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Habitat, Hunting, Legislation, Legal

These four topics can be used to put into action, the mission of the **Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA)** and support the **Heritage of waterfowling**. They also can be used to create action plans for **WWA Chapters**. In order of priority, I suggest folks start with habitat and hunting.

I particularly try to wrap up "History" in the hunting topic so we don't forget that over 100 years ago it was hunters who stopped the commercial harvest of waterfowl so that the birds could survive. Today we base hunter harvest on the biology of the birds. A simple and yet so effective concept.

Acting upon aspects of each of these four (4) large topics leads us to the **Hunting Heritage** much more effectively than focusing on just one. Each of the Chapters are working on these themes in their own way. Each differently, each definitely with their own fingerprint. That is the purposeful design of WWA... it is why we developed autonomous Chapters, because the types of hunting and relationships with land managers and private landowners are different across our state.

This diversity is what makes us effective, but also what makes things more difficult, particularly when it comes to the "Legislation" and "Legal" topics, because we all have differing opinions, particularly in regard to laws and rules. But from my perspective as President, I see and hear of each Chapter doing different parts of the **Heritage**, but all within the topics of **Habitat, Hunting, Legislation, and Legal**.

Whether you realize it or not, the effect of each Chapter completing different projects and actions, all comes together at the State level. My goal is

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

- Wednesday, Mar 25** **WWA-Seattle Chapter Meeting;** 5:30 p.m. @ **Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell.** **Swan Mortality Slide Show** by **Martha Jordon of Trumpeter Swan Society.** Contact **John Arrabito.**
- Thursday, Mar 26** **WWA-Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting** 7 p.m. @ **Vancouver Trap Club.** Contact **Rick Scott.**
- Saturday, Mar 28** **WWA Work Party at Royal City & Richland Rod & Gun Club Game Food Banquet.** Contact **Leo Pfeifer at (425) 210-0321** for tickets, but do it **ASAP** because tickets will sell out early.
- Tuesday, Mar 31** **WWA-Southwest Chapter Meeting;** **(New Time)** **6 p.m.** @ **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club.** Contact **Bruce Burns.**
- Wednesday, April 1** **WWA-Kitsap County Chapter Meeting @ Bremerton Trap and Skeet** Contact **Les Hollister.**
- Thursday, April 2** **WWA-Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting @ The Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Little Rock, WA.** Contact **Kurt Snyder.**
- Thursday, April 2** **WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting** 6:30 p.m., @ **Canyon Park Denny's.** All WWA members always welcome.
- Tuesday, April 7** **WWA-Whatcom County Chapter Meeting** 5-7 p.m. @ the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, Ferndale.** Contact **Scott O'Day.**
- Thursday, April 9** **WWA-Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting @ 6:30 P.M., this month at the El Ranchito restaurant in Zillah, WA** Contact **Abel Cortina.**
- Monday, April 13** **WWA-Tri-Cities Chapter Meeting @ the PUD Auditorium,** corner of 10th Avenue & HWY 395, **Kennewick.** Contact **Abel Cortina** or **Thor Ostrom.**
- Tuesday, April 14** **WWA-NW Chapter Meeting** 7 P.M. @ the **Conway Firehouse, Conway, WA.** Program will be **WDFW's Cole Caldwell on WDFW's Private Lands Hunting Access Program** in our area. Contact **Reb Broker.**
- Wednesday, May 27** **11th Annual Youth Mentor Shott** See Flyer on **Page 18**
- Saturday, Sept 19** **Third Annual Moses Lake DU Greenwing Barbeque** will be held at **Mar Don Resort, Othello, WA.,** in conjunction with **Youth Only Hunting** weekend. Greenwings are youth under 18 years of age. A ton of **FREE** hunting gear to be distributed to attending Youth. More in future Newsletters.

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to build a bit more science into the Habitat division and put all of your efforts into effect, giving the WWA members a voice on the **Pacific Flyway Council,** and putting a tip to our statewide pyramid of efforts.

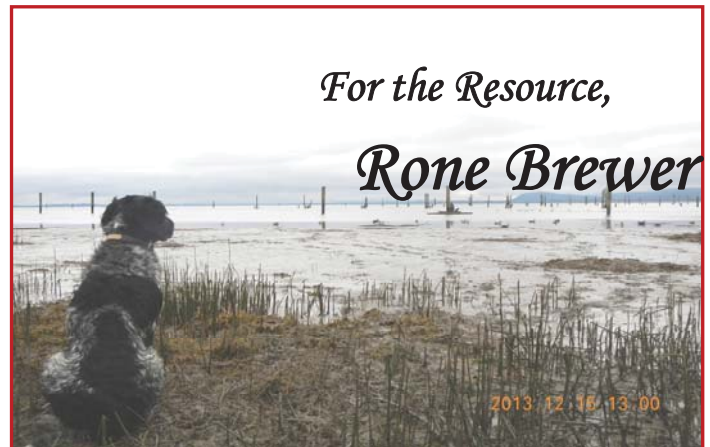
Bottom line: Go have some fun playing in the mud; do something good for waterfowl and waterfowl hunting... and let us and the world know what and why you are doing it.

Congratulations

Looks like we have some new incoming corporate board members...congratulations to those newly elected... look forward to working with you all.

Recurring Donation Opportunities

WWA-Grays Harbor Chapter member **Jim Goldsmith** has pushed me to set up recurring donations so he can provide \$5 a month to **WWA.** I have committed to get this arranged on our website so folks can sign up for small recurring donations, and I have started making such donations already on a monthly basis, from our current website donations page.



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SEE RESULTS

Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

Martha Jordan Program for March 25th Meeting

Martha Jordon of the Trumpeter Swan Society, and affectionately known locally as the "Swan Lady" will present at our March 25th meeting, a slide show program regarding recent Swan mortalities from indigestion of lead in western WA.

The Trumpeter Swan Society (TTSS) is a private, non-profit international organization dedicated to assuring the vitality and welfare of wild Trumpeter Swan populations. The US headquarters of TTSS is in Plymouth, MN.

Martha has a Wildlife Science degree from Oregon State University and is a former Board member of TTSS and the current Chairwoman and a Board member of Washington Swan Stewards, the state branch of TTSS based in Everett, WA.

The dead swans and their cause of death in WA has resulted in a well participated-in thread on the WA Refuge Forum. <http://www.refugeforums.com/refuge/showthread.php?t=987784>

Thanks to Matt Stevens for his always informative calling presentation at February's monthly Chapter meeting.

Chapter Meeting Agenda

Shooting at our meeting location, the Kenmore Shotgun Range in Bothell, is open all afternoon; followed by pizza and soda for \$5; followed by a short business meeting, followed at 7:00 p.m., by Martha's presentation. **ALL WWA members of ALL Chapters are welcome to attend.** 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.



Martha Jordon of the Trumpeter Swan Society and the current Chairwoman and a Board member of Washington Swan Stewards will present a program on waterfowl mortality from ingestion of lead at the WWA-Seattle Chapter meeting on March 25th.

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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

With the help of **Bill & Rosann Green, Bruce Feagan, Jeff Waltz, Ken Shields, Marv Leyda, Col. Tom O'Dell, Robin Hickok, John Arrabito, Dick Price,** and **WDFW Asst. District Wildlife Biologist, Orrin Duvuvuei** over two (2) full days, we were able to complete the two (2) **ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)** capable hunting blinds on 4x4 skids and get them painted.

The blinds are 6.5' x 12' and there are two (2) benches for each blind, plus room for a wheelchair to swivel a full 360 degrees. **Col. O'Dell** is going to follow up with building dog kennels — one of which will go in front of each blind — when we get the blinds set in place.

This project is being done through an **Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)** grant that we secured to (1) build and install the pair of **ADA** capable blinds and (2) create an access road into them. The next step in the process is for **WDFW** to fix the culvert on the road into the **Frenchman Registered Access Area, (RAA) (f/k/a Quality Hunt Area)** so it can be graveled and the blind positions determined. Hopefully that can happen before the end of April and then the blinds will be hauled out and put in place probably in September in time for the Youth hunt.

If you know a disabled youth hunter you might want to advise them to watch the **WDFW** web site to sign up to use the blinds for the Youth Hunt. The entry ultimately will have a padlock, and the key will be available to handicapped hunters through the reservation system.



1st Step: The Chapter advanced some \$1,500+ for materials, to be reimbursed from the ALEA Grant.



(L to R) WWA-ML Chapter members, Ken Shields and Rosann Green, work on securing the upright frame of this blind. If you haven't met her before, you're liable to see Rosann Green at any work party you go to. She was one of three (3) WDFW Volunteers of the Year in 2014. Congratulations Rosann!





Too many cooks spoil the... At this stage of the process all one can really do is get out of the way of Bruce Feagan (ML) (on the floor, back to camera) using a special nail gun to secure metal braces in the corner sections of the floor foundation of this ADA capable hunting blind. From left include ML Chapter members, Robin Hickok, Dick Price, Col. Tom O'Dell, Jeff Waltz, Marvin Leyda, and WDFW's Asst. District Wildlife Biologist, Orrin Duvuvuei.



Col Tom O'Dell and Marvin Leyda putting the final touches on one of the ADA capable hunting blinds.

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Most of the ducks have flown north now leaving the resident birds behind. The local waterfowl are all showing their mating colors, and the nesting fights are in progress! We have spotted a nesting pair of widgeon in a wooded water hole near the **Chehalis River**. I didn't think that widgeon nested here.

There are still many geese here but I think they are just staging for the northern flights. They too will soon be leaving their resident brethren behind. It's a neat time of the year for the waterfowl, and the humans that like to watch them. I suggest that all waterfowlers take some time to check them out. If you go, take along a good camera and some binoculars. You'll be glad you did.

Artificial Nesting Structures

Our Chapter has recently install four (4) cedar goose nesting platforms on **Cedarville Farms** property. I'm very glad to report that there has been some geese fighting for one of them! We also installed two (2) cedar hen houses, but I don't know as of yet if they have been occupied.

We have added four (4) new Wood Duck nest boxes on a private property along McAllister Creek and six (6) new boxes at the **Cedarville** properties. Four (4) were replacements and two (2) were new installs. Our nest boxes at **Scatter Creek** have not been doing well except for the mergansers, squirrels and bees with only one being used by the Woodies. This may be a good thing though as the Wood ducks just may have their own natural nests there.

Shooting Opportunity

Our first Chapter Turkey shoot is scheduled for the 27th of June at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near **Littlerock**. I am late making up the flyer, but I promise to send it out as soon as I do.

Another Big Donation from Cedarville Farms

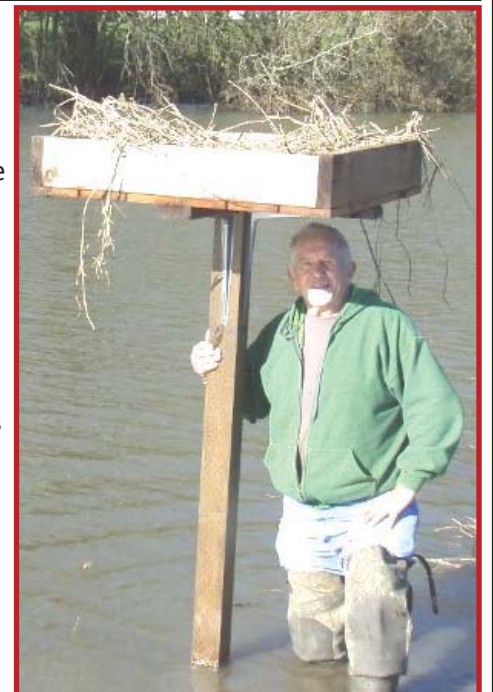
Thanks to the generosity of Chapter member **Jon McAninch of Cedarville Farms**, we once again will be raffling off another two (2) waterfowl hunts for two (2) person this year. These hunts come with a night of lodging! Buying these tickets is a great way to donate a bit of money to the **WWA!** I will have the tickets ready soon, (O/K, I'm a bit late with them too). The rules are the same as last year with the tickets being made available to all **WWA Chapters**. Sell the tickets, send me back the first \$20 you make, then keep the rest of the sales money for your Chapter.

Many thanks to **Jon** for donating these most popular hunts! I also want to thank all the volunteers that make our



Is that Jon McAninch manning the largest hand operated post hammer you've ever seen, with the *Dos Equis Man* installing Goose Nest Platforms at Cedarville Farms? No, on second thought he's with WWA-GH Chapter Chair, Kurt Snyder. Below is Chapter member Dick Jensen with finished Goose Nest Platform #4 of 6.

work happen! We always get the help we need when we ask! Hopefully our Chapter will soon be getting involved in some sea duck conservation. I don't know the exact work yet, but I'm sure it will be worthwhile towards our goals. I'll contact all the Chapter chairs when I find out more. As usual you can contact me any time,



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News for the Flock

WWA-Corporate Board of Directors Election Results

CONGRATULATIONS to newly elected members of the **WWA Board of Directors, John Burk, Jr.**, and **Richard Holt**, both successful candidates from apparently a **Northwest Chapter "Get Out the Vote"** campaign.

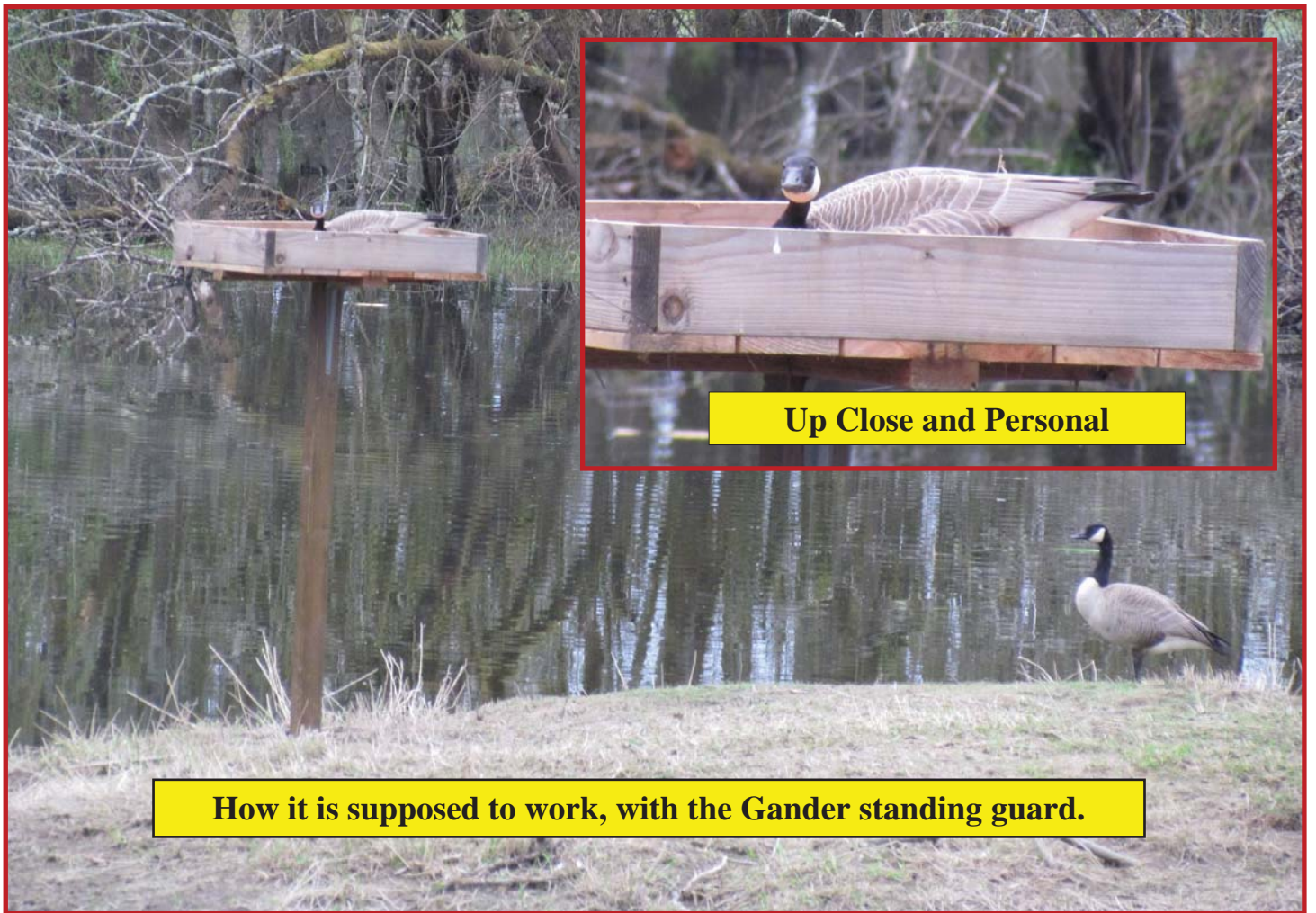
Burk was the top recipient of votes cast, and joins incumbent, **Bruce Feagan (ML)** with new three (3) years terms.

Larry Gordon (SEA) and **Howard Hicks (SW)** were each re-elected to the Board with new two (2) year terms. **Richard Holt (NW)**, **Terry Satre (SW)** and **Neco Villella (SEA)** were elected to one year terms.

They join **Abel Cortina (YV)** and **Thor Ostrom (TRI)**, are in the final year of 3-year terms. Many thanks to all who were willing to step forward to donate their time and efforts to help lead this all volunteer organization!

WWA Board Election Results

- [] **John Burk, Jr. (NW) — 39**
- [] **Bruce Feagan (ML) — 38**
- [] **Larry Gordon (SEA) — 34**
- [] **Howard Hicks (SW) — 31**
- [] **Richard Holt (NW) — 28**
- [] **Terry Satre (SW) — 27**
- [] **Neco Villella (SEA) — 22**
- [] **Rod Boyer (SW) — 20**
- [] **Write-Ins**
Rich Greenshields, (NW) — 1



Up Close and Personal

How it is supposed to work, with the Gander standing guard.

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

Wood Duck Boxes Refurbished

On Saturday February 21st we repaired and refurbished wood duck boxes at **South Shillapoo and Vancouver Lake State Wildlife Areas**. **Wildlife Area Manager Darren Hauswald** and his assistant **Tyler Hand** met us at the **Lafraambois Road** parking lot to map out our plan of attack. We placed four (4) boxes that **Daren** had previously attached to box channel iron. We are hoping this will reduce any losses to the nest box from predators. One box was left unrestored as it had been commandeered by honey bees and they were active. We finished up the work party with homemade chicken burritos, green chilies and refried beans.

Thanks to **Daren** for coordinating the event. We would like to thank these members for their work that day: **Michael Andreotti, Chris Stalcup, Carl Degner, Doug Hargin, Dan Hafenbrack and Ted Blade**. The following week **Bob Taylor** and **Doug Dickey** cleaned out the remaining boxes along the lake. Thanks to all!

Ridgefield NWR Cleanup Completed

We had a fantastic turn out for our work party on Saturday March 7th. With 25 hardworking volunteers we were able to make short work of the cleanup project.

Hunter check station volunteer operator **Dave Lescalleet** and wife **Cindy** met us at 8:00 AM. The general consensus was that the blinds were much cleaner this year with most the shell casings picked up. This was a pleasant surprise, and we hope that will continue. We always have a few surprises on these adventures. A transplanted

Columbia whitetail deer complete with jewelry (ear tags) and her two fawns were spotted. An owl has taken up residence after the hunt season each year in Blind 13. We warily approached the blind, and a big Western goose flew off the top as she had begun the early stages of nest building and apparently had evicted the owl.

Most of the groups were back to the hunter check station by 11AM. We enjoyed chili dogs and hamburgers grilled up by **Chris Stalcup** and procured by **Arlan Hackett**. Members helping out were **Michael Andreotti, Ted Blade, Evan Blade, Darren Hauswald, Dino Mastri, Carl Degner, Ivan Degner, Doug Hargin, Bill Mitchell, Arlan Hackett, Dan Hafenbrack, Jerry Piazza, Roman Schauer, Craig Sherwood, Tim Snyder, Chris Stalcup, Dan Weston, David Weston, Ryan Weston, Mark Weston, Jack Whitney**. Soon to be new members **Greg Ellesen, Jaron Gardiner** and daughter **Kiley and Adam Merryweather** joined us in the effort. Thanks to all for the cleanup efforts.

WWA and RNWR Staff Meeting

Ridgefield Refuge Manager Chris Lapp, and staff members **Eric Anderson and Alex Chmielewski** met with **Arlan Hackett, Jerry Piazza and Doug Hargin** on Thursday March 5th at the Refuge offices. The goal is to work together and move forward in collaboration to enhance the refuge hunt program. This preliminary meeting touched on the plans this year to repair the power service to the south end of the refuge which failed last May and interrupted the pumping last fall. Also discussed were:

- dredging and dike repairs to the east-west slough leading towards the check station and north south slough adjacent to the path towards blind 12.



(L-R) Dino Mastri, Jaron Gardiner, Adam Merryweather and Kiley Gardiner clean up blind #2 at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) at our Chapter Work Party on March 7th.

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Making good use of the WWA-LC Trailer. (L-R) Carl Degner, Ted Blade, Chris Stalcup and Daren Hauswald enjoying lunch at Shillapoo.

- Increase the wetland area around blind #4 and move it closer to the dike with directional shooting towards the west and away from development across **Lake River**. This would be an opportunity to replace the blind with one similar to blind #12, donated by **WWA-LC** in 2012.

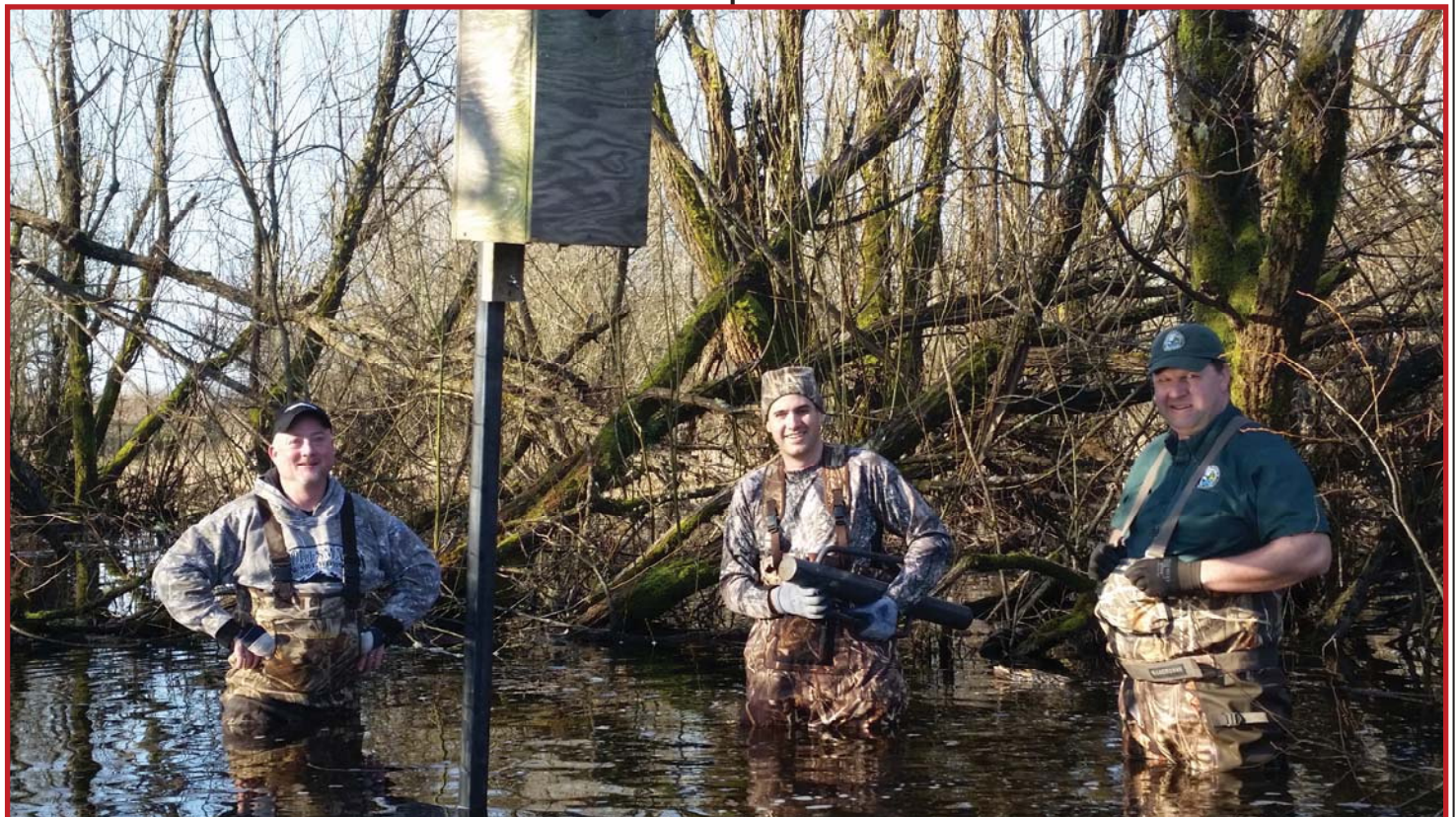
- We discussed improvements for blind access and adding blinds providing they don't decrease the quality of the hunt experience.

We are in the process of putting together a work list to map out future projects and time lines for completing them. The committee will meet regularly throughout the year to revise and update the maintenance and improvements in the hunt area.

We have learned from experience that this sometimes boring and tedious administrative and indoor meeting[s] work is just as —

- **North Mantrap Lake** will have more wetlands opened up around blind #6.
- **South Big Lake** will have a dike added to assist manipulation for water levels and possible a new blind in the future.

if not sometimes more important — than the more enjoyable, hands-on, conservation work we get to enjoy on weekends in the outdoors. Thanks to **Eric, Alex, Arlan, and Jerry** in joining me during the work week to make this happen!



(L-R) WWA-LC Chapter members Chris Stalcup, Michael Andreotti and WDFW's Shillapoo Wildlife Area Manager, Daren Hauswald with Daren's newly constructed, pole-mounted Nest Boxes.

Northwest Chapter News

By Reb Broker

Hard to believe this is only March! All the neighbors are mowing their lawns and the kid got stung by the first yellowjacket he saw. If you make the trip up to see the Tulips then I would recommend getting up here quick, they are going to go fast.

I realize that we didn't get a note in the February newsletter, so the **WWA-NW Chapter** has some catching up to do in this one. For starters a reminder to everyone to send in for your complimentary **WA State Duck Stamp**. See the particulars on **Page 11** of this Newsletter. Make a copy of your hunting license with the Migratory Bird Authorization and send a self addressed envelope. An even better idea is send off to get a print of this past year's stamp! See **Page 22**.

Now on to the chapter news. The end of the season started off with a bang, and **NW Chapter** members jumped right into servicing the Wood Duck Nest Boxes in the area. A big help came from the young men of **Boy Scout Pack 4083** for building two (2) boxes! They screwed them together and installed the latches and wire mesh. All the Den members



were able to get in and help out. The scouts did a good job, and their boxes are hanging in some of the local woods for them to be easily found.

Special thanks in helping with this project to chapter member, and newly elected **WWA Board Member, Rick Holt**, for cutting up the wood and to my son, **Tarquin**, who helped explain about the Wood Ducks and how the boxes would help them out. By the way, **CONGRATULATIONS RICK**, on your election success!

Skagit Farmed Island Clean Work Party

On the 21st of February, 15 **WWA-NW** members with five (5) boats and a whole slew of dogs went to the Skagit Farmed Island to do a post season clean-up. The sun was out and the weather was awesome! There were birds everywhere. The water was low in the fields and it was easy to get around. Thanks to everyone that made it! Will have to do it again next year and remember to get some pictures for the newsletter!

Thanks for the Program, WDFW Officer Lee

For the March meeting we had **WDFW Enforcement Officer Jeff Lee** talk about some of the trends that were noticed by Enforcement during the past waterfowl season. He was also able to go over some of the upcoming seasons and some of the common mistakes that people make in the field that gets them in trouble. Thanks for coming down to the meeting.



NW Chapter Nest Tubes Coming to La Conner Area

Thanks to **WWA-NW Chapter member Patrick Rooney** for donating seven (7) nesting tubes. This new design utilizes lumber bases. Five (5) of these will be going up in the **La Conner** area this week. If you make the trip to check the Tulips then swing by. These nest tubes will be greeting you as you drive over the sloughs coming into town. We will be installing the remaining two (2) nest tubes over at **Farmed Island** at the **Lower Landing**.



Opportunity to Give Input to the Hunter Access Program

Lastly we have all either hunted on or at least driven by some of the **WDFW's Private Lands Hunting Access** properties. This past year we saw a change in how the program was conducted. On April 14th at 7pm at the **Conway Fire Station** we will meet with **Cole Caldwell** of the **Department** and he will introduce the new administrator of the program for our area.

They will be going over the data that was collected, talk about problems/successes that they had. We will go over some of the possible solutions, so bring your ideas.

So if you come up to check out the Tulips or the Nesting Tubes, and then swing on by for the meeting.

The **Northwest Chapter of WWA** meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Conway Firehouse at 7 p.m.

Come out and join us!

Deadline for Your Complimentary WA Duck Stamp is March 31st

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New WWA Logo'd Merchandise

By Terry Satre



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If you have questions or to place an order please contact:

Terry Satre at Teltim@comcast.net or **Ellen Satre** at Ellenswwa@comcast.net or call either at 253.845-2398.

Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Abel Cortina

The **WWA-Yakima Valley Chapter** had a great time running our booth at the **Central Washington Sportsmen's Show** at the **Yakima Valley Sundome** in Yakima this past month. Our raffle of one dozen **Dakota X-Treme Mallard Decoys** generated less money than last year, but still produced some funds to help our chapter do its work.



Lots of kids came by to blow duck calls, most for the first time. As you can tell from the pictures, they really liked it, and for some, it was hard to get them to stop! We also got quite a list of potential new members we will be following up with. As important as anything is the fact that we were a presence at the show, getting our name and mission out there to the sporting public.

Upcoming Work Parties

Our next push as a chapter is to get our many hen houses retooled for this Spring, and to do some cleanup at the **Sunnyside Wildlife Area**.



WWA-YV Chapter member, Marcus Leuck staffing the Chapter's booth at the 2015 Sport Show.

Southwest Chapter News

By Terry Satre

The drawing for our **Sportsmen's Show Raffle** will be at our March 31st meeting. Your last chance to get some tickets for the **Remington 870 Express Super Mag 3.5" camo shotgun** or **Eagle Claw 8.5' rod** with line counter reel will be at the meeting. A couple of times in past years, a winner for either first or second prize has come from last day sales!

WWA Picnic Returns

The **Southwest Chapter** is planning an **ALL WWA** family picnic in July time frame. The tentative plan is to have several members (up to 24) take a charter at **Westport** for rockfish and then have a fish fry picnic later! Place to be determined, but the **Sumner Gun Club**, under new management has invited us back there. The **WWA-SW Chapter** will provide the fish and plan to subsidize the trip cost to our chapter members. Cost is around \$110 with bait and tackle.

Chapter Chairs, can we get commitments from your chapter to supply coleslaw, salad, French bread, dessert, drinks or subsidize any of your members that want to go along?

Contact **Howard Hicks, Bruce Burns** or me. Anyone wanting to go on the fishing trip and "donate" fish to the cause let us know ASAP.

Decoy Carver Jack Westerfield to present at next meeting

The WWA-SW Chapter meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** on **Canyon road** in **Puyallup**. Next meeting is March 31st at **6:00**.

Notice we changed the start time to 6:00 p.m. Many members work and this will get you home earlier.

Chapter member, **Jack Westerfield**, will be demonstrating how to refresh your decoys after a hard season of hunting.

Any questions or need for more information, contact:
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Bruce Burns, 253-961-8802 or bwburns36@gmail.com
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Kitsap County Chapter News

Just a reminder the **WWA-Kitsap County Chapter** meets at the **Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club, 4956 State Highway 3 SW in Bremerton**, on the first Wednesday of every month! Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 1st. Come and join us!

Any questions call **Les Hollister** at 210.410-3037.

Tri-Cities Chapter News

The revitalized **WWA-Tri Cities Chapter** has not quite finalized plans to resume their monthly meetings. Contact new **Chapter Chairman, Jason Oliver** at 509.366-9914 or megan-oliver@hotmail.com or new **Chapter Treasurer, Charles Jones** at 206.930-2498 or cjones84@gmail.com if you would like to get involved.

Spokane Chapter News


WWA has received interest from two (2) Spokane area waterfowlers who are interested in revitalizing the **WWA-Spokane Chapter**. Contact **WWA-Corp Treasurer, John Arrabito**, at 425.894-4080 john.arrabito@yahoo.com if you would like to get involved.

Whatcom Chapter News

Just a reminder the **WWA-Whatcom County Chapter** meets at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, 5236 Nielsen Avenue, Ferndale, WA** on the first Tuesday of every month! Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 7th. Come and join us!

Any questions call **Scott O'Day** at 360.966-4112.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015
8:30am to approx. 4:30 p.m.

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REGISTRATION FEES FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER JUNE 13TH ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. (RESERVED SPOT MAY BE LOST IF CHECK IS RETURNED BY BANK FOR NSF. (\$25 FEE FOR RETURNED CHECKS).

THE EVENT WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 32 PAID REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED BY MAIL. REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE EVENT IS FILLED WILL BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST IN ORDER OF THEIR RECEIPT.

NO GUESTS PLEASE! PAID PARTICIPANTS ONLY.

IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD YOU MUST HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN PRESENT THE ENTIRE DAY.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A PRE-EVENT LETTER THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE WITH DETAILED INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR THE DAY.

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EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE NUMBER ON JUNE 20th: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF:

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News for the Flock

Membership Information

By Ellen Satre

If you have questions or changes to address or email please contact me at Ellenswwa@comcast.net or call 253-845-2398.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FOR FEBRUARY

<u>Last name</u>	<u>First name</u>	<u>Chapter Preference</u>
Ballard	Cody & Jesse	LC
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Degner	Carl & Ivan	LC
Dickey	Doug	LC
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Bille	Dave	SE
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Corporate Checking	\$ 18,645.98
Chapter (LC & SEA)	
Trust Monies for Goose	
Satellite Transmitters	
For WDFW	\$ 5,550.00
Jay Koetje Trust for	
Skagit Farmed Island	\$ 1,975.00
Duck Stamp Account	\$ 10,404.49
Merchandise Account	\$ 1,356.41
Corporate C.D.	\$ <u>17,600.87</u>
Corporate Total	\$ 55,838.95

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking	\$ 1,877.47
Kitsap Chapter	(To Be Funded)
LC Checking	\$ 26,120.98
ML Checking	\$ 9,281.40
NW Checking	\$ 2,646.16
SEA Checking	\$ 30,499.83
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,749.23
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$ 1,316.71
SPO Checking	\$ Closed 5/19/2014
SW Checking	\$ 5,445.01
Tri-Cities Checking	\$ 25.00
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WH Checking	\$ 5,533.27
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WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION & THE WILDLIFE COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON INC. PRESENTS:



**11th ANNUAL YOUTH MENTOR SHOTGUN SHOOT
MAY 27th – KENMORE GUN RANGE**

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- ✦ SHELLS, RANGE FEES
- ✦ USE OF SHOTGUN
- ✦ WWA HAT AND DINNER

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LEGAL GUARDIAN/PARENT/ADULT
CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 4:00 P.M. & PROGRAM RUNS TO 8:00 P.M.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 16TH (LIMITED TO 20 YOUTHS)

****REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, NO WALK ON'S, NO EXCEPTIONS****

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Hunter Education Class Information: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/enf/huntered/basichuntered.htm>

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Mail to: AMS Guns, PO Box 477, Woodinville, WA 98072 Call: 425-483-8855

Adult Name: _____

Youth Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____

E-Mail: _____ Fax: _____

*Do you own your own "Youth Shotgun"? Yes _____ No _____

*Are you a member of WWA? Yes _____ No _____

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Must attend "The Firearm Safety Training" at 4:30 p.m., to be ALLOWED to Shoot.

Donations

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 is a listing of recent contributions since the publication of the **WWA February** Newsletter to the six (6) primary funds established by the **WWA**.

WWA Youth Fund — \$1,345

WWA Legal Fund — \$17,467

Monthly Recurring Donation — Jim Goldsmith, February 2015 — \$5

Monthly Recurring Donation — Jim Goldsmith, March 2015 — \$5

WWA Habitat Fund — \$585

WWA Jay Koetje Memorial Fund for Skagit Farmed Island — \$1,975

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$10,386

Mitchell Kinney — \$50

Monthly Recurring Donation — Rone Brewer, March 2015 — \$10

WWA General Fund — \$128

You can contribute in so many ways to the **WWA**, from locally in your Chapter, to statewide, helping the **WWA** carry on! Many donations are tax deductible.

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



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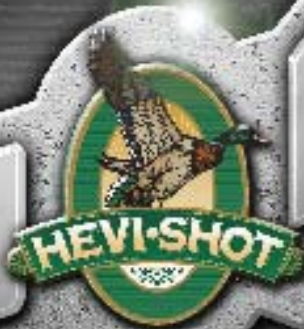
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The **Washington Waterfowl Association** is please to present the 2014

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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.



To order your print[s] and accompanying stamps, please complete the application on the other side of this sheet.

2014 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

Please send me:

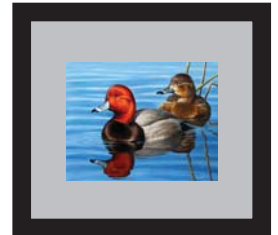
1 2 3 4 (circle one) or more _____: unframed print(s)



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

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See next page for examples of stamp order types

TYPE A STAMPS	_____	X \$15.00	=	\$ _____
Single stamps	No. of stamps			Total
TYPE B STAMPS	_____	X \$30.00	=	\$ _____
Corner block of 2 stamps	No. of blocks			Total
TYPE C STAMPS	_____	X \$60.00	=	\$ _____
Corner block of 4 stamps	No. of blocks			Total
TYPE D STAMPS	_____	X \$90.00	=	\$ _____
Corner block of 6 stamps	No. of blocks			Total
TYPE E STAMPS	_____	X \$135.00	=	\$ _____
Corner block of 9 stamps	No. of blocks			Total
TYPE F STAMPS	_____	X \$450.00	=	\$ _____
Full sheet of 30 stamps	No. of sheets			Total
TYPE G STAMPS	_____	X \$15.00	=	\$ _____
Mini-sheet; looks similar to Federal Duck Stamps	No. of mini-sheets			Total
Combined Total				\$ _____

Name (please print) _____

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WASHINGTON MIGRATORY BIRD STAMP ORDER TYPES

	Type E			Type D	
Stamp Sales Description					
Type A = Single Stamps					
Type B = Corner Block of 2 Stamps					
Type C = Corner Block of 4 Stamps					
Type D = Corner Block of 6 Stamps	Type A				
Type E = Corner Block of 9 Stamps					
Type F = Full Sheet of 30 Stamps					
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	Type B			Type C	



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 - 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** — Dates and places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center**.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (Feb – Sept) alternating between **Jeremy’s Public House in Prosser** or **El Ranchito, in Zillah**. See Page 2 for this month’s meeting location.

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- 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
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- 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.