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### Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

Two weeks ago I stopped at the post office and stood in line with several impatient shippers waiting to send packages. I was finally up to the counter after 20 minutes and asked if they had any duck stamps. After they said yes, I walked out smiling with three new 2023-24 federal duck stamps for me and my sons, **Jacob** and **Dylan**. I am counting the days now until I start my hunting season. As this is published it will be weeks until I drop some shells in the *Citori* and chase some upland birds.

My thoughts are turning to what the upland and waterfowl seasons will bring. Will I get any trophy birds to mount? Will I hunt my hand-carved wooden decoy spread again? Can I shoot a legal triple this year? I can't wait.

As I think forward, I also think back at the volunteering events this off-season. If you want "**Hands-On**" Conservation — **WWA** is where it's at!

- From duck nest box building with the **NW Chapter**;
- To attending the **Gray's Harbor Chapter** meeting to talk to the **WDFW Hunter Ed** speaker about mentoring;
- To building my own nest boxes and deploying five (5) new nest boxes with other **WWA** members;
- To helping clean up the **Samish Unit** and **Smith Island** with the **NW Chapter**;
- To the banding of geese in **Whatcom County** with **WDFW**;
- To helping out with the **WA State Calling Championships** with the **SW Chapter**;
- To building blinds at **Lake Terrell**;
- To attending my first **Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG)** meeting last April in **Ellensburg** as a guest.

### Congratulations to WWA Members Appointed to the WAG

Speaking of which, I applied to join the **WAG** during this open period for appointment by **WDFW Director, Kelly Susewind**. I am super happy to announce here, that I was one of several **WWA** members selected to represent **Washington** waterfowlers with my input to the **WAG** for the next three (3) year period! See Story on **Page 15**.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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

## News for the Flock

### 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

Sat, Aug 26	Free Youth Shoot in Quincy, WA See ML Chapter News on <a href="#">Page 8</a> and Flyer on <a href="#">Page 9</a>
Tues, Aug 29	SW Chapter Meeting Tacoma Sportsmen's Club <b>New Location — Main Lodge</b>
Weds, Aug 30	Seattle Chapter Meeting Kenmore Gun Club Swap Meet is the Program
Thurs, Aug 31	Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting Vancouver Trap and Gun Club
Weds, Sept 6	WWA Board Meeting Online Only — 7:00 pm. All WWA Members welcome to attend. <b>Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor</b> , for a <i>WebEx</i> online invitation. See <a href="#">Page 1</a>
Thurs, Sept 7	Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting Evergreen Sportsmen's Club
Tues, Sept 12	Whatcom County Chapter Meeting Ferndale Public Library
Weds, Sept 13	NW Chapter Meeting Twin Cities Sportsmens Club
Fri thru Sun Sept 22-24	Columbia Flyway & Wildlife Show Clatsop County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, Astoria, OR See Story & Flyer on <a href="#">Pages 20-21</a>
Tues, Sept 26	SW Chapter Meeting Tacoma Sportsmen's Club <b>New Location — Main Lodge</b>
Weds, Sept 27	Seattle Chapter Meeting Kenmore Gun Club
Thurs, Sept 28	Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting Vancouver Trap and Gun Club
Sat, Sept 30	National Hunting and Fishing Day Newport, WA See Story on <a href="#">Page 12</a>

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Any members that have input, send it to me at my email so that I can help make the **WWA** members' voices heard in these **Citizen Advisory** meetings meant to provide input to **WDFW**.

Thanks again for the great volunteering effort this past off-season by the entire membership. It's great to see the work we all do — all year — for conservation of both waterfowl and the wetlands environment we all enjoy.

For the Resource,

**Paul McGovern**

WWA President

# WA State Calling Championships

## Southwest Chapter News

By Bruce Burns

On August 5, 2023 the **WWA** held the annual **Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Championships** at **Orting Station in Orting, WA**. This was a new venue for us, and it worked out very well. Thank You to the community of Orting for letting us use your beautiful setting and facility to hold this competition.

In order to put on an event like this, there are a ton of people that are needed, and I would like to attempt to thank them all. First of all to **Bob Taylor** for stepping up and taking over the national charter. To the numerous volunteers who helped in the necessary setting up of the venue with tables and chairs; registration of contestants; and selling **WWA** merchandise such as, Hoodies, T-Shirts, hats, and the like, to help make the event a financial success for **WWA**.

Thank you **SW Chapter** members, **Peter Kilburn, Jim Payne, Joe Schumacher, Robert Strong, and Troy Taylor**, as well as **WWA** members from around the State, **Paul McGovern (NW), Mark Pidgeon (GH), John Arrabito (SE), and Kurt Snyder (GH)**.

In addition to our chapter members who acted as contest judges – **Rob and Troy** – I also want to thank the volunteer judges — **Adam Goss, Stuart Harr, Spencer Martenson, Brad Roberts, and Brad’s son, Hunter Roberts**, for helping them behind the scenes. If there are any others that I forgot, I apologize in advance.



(Above) Logan Boone displays his two-handed style to win the 2023 WA State Sanctioned Duck Calling Championship. As part of the Sanctioning, callers must be video-taped, and hence the unobtrusive camera of GH Chapter Chair, Kurt Snyder, who has been performing this task for WWA for many years of WA calling contests! Thanks, Kurt!

(Below) Seven-time WA State Duck Calling Champion Robert Strong presents WWA’s \$1,000 check to Logan Boone to help offset his travel expenses to Stuttgart, AR during Thanksgiving week 2023 where he will represent WA in the World Duck Calling Championships!

(Photos by Justin Spruiell)



## 2023 WA State Calling Contest Results

### Sanctioned Duck

1. Logan Boone, 776 pts, Chehalis
2. Joe Hanson, 763 pts, W Richland
3. Joey Genzale. 755 pts, Seattle

### Goose Calling

1. Jesse Hurley
2. Joey Genzale
3. Jacob Warren

### Youth

1. Alex Goss
2. Lane Hurley
3. Anne Goss

### Novice

1. Carson Fenton
2. Rayn Barnes
3. Madden Redd

# WA State Calling Championships

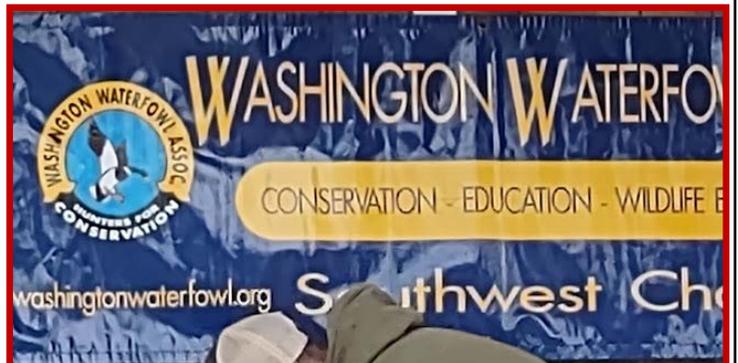


(Above) The beautiful venue of Orting Station with Carson Fenton performing part of his routine to win the Novice Duck Calling Division.

(Right) Jesse Hurley, thoroughly into his groove, bobbing and weaving like a boxer, and his calling was good enough to win the 2023 Goose Calling competition.

(Below) Joe Hanson admitted after the event that he had one too many squeaks in his routine, and finished 2nd in the Sanctioned Duck.

(Photos by Paul McGovern)



# WA State Calling Championships



(Above Left) Youth Calling Contest Winners - Anne Goss, 3rd; Lane Hurley, 2nd; and Alex Goss, 1st.

(Above Right) Behind the Scenes, Judging

Thanks to volunteers who gave up their Saturday at the “coaxing” of 7-time WA State Duck Calling Champion, Robert Strong, to act as Judges for the Contest: (Above, from left) Robert, Adam Goss, Stuart Harr, 2004 WA State Duck Calling Champ & custom call maker, Troy Taylor, Spencer Martenson, Brad Roberts, and their main helper, Hunter Roberts.

(Left) Bob Taylor, Contest Chairman and National Sanction Holder for WWA, looks on while WWA-Corp Vice President, Mark Pidgeon, puts the spin on this successful splashdown in the Old Coot Decoy Toss Event to win in the adult category!

(Photos by Justin Spruiell)



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## News for the Flock

### Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

#### Youth Waterfowl Hunts

##### *Get the kids in the Blinds – Signup*

On Saturday, September 23rd, the **WWA-Northwest Chapter** is sponsoring youth waterfowl hunts at various locations in north **Puget Sound**. We'll be running morning hunts, half hour before sunrise to noon; and afternoon hunts from 1:00 pm till sunset. Tides will be low in the morning so hunts then will be limited.

Several chapter members have volunteered to take youth and parents out in their personal **Duck Boats**.

**Reservations Required: First Come — First Served.**

Please contact **Rick Skiba** at:

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**Rick Billieu** at:

[rgbillieu@frontier.com](mailto:rgbillieu@frontier.com) (360) 653-8571.

**Note:** The **EASTERN WA Youth Hunt** is Saturday, September 30th.

#### September Chapter Meeting

The September 13th chapter meeting will feature guest speaker **WWA-NW** and **Washington Brant Foundation** member, **Kurt Benson**. **Kurt** will be providing a demonstration on decoy carving and decoy painting.

**Kurt** is not only an artist and craftsman, but a teacher of his craft as well, hosting carving classes at the **Burlington Parks Department** for several years running and other public seminars.

In addition **Kurt** has also donated many exquisitely hand carved and functional works of art for fund raising

events for **WWA**, **DU**, and the **Washington Brant Foundation**. **This is a meeting not to miss!**

#### Marysville Boat Launch Fee Arrangement

Last year signage was posted for boat launch fees at the **Marysville Ebey Waterfront Park**. As of Jan. 6, 2023, the city implemented a \$10 boat launch fee. **ParkMobile** <https://parkmobile.io/> now offers multiple ways to pay for parking. Annual passes are available at the **Marysville Community Center** (1015 State Ave.). They are valid from June-June each year at a rate of \$75. Customers will receive a window cling to display on their vehicle.

#### Samish Blind Maintenance

On Saturday, September 9th, **NW Chapter** members will meet at the main parking lot of the **Samish Unit** of the **Skagit Wildlife Area** at 10:00 am., to complete the yearly maintenance of hunting blinds. Most of the blinds are in great condition. A few of the 12 blinds need minor structural or wire mesh fencing repairs. All the blinds need brushing up. **Breakfast will be served for all attendees!**

#### Membership Renewal and Next Meeting

If you have not renewed your membership you can do so online at [www.waduck.org](http://www.waduck.org) or you can also renew at the next chapter meeting.

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Wednesday each month. Our next meeting will be held on September 13th, at the **Twin Cities Sportsmens Club**. Trap shooting starts at 6:00 pm, and the business portion starts at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

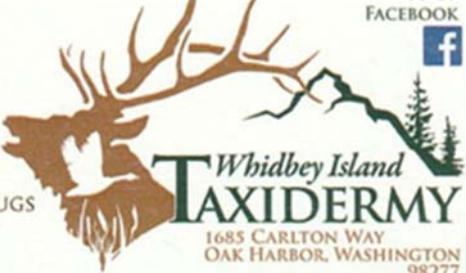
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## News for the Flock

### Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

#### Ridgefield NWR Work Party

On **Saturday, September 23rd**, we will have a work party to open and camouflage the blinds for the upcoming hunt season. We will meet at **8 am** at the hunter check station. Bring your waders, gloves and pruning snips.

#### Shillapoo Wildlife Area Work Party

On **Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup>** we will gather at the **Fazio Farm** shops on the west side of **Old River Road** just south of the gravel operation **at 2pm**. We will be brushing up blinds for the hunting season. Bring landscape loppers or pruning shears and shovels.

#### Ridgefield Hunt Lottery Earlier This Year

The hunt lottery sign up is scheduled to be up and running by **August 11<sup>th</sup>** and run through **September 8<sup>th</sup>** to submit your picks for the upcoming waterfowl season. You can access the hunting lottery at: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/ridgefield/visit-us/activities/hunting>

The **Youth Hunt** sign up will be on the same schedule and can be accessed through **RecAccess** at through the above link.

**Dave LesCalleet** has officially retired as the hunter check-in representative at the refuge. His replacement will be announced soon. **WWA** would like to thank **Dave** and his wife **Cindy** for their dedication, effort, and **Dave's** outstanding administration of the hunt check-in process early each hunt day.

#### Daren Hauswald to WDFW Region 5 Position

**Daren** has been the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area Manager** for many years, and our Chapter has had the

pleasure of working with him on various **WWA** projects in the **Shillapoo** hunt area. As of August 16<sup>th</sup>, he will take over his new position as **Assistant Regional Wildlife Area Manager**. **Daren** will now be supervising the **Wildlife Area Managers** and the **Site Area Managers for Region 5**. His assistants will fill his role until a replacement has been announced.

**Congratulations Daren!** We have really appreciated working with you and look forward to the same with your replacement.

#### Always Looking For Your Input!

We need your input for the newsletter. Hunting stories, unusual experiences, recipes and/or photos. Where do you hunt? Did you have a good hunt or memorable event? New tech help and gear, advice and ideas you can share, experiences hunting other venues. Whatever would interest you to read about in this newsletter.

Please submit them to [dlhargin@msn.com](mailto:dlhargin@msn.com). Thank you!



**Washington Waterfowl  
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## News for the Flock

### Moses Lake Chapter News

By Bruce Feagan and Dick Price

#### Another **FREE** Youth Shoot in Quincy

On Saturday, August 26th, we will have another **FREE Youth-Only** trap shoot for young people under 18 that have passed **Hunter Ed** or already have a hunting license. As usual, it will take place at the **Quincy Gun Club** between the hours of 10 am. until 3 pm. Bring a new friend!

We will continue to have a **FREE** lunch of hot dogs, chips, cookies, and water. Shells and targets provided at no cost to all youth, and water for everyone.

See Flyer on adjacent **Page 9**.

The **Moses Lake Chapter** now has some custom lids for its members — **Russell 112 Trucker** hats with the **WWA Color Logo**, and embroidered with **Moses Lake Chapter**. Caps are now available for \$25 each. Contact **Bruce Feagan** at 206-714-8020, if you want one!



### Quincy American Legion Gun Club

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### Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all.

#### Youth Shoot Canceled

I am sorry to report that we are canceling our Youth shooting event, the **Colton Smith Memorial Shoot**. We had **NO RSVPs** as of our chapter meeting on the 3rd of this month. The Chapter made the decision at that meeting.

Our apologies to anyone that had planned to attend but did not RSVP. I'm sorry to say that events like this – even though free – have lost their popularity in Western Washington. I hope I'm wrong, but the shooting sports seem to be going to the wayside, along with hunting.

#### Upcoming Work Parties

We have some work parties coming up near the end of this month and in September TBA. I will be sending out notice to **WWA** members in the next couple of days.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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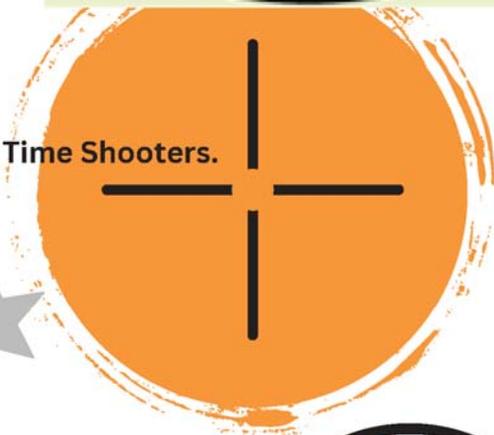
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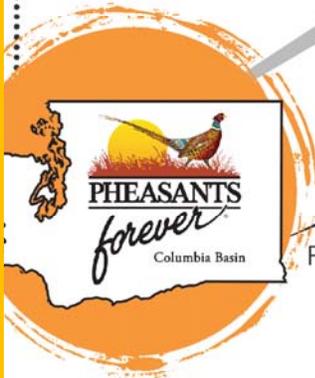
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# News for the Flock

## Seattle Chapter News

By: James Ono

### August Meeting Swap Meet

We will be holding our 2nd swap meet of the year at our regular August Meeting, on Wednesday August 30th. Shooting any time before 7 pm, then we will have a short business meeting and pizza and soda. This is a fund raiser for the Chapter, and we request and appreciate, that 10% from the proceeds of each sale be donated to the chapter.

I will be bringing some items, including a fiberglass sneak boat. If you know you will be bringing some items, please email me at [Ohnoitsono2009@hotmail.com](mailto:Ohnoitsono2009@hotmail.com) and I will send out a sneak preview a few days prior to the meeting.

### New Secretary/Treasurer

In our last meeting we finalized our emergency elections. Congratulations to **Trevor Morris** who has agreed to take on the **Secretary/Treasurer** position for our chapter. **Trevor** is a long time **WWA** member, and I have personally worked with him at a number of work parties. I am very excited that **Trevor** has stepped into this role.

### Sandwich Board Signs

The **Seattle Chapter** purchased two blank **Sandwich Style A -Frame** signs found for a steal by chapter member **Terry Breidenbach**. We also purchased two additional signs from **Corporate**. We will use these to help direct members to our chapter meetings and for use at events. Thanks **Terry** and **Paul McGovern**, for making this happen.

### Donation to WWC

The **Seattle Chapter** has voted to make a \$2000 donation to the **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC)** in support of that organization’s legal action against the **Governor** and five members of the **Fish and Wildlife Commission**. A copy of the complete 10-page complaint filed on June 14th in **Thurston County Superior Court** is linked [here](#). Our donation matches an earlier donation of an identical sum by the **NW Chapter** and a later donation of another \$2,000 by **WWA Corporate**.

We urge and challenge other chapters with the financial ability, to do likewise in order to restore balance to the **Commission** among all constituencies, as mandated **Washington law** (found at **RCW 77.04.040**, and linked [here](#)).

### New Day and Location for Meetings

The Seattle Chapter has decided to meet the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of each month moving forward.

Unfortunately, this means we will no longer have the range to ourselves; we will be shooting with the public those nights beginning at 5 pm.

Following shooting we will move to the **CHALET** instead of the shotgun clubhouse for our monthly business meetings beginning at 7 pm.

### Elections

We have completed our Emergency elections, but as part of our newly adopted by-laws, we will be holding our bi-annual elections in the coming months. Please contact me or **Ken Smith**.

cause that benefits all consumptive users of the resource and is already showing positive results.

Finally, just a reminder — If you get a chance please support those businesses that supported our Banquet last October. See **Flyer** on **Page 30**.

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## Wenatchee Chapter News Whatcom County Chapter News Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month



# “Hands On” Conservation

## Habitat—Access—Education—Advocacy—Community

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### 10 Local Chapters

Gray's Harbor  
 Lower Columbia  
 Moses Lake  
 Northwest  
 Seattle  
 Southwest  
 Spokane  
 Wenatchee  
 Whatcom  
 Yakima Valley

### WWA Hunt Mentor Program



The WWA Mentorship Program provides basic information before the season and matches new hunters with more experienced waterfowlers. Our goal is to help give new hunters the tools and knowledge to become a successful hunter and pass on the values of sportsmanship, etiquette, and conservation.

If you would like to be paired with a mentor or if you would like to share some of your knowledge by mentoring, please contact us!

### “Hands On” Conservation



An alternative to simply continuing to donate money —

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Come Getcha Some!

### WHO WE ARE?

Founded in 1945, Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the enhancement of waterfowl and waterfowl habitat in the support and promotion of safe and ethical waterfowl hunting in compliance with state and federal regulations. We also act as the “Voice of the Waterfowler” to speak as one unified group on issues pertaining to the drafting and passage of proposed state and federal laws that may affect waterfowl hunting in the future. In light of our federal tax-exempt status, many of your donations to WWA are tax deductible.

### WE NEED YOU!

Many of our Chapters around the state hold monthly meetings with speakers on topics ranging from resource management topics, to education on migratory bird species and their habitats, to tips for calling, decoying, and hunting waterfowl, as well as other subjects of general interest to waterfowlers in Washington whether hunting the salt, navigable rivers, or fresh water impoundments.

### WHAT DO WE DO?

We provide members with the opportunity to participate in “hands-on” conservation opportunities to construct ponds, goose nesting platforms and duck nesting tunnels, install and maintain Wood Duck nest boxes – all of which help to assure the perpetuation of wildfowl populations and wildfowl habitat for the future – and all within the Washington State. In addition we sponsor a Hunter Mentorship Program to help newcomers find success in their pursuit of their own piece of the waterfowling heritage.

### JOIN TODAY!

For a membership application, see our website at [www.waduck.org](http://www.waduck.org) or apply online through our website with a secure payment connection.

## News for the Flock

### Spokane Chapter News

National Hunting and Fishing Day Event

**Pre-Register Your Children for this Free Event [here](#)**

**WDFW, the Kalispel Tribe, and the Colville Tribes** are hosting the **National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHFD)** celebration, a great, family-oriented way to introduce youth to target shooting, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation. **WWA** has been invited by **WDFW** to participate in this annual event, which will take place on **Saturday, September 30th**, from 9 am to 3 pm at **Camp Cowles** located at **4161 N Shore Diamond Lake Road, Newport WA 99156**.

**WWA** has participated in this event twice in the past — complete with the **WWA Duck Mount Trailer Display**. However both of those occasions were on the West side. Once in September of 2017 at **Camp Pigott in Snohomish**, and the other in September of 2019 at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club in Puyallup**.

The **WWA Board of Directors** has authorized the use of the **Duck Mount Trailer** to be brought this far East, and **NW Chapter member Jacob McGovern** has agreed to do this. Former **Spokane Chapter officer, Steven "Scotty"**

**Allenton**, has agreed to head up the volunteers necessary to staff the **WWA** display as **WWA-Spokane Chapter Chair John Rasmussen** has a family obligation that weekend and can't attend. Please contact **John, WWA President Paul McGovern** (contact info on page 1 of this Newsletter), or **Scotty** at [stevensallenton@gmail.com](mailto:stevensallenton@gmail.com) if you can volunteer that Saturday.

**NHFD** uses this event to promote outdoor recreation, safety, conservation, and good stewardship by providing hands-on hunting, fishing and conservation-related experiences and opportunities for youth and their families.

At the event, there will be many educational displays and hands-on activities sponsored by **WDFW** and other conservation groups and participants. Past activities have included trout fishing, fly tying demonstrations, rod and reel casting practice, flint knapping, and making plaster animal track casts, fish prints, seed balls and butterfly houses.

In addition, youth 17 years and younger who attend the event with an accompanying adult can participate in shooting sports with **WDFW** archery equipment and department-owned BB-guns, air rifles, .22 rifles, and 20-gauge shotguns. They will receive training, guidance

2023  
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Camp Cowles, 4161 North Shore Diamond Lake Rd  
Newport, WA 99156

For more information and to pre-register visit  
[wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/education/hunt-fish-day](http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/education/hunt-fish-day)

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and encouragement from certified **Range Safety Officers, Hunter Education Instructors** and **Master Hunters** as well as staff and volunteers from the department's **Hunter Education Program**.

All youth attendees will receive a reusable drawstring bag containing several shooting and outdoor safety-related items, informational pamphlets, and will also enjoy door prize drawings and many giveaways provided by local and national retailers.

## WWA Hunter Mentoring Program



### **Mentoring 2023-2024**

We are starting our recruiting for Mentors to help start new Washington waterfowl hunters for the upcoming season. We need knowledgeable hunters to sign up and volunteer to help new hunters experience the traditions of **Pacific Northwest** waterfowl hunting. Many new members need help with the basics such as decoy placement, calling, safety, etiquette, and basic scouting. We ask that a Mentor take out a new member for a minimum of 2-3 hunts during the very long season. We have startup information on the program to support the mentoring. The future of our waterfowling, and the **WWA** is out there just waiting to learn from our seasoned membership.

**Please Help Pass the Torch and  
Keep our Traditions Strong.**

My email to signup is [hans1031@frontier.com](mailto:hans1031@frontier.com). We already have one new mentee ready to pair up! Woo Hoo!!

## WWA Legislative News

# WA Legislative Report

By Mark Pidgeon  
President, Hunters Heritage Council

**Editor's Note:** This article is written entirely by the **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)**, a Washington State based organization dedicated to political action on behalf of the hunting and related communities of Washington. The **Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA)** had no input into this article. This article is in this newsletter because of **WWA's** membership in **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC)**. **WWC** is a member organization of **HHC**. The opinions contained in this article are entirely those of the author, and the **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)**.

## What is TRUST?

Definition according to **Merriam-Webster**:

**Trust:** noun

- 1 a: assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something;
- b: one in which confidence is placed
- 2 a: dependence on something future or contingent: HOPE

**WDFW Commissioner John Lehmkuhl** recently asked why the hunting and fishing communities have no **TRUST** in the Commission? I have given you the **Merriam-Webster** definition of trust. Has anything the Commission said or done given you any reason to **TRUST** them?!

When **WDFW Director Kelly Susewind** and **WDFW** biologists and other staff presented irrefutable science that there was robust bear populations for a spring bear hunt season, and the **Director** practically begged you to support a hunt season, you, **Commissioner Lehmkuhl**, and **Commissioners Baker, Rowland, Smith, and Ragen** voted against it. How can the hunting community **TRUST** you?!

You showed no defining **TRUST** character, **TRUST** strength, or **TRUST** reliance to follow the **Department's** science. You blindly followed the **animal-rights (A-R)** extremists. You expected no anger from our community over this?!

This same '**gang of five**' took rulemaking away and stripped spring bear hunting away forever. In the 70's, **Washington** used to be a destination state for spring bear, where we had an open season — No permits were needed,

just as it was for a fall bear hunt season. Now we have nothing. How is this **TRUST** building? **Commissioner Don McIsaac** resigned after the stripping of the spring bear rule making vote, and in his resignation letter, he lambasted the vote, as he should have. No **TRUST!**

**Commissioner Lorna Smith** — the most anti-hunting member of the **Commission** — recently recited this pearl of wisdom:

*"The message seems to be getting out that we have this hidden secret agenda, and it's gonna upset everybody's apple cart. And that seemed to be a very pervasive message with a certain part of our audience. Not the majority, but a significant minority. And is there a way to correct, set the record straight, so to speak, on that?"*

**Commissioner Smith** doesn't give two cents about the hunting community's opinion, nor does **Barbara Baker**, nor does **Melanie Rowland**, nor does **Tim Ragen**, and they have explicitly said that. How is that supposed to give us confidence or **TRUST**?

What **Commissioner Smith** was talking about in her quote is **Commission Draft Conservation Policy C-700X** (linked [here](#)) and that **WAS worked on in secret** dating back to 2021. **Conservation Policy C-700X** has always been worked on in secret. It will upset our apple cart, **Lorna**, because it will end consumptive use. You are flat out lying, **Lorna**. We in the consumptive use community are the vast majority, not the minority. Less than 1% of Americans support the **animal-rights (A-R)** radical agenda, while 78% of Washingtonians support the right to hunt. Is working in secret supposed to build confidence? Does lying build confidence?

This is more confidence shattering from our illustrious **Commission Chair Barbara Baker**:

***We aren't going to turn our lands into parks. That's not what the intention is of this. Maybe it is, maybe I just don't know.***

*"We're gonna have to have discussions about what that means to the people who were yelling at us today or yesterday, because it fuels their fear where possibly it isn't warranted. **We aren't going to turn our lands into parks. That's not what the intention is of this. Maybe it is, maybe I just don't know.** So that's a discussion we have to have."*

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## Legislative Report Continued

**Commissioner Lehmkuhl**, turn our lands into parks? How is this building **TRUST** with the hunting community? Taking away our right to hunt? Boy, we should really be happy with this! Is this statement a confidence builder? The answer is not just no, but heck no!

Lastly, **Commissioner Lehmkuhl**, definition 2a of **TRUST** according to *Merriam-Webster*: dependence on something future or contingent : **HOPE**

This may be the biggest crime of them all, **Commissioner Lehmkuhl**. The **Commission** has destroyed the hunting community's **HOPE** for the future. We have no hope, because we know the **Commission** is out of balance according to **RCW 77.04.040** (linked [here](#)), with five solid **animal-rights (A-R)** votes, and only three votes that we can depend on.

On predator control issues, **Commissioner Woody Myers** will be against us, and on hunting issues he won't be that dependable of a vote. We can place no **HOPE** in this **Commission**, so there is no **TRUST**.

### Request for Litigation Support

There is no **HOPE** or **TRUST** in the current **Governor**. We need to bring the **Commission** back into balance. That is our only **HOPE** for the future. The only way that will happen is in the **Thurston County Superior Court Case # 23-2-01831-34**, filed by the **WWC**. A copy of the full 10-page complaint is linked [here](#). This case is all about suing the **Governor** and the five **Commissioners** and bringing the **Commission** back into balance.

If you can help, please do. If your dues have expired, please renew them. If you can upgrade your membership, please do. If you can contribute to the legal fund, we really need your help. **WWA** is undoubtedly **THE** premiere waterfowl organization in this state. Every cent raised stays within **Washington State**. Your **Corporate Board** put **TRUST** in the lawsuit by donating \$2,000 to the cause, and thus far, four (4) **WWA Chapters** have committed to matching that \$2,000 donation.

We can really use your help.

## Congratulations to New WWA Members of the WAG

**Congrats** to those members of the **WWA Community** who were recently appointed by **WDFW Director, Kelly Susewind** to the **Citizen's Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG)**:

- **WWA Corp President Paul McGovern;**
- **Spokane Chapter Chair John Rasmussen;**
- **Joel Meeteer, of the Wenatchee Chapter;**
- **John Oliver, of the Lower Columbia Chapter, and**
- **Phillip Pruneda of the Moses Lake Chapter**

All were appointed for three-year terms that began on August 1st and run through July 2026.

They join **WWA member, Captain Dave Drewry** of the **Kitsap Peninsula**, who has been a member of the **WAG** since 2014.

A full list of the 20-member **WAG** is linked [here](#).

Look over the list, and if you know one or more members, be sure and give them your input on any hunting, issue whether it be regulations, seasons, bag limits, or whatever else is on your mind for this **Citizen's Advisory** to bring to the attention of the **WDFW**. It's your **Department**. Make it count for you!



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renew Online at [www.waduck.org](http://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](mailto: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

#1 Gary Talbert P D	#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 S D
#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 Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler H	#23 Ken Packard P	#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 John Otto P	#35 Jason Otto P
#36 Doug Graef S D	#37 Robb Stack P	#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 G	#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	#68 Bob Taylor S	#69 Jon McAninch P	#70 Colonel Thomas O'Dell
#71 Kenneth Shields	#72 Diana Shields			

**Fully 33 of the 72 Life Members listed on this page owe  
all or part of their WWA Life Membership to  
the generosity of  
Gary Talbert!**

See *In Memoriam* on Adjacent **Page 17**

Services on Friday, August 18th, at 11:00 a.m.

Reception to follow at:

Lemley Chapel  
2008 Third Street  
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

SW Community Center  
703 Pacific Street  
Sedro Woolley.

## In Memoriam

### Gary L Talbert

**Gary Talbert**, 85, a native of **Sedro Wooley, WA**, passed away peacefully on Monday evening, August 7th, at his home in **Oak Harbor** surrounded by his wife, **Claudean**, and other family members. **Gary** is survived by **Claudean** and two adult children, **Erin** and **Shannon**, both residing in California.

**Gary's** first dealings with **WWA** didn't go well. As a **Life Member** of the **California Waterfowl Assn., (CWA)**, the **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)** a \$10,000 donor to **Ducks Unlimited (DU)**, some **Benefactor level of Life Membership** with the **NRA**, and probably others he didn't brag about — for two years he hounded the **WWA powers-that-be** to establish a **Life Member Program** here. Finally in February of 2010, **WWA** relented, and fittingly **Gary** received the recognition of **WWA Life Member No. 1**.



**Gary** quickly got involved with **WWA**, first as a member of the **Board of Directors**, and later as **Membership Director**. Drawing on his business acumen and experience as owner of a couple of health gyms in CA, **Gary** knew how to build membership. In 2011, he put together the then largest **Membership Drive** in **WWA** history with 10 prizes, including two (2) brand new shotguns (or cash equivalent of \$1,000 and \$750 respectively) and of course a **WWA Life Membership**. In 2014, he doubled that with another **WWA Membership Drive**, this time with 20 prizes, including three (3) new shotguns; three (3) Guided and/or Hosted Hunts for Two; Five (5) cases of shotshells; and of course two (2) more **WWA Life Memberships**.

At the 2010 **WWA Corporate Banquet**, **Gary** challenged all members to upgrade their existing **WWA** memberships to **Life Memberships**, and he would pay the first \$125 for all takers. At the 2011 banquet, he challenged again, and this time upped his ante to paying the first \$150 for all members taking up his challenge.

From this humble beginning, **WWA** initially established two levels of Life Membership – Regular at \$500 and Sustaining at \$750. In June of 2021 — again at the prodding of **Gary** — **WWA** converted from two (2) to three (3) different levels of **Life Membership** acknowledging that “**ALL WWA Life Memberships Are “Sustaining” to the organization**. Those three (3) new levels were: **Bronze** Level Life Membership at \$500.00; **Silver** Level Life Membership at \$1,000.00; and **Gold** Level Life Membership at \$2,000.00.

But **Gary** wasn't done there. In May of 2022, **Gary** proposed a new level of **WWA Life Membership** — **Platinum** Level Life Membership at \$5,000. At first, **WWA Corporate Leadership** was reluctant, but then **Gary** made them an “offer they couldn't refuse.” He would donate \$7,000 to **WWA** to establish a **Fund** to pay the first \$200 of any **WWA** member wishing to upgrade their membership to any level of Life Membership! Today, fully 33 of the 72 Life Members listed on the **Life Member Page 16**, owe all or part of their **WWA Life Membership** to **Gary's** generosity!

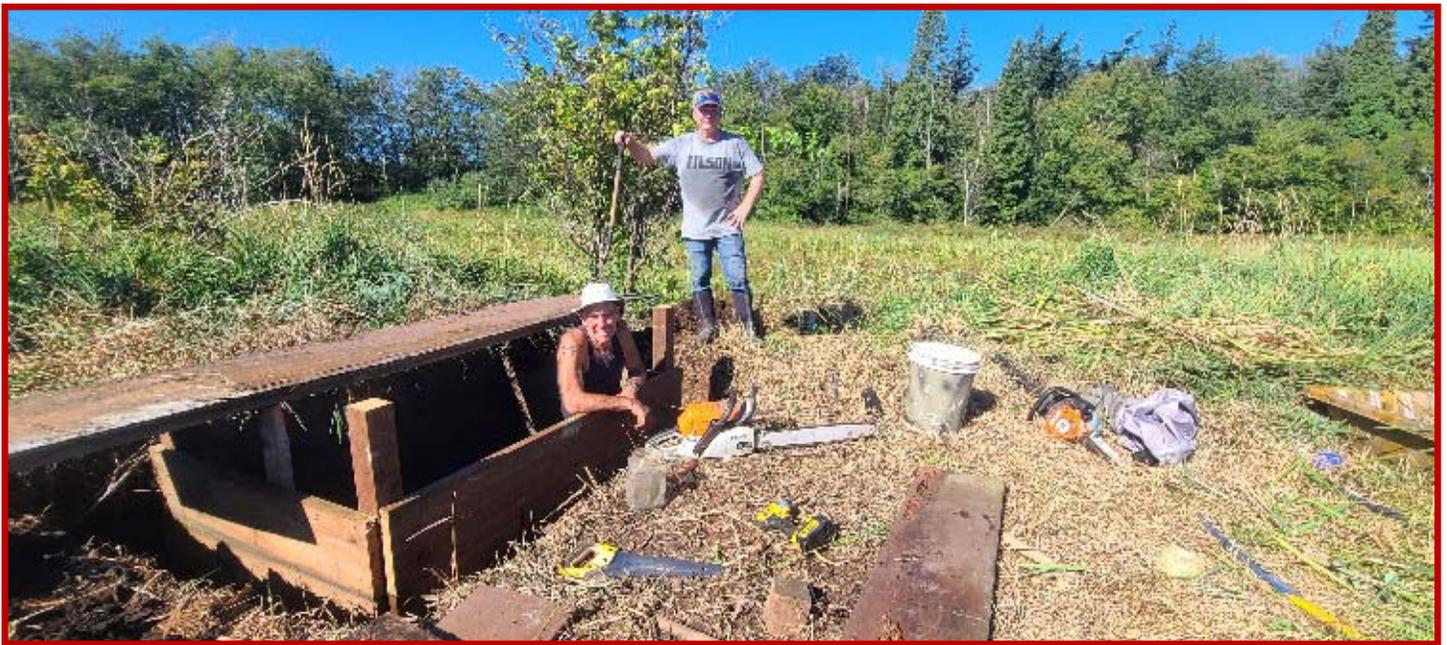


**Gary** wouldn't allow any of this information to be published here while he was alive. But from this day forward that **Fund** will be known as the **Gary Talbert Life Membership Endowment Fund!**

God's Speed to our Good Friend.

**The less serious side of Gary Talbert:**  
At left he is shown feeding waterfowl in front of his home in Oak Harbor during the harsh winter of 2010. Then he went outside and posed for this photo of ducks raining down on him, with the caption:  
“Duck hunting has been good at my place!”

## News for the Flock



### Lake Terrell Blind Rehab & Repair

By Paul McGovern

WDFW Region 4 Hunter Education/Volunteer Coordinator Jackie McBride assembled a Master Hunter group to earn their volunteer public service hours by rebuilding /refurbishing hunting blinds at **Lake Terrell in Whatcom County**, last weekend, August 12th and 13th.

Additionally several **WWA** members showed up both days to help out. On Sunday, **Local Boy Scout Troop #4027** led by **WWA Board (BOD) member, William Walker of the Whatcom County Chapter** worked to earn their own volunteer hours. After gathering at the boat launch at 8 am both days, we split up and were directed to our assigned blinds.

Lumber and materials were donated by **Master Hunter Gary Powell**. We rehabbed or rebuilt five (5) blinds on the west side of the property with some extensive and badly needed repairs. Two (2) more will be worked on the west side of the site once the **"bee problems"** are mitigated.

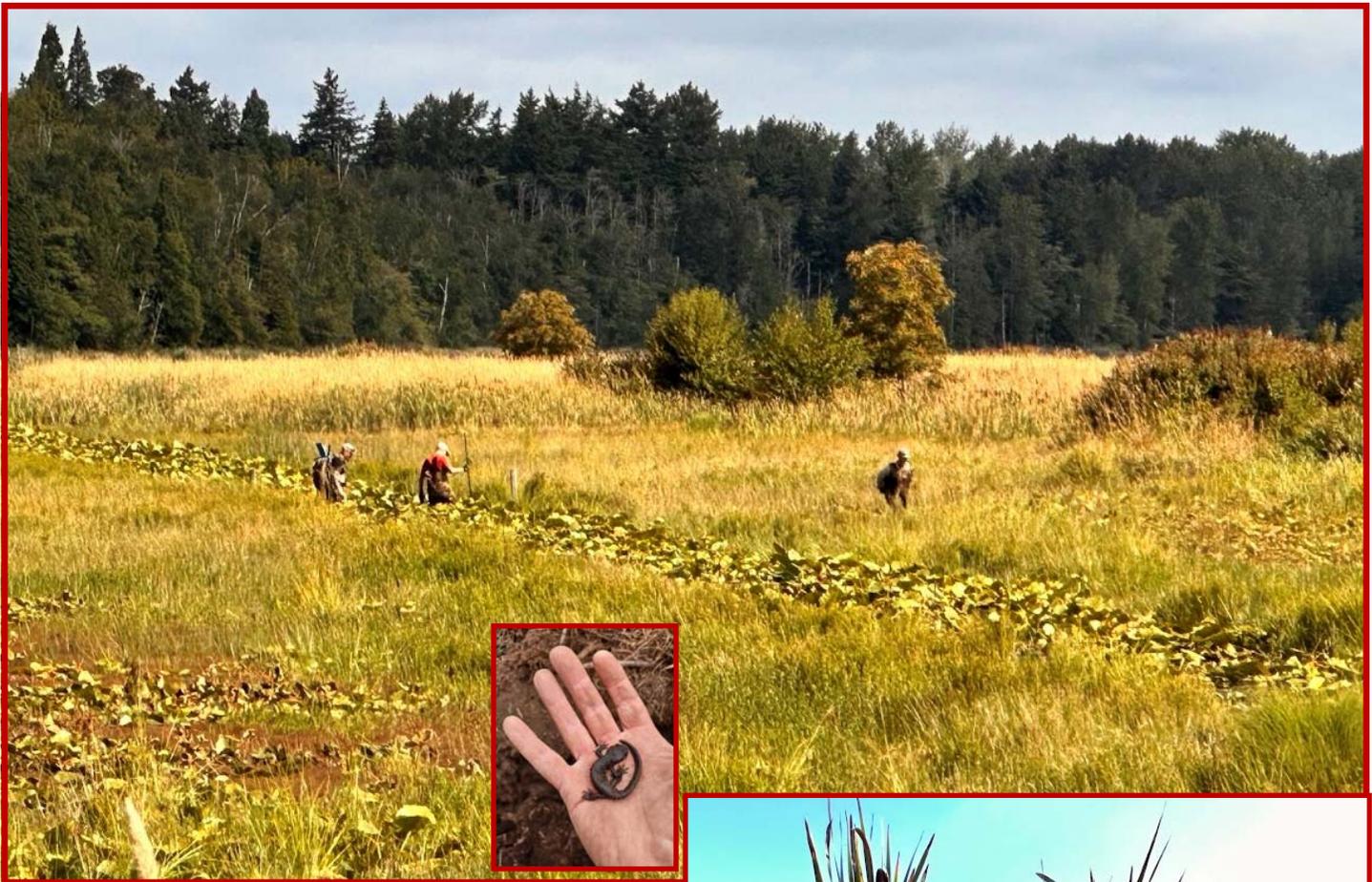
Some of the blinds were in very bad shape and obviously hadn't been maintained for years. The blind I worked on — a pit blind — needed a new floor three (3) new walls, a new gun rest/step in and some major excavation to accomplish the needed repairs. The blinds were then brushed up with surrounding foliage to ready them for the upcoming hunting season. The **Scout Troop** cleared a trail that was all but impassable. Hunters using that area will be pleasantly surprised to find it a much easier trek to their destination.

(Above) **WWA Corp President Paul McGovern on the shovel, and Richard, a Master Hunter in the pit, repair and rehab a pit blind at Lake Terrell.**

(Below) **Not the same pit blind, but an example of how they looked after rehab, repair, and camouflaging. NW Chapter member Matt Browder on the right. Unknown Master Hunter volunteer on the left.**



# Lake Terrell Blinds Continued



(Above) Wading through the flora and fauna of Lake Terrell are Jason Armstrong (in the red shirt). Armstrong — the Park Manager of Deception Pass State Park — organized the work party.

Can you Identify the Fauna above?

(Below) Before and after photos of another Lake Terrell blind.



Jason Armstrong, the Park Manager of Deception Pass State Park, was the main organizer of the weekend work party and donated countless hours to making this event happen. He brought most of the tools needed; made sure volunteers were informed of all the specifics to the point of printing out blind repair work instructions for each blind. He even guided us to some of the blinds.

Volunteers from WWA included BOD member, William Walker (WH); Matt Browder (NW) and his son; and me. Thanks to all for your "Hands-On" conservation work!

## News for the Flock

### Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show Returns to Astoria

By Brett Stark  
WWA Life Member

I have been working with **Rick Pass**, Host of the **Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show** to attempt to bring in some additional decoy collectors/carvers/hobbyists for the **Wildlife Carving Competition and Art Festival**, to be held September 22 - 24th, in Astoria, OR. Link to the Show's website [here](#).

For those of you that attended their move and first show in **Astoria** last summer, I'm sure you'd agree that they did a really nice job. For 2023, they'd like to do things bigger and better, and this is where you all come in.

Like a phoenix — the immortal bird — the **NW Decoy Collectors** group will be returning to the **Wildlife Show**. Begun in 1972 as an annual backyard get-together with a bunch of hobbyist collectors, the group grew into an annual showing of 50-plus collectors from all across **North America**. Officially running for 40 shows, which ended in 2014, many members of our decoy community have continued to collect and carve.

While many members continue to support and show their wares at other waterfowl associations, we would like to reemerge and announce a larger 41st gathering. We are anticipating space for 30 hobbyists, so please contact me if you are interested.

In order to support the **Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show**, we will have a fee for a 6-foot table for the show. Realizing that people may be traveling long-distances, and likely couldn't stay the whole time we have broken up fees as follows:

1. All Three Days - \$50\*
2. Friday - **FREE**\*
3. Saturday ONLY - \$30
4. Sunday ONLY - \$20

\*There will be carving seminars on Friday, and you are welcome to set-up, but the public is not likely to attend until Sat/Sun.

\*Additional Show Programming and Timing will be updated regularly on the shows website again linked [here](#).

#### Updated Lodging Information

Lloyd Hotel Astoria

Bayfront Ascend Hotel

Formerly the Best

Western Hotel

555 Hamburg Ave

Astoria, OR 97103

(503) 325-2205

- Group rate of \$195 + tax per room per night.

Astoria Riverwalk Inn

400 Industry St,

Astoria, OR 97103

(503) 325-2013

- \$173 a night before tax.

Shilo Inn

1609 E Harbor Dr.

Warrenton, OR 97146

(Shilo is across the

Youngs Bay Bridge about

2 miles from the other

three hotels).

(503) 861-2181

SINGLE QUEEN, \$127.20

KITCHENETTE SUITE

1 KING, \$159.20

KITCHENETTE SUITE 2

QUEENS, \$159.20

DELUXE KITCHENETTE

SUITE, \$167.20 -

Wi-Fi, Smoke-free,

No breakfast,

Indoor pool, Hot tub

Holiday Inn Express

204 W Marine Dr.

Astoria, OR 97103

(503) 325-6222

- Special rate

(still being coordinated)

If you are interested in having a table, please let me know. I am coordinating room layout and collection of fees for the decoy collection portion of this event.

See Flyer on adjacent **Page 21** for more information.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in September.

Brett Stark  
(206) 963-8800

[NWDecoy@gmail.com](mailto:NWDecoy@gmail.com)

Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show Association  
 presents the 34th Annual  
***Wildlife Carving Competition and Art Festival***



*Clatsop County Fairgrounds & Expo Center*

*Astoria, Oregon*

*September 23-24, 2023*

Doors open Saturday at  
 Free Admission & Free Parking



Artists from across the  
 United States & Canada



***I can't believe it was carved from wood!***

## News for the Flock

### 2023 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print

Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2023-24  
Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp  
and  
Limited Edition Print

Artist John N. Harris



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.

To order your print[s] and accompanying stamps, please complete the application on the adjacent page and send with a check to:

WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION  
DUCK STAMP PROGRAM  
P.O. BOX 7823  
BONNEY LAKE, WA 98391

# News for the Flock

## 2023 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

Please send me:

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 Signed & numbered print with matching stamp \$70.00



Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Frame (ONLY SOLD WITH PURCHASE OF PRINT & STAMP) \$105.00

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

Please Ship Prints to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2023 Signed & numbered print with matching stamp	\$	70.00
Frame (ONLY SOLD WITH PURCHASE OF PRINT & STAMP)	\$	105.00
Shipping & Handling	\$	10.00
<b>Total Amount:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>185.00</b>

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<https://www.washingtonduckstamp.com/shop>  
To Place Your Order

## News for the Flock

### Ross Barkhurst, Put his Knowledge, Experience on the Commission

Since at least 2015 **WWA Board** and **Life Member**, **Ross Barkhurst**, has been sounding the alarm about the deteriorating ecosystem in his back yard of **Willapa Bay**. He has previously written extensive articles on this issue in the **WWA Newsletter** — “*Life in the Dead Zone—The 2015 Eelgrass Die Off*” in September of 2015 linked [here](#), and “*Continuing*

*Eelgrass Issues in Willapa Bay Affect Waterfowl*” more recently in January of 2022 and linked [here](#).

The **WDFW Commission** is well acquainted with the science talents of **Ross**. In 2019 used his major degree in **Oceanography** to study and understand circulation and effects of water in **Willapa Bay**. At request of the **WDFW Commission Chair**, **Ross** formed the citizen’s advisory group **Willapa Basin Ecosystem Review Team (WBERT)** which in turn the submitted the “**WBERT Report**” with seven (7) recommendations for habitat improvement in **Willapa Bay** based on the best science available. Unfortunately there was no response by **WDFW** to the **WBERT** reports, and subsequently the waterfowl numbers in **Willapa Bay** have crashed.

**Ross** has frequented **Willapa Bay** since the late 1970’s when he purchased land there. He has lived on the bay full time since his retirement in 2002. Despite his efforts over the years as **Vice Chair** of the **Columbia County Oregon Planning Commission** and serving on the **Pacific County Marine Resource Committee**, he unfortunately has continued to witness the slow, ecological degradation of the bay. “On the **Commission** I would be better able to apply my experience, education, and knowledge not only to **Willapa Bay**, but to the entire **Outer Washington Coast in Toto**,” **Ross** says.

**Education & Employment Background:** Born in March of 1945, **Ross** grew up in southern Oregon; graduated the **US Naval Academy** in 1967 followed by six years in **US Navy Nuclear Submarine Service**. **Ross** spent his civilian working career in the nuclear industry from system engineer at **Trojan Nuclear Plant**; to **Plant Manager** and **Vice President** at the **Waterford Three Nuclear Plant** in Louisiana; to **President** and **CEO** of the **Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp**.

#### **Fishing and Hunting Background:**

**Ross** describes himself as “a conservation and habitat person first — a fishing and waterfowl observation and hunting person, second.” While working in the South, **Ross** was **President of Louisiana Tarpon Club** where he successfully advocated for “tag and release” **Tarpon** contests, not just kill and weigh-in.

**Ross** has fished the **Lower Columbia River**, **Multnomah Channel**, and **Willamette River** “since age 15.” While stationed in **Idaho** in the **Navy**, **Ross** learned a lot about **Sage Grouse** and other upland birds “which need to be kept in the **Commission’s** mind in **Eastern WA**,” he says.

Please take a few moments to express your support of **Ross** to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission** using the **WA State Government Portal** linked [here](#). Click on **Fish and Wildlife Commission**, then follow the prompts. When it asks for the Applicant’s email address, **Ross** has given his consent to use his email at: [rp.barkhurst@hotmail.com](mailto:rp.barkhurst@hotmail.com)



## News for the Flock

### The Hunter's Table

By James Ono

### *Wild Turkey Schnitzel & Fixins*

Well it finally happened — I bagged my first turkey! After years of hearing about how *Schnitzel* is a great way to prepare a wild turkey I finally got to try it, and I was not disappointed.

There's a lot going on in this recipe. I did it in stages preparing the gravy and potato salad first, then frying the turkey. I kept the gravy and potato salad warm in the oven until the turkey was ready to serve, giving the gravy a little stir every once in a while.

#### Ingredients — Schnitzel

- 1 Turkey Breast lobe
- Salt & Pepper
- 1 cup flour
- 2 eggs beaten
- 2 cups panko
- Oil for frying

#### Gravy

- 2 Tbsp Butter
- 1 yellow onion chopped finely
- 1 clove garlic minced
- 1 lb mushrooms
- 4 Tbsp butter (in addition to the 2 above)
- ¼ Cup Flour
- 2 Cups beef broth or game broth
- 1 tsp balsamic vinegar
- ½ tsp kosher salt
- ½ tsp sugar
- ¼ tsp thyme
- ¼ tsp black pepper

#### Potato Salad

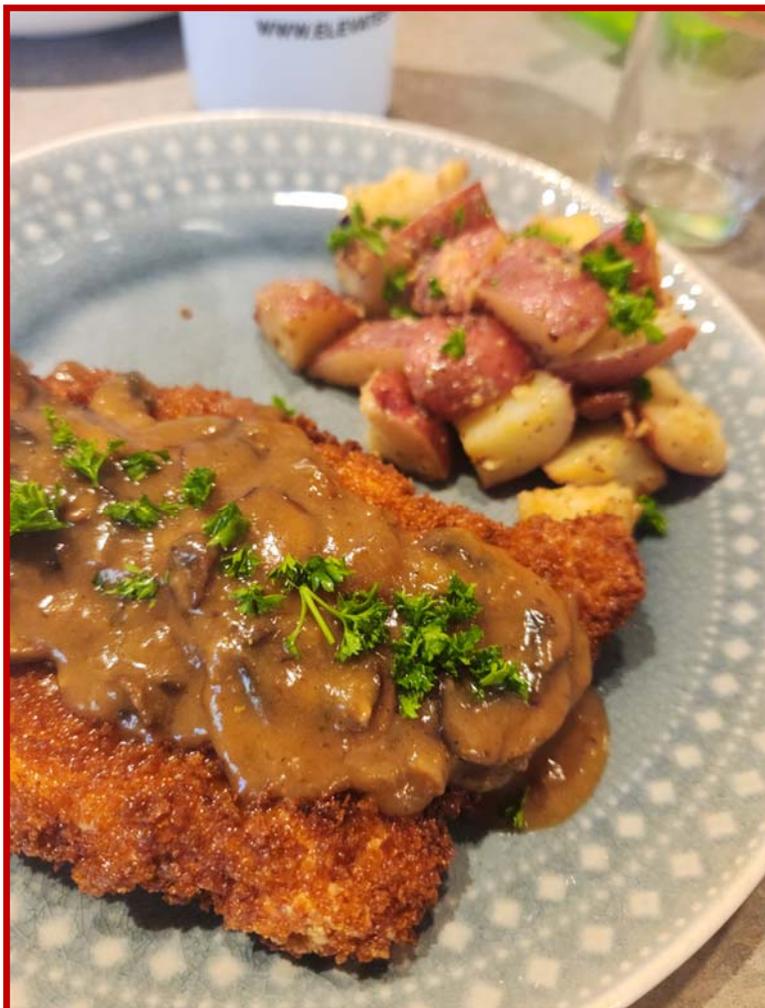
- 2 lbs petite red potatoes
- 1 tsp Salt
- 12 oz Bacon diced
- 1/3 Cup apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tbsp Sugar
- 1 Tbsp Dijon Mustard
- ½ tsp Salt
- Pepper
- 1 Tbsp Garlic minced
- ½ fresh chopped parsley

#### Instructions

##### The Potato Salad

1. Wash potato and cut in half or thirds so they are all about the same bite size pieces;
2. Place in a pot of cold water;
3. Bring to a boil and add 1 tsp salt;
4. Reduce heat and simmer until fork tender (about 15 minutes);
5. Drain the water from the potatoes then leave them to dry in the pot;
6. In another pot, cook your bacon bits over medium heat, stirring occasionally until crispy;
7. Once the bacon is crisp, remove from heat and remove bacon with a slotted spoon leaving the bacon grease in the pot;
8. To the grease, add the vinegar, sugar, Dijon, salt, and pepper;
9. Bring this mixture to a simmer and stir for 2 minutes;
10. Add the garlic and cook until garlic is fragrant (30-60 seconds)

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## Hunter's Table Continued

11. Remove from heat and gently stir in your potatoes until the potatoes have absorbed all of the sauce;
12. Add your bacon pieces;
13. You can top it with parsley and serve it at this point, but to complete the rest of the meal, I place the pot in a warm oven and add parsley just before serving.

### The Gravy

1. Melt 2 Tbsp of butter in a skillet over medium high heat;
2. Add your diced onion stirring occasionally until they are starting to brown;
3. Add garlic and cook for another 30-60 seconds;
4. Add you sliced mushrooms and cook for 7-8 minutes. (Mushrooms should be golden brown and any liquid from the mushrooms should be evaporated);
5. Add 4 Tbsp of butter and melt;
6. Add flour and stir continuously for about 3 minutes;
7. Add the broth, vinegar, thyme, sugar, salt, and pepper;
8. Continue to stir constantly until the gravy begins to thicken;
9. Once the gravy starts to thicken, reduce heat to low and simmer;
10. Once the gravy is almost as thick as you like, add salt and pepper to taste;
11. Cover and place in warm oven.

### The Schnitzel

1. Preheat about ½ inch of oil in a pot or deep skillet.

- I went medium to medium high to achieve a temp of about 350.;
2. Filet the turkey breast into 2 thinner pieces;
  3. Cover each piece plastic wrap and pound it out until it has a uniform thickness of about 1/3 of an inch;
  4. At this point I cut it into smaller, more manageable, serving size pieces (anywhere from 3-5 pieces total);
  5. Season the turkey with salt and pepper;
  6. Place your flour, eggs, and panko into individual plates or shallow bowls;
  7. Dredge the turkey in flour, shaking off any excess;
  8. Coat in egg;
  9. Coat in panko;
  10. Once the oil is up to temp, carefully place the turkey pieces in the oil (do NOT over crowd; if needed, do it in batches dependent on the size of your skillet);
  11. Once the first side is golden brown, flip it and brown the other side;
  12. When the whole piece is done, remove from the oil and place on a paper towel or a dish with a wire rack to drain:

### Bringing it All Together

1. Plate a piece of turkey;
2. Top the potato salad with parsley and serve;
3. Stir the gravy, if it has thickened too much, whisk in a little bit of water;
4. Top the turkey with gravy;
5. Enjoy!

## WDFW News Briefs

### Time is Running Out to Complete Hunter Education

August 7th, News Release

OLYMPIA – With the first fall big game hunting season now underway, the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** reminds hunters that time is running out to complete **mandatory Hunter education** courses.

“If you haven’t already completed your hunter education course, don’t delay!” said **Dave Whipple, WDFW Hunter Education Section Manager**. “Our fall course offerings fill quickly with people trying to certify before their chosen hunting seasons.”

**WDFW** offers fully in-person **Hunter Ed** courses as well as hybrid courses that combine online and in-person learning. To learn more about **Hunter Ed** and find an upcoming course near you, please go to the link [here](#).

### Commission Nixes Spring Bear 2024

OLYMPIA – The **Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission** heard briefings and received public input on a variety of topics during its August 10-12 meeting in Olympia.

Among other things in Friday’s session, the **Commission** denied a public petition to begin rule making for a 2024 spring black bear season. Friday’s meeting closed with a briefing on the **North American Model of Wildlife Conservation** and a discussion about social science and its application to fish and wildlife conservation.

The next Commission meeting will be a hybrid meeting with tribal co-managers on Friday, August 18-19, to discuss hatchery policy, management, and education. No public comment will be taken at this meeting. An agenda for that meeting is linked [here](#).

## 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 four (4) primary dedicated funds established by the **WWA** since publication of the **July 2023 Newsletter**.

**WWA General Fund — \$1,882**

**WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,640**

**WWA Legal Fund — \$21,753.52**

**WWA Youth Fund — \$2,810**

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

## TWIN RIVERS BIRD TAXIDERMISTRY

Basic quotes for the mount are set. The customer is tasked with deciding a habitat and pose for their bird and a final quote can be decided once the habitat scene is narrowed down.

Bases are entirely custom, and the cost is also custom, 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 Conditions:

- Bird sent in before Thanksgiving **NEED TO BE FROZEN** and **SHIPPED OVERNIGHT**. Afterwards two (2) day mail is OK.
- Birds **MUST** be placed in double ziplocks, with a filled out federal tag in the **outer** bag, so as not to leak ink.
- 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.



White-Front "Specklebelly" Goose

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Active Link to >>>: [Twin Rivers Bird Taxidermy FB Page](#)

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## Classified Ads – For Sale / Wanted

### Wanted

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

### For Sale



(Left) Used Beavertail 1600 Series Boat Blind w/grass. The blind was installed and used 2 or 3 times. Stored under cover in garage. Meet up in the PDX / Vancouver area. **\$500, \$450, Further Price Drop — Now \$400, OBO**  
 Contact John, at 503-502-2184

### 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.

Check out this active [link](#) to a reputable FB Site "Youth Waterfowl Gear, Reviews, Swap and Sell"



**Beretta A400 Xtreme Plus, 12 gauge;** Kick Off recoil, 3 1/2", 26" barrel, 5 Chokes. True Timber pattern. 2 1/2 cases through it. Comes with a half case of shells. **\$1400.**  
 Contact John, at 425-356-9205



**Franchi Affinity, 20 ga, 26" barrel.** Almost new, in box. All chokes. List price \$850 asking **\$600**  
**New Price — \$500**  
 Contact Linda, at 360-273-5886

I have retired from hunting and am selling the following firearms:

- Winchester model 94 30-30;
- Ruger model M77 300 win mag;
- Mauser 1944 model 98 8 mm;
- Remington 870 Express Magnum 20 ga;
- Beretta A303 12 ga;
- Winchester Super X Model 2 12 ga;
- High Standard Special Model A1041 22;
- Ruger Blackhawk 357, 38 spl, 9 mm;

Please contact **Mel** via email at [mlgruschow@gmail.com](mailto:mlgruschow@gmail.com) regarding the weapon you are interested in, and I'll respond with detailed information, pictures, and price information.

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## 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](http://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.

Summary of 2023-24 Washington Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons are Linked [Here](#).



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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the **Twin City Sportsmen's Club**, 26933 64th Avenue NW in Stanwood.
- Peninsula Chapter — VACANT**
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Bothell.
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E., Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** — Dates and Places TBD.
- Tri Cities Chapter — VACANT**
- Wenatchee Chapter** – Dates and Places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Ferndale Public Library**, 2125 Main Street in Ferndale.
- 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.