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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

Only about a month to go until the general season opens up. If you're anything like me, you are gearing up, cleaning off the old gear, and maybe scrambling to find a couple extra boxes of shells. Share your pre-season prep with us at WaWaterfowlMedia@gmail.com and we'll share it on our social media pages.

All Chapter Meeting Results

Thank you to everyone who joined the **All Chapter Meeting** at the end of August. It was great to hear from some people we normally don't see. We also heard some good feedback from a perspective member. All in all I think it was a productive discussion with some great ideas for projects and initiatives for the year to come.

Hunter Mentorship

We are continuing our **Hunter Mentorship Program** this year. We are seeing growing interest from new hunters, and we would love to see this program grow and expand. If you would be willing to mentor 2 hunts for a new hunter, or if you are a new hunter who would like to be paired with an experienced member, please reach out to **Paul McGovern** at Hans1031@frontier.com (See Flyer on **Page 16**)

WWA Life Member Raffle

As a corporate fundraiser, we are raffling off a **Bronze Level Life Membership**. Tickets are \$10 each, and the drawing will be on December 15th. Our life membership of course means you are a member for life, but also includes a gift of a **WWA** belt buckle, or a **WWA** logo'd duck call from **Pacific Calls**. If you are interested in buying tickets, please reach out to your local chapter chair or to **Rick Billieu** at rgbillieu@frontier.com

WWA Corporate Vice Presidency

In our last issue, I introduced **Mark Pidgeon** as our new **Vice-President**. As I believe it is important for members to know their leadership team, we have included a **Member Profile of Mark**. See **Page 15**.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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News for the Flock

2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

Weds, Sept 15 Thru Jan 15, 2022	Grouse Hunting Season
Sat & Sun Sept 18 & 19	2021 Oregon Waterfowl Festival CANCELLED
Sat & Sun Sept 18 & 19	Youth-Only Pheasant Hunt Dates in both Eastern and Western, WA
Mon Sept 20 thru Fri, Sept 24	Age 65 & Hunters w/ Disabilities only in Eastern, WA
Sat, Sept 25	Dedication of Jackson "Jack" Otto Memorial Bench at Restoration Pond in the Whatcom Wildlife Area. See Page 6 .
Sat, Sept 25	Youth-Only Waterfowl Hunt Date in Western Washington
Sat, Sept 25 Thru Nov 30	Westside Quail & Pheasant Season
Mon, Sept 27	Hybrid Seattle Chapter Meeting Kemore Gun Club, See Page 10
Thurs, Sept 30	Usual LC Chapter Meeting In Person
Sat, Oct 2	Youth-Only Waterfowl Hunt Date in Eastern Washington
Weds, Oct 6	WWA Board Meeting Online Only — 7:00 p.m. All WWA Members Welcome to attend. Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor, See Page 1 for a <i>WebEx</i> Online Invitation.
Thurs, Oct 7	Usual GH Chapter Meeting In Person Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, near Littlerock.
Sat, Oct 9	Farmed Island Tour (See Page 5)
Sat thru Sun Oct 16 thru 24	Opening salvo of Duck Season
Sat. Oct 23 thru Jan 17, 2022	Eastside General Pheasant Season
Mon & Tues Oct 25 & 26	Duck Season CLOSED
Weds, Oct 27 thru Jan 31st	Resumption of Duck Season

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Board Vacancy

With **Mark's** move to the **VP** position, we were left with a vacancy on the **Board of Directors**. In our last Board meeting we appointed **Paul McGovern** to the **BOD**. **Paul** is an active member in the **Seattle** and **Northwest** chapters. He is very engaged at chapter meetings and work parties and participated as a Mentor in last year's first **Hunter Mentorship Program**. This year **Paul** has taken the **Mentor Program** under his wing as the **Mentorship Coordinator**. I am very excited to welcome **Paul** to the Board.

Thank you **Paul** and Congratulations!

For the Resource,

James Ono
WWA President

News for the Flock

Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Lyle Galloway

September 14th Update

Drayton Harbor No Shooting Proposal “Motion Carried to Move Forward”

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;
- was not even discussed at the August, 10, 2021 regular scheduled Council meeting

From the **Action Summary** of the **September 14th “Council Committee of the Whole” Meeting**. (linked [here](#)):

Reported as: **“DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED**

Motion carried to move forward with the Ordinance version titled "Proposed Ordinance for June 15 Introduction" on the Legislative Information Center that creates a 1000-foot buffer around Drayton Harbor (Clerk’s note: It will need to be introduced).

Follow up phone calls discerned that the “re-introduction” won’t be made until the Council Meeting of October 12!

Which begs the question, why not at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of September 28?

Reliable sources continue to tell 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 September is the reason for no vote at the regularly scheduled County Council Meeting last night, nor a scheduled vote for the next Council Meeting scheduled for September 28th.

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

Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Early Goose hunts flew by fast (pun intended, lol). A couple **NW Chapter** members took advantage of this early opener and had successful hunts in the area on public 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.

Get the kids out for the 2021 Youth Hunt

On September 25th the **WWA NW Chapter** is once again sponsoring youth-only 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, afternoon and full day hunts. All youth will receive a new Duck Call, Whistle and lanyard.

Reservations are required! First come-first served.

Please contact Rick Skiba, reskiba@msn.com

(360) 387-2225 or Rick Billieu, rgbillieu@frontier.com

(360) 653-8571.

See Flyer on **Page 7**

Pull for Scouting Shoot

Members of the **NW Chapter**, participated in the **2021 Pull For Scouting** event as team "Twin Cities Sportsmens Club." The annual event was held at the **Granite Falls Sportsman's Club**. Participants shot *Sporting Clays* from 15 stations on the Club's forested course. The event included a BBQ lunch and several raffles. All proceeds support the **Fire Mountain Scout Camp** and the **Mt Baker Scouting Council**. This was a very well attended event with 13 teams of 5 shooters each. **NW Chapter** team members included **Rick Holt, Tom Heaphy, Steve Billieu, Andy Bernstein** and **Rick Billieu**.

September Chapter Meeting

NW Chapter member **Matt Klope (Whidbey Island Taxidermy)** provided the members with advice and open discussion on preparing your waterfowl for mounting. From the field to the Taxidermist, Matt gave us all the right advise on caring for the birds to ensure that the preparation and mounting process produces the best results for a successful mount. Two of the five mounts (**Cinnamon and Blue Wing Teal**) that **Matt** came to the meeting with will be used to

replace older mounts in the **WWA Waterfowl Mount Display Trailer**.



You can learn much more about **Matt and Whidbey Island Taxidermy** in "A Deeper Dive into Taxidermy" on a *Soulful Hunter Podcast with Johnny Mack* the host of *Washington Backcountry*." Linked below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkxQy9e1z78>

October Meeting Guest Speakers

Don't miss this one! Our October 13th speakers will include **Rob Wingard (WDFW)**, **Private Lands Biologist** for **Region 4** and **Belinda Rotten, Greg Meis and Curran Cosgrove (WDFW)** from the **Skagit Wildlife Area**. **Rob** will review the regions four (4) different types of **Hunting Access Agreements** with landowners — **Feel Free to Hunt, Hunt by Reservation, Register to Hunt, and Hunt by Written Permission** and will list of this year's private properties enrolled in these programs and the private lands hunting website linked [here](#). Plenty of hunting area tips and opportunities for questions.

Belinda, Greg and Curran will familiarize us with the many units of the **Skagit Wildlife Area (SWA)** including the popular **Samish Bay, Debay's Slough** and **Island** units. They will provide us with information on current and future activities and planning for the **SWA**.

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NW Chapter News Continued



Farmed Island Tour Saturday Oct, 9th



Skagit Wildlife Area HQ – Boat Launch
10:00 am start

Bring the whole family?

- Open to everyone (Members and public)
- Cruise the south fork of the Skagit River
- 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



You can bring your own
boat or catch a ride?



Need info?
Contact Rick Billieu
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rgbillieu@frontier.com

Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two

The NW Chapter has Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle tickets. Thanks once again to Jon McAninch of Cederville Farms and member of the WWA for this annual opportunity for **ALL WWA Chapters** to fundraise on his generosity! Tickets are available through Rick Billieu rgbillieu@frontier.com or at our Chapter meetings. The Drawing date — October 2nd — is coming up fast, so get your tickets now! See Flyer on **Page 11**.

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>

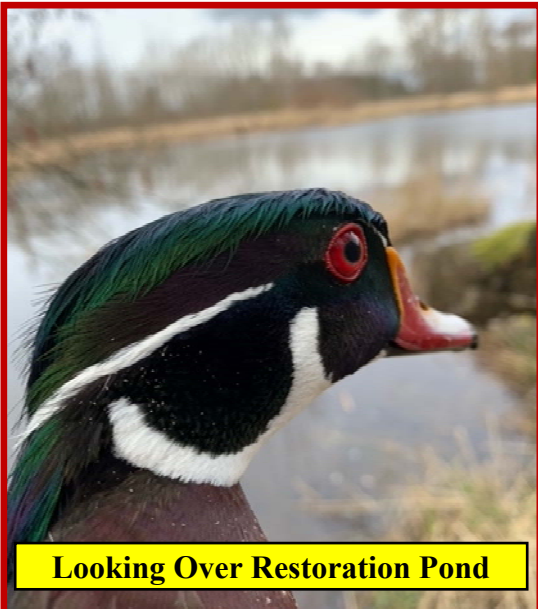
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Memorial for Jackson Otto on for September 25th

Thanks to the generosity of many friends and extended family members of the **John and Toni Halligan Otto** family, plans are a “GO” for the establishment of a memorial bench and plaque in honor of, and in memory to, 15-year-old **Jackson “Jack” Otto**, who passed away from a traumatic brain injury on March 16, 2021, just five (5) days short of his 16th birthday. The memorial is to be installed on the banks of a small pond overlooking a very special spot in the **Whatcom Wildlife Area** where young **Jack** and his father, **John**, spent many **Youth-Only Hunt** mornings in Septembers past. This was **Jack’s** “favorite pond,” and a spot where he harvested his first wood duck.

A **GoFundMe** (linked [here](#)) established by **Brad Otto** (no relation) for this memorial has raised \$4,635 of an initial \$2,500! The **WWA**, with coordination from **Otto** family representatives, together have raised an additional \$1,635. This sum includes a \$1,000 donation from **WWA Corporate** in gratitude to **John Otto** for his years of donation of time and talent to **WWA**. (For those that don’t know the history, over a decade ago **John** donated *gratis*, all the ducks and performed all of the taxidermy on the initial 33 duck mounts contained **WWA** display trailer – a display that has been used over the many years to promote **WWA** all over **Washington** from the **Willapa Bay Youth-Only Hunt** in Pacific County to the annual **WA Brant Foundation Decoy Carving Contest** in Skagit County).



Looking Over Restoration Pond

The short range plan is to dedicate the bench and plaque on the morning of September 25, 2021 — the **Youth-Only Hunt Day** — by the extended **Otto** family, their many friends, and the waterfowl community they enjoy being a big part of. The **Otto** family wants to make this a **SPECIAL** event, and all are welcome to attend.

The long range plan with the remainder of funds left over is to establish a **Youth Scholarship** in **Jack’s** name to a few youth each spring to work with local **WDFW Natural Resource Technician**, **Brad Otto**, trapping and banding wood ducks; learning their biology; building and placing nesting boxes; and maintaining the established nest boxes at the site.

WWA for its part is looking to tie in this scholarship with the college scholarship currently being offered by its **Whatcom County Chapter** for area youth pursuing a wildlife management or similar degree in any form of post-secondary education. Other possible scholarship spin-offs could include a decoy carving class; wildlife photography; farming for wildlife; and habitat importance — because the local talent is there, available, and willing to contribute.

In Memory of Jack Otto

- thru GoFundMe, **\$4,635**
- thru WWA **\$1,635**
- Totals \$6,270**

**Another \$210 thru the
GoFundME linked [here](#)
since May 15th.**



NW Chapter News Continued

2021 Youth Hunt



WWA NW Chapter is once again sponsoring youth waterfowl hunts at several 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. 25th

Edison Hunt Club (Samish Bay). 2 Pit Blinds adjacent to a fresh water pond. Morning hunt from 6:00am to 12:00pm. Afternoon hunt from 1:00pm to 7:00pm.

Blue Chip Hunt Club (Padilla Bay). 2 boat-in Blinds. Full day hunt.

Swinomish Gun Club (Padilla Bay). 6 Blinds. Full day hunt.

Experienced guided support at the blind is available .

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

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Shillapoo Wildlife Area Work Party

By the time this goes to distribution we will have had our work party Wednesday 15th of this month. We will buy materials to build a couple more blind platforms at the **Shillapoo State Wildlife Area**. Details and pics next month in the newsletter.

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Update

As of this time we still plan to have **Ridgefield NWR Complex Manager Julietta Fernandez** speak at our September 30th meeting. We hope to announce a blind brush up and opening soon also.

Ridgefield NWR Special Hunt News

1. The Youth-Only hunt is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th this year.
2. The Veteran's-Only hunt is scheduled on the Veteran's national holiday, Thursday, November 11th.

Sam Devlin Cackler Boat for Sold

Thanks to a waterfowler from Mount Vernon for buying the Cackler boat. Big thanks to our member **Bob Taylor** for your generous donation and service to the organization. Thanks also to **Rick Scott** for storing, showing and selling the vessel.

Oregon Waterfowl Festival **CANCELLED**

The Oregon Waterfowl Festival scheduled for September 18th and 19th in Gaston, OR **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**. More info is available on their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Oregonwaterfowlfestival/>

Dino Decoys

During Covid summer #2, **Dino Matri** of the **Lower Columbia Chapter of WWA**, took up the hobby of learning how to mold foam decoys. His experimentations resulted in the molding of 4 or 5 dozen bodies and about 10 dozen heads — some of which he will use on some carved foam decoy bodies.

In addition to spending too much money on molds and too much time on figuring out the process, **Dino** decided 2-part urethane foam was not worth the effort. His trials with filling the mold with partial expanded **Expanded Polystyrene (EPS)** foam, then completing the full expansion of the beads by boiling the filled mold in water for 5-10 minutes was he preferred approach.

Before molding more next summer he plans to refine his burlap wrapping technique to toughen up the decoys and make a solid base for painting and flocking. Three (3) of his moldings are shown below: a solid body Widgeon, a **suc duc** style Mallard, and a field Mallard. For more check out his Facebook page linked [here](#).



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 dlhargin@msn.com. Thank you!



Volunteers from our neighboring Oregon Hunters Assn., on a Sauvie Island Cleanup Work Party on August 22nd. More photos on **Pages 9 and 15.**

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi All.

Can you believe that another hunting season is here? My goodness, where did the time go? Seems I just got all my equipment buried and now have to dig it all out! I'm not complaining though....

As we go into the new season, I want to wish you all a very safe and eventful hunting year. Please be careful and let's make all the new stories happy ones. If you are into boat hunting, please take the time to inspect your gear and make any repairs and improvements now. Safety is the key. No duck or goose is worth risking your life for. I personally have pushed my limits enough for a lifetime. No more.

Raffle Tickets Still Available

The **Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle** drawing is on the 2nd of October. There is still time to purchase tickets before the draw! See your Chapter Chairman for them! Don't wait. Remember, each ticket gets you **TWO** chances at getting picked. Both hunts are for the winner and a guest and overnight lodging is provided! These hunts have been really great. The funding goes to waterfowl conservation! Thanks to all that have bought tickets and to those that have sold them! See Flyer on **Page 11**.

Another Avenue of Conservation Advocacy

One more thing. Everyone that hunts knows how important farms are for waterfowl. The farms that I have seen get used the whole migration season. The farm lands that are used for grazing and crops are almost totally utilized by waterfowl. No other single entity is as important to waterfowl than our farmlands.

Our fresh water wetlands have been devastated for failed salmon restoration making the farms even MORE important. Since I have been educated on the subject, I have decided to get involved. How? By joining up with the

Washington Farm Bureau.

I am not a farmer so I joined as an associate member. You can too. Farming is under seemingly constant fire from our present government and so-called environmentalists. Farms are taking blame for politically motivated environmental concerns that are totally not their fault.

If you farm, please consider joining! If you don't farm, please consider joining. I urge **ALL** of you to join. Once again, it's for the waterfowl. <https://wsfb.com/>
Next and Last Chapter Meeting of 2021

Our last Chapter meeting of this year is on **Thursday, the 7th of October**, same place, the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near **Littlerock** at 7:00 pm sharp. Along with the regular business we will be discussing the last year in general and plan some tentative items for next year. That way we can get off to a good start at our February 2022 meeting.

Thank you,
Kurt Snyder
kurtsnyder@outdrs.net



Clean up day at Sauvie Island Wildlife Area on August 22nd was a major success for members of the Columbia Basin Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA). They filled an entire trailer full of junk, shells and hazardous garbage, including a major dump site over by Seal 1. The guilty party left their Amazon delivery boxes with their name and address on it... You can't make this stuff up!

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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

I have been a member of the **Citizens Advisory Group** for the **10 Year Plan for the Wildlife Areas in Grant and Adams Counties** for the last year. Shortly the report should be published for a mandatory 30 day review. Hopefully in the near future, the report will be found on the following websites in the future.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
Columbia Basin Area

The review will contain a lot of information about the sites and their locations. This could be helpful for anyone looking for a public place to hunt for both upland and waterfowl.

There are many of these areas that have received many of your Waterfowl Enhancement Funds (i.e., **WA Duck Stamp & Print** monies). In particular a very large sum was spent on the **Winchester Wildlife Area (WLA)**.

If you hunt in the **Sunnyside-Snake River Area** there is a 10-year plan published at the following site that might be of interest. The log linked [here](#) is lengthy but worth the effort:

Next Chapter Quarter Meeting is September 23rd

Our next quarterly meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 23rd** beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting will once again be held at the **O'Sullivan Sportsman Resort Clubhouse**. For **GPS** purposes, the address is: **6897 Highway 262 SE, Othello, WA 99344**. The Clubhouse is located one (1) mile west of **Mar Don Resort** behind the 76 gas station. Contact **Bruce Feagan** for more info. (206) 714-8020.

ADA Blind

With the return of COVID in big numbers in Grant County, I don't know if we'll get the **new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** blind placed on the **Frenchman Restricted Access Area (RAA)**, formerly known as the **Quality Hunter Area**. The old existing **ADA** blind will remain there if we are unable to replace it prior to the upcoming season.

Seattle Chapter News

By James Ono

September Hybrid Meeting

We will be having another **hybrid meeting** this month on **Monday, September 27th**. Shooting starts at 5 pm;; meeting starts at 7. **Rob Wingard** from the **WDFW Region 4 Private Lands Program** joins us once again. **Rob** will be speaking on what we saw last year as well as some insight into what to expect from the Program for the upcoming season

Due to the reimplemention of restrictive Guidelines because of increases in **Covid** cases, we will not be providing dinner at this meeting.

WebEx Meeting Details

September Chapter On-Line Meeting
Monday, September 27, 2021, 7:00 pm

<https://jamesono.my.webex.com/jamesono.my/j.php?MTID=m1d9338479015f4257449fa9bb3125325>

Meeting number: **1823 65 7439**

Password: **WADuck**

Join by phone

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Access code: **1823657439**

Raffles Tickets !!!

At the meeting we will also be selling raffle tickets for the **Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle AND the WWA Life Membership Raffle**. All raffle tickets must be sold in person, so if you would like tickets please attend our meeting or send me an email at: Ohnoitsono2009@hotmail.com and we can arrange something.

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 between **Tim** and I.

GH Chapter News Continued



OCTOBER 2nd, 2021

HUNT FOR TWO

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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)**.

Big News on the National Front

I don't want anyone to keel over and have a heart attack, but I'm not going to talk about the Commission this month! There is huge news on the national front. **On August 20, 2021 the Biden Administration moved to dismiss a lawsuit that sought to relist gray wolves under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).**

The action effectively paves the way for this fall's state-managed wolf hunts to proceed as planned and cements the **Trump Administration's** decision to delist gray wolves. **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Assistant Director for Ecological Services Gary Frazer** told the **Associated Press** that the initial decision to delist wolves had been in the works for years before it was implemented by the **Trump Administration** — and that it was the correct course of action.

What people, especially hunters, don't realize is that the **Obama Administration** tried to delist wolves in 2013, his first year in office, seven (7) years before the **Trump Administration** even made the attempt to delist wolves! The **animal-rights (AR)** groups sued, and protections got put back on the gray wolf. The **Obama Administration** tried to delist grizzly bears in 2016, and guess what? The **AR** groups sued and protections got put back on grizzly bears.

Another great move the **Obama Administration** did was they removed protections on the red wolf, which was only in **North Carolina**, ruling correctly that they were not a viable subspecies, and they could go extinct on their own.

Guess what? They got sued, and protections got put back on red wolves. The **Obama Administration** wasn't bad when it came to the management of **apex** predators in the **Northern Rocky Mountain Recovery Area** which the state of **Washington** is part of.

Now you are probably asking, I waterfowl hunt, what does wolf delisting have to do with me? It has everything to do with you! It's a looking glass on what the next four (4) years are going to be like at the federal level. We hear the Democrats talking about green this and green that, and everything anti-gun, and it can make a hunter shake in his / her boots. I have two (2) close friends in the **United States Senate**, both pro-hunting, and one whom I've hunting with, and they've said the new **Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland** is a good choice for the position.

That's not to say she is going to be a strong hunting advocate — she has her Administration to answer to — but we needed a test to see how she would perform. She didn't knuckle under to the **AR** extremists that less than 1% of the American population support. We can't expect sunshine and rainbows for the next three and a half years from the **Biden Administration**. All I'm hoping for is that we don't get three and a half years of tornados, and by this action, it looks like we'll be somewhere in between, and that's the best we could hope for.

It is so funny to hear the **AR** groups cry, but it makes you angry to hear the out-and-out lies they tell. No one is worse than **Rob Wielgus**. He has done more damage to wildlife than anyone in the history of the state of **Washington**. You can sum his nonsense (I can't call it science) up in one sentence — "If you kill [insert predator name here], something bad is going to happen." **Wielgus** is a hero to the **AR** community.

Wielgus was (thank heavens that's past tense), the head of the **Large Carnivore Lab** at **WSU**, but he was no scientist, he was an **AR** activist with an agenda. He pushed his agenda hard, and because of that he drew the ire of many legislators. His nonsense has been debunked over and over again, but **Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)** still uses his nonsense, which brings me to why I'm writing this.

In 2019, the **WA Legislature** passed **HB 1516**, under which the **WDFW Commission** must establish and administer a program by which certain individuals may be

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selected as agents of the state to engage in nonlethal dog training to pursue black bears, cougars, or bobcats in order to protect livestock, domestic animals, private property, or the public safety. In March of 2021 the **Commission** adopted that rule.

More recently, the owner of a religious camp near **Newport** called a **Pend Oreille County** houndsman to report some black bears were back at his dumpster. The previous day, a kid trying to throw some trash into the receptacle had had a run-in with a sow with two larger cubs in tow. The local **WDFW** game warden was informed and after the officer and his agency boss reviewed the incident, they emailed a **WDFW** bear-hazing permit to the houndsman. Hazing is an initial step to tell a problem bear or bear family that they're not welcome at a location and to prevent them from becoming accustomed to it.

The houndsman came out with five (5) hounds and his hounds pursued the bears. The temperatures were very high that day and one of his dogs dropped behind. To shorten the story, he picked his dog up from a woman's residence who took a video of the man and told him that enforce would handle it.

Eleven (11) days later this houndsman got a trespass citation from **WDFW**, but the worst was when they found the contents of the 911 call this woman had made. "Um, so I just saw hounds chasing wildlife through my property and I shot at it," she told 911. As that information is being typed into the system, the woman further inquires, "Is this that project that the **Kalispels** [tribes] are doing?" The operator replies that he doesn't know and then asks her to clarify whether she "shot at the hounds or the wildlife?" She repeats that she shot at the hound.

The **Kalispel Study** is a very interesting one — whether cougar can learn to associate the hazing with the sound of human voices. Early data shows that they are mobilizing more quickly after hearing the voices and moving further away from the voices, but more data is needed to confirm these early findings," a study writeup states.

However, the biggest sin to this entire episode is that this woman who took a shot at the hound works for **WDFW** and is a wildlife conflict specialist, whose job is to reduce human-wildlife conflicts! To possibly be interfering with a sovereign nation's study?! This is blatantly unacceptable! I hope this raises your ire, because it sure does mine.

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No News This Month



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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



Member Profile — Mark Pidgeon

Mark Pidgeon grew up with a love guns and the outdoors, having hunted and fished with his father from a very young age. As he says, “Hunting and fishing is something I feel I was born to do. There are people who hunt, and there are hunters. For one it’s a hobby, for the other it’s a passion. I’m the latter.”

Mark, who is the current corporate **Vice President** of the **Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA)**, currently writes a monthly **Legislative News** column for the **WWA Newsletter** (See **Page 12**). His background and credentials for doing so are impeccable — some 45 years in politics!

Having been trained at the top campaign schools in the country, **Mark** started fast as an award winner as the top Teen Age Republican Advisor in the nation. He has worked in **Washington DC** as a **Chief of Staff** for a **U.S. Congressman** and also for the gun lobby defending **Second Amendment Rights**. More recently he has worked in **Olympia** in numerous political positions — from a successful campaign manager for both individuals and for statewide Initiatives; Treasurer for both a **US Senate** candidate and for another **Initiative** campaign; and over the years has taken his taken his years of experience to numerous **Republican National Conventions**.

In addition to his current leadership position with **WWA**, Mark is a staunch defender of **Hunters’ Rights** in his 11th year as **President of the Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)** and he is also as **President of the Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC)**. He currently sits on the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife’s (WDFW’s) Budget and Policy Advisory Group (BPAG)**, and on their **Game Management Advisory Council (GMAC)**.



Former WA Statehouse Senator Dean Taako (left) and former WA Statehouse Representative Brian Blake stand with Mark Pidgeon having received their HHC Hall of Fame Awards. This highest HHC honor is given to those elected officials and non-elected officials alike, who have gone above and beyond to work for hunters’ rights for more than a year, more than a legislative session, but for a career or a lifetime. They are truly champions of the hunting community.

“Fighting for hunters’ rights means a lot to me,” says **Mark**. “When I was growing up, I had a lot of opportunity to hunt and fish. Public land was a lot more plentiful. I will never give up the fight because I want my 14 grandchildren and their children to have the opportunity to hunt. The youth are our future!”



Two young men get in the habit of Outdoor Conservation with the Oregon Hunters Assn. in a cleanup work party at the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area on August 22.

While It’s On Your Mind

Get your FREE WA State Duck Stamp

To receive a complimentary (as in **FREE**) WA State Duck Stamp, mail a copy of your 2021-22 License (showing an authorization to hunt Migratory Birds) along with a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) to:

WWA Duck Stamp Program
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**(Absolue Deadline is March 31, 2022)
(Unclaimed Stamps will be destroyed in April)**

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JOIN THE WWA HUNTER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Building the Next Generation of Hunters



PARTICIPATE IN 2+ HUNTS WITH YOUR MENTEE

HELP NEW MEMBERS LEARN:

SAFETY – ETTIQUITTE – SPORTSMANSHIP – REGULATIONS – LICENSES HUNTING
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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MENTOR OR A MENTEE
PLEASE REACH OUT TO PAUL McGOVERN 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 Physics of Shotgunning

from Ducks Unlimited

How Einstein and Newton can help you squeeze the most performance out of your scattergun

“Nothing happens until something moves.”

—Albert Einstein

Shotguns, of course, are bound by the laws of physics. Einstein would probably say that when your trigger finger moves, it sets in motion a series of events that can be predicted by basic scientific principles. For waterfowl hunters, understanding the interplay between these principles and your gun’s performance in the field can help you choose the most effective guns, loads, and chokes for your type of hunting.

Recoil

“Conservation of momentum” is an important component of Isaac **Newton’s Third Law of Motion**, which should be apparent to anyone who fires a 3 1/2-inch shell from a light shotgun. Guns recoil because for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

Recoil is a function of gun weight, ejecta (the weight of powder, wad, and shot), and ejecta velocity. As a general rule, if you change gun weight by 10 percent, you change recoil by 10 percent. **Changing velocity or payload weight by 10 percent results in a 20 percent change in recoil.**

Using 1/8 ounce more or less shot, or using a shell that’s 100 fps slower or faster, will also cause a noticeable change in recoil. A slower, lighter load is the best recoil reducer of all. Recoil and felt recoil, or “kick,” are two different things, although they’re related.

Two guns can generate the same amount of recoil, but the one that fits the shooter better and has a softer recoil pad will kick less. Gas semiautos don’t have less recoil than other shotguns, but they kick less because the piston, bolt, and other moving parts absorb some of the recoil energy for a split second before releasing it. Because the recoil is “spread out” over time, it feels like a longer, softer shove rather than a sharp kick.

Air Resistance and Velocity

As the payload exits the muzzle, the frictional force of air resistance opens the petals of the shot cup, slowing it down and releasing the pellets. Air resistance slows the pellets too, and the pattern starts to open.

High-velocity loads hit harder than lower-velocity loads at short and mid-ranges, but the difference narrows

as distances increase. **That’s because the faster you drive pellets against air resistance, the faster they slow down (Newton’s Third Law again).** As an example, take two loads of steel 2s, one of which is a 1,500 fps load and the other a 1,275 fps load. Despite the initial 225 fps difference in velocity, by the time they reach 50 yards, the 1,500 fps load is traveling at 649 fps and the 1,275 fps load is moving at 594 fps, just a 55 fps difference.

Choosing bigger shot is one way to gain velocity, because pellets with more mass have greater inertia and retain velocity better than smaller pellets do. If we compare two 1,500 fps loads, one with 2s and one with BBs, the BBs will be traveling 723 fps at 50 yards, while the 2s will have slowed to 649 fps, even though they started at the same velocity. **Choosing bigger pellets in loads of the same weight increases velocity and energy without adding recoil, although that advantage comes at the expense of pellet count.**

Air resistance often has the effect of opening patterns more quickly, **so, in general, slower loads pattern more tightly than faster ones.** Another variable is air density, which changes with temperature (cold air is denser than warm air), with humidity (dry air is denser than humid air), and with elevation (air at sea level is denser than air in the mountains). Denser air means greater resistance, so a gun, load, and choke combination that shoots a 60 percent pattern at sea level may shoot a 70 percent pattern at 5,000 feet.

Kinetic Energy

Kinetic energy is useful to waterfowl hunters as a predictor of penetration. It takes about three to four foot-pounds of energy for a pellet to adequately penetrate a duck, while five to seven foot-pounds is a good range for big geese.

You can increase kinetic energy by shooting faster shells. You can also boost energy by shooting pellets with greater mass, by selecting either a larger pellet or a denser shot material such as bismuth or tungsten-iron. Denser nontoxic pellets retain velocity and energy better than steel pellets because they are smaller than steel pellets of equivalent mass. If two pellets have equal kinetic energy, the smaller pellet will penetrate more deeply.

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.

Wanted

Looking for inexpensive running outboard motor under 10hp and a kayak blind or ripped/worn out layout blind for boat blind project. Snohomish County.
Contact Bryan, 503-975-3075

For Sale

Marlin .22 semi-automatic long rifle. Decent shape with black synthetic stock. Including 200+ rounds.
\$200 or trade for waterfowl gear. Snohomish County.
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Benelli Legacy 20 Gauge, 3" Stainless Chamber 26" Barrel with 4 chokes. Stainless receiver, Beautiful Dark Wood in Great Condition. Comes with original case. **\$1,350**
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8' Olympian fiberglass dinghy, oars, 4hp Suzuki w/ self contained tank. Easily seats two adults or an adult & 2 children. Pic's available. Total Package — **\$600 OBO.**
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FOR SALE: Well, it has finally happened. I am soon to be 76-years-old. It is time to downsize most of my hunting gear that I won't be using again. **15' Lowe boat w/10 hp longtail motor w/ blind, dog ladder, LED lights, —\$1,500; (Below); 12 ga SuperX3, 3.5" — \$450; Layout Blind, near new — \$100; Tall insulated waders, 1,200 gr insulation, size 11 — \$75; 44+ goose decoys: floaters; shells; & Bigfoot field; Many duck decoys; mallards, widgeon, field and floaters. MORE.**
Call John in Spokane, 406-250-5891



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The Hunter's Table

By James Ono

Reversed Duck Poppers

This dish plays off the classic duck popper, but really aims to highlight the duck in this dish. By reversing the way it is put together and changing the duck to filling ratio, this creates the same flavor profile, but the duck is the main star.

Stuffing can get a little messy. I have used a small spoon or just my fingers. Whatever way works for you, just try to get the stuffing as far in there as you can.

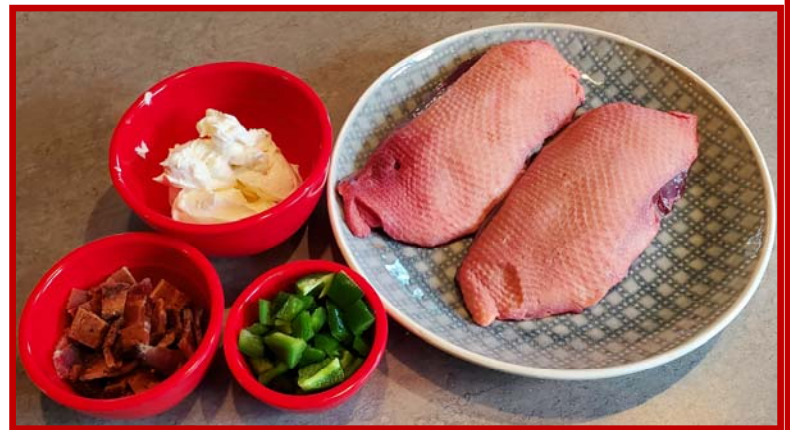
Ingredients

- 2 Duck Breast Lobes
- 1 Jalapeno
- 2 Slices of Thick Cut Bacon
- 3 Tbs Cream Cheese
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Instructions

1. Dice your bacon
2. Fry your bacon to desired doneness
3. Transfer to paper towel and allow to cool
4. Dice Jalapeno
5. Mix bacon and jalapeno into the cream cheese
6. Set in fridge until ready to stuff
7. Preheat oven to 350 degrees

8. Season duck breasts with salt and pepper to taste
9. From the thick end, cut a pocket in the middle of the duck breast. (Try to get as close to the edge without cutting through so your filling is in every bite but doesn't leak out)
10. Stuff the breasts with the mixed filling
11. Close the end of the pocket using toothpicks or skewers to try to prevent the filling from spilling out when cooking
12. Sear the breasts over medium to medium-high heat for 3 minutes a side
13. Flip the breasts again and place them in the oven for 3 more minutes.



14. Pull the breasts from the oven and transfer them to a cutting board or plate
15. Let rest for 5 minutes before enjoying



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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.

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2021 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

Please send me:



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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**.

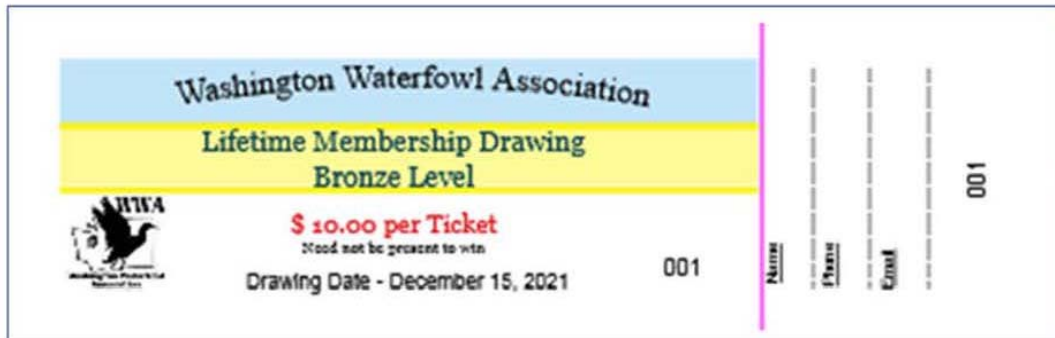
All formerly \$750 “Sustaining” Life Members were automatically “bumped up” to the new Silver Life Member Level with no additional necessary payment nor any new emoluments of membership awarded.

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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WWA Life Membership Raffle



The WWA-Fund-Raising Committee has identified the drawing as one of several ideas for generating revenue and an opportunity to promote our organization.

The drawing is for a \$ 500.00 Lifetime Membership at the 'Bronze Level'

The Bronze Level membership includes a WWA Belt Buckle or a WWA Logo'd *Pacific Call* Duck Call.

The drawing is open to WWA members and non-members, and is corporate-sponsored, so all proceeds from ticket sales will go to WWA Corporate.

Drawing Date is December 15, 2021.

Price is \$10.00 per ticket. No limit on quantities sold.

Get raffle tickets from your local Chapter Chair or any WWA Corporate Officer and/or Board Member.

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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 **August 2021 Newsletter**.

WWA General Fund — \$1,533

WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,640

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$11,077

WWA Legal Fund — \$20,753.52

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](#)

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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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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:

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Skagit Valley Photos
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Best Phone Contact: (_____) _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular — | \$ | 30.00 | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Silver Lifetime* — | \$ | 1,000.00 | (New, 6/1/2021) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gold Lifetime* — | \$ | 2,000.00 | (New, 6/1/2021) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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 — VACANT**
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.

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A few facts about the WWA:

- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- 10 chapters throughout Washington
- We spend all of our resources within Washington State

Our projects include:

- Working on behalf of Hunter's Rights issues to keep public access open and available
- Administration of the WA Migratory Bird Stamp and Print Program
- Hosting and sponsoring the Washington State Duck Calling Championships
- Wood Duck Nest Box & Mallard Nest Tube, Goose Nest Pot & platform construction, installation, & maintenance
- Working with the Boy Scouts of America on Eagle Scout projects
- Hosting Youth Mentor shotgun shooting one-on-one instruction events
- Conducting NRA sanctioned Hunter Education classes for Youth & donation of funds to offset WDFW printing costs for youth gun safety classes
- Conducting Hunter Mentor one-on-one waterfowl hunting activities for those new to the sport
- 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 volunteer 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.