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**Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!**

The primary focus of my message today is safety.

As we have seen, there are a lot of wildfires going on around us, and now the quality of air is at dangerous levels for the next few days or so. Hopefully, by the time you read this message, the smoke and fires will have passed. Please do whatever you need to do to keep you and yours safe, and if we at the corporate level can help in any way, let us know.

**Board Meetings Open to All WWA Members**

I'd like to remind everyone that our Board meetings are not closed door. Now that we have fully embraced Zoom calls, it is easier than ever to log in and see what happens at the corporate level. I encourage all of you to reach out to your Chapter Chairman if you're interested in listening in on the calls. You cannot vote, but your input is valuable. Let us know how we are doing! This past election season for **WWA** showed me that not many members are paying attention to the corporate process, and I hope to change that. Our commitment to this organization and transparency in our leadership is fundamental to our success.

As our hunting seasons draw near, the less we'll be writing. We all want to be out in the blinds, I know that for sure! Unfortunately, I wasn't able to get out for early Goose, but I did get my son a nice big turkey as a condolence prize (picture on **Page 2**) Lastly, be on the lookout for some great raffle opportunities that are being led by **WWA-VP, James Ono**.

Thanks all, and stay safe.

**Ramon Guel, WWA President**

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

## News for the Flock

### 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

- Weds, Sept 23 **1st Sept** Seattle Chapter Meeting  
**Online Only — 7 p.m.**  
Program by NWTf State Chapter  
Vice President, Richard Mann.
- Thurs, Sept 24 Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting  
**Hybrid Online & In Person at the  
Vancouver Trap Club — 7 p.m.**
- Sat, Sept 26 NW Chapter Banquet, Mt. Vernon.  
**Cancelled**  
For 2020
- Sat, Sept 26 LC Chapter Banquet, Vancouver.  
**Postponed**  
For 2020
- Mon, Sept 28 **2nd Sept** Seattle Chapter Meeting  
In Person Shooting, traditional  
Gear Swap Meet, & Silent Auction  
at Kenmore Gun Range, 5:30 p.m
- Tues, Sept 29 SW Chapter Meeting  
**Pending**  
Tacoma Sportsmen's Club  
Email Confirmation  
will be sent to SW members
- Wed, Sept 30 Spokane Chapter Meeting  
**Online Only — 7 p.m.**
- Thurs, Oct 1 Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting at  
the Evergreen Sportsmen's Club.  
**Hunt-for-2 Raffle Drawing, 5:30 p.m.**
- Tues, Oct 6 Whatcom Chapter Meeting at the  
**Pending**  
Laurel Farm & Supply, Bellingham.  
Email Confirmation  
will be sent to WH members
- Weds, Oct 7 WWA BOD Meeting  
**Online Only — 7:00 p.m.**
- Weds, Oct 14 NW Chapter Meeting at the  
Twin Cities Sportsmens Club  
Stanwood, WA  
Program by WDFW 's Region 4,  
Private Lands Mgr, Rob Wingard.

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**Cade Guel's and his Turkey.**  
Check elsewhere in this Newsletter  
for more statewide Youth Hunt  
opportunities in September and  
October.

## JOIN THE WWA HUNTER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

### Building the Next Generation of Hunters



**PARTICIPATE IN 2+ HUNTS WITH YOUR MENTEE**

**HELP NEW MEMBERS LEARN**

**SAFETY – ETTIQUETTE – SPORTSMANSHIP – REGULATIONS – LICENSES**

**HUNTING ACCESS – DECOYS – CALLING – CONCEALMENT**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MENTOR OR A MENTEE**

**PLEASE REACH OUT TO JAMES ONO AT [OHNOITSONO2009@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:OHNOITSONO2009@HOTMAIL.COM)**

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#### **The Mission:**

The goal of the **WWA Hunter Mentorship Program** is to try to lessen the barriers to entry into the bird hunting world. Many new hunters just want to have an introduction of how to find places to hunt and a strategy to hunt that spot. We want to grow the sport and share with new hunters the basics of safety, etiquette, and general best practices. Our overall goal is to show new hunters that they can have success and have a lot of fun bird hunting and the best way is to help them get started.

#### **For Mentors:**

By volunteering as a mentor, you are committing to coordinating two or more hunts throughout the year. This includes picking a spot, providing decoys, accommodating transportation, and including your mentee in the planning process. We encourage mentors to show their mentee how they hunt, but also show them how to hunt in a way they can recreate (i.e. if they don't have a boat, dog, etc.)

**For Mentees:** This is not a guide service. Hunting requires work, and there are no guarantees. Some days we go home empty handed. Enjoy the experience as a whole. As the saying goes, a bad day hunting beats a good day working. If you stick with it, put in the work, and make a serious attempt to learn, you will find success.

## News for the Flock

### Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Early Goose Season hunts flew by fast. Several **NW Chapter** members took advantage of this early opener and had successful hunts in the area on both public and private lands. Youth hunts and the season opener are just around the corner. Time to ramp up on equipment and season plans. Take someone new to hunting (or just new to the area) out this season and always give back to the resource.



Surf and Fowl

#### September Chapter meeting

Our September chapter meeting was once again held at the **Twin Cities Sportsman's Club** in Stanwood. Big thanks to **T CSC** for allowing the chapter to use their facilities. Members enjoyed Trap shooting on the three trap fields with the first round provided by the chapter. Member **Joel Meeteer** who is moving from the area brought a bunch of gear to the meeting for an impromptu silent action. Lots of cool hunting gear in great shape. **Joel donated half the proceeds to the NW Chapter.** He also donated several jackets, gloves and duck calls for the youth hunt. **Thanks Joel for your generosity and support of WWA!!!**



Field test for the pup in the "backyard!"

#### Youth Hunts Sept 26th

Get the kids in the Blinds – signup now!  
On September 26th the **WWA-NW Chapter** is sponsoring youth waterfowl hunts at locations in north **Puget Sound**. Our youth hunt coordinator **Rick Skiba** has secured hunt locations with private land owners.

We'll be running morning hunts, half hour before sunrise to noon and from 1 pm till sunset. All youth will receive a new Duck Call, Whistle and lanyard.

**Reservations are required.** First come-first served.

Contact **Rick Skiba**, [reskiba@msn.com](mailto:reskiba@msn.com) or (360) 387-2225 or **Rick Billieu**, [rgbillieu@frontier.com](mailto:rgbillieu@frontier.com) or (360) 653-8571.

**NOTE:** The **EASTERN WA YOUTH HUNT** is October 3rd! See Flyer on Adjacent **Page 5.**



Rick Skiba, his lab, Griff, and a Happy and Successful Youth Hunter from years past!

## NW Chapter News Continued

### October 14th Meeting Guest Speaker Don't miss this one!

Our October Speaker will be **Rob Wingard (WDFW), Private Lands Biologist for Region 4**. Rob will review the regions four (4) different types of access agreements to landowners:

- Feel Free to Hunt,
- Hunt by Reservation,
- Register to Hunt, and
- Hunt by Written Permission.

This year's private properties enrolled in these programs and the private lands hunting website. Plenty of hunting area tips and opportunities for questions. Come

join us at the October 14th meeting at the **Twin Cities Sportsmens Club**.

The **Northwest Chapter** *usually* meets on the second Tuesday each month at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7 pm. However as long as the Covid keeps the **Fire Hall** closed to the public, we will gratefully accept the hospitality of our friends at the **Twin Cities Sportsmens Club** on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend. Support your passion – get involved

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

Rick Billieu

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**Farmed Island Tour — October 3, 2020. See Flyer Page 13.**

## 2020 Youth Hunt



WWA NW Chapter is once again sponsoring youth waterfowl hunts at two locations in north Puget Sound.

This is an excellent opportunity to mentor youth under 16 years and a great way to introduce youth to the hunting experience and heritage. That first hunt can mark the beginning of a lifelong passion for the outdoors and a commitment to wildlife conservation.

### Saturday, Sept. 26th

**Edison Hunt Club.** 2 Pit Blinds adjacent to a fresh water pond. Morning and afternoon hunts. 1/2 hour before sunrise until noon and from 1 pm till sunset.

**Swinomish Gun Club.** Several dike blinds. Due to low early morning tides we will hunt from 1 PM until sunset.

Experienced support at the blind is available.

Reservations are required. First come-first served. Please contact Rick Skiba [reskiba@msn.com](mailto:reskiba@msn.com) (360) 387-2225 or Rick Billieu, [rgbillieu@frontier.com](mailto:rgbillieu@frontier.com) (360) 653-8571.

## News for the Flock

### Seattle Chapter News

By: James Ono

#### Double September Chapter Meetings!

This month we will be holding an online meeting featuring **Richard Mann**, the **Northwest Turkey Federation (NWTF) WA State Chapter Vice-President** and **Save the Hunt Coordinator**. **Richard** will be going over some of the **NWTF's** work here in Washington as well as tips and tactics for the under-subscribed fall turkey season in Northeast and Southcentral Washington.

If you have any questions for **Richard**, please let **James Ono** know so we can submit as many as possible ahead of time, but he will also take any spur-of-the-moment questions after his presentation. This online meeting will be held at our normal meeting time **7pm, September 23rd** and be followed by a short business meeting. Specific details for the **WebEx Meeting** can be found below

#### WebEx Meeting Details

September Chapter Meeting - NWTF & Fall Turkey Program by **Richard Mann**

Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 7:00 pm

<https://jamesono.my.webex.com/jamesono.my/j.php?>

[MTID=m3b94e7d6bf90bac9287568ceafd8200d](https://jamesono.my.webex.com/jamesono.my/j.php?MTID=m3b94e7d6bf90bac9287568ceafd8200d)

Meeting number: **126 229 8535**

Password: **WAduck** (923825 from phones and video systems)

#### Join by phone

+1-415-655-0001 US Toll

Access code: **126 229 8535**

#### 2nd Meeting — In Person Trap Shoot and Swap Meet

Now that the **Kenmore Gun Range** is open to the public Fridays through Mondays, we will be holding an in-person meeting on **Monday, September 28th**. As is tradition, our September meeting will include our annual Gear Swap Meet as well as a Silent Auction for some decorative decoys and artwork.

#### Corporate Raffle Volunteers

As a corporate fund raiser, we will be raffling a **Benelli Super Black Eagle III** in *Realtree Max-5* at the **Everett**

**Sportsman's Warehouse**. We have arranged to sell tickets the weekend of September 19th and 20th. If you are available to help staff the table and sell tickets, please reach out to **Rick Billieu** or **James Ono**. Tickets will be \$20 each, and we are only selling 250 tickets. Members are eligible for this raffle.

#### Celebrate the 75th Year of WWA — T-shirts

75 Year commemorative t-shirts are now available to order. This will be a **one-time, limited run**, so order yours today. Shirts are \$30, super soft tri-blend material, contact **Rick Billieu** or **James Ono** if you would like to purchase. Please see the flyer on adjacent **Page 7** for pictures of the design.

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#### WWA Hunter Mentorship Program

We are still accepting mentors and mentees for the WWA Hunter Mentorship Program. If you are interested in mentoring or in being mentored, please reach out to **James Ono**. More details about the program can be found on the flyer on **Page 3**.



## New for the Flock

### ORDER YOUR 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SHIRT



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**\$30 PLEASE REACH OUT TO RICK BILLIEU OR JAMES ONO TO ORDER**

**SUPER SOFT TRI-BLEND**

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### Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

#### August Hybrid Chapter Meeting

We did a short notice Hybrid meeting — Virtual and In Person this last month on **August 27<sup>th</sup>**. We had 15 members attend in person and a little trap shooting competition to tune up for dove and waterfowl seasons.

**Carl Degner** was our top shooter. He won a prize donated by **Bob Taylor**. Thanks to **Bob** and congratulations **Carl!**

We'll probably do the Hybrid meeting format again at our September 24th meeting. If that changes, we'll notify membership by email blast.

#### Ridgefield NWR News:

Ridgefield NWR notified our **Chapter President Ted Blade** of the new **Covid-19** parameters for the hunt season lottery and blind assignments this fall. As everything else in life right now, the check-in and blind assignment process will look different than it has in the past.

**New Refuge Complex Manager Juliette Fernandez verbally gave Ted the following guidelines for this year's season:**

1. Lottery hunters will check in at the station and return to their vehicles.
2. They will then tune into an AM radio station frequency to be summoned for check-in one group at a time.
3. The good news is we are going to have a hunt opportunity.
4. The not so good news is there will be **NO stand-by lottery until 10 am.**
5. **No blind will be reused on the same hunt day. Once a blind has been hunted, it will not be available again that hunt day.**

Our work party was cancelled back on **March 14<sup>th</sup>** as this whole **Covid** thing started. Blinds were not cleaned or pits covered up. Apparently, at this point there are no plans to allow volunteer groups onto the Refuge. Hunters should plan accordingly and expect to do some extensive camo work just prior to being able to hunt your blinds this year.

You can get the whole story and enter the hunt lottery at: [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ridgefield/visit/waterfowl\\_hunting.html](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ridgefield/visit/waterfowl_hunting.html)

#### Youth Hunt October 31<sup>st</sup>

This year's youth hunt for 15-year-olds and younger at **Ridgefield** will take place on **Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Applications must be in the refuge office by **October 16<sup>th</sup>**.

For more information go to: [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ridgefield/visit/youth\\_hunt\\_day.html](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ridgefield/visit/youth_hunt_day.html)

#### New Refuge Complex Manager

In case you missed last month's, newsletter **Juliette Fernandez** has taken the position of **Ridgefield Complex Manager** to replace **Chris Lapp** after his retirement last fall. **Juliette** was formerly the **Refuge Manager** of the **Arizona and New Mexico Refuge** based out of the **Southwest Regional Office** in **Tucson, AZ**. **WWA** would like to welcome **Juliette** to the Northwest and look forward to working together in the future. She has reached out to **WWA** several times already, and we appreciate her efforts to keep us informed on the Refuge events as they unfold in regard to Covid-19 and their Hunt Program.

#### WDFW Shillapoo Wildlife Area Work Party – A Hot one!

Our chapter conducted a work party on afternoon of **Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>** in sweltering 94-degree heat to camo up the blinds in the **Shillapoo** hunt area. In the area of the tin shed at the end of **NW Irwin O Reiger Memorial Highway**, there were 3-4 blinds needing some grass mat panels attached for camo as well as the two (2) blinds we built last summer on the north end of **Shillapoo**.

We cleaned out the **WWA** trailer of all the grass mats we had accumulated. **Area Manager Daren Hauswald** welcomed the help as he no longer has an assistant and the help we provided was greatly appreciated. Thanks to **Ted Blade, Rick Scott, Bob Taylor, Dan Hafenbrack, Marlin Reinholdt** and **Bill Dose**.





## LC Chapter News Continued

At the ADA Blind by the tin shed in the Shillapoo Wildlife Area.

(Right) Bob Taylor and Marlin Reinhold (inside the blind)

(Below) Bill Dose and WDFW Area Manager, Daren Hauswald.



## News for the Flock

### Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all —

I hope this finds you all in good health and virus free. Well only a few short weeks and the duck opener will arrive. Hopefully so will the ducks. I see a lot of you have been having some successful goose hunts on the early season. I haven't even looked at my gun in months let alone shoot at a goose. I would probably miss anyway....

The **Grays Harbor Chapter** has had a pretty good business year even with the Covid slow down. Shut down I mean to say. We canceled our public events so we instead expanded our nest program a bit.



Ed Lagergren and the new Goose Nesting Platform on his property.

#### Last Call for Hunt-for-Two Raffle Tickets

Time has run short for the **Cedarville Farms Hunt-for-Two Raffle!** The drawing is scheduled for the 1st of October so you need to get in and buy some tickets! That is **IF** you want to win a great hunt for you and your hunting bud! See Flyer on **Page 12.**

#### Work Party Reports

Our goose platforms have done very well, so we installed two more with a third in the making. One went up on member **Ed Lagergren's** property near **Porter**. We also plugged in another post but still need to get the platform up before the hunting season.

The other platform went up on **Cedarville Farms** property near the **Chehalis River** in **Thurston County**. We usually service these platforms right after the hunting season so the bedding will be fresh.

Next, we will be servicing our nine (9) woody nest boxes on the **Scatter Creek Wildlife Area** on the 19th of September! We are still short a few volunteers on that one. I'll post a report on all of our nest activity in the next issue of this newsletter.

One of our new members reported that the blinds at the **Union River Unit** of the **South Sound Wildlife Area** are dilapidated and in need of servicing or replacement! I have sent out some feelers for support to fix these blinds. The project is now in discussion phase. I am now recruiting volunteers for the project so that if we can pull it off the manpower will be in place. Without volunteers there is no project.

Also, I have sent out suggestions to a **Ducks Unlimited (DU)** member to see if they would be interested in a partnership with **WWA** on this project. If you volunteer, I will add you to the list and keep you informed as the project advances. This will involve **ALL WWA** chapters, not just the **GH Chapter**. Please contact me if you can volunteer for the work party or the blind project.

Thanks for your continued support,  
Kurt Snyder  
[kurtsnyder@outdrs.net](mailto:kurtsnyder@outdrs.net)

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## GH Chapter News Continued

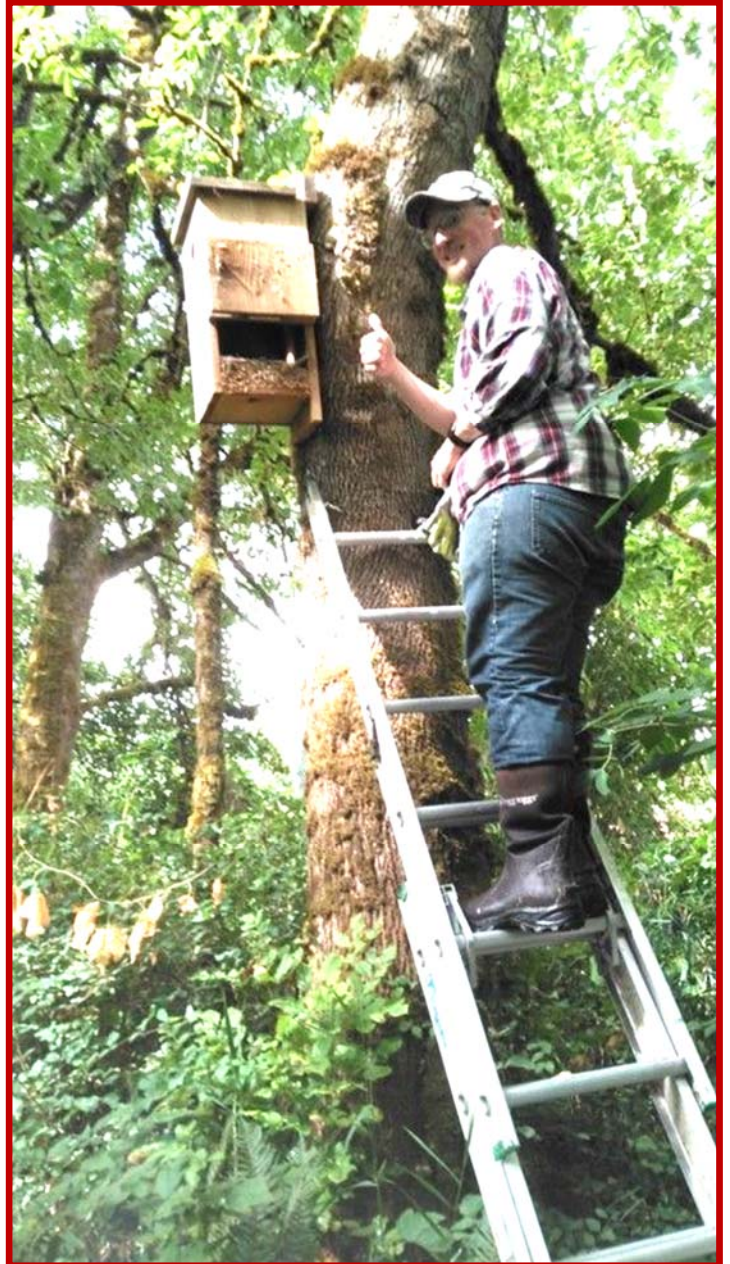
### Political Gag Order for Kurt!

Our Chapter members decided that as Chapter Chairman I was not to go off on political rants and letters to members about certain candidates. I think it was a good decision as I am very outspoken about the politics of our State and Country. There just happens to be a small minority of half-wits out there making things very difficult to NOT be outspoken. I can say this though: In the voting booth, please keep in mind who supports waterfowl conservation and who is a threat to it. I'm not allowed to name who these candidates are but with just a bit of investigation you will know who the good ones are. Our hunting tomorrow depends on who we vote in today. From time to time the **WWA** puts out notices that asks for your input. This is a great way to disseminate info that concerns us as conservationists.

Enough said?



**Grays Harbor Chapter member Eric Beitz has made it a habit (a good habit, according to Chapter Chair Kurt Snyder) of attending to WWA nest boxes & goose platforms.**



**Southwest Chapter member Joe Schumacher helping out on a recent GH Chapter work party cleaning out and servicing Wood Duck Nesting Boxes.**

# News for the Flock



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

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**See your local WWA Chapter for purchase or contact below!**

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## News for the Flock



# Farmed Island Tour Saturday Oct, 3th



Skagit Wildlife Area HQ – Boat Launch

10:00 am start

- Open to everyone (members and public)
  - Cruise the south fork of the Skagit
- WDFW personnel on-site to provide info on this years planted Forage Crops  
We'll explore the island and check out some of the Blinds



Bring your Boat  
or  
get a ride



Need info?  
Contact Rick Billieu  
(425)299-6704  
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## Commission Bans Certain Hunting Contests in Washington, Adopts New Columbia River Policy Language

OLYMPIA The **Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission** at its September 11th meeting approved changes to rules governing hunting contests in the state and adopted revised language for its Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy.

In its first agenda item of the day, the Commission voted 7-2 to adopt two (2) proposed rule changes governing hunting contests.

1. The first rule change excludes species that don't currently have bag limits such as coyotes from being eligible for hunting contests.

2. The second makes it illegal to participate in a hunting contest not permitted by the **WDFW**.

In the afternoon, the Commission in a 5-4 vote adopted amendments to its Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy (C-3620), which guides salmon fishery management in the Columbia and Snake rivers. The policy, which primarily addresses the sharing of fish and kinds of non-tribal fishing that can occur, was first adopted in 2013, and an extensive review of the policy began in 2018. The policy provides allocation guidance for impacts to threatened or endangered fish populations after all conservation objectives are met, including objectives under the federal **Endangered Species Act**.

The updated policy language can be found at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/columbia-river-policy-c3620-091120-revision.pdf>.

# News for the Flock

## Congrats to Nathan Neideigh

Congratulations to **Nathan Neideigh** who won the special Board of Directors Runoff Election!

Unfortunately not that many more people voted. The final tally was close — only a single vote (7-6) separated **Nathan** from **Dick Price** of the **WWA-Moses Lake Chapter**.

Which just proves the value and importance of just one, single, solitary vote! Whatever you do and no matter your party/individual preference, don't sit on the sidelines in November. **VOTE!**

### 2020 Corporate Election Runoff Results

<b>Nathan Neideigh (SW)</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Dick Price (ML)</b>	<b>6</b>

**WWA** Board meetings are open to ALL members of All Chapters, and now that most meeting are now virtual meeting using the technology of **Zoom**, it is easier than ever to log in and see what happens at the corporate level. **WWA President Ramon Guel** encourages all interested members to reach out to your Chapter Chairman to obtain the monthly Zoom Email Invitation credentials. Members can NOT vote, but your input is valuable.

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## Whatcom County Chapter News

Lake Terrell Wildlife Area will be ready for the **Youth -Only Pheasant Hunt** on Saturday, September, 19th and Sunday, September 20th. The **Senior-Only Pheasant Hunt** starts Monday, September 21st and runs thru Friday, September, 25th.

Blind dress-up on **Lake Terrell** needs a few volunteers when someone has time, Contact **Richard Kessler** at [davekessler48@hotmail.com](mailto:davekessler48@hotmail.com) or 360-636-0043 or **Lyle Galloway** at [lylegalloway55@gmail.com](mailto:lylegalloway55@gmail.com) or 360-201-1775.

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## Southwest Chapter News Spokane Chapter News

No News This Month

## Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

### First the Good News:

There are still quite a few Mourning Doves in the area, and if you find a harvested grain field close to water and roosting trees you should be successful. As a bonus there are a lot of Collared "Eurasian" Doves around with no limit on them! Make sure you have permission if you intend to hunt private property, so you don't get a visit from the Wildlife Police.

### Now the Bad News:

There has not been measurable rain in the Columbia Basin since July 2nd, and the area is a tinderbox for fire danger. Do not drive or park your vehicle in any area where your exhaust system could start a fire. Also, as hard as it is to believe your shotgun ejecting a spent shell casing striking a rock can produce a spark and fire.

Previously I would not have believed this but a few years ago it happened in the grass and brush above **Rocky Ford Creek** causing a couple hundred acre fire.

### Youth Waterfowl Opening Saturday

There was a pretty good waterfowl hatch this Spring so there should be a fair number of birds available. A lot of the small ponds will be dry unless we receive significant rainfall soon.

Best bets would be:

- **Flat Lake** by **George**,
- **Winchester & Frenchman Wasteways** and any ponds off them,
- **Potholes Reservoir**, however beware, the back areas may not be accessible by boat.

Good luck, and if you are using a boat, remember **PFD's Save Lives!!!**

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## Tri-Cities Chapter News Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month

## WWA Legislative News

### WA Legislative Report

By Mark Pidgeon

**[Editor's Note:] This article is written entirely by the Hunters Heritage Council (HHC), a Washington State based organization dedicated to political action on behalf of the hunting and related communities of Washington. The Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA) had no input into this article. This article is in this newsletter because of WWA's membership in Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC). WWC is a member organization of HHC. The opinions contained in this article are entirely those of the author, and the Hunters Heritage Council.**

There are so many things that I could write about from August to September. I could talk about Commission votes, I could talk about a very courageous and correct move that our **WDFW Director Kelly Susewind** made, but these pale in comparison to the action taken by our Governor. His recent actions were a travesty of justice and showed just how radical he really is. **Governor Jay Inslee** sided with 17 of the most radical **animal-rights (AR)** groups to accept their appeal, directing the state **Department of Fish and Wildlife** to initiate a new rulemaking relating to wolf management. The Governor wants to stop lethal control on wolves. He has made so many mistakes!

First, he just blew up a lethal control protocol that was **unanimously** agreed upon by animal-rights groups, agricultural groups, environmental groups, ranching groups, and hunting groups. Both the **HHC** and **WWC** had representation on the **Wolf Advisory Group (WAG)** at that time. I was the representative for the **HHC**, and there was a lot of "blood, sweat, and tears" put into that lethal control protocol. A lot of trust was built up between the members of the group with competing interests. There was a lot of give and take, a lot of compromise, but we came to (again I repeat) **unanimous** consent. Only the most extreme animal-rights & environmental groups objected to that document.

Second, the governor thinks he is helping wolf recovery, but he is hurting it in the worst way possible. The most important factor in wolf recovery — or any species recovery — is social tolerance. On the wolf issue, either side can argue their science, but ask the people in the field, the **US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Control** specialists — the **Animal and Plant Health Inspection**

**Service (APHIS)** agents, and they will tell you that social tolerance is key for recovery. **APHIS** agents have specifically told that to the **WAG**. They know because they are on the ground with the people who have to live with wolves. **APHIS** does an excellent job controlling problem wolves, when they are allowed to do their job.

When wolves were first introduced and wolves were protected everywhere, **APHIS** killed wolves to keep social tolerance. According to the **USDA Journal of Mammalogy**, **APHIS** killed 2,400 wolves in response to over 6,000 sheep and cattle depredations in the **Northern Rocky Mountain Recovery Area** which **Washington** is part of. When social tolerance is lost, people who have been on the land for generations will not see their way of life go by idly, they resort to **SSS (Shoot, Shovel, Shut Up)** — bring out the poison, and other methods. Make no mistake, **I DO NOT CONDONE** any illegal activity, but it will happen.

This is not the first time the Governor has done something radical with wolves. Back when **Phil Anderson** was the **Director of WDFW**, a group of us threatened to sue **WDFW** because they weren't following the legislative mandate on controlling predators. We had a team to negotiate increases in predator harvests. I was on that team, and we got an increase in the cougar quota from 12% to 16%. We saw improvements on bears and saw real improvements on predator management.

We got the **WDFW Commission** to approve the changes, but the **animal-rights (AR)** groups petitioned the Governor, and he vetoed the changes. He said we violated the **Administrative Procedures Act (APA)**. All our hard work was for nothing. Soon **Phil Anderson** stepped down, and **Jim Unsworth** became **Director**, and then everything went FUBAR. During **Unsworth's** tenure the wheels really fell off, and everything went backwards on predators.

After reading this, I hope you can see my frustrations. During the 10 years **Jay Inslee** was in **Congress**, he was repeatedly ranked the absolute worst for sportsmen's issues.

The problem with all these things is that they make **Washington** look like it's not a hunter-friendly state. **WDFW** is currently having revenue issues and it can't afford any loss in license or tag sales. Things like this don't help.

None of the things that I have written about directly affect the waterfowl hunter — but remember this — **you (and your outdoor sport) may be next in line!**

## WDFW News

### Washington Wildfire Information

Wildfires are burning in parts of eastern and central Washington, causing some trail, road, and campground closures. If you are planning to head out for an annual hunting trip, a day of wildlife viewing, or another outdoor adventure, first check to ensure that your destination is open. Stay tuned to local news sources for evolving information as conditions and closures can change quickly. Up-to-date information on wildfires in Washington is available on the [InciWeb site](#).

The **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** closed their lands east of the Cascades to recreation through Thursday, September 17. For more information on **DNR's** closure, read the [recent news release](#).

Please note that unhealthy air quality levels exists across the wide portions of the state and can change quickly. Outdoor activities in these conditions are not advised. Check your location on the **Department of Ecology** air advisory web page.

#### WDFW Lands Currently Impacted by Wildfire

- **Jameson Lake Water Access Area:** The Pearl Hill fire has burned on and around the access area.
- **Sagebrush Flat Wildlife Area:** The Pearl Hill fire has burned over multiple units, including several sharp-tailed grouse and sage grouse leks.
- **Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area :** The Whitney fire continues he Whitney fire continues to grow and has already impacted residents of Davenport and surrounding areas.
- **Wells Wildlife Area:** The Pearl Hill fire has burned over multiple units on the wildlife area.
- **Wenas Wildlife Area:** The Evans Canyon fire has burned portions of the **Wenas Wildlife Area**. The **Wenas Green Dot Road Management Area** and part of the **Oak Creek Green Dot Road Management Area** are closed until September 14. This includes all state lands south of **Manastash** and **Umptanum roads** and north of Highway 410.

Many areas in Eastern Washington are under extreme fire danger through September 14 due to low humidity, above-normal temperatures, and breezy conditions. We need you to take every precaution to prevent a fire if you are planning to visit a wildlife area or water

**You should also know that in accordance with RCW 76.04.495, anyone who is found responsible for starting a fire may be liable for all expenses.**

access area over the next several days. With hundreds of acres already burning in Washington and Oregon, there are not enough resources to respond to new fires.

Prevent wildfires and stay safe by following these recommendations:

- **Keep a cold camp.** Campfires and charcoal briquets are currently prohibited across eastern Washington state lands, but also avoid using personal camp stoves, propane fire rings, and lanterns fueled by propane. Eat no-cook foods or cook food at home and bring it with you.
- **Be aware when smoking.** Smoking should only be done in an enclosed vehicle. Throwing a lit cigarette or any other previously lit or burning materials onto the ground is extremely hazardous.
- **Drive and park carefully.** Do not park vehicles in dry, grassy areas as residual heat from exhaust systems can ignite the dry grass. Avoid operating a vehicle away from developed roads and ensure that motorized recreation vehicles have the required spark arresters.
- **Do not target shoot.** Discharge firearms only if engaged in lawful hunting.

#### **Youth Pheasant Hunt Location Change:**

Due to wildfire, the youth hunt scheduled to take place at the **Wenas Wildlife Area**, September 19-20 is moving to the **Whiskey Dick Unit** of the **L.T. Murray Wildlife Area**. Register online on our hunting clinics webpage.

Wildfires may impact access, air quality, and visibility in **Game Management Units (GMUs)** in the East Slopes, Blue Mountains, and Okanogan areas in Eastern Washington. Hunters are encouraged to research access availability before going afield.

Hunters with a special permit to a specific GMU that is closed or highly affected by wildfire may be eligible to have points returned. Contact our **Wildlife Program Customer Service** for assistance at 360-902-2515 or at [wildthing@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:wildthing@dfw.wa.gov)



## WDFW News Continued

### WDFW 2020 Hunting Prospects

OLYMPIA – September marks the start of hunting seasons for deer, elk, waterfowl, and upland game birds in many areas Washington. To help hunters have a successful hunting season, **WDFW** has released its annual [Hunting Prospects](#), which provide guidance and hunting information for each district.

**WDFW** has also launched a [hunting regulations web map](#), which allows hunters to find permit and general season hunts based on location, date, weapon choice, and more. Recent surveys indicate 2020 should be another good hunting year.

“Last year we created youth, veterans and active military special hunt days, and they were an overwhelming success,” said **Kyle Spragens WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager**. “They offer a very unique waterfowl hunting experience that we hope evolves into yearly waterfowling traditions. Favorable conditions in the Canadian prairies, Alaskan tundra and interior valleys, as well as here in Washington wetlands, make us hopeful for a strong waterfowl flight this fall.”

**WDFW** asks that hunters pay special attention to the following items for the upcoming season:

- **Youth-Only Waterfowl Hunting Dates:**
  1. **Saturday, September 26 in Western Washington**, and
  2. **Saturday, October 3 in Eastern Washington**.
  3. Allowable species during these dates are ducks (including scaup), coots, and Canada and white-fronted geese. These dates give young hunters a better opportunity for success.
- **Youth, veterans, and active military personnel waterfowl hunting day:**
  1. **Saturday, February 6, 2021** will provide an opportunity for youth, veterans, and active military personnel to experience hunting during the late season with an expanded list of allowable species.
- **February snows:** Opportunities for snow goose hunting in February have expanded and occur in both:
  1. **Goose Management Area 1 (Feb. 13 – 23)**, and
  2. **Goose Management Area 4 (Feb. 13 – Mar. 3)**.
  3. White geese, including snow, Ross’ and their blue phase variants, are the only waterfowl open to harvest during these season segments in these areas. Goose hunters must carry and fill out the required harvest record card information in **Goose Management Area 1**, but this is not a requirement in **Goose Management Area 4**.  
These and [other hunting regulations](#) are described in **WDFW’s Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game pamphlet**.

## TWIN RIVERS BIRD TAXIDERMY

Award winning bird taxidermy now **ON SALE** from now until Valentine's Day, 2021! Good for all clients across the U.S. This is a one-time-only offer for the 2020/2021 season only. Base quotes are custom, and the customer is tasked with deciding a habitat and pose for their bird and a final quote can be decided once the habitat is narrowed down. Bases are entirely custom, and the cost is also custom!

Regular prices for the bird mount only (without a base) are:

- One duck mount was \$300. On sale, it is now \$240
- One goose mount was \$450. On sale, it is now \$400
- One pheasant mount was \$250. On sale it is now \$210

#### Other Terms and Conditions:

- Bird sent in before Thanksgiving **NEED TO BE FROZEN** and **SHIPPED OVERNIGHT**. Afterwards two (2) day mail is OK.
- Birds **MUST** be placed in double ziplocks, with a filled out federal tag in the outer bag. Pen ink can bleed onto the bird.
- A list of other requirements will be sent and is to be signed by the hunter **PRIOR TO** any shipping and engagement of my services.
- I will not be held responsible for a bird that is lost to rot, extensive damage, heavy amounts of pinfeathers, dog bite or slobber damage, freezer burn nor any other damage caused by improper storage by the hunter prior to my receipt of the bird.



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Active Link to >>>: [Twin Rivers Bird Taxidermy FB Page](#)

**Selected (and Incomplete) Summary of 2020-2021  
Early Migratory Game Bird Seasons**

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Mourning Dove	Statewide	September 1 thru October 30	14	45
Band-tailed Pigeon	Statewide	September 15 thru September 23	2	6
Ducks	W WA Youth	September 26, 2020 (Youth Hunt Only)	7 (b)	7 (b)
	(b) <u>Bag Limits:</u> <u>Statewide</u>	7 ducks to include not more than 2 hen mallards; 1 pintail; <b>NO SCAUP</b> ; 2 canvasback, and 2 redhead;		
	<u>Western WA</u>	To include not more than 1 harlequin (season limit); 2 scoter, 2 long tailed duck; and 2 goldeneye in W WA		
			<b>Canada White Front White Canada WF White</b>	
Canada & White Front Geese Only	W WA Areas 1, 2, & 3	September 26, 2020 (Youth Only)	4	10
Geese (except Brant)	<b>Areas 1 &amp; 3</b>	Early Canada Goose, Sept 5-10	<b>CLOSED SEPTEMBER 10, 2020</b>	
Geese (except Brant)	<b>Both Areas 2's</b>	Early Canada Goose, Sept 5-13	<b>CLOSED SEPTEMBER 13, 2020</b>	
	<b><u>Dusky Canada Goose Season Closed</u></b>			
Canada & White Front Geese Only	W WA Areas 4 & 5	Oct 3, 2020 (Youth Only)	4	10
Geese (except Brant)	<b>Areas 4 &amp; 5</b>	Early Canada Goose, Sept 5-6	<b>CLOSED SEPTEMBER 6, 2020</b>	
Canada & White Front Geese Only		September 26, 2020 (Youth Only)	4	10

**Early Upland Game Bird Seasons**

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Forest Grouse (Blue, Ruffed & Spruce) (*Blue, Ruffed and Spruce *Includes Sooty & Dusky	Statewide	Sept 1 thru Dec 31	4 of any species	12 of any species <b>to include not more than 3 of each species daily and 9 of each species In possession.</b>

**SAGE, SHARPTAILED GROUSE & PTARMIGAN      CLOSED STATEWIDE**

Pheasant *At the <b>Samish Release Site</b> pheasants will only be released during the <b>Youth and Senior Seasons</b> . See <a href="#">Link Here</a> for alternative sites.	Western WA	Sept. 19—20 (YOUTH HUNT ONLY)	2 of either sex	4 of either sex
	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Sept. 21—25 (AGE 65 or OLDER) (HUNTERS with DISABILITIES)	2 of either sex	10 of either sex
		Sept. 26—Nov. 30, 2015 (REGULAR) 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	2 of either sex	15 of either sex
	Eastern WA	Sept. 19—20 (YOUTH HUNT ONLY) Sept. 21—25 (AGE 65 or OLDER) (HUNTERS with DISABILITIES)	3 cocks only 3 cocks only	6 cocks only 6 cocks only
		Sept. 26—Nov. 30, 2015 (REGULAR) Sept. 21—25 (SENIORS ONLY) (AGE 65 OR OLDER)	2 of either sex 3 cocks only	15 of either sex 15 cocks only
		Oct. 24, 2020 — Jan 18, 2021 (REGULAR)	3 cocks only	15 cocks only
California (Valley) and Northern Bobwhite	Western WA	Sept., 26—Nov. 30, 2020	10 mixed bag	30 mixed bag
	Eastern WA Reg Season	Sept. 26 —27 (YOUTH HUNT ONLY) Oct. 3, 2020— Jan 18, 2021	10 mixed bag 10 mixed bag	20 mixed bag 30 mixed bag
Mountain Quail	Western WA	Sept., 26—Nov. 30, 2020	2	4
	<b>Eastern WA</b>	<b>SEASON CLOSED throughout E WA</b>		
Chukar & Gray Partridge	Eastern WA	Sept. 26—27 (YOUTH HUNT ONLY) Oct. 3, 2020 — Jan 18, 2021	6 of each 6 of each	12 of each 18 of each
Crow	Statewide	Sept 1—Dec 31, 2020	No Limit	No Limit

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**Selected (and Incomplete) Summary of 2020-2021  
Migratory Game Bird Seasons (**Significant Changes in Red**)**

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Ducks	W WA Youth	September 26, 2020 (Youth Hunt Only)	7 (b)	7 (b)
	E WA Youth	October 3, 2020 (Youth Hunt Only)	7 (b)	7 (b)
	Statewide	Oct. 17-25, 2020 and Oct. 28, 2020— Jan. 31, 2021 EXCEPT Scaup closed Oct. 17 — Nov. 6, 2020	7 (b) 3 (b)	21 (b) 9 (b)
Statewide	(Youth, Veterans & Active Military)	<u>February 6, 2021</u> Coots (Sept 26-W WA; Oct 3-E WA; Feb 6	7 (b) 25	7 (b) 25
(b) Bag Limits:	Statewide	7 ducks to include not more than 2 hen mallards; 1 pintail; <b>2 scaup</b> ; 2 canvasback, and 2 redhead;		
	Western WA	To include not more than 1 harlequin (season limit); 2 scoter, 2 long tailed duck; and 2 goldeneye in W WA		
(b) Possession Limits Statewide		3 pintail; <b>6 scaup</b> ; 6 canvasback; 6 redhead & 6 hen mallards 6 scoter; 6 long tailed duck; & 6 goldeneye in Western WA Coots, (statewide); and Snipe	25 8	21(b) 75 24

**AUTHORIZATION & HARVEST RECORD CARD REQUIRED**

**Canada White Front White Canada WF White**

**TO HUNT SEA DUCKS, BRANT & SNOW GEESE**

Canada & White Front Geese Only W WA Areas 1, 2, & 3	September 26, 2020 (Youth Only)	4	10	4	10		
Geese (except Brant) Goose Mgmt. Area 1	Early Canada Goose, Sept 5-10 Regular Season, Oct. 17-Nov 29 and Dec 12, 2020—Jan 31, 2021 Late Season, Feb 13-23, 2021 ( <b>White Geese Only</b> )	<b>CLOSED SEPTEMBER 10, 2020</b> 4	10	6	12	30	18
<b>NOTE: (White Geese are Snow &amp; Ross' Geese)</b>				6			18
Geese (except Brant) Both Areas 2's Goose Mgmt. Area 2 <b>Coast</b>	Early Canada Goose, Sept 5-13 All Areas <b>EXCEPT</b> Willapa NWR Everyday* — Oct 17th—Nov 1st Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays ONLY Nov 4--Dec 6; Dec 23—Jan 24, 2021 and Feb 13-24 2021. <b>During Feb 13—24 (Goose Hunting CLOSED in ALL NWR and WDFW Wildlife Areas</b>	<b>CLOSED SEPTEMBER 13, 2020</b>					
* Refer to specific <b>Willapa NWR</b> Rules ( <b>Saturday, Sunday &amp; Wednesday ONLY</b> ), Oct 17—Nov 1; Nov 4—Dec 6; Dec 23--Jan 24)							
<b>Dusky Canada Goose Season</b> is <b>CLOSED</b> in Area 2 Coast & Inland <b>October thru March</b>	Goose Mgmt. Area 2 <b>Inland</b>	All Areas <b>EXCEPT</b> Ridgefield NWR Everyday** — Oct 17th—Nov 1st Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays ONLY Nov 25 thru—Jan 17, 2021; and Feb 13—March 10, 2021. <b>During Feb 13—Mar 10, (Goose Hunting CLOSED in ALL NWR &amp; WDFW Areas</b>	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30 18
**Refer to specific <b>Ridgefield NWR</b> Rules ( <b>Tuesdays, Thursdays &amp; Saturdays ONLY</b> ), Oct 17—Nov 1; And Nov 25— Jan 16, 2021)							
Goose Mgmt., Area 3	Oct. 17-29 & Nov. 7—Jan. 31, 2021	4	10	6	12	30	18
Canada & White Front Geese Only W WA Areas 4 & 5	Oct 3, 2020 (Youth Only)	4	10	4	10		
Geese (except Brant) Areas 4 & 5	Early Canada Goose, Sept 5-6	<b>CLOSED SEPTEMBER 6, 2020</b>					
Canada & White Front Geese Only Area 4	September 26, 2020 (Youth Only) Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays ONLY, Oct 17th thru Nov 4th <b>Nov 7th</b> thru Jan 31, 2021; Everyday Jan 25-31st; Additional days, Nov 26 Nov 27, Dec 24, 25, 28, 29 & 31, Jan 1 and 18	4	10	6	12	30	18
(Delayed White Goose Opener)		4	10	6	12	30	18
Late Season ( <b>White Geese Only</b> )	Feb 13 — Mar 3, 2021			6			18
Statewide (Youth, Veterans & Active Mil.)	February 6, 2021	4	10	6	4	10	6

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## News for the Flock

### Statewide Youth Mentor Hunts

The **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** is joining forces with **Pheasants Forever**, **Washington Waterfowl Association**, and other hunting organizations to offer Youth – Mentor Hunts. Often times it is difficult for kids to get into hunting because their parents or relatives don't hunt. This is an opportunity for any kids who are interested to have an adult take them out and teach them how it's done.

To participate, hunters must be under 16 years old. Interested young hunters or their parents should contact **WDFW's Regional Offices**. Whenever possible young hunters will be matched with available mentors depending on which area of the state they would like to hunt.

**WDFW** would like to thank the following organizations for helping with this event and providing mentors:

**Inland Northwest Wildlife Council**  
509-487-8552

**U.S. Army (Fort Lewis)**  
Adventure Center: 253-967-6263

**Pheasants Forever**  
Puget Sound Chapter  
Columbia Basin Chapter  
Yakima Valley Chapter

**Whidbey Island Naval Air Station**  
360-257-1009

**Vancouver Wildlife League**  
<http://vancouverwildlife.org>

**Washington Waterfowl Assoc.**  
Ramon Guel - President  
[www.waduck.org](http://www.waduck.org)

**Ducks Unlimited Washington**  
360-652-4273

Other organizations interested in providing mentors would be appreciated. Contact the **WDFW Wildlife Program** at (360) 902-2515 or via email: [wildthing@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:wildthing@dfw.wa.gov)

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### MEET THE 2020 WASHINGTON STATE DUCK STAMP COMPETITION WINNER AND WWA's ARTIST OF THE YEAR



Tim Turenne was selected by the Washington Waterfowl Association as this year's highlighted artist for the Washington Migratory Bird Stamp and Artwork Program. Tim was born in Wisconsin and currently resides in Richfield, Minnesota. His passions include the outdoors, especially fishing, birding and photography and resonate through his artwork, as captured by this year's artwork of a Canada goose flock setting into a farm field. Tim was a commercial artist for 25 years and now concentrates solely on Wildlife Art fulltime.

He enjoys painting the variety of birds and animals depicted for numerous contests, as it gives him an opportunity to learn more about a particular species. Having received 19 first place entries to date, Tim's hard work to enter as many Artwork Contests as he can speaks for itself. Tim feels his prolific persistence is his way to help keep wildlife artwork competitions running strong, and he strives to get more and more artists to participate every year. Thank you, Tim!

## 2020/21 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

The Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2020  
Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp and  
Limited Edition Print.

Artist Timothy Turenne



Revenue received through this program will be used by the Washington Waterfowl Association and the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, to improve habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds in Washington.

To order your print(s) and accompanying stamps, please complete the application.

## 2020 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

Please send me:



Quantity \_\_\_\_: unframed print(s) and stamp(s)

Quantity \_\_\_\_: frame for print & stamp

If available, the edition number(s) I would like are: \_\_\_\_\_



Please Ship Prints to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

<b>I have included \$70.00 for each unframed print &amp; stamp for a total of</b>	\$ _____	<b>.00</b>
<b>I have included \$140.00 for each framed print/stamp for a total of</b>	\$ _____	<b>.00</b>
<b>*Shipping and Handling</b>	\$	<b>10.00</b>

**Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00**

**-- Easier Yet --**  
**Go to**  
[\(https://www.washingtonduckstamp.com/shop\)](https://www.washingtonduckstamp.com/shop)  
**to place your order**

## 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.

### 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.**

**Minn Kota Edge 45lb thrust bow mounted trolling motor.** Good Condition. Weedless Prop. \$250 OBO. Open to trades. **Contact Nick, 425-765-0151**

**Everything is for steel shot reloading:** Mec 12 gauge steel reloader 2 3/4 and 3 inch **NOT 3 1/2**. Like new. Alliance Steel powder 2 1/2 lbs.; Wads 300; 50 lbs of shot #2 and others; 700 felt spacers; 600 + empty shells, **Rem, Win, Kent** fast steel, **Activ**; 2 adjustable charge bars 2 steel charge bars.

**\$350 for all — \$50 goes to the Grays Harbor Youth Activity fund. Contact Dick, 360-491-3761**

**Winchester Model 12** in 12 gauge, full choke, classic pump, standard field gun but in superb original condition, mfg'd in 1950, **\$350 firm.** FFL Legal transfer only.

**Contact Robert 206-909-7189**

**Crescent 16 gauge,** single barrel beater shotgun, Victor Ejector model in well used condition. **\$95.**

FFL Legal transfer only. **Contact Robert 206-909-7189**

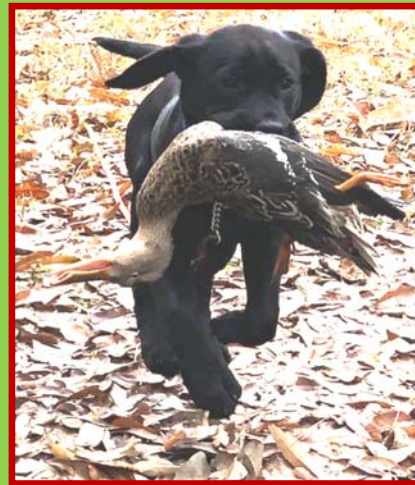
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AKC Registered Labrador Puppies  
Excellent Breeding, Great Temperament,  
Wonderful for the Family or in the Field.  
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**1992 Johnson 20 HP Long Shaft Outboard.** Painted a dull tan color. This engine has not been used in a few years. The last time it was run was for a Craigslist Ad. Ran and pumped water at that time. **\$200.00**

**Contact Rick, at 360-853-3742**

**Parker 12 gauge, Tital S x S,** GHE on No. 2 Frame size, has ejectors, modern steel, in used condition w/ re-blued metal **\$1,500.** FFL transfer only. **Contact Robert 206-909-7189**

**Winchester Mod. 54 bolt rifle in 30-06 w/ Lyman 4x scope** in good used condition, made in 1936 - **\$500**  
FFL Legal transfer only. **Contact Robb 206-909-7189**

**Stevens Model 325 bolt rifle in 30-30 cal.** with iron sights, blonde stock and butter knife bolt handle, excellent cond. - **\$200** – FFL Leg transfer only, **Contact Robb 206-909-7189**

**Winchester Model 67 Kids plinker single shot 22,** have one used at \$195, and one near new at \$265 – FFL Legal transfer only, **Contact Robb 206-909-7189**



## 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 August **Newsletter**.

**WWA Youth Fund — \$2,565**

**WWA Legal Fund — \$19,192**

**WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,140**

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

**WWA General Fund — \$943**

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.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the **Waterfowler's Heritage**.



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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renew Online at [www.waduck.org](http://www.waduck.org)

By: Mark Pidgeon

If you have not received your membership card or decal. Please contact **Mark**. As well, if you have questions or changes to your address please contact **Mark** at [marpwwa@gmail.com](mailto:marpwwa@gmail.com) or call 425-221-3986.

### WWA Life Members

#### JOIN THE HERITAGE CLUB

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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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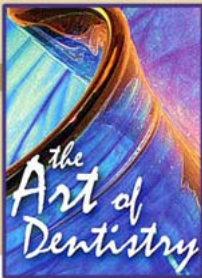
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For additional information please contact:

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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
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.
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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.