pamphlets shipment to our dealers have been behind schedule due to COVID-19 complications, so we want to give hunters a few more days to review and submit applications.”

The **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** will conduct a random drawing to select permit winners in June. Hunters who receive special permits qualify to hunt beyond the times and places authorized by a general hunting license.

A printed version of the pamphlet is now available at dealer locations across the state, though WDFW region offices remain closed. Residents are advised to call local **WDFW** offices or their local license vendor to determine if they are open before making an in-person visit. The pamphlet has been available for download since April 20.

Should the Department have to cancel these hunting seasons, hunters would be entitled to a refund or point restoration.

Hunters can buy applications and licenses from license vendors statewide or on **WDFW's** website. They must submit their applications on the website or call 1-877-945-3492 toll-free.

Hunters buying and applying online must create a username and password in the Department's **WILD** system. They can find more information about creating their **WILD** system account. Hunters can also click the “Customer Support” link on the **WILD** homepage for additional assistance.

Most special hunt permit applications cost \$7.10 for residents, \$110.50 for non-residents, and \$3.80 for youth under 16. Resident applications for mountain goats, bighorn sheep ram, moose, and "quality" categories for deer and elk cost \$13.70.

WWA Legislative News

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].

Well the legislative session ended March 12, 2020, but that doesn't mean that the **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)** wasn't busy. I was in on all of the on-line **WDFW** closure meetings because of the Governor's shutdown order. I have heard hunters complain about **Director Kelly Susewind** having fault in this situation, and in my opinion, nothing could be further from the truth.

After **Governor Inslee** ordered the shutdown, there was still a clam dig on a Pacific beach, and a health official complained. The clam dig was shut down by the Governor as was youth turkey. Spring turkey, and spring bear were indefinitely postponed.. It was probably in the best interests of all that this happened. I know that some of you won't like my comments, but I will explain my reasoning.

I think the protests may have had a little play in this, but **WDFW** took a huge hit in the pocketbook. They lost a lot in license sales. **Commissioner Kim Thornburn** told the Governor during the lockdown that it was time to open hunting and fishing up. She is a retired public health physician with considerable experience with policy development, including a short stint as chair of the **Washington State Board of Health**. Having her say that it was time to open things up gives it a lot of credibility.

The first meeting on opening things back up I wasn't all that thrilled about. Turkey hunters got nothing. Youth turkey was not rescheduled, they just lost out, and no extension on spring turkey. Spring bear hunters came out smelling like roses, they got their season extended to June 30th, and if they didn't like that they could get their points refunded or even as a last resort a money refund!

The second meeting was getting ready for the May 5th rollout — **WDFW** facilities won't stocked with toilet paper, and the sites won't be maintained! Hunters and fishers will need to bring in all their own supplies and pack out all of their trash. **WDFW** will be looking at fall options

for turkey incentives. The theme is hunt and fish local in your own county.

The legislative session lasts 105 days during odd-numbered years and 60 days during even-numbered years unless there are special sessions. The **WDFW Commission** meets 11 of the 12 months of the year. These nine (9) members have incredible power over our fish and wildlife policy. The **Washington State Constitution** gives the Legislature the authority to regulate wildlife policy. That policy is in **Title 77 of RCW**. **RCW 77.04.012** is titled "Mandate of Department and Commission." Here are the first four mandates:

- (1) Wildlife, fish, and shellfish are the property of the state. The Commission, Director, and the Department shall preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage the wildlife and food fish, game fish, and shellfish in state waters and offshore waters.
- (2) The department shall conserve the wildlife and food fish, game fish, and shellfish resources in a manner that does not impair the resource. In a manner consistent with this goal, the department shall seek to maintain the economic well-being and stability of the fishing industry in the state. The Department shall promote orderly fisheries and shall enhance and improve recreational and commercial fishing in this state.
- (3) The Commission may authorize the taking of wildlife, food fish, game fish, and shellfish only at times or places, or in manners or quantities, as in the judgment of the commission does not impair the supply of these resources.
- (4) The Commission shall attempt to maximize the public recreational game fishing and hunting opportunities of all citizens, including juvenile, disabled, and senior citizens.

Right now, we have a great Commission! I cannot say enough good words about some of the members of our Commission. We have fought so hard to get control of the Commission with recreational hunters and fishers, and for the first time in a long time we finally have it. Both **HHC** and **WWC** work the Commission problem hard. I am all smiles with the new Commission.

Our newest Commissioner **Jim Anderson** may be the best person who has ever served on the Commission. He is one of us, an avid hunter and fisher. As the former chair of the **Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission**, he is incredibly smart, well rounded, and understands policy.

WSDA News

Trapping Season in Your Own Backyard — Asian Giant Hornets

WA Department of Agriculture News Release

There has recently been national attention on Asian giant hornets that were found in Washington State. The trapping instructions below are for people who wish to participate in volunteer trapping **WITHIN** Washington State.

There are no known sightings of Asian giant hornets anywhere else in the United States and trapping for them there will likely do more harm than good by catching native desirable insects. **PLEASE DO NOT TRAP FOR ASIAN GIANT HORNETS IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON STATE.** Thank you for your interest in assisting in trapping for Asian giant hornets.

Asian giant hornets pose a serious threat to honeybees, other insects, and even humans. By participating in trapping, you can help limit the spread and possibly even eradicate Asian giant hornets from Washington State. Although we invite anyone in Washington to participate in trapping, we are particularly interested in volunteer trapping in Whatcom, Skagit, Island, San Juan, Jefferson, and Clallam counties.

WARNING

Asian giant hornets pose a **risk to human health**. While they do not generally bother humans, they will attack if they feel threatened. Participating in Asian giant hornet trapping could increase your risk of being stung by Asian giant hornets. Be sure to seek immediate medical attention if you have a reaction or are stung multiple times. Should you locate a suspected Asian giant

hornet nest, **DO NOT** approach or attempt to remove it. Note the location and report it to **WSDA** immediately. If you are allergic to bee or wasp stings, you should NOT engage in trapping for Asian giant hornets.

TRAPPING - IT'S A COMMITMENT

In order for trapping to be successful, those who participate should know that trapping is a commitment. It will require you to:

- obtain materials to build and maintaining traps
- log your traps on WSDA's online mapping system
- check your traps weekly for 17 weeks starting in July and into the fall
- photograph all specimens and submit photos and any collected bee, wasp, or hornet specimens to **WSDA**.

The full instructions are below, but you can also [download](#) a printable pdf with the bottle trap instructions.

BOTTLE TRAPS

The trap in these instructions is known as a "bottle trap" and targets Asian giant hornet workers in the summer and fall. It may also catch Asian giant hornet queens in the spring and fall. This is the same trap used by the hornet program in Nagoya, Japan.

WSDA asks that participants set traps at the beginning of July and keep them up through October.

EQUIPMENT

Below are the materials you will need for one trap for an entire season of trapping from July through October (17 weeks.)



- 2 liter or 64 ounce plastic bottle
- Box cutter
- String or twine
- Orange juice (100 % with few additives) - 17 4-ounce juice boxes
- Rice cooking wine (10-25% alcohol content) 64 ounces or 3 25-ounce bottles
- 5 x 6 x 2 inch storage container plastic strainer

WSDA News

(Trapping Asian Giant Hornets Continued)

PREPARE THE BOTTLE

- (1) and (2) Near the top of the bottle make 2 cm (0.78 inch) long "H" marks on three sides
- (2) Using a box cutter or exacto knife, very carefully cut along the "H" marks.
- Carefully fold the top tabs in and the bottom tabs out.

PREPARE THE BAIT

- (3) Rice cooking wine will discourage honey bees from visiting the trap. Ensure that the alcohol content is between 10% and 25% by volume. Use 4 ounces (1/2 cup) of rice wine.
- Use 4 ounces (1/2 cup) of 100% real orange juice. 4.2 ounce juice boxes are perfect and have a long shelf life. Pour the rice cooking wine and orange juice into the bottle and replace the cap.

SELECT A SITE

- Hang the bottle at least 6 feet high on trees near forest edges. Do not hang bottles higher than 9 feet.
- If hanging more than one trap, traps should be at least 50 feet apart.
- (4) Affix a sturdy string or wire around the neck of the bottle. Hang the trap so the closed side of the bottle faces the tree.

Only place traps on your own property or property that you have permission to access.



Trap hanging tips

- Pick a sturdy branch;
- Tie a second string around the body of the trap and tree to secure the trap.

REPORT TRAP LOCATION

Visit WSDA's [Hornet Watch Trap Submission Map](#) to log the location of your trap(s).
[GO TO THE MAP](#)



Report your trap location:

- Follow the instructions on the map
- Record your trap number(s) for your reference and write the number on the trap
- Create a new marker/pin for each trap

SERVICING THE TRAPS

Please note: If you find a live Asian giant hornet in your trap when you check it - **do not handle the trap**. Contact **WSDA** immediately at 1-800-443-6684.

Every week, collect a sample and replace the bait. This should be 17 services.

Bait should be replaced every week even if no specimens are captured.

(5) Pour trap contents into the plastic strainer. **Tip:** Pour with the closed side of trap down.

Empty the contents of the strainer into a storage container. Gently tap the strainer over the storage container to dislodge any specimens.

PREPARING THE SAMPLE

Place specimens in zipper bag with paper towel that has been soaked with isopropyl alcohol. **PLEASE RETURN ALL SPECIMENS EACH WEEK** - this includes both Asian giant hornets and anything else caught in the trap.

Write the trap number and collection date on the bag AND on a paper tag in the bag. **NOTE:** Isopropyl alcohol dissolves ink from pens and Sharpies. To ensure your sample is counted use a **PENCIL** to write on a piece of paper. Every week you should have specimens to send to **WSDA**, even if there are no Asian giant hornets.

MAILING SAMPLES

WSDA would like to evaluate all samples in 2020. Please mail samples in padded envelope every time they are collected to:

Chris Looney, WSDA
1111 Washington Street SE
Olympia WA, 98504

Please do not wait until the end of the season to mail in your samples.

STAY CONNECTED

Join our [Asian Giant Hornet Watch Facebook group](#) to stay up-to-date on Asian giant hornet activities.

[Email](#) or call WSDA's Pest Program with questions about trapping for Asian giant hornets. 1-800-443-6684.

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WWA and RRGC News Briefs

RRGC Wood Duck Box Program

By Arlan Hackett

Please find pasted below an e-mail received yesterday from **Richland Rod & Gun Club** with another Wood Duck Box Camera.

The **WWA** system that we are using will tell us if you opened the e-mail and also if you clicked on and opened the link. From this, we know that these e-mails are of high interest to the WWA Group.

If you are hunkered down at home, this may give you something to watch. If you do not have an interest, please just humor us and delete it. This is a group e-mail, and it goes out to all in the system.

We hope you are all well, and please stay safe.

In case you missed the live jump, here is a recording of the jump from box 367 on Mothers Day, May 10th at about 8:50 a.m. Twenty-one (21) ducklings jump from the box and two struggled needing assistance. The landowner has attempted to reunite the ducklings with the hen and siblings once the last one was removed from the box.

Here is the link: https://youtu.be/8YO6k_5Tj2w

For a pictorial history of our program, click [here](#)

The hen in this box has band 1146-22680 that was originally captured on 4-19-2015 in box G64, just across the river. She was recaptured in 2016 in G64 but did not capture her in 2017. In 2018 she discovered box 367 and has been nesting in this box last year and again this year.

Last year we deployed a geo-locator on a tarsal band on this hen. When we recaptured her this year we downloaded the data from the geo-locator. **Jason Fidorra**, our district Wildlife Biologist, has analyzed the data and indicated she is a local duck, not migrating during winter. We will be exploring how to make the data available on our web page so that you can visualize her movements.

Thanks to our landowner for supplying power and wifi service for our live stream!!!

There should be additional boxes close to hatching so watch for activity on our other broadcast channels.

Some Recent History of the RRGC Nesting Box Program

We have accomplished performing the annual maintenance of all 474 nesting boxes that were available for wood ducks last nesting season. We have replaced some of those boxes that have reached the end of their life with boxes built by youth at the Sportsman Show or Kids Duck Day, and by students at Libby Middle School or Homeschool students.

The data collected during the effort shows 56.5 % of boxes were used by wood ducks, 86 boxes were used by Western Screech Owls, cooperative banding with **WDFW** installed 17 new bands on owls and had 24 owls recaptured having been banded in previous years.

There were 186 nest boxes that had successful hatching of ducklings evidenced by us counting 1214 membranes. We believe this number is a very conservative estimate of the actual number of ducklings that were hatched and jumped from the nest boxes. The reason we feel the number is lower than actual is because many membranes are "lost" between the hatch and when the box cleaning is performed months later.

Now that all the boxes are ready for hens, we will start to survey boxes for banding efforts. A few selected checks indicate the early nesting activities have started.

One box checked on 3-22-20 we found and recaptured a hen sitting on 10 eggs. This hen is a banded hen that has returned to this same box or adjacent boxes since 2016 when she was first banded. Additionally we had deployed a geo-locator on this hen last year on 4-23-19. Her nest hatched out and jumped from the box on 5-19-19.

Apparently the ducklings perished and she re-nested in the same nest box which jumped on 7-15-19. The geo-locator has been recovered/removed to download the mini data logger data and we will report on the migration data after the data is processed and analyzed. We are hopeful that we will recover more of the 16 geo-locators that were deployed last spring when we get further into the nesting season.

Thanks for watching,

Dale Schielke
RRGC Wood Duck Project Coordinator

Classified Ads – 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.

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Herter's Magnum Diver Decoys For Sale

Three (3) dozen magnum Herter's foam body diver decoys! A mix of bluebills and canvasbacks. Includes mother line and weights. Plus two expandable decoy bags. Ready to hunt over. Asking \$225 for decoys, lines, weights, and bags. I am in Snohomish County, WA.

Contact: Guy, 206-618-1345

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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 **April Newsletter**.

WWA Youth Fund — \$2,565

WWA Legal Fund — \$19,192

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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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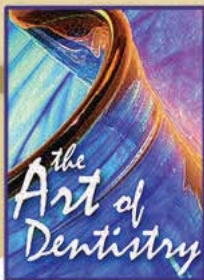
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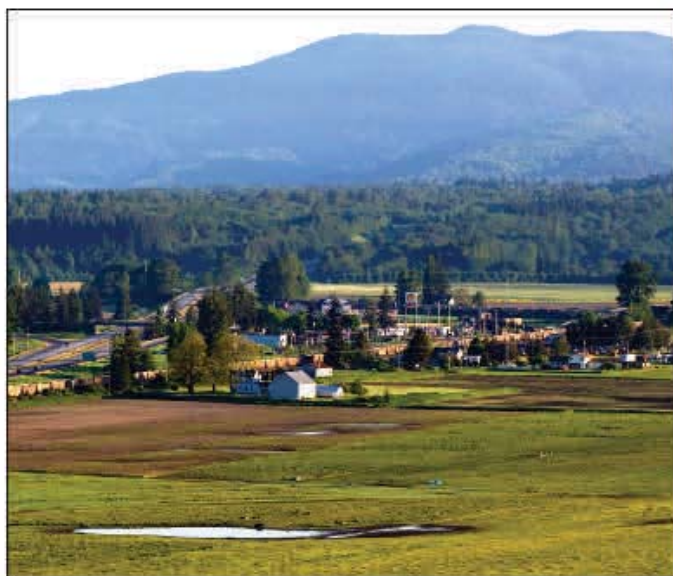
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- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** — Vacant.
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday 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.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.

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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.