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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

WA Duck and Goose Calling Championships

Congratulations to **Board members Bruce Burns and Nathan Neideigh** and all the other volunteers from the **Southwest Chapter** for once again putting on a first class event. Read the story, check out the results, and see some photos of the action in the **SW Chapter News** on **Pages 4 and 5**.

All Chapter Meeting

We will be holding the 2021 edition of our annual **All Chapter Meeting** on Sunday, August 29th from 12 pm to 5 pm, **virtually via WebEx**. This will give all chapter leaders a chance to share a little about their chapter's projects and plans. Additionally, we will be talking about some general topics for the organization as a whole.

We tried to accommodate as many chapter leaders as possible, however I know there are some individuals that are not able to make it. If you are unable to make it, please delegate a member from your chapter to "tune in," or send a written update to one of the corporate officers regarding your chapter's needs or concerns. **ALL** members of **ALL** chapters are welcome to attend this virtual meeting. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you all then.

Vice Presidency

I would like to congratulate **Mark Pidgeon** on his recent appointment to **WWA Vice-President**. **Mark** is incredibly knowledgeable and focused on wildlife conservation and hunter advocacy. **Mark** keeps his ear to the ground about all the political goings-on in Olympia and with his wealth of knowledge and tenacity, he has long been a great asset to our organization as a Board member, and I am happy to see him in this corporate officer role. Thank you for stepping up, **Mark**

Board of Directors Opening

With **Mark** moving up into an Officer role, there is now a vacancy on our **Board of Directors (BOD)**. If you have any interest at all, please let one of the current directors

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MISSION STATEMENT

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News for the Flock

2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

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| Wed, Aug 25 | Usual Seattle Chapter In Person Meeting. See Page 10 . |
| Thurs, Aug 26 | LC Chapter In Person Meeting See Page 9 . |
| Sat, Aug 28 | POSTPONED TO APRIL 23, 2022 BROWNELL'S/NRA FREE Youth Trap American Legion Quincy Gun Club |
| Tues, Aug 31 | Usual SW Chapter Meeting Night |
| Tues, Aug 31 | SW Chapter Meeting In Person , Tacoma Sportsmen's Club in the Education Building. See Pages 4 & 5 . |
| Weds, Sept 1 | WWA BOD Meeting Online Only — 7:00 p.m. All WWA Members Welcome to attend. Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor, See Page 1 for a WebEx Online Invitation. |
| Thurs, Sept 2 | GH Chapter Meeting, In Person; Evergreen Sportsmen's Club near Littlerock; 7 pm, See Page 10 . |
| Tues, Sept 7 | Usual WH County Chapter Meeting Night. See Pages 3 . |
| Weds, Sept 8 | NW Chapter Meeting In Person ; Twin Cities Sportsmens Club Stanwood; 7 pm, See Pages 6 & 7 . |
| Sat & Sun Sept 18 & 19 | 2021 Oregon Waterfowl Festival Gaston, OR FB Page linked here . Website is not currently working. |
| Sat & Sun Sept 18 & 19 | Youth-Only Pheasant Hunt Dates in both Eastern and Western, WA |
| Weds, Sept 22 | Usual Seattle Chapter Meeting Night |
| Sat, Sept 25 | Dedication of Jackson "Jack" Otto Memorial Bench at Restoration Pond in the Whatcom Wildlife Area. |
| Sat, Sept 25 | Youth-Only Waterfowl Hunt Date in Western Washington |
| Tues, Sept 28 | Usual SW Chapter Meeting Night |
| Thurs, Sept 30 | Usual LC Chapter Meeting Night |
| Sat, Oct 2 | Youth-Only Waterfowl Hunt Date in Eastern Washington |

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Or officers know. The BOD meets virtually via [WebEx](#) the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm.

Promotion Team Needs your Help

The WWA promotion team is looking for at least two (2) new members. One person to help run our Facebook page and another to help with our website content. If you are interested in helping this team out, reach out to **Billy Walker** at:

william.walker856@yahoo.com

For the Resource,

James Ono

WWA President

News for the Flock

Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Lyle Galloway

Drayton Harbor No Shooting Proposal Will Next Be Heard Sept 14th

Unfortunately a decision by the **Whatcom County Council** regarding a proposed No Shooting Zone in **Drayton Harbor** in **Whatcom County (Agenda Identification Item Number — AB2021-185)** continues to languish.

- previously kicked down the road from the original May 18, 2021 public hearing
- was further kicked down the road at its June 1, 2021 Council meeting;
- was further kicked down the road at its June 15, 2021 meeting last night;
- was further kicked down the road at its July 27, 2021 meeting last night; and
- was not even discussed at the August, 10, 2021 regular scheduled Council meeting.

From the **Council's Action Summary** of the **July 27th Council Meeting**, See **Page 7** (linked [here](#)):

Simply reported as **"WITHDRAWN"**

Reliable sources have told me that any continued action by the Council is contingent upon a meeting between representatives of the **Whatcom County Council**, the **Blaine City Council**, and the **Lummi Indian Business Council** to see if all parties can get on the same page regarding a compromise in the form of a 1,000 foot No Shooting Setback from shore. The lack of such a meeting happening in early August is the reason for no discussion on the August 10th regularly scheduled County Council Meeting.

The next regularly scheduled County Council Meeting is Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Sea duck hunting by BOAT is the primary hunting protocol in **Drayton Harbor** that takes place over a half a mile from any beach or city boundary. This type of hunting is seasonal from early December to late January.



News for the Flock

Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

Kile Jones Sweeps both WA Duck and Goose Calling Titles

On Saturday August 7, 2021 two-time **World Goose Calling Champion Kile Jones** of **Yelm, WA** won the **WWA** sponsored **Washington State Sanctioned Duck Calling Championship**, punching his ticket to represent **Washington** at the **World Duck Calling Championships** held in **Stuttgart, AR** Thanksgiving. **Kile** also won the **WA Open Goose Calling** competition. There were also a **Novice Duck Calling** and a **Youth Duck Calling** contests. For a complete listing of all winners in all events, see the adjacent page.

Shortly after his success at the **WA** state event, **Kile** posted on his **Instagram** account (**_kilejones**) —

“Thank y’all so much. I can’t thank **@wa_waterfowl_assoc** enough for putting the event on. I hadn’t been to the summer sportsman’s club since i was 14. I moved shortly after. The **WWA** is what ignited my passion for waterfowl and that ultimately led to a career. Mentorship is so vital, we have the ability to change someone’s life, like y’all changed mine.”

This is the first calling contest the **SW Chapter** has been able to put on since 2019, because of Covid-19. Thank You to **Tara Stevens** and the **Sumner Sportsmen’s Club** for once again being such great hosts for the event.



Two-time World Goose Calling Champion Kile Jones (2019 & 2018 — there was no contest in 2020 because of Covid-19) picked up two more titles on August 7th — WA State Sanctioned Duck Calling Champion and WA Open Goose Calling Champion.



SW Chapter member **Nathan Neideigh**, the contest

coordinator, out did himself this year. **Nathan** had been busy for many months before the event soliciting all of the prizes, as well as making arrangements for the venue, various awards, plaques, etc. Simply put — This contest wouldn't work without him, and has never been a financial success for **WWA** until **Nathan** took over the reigns several years ago!

Volunteers (and a lot of them) is also a necessary ingredient in making any event a success, and the **Washington Calling Contest** is no exception. The event day itself all starts with hours of preparation and set up of the calling stage, and the judging booths situated sufficiently “blind” to the actual callers. A special thanks to **Kurt Snyder**, **Chairman** of the **Grays Harbor Chapter**, once again taking care of the calling stage and handling of all the contestants throughout the contest, and to **Rob Strong** for his official score keeping and arranging for the judges – some traveling half way across the state to give up their Saturday to give credence to the efforts of all the callers.

This is where the dream begins, according to two-time World Goose Calling Champion Kile Jones. Here young Evan Smith competes in the Youth Duck Calling event, where he finished third.

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SW Chapter News Continued



Jesse Hueley blowing in the Open Goose Calling Competition. Jesse finished in third place.

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| <p><u>State Sanctioned Duck Calling</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kile Jones 2. Jaeger Evanger 3. Logan Boone <p><u>Novice Duck Calling</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Logan Boone 2. Tony Baker 3. Aidan Neideigh | <p><u>Open Goose Calling</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kile Jones 2. Joey Genzale 3. Jesse Hueley <p><u>Youth Duck Calling</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aidan Neideigh 2. Alex Goss 3. Evan Smith |
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Aidan Neideigh shows off some of the prizes and plaques he received for successfully defending his Washington State Title in the Youth Duck Calling Contest, and also placing third in the Novice division.

A big **THANK YOU** to those judges (in alphabetical order), **Abel Cortina, Adam Goss, Stewart Harr, Brad Roberts, and Ryan Swartz.**

Southwest Chapter members came thru in flying colors to support the event volunteering their time to make the whole contest such a great success – Thank you **Peter Kilburn, Lance Kintrea, Roger Leonhard, Hanna Neideigh, Jim Payne, and Joe Schumacher.** Thanks also to **Clint White** who continues year-after-year to donate his services as auctioneer for various **WWA** banquets and fund raisers, including the Live Auction that was part of this event.

Finally we appreciate the attendance support of the event shown by **WWA** members from chapters from all around the state, including but not limited to, **Bob Taylor and Jack Whitney** of the **Lower Columbia Chapter; Bruce Feagan and Todd Teeters** from the **Moses Lake Chapter; Earl Mikkelson** from the **SW Chapter; Paul McGovern** from the **NW Chapter, and John Arrabito** from the **Seattle Chapter.**

News for the Flock

Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Get Ready for Early Goose Season

Hard to believe but early Goose season is just around the corner. For hunters looking to squeeze the trigger on some locked-up Canadas before the general opener, focus on key tactics for success.

Most of the birds are local residents and not migrators, so different strategies for these early birds are in play. Scouting out areas before it's time to place the decoys is critical. Many of these birds use the same daily patterns. Find the food. Since we can't hunt the golf course or city and county parks:

- Study the fields where geese forage, especially the fields that are planted with small grains.
- Talk to landowners or friends that know landowners to gain access to the fields.
- Early season usually means smaller groups of Geese so, smaller decoy spreads that are well placed are more realistic.
- Camo up yourself, your blinds and your gear. Take advantage of the natural camo at each location.

There may be young birds in these resident flocks, but there are always those weary adults. It only takes one to de-commit the flock. Get ahead of the game and ready for opening day.

New Blinds at the Samish Unit



The Corn Field Blind

The NW Chapter constructed two new Hunting Blinds at the Skagit Wildlife Area Samish Unit. On July 24, 18 WWA members and non-members participated in the construction of five (5) new hunting blinds. We had previously met with Greg Meis, Assistant Manager of the Skagit Wildlife Area to scope out locations for each new blind. We also did an assessment of necessary repairs on existing blinds.

The blinds all were constructed with treated 2 x 4 and plywood bases with a few raised on 4 x 4's in wetter areas. T-Post construction was used to secure welded metal fencing. We used hedge trimmers to cut 3 truck loads of canary Grass to camo out the blinds. Initial construction was completed on all five (5) blinds.



Building a solid foundation for the High Rise Blind.



Cutting Canary Grass — 6 Pickup loads to do the job!

NW Chapter News Continued

On August 7th, **WWA** members again met to finish the blinds and complete repairs on existing blinds. The team cut six (6) truck loads of *Canary Grass* and finished grassing up all the new blinds. Six foot long benches were constructed and installed in each blind.

On to the existing blinds... We repaired benches, added T-posts to several blinds, installed welded metal fencing on a old **Boy Scout** built blind, and brushed it up for the season opener.



Brushing Up Blinds with Canary Grass



The Old Boy Scout Blind

Thank you to all of the volunteers who spent their Saturdays supporting public hunting. This is what volunteerism in the **WWA** is all about.

Specifically, thanks to **Tom Elliott, Paul McGovern, Paul and Morgan Geyer, Andrew and Tyler Wyman, Steve Billieu, Rick Holt, Rich Phillips, Andrew Voels, Jason Bolser, Jeff Burn, Tom Kerns, Jim Taylor, Evan Bobola, John Blair, Paul Skinner, Matt Browder, Joey Gibb, Etan Lehman, Spencer Combs, Matt Reat, William Walker and Matt Marusich.**

Youth-Only Hunts

The **NW Chapter** is once again planning to host **Youth-Only Hunts** at several area locations. We're in the planning stages securing hunt locations. I'll be sending out notifications once the plans are firm.

September Chapter Meeting

Our September chapter meeting will include **Belinda Rotten, Greg Meis and Curran Cosgrove**, all from the **WDFW Skagit Wildlife Area**. They will provide a *State of the Skagit* for the many units in this popular wildlife area.

October Chapter Meeting

Our October meeting will feature **WDFW Private Lands Manager** and biologist **Rob Wingard**. **Rob** will give us the low down on the many private lands in the region available for public hunting in the 2021-2022 waterfowl season.

Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two

The **NW Chapter** has **Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle** tickets. Thanks once again to **Jon McAninch of Cedarville Farms** and member of the **WWA** for his annual donation that provides fund raising for **ALL WWA Chapters**. Tickets are available locally through **Rick Billieu** at rgbillieu@frontier.com or at our monthly chapter meetings. The drawing date is October 2nd. See Flyer on **Page 15**.

Welcome to all the new WWA members!

Welcome to the recent new members of the **WWA**. Chapter members look forward to getting to know you. A good way to get to know the club and its members is by attending a Chapter Meeting or sponsored event.

WWA-NW Chapter meets on the second Wednesday each month at the **Twin Cities Sportsmen's Club** in **Stanwood**. Trap at 6:00 pm and business meeting starting at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

See and like our Facebook page **Northwest Washington Waterfowl Association** at:

<https://www.facebook.com/waducks.org>

Support your Passion – Get Involved

Rick Billieu

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News For the Flock

Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Handicap Blinds Delivered from Vancouver

Thanks to Board member and Grays Harbor Chapter Chair Kurt Snyder who delivered two (2) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) handicap accessible blinds to Moses Lake. The blinds were built and donated by Rick Springs of Vancouver, WA.

One will be installed at the Frenchman Regulated Access Area (RAA, f/k/a Quality Hunt Area), replacing an ADA blind currently there. The blind currently there will be moved to replace the ADA blind on Rocky Ford Creek.

The second blind has been picked up and is in Spokane. We will install the blind in the Moses Lake area once the heat and smoke dissipate to acceptable level.

Free Youth Shoot Postponed until 2022

Because of **COVID** levels increasing and the age of our volunteers it was decided to cancel the August event and move it to **Saturday, April 23rd, 2022**, at the Quincy Gun Club. With kids going back to school the **Covid** exposure level will be increasing and the level of vaccinations in Grant County is not good currently.

Youth-Only Pheasant Opener

Once again there will be a Pheasant release at Road 10 N.E., on **Saturday, September 18th, 2021**. There will be free merchandise and a drawing for a **FREE** 12 ga. **Remington Youth Model** shotgun. Lunch will be provided at the site. Hunting will begin at 9 am. Adults — feel free to bring your dog to go out in the field with your youth hunter.

Remember the early **Youth-Only Waterfowl** hunting is only **one** day in E WA — **Saturday, October 2, 2021**.



Five (5) current and four (4) prospective new WWA members of the Moses Lake Chapter gathered on August 12th at the Quincy Gun Club to get in some practice for the **September 1st Dove opener**. The usual “Quincy Handicap” of 5 to 10/mph winds added to the challenge. (Back, L-R) Bruce Feagan, Fritz Kiemle, Mark Olmstead, Tyler Ingerbitzin, a Future Farmers of America (FFA) attendee, and Ken Shields whose contacts with the Gun Club may provide a future venue for regular, quarterly chapter meetings requested by ML Chapter members at a previous organizational meeting in Othello on June 24th. (Front) Two (2) other FFA members flank member Jeff Waltz.

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Banquet/BBQ/Trap Shoot

At our July meeting we decided to postpone and revisit the timing of our mini-banquet. We will make those decisions at our August chapter meeting. Arrangements are in process for either using the **Vancouver Trap Club** as a venue or other options. Watch your emails for updates.

Shillapoo Wildlife Area Update

Al O'Conner presented an opportunity to help with habitat enhancement in the **Shillapoo State Wildlife Area**. Over time Himalayan blackberry vines have over taken segments of the hunt area. The proposal is to hire a contractor to treat and kill the vines in a targeted portion of the hunt area. We voted to provide funds and a contractor for that work at a cost of \$1500 pending verification of the area to be treated in the hunt area at our July meeting.

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Update

Ridgefield Refuge Complex Manager Juliette Fernandez provided updates for the hunt program for this fall on a virtual meeting, August 10th.

- The tough news: Only lottery picks will populate the blinds for the morning hunt start.
- The good news: Blinds will be filled as they become available beginning at 10 am.

Ridgefield NWR Special Hunt News

1. Lottery submissions for blinds will be accepted from August 16th through September 13th.
2. The Youth-Only hunt is scheduled for Saturday, October 30 this year.
3. The Veteran's hunt is scheduled on the Veteran's national holiday, Thursday, November 11.

Also, the new lottery vender has not been approved as the **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)** is going to vet and qualify a new list of vendors this year for next year's hunt season. The regional refuges currently using their current vendors were grandfathered in, but no new agreements are being approved.

Rich Hannan has been surveying the blinds again this year for **WWA** and will have a blind report soon. Preliminary reports are the blinds are in good shape, and the mowing has been done in a manner to keep the blinds hidden. We may plan a work party pending any work to be done. **Julietta has agreed to speak at our September 30th meeting.**

Sam Devlin Cackler Boat for Sale - New Price

Waterfowl season is just around the corner! We have again lowered the asking price to \$4,500! Built and donated by chapter member **Bob Taylor**. The vessel is a **Cackler 14** kit boat **Bob** built from **Devlin Design and Boat Building**. It's a fiberglass and epoxy boat with an **Evinrude 30hp E-Tec** outboard motor, **Lowrance Fish Finder** on an **EZ Loader** trailer (see advertisement on **Page 16**). The boat's claim to fame is safety and stability in big water even in nasty conditions. We took it out for a test run in the **Columbia River** under choppy conditions and the boat handled it's 700 lb., payload with no problem! Thank you, **Bob**, for your generous fundraising donation!

Oregon Waterfowl Festival

The **Oregon Waterfowl Festival** will be held on **September 18th and 19th** in **Gaston, OR**. More info is available on their website <https://oregonwaterfowlfestival.com/> Also on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Oregonwaterfowlfestival/>

Please Contribute

We need your input for the newsletter. Hunting stories, unusual experiences and/or photos. New tech help and gear, advice and ideas you can share, experiences hunting other venues. Whatever would interest you to read about in this newsletter. Submit them to me at: dlhargin@msn.com. Thank you!



2021 OREGON WATERFOWL FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 18 & 19
GASTON, OREGON

News for the Flock

Seattle Chapter News

The Seattle Chapter Needs You!

If you are interested in serving as the Chapter Chair, please reach out to **James Ono** or **Chapter Secretary/ Treasurer Tim Tinghino**. A general job description is posted on our chapter website page linked [here](#), as well as the emoluments of office which include a paid membership to the **Kenmore Gun Club**, currently split with **Tim**.

Your Donation Dollars at Work

Linked [here](#) is a **Ducks Unlimited (DU)** report on the completed and planned restoration projects in the **Desert Wildlife Area Unit** of the **Columbia Basin Wildlife Area**. Both the **Moses Lake** and **Seattle Chapters** contributed matching funds to various **North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)** and other grants to make these projects a reality.

Be patient, it takes a few minutes to download the 1.57 GB mp4 video. The relevant portion is from minute 24 thru minute 35.

Grays Harbor Chapter News

Kurt Snyder

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Not much to report on this month after concentrating on the **Union River Blind Restoration Project** in **Kitsap County** over the past two (2) months.

Come join us at the **Evergreen Sportsmen' Club** near **Littlerock, WA** for our next regularly scheduled chapter meeting on **Thursday, September 2, 2021, 7 pm**. sharp before you head out for the Labor Day weekend.

Spokane Chapter
Tri-Cities Chapter
Yakima Valley Chapter

No News This Month

Midnight Valley Labradors
AKC Registered Labrador Puppies
Excellent Breeding, Great Temperament,
Wonderful for the Family or in the Field.
Puppies due August 2021. British Gun Dog Lines,
Field Trial Championships.
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WWA Hoodies, Gray Front and Green Back

Still available along with some **2021 WA State Duck Calling Championship T-Shirts** from the **SW Chapter**. See **Page 1** for contact info for **SW Chapter Chair Bruce Burns**.

WWA Legislative News

WA Legislative Report

By Mark Pidgeon
President, Hunters Heritage Council

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 (HHC)**.

What a Surprise. I'm talking about the WDFW Commission. Again.

I've said this over and over again, we need good, qualified Commissioners that represent hunters and fishers on the **Fish and Wildlife Commission**. Think about it this way, the WA Legislature is in session for 105 days during the odd-numbered years and 60 days during the even-numbered years. The **Fish and Wildlife Commission** meets 11 times every year. The nuts and bolts of wildlife management is done through the Commission. Yes, the Legislature is the Commission's boss, but normally the Legislature gives the direction and allows the Commission to adopt the rule[s].

This is why it is of the utmost importance to get good people on the Commission. The two (2) most recently appointed Commissioners are as anti-hunting as they come. I am going to repeat the statutory balance doctrine:

[RCW 77.04.040](#)

Commission—Qualifications of members. Persons eligible for appointment as members of the commission shall have general knowledge of the habits and distribution of fish and wildlife and shall not hold another state, county, or municipal elective or appointive office. In making these appointments, the governor shall seek to maintain a balance reflecting all aspects of fish and wildlife, including representation recommended by organized groups representing sportfishers, commercial fishers, hunters, private landowners, and environmentalists. Persons eligible for

appointment as fish and wildlife commissioners shall comply with the provisions of chapters 42.52 and * 42.17 RCW.

We do have the RCW on our side. The Commission is out of balance on the radical environmentalists/animal-rights (A/R) side, and it needs to be brought back into balance to the people who pay the freight for the Department. I am going to change course from my usual message and focus on how to write your message to the Governor or any elected official.

First of all, if you have already sent in a message about your choice for certain Commission position, **DO NOT** send multiple messages. If you do, it will nullify your previous message and none of your messages will count. I have worked in a legislative office and a Congressional office, and tallying responses is a miserable job. The Governor's Office takes your response seriously, as do other elected officials, the poor person that has to bundle those survey responses so the elected official can read them has a really boring job. I know. As an intern in Olympia in 1980 making \$50 a week I tallied surveys, and we counted every response, not just those we agreed with.

Most importantly, be polite. Don't call the Governor an animal-rights extremist. Don't threaten him by saying that if he doesn't appoint your person to the Commission, you won't vote for him. Be professional. Outline the reasons why your person is the best person to be on the Commission. You can argue the Commission is out of balance per **RCW 77.04.040**, but do it in a polite and professional way. Don't call the Governor's office and harass the Governor's staff and be like the animal-right's people. They do that kind of crazy stuff. Our side has to be better than their side. I get death threats all the time from the animal-rights people. Be polite. Don't ever give the Governor a reason for not considering our side because we looked like a bunch of clowns!

If you haven't submitted your comments on who you want on the Commission, please do so immediately. If you haven't submitted your choice on who you want on the Commission and you don't submit a choice, then don't complain about lack of hunting and fishing opportunities. Don't complain about how **WDFW** is run. Your **WWA Officers and Directors**, the **HHC**, the **WWC**, and a lot of groups are fighting hard, because we all see the big picture.

If you can't take five to 10 minutes to write a positive, constructive message on who you want to see on the Commission, then you get what you deserve!

Legislative News Continued

Keep up the Pressure for Your Preference on the WDFW Commission

If you have not already expressed your opinion to **Governor Jay Inslee** about your choice for filling the final two (2) appointments to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission**, please do so. Washington Sportsmen/women need to keep the pressure on by demonstrating your preference of **Rylan Weythman** for appointment to the **Commission**.

Rylan is an avid hunter and fisher, and not just waterfowl but also big game, turkey, and upland birds. His personal background gives him unique personal knowledge of both sides of the Cascades. He and his wife **Sara**, a school teacher, currently reside in **Okanogan County**, after spending the better part of the last 10 years in **King County**.

He was raised and schooled near **Wenatchee** -- specifically **Cashmere** -- where he spent most of his summers (and more) fishing for salmon on the nearby **Columbia River**. He left **Cashmere** to go to college and law school in California. In 2012 he returned to Washington and is currently a Partner at the prominent law firm of **Foster Garvey**, where he is a litigation attorney.

Support one of our own. Support someone who has sat in the same blinds, glassed the same clear cuts, fished the same holes, and who shares the same core values as you and the Washington Hunting and Fishing Community.

Keep **Rylan's** name in the forefront of public discussion regarding future appointments to the **Commission**. Take a few moments to express your continuing support of **Rylan** to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission** using the following **WA State Government Portal** linked [here](#).

Click on **Fish and Wildlife Commission**, then follow the prompts. When it asks for **Rylan's** email address, he has given his consent to use his business email at: Rylan.Weythman@Foster.com



Rylan Weythman



News for the Flock

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 PAUL MGOVERN AT

HANS1031@FRONTIER.COM

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 that 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.

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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 **July 2021 Newsletter**.

WWA General Fund — \$1,533

WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,640

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$11,077

WWA Legal Fund — \$20,753.52

Ken Packard — \$1,000

WWA Youth Fund — \$1,810

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.

TWIN RIVERS BIRD TAXIDERMISTRY

Basic quotes for the mount are set. The customer is tasked with deciding a habitat and pose for their bird and a final quote can be decided once the habitat scene 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 is \$300.
- One goose mount is \$450.
- One pheasant mount is \$250.

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](#)

970-988-4717

GH Chapter News Continued



OCTOBER 2nd, 2021 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.



www.waduck.org

Washington Waterfowl Association

Ticket price is \$5.00 each or \$20.00 per five

Tickets make great gifts for that hunter that you know!

You get TWO chances with each ticket!

Need not be present to win!

See your local WWA Chapter for purchase or contact below!

**GRAYS HARBOR CHAPTER
Washington
Waterfowl Assn.**

6744 Apricot Ln Sw
Rochester Wa 98579
360-485-9353
kurtsnyder@outdrs.net

Classified Ads – For Sale / Wanted

FREE

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

Benelli Legacy 20 Gauge, 3" Stainless Chamber 26" Barrel with 4 chokes. Stainless receiver, Beautiful Dark Wood in Great Condition. Comes with original case. **\$1350**
Contact Rick, 360-921-0190

Browning A-5 Auto 12 gauge Magnum w/Full choke (can be opened to Mod.), VG Condition. **\$1000**
Contact Robb 206-909-7189

Two (2) Decoy Carts — one with dual bicycle tires; one with dual balloon tires depending upon the terrain that you have to traverse. **\$50 each. Contact John, 425-894-4080**

Boot Foot Chest Waders, Brown in color; Size 10. Lightly used, **\$25** See box label below.
Contact Dan, 206-543-1300



WWA-Lower Columbia Chapter Fund Raiser — For Sale: 14ft Fiberglass and Epoxy Boat. Cackler model by Sam Devlin Design. EZ Load Trailer, Depth Finder, 30HP E-Tec (like new). ~~\$5,800~~ — ~~\$5,000~~

Second Price Drop to \$4,500!

Donated by Bob Taylor. Call Rick Scott for more photos and information — 360-921-0190.

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MEET THE 2021 WASHINGTON STATE DUCK STAMP COMPETITION WINNER AND WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION'S ARTIST OF THE YEAR



Denise D. Nelson

Denise D. Nelson of Sherrills Ford, NC is a traditional oil painter working in the time-honored techniques of classical realism. Ms. Nelson earned a BFA in Studio Painting from the **University of North Carolina at Greensboro**. Ms. Nelson's career as a professional artist spans over 30 years including gallery and publisher representation, participation in juried exhibits, duck stamp and wildlife art competition, and extensive private and corporate commission work. Ms. Nelson has worked with wildlife conservation organizations including **NC Ducks Unlimited, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, SC Department of Natural Resources, SC Quail Unlimited, and the Coastal Conservation Association of Georgia**. Corporate commissions include **NC Ducks Unlimited Sponsor** prints, and limited-edition wine labels and artwork created exclusively for the **Biltmore Estate** in Asheville, NC.

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2021/22 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

The Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2021 Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp and Limited Edition Print.

Artist Denise D. Nelson



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 on the adjacent page and send with check to:

**Washington Waterfowl Association
Duck Stamp Program
18207 Rhodes Lake Road
E. Bonney Lake, WA 98391**

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2021 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 _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

I have included \$70.00 for each unframed print & stamp for a total of \$ _____.00

I have included \$175.00 for each framed print/stamp for a total of \$ _____.00

*Shipping and Handling \$ 10.00

Total Amount: \$ _____.00

-- Easier Yet --

Go to

(<https://www.washingtonduckstamp.com/shop>)

to place your order

News from WDFW

WDFW Hunter Education Returns In-Person, Hybrid Options Available

WDFW News Release
August 11, 2021

OLYMPIA — **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** hunter education classes resume in-person this month. **WDFW** will begin to offer in-person hunter education classes on August 14, with options for full in-person and hybrid courses.

"While the in-person and hybrid class formats are beneficial for all students, we highly recommend in-person instruction for students under 12," said **Dave Whipple, WDFW Hunter Education Manager**. "These courses reinforce important firearm and hunting safety principles, hunting ethics, basic survival and first aid, wildlife identification and conservation. We are excited to begin offering these classes in person with **COVID** restrictions."

Participants can sign up for classes on **WDFW's Hunter Education Page** linked [here](#). Some classes may change based on availability and **COVID**-related restrictions. To help meet public demand, an online course is still available for students who must be at least 9-years-old. "Consistent with **WA Department of Health** requirements, students and parents who are not fully vaccinated must wear a mask while indoors," added **Whipple**. "All our volunteer instructors are also required to follow state **COVID** safety protocols."

To learn about hunter education requirements, course options, or find a course, new hunters should visit the [WDFW hunter education webpage](#).

All hunters must pass a hunter education safety course before hunting on their own. Washington honors all 50 states hunter education certifications. Those who are unable to complete a hunter education course before the fall hunting seasons may qualify for a [hunter education deferral](#).

WDFW Commission Approves Operating Budget Requests for Supplemental 2022 Legislative Session

August 11, 2021

OLYMPIA The **WDFW Commission** at their August 6th meeting determined which funding and legislation requests the **Department** will submit for consideration by the Legislature during the 2022 legislative session.

The Commission authorized **WDFW** to request \$8.9 million in maintenance funding needs, plus \$9 million in emerging needs and \$4 million in expenditure authority of dedicated accounts. If funded, these requests will help the department to: increase freshwater, forage fish, crab, and game monitoring; improve hatchery safeguards; support salmon data analysis; advance bighorn sheep and mountain goat management; increase capacity to consult on projects related to solar infrastructure, salmon habitat, and fish passage; and respond to increased public use of **WDFW**-managed water access sites and wildlife areas.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

DUCK SLIDERS

INGREDIENTS

- 1.5 to 2# duck breast meat
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp chile powder
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 3 T vegetable oil
- 2 C ketchup
- 1/4 C brown sugar
- 2 T cider vinegar
- 2 T soy sauce
- 4 Chipotle Peppers in adobo Sauce
- 2 T adobo Sauce
- 1 C diced onion
- 4 C onion strips
- 20 slider buns

DIRECTIONS

- Butterfly duck breasts and gently flatten to 1/8 inch with mallet.
- Combine salt, pepper, chili powder and garlic powder. Sprinkle seasoning mix on both sides of duck breasts.
- Heat vegetable oil in large sauté pan over high heat. Pan-fry duck 5 minutes on each side, until well browned.
- In small stainless steel bowl, combine ketchup, brown sugar, cider vinegar, soy sauce, peppers, adobo and diced onion. Purée until onions and chipotles are fine mince. Heat sauce gradually in small saucepan over low heat.
- 5. Thin slice duck. Add barbecue sauce and mix well. Heat duck until it reaches internal temperature of 160°F.
- 6. Deep-fry onion strips in 350°F fryer for 4 to 5 minutes. Drain well.
- 7. Place 1/4 cup of duck on each bun. Spread 2 tablespoons fried onions over duck. Cover with top of bun and serve.

WDFW News Briefs

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.

2021-22 Regs Are Out; Linked [Here](#)

See Migratory Game Bird Season Summary on **Page 18** of the Pamphlet, (Page 20 of the Link).



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renew Online at www.waduck.org

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 Pidgeon** at marpwwa@gmail.com or call 425-221-3986.

WWA Life Members

JOIN THE HERITAGE CLUB of Life Members

Bronze \$500 Member; Silver \$1,000 Member; Gold, \$2,000 Member H = Honorary Members; D = Deceased

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New Levels of Life Membership

Effective June 1, 2021, WWA converted to three (3) different levels of Life Membership acknowledging that ALL WWA Life memberships are “Sustaining” to the organization. Those three (3) new levels along with their respective emoluments are:

Bronze Level Life Membership — \$500.00 (USD)

Includes one WWA Logo'd Belt Buckle OR one Pacific Calls WWA Logo'd Duck Call.

Silver Level Life Membership — \$1,000.00 (USD)

Includes one Pacific Calls WWA Logo'd Duck Call AND one WWA Logo'd embroidered “Life Member” Jacket.

Gold Level Life Membership — \$2,000.00 (USD)

Includes one Pacific Calls WWA Logo'd Duck Call, AND one WWA Logo'd embroidered “Life Member” Jacket, AND one guided Duck or Goose hunt for one.

All will include the option to decline the gift[s] accompanying their respective membership in order to provide maximum financial support to WWA.

All formerly \$750 “Sustaining” Life Members were automatically “bumped up” to the new Silver Life Member Level with no additional necessary payment nor any new emoluments of membership awarded.

If you have a question about the level of your Life Membership as listed above, please contact **John Arrabito** at jarrabito@comcast.net or Mark Pidgeon, and we will be happy to help you by researching WWA records to make sure that we have the correct information about your existing Life Membership support of WWA.

THANK YOU ALL for your “sustaining” support of the Washington Waterfowl Association.



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Consider Your Donation For

Heritage Lands



FARMLAND AND PUBLIC ACCESS PRESERVATION

The WWA is launching a private land/public access program called *Heritage Lands*. The goal is farmland preservation and public outdoor recreation opportunity, with the initial implementation in the Skagit and Stillaguamish River valleys.

DON'T let your Heritage Lands Turn from this into....



This Program will **Purchase Farmland, Preserve it, Conserve it, Promote it, Maintain it, and Manage it for Waterfowl and Public Hunting for you and the Next Generation.**

We need your personal, corporate, or in-kind commitment to help us exceed our goal of \$300,000! We currently have a benefactor that will match the first \$2,000. Contact Rone Brewer to donate (206) 595-7481.

Every Donation Helps! WWW.WADUCK.ORG

For additional information please contact:

**Rone Brewer, (206) 595-7481
nwducks@frontier.com**

Skagit Valley Photos
Courtesy of Dave Honan
www.davehonan.com

WWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Best Phone Contact: (_____) _____

Membership Type:

- Family (immediate family up to age 18) — \$ 35.00
- Regular — \$ 30.00
- Bronze Lifetime* — \$ 500.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
- Silver Lifetime* — \$ 1,000.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
- Gold Lifetime* — \$ 2,000.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
- ** Please check box if you do not wish to receive a gift.**
- Senior (65 or over) - \$ 15.00
- Junior (under age 18) -- \$ 15.00
- 2-Year Regular \$ 50.00
- 2-Year Family \$ 60.00
 (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 Quarterly TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the **Twin City Sportsmen’s Club**, 26933 64th Ave NW Stanwood.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell.
- 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.

Pay with a credit card from our website:

www.waduck.org

or

Mail with a check to:

WWA,
 P.O. Box 40182
 Bellevue, WA 98015

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.