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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

WA State Duck Calling Contest

The big news coming up in August is **Southwest Chapter** hosting the **Washington State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest** on Saturday, August 6th at the **Sumner Gun Club**. See Flyer on **Page 5**.

Seattle Chapter Banquet

The **Seattle Chapter** is hosting a banquet for the first time in many years. More details and a Flyer are coming, but a date (**Saturday, October 8th**, one week before the general waterfowl season opening) and a venue (**Monroe Community Senior Center**) have been secured. If you would like to help day of, help with donations, or anything else, please contact **Seattle Chapter Chair Nick Brown**.

Don't Forget to Vote

Please vote at your local chapter meeting, by mail, or by emailing **Mark Pidgeon**, or **John Arrabito**. We have included the **Official Ballot** on **Page 3** and have linked a **Candidate Biography Pamphlet** [here](#) for your convenience.

Return Act HR 8167

U.S. Rep Andrew Clyde of GA has introduced a bill – **HR 8167**, the so-called **RETURN Act**. This bill would repeal the **Pittman-Robertson Act**. While it may be argued that citizens should not be taxed to exercise their constitutional rights, the **Pittman-Robertson Act** works. See the story on **Page 20**. I will happily continue to pay an excise tax on firearms, ammo, fishing tackle, etc., so long as it continues to support wildlife conservation. While I expect this bill won't go anywhere, I strongly encourage everyone to keep an eye on it.

For the Resource,

James Ono,

WWA President

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News for the Flock

2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

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| Week of July 24—30 | PITA— Grand Pacific Shoot Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club |
| Mon, July 25 | In Person Seattle Chapter Meeting Kenmore Gun Range. |
| Tues, July 26 | In Person SW Chapter Meeting, Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club. |
| Thurs, July 28 | Usual LC Chapter Meeting. Check for Email blast for particulars. |
| Tues, Aug 2 | Usual Whatcom County Chapter Meeting, at Laurel Farm & Western Supply in Bellingham; 6:30 pm. |
| Weds, Aug 3 | WWA Board Meeting Online Only — 7:00 p.m. All WWA Members Welcome to attend. Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor , for a WebEx Online Invitation. See Page 1 |
| Thurs, Aug 4 | Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting, 7 pm., Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club. |
| Sat, Aug 6 | 2022 WA State Duck and Goose Calling Championships at the Sumner Sportsmen’s Club. See Flyer on Page 5 |
| Weds, Aug 10 | In Person NW Chapter Meeting, Twin Cities Sportsmen’s Club, Stanwood, WA |
| Sat, Aug 20 | Colton Smith Memorial FREE Youth Shoot at the Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club near Rochester, WA See Flyer on Page 7 |
| Sat, Aug 20 | ML Chapter sponsored FREE Youth Shoot in Quincy. See Flyer on Page 9 |
| Thurs, Aug 25 | ML Chapter Quarterly Meeting, 6 pm See ML Chapter News on Page 8 |
| Sept 30 thru Oct 2 | Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show, Clatsop County Fairgrounds & Expo Center, Astoria, Oregon. See Ad on Page 4 |
| Sat, Oct 8 | Seattle Chapter Banquet in Monroe. See Seattle Chapter News, Page 10 |

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Officer and Board Member Elections

NOMINATIONS for Organization-wide WWA Officers and Board of Directors (BOD) closed on June 30, 2022.

On the right you will find a **OFFICIAL** WWA Corporate Ballot of candidates as of the publishing date of this Newsletter, **JULY 15, 2022**.

Under the organization’s staggered leadership policy, only two (2) of the four (4) Corporate Office positions are up for election every two (2) years. This year only the Corporate offices of President and Secretary are up for election.

Note: Candidates for Corporate Office must have been either a Chapter officer or a Board member for at least one year prior, in order to qualify for election.

All nine (9) of the Board positions are up for election in 2022 because of prior mid-term appointments and the end of two-year terms.

Note: Chapters who have no elected representation on the Board, are *de facto* represented by either their Chapter Chair, or the Chapter’s designated representative to the Board.

Candidate Biographies are linked [here](#).

Ballots can be emailed to the current WWA Vice-President, Mark Pidgeon at:

marpWWA@gmail.com

or WWA-Corp Treasurer, John Arrabito, at:

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or postmarked and addressed and mailed by USPS to:

WWA,
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by **August 31, 2022.**

2022 WWA **OFFICIAL** Corporate Ballot

Corporate Offices: (One Vote For Each Office up for election in 2022)

President

(Write In)

(Write In)

Secretary

Bob Taylor (LC)

(Write In)

[Board of Directors: (Vote For No More than 9)
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Paul McGovern (NW)

Nathan Neideigh (SW)

Al O’Connor (LC)

Dice Price (ML)

Kurt Snyder (GH)

(Write In)

(Write In)

(Write In)

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(Write In)

News for the Flock

Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

The Southwest Chapter will be having our July meeting on Tuesday, 26th of July 2022, at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club at 6:30pm in the Education Building, where of course the main item of business will be the final planning details for the WA State Duck Calling Contest which will take place at the Sumner Gun Club linked [here](#) on Saturday, August 6th. (See Flyer on Adjacent Page 5)

We could still use some volunteer help so if you're so inclined give me a shout out and I'm sure we can find something for you to do.

Spokane Chapter News

Wenatchee Chapter News

Whatcom County Chapter News

Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month



Tacoma Sportsmen's Club

16409 Canyon Rd. E.
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(253) 537-6151

www.tacomassportsmensclub.com

Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show

Clatsop County Fairgrounds and Expo Center

Astoria, Oregon

September 30 - October 2

Admission is Free



"I can't believe it's wood!"



ASTORIA
WARREN'TON
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
The Spirit of the Columbia

News for the Flock

The 2022 Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Championships

Saturday, August 6th, 2022
Registration 9:00 a.m.

The Competition starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Sumner Sportsmen's Club
15711 – 96th Street E
Puyallup, WA 98372



Competitions Include

Kids 12 & Under Duck – FREE (do NOT need to pre-register)
Novice Duck, 13 & Up (has not previously competed) - \$25
Washington State Sanction Duck - \$50
Open Goose - \$40

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Prizes in all classes, and include:
Shotguns, Decoys, Free Bird Taxidermy Mount, Laydown Blind
and so much more...

Washington State Sanction Winner will receive \$1,000
for travel to the World Championships

Food & Drinks will be available on Site

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all.

I hope you all had a great 4th of July, **AKA Independence Day!** Personally, I'm very happy that a bunch of forward-looking individuals came together and decided that freedom from a very overbearing monarchy would be beneficial to the new world and free enterprise.

Our **Declaration of Independence** is one of the world's greatest documents, and it's only 246 years old! Many patriots lost their lives fighting for it, and I'm truly humbled by their perseverance and dedication that led us to be the greatest country this world has ever seen.

Let's hope and pray we never have to fight a war to preserve it.

Upcoming Chapter Events

We have some chapter business to take care of in the near future. Elections, some work parties and this year's youth shotgun event.

I finally dug my welder out and put together three (3) new mallard nesting tubes. I'm not a real welder but still managed to melt enough steel to be functional. I have two (2) spots to deploy the new nests, but if any of you have ideas where we could place some, let me know and I'll work on getting more materials.

BAD NEWS!

The **Union River** blinds have weighed anchor and are not functional for the next season. One is stuck on an old piling and leans over every low tide. I was unsuccessful at freeing it up when member **Mitch Meyers** boated me out there earlier this year.

The other blind still had one anchor working but is turned around 180 degrees. I have been relying on volunteers with boats to make this project successful, and I'm

afraid of overtaxing our volunteers, but we need to get this taken care of ASAP !!

If anyone wants to head up the project that would be a big cap feather for the **WWA** and our **Grays Harbor Chapter**. The tides are the biggest challenge. Let me know if you can help.

Help With Chapter's Social Media

If any of you would care to take over the **Facebook** page for the chapter, let me know. I am no longer an account holder with **FB**, and the **Grays Harbor Chapter** page will disappear on the 21st of July. Same for the **Calling Contest** page. I left **Fakebook** because of personal and political reasons. **#biased**

Upcoming Chapter Elections

Also, I think the **Grays Harbor Chapter** has a greater future. The chapter has gone about as far as I can take it so a change in the chairmanship is the most logical path. I would like some of you younger members to consider taking the reins for a while. A young guy took over the **NW Chapter** some time ago, and they grew considerably to now be the largest chapter in the **WWA!**

I won't bail out and leave a void and will fill one of the officer slots if that's what the chapter voters desire.

Free YOUTH Shoot

Don't forget our annual **Youth** shotgun event — the **Colton Smith Memorial Shoot** — is scheduled for Saturday, August 20th and will once again be at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** (whose website is linked [here](#)). See the Flyer on adjacent **Page 7**.

Remember that this is a 50-target course designed for the young shooters and is **FREE** to anyone 15 years of age or under!

Thank you all for your continuing support!

Kurt Snyder
kurtsnyder@outdrs.net



The heavy chain anchors on the refurbished Union River blinds have not held despite the best efforts of volunteers (L to R) Kurt Snyder, Grant Duchesne, Rick Sheridan, WDFW Bryan Murphy, and Charlie the Chocolate Lab in July of 2021.

News for the Flock



AUGUST 20TH 2022

COLTON SMITH MEMORIAL

Free youth SHOOTING EVENT

Free for 15 years of age and under

Get the 2022 waterfowl season off to a great start with this **free** youth shot gunning event! Lunch and kids' prizes provided by the **Grays Harbor Chapter of the Washington Waterfowl Assoc.**



www.waduck.org

Limited instruction for inexperienced shooters

***Military adults shoot for \$15.00**

Free to all kids

age 15 and under!
Parents can shoot with
the kids for a \$20.00

target fee. *

Prizes for all kids!

Instruction targets
for the new shooters

RSVP

Requested !

Hosted by the
**Evergreen
Sportsman's Club!**

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Olympia, WA 98512

RSVP TO;
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NET

360-485-9353

August 20 2022,

10:00 AM

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Moses Lake Chapter News

From: Bruce Feagan and Dick Price

Don't forget the next **FREE** Youth Shoot at the **Quincy Gun Club** on Saturday, August 20th. See Flyer on adjacent **Page 9**. The following Thursday, August 25, the Chapter will be holding its Quarterly meeting beginning at **6 pm** at the **O'Sullivan Sportsman Resort Clubhouse** (near **Potholes State Park** — 6897 Hwy 262 SE, Othello, WA for **GPS** purposes).

WWA-ML Members Bruce Feagan and Dave Leonard hosted their second trip to Sitka, AK in early June. Upon arrival they found decent weather, but high winds and minus tides that kept them from reaching some of their favorite fishing holes. They did manage to fill their Alaska non-resident quota of Kings to 17 pounds; three (3) Silvers to 8 pounds; and eight (8) Halibut to 85 pounds. By coincidence they ran into WWA-Seattle Chapter member Harold Abel on the dock in Sitka for the second year in a row — about as rare as Bruce wrestling that 85# Halibut on the deck of the boat !!



(L to R) Jim Ross, Bruce Feagan, Doug Leonard and Dave Leonard and that's an 85# Halibut !!

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BROWNELL'S/NRA **FREE** YOUTH TRAP SHOOT



When: Saturday August 20th, 2022,

Time: From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: American Legion Quincy Gun Club

14550 Road Q, N.W., Quincy, WA 98848

There will be **FREE** trap shooting for all youths 18 and under that possess either a hunter safety card or a hunting license. All shells and targets will be provided at no cost to the participants.

Youth Shooters must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Prizes, Give Aways and Food:

Youth Shooters will receive assorted **FREE** merchandise.

Lunch with soft drinks will be provided, also at no cost.

Have questions or for more information, contact either:

Dick Price: 509-762-9027 or **Tom O'Dell:** 509-764-8557
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Moses Lake Friends of the NRA,
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Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever,
and the Quincy Gun Club

News For the Flock

Seattle Chapter News

By Nick Brown

Date and Venue of Banquet Set

Great news!

Save the date as we have officially locked in **Saturday, October 8th** for our banquet. We will be hosting this event at the **Monroe Senior Center**.

Ticket sales are still TBD, but we hope to have that all ready to go along with flyers for individual chapters before the next newsletter. We still need a few volunteers — especially the day of — to help with set up and break-down. If you are interested, please contact me via phone, 425-765-0151.

Eagle Scout Nest Box Project

In other chapter news **Wyatt German** and **Boy Scout Troop 573** have completed several wood duck boxes for an **Eagle Scout** project. He and **Troop 573** will be hanging them on Sunday, August 7th at the **Cherry Valley Unit** of the **Snoqualmie Wildlife Area** at 10 am. If you would like to get involved, **Wyatt** would welcome your support that morning. These boxes will not have nesting material in them, but the **WWA** will maintain these boxes for many nesting seasons to come.

Upcoming Chapter Meeting

Our next chapter meeting on Monday, July 25th, will be the last opportunity to purchase **Twin Rivers Taxidermy Raffle** tickets from the chapter so we can get the monetary credit for them. The drawing is right around the corner (August 15th). See Flyer on **Page 23**.

I am excited to announce that we now have **Square**, so for most applications you no longer need cash or check to pay for hats, raffle tickets, swap meet items and things of that nature. This can also be used for the \$5 pizza fund donation.

Kenmore Range Update

Shot shells are still hit and miss, so plan to bring your own shells or call ahead to check on availability.

The **Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Monday of every month — January thru October — at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range** with shooting beginning at 5 pm with a pizza feed and business meeting following at 7 p.m.

Nick Brown

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Boy Scout Troop 573 led by Wyatt German with recently completed Wood Duck Nesting Boxes.

News for the Flock

Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Drawing for Waterfowl Mount Certificate

Get your tickets. **WWA** is holding a drawing for a Waterfowl Mount Certificate offered by **Twin Rivers Bird Taxidermy** linked [here](#). See **Flyer on Page 23**. **Loran Navarro**, owner of **Twin Rivers Bird Taxidermy** has generously provided **WWA** with a certificate good for one bird mount. Raffle tickets went on sale on May 15th and will be available through August 14th. The drawing will be held on August 15th. You can purchase tickets through your Chapter Chairman, **WWA Officers** or **WWA Board** members.

P.I.T.A. Grand Pacific

The NW Chapter will host a **WWA Booth** at the 91st **Pacific International Trapshooting Assn., (P.I.T.A.) Grand Pacific** competition during the week of July 23 - 30th at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** in Olympia. If you're planning to attend multiple days, know that camping reservations at their facility can be made thru their website linked [here](#).

This event is held annually and draws **PITA** shooters from all across the western states and Canada. We will have the **WWA Trailer Duck Mount Display** and **WWA** information available at the booth.

Old Skagit Sponsorship

Old Skagit Gun Club has a new sign on the outside of their club house with our association's logo. Thanks to the generosity of our members supporting Youth Shooting Sports.

Membership Renewal and Next Meeting

If you have not renewed your membership you can do so online at www.waduck.org or you can also renew at the next chapter meeting. The **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 7pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

Support your passion – get involved

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

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

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Pittman-Robertson Act Under Attack

Georgia Congressman Andrew Clyde has proposed legislation that would essentially rescind the 85-year-old **Pittman-Robertson Act**, also known as the **Wildlife Restoration Act**. The act directs taxes collected on firearm sales and ammunition back to the states for habitat protection and wildlife management. The act also contains guidelines that prevent states from diverting the money into other areas, intentionally or otherwise.

The Congressman's intention is to head off current attempts to add excise taxes on specific firearms to make them financially unobtainable. While the idea may have merit on the surface, it does not seem prudent to dismantle a proven funding mechanism for conservation that the protection this new bill is attempting to provide.

Oregon Duck Hunters Association Folds

LC Chapter member, **Arlan Hackett** attended the final meeting of the **Oregon Duck Hunters Assn., (ODH)** on July 9th to close up and shutter the organization. He was hoping to get a plug in for **WWA** and maybe a contact list to offer up an alternative organization for those interested. The **President of ODH** mentioned **Arlan** and **WWA** at the meeting, which unfortunately resulted in only one inquiry and email thus far. No list yet however.

The 52-year-old **Minnesota Waterfowl Assn.**, dissolved in September of 2019. See article linked [here](#).

Ridgefield NWR Black Box Work Party

Still pursuing a future work party to prep the **Black Box Pit Blinds** for installation and build dog boxes. Stay tuned!

Grant Application

As mentioned last month our chapter has applied for a **Covid Relief** grant being distributed by **Clark County** to small businesses, nonprofits and community-serving organizations. The grants are part of a state and local economic recovery program funding included in the **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** of 2021 to help with the monetary effects of **Covid-19**. As a non-profit, we have not been able to hold our annual fund-raising banquet the last two years because of Covid. The awarding of the grants has now been delayed until July 22nd. Another stay tuned.

E. Coli Found in Vancouver Lake; Cancels U.S. Rowing Event

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Public health officials say they've found a dangerous bacteria in **Vancouver Lake** in June, **KATU** reports. **Clark County Public Health** says "four of six water samples showed elevated levels of E. coli bacteria." Officials have closed the lake to public swimming and wading, and they issued an advisory for **Battle Ground Lake**.

"We advise against swimming and wading, especially for young children who are more likely to accidentally swallow water. Those who have contact with the water should rinse off after," according to a **Facebook** post. "People can continue to fish at both lakes but should thoroughly clean and cook fish and wash hands with soap and water."

The announcement has led to the cancellation of the **U.S. Rowing Northwest Masters Regional Championship**, which was scheduled to take place at **Vancouver Lake**. Over 1,600 people from across the **Pacific Northwest, California**, and even **Canada** were expected to attend, according to organizers. But with no event, it means no boost for local business.

The championship is a three-day event. That's three (3) days of missed opportunities to make profit from people dining, recreating and lodging.

"E. coli kind of came out of left field, canceled the event. This event was going to have a thousand athletes," **Kyle Crebar**, the operations manager for the **Portland-Vancouver Rowing Association**, told reporters.

"We definitely see the impacts, see the ripple. When we canceled the event, we had hotels calling us up going, 'what the heck is going on? We have these large blocks of hotel rooms that are all of a sudden being Canceled.' Our vendors that come and participate — everyone is feeling it this year, again," said **Crebar**.

Organizers say rescheduling the three-day event may be unlikely, but they might try again in 2023.

WDFW News



WDFW Staff using kayaks on Lake Chelan to herd geese.

2022 Goose Banding & Avian Influenza

By Matthew Wilson
WDFW Statewide Waterfowl Specialist

Maybe you haven't heard, but the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** successfully captured and banded western Canada geese in Washington during June and July 2022. Why didn't you hear? We were still dealing with restrictions and complications in using volunteers due to **Covid 19**, and more directly, the **Avian Influenza (AI)** outbreak.

Avian Influenza was disruptive in several ways, most notably when we started banding, and how we handled birds with the elimination of vent sexing. We only aged birds, applied a band, and released. **AI** also required the use of hand and boot washing stations, and restricting participation to staff and a few select volunteers to minimize the risk of transmission from site to site, and home poultry flocks.



WDFW's Aaron Kleinhenz and one healthy gosling!



WDFW's Paula Clements and a recaptured 12-year-old goose!

Even with those complications, we successfully conducted roundups around **Yakima, Moses Lake to Electric City, the Columbia River from Vantage to Lake Chelan, the Spokane area north to Newport, as well as Bellingham and the lower Columbia River.**

In total we put out over 1,200 new bands and nearly 60 recaptures of birds banded in previous years.

Please remember to report any waterfowl bands and collars to reportband.gov so we can update our distribution maps and survival estimates.

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 is 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)**.

These are the Times that try Men's Souls

"The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered..."

--**Thomas Paine**, *The Crisis*, December 24, 1776

In the April 2022 Legislative Report, I urged Washington hunters to get involved in state politics. Now, I am making the recommendation on who to support. The ballots drop in July. I am going to take and reuse the same quotes from **HHC Hall of Fame** member **Brian Blake** from that April 2022 story:

"The entire house is up this year and half the Senate," notes **Brian Blake**. "Every seat matters."

Blake foresees another wave election building this fall and advises sportsmen to harness it.

"Hunters should be door-belling for candidates and marching in parades with candidates. Work to elect legislators who can stop the anti-hunting agenda," he says.

A Democrat and multi-year **HHC Legislator of the Year**, **Blake** was a backstop in Olympia on hunting as well as gun laws (he's an **NRA Life Endowment** member).

"Majorities matter. I am no longer there to protect our heritage," **Blake** states. "Hunters/conservationists need to work for the future of our heritage or not. It is their call."

"Hunters have one chance. Will they get out on the ground and work for pro-hunting/conservation candidates from August through the election?" **Blake** asks. "Elections and hunting season happen simultaneously and hunters need to participate in both if we are to retain our heritage."

This brings me back to my main point. Hunters need to get involved with electioneering. We all need to get involved this fall and work for pro-hunting candidates. Whether you doorbell for them; make phone calls for them; or send them a contribution — please help them in some way!

I have been involved in the political process for 46 years, and I can tell you it takes three "T"s to win a campaign; "Time," "Talent," and "Treasure." Pro-hunting candidates need volunteer hours to put up signs, doorbell, and other tasks. They need your "Time," the first "T."

If you are an outstanding graphic artist, have special press skills, or have outstanding fundraising skills, pro-hunting candidates can use your "Talent," the second "T."

Finally, pro-hunting candidates need money, a lot of it, to win their races, they need your "Treasure," the third "T." As **Brian Blake** said, every seat matters and this should be a wave election. We should fair very well this election. Get involved. Re-read the **Blake** quotes.

One race in particular EVERY waterfowl hunter should be interested in is the 42nd legislative district, Position 1, **Tawsha Thompson**, running against **Alicia Rule**. When **Alicia** was on the **Blaine City Council**, she was one of the prime supporters of the proposed **Drayton Harbor No-Shooting Ordinance**. Waterfowl hunters need to be backing **Tawsha** with everything we have. In that same district, Position 2, **Kyle Christensen** is a hunter and is running against a real Anti and deserves our support.

Majorities matter. All our endorsed candidates deserve your support. The senate races our critical.

(Continued on Page 15)

Legislative News Continued

Imagine a friendly **Senate Natural Resources Committee**. The primary matters. Candidates need a good showing in the primary to get **Political Action Committee (PAC)** and business financial support in the general.

“You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness. If we fail, at least let our children and our children’s children say of us we justified our brief moment here. We did all that could be done.”

-- Ronald Reagan

Hunters Heritage Council Full 2022 Candidate Endorsements

United States Senate

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Party</u> | <u>Incumbent</u> |
|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Tiffany Smiley | Rep | No |

United States House of Representatives

| <u>Name</u> | <u>District</u> | <u>Party</u> | <u>Incumbent</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Jaime Herrera Beutler | 3 | Rep | Yes |
| Dan Newhouse | 4 | Rep | Yes |
| Cathy McMorris Rodgers | 5 | Rep | Yes |
| Reagan Dunn | 8 | Rep | No |

Washington State Senate

| <u>Name</u> | <u>District</u> | <u>Party</u> | <u>Incumbent</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Shelly Short | 7 | Rep | Yes |
| Judy Warnick | 13 | Rep | Yes |
| Nikki Torres | 15 | Rep | No |
| Jesse Young | 26 | Rep | No |
| Linda Kochmar | 30 | Rep | No |
| Drew MacEwen | 35 | Rep | No |
| Simon Seftik | 42 | Rep | Yes |
| Ryika Hooshangi | 45 | Rep | No |
| Bill Boyce | 47 | Rep | No |

Washington State House of Representatives

| <u>Name</u> | <u>District</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Party</u> | <u>Incumbent</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Andrew Barkis | 2 | 1 | Rep | Yes |
| JT Wilcox | 2 | 2 | Rep | Yes |
| Chad Magendanz | 5 | 2 | Rep | No |
| Jacquelin Maycumber | 7 | 1 | Rep | Yes |
| Joel Kretz | 7 | 2 | Rep | Yes |
| Stephanie Barnard | 8 | 1 | Rep | No |
| April Connors | 8 | 2 | Rep | No |
| Greg Gilday | 10 | 1 | Rep | Yes |
| Karen Lesetmoe | 10 | 2 | Rep | No |
| Bryan Sandlin | 15 | 2 | Rep | No |
| Jim Walsh | 19 | 1 | Rep | Yes |
| Brian Pruiett | 24 | 2 | Rep | No |
| Cyndy Jacobsen | 25 | 2 | Rep | Yes |
| Susanna Keilman | 28 | 1 | Rep | No |
| Casey Jones | 30 | 1 | Rep | No |
| Ashli Tagoai | 30 | 2 | Rep | No |
| Drew Stokesbary | 31 | 1 | Rep | Yes |
| Mark James | 38 | 2 | Rep | No |
| Debra Lekanoff | 40 | 1 | Dem | Yes |
| Tawsha Thompson | 42 | 1 | Rep | No |
| Kyle Christensen | 42 | 2 | Rep | No |
| Mark Harmsworth | 44 | 1 | Rep | No |
| Ryne Rohla | 44 | 2 | Rep | No |
| Carmen Goers | 47 | 2 | Rep | No |

Kitsap County Commissioner

| <u>Name</u> | <u>District</u> | <u>Party</u> | <u>Incumbent</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Axel Strakeljahn | 3 | Rep | No |

A Tale of Two Coids

I Got Knocked on my Tail End Covid Coughs and More...

By Mark Pidgeon

By Bob Taylor

This story is not of my normal ilk. It has nothing to do with politics. It has nothing to do with the **WDFW** or its **Commission**, or me criticizing anybody in one of those entities. I got **COVID**, and quite frankly, I got knocked on my tail end.

Editor's Note: After some 30 months of **Covid**, it has finally stricken two members of the **WWA** leadership team and their wives. One couple was vaccinated; the other couple was not.

Thank you both for sharing your personal experiences, thoughts, and opinions with our membership.

An important fact to start this story is that neither my wife nor I received any of the vaccinations. My wife contracted **COVID** first, and I did the best I could to take care of her. She had a horrible cough, and she was blowing out just nasty stuff. She couldn't get out bed and within three (3) days I had the **COVID**. We both tested positive via a home test kit.

When it hit me, it hammered me far harder than it did my wife. I was flat out on my back. I had a 102+ temperature. I could not get up and do anything, but my basic computer work. My headaches were debilitating. I was blowing out green nasty all day long. My lungs hurt. Everything was congested. I had no appetite. I felt like I wanted to die I was so sick. The muscle aches and pains were out of this this world, my legs didn't want to take me anywhere. The cough was hoarse, deep, hacking, and just terrible.

I tried to beat this stuff over-the-counter (**OTC**), but I wasn't getting any better. I was told to go to the **ER** room because of my risk factors — I am of advanced age. I am diabetic. I have had a heart attack. I have severe **sleep Apnea**. I have breathing issues, and I have a rare form of epilepsy. The **ER** diagnosis confirmed that I had **COVID**, and I was past where other people could contract it from me.

I was in there for what seemed forever and they ran a huge battery of tests. They put me monitoring program because of my risk factors. I have to report electronically at 10 AM and 4 PM every day — more often if my symptoms are bad. I waited too long when I went to the **ER** where they could use steroid treatments, so I had to go back home continue to use the **OTC** treatments.

I have been back home, and I am still on my back. This **COVID** is still kicking my hind end and it has been over two (2) weeks. I still have headaches. My congestion is still

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On the 29th of June, my wife **Marsha** and I set sail, albeit aboard a 757, to our favorite vacation destination, **St John Island** in the **U.S. Virgin Islands**. **St John** is quiet with wonderful,

secluded beaches and much opportunity for communing with nature, both in and out of the water. This island also has a very tragic but interesting history.

Bleary-eyed from the red-eye flight, we landed on **St Thomas** and spent a night recuperating at the **Lindberg Hotel** before catching a 9:00 a.m. ferry to **St John**, which has neither airport nor cruise ship harbor. We planned to snorkel at **Maho Bay**, **Marsha's** favorite, the next morning.

However I woke up with a stuffy nose, sore throat, and mild fever, and it was raining. Since the weather wasn't cooperating anyway, I spent the day recuperating in bed while drinking lots of fluids (not the good stuff, unfortunately, just aqua). The next day I felt better, but the rain was still pouring down, so I slept in again.

Finally, on the third day, I felt like getting out and took **Marsha** to **Maho** where she saw lots of her favorite sea creatures — green sea turtles. I got wet as it was hot, but didn't feel like snorkeling. The next day I finally felt good enough to snorkel, and we went to a place called **Haulover Bay** where we often see squid. No squid that day but lots of yellow tangs, parrotfish, and much beauty.

Upon getting back to the beach I realized that my left ear was still plugged. This is a common occurrence when I snorkel as my **eustachian tubes** are small and hard to clear, so I didn't think much of it. The next day I snorkeled again and spent 1 ½ hours on a paddleboard, making my way from **Maho** to **Francis Bay** and back; the only thing at Francis Bay was a deer!

When we got home, **Marsha** went to **Kaiser** and tested positive for **COVID**, though she's had no symptoms. I'm fine except that my left ear is still plugged and totally useless. I don't even think I could hear a shotgun with that ear. Hopefully, my ear will come back in time (I hope!). I've not tested, but am sure what I've got is a mild case of **COVID**. If **Marsha** is positive, I must be also.

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A Tale of Two Covies Continued

(Mark Pidgeon Continued from Page 16)

terrible, and the body aches are still miserable. Using a device at night like a *Naväge* helps, but the next morning you're at square one. I am still weak as hell and my energy level is at zero.

Some of you may have had **COVID** and may be thinking I am being far too melodramatic, or that I am over-reacting. You may believe that **COVID** isn't that bad. I can say to you — *"you may be a lot younger than I am and you may be lucky enough not to have the health issues that I have, but I say don't judge someone until you walk in their boots."*

If you haven't had it, I am telling you point blank range, **COVID** is some pretty nasty stuff, it plain kicks your butt. The headaches, the congestion, the cough, the body pain, the weakness — it is downright terrible.

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O.K., will warn of a bit of advice/opinion in this last paragraph. **Marsha** and I have both received the vaccine with two boosters which I believe is the reason this **Coronavirus** hasn't laid us low.

COVID can kill; I lost my brother-in-law last year; he had a religious objection to the vaccine and, unfortunately, paid the price.

If anyone reading this has not been vaccinated, I'd urge you to review your objections carefully. If they stem from deep seated religious reasons, I admire you for your choice but caution you're probably looking at becoming very sick in the not-too-distant future. If your reason for refusing the vaccine is more philosophical, such as rebelling against Big Government, etc., I'd urge you to fight City Hall with your voice and vote, but not by refusing the vaccine.

Follow-up — NE WA Girl Attacked by a Cougar

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June 24, 2022



SPOKANE — A 9-year-old girl who was attacked by a cougar on May 28th in northeast Washington is out of the hospital and facing her fears. The girl, **Lily Kryzhanivskyy**, was playing hide and seek near **Fruitland, WA** when a cougar pounced on her sending her to the hospital where she received more than 400 stitches.

On June 13, **Lily** headed out to **Seattle** for facial nerve surgery for her left eye, which is still not opening all the way. However, her family says this isn't going to be a concern for her recovery.

Less than a month after the attack young **Lily** joined **Bart George, a Kalispel Tribal biologist**, on a cougar capture in NE Washington. **George**, wildlife specialist **Jeff Flood**, and houndsman **Bruce Duncan** had been in touch with **Lily's** family and invited **Lily** to accompany them to remove the collar from a cougar they had been studying.

"As you can see from the photo, **Lily** has faced any fears she may have had, head-on, and had a fantastic experience doing so," **Stevens County Sheriff Brad A. Manke** said in a statement.

The capture was part of **George's** multi-year study looking at the most effective ways to scare cougars away from humans, aiming to keep cougars from being habituated to humans and livestock. In the study, cougars are collared, released and then tracked further with hounds. Cougars are not killed in the study.

News for the Flock

The Hunter's Table

By James Ono

Duck Carne Asada with Creamy Chipotle Sauce

After making tacos *al pastor* at home, I decided I really wanted to try to find a really good recipe to use to make street tacos with duck breast. The duck *en mole* is a great option for low and slow cooking, but this is better suited for legs, and I really wanted to make something with some glorious medium-rare duck breast. Of course, the most obvious option is to make *carne asada*.

I made this recipe with both skin on and skinless duck breast. I preferred the skinless version especially since I cooked this on my grill. There are other recipes that do more justice for the delicious skin that I just couldn't achieve with this one.

This recipe is a great starting point. You can serve it as street tacos or as burrito filling. I also had it sliced and placed over the sauce with Spanish rice, and refried beans.

Ingredients

- 3 whole dried ancho chiles
 - 3 whole dried guajillo chiles
 - 2 whole chipotle peppers in adobo + 1 pepper for the sauce
 - 3/4 cup orange juice
 - 2 Tbsp lime juice
 - 2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
 - 2 Tbsp soy sauce
 - 2 Tbsp Asian fish sauce
 - 2 Tbsp brown sugar
 - 1 Bunch of cilantro (stems removed)
 - 6 cloves garlic
 - 1 Tbsp ground cumin
 - 1 tsp ground coriander
 - Kosher salt
 - 4-6 Duck breast (I prefer boneless skinless)
 - 8 oz heavy cream
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- Remove the stem and seeds from the chiles
 - Toast the chiles in a pan over medium-high until they are puffy, pliant, and fragrant, about 2-3 minutes, turning frequently
 - Add the chiles, 2 chipotle peppers, orange juice, lime juice, olive oil, soy sauce, fish sauce, brown sugar, cilantro, garlic, cumin and coriander to a blender
 - Blend until smooth

- Add salt to taste (salt it, blend it, taste it. You definitely want to be able to tell it is a little salty)
- Place your duck breasts in a large plastic bag and pour in about half the sauce (you want a healthy amount of the marinade covering each piece)
- Close the bag and mix the meat and marinade around making sure each piece is well coated
- Put the bag in the refrigerator and let it marinate for at least 2 hours, preferably, 4 to 12 hours
- Once you have finished marinating the meat, heat a heavy pan over medium-high to high or heat your grill on high
- Remove the breasts from the marinade, letting the excess drip off
- Cook the breasts about 4 minutes a side for larger ducks like mallards, less for smaller ducks (you want the meat medium rare, 130-140 degrees internal temp)
- Set the duck aside to rest
- Dice the remaining chipotle pepper
- Add the heavy cream, diced chipotle, and ¼ cup of the marinade you set aside, to a pan (or the same pan you cooked the duck in, but let it cool slightly first)
- Heat over medium heat, stirring frequently until it has thickened slightly.
- Remove from heat, slice the duck
- You can serve this as just the duck with sauce and a side of rice a beans, chopped up for street tacos or burritos. You should have marinade left that can be used as a salsa instead of /or in addition to the chipotle cream sauce.



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.

P-Platinum Level — \$5,000; G-Gold Level — \$2,000; S-Silver Level — \$1,000; B-Bronze Level — \$500

H-Honorary Member; D-Deceased

WWA Life Members

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| #1 Gary Talbert P | #2 Paul Bunn S | #3 Austin Addicoat S | #4 Rone Brewer S | #5 Fritz Kiemle S |
| #6 Jim Cortines S | #7 Neco Villella S | #8 Roger Bennett S | #9 Bruce Feagan S | #10 Larry Gordon SD |
| #11 Rich Greenshields S | #12 Mike Lovelace S | #13 Larry Voeks D | #14 Jack Westerfield S | #15 Bud Hufnagel S |
| #16 John Arrabito S | #17 Jenny Lutz P | #18 Mike Lutz P | #19 Reserved on Time Payments | #20 Brett Stark S |
| #21 Earl Mikkelson S | #22 US Rep Jaime Herrera Beutler H | #23 Ken Packard G | #24 Jan Sabin S | #25 Lance Kintrea |
| #26 Jim Kline | #27 Leon Kollman | #28 Derek Melton S | #29 Dan Stearns S | #30 John Hanson |
| #31 Mark Hackett | #32 Logan Sanday | #33 Mickey Clary | #34 Reserved for BQT Presentation (2022) | #35 Reserved for BQT Presentation (2022) |
| #36 Doug Graef S D | #37 Robb Stack S | #38 Rod Boyer | #39 Paul Sullivan | #40 Jessica Dunn Kant |
| #41 Dave Farley | #42 Will Goldsmith | #43 Shaunie Cochran | #44 Claudean Talbert | #45 William Dunlap S |
| #46 Analise Arrabito | #47 Robert Zeka | #48 Ron Watkins D | #49 Ken Boyer S | #50 Henry Field |
| #51 Ric Wray | #52 Rich Phillips | #53 Ross Barkhurst S | #54 Michael Bess | #55 In Memory of Anne Grichuhin |
| #56 Frank Gallo S | #57 David Irons S | #58 David Ragsdale | #59 Tim Koehler S | #60 Brad Davis |
| #61 James Ono | #62 Ann Bullard | #63 Vance Boyer | #64 Albert O'Connor | #65 Dick Smith |
| #66 Marc Bruno | #67 Todd Teeters | | | |

New Platinum Life Membership and Life Member Building Fund

At its monthly meeting of May 4, 2022 the WWA Board of Directors — at the request of Gold Life Member, Gary Talbert — voted unanimously to create a **new Platinum Life Membership at the \$5,000 level.**

Gary, then immediately donated of \$7,000 to WWA to establish a **Membership Fund** challenging existing WWA members to step up and become Life Members at any level, and the Fund will pay the first \$200.00!

Already two (2) WWA members have taken advantage of Gary's most recent round of generosity and have stepped up their regular memberships to the Bronze Life Member Level.

In previous years at WWA banquets and other gatherings, Gary challenged other WWA members to step up to Life Memberships, and again put his money where his mouth was by agreeing to pay the first \$125 (later upped to \$150) installment towards that step up! **Twenty-three (23)** Life Members on the list above were recipients of Gary's current and previous dedicated donations and membership building efforts as WWA's first Membership Chairman.

Life Memberships of those like Gary who have previously donated substantially in excess of \$5,000 will be upgraded to the new **Platinum Level Membership.**

Thank you Gary for your continuing generosity to WWA.

News for the Flock

The “Return Act” Guts Pittman-Robertson & Wildlife Conservation

From Howl for Wildlife
July 6, 2022

The Good

When unregulated market hunting nearly decimated North America’s big game species in the lead up to the 20th century, it was the forward-thinking efforts of American sportsmen and women that ultimately righted the ship and brought many of our nearly depleted game populations surging back to life.

In 1937, **President Franklin Delano Roosevelt** — spurred on by a host of legendary conservationists [**Theodore Roosevelt, John F. Lacey, George Bird Grinnell, and Aldo Leopold**, just to name a few] working in both the private and the public sector — enacted a piece of legislation known as the **Pittman-Robertson Act or the Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937**.

This revolutionary act of Congress redirected already existing excise taxes on firearms and ammunition **out of federal coffers and into the hands of the state wildlife agencies** tasked with protecting and preserving America’s wildlife for the benefit of future generations. As its alternate name suggests, it restored wildlife populations that had been completely pilfered and ensured the continued existence of these species for generations to come.

In the years since, **Pittman-Robertson** funds have become the lifeblood of American conservation. The money comes not just from firearm and ammo sales but also from similar taxes on archery equipment, fishing tackle, and boat fuel. According to the **Department of the Interior, Pittman-Robertson** generated nearly \$1 billion in 2020 alone. The success of **Pittman-Robertson** and the important funding that it has produced in the 85 years since it was passed is cause for celebration, but it is also something that hunters, anglers, and conservationists around the world must fight to safeguard and protect.

The Bad

Last week, **Pittman-Robertson** was directly attacked by a **Georgia Congressman named Andrew Clyde** and 58 of his Republican congressional colleagues. This attack took the form of a bill that **Clyde** introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives, one that the north Georgia politician

hopes will “eliminate the excise tax on firearms and ammunition” as well as archery equipment and fishing supplies. In so doing, **Clyde’s** bill would decimate the critical funds that make hunting and fishing possible in the United States. He says he’d make up for the staggering losses that his bill would bring about (again, \$1 billion in revenue from Pittman-Robertson in 2020 alone) by pulling from the pool of federal tax revenue that comes from offshore oil and gas drilling.

Clyde, who owns two Georgia gun stores and contracts with the federal government and many state governments for the sale of guns and ammo, says the **Pittman-Robertson** excise taxes that keep America’s hunting and fishing heritage alive are an infringement on constitutional rights. In a recent press release about his act, which he’s calling **RETURN (Repeal Excise Tax on Unalienable Rights Now)** our Constitutional Rights Act, he calls **Pittman-Robertson** “a dangerous opportunity for the government to weaponize taxation.”

Hunters, anglers, and conservationists beg to differ. They know that **Pittman-Robertson** represents one of the greatest opportunities for sound wildlife management that the world has ever seen. In an unprecedented time of economic turmoil, it brought together some of the best conservation minds in history and gave America’s wildlife a sustainable funding source that continues to thrive today. In our current era of stifling political division, it is hard to imagine a group of politicians coming together to create something so fundamentally important to the continued existence of wildlife in America as was the **Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937**.

But the unlikely story behind America’s wildlife recovery that so many hunters and anglers hold close to their hearts is clearly lost on **Georgia Rep. Andrew Clyde** and his 58 Republican co-sponsors. By signing their names to this ill-advised piece of legislation, these politicians have made a clear statement — they want to see these critical conservation funds gutted—American wildlife be damned.

Time to Howl

If you disagree with this plan, now is the time to let your Congressman, the **House Natural Resources Committee**, all 58 Co-Sponsors and **Rep. Andrew Clyde** (the Author) know about it. To take action, use the line [here](#). Let them know that you won’t sit idly by as they attempt to trash the **North American Model of Wildlife Conservation** with this dangerous political stunt.

Classified Ads – For Sale / Wanted

Wanted

Shotgun for new duck hunter. Contact Bryan, 253-590-3301

For Sale

Browning A5, 16 gauge, 2018 Ducks Unlimited Special. Comes complete with the hard plastic case, chokes, wrench, manuals and everything as new. Only 3 test rounds through it. Would like \$1850. Contact Scott, 206-619-5911.



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.
- Wanted and 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.



— **Electronic Dog Training Collar: DT 1810+**, waterproof, complete in hard case **\$60**
 — **3 Dozen Canada Goose Shells; 12 Sentinels, 24 Feeders,** with metal stakes; **\$50**

5TH Wheel Trailer / Truck Combo — \$60,000
2003 Ford F350, (1 owner), 84,000 miles.
2004 Mobile Suites 33RS3, (1 owner), Extras.
Contact Dick, 425-501-8166

Duck Decoys, Goose Decoys, and a Custom Packhorse Game / Decoy Cart.
Call Mel, 206 818-4230



Will deliver **Training Collar** or **Dekes** or **both** to **La Connor** or **Conway**.

Call or Text Art, 206-755-1441.



(Photo at Left)

Large Dakota, 283 Dog Kennel, \$375
 Compare at \$499 — \$529
 Call Zach, 253-691-9368

(Photo at Right)

Mud Buddy Mud Motor
 2016, 55 HP, low hours
\$6,500 OBO;
 Located at **Potholes.**
 Call Mark, 509-346-5720



News for the Flock

The **WWA** is based on volunteer efforts and donations from folks that care about the waterfowl hunting heritage. Our success rides on the shoulders of these volunteers and generous benefactors. Below in **red** is a listing of recent contributions to the five (5) primary funds established by the **WWA** since publication of the **June 2022 Newsletter**.

WWA General Fund — \$1,727

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 TAXIDERMÝ

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, by quote only!

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

- Duck mount is \$350.
- Seaducks & Mergansers are \$380.
- Goose mount is \$500.
- One pheasant mount is \$320.

Other Terms and Conditons:

- 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.



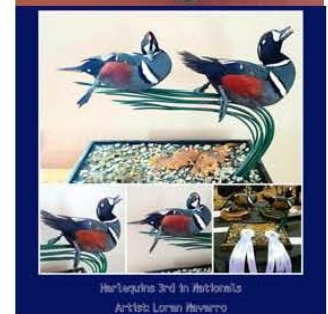
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TWIN RIVERS BIRD TAXIDERMISTRY

Loran Navarro

Waterfowl Mount Certificate Drawing

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|  <p>Washington Waterfowl Association</p> | | | |
| <p>Twin Rivers Bird Taxidermy Waterfowl Mount Certificate</p> | | 001 | |
| <p>\$ 10.00 per Ticket Need not be present to win</p> | | <p>Drawing Date - August 15, 2022</p> | |
| | | Name | 001 |
| | | Phone | |
| | | Email | |



TICKET PRICE IS \$ 10.00 PER TICKET
DRAWING DATE IS AUGUST 15TH 2022
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
SPONSORED BY WWA CORPORATE

- Does not include shipping cost
- Does not include Base for mount

\$ 350.00 Value

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



See your local WWA Chapter Chairman, WWA Officer or Board Member to purchase or Rick Billieu at rgbillieu@frontier.com

News for the Flock

2022-23 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print

The Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2022-23
Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp
and
Limited Edition Print

Artist Donnie Hughes



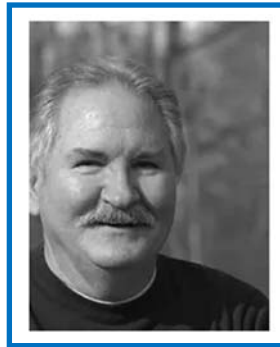
Revenue received through this program will be used by the Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA) and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to improve habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds in Washington.

Neither prints nor stamps are available for purchase at this time.

Look for an announcement here in mid-summer 2022.

News for the Flock

MEET THE 2022 WASHINGTON STATE DUCK STAMP COMPETITION WINNER AND WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION'S ARTIST OF THE YEAR



Donnie Hughes

Donnie Hughes is from Lexington, SC. Hughes graduated from Anderson College and the University of South Carolina with a BA degree in Art. He worked as the Art Director for a printing company for 35 years before concentrating on painting full time 11 years ago.

Donnie and his identical twin brother Ronnie both were raised with an hugh appreciation for the beauty in nature's environment, and like most brothers of similar age both are very encouraging of the other, but also very competitive in their artistic endeavors in many state and national competitions and shows.

In addition to being the winning artist for the 2022 WA State Duck Stamp, Donnie was also named 2015-2016 Artist of the Year for Idaho Ducks Unlimited as well as the artist for 2014-2015 SC Duck Stamp. Waterfowl is not his only Subject as his resume also includes being a two-time winner of the Delaware Trout Stamp.

WWA and RRGC News Briefs

RRGC Wood Duck Box Program

By Arlan Hackett

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

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

If you do not have an interest, please just humor us and delete it. This is a group e-mail, and it goes out to all **WWA** members in the system.

We hope you are all well as we hopefully move on after two (2) years of Covid restrictions, and please stay safe.



Nine (9) ducklings "jump" from **RRGC Box 367** when **Hen 1265-14802** calls for them to exit at about 6:49 am on **June 27, 2022** — (Video linked [here](#)).

A recording of the "jump" that 16 ducklings made from **RRGC Box 518** when **Hen 1265-14778** calls for them to exit at 9:30 am on **June 18, 2022**. (Video linked [here](#)).

Wood Ducks and a few screech owls are currently nesting in the 512 boxes. Banding has also taken place and the information will be entered into a database for future tracking. You can check out the live stream cameras at www.RRGCWoodDucks.org to see what is currently going on with all of the **RRGC** nest boxes.



Some History of the RRGC Nesting Box Program

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

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

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

Thanks for watching,

Dale Schielke
RRGC Wood Duck Project Coordinator

News Briefs for the Flock

Trophy Hunter Was ‘Hunted’

From a Compilation of various World-Wide News Sources
July 4, 2022

A wildlife trophy hunter, who had previously posted on social media promoting his business about the hunting and killing of elephants, lions, and other African species, was found shot to death, execution-style, in **South Africa**, according to reports.

Professional Hunter, Riaan Naude, age 55, was found dead next to his vehicle in the **South African Province of Limpopo**, about three (3) miles from **Mokopane** on June 8th, according to a report by the *Daily Mirror*. “The motive for the attack and the subsequent murder is unknown at this stage,” according to police.



Naude had previously uploaded images of himself to social media posing with the carcasses of endangered species like lions, elephants, and giraffes that he had killed. Naude’s company *Pro Hunt Africa*, labeled itself a “*Hunting and Eco Safari Outfit.*”

The group organizes paid hunting trips for customers. Several of **Naude’s** clients have been the subject of past exposes’ by the group, **TrophyXpose**.

In February, **South Africa’s Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment** announced an increase in quotas for hunting. Each hunter will be allowed to hunt for 10 leopards, 150 elephants, and 10 black rhinos in 2022. This announcement irritated many wildlife activists in **Africa** and around the world.

According to the **Heritage Protection Group (HPG)**, a non-profit organization that combats crime, **Naude** pulled his pickup truck off the road about 5 km outside of **Mokopane** after the vehicle overheated. **South African Police Service** said that upon arrival at the scene they found the man’s lifeless body on the ground next to the pickup.

“The man was lying with his face up and there was blood on his head and face,” according to police.

A patterned shell was found at the scene, but the manufacturer of the firearm has not yet been determined. Preliminary investigation revealed that a cattle keeper nearby heard a gunshot and noticed a white **Nissan** pickup with a trailer speeding away from the crime scene toward **Marken**. According to eyewitnesses, the white pickup truck stopped next to **Naude** and shot him in cold blood at a short distance. After which two suspects got out and presumably looted just a pistol.

Police found two (2) hunting rifles, ammunition, clothes, water, whiskey and pajamas in the deceased's truck. “It looks like he was on his way to go hunting,” according to police.

Great Salt Lake Drought Affects Ducks

Did you know that half of the North American continent’s **ruddy ducks** stage at the Great Salt Lake while half of its **redheads** nest here. In all, an estimated 10 million birds from more than 330 species migrate through or live at the lake each year, according to the **National Audubon Society’s Saline Lakes Program**. Read he full story, linked [here](#).

WDFW Restricts Activities on Wildlife Areas

Jul 14, 2022

SPOKANE – The **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** will restrict campfires and other activities on **WDFW-managed** lands in Eastern Washington beginning Friday, July 15, to help reduce the risk of fire on state wildlife and water access areas.

Overall, the emergency order that imposes restrictions east of the Cascades prohibits:

- **Fires or campfires, including those in fire rings.**
Personal camp stoves and lanterns fueled by propane, liquid petroleum, or liquid petroleum gas are allowed.
- **Discharge of firearms for target shooting** or other purposes by anyone not engaged in lawful hunting.
- **Smoking**, except in an enclosed vehicle.
- **Welding and operating chainsaws.**
- **Operating a motor vehicle away from developed roads**
Parking is permitted within designated parking areas, including developed campgrounds and trailheads and in areas without vegetation that are within 10 feet of roadways.

Thanks for Your Support

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.

2022-2023 Migratory Game Bird Regulations are Linked [Here](#).



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 - ** Please check box if you do not wish to receive a gift.**
 - Senior (65 or over) - \$ 15.00
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- (2-year memberships NOT available online)

Chapter & Newsletter: (Please specify your preferences)

Newsletter by email or hard copy

- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter — VACANT**
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and Places 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.
- Peninsula Chapter — VACANT**
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Monday 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 — VACANT**
- Tri Cities Chapter — VACANT**
- Wenatchee Chapter** – Dates and Places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.

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A few facts about the WWA:

- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- Nine (9) active 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 Hunter Mentor one-on-one waterfowl hunting activities for those new to the sport
- 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 Sportsmens’ Shows painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing full 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 waterfowling hunt 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 Sportsmens’ 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, boots on the ground” conservation projects.