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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

I am keeping relatively short and sweet this month.

### Corporate Elections

The most important current item is Corporate Elections. All 9 of our board positions are open for re-elections as well as the President and Secretary positions. Our board meets monthly on the first Wednesday, online via Webex at 7 p.m. Typically our meetings are between 2 and 3 hours, but depending on what items need to be addressed and discussed, it may run longer.

**President** – The primary duties of the president include putting together and distributing the agenda for the board meeting, running the board meeting, and writing the President's letter for the newsletter. One year of chapter officer, Corporate office or Board member service required.

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**Board Member** – Attend monthly board meetings. Bring ideas to the table for what the organization can do. Make and vote on motions. No required experience. If you are interested in running for any of these positions please fill out [the form](#) linked [here](#) and return it to me or any of the corporate officers.

### Spokane Chapter

We have yet to fill the chapter chair and secretary/treasurer positions for the **Spokane Chapter**. If we do not have any volunteers in the next month, we will likely have to fold the chapter. Please if you are interested in running the Spokane chapter, reach out to our corporate officers or board members.

For the Resource,

**James Ono**

WWA President

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

## News for the Flock

### 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

Sat, May 14	<b>Results</b> — WA Brant Foundation's Decoy Carving Contest. See <b>Page 10</b> .
Sat, May 21	Cedarville Farms Mega Shop Sale 1875 South Bank Road Oakville, WA 98568 7 a.m. — 4 p.m. For complete list of items, click <a href="#">here</a>
Mon, May 23	<b>In Person</b> Seattle Chapter Meeting Kenmore Gun Range.
Thurs, May 26	Usual LC Chapter Meeting. Check for Email blast for particulars.
Thurs, May 26	Moses Lake Chapter Quarterly Meeting. See <b>Page 3</b> .
Tues, May 31	<b>In Person</b> SW Chapter Meeting, Education Building, Tacoma Sportsmen's Club.
Tues, May 31	<b>LAST</b> Day for WA Spring Turkey Hunt Season. See Regs linked <a href="#">here</a> .
Weds, June 1	WWA Board Meeting <b>Online Only</b> — 7:00 p.m. All WWA Members Welcome to attend. Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor, for a <b>WebEx</b> Online Invitation. See <b>Page 1</b> .
Thurs, June 2	Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting, 7 pm., Evergreen Sportsmen's Club.
Tues, June 7	Usual Whatcom County Chapter Meeting, at Laurel Farm & Western Supply in Bellingham; 6:30 pm.
Weds, June 8	<b>In Person</b> NW Chapter Meeting, Twin Cities Sportsmen's Club, Stanwood, WA
Mon, June 27	<b>In Person</b> Seattle Chapter Meeting Kenmore Gun Range.
Tues, June 28	<b>In Person</b> SW Chapter Meeting, Education Building, Tacoma Sportsmen's Club.
Thurs, June 30	Usual LC Chapter Meeting. Check for Email blast for particulars.
Sat, Aug 13	Colton Smith Memorial <b>FREE</b> Youth Shoot at the Evergreen Sportsmen's Club near Rochester, WA

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## News for the Flock

### Moses Lake Chapter News

From: Bruce Feagan and Dick Price

#### Youth Shoot Report

On April 16, 2022 the WWA-Moses Lake Chapter co-sponsored a **FREE** youth shoot at the **American Legion Quincy Gun Range**. About 30 youth participated and were rewarded with all the shells and trap shooting they wanted. I think some of them finally quit when they were getting sore in the shoulder.

The **FREE** merchandise that was given out (blind bags, gun cases, duck and goose calls, lanyards, hats, T-shirts, hunter orange vests and much more) was provided by **WWA-ML** and co-sponsors **Brownell's, Shooting Supplies, Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever, Moses Lake Friends of the NRA**, and the **Quincy Gun Club**. It was Christmas in April. What a day!!

#### Upcoming Quarterly Chapter Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the **Moses Lake Chapter of WWA** will be held on **Thursday, May 26, 2022** beginning at 6 pm at the **O'Sullivan Sportsman Resort**



**Clubhouse** (near **Potholes State Park** — 6897 Hwy 262 SE Othello, WA for GPS purposes).

**Chad Edison, Manager of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area**, will be our guest speaker, and will be happy to answer your questions after his presentation.

For more information call **Bruce Feagan** at **206-714-8020**.



The 30 who braved the cool, windy day to shoot included several young ladies.

Two of the shooters in the photo above are sporting the hunter orange vests which were part of the **FREE** swag provided and distributed by the co-sponsors.

## News for the Flock

### Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

#### Ridgefield NWR Follow Up Meeting from April 21st

The **District Issue Director for US Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler's Office, Colin Swanson, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Complex Manager Juliette Fernandez and Assistant Manager Eric Anderson** met with **Dion Hess and Doug Hargin** at the new refuge offices still under construction at the **Carty Unit**. **Colin** spoke at our March meeting. He was there to receive input and suggestions to increase and improve hunting opportunities.

In this follow up meeting **Colin** indicated that federal dollars all go in to the general fund for all refuges. The best bet for specific projects at **Ridgefield** would be to pursue specific **Grant Programs** tied to a specific project that may be available. Other areas discussed were as follows:

- The refuge committed to install the two (2) **Black Box Pit Blinds** later this summer that **WWA** purchased several years ago. They now have a heavy equipment operator after a long season of vacancy.
- Explore the possibility of adding a blind to the current refuge footprint. Possibly at pit blind south of **Parking Lot D** and west of **Blinds 18 and 19**. A second possibility would be between **Blinds 1 and 4 on Millet Lake** for a pit. We also pushed to scrape out a shallow rain water pond for the goose blind pit at **Blind 15** to make it a late season duck opportunity.
- **Complex Manager Juliette Fernandez** indicated they are committed to sustaining natural waterfowl food plants on the refuge. Their concern with crops was potential baiting issues along with staff resources and equipment for crop management.
- If we can come up with a plan, materials and volunteers we should be able to improve access to **Blind 9** and address any holes, etc. near others.
- Best for last! The **Steigerwald Refuge** just opened up after a \$31 million restoration project. **Juliette** said that they are looking at limited waterfowl hunting from designated blinds if water levels and safety buffers will support it. It would be parking designated hunting similar to what **Toppenish NWR** currently has.

#### Ridgefield NWR Black Box Work Party

Watch your emails for future work parties to prep the **Black Box Pit Blinds** for installation and build accompanying dog boxes. Stay tuned!

#### Turkey Season and Springers!

We need your input for the newsletter. Hunting stories, unusual experiences and/or photos. New tech help and gear, advice and ideas you can share, experiences hunting other venues. Whatever would interest you to read about in this newsletter. Submit them to [dlhargin@msn.com](mailto:dlhargin@msn.com). Thank you!

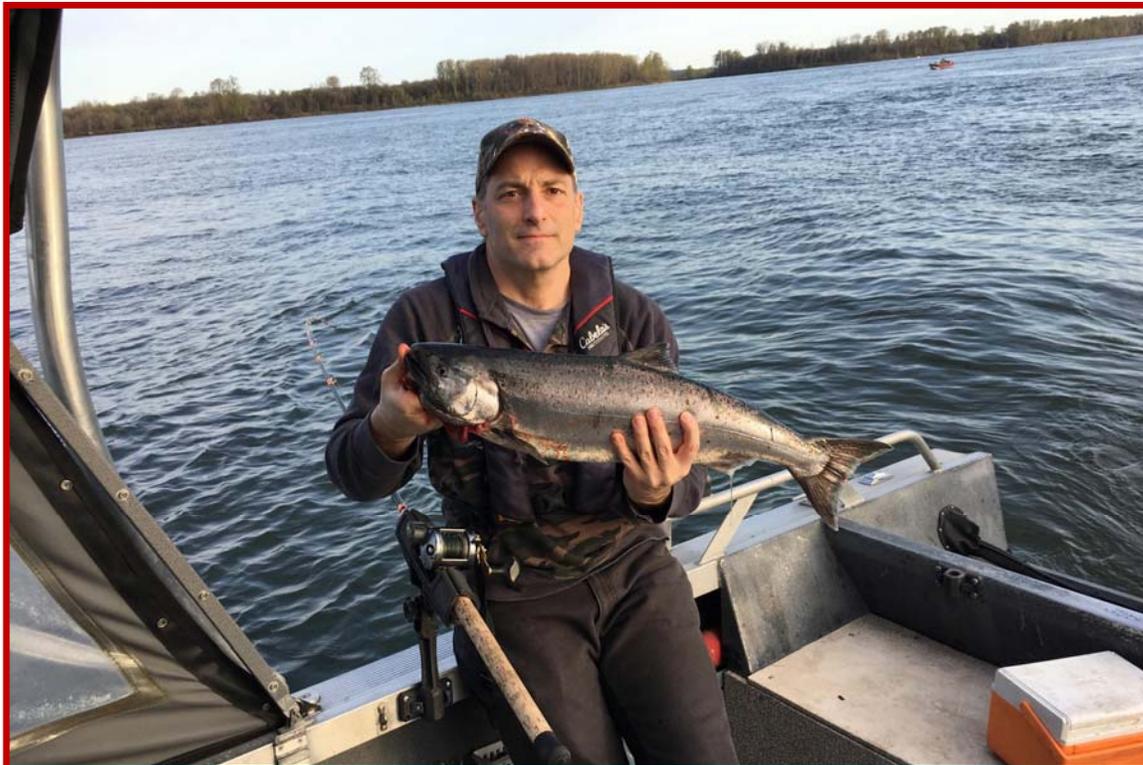
*(More Fish Photos on Page 5)*



**Dion Hess (left) has been hosting fellow WWA-LC Chapter members on his boat on several April fishing trips for Springers. Here he is with Bruce Head boasting their recent take from the Willamette River.**

## LC Chapter News Continued

Two other LC Chapter beneficiaries  
of the hospitality of Dion Hess.  
Doug Hargin (right)  
and Dino Mastri (below)



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## Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

I'm seeing plenty of Waterfowl in the Northern Counties. It's good to see these migrating or resident birds in the area during the mid-year months. The **Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)** has started their annual grain farming on several **WDFW Managed Wildlife Areas** in our state. These food sources support both nesting production and migrating waterfowl. Each year hundreds of acres are planted supporting winter forage for migratory birds.

**WDFW** lands grain farming is funded through the **Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp Program**. Purchasing a **"Duck Stamp"** or **Migratory Bird Stamp** artwork is an investment in **Washington's** wetlands, waterfowl, and other migratory bird resources.

### Cleanup Time!



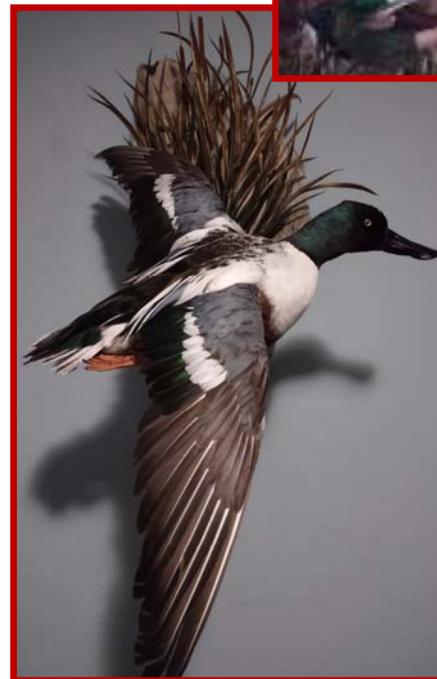
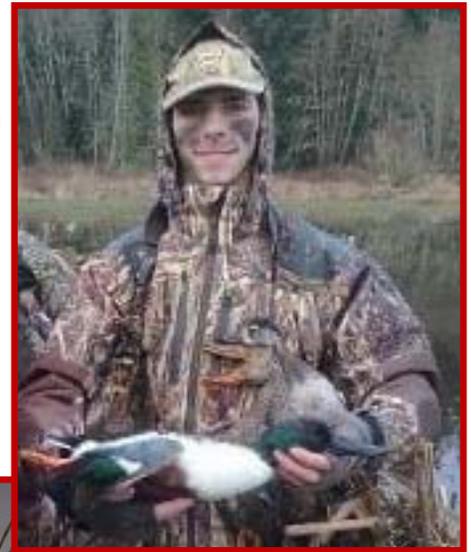
Thanks to volunteers (from L to R) Tom Elliott, Chuck Wilson, Joe Molitor, Steve Billieu, Ken Schroeder, Matt Browder, Rob Knox, Paul McGovern and Rich Phillips (not shown).

A soggy morning didn't hinder the volunteers at our annual cleanup of the **Skagit Wildlife Areas Samish Unit!** These volunteers swept through all areas of the unit including the 10 blinds and the surrounding dike, collecting plenty of trash, shells (spent and un-spent), beer cans, bottles, old decoys — you name it, it was discarded. Drainage of the unit by **WDFW** personnel was well under way so access to all areas and a thorough cleanup was made much easier.

### Drawing for Waterfowl Mount Certificate

Get your tickets. **WWA** is holding a drawing for a Waterfowl Mount Certificate offered by **Twin Rivers Bird Taxidermy**. <https://www.twinriversbirdtaxidermy.com>. **Loran Navarro**, owner of **Twin Rivers Bird Taxidermy** has generously provided our organization with a certificate good for one bird mount. See Flyer on adjacent **Page 23**.

Tickets go on sale from May 15th through Aug. 14th. The drawing will be on August 15th. You can purchase tickets through your **WWA Chapter Chairs, Corporate Officers or Board members**.



Jacob McGovern harvested this fine "Hollywood" specimen on a Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle won by his father, Paul.

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### Seattle Chapter News

By Nick Brown

I hope spring finds out members well with Turkeys or fish. I know weather has been a bust for lots of us, but it appears sunshine is just around the corner.

I am pleased to see pretty steady recruitment into the **Seattle Chapter**. It seems like some of those "record number of hunters" from the last few years are finding their way to us. I had the pleasure of shooting a few games of 16-yard trap with these gentlemen. It's great to see new member turn out.

#### Wild Bird Blind Taste Test Results

At our last meeting we did a wild bird blind taste test. We tested eight (8) different species. We prepared all the birds skin off, medium rare and seasoned with **Johnny's**. The results were quite surprising on some of them. **Lesser Canada Goose was ranked consistently in the top two spots!** Shoveler even made it to the top of a few members' lists as well. This was a pretty fun activity for our group that we will most likely do again in the future.

#### Upcoming Chapter Banquet Plans

In the planning we currently are working on a banquet for the end of summer. I am actively looking for volunteers to assist with making this happen. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to me via email, call or text.

#### Upcoming Chapter Meeting

Our next chapter meeting will be held at **Kenmore Gun Range**, May 23rd with trap games beginning at 5 pm and our meeting at 7 pm. Please remember a \$5 donation for the pizza fund. See you then.

The **Seattle Chapter** meets on the 4th Monday of the month, at the **Kenmore Gun Club**, with shooting beginning at 5 pm followed by our business meeting at 7 pm

Nick Brown  
[Nickibb92@gmail.com](mailto:Nickibb92@gmail.com)  
425-765-0151



**New Seattle Chapter member Jake Lewis with his first harvest. He took this hen mallard in November with some guidance from fellow Seattle Chapter members Nick Brown and Isaac Kim.**

## News for the Flock

### Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all.

#### Upcoming In-Person Chapter Meeting

I have been a bit late notifying our chapter members about our meeting[s] so the attendance has dropped off dramatically. I will try to be more diligent about the meeting notification.

On that note, our next chapter meeting will be on Thursday, June 2nd, at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near **Littlerock** at 7:00 PM sharp — Range website linked [here](#).

#### Upcoming Work Parties

We are going to have some work parties this coming June to replace six (6) Woodie nest boxes at the **Scatter Creek Wildlife Area**. Some of these boxes have been getting used for 12 years! The success rate there has always been good with 100% use a few years back. We will need at least four (4) volunteers to get this done. We may do two (2)

work parties. This is a fun work party for the whole family, and is quite beneficial for the wood ducks.

#### Memorial Youth Shoot is Back for August

We have scheduled this years **Colton Smith Memorial Youth Shoot** for Saturday, August 20th at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**. We will need several volunteers for the event. See the Flyer on adjacent **Page 9**. Remember that this is a 50-target course designed for the young shooters and is **FREE** to anyone 15 years of age or under!

#### Chapter Audit and Election Business

We need one more volunteer to do our annual Treasury audit. I would like to do it just before our chapter meeting on the 2nd of June. This is also an election year for our chapter. All positions are up for vote. I would encourage every member to nominate and take a position. Especially the Chairman position! For the last four (4) elections we have only had one nominee per position so we waive the voting, effectively making it an election in name only! But that's what's worked so far! I would be very thankful to see some of you younger members getting involved.

That goes for the whole of **WWA** too!

Thank you all for your continued support!

Kurt Snyder

[kurtsnyder@outdrs.net](mailto:kurtsnyder@outdrs.net)



With but 16 days left in the WA Spring Turkey Season, here's another tool for your turkey vest — a Trumpet.

Do you know how to use one? Trumpets are a suction type call. Played similarly to a wingbone yelper call by drawing air IN through them.

Three pairs (from left) — Cocobolo, Bocote, and Redheart — from Missouri Trumpet maker hobbyist, Dustin Nolan. You can check out more of his handiwork on his personal Facebook page linked [here](#).

# News for the Flock



## AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> 2022

# COLTON SMITH MEMORIAL

## Free youth SHOOTING EVENT

Free for 15 years of age and under

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



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**10:00 AM**

# WWA News Briefs



## Washington Brant Foundation Decoy Carving Contest Results

After a two-year absence because of Covid-19, many waterfowl and decoy enthusiasts were anxious to get out and support the return of the **WA Brant Foundation's Puget Sound Decoy Carving Competition** on Saturday, May 14th in Burlington, despite the wet and rainy conditions at the beginning of the day.

### Carving Contest Results

#### Brant Class

1. Ron Kilby  
of Bow WA
2. Rich Banko  
of McKinleyville,  
CA
3. Gary Hanson

#### Open Working Decoy Class

1. Gary Hanson  
of Sterling Hts, MI
2. Jerry Harris  
of Dallas, OR
3. Ron Kilby

#### Mini Class

1. Rob Enders  
of Mifflinburg, PA
2. Ron Kilby

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(Above)  
**Show Chair Kurt Benson holds high Gary Hanson's winner of Best Working Decoy in the Live Auction following the Carving Contest**

(Below)  
**WA Brant President Maynard Axelson (L) and long-time Charity Auctioneer, Clint White, doing what they do best — raising funds for scholarships offered by the WBF for high school and college students pursuing careers in wildlife management and conservation focused on waterfowl.**

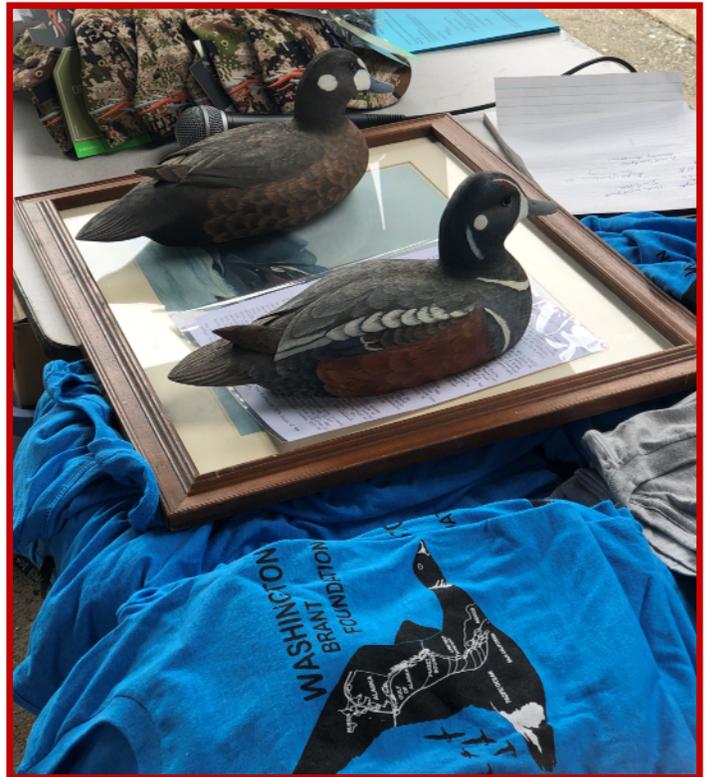


## PS Decoy Carving Contest Continued

Judging the Carving Contest were **Brad Snodgrass**, of **Central Point, OR**; **Jerry Harris** of **Dallas, OR**; and nationally recognized carver, **Marty Hanson** of **Hayward, WI** (no relation to multi-winner **Gary Hanson**).

Seen roaming the grounds during the mid-day event were **World Champion Carver, Tom Newell** of **LaConnor, WA**; **WWA Carvers and Collectors** including **Life Member Jack Westerfield**, **Life Member Brett Stark** of **Olympia**, **Life Member Ken Packard**, **Life Member, Rich Phillips**, **Life Member Mike Lovelace**, **Life Members Gary and Claudean Talbert**, **Life Member John Arrabito**, **Steve Reed**, **Paul McGovern** and **Dennis Fisk** with his own and collector decoys and artwork for sale.

Also seen were this year's **Guest of Honor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Biologist, Chris Nicolai** from **Reno, NV**. **Regional Director of Ducks Unlimited (DU) Andrew Williams**; retired **Senior NW Regional Director of DU, John Tierney**; Current **WA State DU Chairman, Eric Demers**; and **Past WA State DU Chairman, Mike Nilsen**, and **Rick Pass**, who is organizing the **Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show** in late September / early October and linked [here](#).



**WWA member, decoy collector and wildlife artist Dennis Fisk** of **Lake Stevens** donated a pair of **Harlequin decoys & Harley print** for auction which brought over **\$500** for **WBF scholarships**.



The **WWA Decoy Mount Collection** was a popular attraction at **Saturday's Decoy Carving Contest**.

In an **"Egg on Your Face"** moment, retired **NW Regional DU Director John Tierney** pointed out that **WWA** has been misidentifying the **Red Breasted Merganser** and the **Common Merganser** in all these years of displaying the mounts!

Thanks to **WWA** volunteers **Rick Billieu**, **Paul McGovern**, **Rich Phillips** and **John Arrabito** for setting up and taking down the display.

(Photo by **Jason Bolser**)

## News for the Flock

### Waterfowling Down Mexico Way...

By John Otto

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article is reprinted with permission from WWA member John Otto from Facebook posts he made previously this year. Three (3) days of waterfowling in Mexico with the fine writing of John is presented for your enjoyment. Day #1 was published in the March 2022 Newsletter linked [here](#). Day #2 was published in the April 2022 Newsletter linked [here](#). This month features Day #3. John says he is in "writing mode" right now as he prepares to publish his second book. If you enjoy John's writing, you can pick up his first book — *A Season of Wing-Shooting* — on Amazon, and linked [here](#).

#### Day 3

The last day was more of the same... beautiful spot, chaotic incoming birds, prime species all around... another spectacular Mexico hunt. But for this post I am going to first start out and focus on the heartbreak. What didn't go right. I'm still feeling the pain as I type this. One of those moments I will never forget, and those who witnessed it won't let me forget.

The flights were winding down, and we only had a couple of birds left. The reality was Dave and I were done. Totally satisfied and beyond happy. As we reflected on the birds in the blind and our good fortune, it happened. The largest flock of the day, easily 30 to 40 Green Wing Teal, were headed our way just above the tree tops. As they lifted to begin their dive into our rig, we saw it. Right smack dab in the middle was a **pure WHITE Green Wing Teal!** Stuck out like a neon sign. In unison we both yelled **WHITE BIRD!!!** They were quickly heading left to right, and Dave was sitting on the left side. He had time for one quick

poke... and unfortunately dropped a nice little drake as collateral damage. It was up to me...

I drew down...I was focused. It was happening in a split second, but it felt like *slo-motion*. I followed the pure white magic and thought... follow through... focus... follow through... and squeezed the trigger. Unbelievably at 45 yards as they were making their escape I carved out one bird, **the WHITE GREEN WING FELL!**

It seemed to fold, looked like instant death. It crashed into the mangrove trees on the right edge of the pond. A hoop let out as both bird boys and the guide who was sitting on the beach witness this carving. Dave was jumping up and down... YOU DID IT! YOU DID IT!!! Amazed to see him fold, I yelled out... "THAT'S THE BIRD I'M ENDING ON!!!" Dave followed suit... he agreed, and we were high fiving. I was still in shock... these type of birds happen to other people! I see and am envious all the time on Facebook and such. This time it was mine!!

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Second Set of Dual Teal Slams & the Decoy from Home



The Scene — Blinds in Shallow Water Surrounded by Mangrove Trees

## Waterfowling in Mexico Continued

**"Ayudame!! Ayudame!!"** My heart dropped. Jose was screaming to Oscar... who promptly ran in the knee high water directly over to help. Oscar was there within moments to help retrieve the bird. In hind sight he could tell from his angle it hadn't folded like I thought. Once Oscar disappeared into the mangroves, we saw the **WHITE bird** scamper out for a moment on the edge of the water, then frantically disappear back into the thick cover. I then knew I needed to help...

By the time I got there, I could see it on their faces. There was a **MILLION** places to hide. They were down to poking the root systems of the mangroves with sticks. The bird had vanished. I frantically was digging through the branches where it was last seen... nothing. As I was wrapped up in the jungle cover, all I could think about was the snakes and spiders that lived there. For a moment I was like screw it... I'll squash that tarantula!!

After almost an hour, I called it. The boys would still be looking. It was gone. We were on the edge of jungle cover that was probably a mile to the bay. Probably the coolest bird of my life, and the best shot I have ever made... was not going to happen.

All I could think was well, this is hunting... put on the smile... as I had a LOT to be happy about. I did my best not to let that tarnish another amazing Mexico hunt. But the sting was real.



**Oscar on a Earlier, Happier Retrieve of a Cinnny**

Teal... more amazing Teal... we both were fortunate enough to once again have dual Teal Slams. The way the hunt was set up made for no gimme's either... what a day.

We left satisfied and charged up... but I will never forget the sight of that **white GWT**. Hurts the heart to only have it in my memory... but what an experience.

After getting back to the resort it was more beach and sun... and the reminder from Dave every half hour! ☺



**Earlier that morning, we were blessed with flights of Black Bellies. Flocks, singles, doubles...**

**Dave Drewry and I agreed, they had become one of our favorites. The squeaky calls... the committed wings... just amazing.**

## WWA Legislative News

### WA Legislative Report

By Mark Pidgeon  
President, Hunters Heritage Council

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

*Now is the winter of our discontent  
Made glorious summer by this sun of York;  
And all the clouds that lour'd upon our house  
In the deep bosom of the ocean buried.*

--Richard III, Act I, Scene I  
William Shakespeare

Discontent, that is the only word that I have for the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** right now. Now where do I start? We have the most radical anti-hunting; anti-consumptive use **Fish and Wildlife Commission** and the **Wildlife Division** is so ill-prepared to meet any of the challenges it has to face to present a case for the hunting community.

The biggest crime was the **Department's** handling of the new six-year **2022-2027 Game Management Plan**. The hunting community got no review of this plan as it was supposed to. The waterfowl community has the **Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG)**, the big game community has the **Game Management Advisory Council (GMAC)**. As a long-time member of **GMAC**, my specific reason for staying on the **GMAC** was to have input on **GMAC**, yet the **Department** failed in its duty to provide **GMAC** a chance to preview the six-year plan. **GMAC** has not met in over a year, so it was failed in its duty to have timely meetings. **Discontent...**

#### Three Year Hunting Packages Went Better

I want to review the **Commission's** coverage of the three-year hunting packages. The anti-hunting **Commissioners** were very reasonable, and on the packages where there were no debate, they kept very quiet. Most of

the deer, elk, and ungulate packages went very smoothly. The problems came when the **special weapons** packages came up.

The grouse & rabbit/hare hunting **WAC (Washington Administrative Code)** section to add pellet rifles as legal weapon for hunting grouse was approved by the **Commission** with no dissent.

The turkey hunting **WAC** to add hunting handguns shooting shot with special barrel restrictions, as legal weapon for hunting turkey was approved by the **Commission** with no dissent.

As for the muzzleloading equipment **WAC** proposal to add and allow video cam, 1x scope or red dot sights with no magnification, and define further that a muzzleloading weapon where the propellant & projectile must be loaded/rammed down the muzzle, the **Commission** was very confused on this proposal. They did not understand the concepts of primitive weapon, discussed about many amendments and finally **Commissioner Rowland** made amendment and commission voted approval on the part that defined that a muzzleloading weapon where the propellant and projectile must be loaded/rammed down the muzzle.

This discussion would have backed the 1x scope or red dots with no magnification thus allowing people with eye conditions especially the elder group to participate hunting in primitive muzzleloading season. Many people put a lot of time into this concept of not discriminating against the elderly or those with eye conditions. They felt that because there would be no magnification of the target animal, that this would keep the intent of primitive weapon open sight analogy.

This part of discriminating will be a problem for **WDFW** for the next oncoming years. A primitive muzzleloading weapon should not be judged by its appearance, but rather by how the projectile & propellant are loaded down the muzzle, cap inserted at the breach, sights open and/or non-magnifying, and that the propellant must be black powder or a black powder substitute (not a smokeless powder).

The **WDFW** needs support by user groups to get this accomplished policy for better direction for our **Commission**. **WDFW** did a horrible job presenting this Proposal. I was confused after hearing **WDFW** present. We cannot have staff be so ill-prepared. **Discontent...**

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# Legislative News Continued

## Archery and Cross Bow Proposals

The **Commission** was very confused on the archery equipment **WAC** proposal to add and allow video cam, range-finding bow sights not allowing aiming, bread crumb nocks that allows signal tracking and recovery of wounded game, verifiers for peep sights (magnifies and clears sight picture of aiming pins, does not magnify the target). They did not understand the concepts of a primitive archery weapon. They discussed possibilities of amendments, going back and forth, and then **Commissioner Rowland** again made amendment to allow clarifier for peep sights — it was seconded and passed.

Many were in favor of this amendment because it did address discriminating against the elderly or those with eye conditions and kept the primitive weapon concept. However, most were in favor of all the other options and felt none of them would affect the primitive concept or operation of a bow, only its appearance. An archery primitive weapon should not be judged by its appearance but rather by how it operates — arrow and weight with adequate bleeding/piercing head, minimum pound pull and draw weight, non-magnifying of target sights, etc.

The **WDFW** needs support by user groups to get this accomplished policy to give better direction to our **Commission**. Horrible job of presentation by **WDFW**. **Discontent...**

The **Commission** was confused on crossbow **WAC** allowing a crossbow as a lesser weapon to be used during muzzleloading season. They thought this would add too much pressure to the muzzleloading groups. So they voted down the proposal not realizing all lesser weapon groups can be used during a higher weapon season as long as that higher weapon season choice has already been chosen by the hunter when buying the hunting licenses. Of all the presentations by **WDFW** staff, this was the absolute worst of the bunch. **Discontent...**

**WACs** pertaining to all hunting seasons and quantities were discussed, motioned, and passed according to resource allowances; **WDFW** staff explained where cuts and additions were appropriate; the **Commission** was very thorough in their deliberations, questioning, and passing of those different animal, upland bird, and waterfowl categories.

When you have **Commissioners** that don't understand hunting, you have to be on your **"A" Game**. You have to have your best people there to present and have answers for everything, and that didn't happen. **Sad...**

## Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

### May Chapter Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 31st at 6:30 pm in the **Hunters' Education Building** at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** linked [here](#).

We will be planning some of this years Chapter events like refurbishing the hunting blinds at **Rapjohn Lake**, and this year's **Washington State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest**, etc.

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## Spokane Chapter News

## Wenatchee Chapter News

## Whatcom County Chapter News

## Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month



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## News for the Flock

### 2022-2023 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print

The Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2022

Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp

and

Limited Edition Print

**Artist Donnie Hughes**



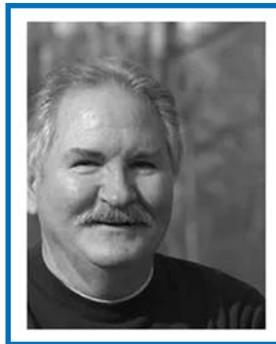
Revenue received through this program will be used by the Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA) and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to improve habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds in Washington.

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

Look for an announcement here in mid-summer 2022.

## News for the Flock

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



**Donnie Hughes**

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

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

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

## WDFW & USFWS News

### Congratulations to the 2022 Junior Duck Stamp Winning Artist!



From Vanessa Kauffman  
USFWS Media Contact  
April 25, 2022

A talented young artist from **South Dakota** has taken top honors at the **National Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest**. A green-winged teal by 15-year-old **Madison Grimm**, will grace the **2022-2023 Junior Duck Stamp**, which raises funds to educate and engage our nation's youth in wildlife and wetlands conservation and outdoor recreation. This is **Madison's** 3rd national win.

A panel of five judges chose the entry, painted in acrylic, from among best-of-show entries from 50 states, Washington, D.C. and two U.S. Territories.

Students in kindergarten through grade 12 participate in their annual state Junior Duck Stamp Program through their school, home, art studio or after-school group, or from a refuge, park or nature center. The top piece of art in the nation – chosen at this annual competition – is featured on the **Junior Duck Stamp**, sales of which support educational programs and activities that nurture our next generation of conservationists.

Approximately 2,000 Junior Duck Stamps are sold annually for \$5 each.

The **Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program** began in 1989 as an extension of the **Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp**, commonly known as the **Duck Stamp**.

The first day of sale for the **2022-2023 Duck Stamp and Junior Duck Stamp** is planned for June 24, 2022.

### WDFW Commission Sets 2022-23 Migratory Gamebird Seasons

From Kyle Spragens  
WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager

On Friday, April 8, 2022 the **WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commission** adopted proposals related to the **2022-2023 Migratory Gamebird Seasons and Regulations**. The adopted changes included:

Two specific adjustments related to sea duck and brant:

**Harlequin duck will be closed to harvest** based upon results of winter aerial surveys and the compliant-component of harvest record cards indicating annual harvest is above the 5% harvest threshold per the **WDFW Sea Duck Harvest Strategy**.

**The Brant season in Skagit County will start closed** as the most recent 3-year winter index has fallen below 3,000 brant. Brant season dates are shifted as late in the allowable framework window resulting in the potential open dates in **Skagit County** and known season dates in **Clallam and Whatcom counties** to move to January 21, 25, and 28, 2023.

You can watch the four (4) hour **Commission's April 8th Meeting** in full, or skip to Part 2 of the meeting between time marks, 2:58 and 3:21 re: **the setting the 2022-23 Waterfowl Seasons** [April 8, 2022 - Decision meeting](#)

Link to the Summary Sheet, which specifies the adopted recommendations above: [Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulation - Summary Sheet](#)

Link to the Presentation slides: [Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations - Presentation slides](#)



## WWA News Briefs

### Who Pays for F&W Conservation?

*Hint: It's not the nature lovers blasting airhorns on a National Wildlife Refuge*

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Union Sportsmen's Alliance (USA)  
By PJ DelHomme

In the mud flats of **Puget Sound**, between **Tacoma and Olympia, Washington**, you will find the **Billy Frank Jr., Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. The refuge sits along the **Pacific flyway** that attracts thousand of migrating waterfowl, hundreds of duck hunters and plenty of nature "lovers" willing to blast an air horn to scare waterfowl — presumably — away from those hunters.

**USA Events Coordinator Eric Bakken** is a die hard waterfowler who hunts the refuge every year. He says a few uneducated refuge visitors use airhorns and whistles to scare the birds away. "What they don't realize is that they're scaring them into the hunting area," **Bakken** says. "One time, they made a big racket and a nice widgeon came right into our decoys. My buddy shot it, and my dog retrieved it."



Because the refuge attracts hunters and non-hunters alike, the sound of gunshots in the distance is unsettling for some. "What they don't realize is that this refuge would have never been protected without hunters," **Bakken** says.

That money comes from hunters. In 1974, the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)** purchased 1,285 acres of diked grasslands, freshwater marshes, and tidelands using funds collected from the sale of federal duck stamps. For you non-waterfowl hunters — a duck stamp is much like a hunting license for duck hunters. Around since 1934, those stamps have generated \$1.1 Billion (with a B) dollars, which the **USFWS** uses to acquire vital habitat and conservation easements. Since its inception, the wildly successful program has funded the protection of six (6) million acres of wetlands.

#### Excise Taxes on Hunting, Fishing and Shooting Gear

Waterfowlers aren't the only ones footing the tab. Every time you buy a new rifle, ammo, lures or fill up your boat for a day on the water, you pay a little extra — generally around 10 percent — to fund fish and wildlife conservation. These excise taxes make up the **Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Program**, and they have generated tens of billions of dollars for wildlife restoration projects since 1937.

*In 2019, hunters, anglers, and shooters generated nearly \$1 billion in excise taxes alone. Click [here](#) to see how much of that money was allocated to your state.*

#### Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Duck stamps are to national wildlife refuges as hunting and fishing licenses are to state fish and game budgets. Those hunting and fishing license sale make up the lion's share of management budgets across the nation. In **Idaho**, 55 million of their \$120 million fish and game budget comes from license revenue. In **Indiana**, the combination of license fees along with allocations from the **Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Program** makes up 69% of the state's fish & wildlife funding. The list goes on.

As hunting participation in the U.S. has been on the decline, the number of recreational shooters has increased. Interestingly, most recreational shooters (53 percent) don't actually hunt, according to a recently published survey (linked [here](#)).

Those excise taxes placed on handguns and ammunition don't just pay for conservation; millions of dollars are allocated for hunter education programs, including the construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges.

The next time you head to the field, river or shooting range, take pride in knowing that you've played (and paid) a part in our nation's bounty of fish & wildlife.

## 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.

### WWA Life Members

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

## New Platinum Life Membership

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

Gary, then immediately donated \$7,000 to WWA to establish a **Membership Fund** challenging existing WWA members to step up and become Life Members at any level, and the Fund will pay the first \$200! Thank you Gary, for your generous and continuing support of WWA!

In previous years at WWA banquets and gatherings, Gary challenged other WWA members to step up to **Life Memberships**, and again put his money where his mouth was by agreeing to pay the first \$125 (later upped to \$150) installment towards that step up! **Twenty-one (21)** Life Members on the list above were recipients of Gary's previous generosity and membership building efforts as WWA's first Membership Chairman.

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

On June 1, 2021, WWA converted from two (2) to three (3) different levels of Life Membership acknowledging that **ALL WWA** Life memberships are "**Sustaining**" to the organization. Along with the new Platinum membership levels, the three (3) previous new levels of **WWA Life Membership** along with their respective emoluments are:

**Bronze Level Life Membership — \$500.00 (USD)**

Includes one **WWA Logo'd Belt Buckle** OR one **Pacific Calls WWA Logo'd Duck Call.**

**Silver Level Life Membership — \$1,000.00 (USD)**

Includes one **Pacific Calls WWA Logo'd Duck Call** AND one **WWA Logo'd embroidered "Life Member" Jacket.**

**Gold Level Life Membership — \$2,000.00 (USD)**

Includes one **Pacific Calls WWA Logo'd Duck Call**, AND one **WWA Logo'd embroidered "Life Member" Jacket**, AND one guided Duck or Goose hunt for one.

# Classified Ads – For Sale / Wanted

## Wanted

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

## For Sale

Decoy collection. 6 wooden, 1 paper and 1 two-dimensional goose decoy. **Best offer.**

Text Ed, 360-489-8629 for photos

Mustang Floatation Suit and Jackets. Unused – just stored. These are \$200.00+ when purchased new.

**\$ 50.00 each! Only Three (3) Left !!!**  
**All proceeds go to Washington Waterfowl Association**

Qty 1 – MJ6212 Size L (42-46) Bomber Style - Red/Yellow

Qty 1 – MC1530 Size S (34-38), Orange

Thermotic Flotation Suit, GR Woodford, Also only \$ 50.00

Qty 1 – S3X-X35 Size S, Orange

Contact Rick at (425) 299-6704 or [rgbillieu@frontier.com](mailto:rgbillieu@frontier.com)



**Large Dakota, 283 dog kennel, \$375**  
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**Browning Citori, Model 725, S-3, 30" Barrells,**  
Like New. Pictures and details upon request.  
**\$2,900**  
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(Above and Left)  
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**Potholes**. Call or text  
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**(Yamaha) outboard 2**  
**stroke**. Runs great. **\$900**  
includes fuel tank, hose,  
and extra prop. Call or  
text Kevin, 360-630-7862



**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.



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

## News for the Flock

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

**WWA General Fund — \$1,727**

**WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,640**

**WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$11,077**

**WWA Legal Fund — \$20,753.52**

**WWA Youth Fund — \$1,810**

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

## TWIN RIVERS BIRD TAXIDERMÝ

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

Bases are entirely custom, and the cost is also custom, by quote only!

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

- Duck mount is \$320.
- Seaducks & Mergansers are \$350.
- Goose mount is \$500.
- One pheasant mount is \$280.

Other Terms and Conditons:

- Bird sent in before Thanksgiving **NEED TO BE FROZEN** and **SHIPPED OVERNIGHT**. Afterwards two (2) day mail is OK.
- Birds **MUST** be placed in double ziplocks, with a filled out federal tag in the outer bag. Pen ink can bleed onto the bird.
- A list of other requirements will be sent and is to be signed by the hunter **PRIOR TO** any shipping and engagement of my services.
- I will not be held responsible for a bird that is lost to rot, extensive damage, heavy amounts of pinfeathers, dog bite or slobber damage, freezer burn nor any other damage caused by improper storage by the hunter prior to my receipt of the bird.



Leucistic Blue Wing Teal

[loran.navarro@yahoo.com](mailto:loran.navarro@yahoo.com)

970-988-4717

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

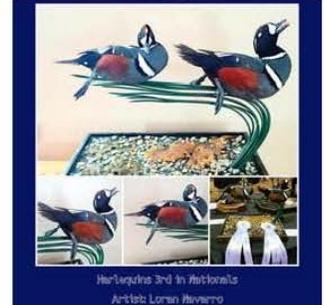
# News for the Flock

## TWIN RIVERS BIRD TAXIDERMY

Loran Navarro

### Waterfowl Mount Certificate Drawing

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



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

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

**\$ 350.00 Value**

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



See your local WWA Chapter Chairman, WWA Officer or Board Member to purchase or Rick Billieu at [rgbillieu@frontier.com](mailto:rgbillieu@frontier.com)

# WWA and RRGW News Briefs

## RRGC Wood Duck Box Program Some History of the RRGW Nesting Box Program

By Arlan Hackett

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

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

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

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

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**WOW, Surprise!** A second hen arrives in the same nest box as we are watching a few of the ducklings emerge from under mom's down blanket on **May 5, 2022**. She possibly laid an egg while the ducklings are snuggled under the first mom. You can see a bit of the ducklings peek out after the second hen leaves. Here is the short recording of the encounter. [Here](#) is the link:

Wood Ducks and a few screech owls are currently nesting in the 512 boxes. Banding has also taken place and the information will be entered into a database for future tracking. You can check out the live stream cameras at [www.RRGWWoodDucks.org](http://www.RRGWWoodDucks.org) to see what is currently going on with four (4) of the boxes.



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

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

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

Now that all the boxes are ready for hens, we will start to survey boxes for banding efforts. A few selected checks indicate the early nesting activities have started.

One box checked on 3-22-20 we found and recaptured a hen sitting on 10 eggs. This hen is a banded hen that has returned to this same box or adjacent boxes since 2016 when she was first banded. Additionally we had deployed a geo-locator on this hen last year on 4-23-19. Her nest hatched out and jumped from the box on 5-19-19.

Apparently the ducklings perished and she re-nested in the same nest box which jumped on 7-15-19. The geo-locator has been recovered/removed to download the mini data logger data and we will report on the migration data after the data is processed and analyzed. We are hopeful that we will recover more of the 16 geo-locators that were deployed last spring when we get further into the nesting season.

Thanks for watching,

**Dale Schielke**  
**RRGC Wood Duck Project Coordinator**

### Link to WDFW Regs

#### 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.

#### 2022 Spring Turkey Hunt Regs Are Linked [Here](#)



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**Dane Widen**  
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 STANWOOD WA

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**WWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_\_\_\_, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Contact: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type:**

- Family (immediate family up to age 18) — \$ 35.00
- Regular — \$ 30.00
- Bronze Lifetime\* — \$ 500.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
- Silver Lifetime\* — \$ 1,000.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
- Gold Lifetime\* — \$ 2,000.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
- Platinum Lifetime — \$ 5,000.00 (New, 5/4/2021)**
- \*\* Please check box if you do not wish to receive a gift.**
- Senior (65 or over) - \$ 15.00
- Junior (under age 18) -- \$ 15.00
- 2-Year Regular \$ 50.00
- 2-Year Family \$ 60.00  
(2-year memberships NOT available online)

**Chapter & Newsletter:** (Please specify your preferences)Newsletter by  email or  hard copy

- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter — VACANT**
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and Places Quarterly TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the **Twin City Sportsmen's Club**, 26933 64th Ave NW 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 — VACANT**
- Tri Cities Chapter — VACANT**
- Wenatchee Chapter** – Dates and Places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.

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**A few facts about the WWA:**

- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- Nine (9) active chapters throughout Washington
- We spend all of our resources within Washington State

**Our projects include:**

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