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National Hunting and Fishing Day

Frank Wyman, John Arrabito, my bride, Teresa and I recently joined Steven Dazey from the WDFW and dozens of outdoor organizations at Camp Pigott in Snohomish County to celebrate **National Hunting and Fishing Day** (see page 5 for photos from the day). The event hosts hundreds of kids and their parents and introduces them to a broad array of outdoor pursuits. Of course WWA was on site with the duck mount display, and it was a **huge hit** with both kids and parents...the vast majority of who had never seen it before.

But we weren't the only participants by any stretch. There were representatives from the trapping, shooting sports, back country horsemen, fishing, archery, Boy Scouts, and many, many more. I wish I could give credit to all. Over 800 youngsters and their families attended.

I was pleasantly surprised over the numbers of parents inquiring about waterfowl hunting; parents whom I'm sure had never considered our pastime previously. I have to say I was tickled to see the numbers of families that were first or second generation Americans who seemed just thrilled at the prospects of introducing their kids to outdoor pursuits. Many parents were eager to see their kids experience this piece of Americana, this piece of R & R not realized in every corner of our planet.

In recent years I have received a flurry of calls from people looking for **Federal Duck Stamps** around opening day. It appears that many Post Offices have not been stocking them adequately in recent years. Waterfowlers have frequently had to go to multiple post offices before scoring.

Don't wait 'til the last minute.

(President's Letter continued on page 3)

Mission Statement
To Preserve, Protect and Promote Waterfowl, Waterfowl Habitat, & Waterfowl Hunting in Washington state

EVENTS CALENDAR

2017 Events

- Oct 25** **Seattle Chapter Meeting** at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range**. Nationally known call maker, **Troy Taylor** will demonstrate some tips on duck calling.
- Oct 28** **3rd Annual Youth-Only Duck Hunt** at the **Willapa NWR** near **Ilwaco** co-sponsored by **WWA-Seattle**.
See Flyer on page 7.
- Oct 28** **Personalized Duck Calling Class** at the Puyallup workshop of nationally known call maker, **Troy Taylor**, along with current [and 7 time] **WA State Duck Calling Champion, Robert Strong**.
- Oct 31** **Southwest Chapter meeting** at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** at 6:30 pm in the hunter education building with Troy Taylor helping us with duck calling.
- Nov 1** **WWA Board of Directors Meeting** 11:30 a.m., at the **Denny's Restaurant in Kent** just off **Hwy 167**. All members of all Chapters always welcome at BOD Meetings.
- Nov 4** **Ridgefield NWR Youth Hunt**. Submit your application by October 16. **More details on page 12.**
- Nov 4** **Opening Day of Scaup Waterfowl Season**
- Nov 14** **NW Chapter Meeting** at the Conway Fire Station starting at 7pm.
- Nov 17** **PacNW Delta Waterfowl Banquet** at the **Olson Mansion in Maple Valley**. Contact **Kaliber Olson** at: Kaliber.Olson@pnwdeltawaterfowl.com

- Dec 1** Scholarship application for **NW Chapter of WWA scholarship** due.
More info on page 9.
- Dec 7** **8th Annual Seattle Chapter 10-course Peking Duck Christmas Dinner** at the **Mandarin Garden Restaurant**, in Issaquah, WA. Put it on your calendar now and be on the lookout for a Flyer around Thanksgiving for additional details.
- Dec 12** **NW Chapter Meeting** at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7pm.
- Jan 9** **NW Chapter Meeting** at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7pm

**Be an Active Member
and Attend one of
these GREAT Events!**



Presidents Letter Continued...

One question that came up more than a handful of times was "How do we get started?" I have to admit, we hadn't thought about brining applications and newsletters... we might have picked up some new members had we done so. It was a full day and I thank **Frank, John, and Teresa** for giving up their Saturday for such a worthy cause.

Since then, a word keeps popping up in my mind, "mentoring." Sometimes I think when many of us think of "mentoring," we envision introducing a 12-year-old kid to the waterfowling experience... maybe a relative. Some go the extra distance and take inner-city kids or kids whose dads are not present in their lives into the marsh and show them a lasting experience; an experience some will keep for the rest of their lives.

Mentoring applies here to **WWA members**. I like to think that such an introduction will win out over the recreational experience millions of American youth spend their time pursuing these days. You know the type, the one that requires no exertion and whose most frequent injury is carpal tunnel of the thumbs.

But let me take this mentoring thing in a different direction. I think we waterfowlers are sometimes guilty of "taking a pass" on opportunities to mentor young adults, young fathers, young women who are curious about or hope to take up our pastime. Further, I question whether we go out of our way to welcome those experienced hunters who are new to our state.

Those of us who have hunted ducks and geese for decades have our "honey-holes" that we are reluctant to share. We have our old buddies and relatives that we are comfortable with. We don't really care to rock our boat. It's easy to maintain the "same ol', same ol'.

I realize that we may have had experiences where that sweet spot that was passed on in confidence was also unfortunately passed to several others; but I think that's the exception not the rule. Part of mentoring is teaching "waterfowling etiquette."

So here's a question I have to ask myself and pose to you. If I'm 60 or 70 years old, why wouldn't I want to encourage EVERYONE interested in waterfowling to pursue that curiosity. Yes, there is competition for access in our state, but I think the more important matter here is that

future generations come to know and love this waterfowling thing of ours.

Lastly, **Teresa and I** had the great pleasure of attending the **NW Chapter Banquet** on the September 30. As usual, it was a sell-out. The gaming and prizes as well as the auction items were just great as well. The gals calling contest was a hoot, with a wonderful array of raffle and auction items. **NW Chapter** members obviously worked very hard, and the community and individuals were most generous with contributions.

As always, **Clint White** did his own magic with the auction.... and the food.... OMG! was just incredible!

Lower Columbia also had another successful banquet this past month, unfortunately my commitment to the **NHFD event** would not allow my attendance. Those of you who have yet to attend one or both of these two (2) **GREAT** banquets need to put them on your 2018 calendar now. I promise you that you will have a wonderful time!

Just a reminder as we enter our 2017-2018 hunting season, "Be Safe Out There".

**For the Resource,
Jim Cortines**



News for the Flock

WWA Members,

The communication below includes excerpts from e-mails from valued **WWA Director Jim Goldsmith**. Jim works diligently with **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC) and Hunters Heritage Council (HHC) President Mark Pidgeon** on behalf of **Washington State sportsmen and sportswomen** to preserve our outdoor heritage...including hunting, fishing, trapping etc.

One particular statistic therein should jump off the page at you **WWA members**; can you find it? Also, I encourage you to poke around in various links Jim has supplied. One might find one's self going "Hmmm?"

Note from Jim Goldsmith:

'Regarding the distribution of Discover Pass revenue: I originally obtained the figures from "[Funding Public Recreation With the Discover Pass: Policy and Practicality](#)", a report written in 2013. I brought up those figures multiple times in our meetings; the agency representatives never disputed the figures, and they nodded their heads in agreement several times so it seems the figures are most likely still accurate.

There is also a [survey](#) that all Washington residents involved in outdoor recreation should take to help in this effort: "It is designed by **Washington State University** to help land management agencies, and outdoor recreation groups understand your outdoor recreation wishes, and how to make public recreation lands in Washington State easier for you and future generations to use and enjoy."

I have been representing the hunting community via my position in **WWC** in a series of meetings regarding **Recreational Access Fee Systems in Washington State** (a.k.a. Discover Pass and other recreational land passes).

It would be good to note that 84% of Discover Pass revenue goes to State Parks, 8% to the WDFW, and 8% to the WA Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The meetings and discussions have been lively and productive. **Mark Pidgeon** is on the [Leadership Team](#), and I am in the [Coordination Workgroup](#). The process to address Recreational Access Fee Systems is complex and involves many outdoor recreation user groups, agencies, and government entities; the [Ruckelshaus Center](#) is facilitating the effort. I encourage you to click on the links provided and familiarize yourselves with the issues and the

project. This affects all of us so please feel free to give your input and ask questions.

The following is an excerpt from the [Ruckelshaus Center Project website](#):

*"To begin addressing these challenges, in 2016, the Washington State Legislature directed the WA State Parks and Recreation Commission, in partnership with the WA Department of Natural Resources and the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, to work with the Ruckelshaus Center to "coordinate a process to develop options and recommendations to **improve consistency, equity, and simplicity in recreational access fee systems while accounting for the fiscal health and stability of public land management.**" The [legislation](#) also requested exploration of the potential for "federal and state permit fee coordination," including a "single pass to provide access to state and federal lands" and a "comprehensive and consistent approach to recreational fee discounts and exemptions."*

Thanks.

Jim Goldsmith

**Please take the WSU survey on
Outdoor Recreation Interests at:**

[https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/
SV_0pN2RIHPgfemanb](https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0pN2RIHPgfemanb)

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all. Can you believe how fast this year has gone? The ducks and geese have made a great start in the migration and we are seeing them regularly in our area. By the time you are reading this we should already have a couple of limits in the freezer.

Our Chapter has done well this year and we have many to thank for it. We are fortunate to have a great volunteer base. I'll start with our **Chapter officers**. If not for you I would be doing everything by myself! We would not have a chapter without you. Thanks to all **our members that have regularly volunteered** for the work parties. We wouldn't get much done without you. Thanks to all **that have supported us** by selling and buying the hunt for two raffle tickets or by just being a member! The raffle has been our life blood, and the treasury is slowly growing.

Your time efforts and support are showing results in our successful nest program and with the continuation of our youth events. I know we will continue to be a factor in the future of our waterfowl. **This is because of YOU!!** Thank you all for another successful year. I hope this coming season is your safest and your most enjoyable.

Kurt Snyder
Your Chairman



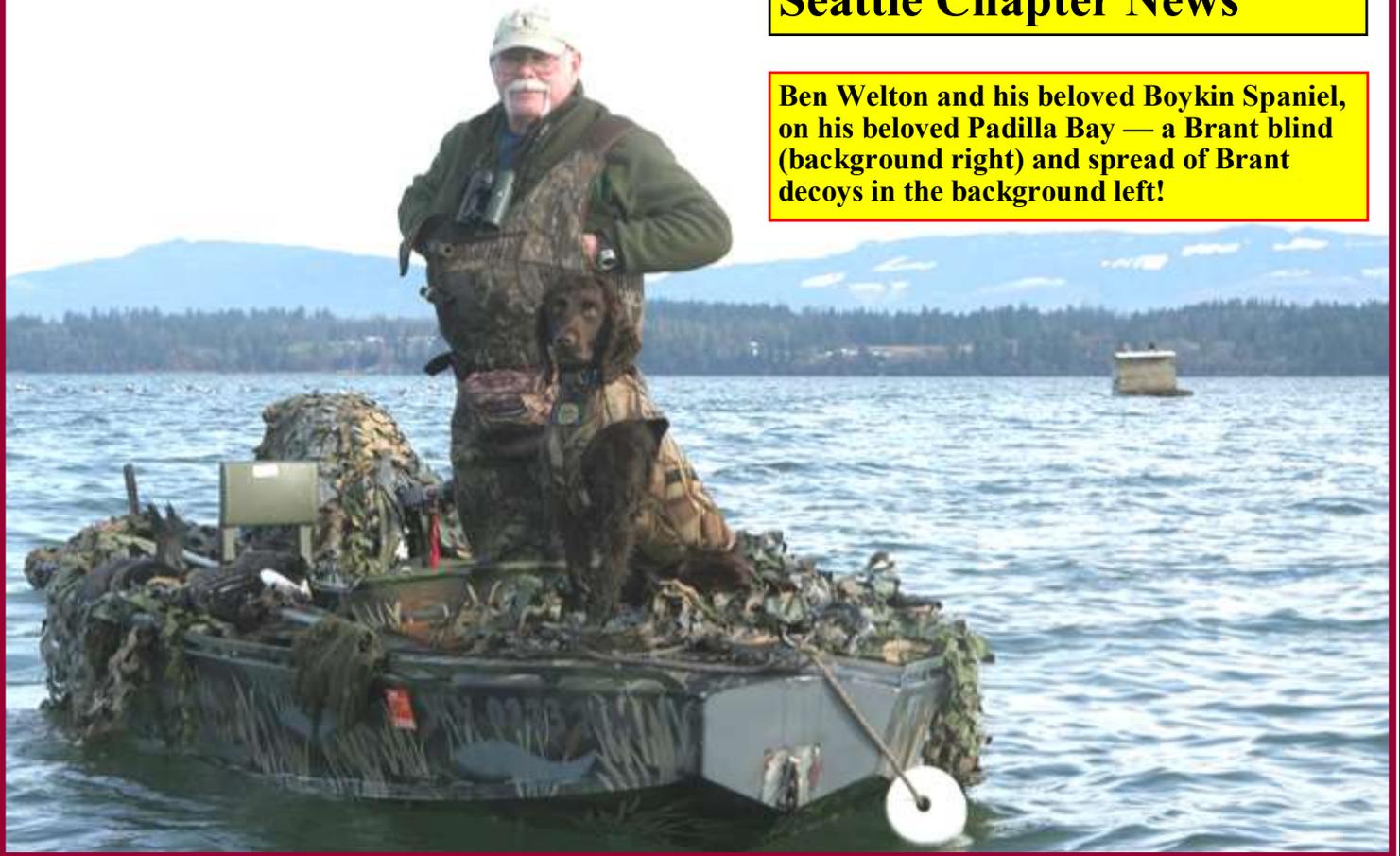
Photos from the WWA Booth at the National Hunting and Fishing Day



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Seattle Chapter News

Ben Welton and his beloved Boykin Spaniel, on his beloved Padilla Bay — a Brant blind (background right) and spread of Brant decoys in the background left!



Plenty on Tap for October 25th Seattle Chapter Meeting

SW Chapter member and nationally known duck call maker, **Troy Taylor**, will be present to show off some of his wares and give tips and tricks for better duck calling in the field. **Troy** recently stepped up at the last minute to head up the **2017 WA State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest**, thus saving Washington's national sanction for **WWA!** **See Story on Page 8.**

Troy and **2017 [and 7 time] WA State Duck Calling Champion, Robert Strong**, will be putting on a day long duck calling clinic on Saturday, October 28th, at his Puyallup Home Workshop, complete with a "**Taylor Talker**" call and lunch. If you like what you see [and more importantly what you hear at our meeting], you might want to make plans to drive down to Puyallup that Saturday!

Final Preparations for Willapa NWR Youth-Only Shoot

Speaking of Saturday, October 28th, several members of the **Seattle Chapter** will be motoring down to the **Ilwaco** region on that Saturday with Youth hunters and prizes in tow, as we co-sponsor this event once again at the **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge**. Making the trip will be

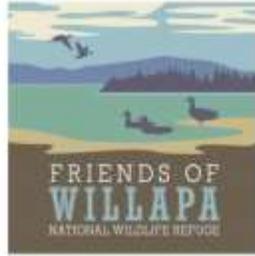
David Hanson and his son, **Ben**, as well as **Paul McGovern**, and his sons, **Dylan** and **Jacob**.

The event this year is a memorial of **Ben Welton**. **Ben** — who was a member of all four (4) sponsoring organizations [**See Flyer on Adjoining Page**] — originally put the idea together three (3) years ago and asked the **WWA-Seattle Chapter** to participate as a co-sponsor. We've been doing so ever since. Long range plans are to have this hunt named perpetually in honor of **Ben**. For more on **Ben**, check out this post on the **WA Refuge Forum**. <http://refugeforums.com/threads/ben-welton-passing.1025730/>

If any other **Seattle Chapter** members want to go, there is still time to sign up, and the Chapter is picking up the lodging costs for Friday night. Contact me at the meeting or at jarrabito@comcast.net or 425.894-4080.

FREE Round of Trap or 5-Stand for WWA Members

Finally, we haven't forgot about letting all of our other members in on the Freebies. At this — **our last meeting of the year** — **ALL WWA Members of ALL Chapters** in attendance will get a **FREE** round of trap or 5-Stand!



Ben Welton Memorial

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Event starts at 8:00 am

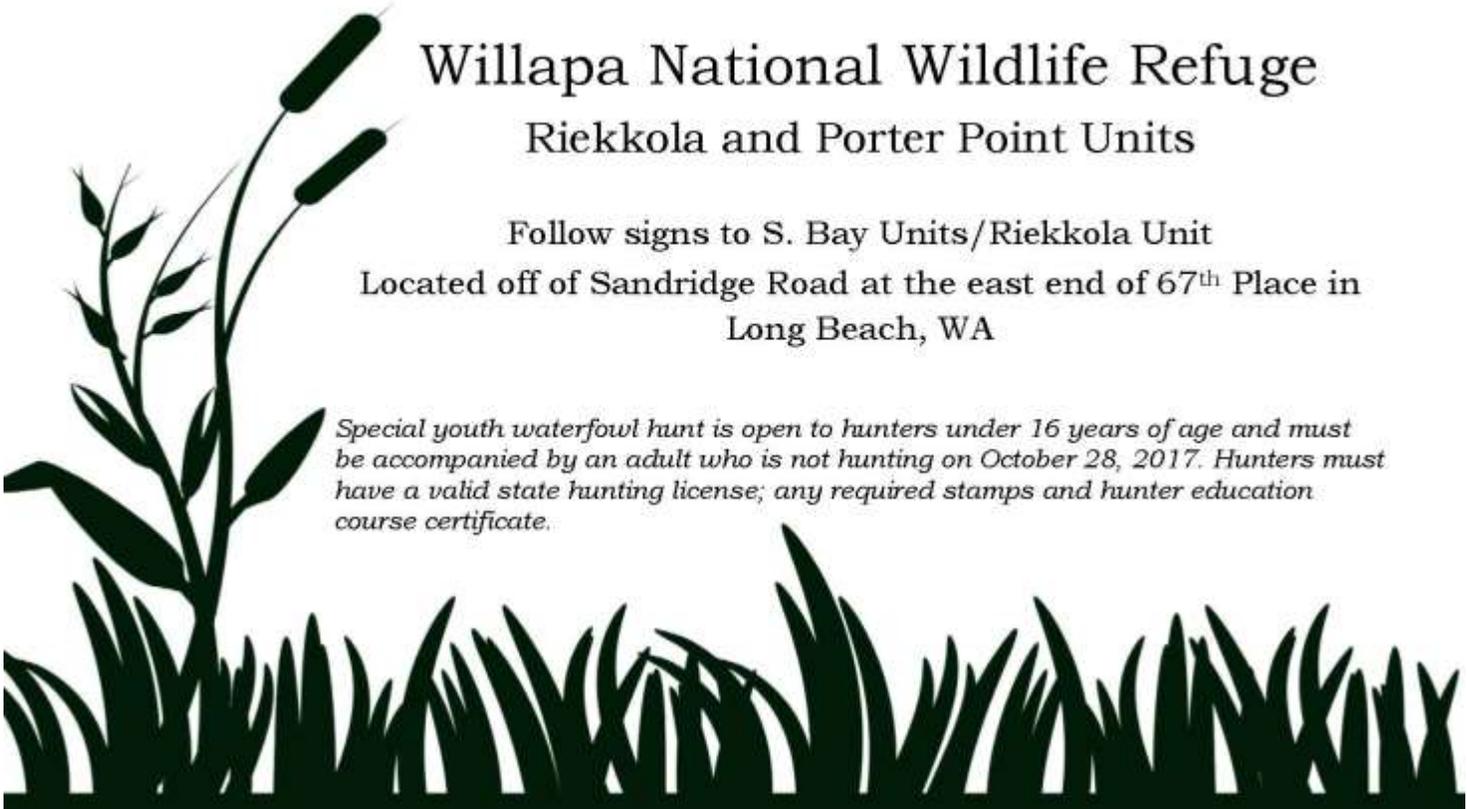
Fun! Food! Prizes! Hunter Education!

At

**Willapa National Wildlife Refuge
Riekkola and Porter Point Units**

Follow signs to S. Bay Units/Riekkola Unit
Located off of Sandridge Road at the east end of 67th Place in
Long Beach, WA

Special youth waterfowl hunt is open to hunters under 16 years of age and must be accompanied by an adult who is not hunting on October 28, 2017. Hunters must have a valid state hunting license; any required stamps and hunter education course certificate.



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Results of the 2017 Washington State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest



Robert Strong & the Traveling Trophy. His name engraved there 7 times!

The 2017 Washington State Duck Calling Champion is Robert Strong!

On Saturday, September 30, the Washington Waterfowl Association hosted the Washington State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest at the Sumner Sportmen's Association.

It is a record 7th time that Rob has won this event. Congratulations Rob and good luck in Stuttgart, AR at the World Championships held during Thanksgiving weekend. Rob received a \$1,000 check from WWA to help with his traveling expenses to Stuttgart to represent WA and WWA!

Second Place went to Jaeger Evinger; and 3rd place to Logan Booneas. Each received a custom duck call from generous nationwide call makers who supported our event. Thanks to the donations from Earnie Ross Custom Calls, Eason Cajun Calls, and Wingerts Woodworks Custom Game Calls.



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Congratulations and thank you to nationally known call maker and WWA-SW Chapter member, Troy Taylor, for stepping up at the last minute to help preserve WA national sanction for WWA, and to his committee of Kurt Snyder, John Arrabito, Bruce Burns, Jack Westerfield and others who helped to make this success come about on short notice. Great Job!

Also, thank you to our volunteer judges who gave up their Saturday and traveled long distances all the way from Everett to Vancouver and places in between to make the event a success — Adam Goss, John Farrow, Tim Cameron, Patrick McCormick and John Arrabito.

Thank you also to the competitors and supporters, again many of whom traveled great distances to participate.

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Scholarship Opportunity

The **NW Chapter of WWA** is offering one \$500 college scholarship for the 2017-18 school year. The scholarship will be offered to a student attending a 4 year college or university and majoring in wildlife management or a closely related field.

To apply, students must submit an essay of no less than 500 words describing how waterfowl hunting has improved your life. Essays must be submitted in writing no later than December 1, 2017. Essays will be graded on their content, form, and grammar.

The decision of the **NW Chapter of WWA** is final.

Please submit your essay to

WWA-NW Chapter
28400 72nd Drive NW
Stanwood, WA 98292

Please keep an ear open for our forthcoming radio spots on *KIRO Outdoor Line*, 97.3 FM radio, on Saturdays, 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

First of all I would like to thank everyone that helped with the **Washington State Duck Calling Championship at the Summer Sportsmen's Club**. It was a lot of fun and went off without any problems.

October Chapter Meeting:

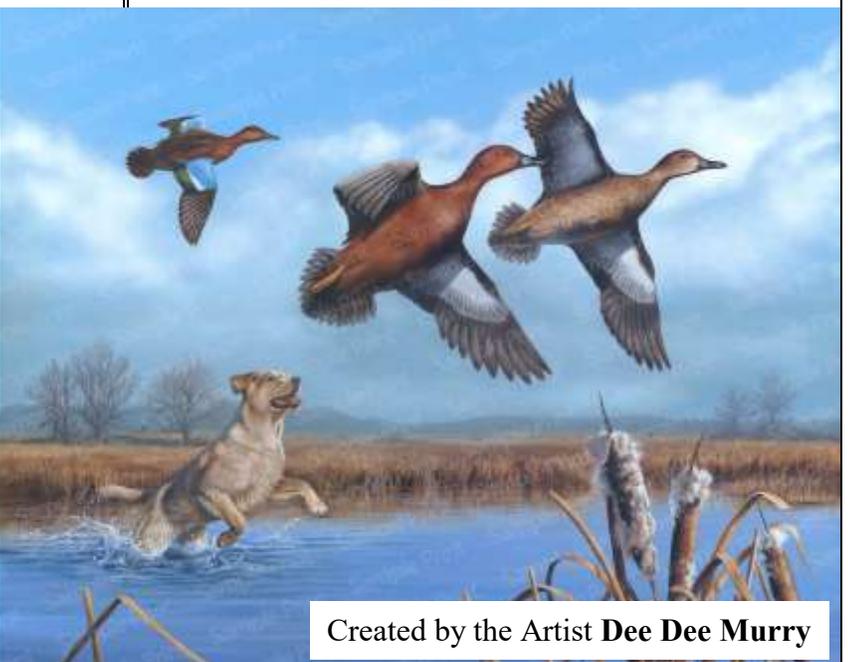
The next **Southwest Chapter** meeting will be October 31, 2017 at the **Tacoma Sportsman Club** at 6:30 pm in the hunter education building. This month Chapter member and nationally know duck call maker, **Troy Taylor** will be there and will help us with some duck calling. So dust the calls off and come on out. Some of the other topics will be our WWA-SW booth the up coming **Puyallup Sportsman Show** in January.

Talk to the President!

Send your thoughts on the future of **WWA**; on governmental policies affecting waterfowl and their habitat; or even send your thoughts on your favorite hunting grounds [without giving out the GPS coordinates, LOL]! The president, **Jim Cortines**, wants to hear from you! Email him today at: wawtrfwlr@comcast.net.

Order Your 2017 Duck Stamps & Prints

See page xxx to order your 2017 Stamps and Prints! Or online at: <http://www.shuttlepod.org/duckstamp>



Created by the Artist **Dee Dee Murry**

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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu and Rich Phillips

Duck Calling Clinic:

Three fun evenings as **Nick Handly** provided top notch instructions for calling in the ducks. We BBQ'd Hot Dogs and Sea Duck Kielbasa with chips on the side. **Nick** took us through the different types of Calls, Call component familiarization, selecting a Call; common duck sound cadence and rhythm. We held a free raffle for an Echo call at each session and gave away youth calls. The clinic was held at **Skagit Wildlife Area HQ**. Thanks to all of the participants. **Special thanks to members Nick Handly and Jim Fetzer.**

These Kids Can Hunt:

The **2017 Youth Hunt** went off with a bang. We had **12 Kids in the field** with dogs, Dads and Guides. Two locations with morning and afternoon hunts. The hunting wasn't hot but the kids managed to take home some birds. Thanks to **Tony Breckenridge of Edison Gun Club**, and the **Nature Conservancy** for their support of this event and the use of their facilities. Special thanks to



Nick Handly instructing the NW Chapter on duck calling.

supporting members and **Rick Skiba** who coordinated this yearly event once again.

Pre-Season Farmed Island Tour:

A little boating with some light walking, **Curran Cosgrove (WDFW)** toured a group of 20+ members and non-members around the Farmed Island Segment off the south fork of the Skagit River.

Photos from the Youth Hunt Weekend. Thanks to everyone for your support and thanks to Tony Breckenridge of the Edison Gun Club, and the Nature Conservancy for your support.



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again featured **Kelly's Bar-b-que** for dinner and **Tulip Valley Wines** for beer and wine. Both were reportedly on top of their game. Thanks to both.

The live auction, raffle, and silent auction all featured an assortment of prints, shells, decoys, and lots of hunting



A great day of learning about the Farmed Islands, their habitat and access points.

Curran plants forage crops on this 240 acre "Island Unit". **These crops provide important sustainability food for migrating Waterfowl.**

We also visited some of the 22 blinds constructed on the Island. The Island is a critical region 4 habitat for Waterfowl and managed very well by the **WDFW**. **Thanks to all who attended.**

Successful Banquet:

The **Northwest Chapter of WWA** held its 3rd annual banquet and auction on September 30th at Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon. About 125 people attended and (hopefully) had a great time! The committee decided to go with **Hillcrest** again and limit the ticket sales at 125. We reached our goal just prior to the banquet. We

2017 NW Chapter Banquet at Hillcrest Lodge.



With all the support we received, our chapter will be offering a scholarship, continue to aid in waterfowl research, and keep our on-going projects solvent. **Thank you!**



gear. There were some really good deals to be found. This year we had a lady's duck calling competition, with the winner getting a \$50 Macy's gift card. All seven (7) competitors gave their best efforts! Several even sounded like real ducks!!

A special thanks to **WWA** member **Ken Packard** for his very generous donation to **WWA**. And also a big thank you to **WWA-Seattle Chapter** member **Kent Saltonstall** of Edmonds for donating prints, antique decoys, and a canoe! The winner of the canoe was smiling from ear to ear. **Kent** hopes it gets used as often as he used it in his younger days!

Thanks to our set up crew, **Rick Skiba, Rick Holt, Rick Billeau, Rich Phillips, and Ed Farrey**. And the clean-up crew of **Rick Skiba, Rick Holt, Bick Billeau, and Rich Phillips**. A little disappointing that more members decided not to help with either. And we could not have been successful without the help of **Sharon Billeau**, who kept us on track and made the baskets for the silent auction. And to **Cindy Phillips** who registered attendee's, greeted everyone with a big smile, and collected money.

Next Meeting:

The Northwest Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on Nov. 14th, at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7pm. See you there and bring a friend.

Support your Passion – Get Involved

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Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

Green Wing B-B-Q:

The event was again a huge success with 75 people in attendance. All the kids really enjoyed the decoy painting and they all walked away with a bunch of free stuff. There were 45 kids from 6 months to 16 years of age. Everyone had a good lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers supplied by **Super 1 Foods from Hayden, Idaho**. This is the 5th year in a row he has not only supplied the food, but also delivered it to the event, which is much appreciated, especially since his son is no longer playing football against **Moses Lake** on Friday night.

Youth Pheasant Hunt:

We had 26 youths and 34 adults show up for the youth Pheasant hunt, and they were able to harvest a bunch of the birds. Several of the youths were able to shoot their limits, and you should have seen the proud smiles on their faces and their parents' faces. They also received a bunch of free **Pheasant Forever** merchandise along with free hamburger and hot dog lunch provided by the **Columbia Basin chapter of Pheasants Forever**.

All in all the three events supported by the **Moses Lake Chapter** of **WWA** were a huge success in getting youths interested in hunting and into the fields to partake in the sport. It was time well spent, now we need to find some younger folks to take up the reins and keep the effort going forward

Waterfowl Numbers Report:

Right now there are a fair number of Ducks and Geese in the area. **Potholes Reservoir** water level is starting to rise, but many areas will be inaccessible for the opening weekend.

The weather is still fairly warm in the daytime, but beginning to cool down at night. From the counts in Canada we should have good numbers of Waterfowl once the weather drives them South.

Good luck and be super safe out there hunting!

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Successful Fundraising Banquet:

Thanks to all who attended and helped with our big event on the 23rd of September. There seemed to be a few more conflicts for that date this year, and our attendance was down a bit. Those able to make it did a great job of supporting **WWA**, and we appreciate it! We netted a respectable \$8,803. Thanks to all for your hard work and support!

Ridgefield NWR "Brush Up":

On a beautiful last Saturday of September we had a record turn out to camo the blinds and prepare for the upcoming season at the **Ridgefield National Waterfowl Refuge (NWR)**. **Dave Lescalleet** who does the hunt check in and for the refuge and his wife **Cindy** represented the **USFWS** at the work party. We had 34 volunteers go through all the box blinds and pits. The refuge and our chapter provided a generous supply of woven grass panels. We also purchased a large supply of military style camo mesh to help hide the blinds. **Rich Hannan** has been hard at work the last few months doing maintenance on the blinds and has them in great shape. Be sure to check out all the photos of the work on the [adjoining page 13](#).

Youth Hunt November 4th:

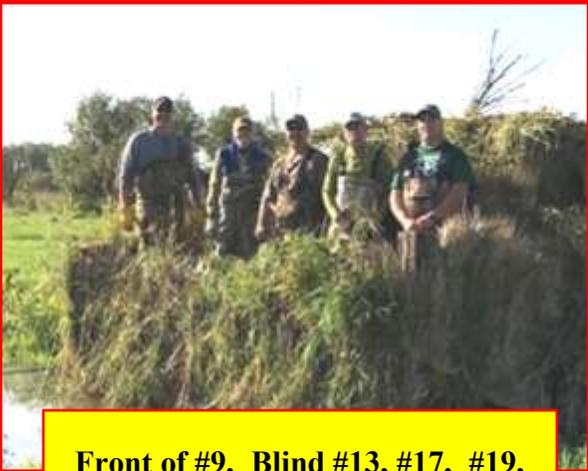
Our chapter will sponsor the **Ridgefield NWR Youth Hunt** the first weekend in November. We will have gifts and a BBQ for the young hunters 15 or under. If you can help that Saturday please contact **Ted Blade** at **(360) 558-1770**

Cedarville Farms Hunt Donation:

Thanks to **Jon and Marty McAninch** for again donating two hunts for the statewide **WWA Fund Raising Raffle**. They have fantastic duck club properties near **Oakville, WA** and near the **Nisqually NWR** that provide outstanding waterfowl hunting opportunities to the lucky winners. Additionally, **Grays Harbor Chapter Chairman, Kurt Snyder**, offers up an alternative hosted Sea Duck hunt on **Puget Sound**. Both prizes include lodging for two at the **McAninch's, Cedarville Hunt Club**.

Thanks for your generous support of our organization!

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Front of #9, Blind #13, #17, #19, Back of #9. Some good looking blinds out there for the opener!



Before and after of blind #9. Good work guys!



Brush up Refuge Work Party.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renew Online at www.waduck.org

By: Ellen Satre

If you have not received your membership card or decal. Please contact **Ellen**. As well, if you have questions or changes to your address please contact **Ellen** at EllenSWWA@comcast.net or call 253.845.2398.

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#26 Jim Kline	#27 Leon Kollman	#28 Derek Melton	#29 Dan Stearns	#30 John Hanson
#31 Mark Hackett	#32 Logan Sanday	#33 Mickey Clary	#34 Reserved for BQT Presentation (2017)	#35 Reserved for BQT Presentation (2017)
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#46 Analise Arrabito	#47 Robert Zeka	#48 Ron Watkins	#49 Ken Boyer	#50 Henry Field
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WWA Youth Fund — \$2,655

Bill and Ann Satre (In Memory of Terry Satre) — \$20
Monthly Recurring Donation — Jim Goldsmith, October 2017— \$5

WWA Legal Fund — \$17,942

Re-Donation of Calling Judge Gift — John Arrabito, October 2017— \$50

WWA Habitat Fund — \$785

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$10,957

WWA General Fund — \$154

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Corporate Checking (BAC)	\$ 5,950.85
Corporate Checking (Banner)	\$ 15,663.95
Funds to be Deposited	\$ 1,575.00
Duck Stamp Account (As of 7/25/17)	\$ 7,726.48
Merchandise Account (As of 1/5/17)	\$ 2,415.15
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,635.23
Corporate Total	\$ 50,966.66

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking (As of 8-2-2017)	\$ 3,461.36
Kitsap Chapter (To Be Funded)	
LC Checking	\$ 29,452.19
ML Checking	\$ 25,498.82
NW Checking	\$ 26,352.88
SEA Checking	\$ 18,450.53
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,755.05
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$ 1,317.33
SEA Total	\$ 29,522.91
SW Checking	\$ 6,139.73
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WH Checking	\$ 4,356.37
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**Selected (and Incomplete) Summary of 2017-2018
Migratory Game Bird Seasons (Significant Changes in Red)**

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Ducks	Statewide	September 16-17, 2017 (Youth Hunt Only (a) Oct. 14-18, 2017 and Oct. 21, 2017— Jan. 28, 2018	7 (b) 7 (b)	14 (b) 21 (b)
		EXCEPT Scaup closed Oct. 14 — Nov. 3, 2017	3 (b)	9 (b)
(b) Bag Limits:	Statewide	7 ducks to include not more than 2 hen mallards; 1 pintail ; 3 scaup; 2 canvasback, and 2 redhead;		
	Western WA	To include not more than 1 harlequin; 2 scoter, 2 long tailed duck; and 2 goldeneye		
(b) Season Limit		1 harlequin in Western WA		
(b) <u>Possession Limits Statewide</u>		3 pintail ; 9 scaup; 6 canvasback; 6 redhead & 6 hen mallards 6 scoter; 6 long tailed duck; & 6 goldeneye in Western WA		
		Coots, and	25	75
		Snipe	8	24

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

Geese (except Brant)	Statewide	September 16-17, 2017 (Youth Hunt Only (a)	4(c)	8(c)
	Goose Mgmt.	Early Season (Canada Geese Only) Sept. 9-14, 2017;	5(c)	15(c)

Statewide Regular Season, Daily Bag & Possession Limits in ALL Management Areas unless noted otherwise.

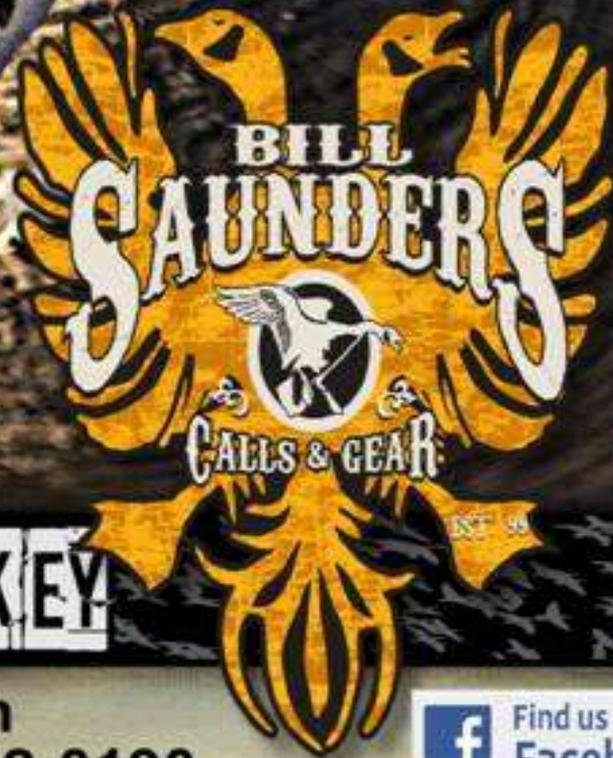
Snow Geese	6	18
White-fronted Geese	10(e)	30(e)
Canada Geese	4(g)	12(g)

	Area 1	Snow, White-fronted Geese — Oct. 14-Jan 28, 2018 Canada — Oct 14-26; & Nov 7-Jan 28, 2018		
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2	Early Season (Canada Only)— Sept. 2-10, 2017; All Areas EXCEPT Ridgefield & Willapa NWR's Everyday** — Oct 14th—29th (f) Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays ONLY Nov 25, 2017 thru-Jan 14, 2018 Feb 10-Mar 10(f) Feb 10 — Mar 10 (Goose Hunting CLOSED in Ridgefield NWR and in Willapa NWR.	5(c)	15(c)
**Refer to specific Willapa NWR Rules (Saturday, Sunday & Wednesday)				
<u>Dusky Canada Goose Season is closed in Area 2 during October thru March</u>		Ridgefield NWR	4(g)	12(g)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 3	Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-14, 2017; Oct. 17-26 and Nov. 25, 2017—Jan. 13, 2018(f)	5(c)	15(c)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 4	Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-10, 2017; Sat, Sun, & Weds, only, Oct. 14— Jan 21, 2018 Nov 10, 23, and 24; Dec 25, 26, 28, & 29, 2017; and every day Jan 22-28, 2018.	5(c)	10(c)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 5	Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-10, 2017; Oct. 14-16, & every day Oct 21—Jan 28, 2018	5(c)	10(c)
Brant (see authorization requirements on page 4 of 2017-2018 on p. 4 of 2017-2018 regulations pamphlet)		Clallam & Whatcom Counties — Jan 6, 10 and 13, 2018	2	6
	Pacific County	Jan. 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20 & 21, 2018	2	6
	Skagit County	Jan. 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, & 21, 2018	2	6
	Skagit County	If the pre-season wintering population in Skagit County is between 3000 and 6000 (as determined by the midwinter survey) this brant season will be limited to Jan 6, 10 and 13, 2018. If the pre-season wintering population in Skagit County is less than 3000 (as determined by the midwinter survey) the brant season in Skagit County will be canceled.		

Mourning Dove	Statewide	September 1 thru October 30	14	45
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