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Hey Y'all —

WWA Membership Drive: Did you know we are having a membership drive? It's your chance to help strengthen the **WWA** and all we do for the waterfowl, waterfowl habitat, and public land waterfowl hunter. Lots of really good prizes...and likely good odds of winning something useful for waterfowl hunting. See the Flyers on **Pages 4 & 5** of this Newsletter.

Banquet, Banquet: Lower Columbia Chapter on September 20th and **WWA Statewide Banquet** on September 27th. See the flyers in this newsletter.

State Duck Calling Contest: Congratulations to state calling champion **Shane Rossen**. **Shane** received \$1,000 from the **WWA** to help with his travel to Stuttgart, Arkansas over Thanksgiving weekend to represent Washington State in the World Duck Calling Championships...give 'em heck **Shane**. And a big thanks to **Abel Cortina, Yakima Chapter Chairman**, and the local **Yakima and Tri-Cities Chapter** members that put on this year's state calling contest over in Kennewick this year. See photos on **Page 3 and Contest Results on Page 11**.

The calling contest is one of the heritage items that the **WWA** has been promoting for about 15 years now. It is also an event that hasn't paid for itself since it was part of the **Skagit Waterfowl Festival** back in the early 2000's. This year, the **WWA** contributed some \$2,500+ cash directly to the contest.

To make the contest more viable, it is very imperative that we tie it together with other hunting events because there are so few attendees to the calling contest it can't break even on its own. So, this is a *shout-out* to the calling and duck hunting community....we need a venue to put together some duck hunter fun. My question to you all is this, do we use a public place like the regional park down in Kennewick on the Columbia River, do we use a

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EVENTS CALENDAR

[\(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers\)](#)

- Sunday, Aug 24** BJ Brown Memorial Shoot @ the Kenmore Shotgun Range. See Flyer on [Page 7](#).
- Tuesday, Aug 26** Southwest Chapter Meeting; 7 p.m. @ Tacoma Sportsmen's Club. Contact **Bruce Burns**.
- Wednesday, Aug 27** Seattle Chapter Meeting; 5:30 p.m. @ Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell. FREE Round of Trap or 5-Stand for ALL members of ALL CHAPTERS! Contact **John Arrabito**.
- Thursday, Aug 28** Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting 7 p.m. @ Vancouver Trap Club. Contact **Rick Scott**.
- Tuesday, Sept 2** Whatcom County Chapter Meeting 5-7 p.m. @ Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, Ferndale. Contact **Scott O'Day**.
- Wednesday, Sept 3** Kitsap Peninsula Chapter Meeting 6-8 p.m. @ Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club. Contact **Les Hollister**.
- Thursday, Sept 4** Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting. 7 p.m. @ Evergreen Sportmen's Club, near Littlerock. Contact **Kurt Snyder**.
- Thursday, Sept 4** WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m., @ Canyon Park Denny's. All WWA members always welcome.
- Monday, Sept 8** Tri Cities Chapter Meeting; 7 p.m. @ Benton County PUD Auditorium at the corner of 10th Ave. and HWY 395 in Kennewick, WA. Contact **Thor Ostrom**
- Tuesday, Sept 9** Northwest Chapter Meeting; 7 p.m. @ Conway Fire Hall. Contact **Reb Broker**.
- Thursday, Sept 11** Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting; 6:30 p.m., @ Café Villa in Prosser. Contact **Abel Cortina**.
- Saturday, Sept 13** Grays Harbor Chapter Youth Shoot Event. See Flyer on [Page 9](#).
- Saturday, Sept 20** Lower Columbia Chapter Banquet Club Green Meadows Vancouver, WA See Flyer, [Page 13](#)
- Saturday, Sept 27** WWA-Corporate Statewide Banquet Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Puyallup, WA See Flyer, [Page 15](#)

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private hunting club? Do we find a friendly farmer with an empty barn we can take over once a year? or maybe we buy a little piece of **WWA** property to provide the venue and provide a haven for duck hunters statewide?

Any way we look at it, the calling contest and other duck hunting heritage events such as the **NW Decoy Collectors Show** in May need a home... The **WWA** wants to provide that home...but we need the duck hunting community to work together and help out finding the right spot — Preferably one that we can return to year after year in a duck hunters' mecca.

Contact **Rone or Abel** if you've got the gumption to help....phone numbers on Page 1. Unfortunately, if these things don't start breaking even financially, they won't be happening...



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Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Roger Bennett

For the third time in the last four years, the Yakima Valley Chapter of the WWA hosted the State Duck & Goose Calling Championships, this time (as it was two years ago) at the main stage in Columbia Park in Kennewick, not far from the Blue Bridge. It is a great venue, and it was a beautiful day. We had some terrific callers out for this one-day event. There were also a good number of vendors that showed up, and a decent crowd of people milled around to check out what was for sale, or sat in the shade and watched the events.

This contest included this year's sanctioned WA State Duck Calling Contest, which punches the winner's ticket to the **World's Duck Calling Contest** in Stuttgart, Arkansas this coming Thanksgiving week. **WWA** as usual came up with a \$1,000 check to the **2014 WA State Champion, Shane Rossen**, of Mill Creek, WA to help with his traveling expenses back to Stuttgart. Good luck, Shane!

(Calling Contest Results on Page 11)



(Top Right) 2014 WA State Duck Calling Champion, Shane Rossen, who has won and represented WA State six (6) times at the World Championships.

Mike Callian (L) and John Plugoff's Two Man Goose Calling Routine from layout blinds was good enough to win that event.



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2014

WWA Membership Drive To Celebrate Our 69th Anniversary

You Win – They Win – WWA Wins
Check Out These Prizes

1. Winchester SX3, Camo, 3 ½ inch, 12 gauge or \$1,000 cash.
2. Moses Lake Hosted Duck or Goose Hunt for 2 & \$100 travel money.
3. Hosted Brant Hunt for 2 @ Samish Island Brant Club & \$100 travel money.
4. Guided Goose Hunt for 2 with Burbank Guide Service & \$100 travel money.
5. WWA Sustaining Life Membership, Life Member jacket, plaque, a \$750 value.
6. WWA Regular Life Membership, WWA belt buckle, plaque, a \$500 value.
7. Remington Express Super Mag, 3 1/2 inch, 12 gauge.
8. \$200 Gift Certificate at a business of your choice.
9. Case of 12 gauge Hevi-Metal Shotgun Shells.
10. Mossberg Youth 20 gauge pump shotgun.
11. 2014 WA Duck Stamp Print, framed and matted.
12. Case of 12 gauge, 3 ½ inch magnum shotshells.
13. Case of 12 gauge, 3 inch magnum shotshells.
14. Case of 12 gauge, 2 ¾ inch magnum shotshells.
15. Case of 12 gauge, 2 ¾ inch shotshells.
16. \$100 Gift Certificate at a business of your choice.
17. Case of Clay Pigeons & Case of 12 gauge trap load shotshells.
18. Ammo Can with 4 boxes of 12 gauge, Hevi-Metal shotshells.
19. Ammo Can with 4 boxes of 12 gauge, Hevi-Metal shotshells.
20. Two (2) tickets to the 2015 WWA-Corporate Banquet.

Drive Started July 1st & Ends September 30, 2014

Here's how to participate!

Sign up a new or former member and you both get 3 raffle tickets for the drawing for one or more of the prizes listed above. (A former members is one who has not renewed in the previous 90 days).

Want More Chances???

Recruit /Convert 1st \$250 time payment towards a Sustaining Life Membership, earn 8 tickets!

Recruit/Convert a \$500 Life Member, earn 16 tickets!

Recruit/Convert a \$750 Sustaining Life Membership, earn 25 drawing tickets!

Recruit a \$100 Business Membership, earn 4 drawing tickets!

Recruit a \$250 Business Membership, earn 8 drawing tickets!

Recruit a \$375 Corporate Membership, earn 12 drawing tickets!

Recruit a \$500 Corporate Membership, earn 16 drawing tickets!

Recruit a \$1,000 Corporate Membership, earn 25 tickets!

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2014 WWA Membership Drive



What Are YOUR odds of Winning???

VERY GOOD!!!

Many of our past top prizes have been won by WWA members who only sold one (1) new WWA membership.

- Steve Van Alst — Benelli Shotgun;
- Claudean Talbert — Youth Shotgun;
- Mike Crawford — Case of Hevi-Shot Shotshells.

This Years WWA Membership Drive has Twice as Many Prizes as Past Membership Drives...

MEANING...

YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING ARE TWICE AS GOOD!!!

(Photo of Shotgun Prizes #1, #7 and #10 as Itemized on Adjacent Page 4).

Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

ADA Blind Building

We are waiting for the last 100 yards of the road into the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** blinds area to pass WA Cultural Resources approval. Once that is obtained we can move forward with the planning for the gravelling of the road and the final placement of the ADA blinds.

At the present time I would NOT anticipate the blinds being in place for the 2014/2015 hunting season, as we will need for the ground to "harden" up before we try and put down the gravel. As with all dealings with "government agencies" the process is slow.

Whatcom Chapter News

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 2nd, @ 7pm at the **Tennant Lake Interpretive Center**. Bring a guest who shares your enthusiasm for waterfowling.

Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

BJ Brown Memorial Shoot

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 24, 2014 for the 8th annual **BJ BROWN MEMORIAL SHOOT** being held at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range**. **WWA-Seattle Chapter**

members **Jenny and Mike Lutz** have raised and donated over \$10,000 to the **WWA** from the monies raised in the memory of their son who so loved waterfowl and upland bird hunting.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this fun event, and there are always a great mix of shotgun shooters — new to experienced, **WWA** members and their family and friends, **Kenmore Range** members, public shooters. Plan to spend the day as snacks and lunch are provided as well as fantastic raffle prizes to wrap up the day.

This year there is a special raffle for Browning Gold Sporting Clays Semi-Automatic 12 gauge.

See Flyer on the adjacent **Page 7**.

It would be a great show of support if more **WWA** members from not only the Seattle Chapter but from near by Chapters would participate, or at least show up to volunteer to help out. For more information you may call **Jenny** at 425-218-7868 or **Pat Webster** at 206-399-0319.

Next Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting will be Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at Kenmore. Historically family summer vacations usually take their toll on attendance at our July and August meetings, so we have no special programs scheduled for these months. However, for those are still in the area and venture out to the Range, **WWA-Seattle** will provide a **FREE** round of Trap or 5-Stand to **ALL WWA** members of **ALL Chapters** whose dues are current! Grab your "smoke pole" and come out and join us.

Pizza and soda for \$5 at 7:00 p.m. Please send me an email [jarrabito@comcast.net] or call [(425) 894-4080] if you are joining us and want to have dinner, so we will be sure to have enough and varied pizza's.

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BJ BROWN MEMORIAL TRAPSHOOT EIGHTH ANNUAL



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**Proceeds Donated to the Washington Waterfowl Association
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2014

Registration 9:00 a.m.
Kenmore Shotgun Range 1031 228th St. S.W. Bothell, WA 98021 (425-481-8685)

Entry Fee \$75.00
Includes 125 Targets and Lunch
50 Singles 50 Handicap 25 5-Stand
(each event \$25.00 – could do one, two or all three)

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Top Gun (must do all 125 targets) Singles Handicap 5-Stand

DRAWINGS FOR DONATED PRIZES!

SPECIAL RAFFLE!!! Browning Gold Sporting Clays Semi-Automatic 12 gauge

For Information Call: Mike Lutz (206) 550-6924 OR Jenny Lutz (425) 218-7868

Tri-Cities Chapter News

Chapter Meetings

The **Tri-City Chapter** meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m., at the **Benton County PUD Building** in Kennewick. Our next meeting is Monday, September 8th. Contact **Thor Ostrom** for details at: quakwhackerwa@hotmail.com.

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

The Birds Are Flying

The geese are now in the flight mode meaning that the hunting season is approaching quickly! I've seen several brand new goose families on just about every spot that I scout. Lots of new ducks too! A very large flight of mallards fly over my house nearly every evening on their way to the local pit mines. I'm guessing about the same amount as last year, maybe just a few percentages more. We plan to install some hen houses made a new way and some goose platforms also made of cedar. Hopefully this will result in more numbers of local waterfowl for next year.

New Ideas From New Leadership

Our Chapter has had a very busy year. We plan to continue our trend of slow growth. We recently had our bi-annual officer elections, and I would like to personally thank all that got nominated and especially all that accepted nomination! Congrats to: **Howard Roberts Co-Chairman, Mike Nesbitt Secretary/Treasurer, Brad Roberts Trustee** and **Diane Smith Trustee**. We now have five (5) Chapter officers to get our business done!

Also I would like to thank our new members for joining up with the **WWA** and welcome **Jason Small, Allen Taylor, and Josh Davis** into the **Grays Harbor Chapter**. We hope to see you at one of our future meetings and/or conservation work parties.

Youth Shooting Program

We have our third annual **Youth Shooting Event and Pre-Season Warm-Up** scheduled for Saturday, the 13th of September at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near **Littlerock**. This event, like our Chapter, also has been slowly growing. Please check out the event flyer on the adjacent **Page 9** in this issue and pass it along to all that may be interested. The kids are FREE and the adults just pay a small fee to offset the cost of targets.

This has been a very fun event and we hope that this year's is even better! It was created to promote safe and fun shooting and give the kids and their guardians a chance to warm up for the upcoming season! By the way, the **South West Chapter** will be preparing and serving a FREE BBQ lunch to all entries and volunteers!

2015 WA Waterfowl Festival???

I heard a rumor that the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** is being considered as a venue for a 2015 WA Waterfowl Festival and State Championship Calling contest. This is in our backyard so the **Grays Harbor Chapter** will most likely be adding a lot to the event. BUT, this will be a **WWA** event so all Chapters are welcome AND encouraged to participate. We can make it a landmark event if we all put something toward it.

As usual you can contact me anytime and thank you all for your continued support.

Kurt Snyder

Northwest Chapter News

Annual Summer Get-Together

Our annual **Duck Jerky Party** is Saturday, August 23rd at the home of **Rone and Marcella Brewer**, 19325 -- 32nd Avenue NW in Stanwood, from about noon until whenever. **ALL** members of **ALL WWA** Chapters are welcome to join us.

State Banquet

The **WWA State Banquet** fundraiser is September 27th at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**. Shooting and social start at 5 pm. Dinner and auction about 7 pm. Camping & RV areas available if you want to spend the night. See Flyer, **Page 15**.

The **Northwest Chapter** meets the second Tuesday of every month at the **Conway Fire Hall**. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. Come join us.

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Youth Target Shoot and Pre Duck Season Warm-Up

Presented by
The Grays Harbor Chapter
of The Washington Waterfowl Association

September 13th, 2014 at

The Evergreen Sportsman's Club
12736 Marksman Rd. S.W.
Olympia WA. 98512

*Bring your young hunters out and shoot targets from blinds, a boat blind, layout blinds and a layout boat.
Targets from different angles Sporting Clays style and a poison bird target station.*

**Adults shoot with the kids.
50 target course per entry.**

**All young hunters *under 15 FREE ENTRY and duck call*
*Paid for by the Grays Harbor Chapter's fund raising events.***

*\$20.00 adult entry to shoot the course. Active or retired military \$10.00.
Registration starts at 9:30 AM in the main club house.*

FREE BBQ grilled lunch at 1:00 PM for all entries.

Prizes to be given out by random draw between 1:30 PM. And 2:00 PM.

Pre registration suggested!

ALL youth shooters must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to enter!!!

Contact Kurt Snyder at: kurtsnyder@outdrs.net for more info or questions.

Kitsap County Chapter News

By Les Hollister

WWA-Kitsap meets at the **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club** the first Wednesday of every month to have dinner, shoot skeet, and discuss upcoming events.

We are currently selling raffle tickets for the chance for two (2) people to win (2) hunts, lodging included, at the **Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Hunt Club!!** All of the proceeds from our sales will go directly to the **Kitsap County WWA**, to help with blind construction projects and blind maintenance come fall.

We are still in the planning stages with the local **Ducks Unlimited** Chapter to put on a youth fun shoot. Any questions contact me at: navy20120201@gmail.com or call me at: 210-410-3037.

Southwest Chapter News

By Bruce Burns

Hi, I am **Bruce Burns**. I volunteered to be the **Southwest Chapter Chairman** and look forward to the new challenges ahead

Incentive for Chapter Participation

Remember we were giving a cash prize to some lucky individual at year end. You earn chances by coming to meeting or helping out on projects. Speaking of that, we will be supplying food and drinks to the Grays Harbor youth event again this year on **September 13th**. Looking for volunteers. Contact me or **Terry Satre**.

WWA Statewide Banquet

The **WWA-Corporate Banquet** will be in our backyard this year, **The Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**, on Saturday, September 27th, so plan on going. We will be asking for volunteers to help! FYI **SW Member, Roger Leonhard** will be your bartender, thanks **Rog!**

Remember you can donate items of value to be auctioned off, and the SW Chapter coffers get 50% of the net proceeds from that item. So build it, carve it, look in your unused stuff and donate that jewel of an item!

Support the BJ Brown Memorial Shoot

The BJ Brown Memorial Trap Shoot is Sunday, August 24th. It really is a lot of fun and has raised over \$10,000 for **WWA** over the past seven (7) years. Lots of good prizes and food. Get a group together and car pool on up. Two (2) years ago the SW Chapter had the most members there! Lets do it again... see the Flyer on **Page 7** for more info.

Next Monthly Meeting

The **SW Chapter** meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** on Canyon Road in Puyallup. Next meeting is August 26th at 7:00. Any questions contact **Terry Satre** @ 253-845-2398 or teltim@comcast.net or **Bruce Burns** 253-961-8802 or bwburns36@gmail.com

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More Calling Contest Results

By Roger Bennett

Thanks to all who were involved in putting these **State Duck and Goose Calling Championships** on. There was not only a lot of work done by members from the **Yakima Valley WWA Chapter**, but many others pitched in to help out as well. And we really appreciate all the sponsors who gave prizes or cash to make this event possible.

Here are the top three (3) callers of each event. (Please forgive me if I have misspelled any names.)

WA State Sanctioned Duck

- 1st: Shane Rossen
- 2nd: Gavin Guard
- 3rd: Alex Verges

Junior Duck

- 1st: Michael Mitchell
- 2nd: Sam Workman
- 3rd: Jesse Hampton

PeeWee Duck:

- 1st: Jason Howell Jr.
- 2nd: Finn Carney
- 3rd: Emily Engels

WA State Goose:

- 1st: John Plugoff
- 2nd: Tyrell Bean
- 3rd: Trevor Austin

Open Goose:

- 1st: John Plugoff
- 2nd: Mitch Workinger
- 3rd: Mike Callian

Novice Duck:

- 1st: Gavin Guard
- 2nd: Joe Hanson
- 3rd: Michael Mitchell

Open Duck:

- 1st: Alex Verges
- 2nd: Michael Mitchell
- 3rd: Josh Cook

2-Man Goose (In Layouts)

- 1st: John Plugoff/Mike Callian
- 2nd: Mitch Workinger/Carson Mackey
- 3rd: Eric Strand/Mitch Workinger

2-Man Duck (In Layouts)

- 1st: Eric Strand/Mitch Workinger
- 2nd: Shane Rossen/Mitch Workinger
- 3rd: John Plugoff/Tyrell Bean

Junior Goose:

- 1st: Carson Mackey
- 2nd: Jacob Warren
- 3rd: Garrett Wheeler

Novice Goose:

- 1st: Alex Verges
- 2nd: Carson Mackey
- 3rd: Jaeger Evinger

If you have any feedback [positive or negative] on this event, please feel free to contact **YV Chapter Chairman Abel Cortina** at abelcortina@gmail.com.

Letters From Youth Camp

WWA sponsored four (4) young men to full \$250 scholarships to the **WA State Youth Conservation Camp** on Orcas Island, in mid-July. **David and Jonathan Bean** of Monroe, WA; **Caleb Koeppen** of Redmond, WA and **Atticus Kurtz** of Vancouver, WA were the lucky recipients.

Dear **WWA** —

I thank you for going out of your way to send me to camp. I have learned many things that will make me a better citizen, so there is no way I can thank you enough. I have learned:

- Archery: 2 bulls eyes in a row;
- Conservation: (too big to list);
- Survival: 10 essentials, shelter, water, food.
- Canoeing: the proper way to canoe;
- Ecology: wetlands and bogs.

I hope you will have fun with your lives sending young men to this awesome camp. I also hope you will accept this thank you letter.

Sincerely: from **David Bean**

Dear **WWA** —

Thank you for sending me to **Camp Moran**. It is a pleasure beyond compare. We had hiking and survival the second day at camp. Survival was really fun. I saw "Ricky the Raccoon." I learned not to be loud or else Ricky will come. I wasn't loud so Ricky didn't bother me. The hike up **Mt. Constitution** (highest point in the San Juans) and firearm safety were so fun. There were hilarious skits. I can't wait for archery. It will be so fun. Anyway, thank you so much.

Sincerely, **Jonathan Bean**

Dear **WWA** —

Thank you for letting me go to camp. I have enjoyed it. Two thing I really enjoyed are the bog where I got to try to get some animals off of a floating island made out of moss. And I also liked firearm safety/shooting where I made it to the Championship.

Some things I am looking forward to are water safety and canoeing.

Sincerely, **Caleb**

[Editor's Note: As of press time for this August Newsletter, we had not yet received a letter from Atticus, but will be sure to print it in the September WWA Newsletter].

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

Shillapoo Blinds

Chapter President Rick Scott has finished welding the metal braces that **Al O'Connor** designed to stabilize the new blinds built earlier this spring. The next step is to attach the braces and paint the blinds. We are looking for your help. We can do a Saturday or week night work party. Contact **Vice President Ted Blade** at (503) 467-9058 if you can help out.

Chapter Banquet

Our 11th Annual Chapter Fundraising Banquet is one month away! We will gather at **Club Green Meadows** in the upper banquet room on September 20th. Donations are needed and appreciated. We have tickets available. Contact **Doug Hargin** at dlhargin@msn.com or at (360) 903-6951. See the Flyer on adjacent **Page 13**.

Hero of Skagit Farmed Island, Jay Koetje Loses Battle to Cancer

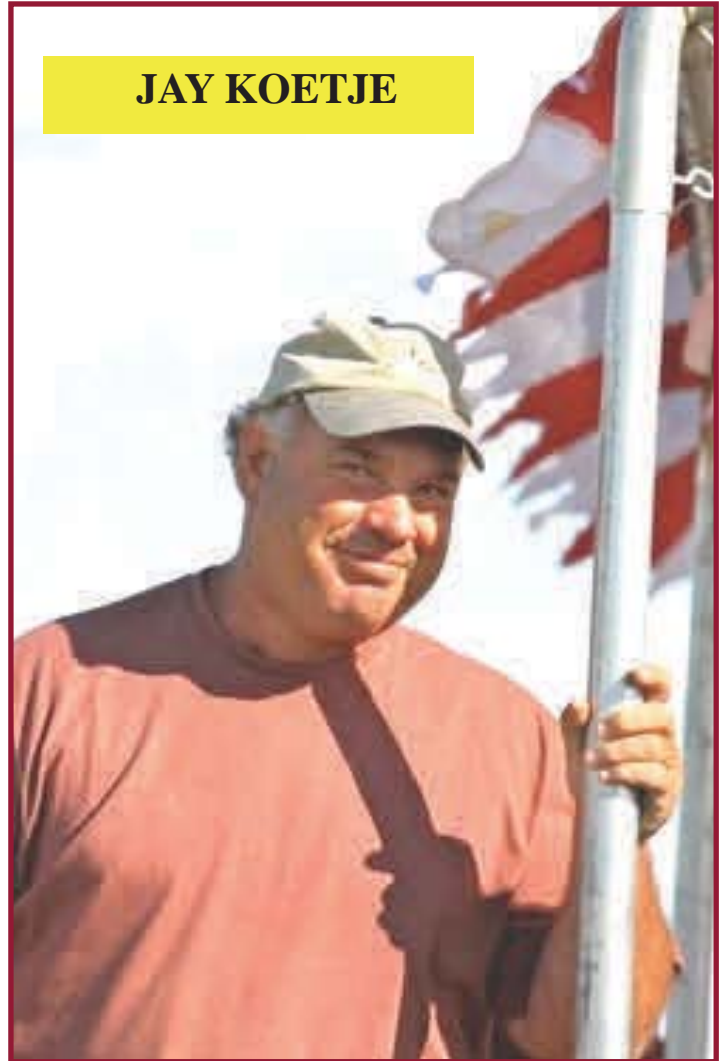
Jay Koetje, long-time resident of **Fir Island**, quietly passed away at home on July 29, 2014 after a hard fought, 6-year battle with cancer. He was 60 years old.

The **Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)** named **Jay** as one of three (3) "**Volunteers of the Year**" for his financial support of the **Skagit Wildlife Area Farmed Island Unit**. In his acceptance speech **Jay** simply said "I decided I would try to help the ducks out a little bit."

A little bit would be a gross understatement. In 2012 after the only available access to the island - a **WDFW** owned barge - was condemned for safety reasons, **Jay** stepped up with \$80,000 and purchased another barge and made it available at will to the **Department** for use in maintaining the **Island Unit** for waterfowl. Additionally, he provided use of a boat to push the barge, seed for planting barley and corn for waterfowl, all-terrain vehicles, tractors and fuel to maintain the dikes and for farming of the Island.

Jay used his own excavating equipment and operators to clean literally miles of drainage ditches on the Island at little to no charge to **WDFW**, and continued to provide financial and volunteer support for operational improvements and plantings as recently as this summer.

JAY KOETJE



The **WWA** was asked to establish a **Jay Koetje Memorial Fund** to collect monies in **Jay's** honor to continue **Jay's** efforts to improve the **Farmed Island Unit of the Skagit Wildlife Area** and to maintain it as one of the premier public waterfowl hunting locations on the West Coast. Donations can be made to:

The Jay Koetje Memorial Fund for Skagit Farmed Island
c/o Washington Waterfowl Association
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Jay was an avid sport fisherman, duck hunter and decoy collector. His extensive decoy collection is considered one of the most prolific in the country. He loved hunting on his **eastern Washington** property on **Lower Crab Creek** and enjoyed sharing the hunt with family and friends. They say as good as the hunting was, the story telling that followed was phenomenal. Those who had the good fortune to hunt with him there, know the waterfowl hunting there was/is exceptional.

News for the Flock

**You are Cordially Invited to Attend the 11th Annual
Washington Waterfowl Association Banquet,
Lower Columbia Chapter
Saturday, September 20, 2014
6:00 p.m.**



**Club Green Meadows
7703 NE 72nd Ave
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(Directions: From I-205, exit at the Padden Parkway exit heading westbound to NE Andresen. Turn left on Andresen to the next light at NE 78th St. Travel one block and turn right onto NE 72nd Ave. We will be in the main building on your left.)

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Staff WWC Booth and See the Puyallup Fair By Robb Stack & Jeff Christensen



Jeff Christensen (L) Outreach Coordinator for Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC) and a Volunteer staffing the WWC Booth at the 2013 Puyallup Fair. The Paw Track Stencils on the back wall are especially attractive to the young people. Call for your Fair Ticket & Parking Pass (425) 308-7583.

Friends:

I have supported Washingtonians for **Wildlife Conservation (WWC)** for a handful of years. Not only financially, but by volunteering at the **WWC** booth during the **Puyallup Fair** these last several years. What a great opportunity to share the joy of outdoor recreationincluding HUNTING.

I know, it's a tough sell in the Northwest or Western Washington, but there are so many misguided folks who might not care to hunt but could be brought back to neutral from the extremist views taught in schools and heard/seen in the press. We have a chance to make a positive impression on the public and you can help by volunteering for a shift at the **WWC Booth** at the upcoming **Puyallup Fair**.

It was only last month that the non-hunting public went crazy over the **Texas Tech** Cheerleader, **Kendall Jones**, posting pictures of her African trophy kills on her **Facebook** page. The tasteful pictures were removed by **Facebook** because they were deemed sadistic and violent by **Facebook**. Pictures no different than pictures many of you have of your most memorable hunts!

Misguided people, hateful people, fueled by ignorance called her a killer and a wildlife hater. She received death threats! All because the non-hunting public does not understand that hunters are the No. 1 Conservationists in the world, contributing over \$3 Billion for wildlife conservation annually.

WWC has been at the **Puyallup Fair** (now the **Washington State Fair**) for over 15 years educating the public one person at a time. The future of hunting needs your help to keep this much needed **WWC** education program going.

It is easy to do. **WWC** has literature to help explain these fact and to hand out to the non-hunting public at the Fair as their kids play with all the hides, skulls, mounts and stuff we make available.

Please help. Check out the schedule here: <http://w4wc.org/FairSchd.htm> Grab a friend, a family member or the neighbor and come spend a few hours at the fair. Free entry passes and parking passes included.

Email me [hunt4life@comcast.net] or call (425) 308-7583 with any and all questions. Feel Free to Pass this on to your friends.

News for the Flock

**You are Cordially Invited to Attend the 65th Annual
Washington Waterfowl Association Corporate Banquet**

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Social Hour 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.



**Tacoma Sportsmen's Club
16409 Canyon Road E.
Puyallup, WA**

(Directions: From WA-512, east or west, take the Canyon Road Exit South approximately 3.6 miles. The entrance to the Sportsmen's Club is on your left [turning East]. You must make a u-turn at the next stoplight (Military Road E) and then turn right into the TSC driveway. Phone (253) 537-6151 if you get lost.

Reserved Dinner Tickets - \$35; or Buy \$100 in Super Raffle

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News for the Flock

TREASURERS. REPORT (8-7-2014)

Corporate Checking	\$ 19,674.60
Chapter (LC, ML & SEA)	
Trust Monies for Goose	
Satellite Transmitters	
For WDFW	\$ 8,250.00
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,591.40
Corporate Total	\$ 45,631.00

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking	\$ 2,200.68
Kitsap Chapter	(To Be Funded)
LC Checking	\$ 19,026.66
ML Checking	\$ 8,186.22
NW Checking	\$ 2,140.16
OP Checking	\$ Closed 3/25/2013
SEA Checking	\$ 26,465.22
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,746.08
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$ 1,316.57
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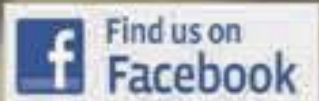
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WWA News Briefs....

WDFW Director to Retire at Year's End

OLYMPIA – After nearly six (6) years at the helm, **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Director Phil Anderson** has informed the **WDFW Commission** he will resign from his position, effective December 31st. The Commission, will begin the recruitment process for a new director in the next few weeks.

As director, **Anderson** guided the Department through the worst economic downturn since the **Great Depression**. During the unprecedented budget shortfall, State General Fund support for **WDFW** declined by nearly \$50 million – 45 percent – threatening Department operations and fishing and hunting opportunities throughout the state.

Also under **Anderson's** leadership, the Department developed a plan to guide state conservation and management of gray wolves as they recolonize in Washington – a controversial issue that has evoked strong reactions from people on both sides of the Cascade Range.

Throughout his career at **WDFW**, **Anderson** has played a leading role in working with Indian tribes in a number of forums, including the annual salmon

co-management process known as **North of Falcon**. During this process, the state and tribes set seasons for marine and freshwater salmon fisheries throughout **Puget Sound**, the **Columbia River** and Washington's coastal areas.

Anderson, 64, joined **WDFW** in 1994 after serving seven years on the **Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)** as a private citizen, including as the council's chair. **Anderson** was appointed **WDFW Director** in 2009 after serving nearly nine (9) months as the agency's interim director. He previously served as **WDFW's Deputy Director** for resource policy and as **Assistant Director** of the **Department's Intergovernmental Resource Management Program**.

WWA Member Rosann Green Gets Honor

WDFW has recognized **WWA member, Rosann Green** of Ephrata and the **Moses Lake Chapter of WWA** as a Volunteer of the Year for 2014 for her work over several recent years in helping to recolonize pygmy rabbits, build duck blinds, band geese, collect crappie for research and process deer meat for food banks.

"**Rosann** has offered her assistance for every volunteer effort I have ever initiated," said **Rich Finger**, a **WDFW** biologist. "She is truly committed to assisting in **WDFW's** mission and deserves recognition for her efforts."



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WWA Youth Fund — \$1,345

WWA Legal Fund — \$16,457

WWA Habitat Fund — \$475

WWA Jay Koetje Memorial Fund for Skagit Farmed Island — \$100

Michael Miller — \$100

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$6,056

Steve Friend — \$50

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- L/H Tika .243, Nikon Monarch 3.5-12x42 bdc scope, sighten in, never hunted, \$700.
- Thompson .50 Hawken muzzleloader. I'm second owner, never fired. \$300.
- Thompson .50 White Mountain carbine muzzleloader, not used since 1994, mint. \$275.
- White .50 stainless whitetail muzzleloader, synthetic stock, never hunted. \$350.
- One XL Columbia jacket, mossy oak breakup parka & liner, never worn, \$70.
- One XL Columbia old style camo coat & liner. I paid \$125.00, \$50.
- Martin Lynx compound 55-70#, arrows, quiver, new light-site, counterweight. \$200.
- Pedersoli black powder 12 G sxs, m/f. I'm second owner, never fired. \$300.

Contact me directly, **John Farrow** at quack0905@comcast.net for additional info or pictures.

- 12 gauge Remington 870 DU , 2 3/4" chamber, \$300.
- 16 gauge Winchester model 12, nickel steel barrel, \$400.
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- 12 gauge Daly O/U, 2 3/4" chamber, \$450.
- 12 gauge Browning Gold, 3 1/2" chamber, wood stock, excellent, \$700.
- 12 gauge Beretta BL-3 O/U 2 3/4" chamber, \$500.
- Survival Arms AR-7 explorer, .22 LR, \$170.

Contact me directly, **Jerry** @ [\(360\) 256-5662](tel:(360)256-5662) between 5-8 p.m. (Lower Columbia Chapter).

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**Selected (and Incomplete) Summary of 2014-2015
Migratory Waterfowl Seasons (Significant Changes in Red)**

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Ducks	Statewide	September 20-21, 2014 (Youth Hunt Only (a)	7 (b)	14 (b)
		Oct. 11-15, 2014 and Oct. 18, 2014—Jan. 25, 2015	7 (b)	21 (b)
		EXCEPT Scaup closed Oct. 11 — Oct 31, 2014	3 (b)	9 (b)
(b) Bag Limits:	Statewide	7 ducks to include not more than 2 hen mallards; 2 pintail; 3 scaup; 1 canvasback , and 2 redhead;		
	Western WA	To include not more than 1 harlequin; 2 scoter, 2 long tailed duck; and 2 goldeneye		
(b) Season Limit		1 harlequin in Western WA		
(b) <u>Possession Limits Statewide</u>		6 pintail; 9 scaup; 3 canvasback ; 6 redhead & 6 hen mallards 6 scoter; 6 long tailed duck; & 6 goldeneye in Western WA		
		Coots, and	25	75
		Snipe	8	24

AUTHORIZATION & HARVEST RECORD CARD REQUIRED TO HUNT SEA DUCKS, BRANT & SNOW GEESE

Geese (except Brant & Aleutian)	Goose Mgmt. Area 1	Early Season — Sept. 10-15, 2014; Oct. 11-23 & Nov 1 2014 thru Jan 25, 2015 EXCEPT snow, Ross, or blue geese can be taken Oct 11, 2014 thru Jan. 25, 2015(d)	5(c) 4 4	15(c) 12 12
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2A	Early Season — Sept. 10-15, 2014; 8 a.m.—4 p.m. Nov. 8—30 & Dec 10—Jan 25 Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays Only (EXCEPT Ridgefield NWR) Ridgefield NWR open 8 a.m.—4 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays Only Nov. 8-29, 2014 & Dec 11—Jan 24, 2015 EXCEPT CLOSED Nov 11, 27, Dec 25 & Jan 1, 2015	3(c) 4(e) 4(e)	9(c) 12(e) 12(e)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2B	Early Season — Sept. 1-15, 2014; 8 a.m.—4 p.m. Saturdays & Wednesdays Only Oct. 11-25 & Nov 1, 2014—Jan., 17, 2015	15(c) 4(e)	45(c) 12(e)
(e) Aleutian Geese in Area 2B (e) Season Limit		1 dusky Canada goose	1(e)	3(e)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 3	Early Season — Sept. 10-15, 2014; Oct. 11-23 and Nov. 1, 2014—Jan. 26, 2015	5(c) 4	15(c) 12
	Goose Mgmt. Area 4	Early Season — Sept. 13-14, 2014; Sat, Sun, & Weds, only, Oct. 11—Jan 18, 2015 Nov 11, 27, and 28; Dec 25, 26, 29, & 30, 2014; Jan 1; and every day Jan 19-25, 2015.	3(c) 4	6(c) 12
	Goose Mgmt. Area 5	Early Season — Sept. 13-14, 2014; Oct. 11-13, & Oct 18, 2014—Jan 25, 2015	3(c) 4	6(c) 12
Brant (see authorization requirements on p. 4 of 2014-2015 regulations pamphlet)	Pacific County Skagit County	Jan. 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17 & 18, 2015 Jan. 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, & 25, 2015	2 2	6 6
	Skagit County	If the pre-season wintering population in Skagit County is below 6000 (as determined by the early January survey) the brant season in Skagit County will be canceled.		

EDITOR'S NOTE: CHECK THE COMPLETE 2014-2015 REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFICS NOT PRINTED HERE.

Membership information By Ellen Satre

The WWA hoodies are available now! Cost is \$35 for size large and XL and \$37 for 2X. This includes shipping, etc. They run a little on small side so if you're at the top end of the size we recommend getting the larger one. Only available by check at this time. Be sure to specify color light gray or black.

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Lowrey	Mike	Lower Columbia
Mirza	Iurie	Lower Columbia
Murray	Quinn	Lower Columbia
Blades	Jacob	Moses Lake
Castro	Nick	Moses Lake
Combs	Daisy	Moses Lake
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Nevarez	Draven	Moses Lake
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Carvalho	Jules	Northwest
Reyes	Miguel	Seattle
Rooney	Patrick	Seattle

2014 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

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This year's artwork, a pair of redheads afloat on the water, was created by **Ms. Cynthia Fisher**.

Double Down for the Ducks

Please consider ordering two stamps or prints to increase finances available for waterfowl and other migratory birds.



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2014 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

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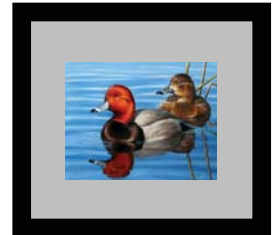
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family (immediate family up to age 18) — | \$ 35.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular — | \$ 30.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Life — | \$ 500.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sustaining Life — | \$ 750.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior (65 or over) - | \$ 15.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior (under age 18) -- | \$ 15.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Year Regular | \$ 50.00 | (New) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Year Family | \$ 60.00 | (New) |
- (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** meets the 1st Wednesday of the month (Feb – Oct) at **Bremerton Skeet & Trap Club**.
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell.
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Tacoma Sportsman's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** – Vacant
- Tri Cities Chapter** meets the 2nd Monday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **PUD Auditorium**, corner of 10th Avenue & HWY 395, **Kennewick**.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st Tuesday of the month (Jan – Nov.) at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center**.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) alternating between **Café Villa in Prosser** or **El Ranchito, in Zillah**. See Page 2 for this month's meeting location.

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A few facts about the WWA:

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

Our projects include:

- Working on behalf of Hunter's Rights issues to keep public access open and available
- Administration of the WA Migratory Bird Stamp and Print Program
- Hosting and sponsoring the Washington State Duck Calling Championships
- Wood Duck Nest Box & Mallard Nest Tube, Goose Nest Pot & platform construction, installation, & maintenance
- Working with the Boy Scouts of America on Eagle Scout projects
- Hosting Youth Mentor shotgun shooting one-on-one instruction events
- Conducting NRA sanctioned Hunter Education classes for Youth & donation of funds to offset WDFW printing costs for youth gun safety classes
- Donation of funds to support high school shooting teams in Washington
- Teaching adults and youth decoy carving arts
- Working with thousands of children at Sportsman's Show painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing scholarships for boys and girls to attend a week at Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island, WA
- Working with the WDFW in the creation of premium quality hunt waterfowling areas
- Building and rehabilitating blinds in public hunting areas
- Distribution and planting of thousands of pounds of donated corn seed for waterfowl consumption
- Working with the Yakama Tribe in banding upland birds and waterfowl, and building duck "blinds" on tribal lands
- Goose and duck nest counts and banding of both with the WDFW and USFWS
- Working with the WDFW on dove counts & planting WDFW food plots in Eastern WA with WWA owned tractor and farming implements
- Sponsoring of the Annual NW Decoy Collector's Show
- Participating in multiple Sportsman's shows annually
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours for Swan Mortality Mitigation Studies
- Donation of funds and man hours to WDFW for goose banding and satellite tracking
- Litter pickup projects at public hunting areas, boat ramps, and along highways; and conducting multiple fund raising banquets annually to pay for all of these "hands on" conservation projects.