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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

Hello WWA!

### Special February 6th Hunt a Success for many WWA Chapters

I hope you had a wonderful season, and if we have any Vets or Active Military out there, let us know how you did on the special **Vet/Active Military/Youth Hunt** that happened on February 6th! I myself couldn't get out, but I am certainly excited to hear your stories. We have a special pictorial of photos of some of those hunts throughout this month's Newsletter. Enjoy! Next month we will feature a similar pictorial on our very successful **First Annual Hunter Mentorship Program**.

### Planning for an All Chapter Meeting This Spring

The **WWA All-Chapter Meeting** is right around the corner, and we are knee deep in planning mode. The Board of Directors have given me agendas used in the past so that I may formulate one for this year based on the successes of before. I can't wait for us all to get together and plan out the rest of the year.

### A New WWA Chapter

**WWA-VP James Ono** and I have received interest from separate parties about forming (re-forming???) a **WWA-Wenatchee Chapter**, so I am going to get with **James** and with that interested group very soon to discuss the process. It will be exciting to get another new chapter up and running!

As always, don't hesitate to let me know if you need anything from me, and I will do my best to help out!

*Ramon Guel*

*WWA President*

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## News for the Flock

### 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon, Feb 22	Seattle Chapter Meeting <b>Kenmore Gun Range</b> Trap Shooting 4-6 p.m., followed by short outside business meeting. <b>Covid Restrictions Apply (i.e., Masks)</b> See <a href="#">Page 10</a> for more info.
Tues, Feb 23	Usual SW Chapter Meeting Night <b>No online or in person gatherings scheduled.</b> Notice otherwise, will come by Email to SW members.
Weds, Feb 24	Seattle Chapter Meeting <b>Online Only — 7 p.m.</b> See <a href="#">Page 10</a> for WebEx Invitation.
Thurs, Feb 25	Usual LC Chapter Meeting Night <b>First online Meeting;</b> See <a href="#">Page 3</a> for WebEx Invitation.
Tues, Mar 2	Usual Whatcom Chapter Meeting Night. <b>No online or in person gatherings scheduled.</b> Notice otherwise, will come by Email to Whatcom Chapter members.
Wed, Mar 3	WWA BOD Meeting <b>Online Only — 7:00 p.m.</b> All WWA Members Welcome to attend.
Thurs, Mar 4	GH Chapter Meeting, <b>in person;</b> Evergreen Sportsmen's Club near Littlerock; 7 pm, See <a href="#">Page 4</a> .
Weds, Mar 10	NW Chapter Meeting <b>in person;</b> Twin Cities Sportsmens Club Stanwood; 7 pm, See <a href="#">Page 8</a> .
Weds, Mar 24	Seattle Chapter Meeting <b>Online Only — 7 p.m.</b> Program
Thurs, Mar 25	Usual LC Chapter Meeting Night
Tues, Mar 30	Usual SW Chapter Meeting Night

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### Get your **FREE** WA State Duck Stamp

To receive a complimentary (as in **FREE**) WA State Duck Stamp, mail a copy of your 2020-21 License with a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) to:

WWA Duck Stamp Program  
18207 Rhodes Lake Road E  
Bonney Lake, WA 98391

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## News for the Flock

### Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

#### Virtual Chapter Meeting February 25th

We will have our first meeting of the year this month. You will receive a **WebEx** invite to join the meeting using your smart device. We will send out an email blast reminder with topics the week prior. A day or two prior, you will receive the virtual meeting invitation. We are looking forward to connecting with our chapter members!

#### Shillapoo Wood Duck Nest Refurbishing

On Saturday March 2nd, **WWA-LC** will clean out and refurbish duck boxes in the **Vancouver Lake** area of the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area (MWA)**. Meet at 8 am in the **La Frambois Road** parking lot. Bring waders gloves, ladder and a bucket. There are also weekday opportunities for this volunteer conservation work. Contact **Bob Taylor** for more info: [bobtaylor15@comcast.net](mailto:bobtaylor15@comcast.net).

#### Member Input Wanted

We need your input for the **WWA** Newsletter. Hunting stories, unusual experiences and/or photos. New tech help and gear, advise 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!

#### Off the Wall News—Nutritious Nutria—Who Knew

We've asked for your interesting stories but are still expectantly waiting. So, we default to a recent experience at the end of this season and this little nugget.

I hunt on **Green Lake** near **Ridgefield, WA**. Former Chapter Chairman **Rick Scott** has had a lease on the lake for many years prior to my arrival. If you spend much time in the marshes and lakes you are going to see a rodent that looks like a muskrat but is almost the size of a beaver!

**Nutria** were brought to the US from South America in the early 1900's to supplement the fur industry. The rodents are found in at least 20 states now. Their destructive feeding habits on aquatic vegetation has landed them on the **US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)** invasive wildlife species list.

The last few days of the waterfowl season one of **Rick's** hunting partners harvested a few nutria. It turns out **Jim** skins them out for the pelts and utilizes the meat. Rick invited me over to his shop for lunch last week for some **Cajun Jambalaya**. **Jim's** wife **Wendy** had put together the

dish using the nutria, duck, andouille sausage and shrimp with cornbread on the side. I have visited New Orleans and I can tell you it rivaled anything I had to eat at the fine restaurants in the "Big Easy." Don't judge me. lol I may have an extended hunting season here!

#### Ridgefield NWR Veteran & Youth Hunt February 6th

The second annual Veteran and Youth hunt was a success at the refuge. If you recall last August, we reported that a new **Refuge Manager, Juliette Fernandez**, had been assigned to the **Ridgefield Complex** as lead. She just shared this letter with us on her observations about this special hunt and the participants she met. The letter is encapsulated in the release below. Reading this you will find **Juliette** engaged, interested and supportive of the hunt program. [https://usfwspacificnw.medium.com/special-veteran-youth-hunt-provides-touching-moments-at-ridgefield-nwr-6614d236afe1source=friends\\_link&sk=38c3fb96014715c3b2d6373bb0ccb04f](https://usfwspacificnw.medium.com/special-veteran-youth-hunt-provides-touching-moments-at-ridgefield-nwr-6614d236afe1source=friends_link&sk=38c3fb96014715c3b2d6373bb0ccb04f)

#### Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome the **John & Vanessa Lies family** to our chapter. Their 12-year-old daughter **Taylor** shot her first ducks this season (see Photo). She enthusiastically dressed out her own birds and is very excited about waterfowl hunting. Her brother **Chase** is not far behind and we are excited to have them join our **WWA** family!



Taylor's Gaddy with her Daddy!

## News for the Flock

### Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all. Well, here we are.

The 2020/21 regular waterfowl hunting season is over, and now it's time for our Chapter to return to work. We have a good bunch of it ahead of us.

#### Thanks to Past Volunteers and Donors

I need to thank all of our supporters and chapter members for another great year! **Jon McAninch**, owner of **Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club** for allowing us access to his properties for the nesting projects (wood duck boxes, tube houses, and goose nest platforms) and donating two (2) waterfowl hunts for ALL **WWA** Chapters to use as fund raising! Quite generous indeed.



The drawing for the Canada Goose carving donated by Brian Blake will take place on April 1, 2021 (winner responsible for any shipping costs). The body is hollowed and made from cedar beams salvaged from the Bay City whaling station, and the detachable head is carved from Alaskan cedar. All proceeds from the drawing will be donated to Seattle Children's Hospital. Raffle tickets at \$1 each are still available. Mail to: Cedarville Farms, 15 White Oak Lane, Oakville, WA 98568 or email Jon McAninch at: [cedarvillefarms@aol.com](mailto:cedarvillefarms@aol.com) for more information.

Many of our members bought these tickets to give us the much-needed conservation dollars. We have had a great volunteer base the whole 12 years that we have been conducting business! Many thanks to all of you.

#### Youth Shotgun Event Scheduled

We have tentatively scheduled our annual **Youth Shotgun Event** for the 21<sup>st</sup> or the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. All depending on when the current Covid crisis ends, I guess.

#### Union River Blind Refurbishing

As many of you know, we are going to rebuild the two (2) floating blinds and the two (2) stick blinds in the **Union River Unit** of the **South Sound Wildlife Area** — located in **Lynch Cove, Hood Canal**.



The last time the Union River Unit Blinds were refurbished was in September of 2014, when members of the then-WWA-Kitsap County Chapter did the volunteer work. Here members James Marron and Krista O'Connor are refurbishing one of the floating (and chain anchored) salt water blinds at Lynch Cove before brushing it up for that waterfowling season.

These are designated blinds, open to the hunting public. Their dilapidated condition was brought to my attention by one of our Chapter's newer members.

To cut to the chase, in addition to the volunteer labor we will need \$1,600 in hard cash to rebuild the two (2) floating blinds. I know that sounds inexpensive, but the floats and float structures are still usable after 18 years in the saltwater. I will be trying to get the funds from the **WWA Duck Stamp/Print** monies and from any other **WWA Chapter** that wants to donate. We will be using the **Grays Harbor Chapter** credit union account for keeping track of the donations and expenditures.

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## GH Chapter News Continued

### History of the Project To Date

The subject history so far: We met at the blind locations to survey the condition of the blinds to see what would be needed. The meeting was attended by **Darric Lowery, Wildlife Area Manager, Lucas Marin** from the **Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG), WDFW Biologist Murphie Bryan**, and myself. We were ferried out to the site by volunteer **Captain Tim Bartholomew**. We found the two floating blinds had lost their upper structures and were still anchored in place. The anchor chains are worn and will need replacement. Later I compiled a list of materials and their cost.

The **HCSEG** had previously received an **Aquatic Lands Enhancement Act (ALEA)** grant to improve the **Union River Delta** and \$350.00 of it was for the blinds. That will just about cover the new anchor chains! So far, I have amassed 15 volunteers, three (3) with boats for this new project. The **Washington Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers** has pledged their help also. I named it the **Union River Blind Project**.

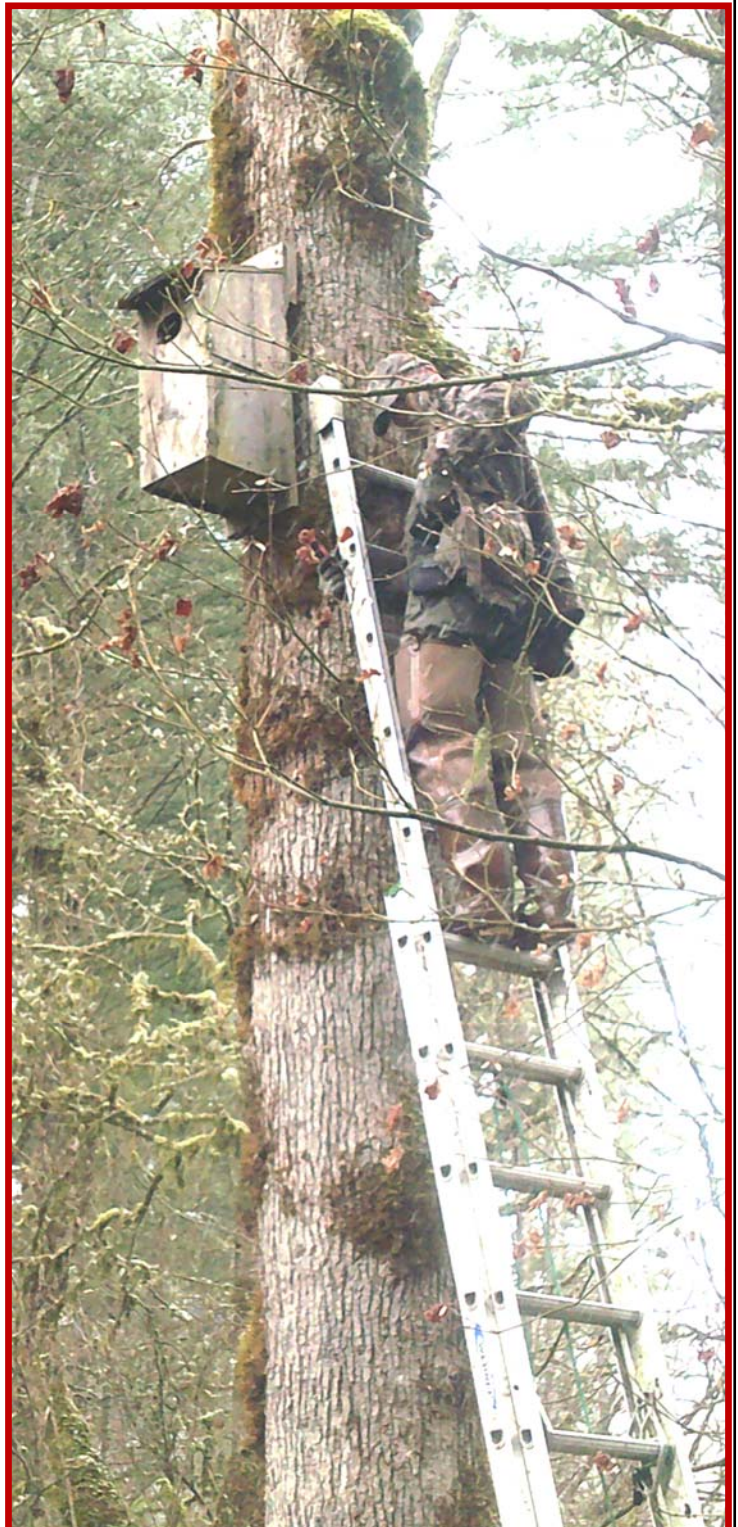
The two floating blinds are just *Phase 1* of the entire blind project. The two or three new stick blinds will be *Phase 2* and be started in 2022 as we intend to use grant money for Phase 2. After the blind project is completed, we will switch the project to maintenance mode, and the funding account will remain open for that if needed. If you would like to donate to this project you can do so on the **WWA** web page by clicking the "DONATE" button or contact me, and I'll make arrangements to get your donation. **THIS** is one of the things that the **WWA** is here for! It's all for conservation and helping hunters with a great public place to hunt.

One more thing; You can never have enough volunteers. If you volunteer, I will put you on the notification list for the project.

### Nesting Program Another Success

Our nesting program has had another successful season. We serviced our nesting boxes at **Scatter Creek** on February 11th, and found six (6) successful hatches out of nine (9) boxes. One was a merganser hatch, but we still see that as good conservation. These nine (9) boxes have outperformed all of our others from the start.

Thank you all for Another GREAT Year!



**Here Grays Harbor Chapter member Tim Koehler does the high altitude work on one of the Wood Duck Nesting Boxes at the Scatter Creek Wildlife Area, but fellow Chapter members Greg Fulwider and Gary Guinotte, as well as WDFW Area Manager, Darric Lowery, were also there to lend a helping hand with the refurbishing.**

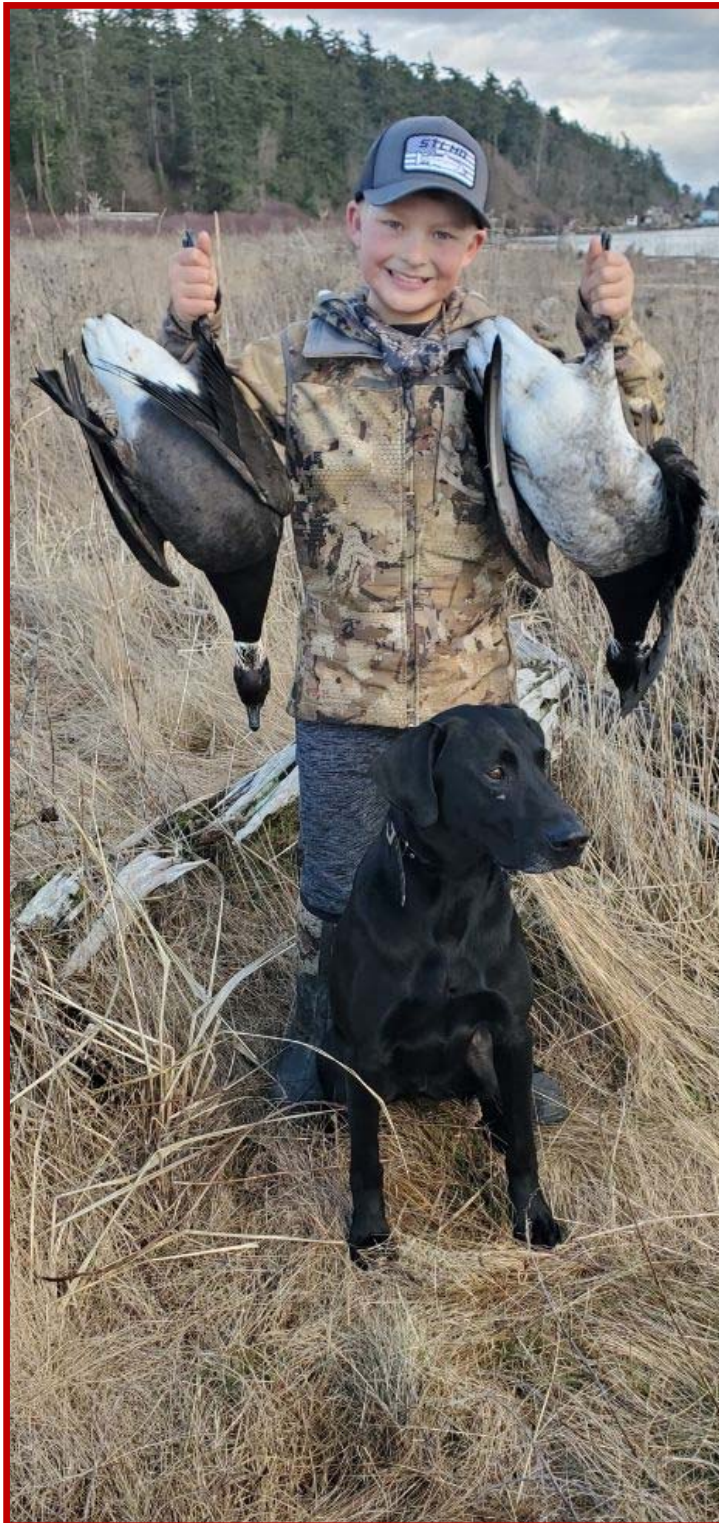
## Youth/Veteran/Active Military Hunts



**(Top L) Youth Ethan and Active Military Edward.  
(Bottom L) Active Military, Malcom and Craig.  
(Bottom R) Active Military, Duane and Zach.  
All hosted by Cedarville Farms Hunt Club, in Oakville.**



## Youth/Veteran/Active Military Hunts



(Above) Young Carson Fenton shows off a limit of Brant Geese behind Bow, the always vigilant Lab of Carson's host, WWA member Duke LeVan.

(Right) Matt Brower showing off his trophy Golden Eye.



## News for the Flock

### NW Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

By now all your waterfowl hunting equipment is cleaned and stowed unless you're hunting in one of the extended season Goose Areas 1 or 2. This is also the right time of the year to prepare for the next season. The **WWA-Northwest Chapter** has several activities planned to keep us engaged in our outdoor passion.

#### Veteran/Youth Waterfowl Hunt

The **NW Chapter** sponsored **Youth, Veteran and Active Military** waterfowl hunts on February 6th on several area hunt club locations, thanks to their generosity regarding their facilities. This was the second year that the chapter sponsored this special hunt opportunity.

Hunts were conducted from several locations from **Samish Bay** to the **Snohomish River Delta**. We had a total of 16 participants, (11 veterans and 5 youth).

The weather and tides were in our favor this year so, we had some very successful hunts. Most hunters — both young and old — had plenty of shooting and took home a mixed bag of ducks and geese.

Special thanks goes out to **Tony and Austin Breckenridge (Edison Gun Club)**, **Amber Parmenter (The Nature Conservancy)** and the **Blue Chip Gun Club**. The gun clubs provided blinds, decoys, even a retriever for the hunt. Thanks to **NW Chapter** members **Mike Rathvon, Tom Elliott, Reb Broker, Drew Nelson and Rick Billieu** for providing guided hunting opportunities.

Not too early to start planning for the September 2021 Youth-Only hunt.



#### Kyo Kraft Boat Raffle

We have a winner! The NW Chapter held a raffle for all new members who signed up from December 15th to January 15th. The winning raffle ticket was drawn and the lucky new member **Mansoor Badar** from the **Seattle Chapter** was the recipient of a reconditioned **Kyo Kraft** boat. Some additional outfitting of camo, a seat and paddle, and this one is ready for the next waterfowl season! Special thanks to **NW Chapter** members **Jason Bolser and Tom Elliott**.

Finally, a huge **THANK YOU** to our **Veteran/Youth Hunt Coordinator Rick Skiba** who was once again instrumental in setting up another successful hunt with great memories for all.

(More **NW Chapter Youth/Military Photos** on adjacent **Page 9.**)

(L-R) Youth Hunters - Tarquin Broker, Isaac Holt, and Shawn Tripp.





# NW Chapter News Continued

## Chapter Calendar — Skagit Wildlife Area Cleanup and Blind maintenance

Now that we have cleaned and stored all of our hunting stuff, it's time to cleanup some of the public lands we hunt on — shells and general trash at blinds in the local wildlife areas. We will setup a couple weekends in March/April for cleanup at the **Samish and Farmed Island Units**. Cleaning up these high use public areas is the right thing to do and an opportunity to scout the blind locations at these sites in case you haven't hunted them before. We can also evaluate the blinds for maintenance needs prior to the next season.



(Above) Dylan McGovern and his setup;  
(Below) Isaac Holt and Reb Broker foreground,  
Tarquin Broker, back in the blind.



Don Reitz and Conway

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Wednesday each month. Our next meeting will be held on February 10th, at the **Twin Cities Sportsmens Club** in **Stanwood**, starting at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

### Support your Passion – Get Involved

See and like our facebook page **Northwest Washington Waterfowl Association** at <https://www.facebook.com/waducks.org/>

Rick Billieu  
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## News for the Flock

### Seattle Chapter News

By: James Ono

#### In-Person Meeting

Our in person meeting will be held Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**. Shooting will be open from 3 pm to 6 pm, with a short business meeting to follow.

We will be running a doubles competition, with a \$5 buy in. You must call your round before shooting. Winner takes all! Trap and 5 stand are also open, with shooting from 3 pm to 6 pm

We will also be discussing future "hands-on" conservation projects on **Smith Island, Ebey Island, and Spencer Island**, as well as a new corporate gun raffle. There are a number of opportunities to do some clean-up and while doing some off-season scouting of these local hunting areas. We need some people to help lead these projects. If you are interested in managing or helping coordinate some of these projects, please join one of the chapter meetings or reach out to me directly.

#### Online Meeting

##### WebEx Meeting Details

February Chapter On-Line Meeting  
Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 7:00 pm

<https://jamesono.my.webex.com/jamesono.my/j.php?MTID=m1d9338479015f4257449fa9bb3125325>

Meeting number: 182 365 7439

Password: **WAduck** (923825 from phones and video systems)

##### Join by phone

+1-415-655-0001 US Toll

Access code: 182 365 7439

**Martha Jordan**, affectionately known as "*The Swan Lady*" has agreed to join our meeting. She will be giving a presentation on this year's data on swans and snow geese. There have been some significant changes from last week, so this should be a very interesting update.

Following **Martha's** presentation, we will have a quick business meeting discussing the same projects we will have discussed at the in-person meeting.

#### Duck Nesting Maintenance

We are planning a few work parties to maintain the nesting boxes and tubes in our area. Please see the list of dates below. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to James Ono at [Ohnoitsono2009@hotmail.com](mailto:Ohnoitsono2009@hotmail.com)

2/20 10AM – Stillwater Wildlife Area

2/21 1PM – Bellevue Nesting Sites

2/28 1PM – Issaquah Nesting Sites

#### 2021 Kick-Off Recap

In January, we held our Kick-Off meeting online and in-person to set some goals for events and projects we want to take on this year. We have categorized our projects into habitat/access, education, community, and fund raising. A list of the projects can be found on our updated chapter page on the **WWA** website at:

[washingtonwaterfowl.org/chapters/seattle](http://www.washingtonwaterfowl.org/chapters/seattle)

If you have additional ideas (particularly around fund raising) we would be happy to hear them. You can send your ideas through email, or pitch them in our online or in-person meeting.

#### Amazon Prime

Just a reminder that **Amazon** recently updated their app so that you can link your **Amazon Smile** preferences to your IOS or Android Amazon Shopping app. You can set up your account to automatically contribute 0.5% of your purchases to the **WWA** at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)

Once you have set up on **Amazon Smile**, you can change the settings within your Amazon Shopping app to link your **Amazon Smile** preferences. Every cent counts, and this is a free and easy way to support the **WWA**.  
See more on [Page 2](#).



## News for the Flock

### Southwest Chapter News

**SW Chapter Chair Bruce Burns** is recovering well from his recent January 26th heart-bypass surgery to the point that he is now home, and says his doctor has released him to drive this coming week.

#### WWA Hoodies Still For Sale

The **Southwest Chapter** still has Hoodies for sale at \$35 each. Make check out to **WWA Southwest Chapter**. Though **Bruce** still isn't getting much sleep these days and is still sore from his sternum being cut open, he believes he is currently and will continue to feel good enough to get any orders for hoodies out in the **UPSP** mail in a timely fashion.

Think about helping support the **WWA-SW Chapter** by purchasing one of these medium weight **WWA** hoodies at a most competitive price! Email **Bruce** directly at [bwburns36@gmail.com](mailto:bwburns36@gmail.com) or **John Arrabito** at [jarrabito@comcast.net](mailto:jarrabito@comcast.net) with your size, color and your address, and it will be mailed to you.

Bruce hopes to have the **SW Chapter** meeting once again soon on it's regular last Tuesday of the month schedule at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**. Stay tuned!



Tacoma Sportsmen's Club

16409 Canyon Rd. E.  
Puyallup, WA 98375  
(253) 537-6151  
[www.tacomassportsmensclub.com](http://www.tacomassportsmensclub.com)

### Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

The last week of January I received a disturbing call from one of our members here in the Basin. Before I relate what the call was about I want you to know this person and what hands-on conservation work he does on his own:

He and a friend maintain the **State Park** grounds on the **East side of Potholes Reservoir**, including emptying the trash containers and cleaning the toilets all year long. This is solely a volunteer project for which he receives zero compensation.

While he's cleaning public toilets for the benefit of ALL who use the **State Park**, he also puts his money where his mouth is re: Waterfowl Habitat Conservation, having contributed \$10,000 over the course of 2019 & 2020 to the Winchester Project — monies which were used to secure matching funds to make the project a reality!

His telephone call was about one of his blinds on Potholes that had been used by a person from the coast that had put it on Facebook, including his name and phone number. He maintains several blinds on the Reservoir and has a note with his name and number asking them to respect the blind and when they're done for the day to leave it clean. If you are in a blind that he had planned to hunt, he just moves onto another one of his blinds.

The next people that used the blind proceeded to destroy it for some reason, cutting down all the cover and ruining his boat hide. In addition he got a call from a person in Enumclaw that wanted him to provide them with the GPS coordinates to his blind.

Hopefully no **WWA** members were involved in this event as this is not something we promote. If it was any members I would ask you to remove yourselves from our membership as we don't need that type of member.



**WWA Hoodies, Gray Front**



**WWA Hoodies, Green Back**

## 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 **January 2021 Newsletter**.

**WWA General Fund — \$1,533**

**WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,140**

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

**WWA Legal Fund — \$19,753.52**

**WWA Youth Fund — \$2,610**

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

Well unfortunately the sale on Award winning bird taxidermy expired yesterday, Valentine's Day, 2021! Base quotes are custom, and 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!

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

- One duck mount is \$300. Was on sale for \$240
- One goose mount is \$450. Was on sale for \$400
- One pheasant mount is \$250. Was on sale for \$210

### 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. 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.



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

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

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## WWA Legislative News

### WA Legislative Report

By Mark Pidgeon

**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)**.

#### Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

I will start by talking about the hunting bills that affect the hunting community. There aren't any really bad hunting bills that have been introduced this session. There is one bill that is very important to the hunting community that isn't discussed very often and that is the **PILT fix bill**. What is **PILT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes)**.

When **WDFW** buys land from a rural county for whatever purpose, it takes that land off that county's tax rolls. Some counties have over half their county taken over by state agencies, and that land is not producing any tax revenue, which hampers that county's ability to provide services. This makes it a financial liability when **WDFW** buys land from a county to provide opportunity to sportsmen. Here is where **PILT** comes in. Under **PILT**, **WDFW** would make a payment to the county to make up for the lost revenue.

Unfortunately, **WDFW** has in the past been horrible about **PILT** payments. **Jim Unsworth's** regime was a total train wreck, but the one thing I can say in his favor is that he understood **PILT**, and the importance of paying it. He came from Idaho where a huge percentage of the state was rural, and **PILT** payments were very important there.

**Director Kelly Susewind** has been a champion about pushing **PILT** reform so that **WDFW** will keep current on **PILT** payments. Keeping current on **PILT** will stop the counties from being at war with **WDFW** buying up county land. This will also stop legislators from rural legislative districts objecting to **WDFW** buying land from their counties.

The **PILT Bill No. SB 5159**. This bill has passed its committee of original, the **Senate Natural Resources Committee**, and is currently sitting in the **Senate Ways and Means Committee** as of the writing of this article.

#### The Good ...

There are two other very good bills that haven't been scheduled hearings yet. One is **HB 1185** which gives **discounted hunting licenses to seniors 70+**. This would put hunting in line with the fishing community, who already get discounted senior fishing licenses 70+. The discounted hunting licenses would be both big game and small game licenses. This bill is sitting in the House Appropriations Committee as of the writing of the article.

The other is **SB 5187**, which **exempts a non-profit gun club from paying sales tax on clay targets** on activities that they are charging a fee. This would help these non-profit gun clubs out a lot. Currently this bill is sitting in the Senate Ways and Means Committee. If both these bills don't move out of their respective committees by February 22, they will automatically die.

#### The Bad ...

There is one absolutely crazy bill, that if extrapolated far enough could be seen as a vehicle for banning trapping. **HB 1375** is a poorly worded, overreaching bill that you just have to shake your head at. It is a bill that uses COVID as an excuse to ban fur farms. Incredibly it even makes taxidermy illegal. This bill is sitting in the House Natural Resources Committee where it will never get a hearing.

#### ... And a Couple for the Dogs!

I want to talk about the big win at the January 29th **WDFW Commission** meeting. The **Commission** passed on a 4-3 vote the non-lethal pursuit-only hound program, with Commissioners **Thornburn, Anderson, McIsaac, and Linville** voting for the proposal, and Commissioners **Baker, and Commission Newbies, Koontz, and Smith** voting against it, proving our argument about them throwing the **Commission** out of balance per **RCW 77.04.040**.

Anything dealing with hounds is tough, but the Legislature gave a mandate to the Commission to come up with a rule. The legislative mandate of **HB 1516** overwhelming passed both chambers of the Legislature with gargantuan majorities, 96-0 in the State House, and 46-1 in the State Senate.

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## News For the Flock

### Legislative Report Continued...

Anything dealing with dogs are a natural target for the animal-rights (**A-R**) community. Case-in-point was the horrible animal cruelty bill that was introduced last session, **SB 6300** and its companion bill, **HB 2317**.

The original bill language had a broad definition of animal cruelty — “means a state of physical or mental lack of well-being or physical or mental uneasiness that ranges from mild discomfort or dull distress to unbearable agony” in it as animal cruelty.

I mean are you going to take your dog or cat to a pet shrink? It also equated human pain equal to animal pain, which is one of the goals of the **A-R** community — to equal animals to humans. Carried to its ultimate conclusion, this could eliminate hunting!

Another section had this further language attempting to further define animal cruelty as:

“... exposes an animal to excessive heat.”

The **American Kennel Club** and the **Veterinary Medical Association** testified that this bill as is, would eliminate retrieving dogs in hunting! The **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)** worked hard with a huge coalition of groups to amend this bill to make it a truly good bill. No one wants to see people be cruel to animals, but there have to be safeguards too.

The **A-R** groups spent over a million dollars, and all the crazy language they wanted got stripped from the bill. What the **A-R** community wanted was the bill to be passed as is, or totally rejected so that they could run an initiative in 2021. What they got was shut down! There is no chance of an Initiative, because we passed a commonsense animal cruelty bill that cut the legs out of their Initiative plans.

#### Constant Vigilance is Needed

Even agencies can go after dog trainers. **WDFW** tried to shut down the dog training area in **Region 3**. When the **LT Murray State Wildlife Recreation Area** was purchased with **Pittman-Robertson** funds, the dog trainers were guaranteed a training area. There were some people in the **WDFW Region 3 Office** that had an agenda against the dog

trainers and dispersed shooting. Their solution was to build a shooting range in the **Bull Pasture** area. If the range was built in that area the dog trainers couldn't use their training area because it would be too close to the range and the dogs would perk their ears up to the sound of the shots. The homeowners didn't like it either.

They came extremely well-prepared to the **HHC/WWC** meeting asking for our help. The dog trainers were a paid member of **WWC**, and on their behalf we took on **WDFW** on this issue.

First of all, the range at **Bull Pasture** was a stupid idea to start with. Second, it was only a 100-yard range and the existing **Sun Valley Shooting Park** was extremely close by and was another **Pittman-Robertson** funded shooting park. Finally the **Bull Pasture** range would have been a waste of money and was not needed at all.

To spare you the agonizing details and make a long story short, we got **WDFW** to sign an Agreement they would not build a shooting range on **Bull Pasture**, and the dog trainers got to keep their training area!

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## Legislative News Continued

### Still Time to Voice Your Preference for Appointments to the WDFW Commission

Washington Outdoorsmen and women are still waiting for the **Governor Inslee's** final appointment to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission**, so there is still time to voice



Rylan Weythman (left) with Mitch Myers

your preference for **Rylan Weythman**, via the online portal listed at the end of this post introducing him.

Support one of our own. Support someone who has sat in the same blinds, glassed the same clearcuts, fished the same holes, and, more importantly, who shares the same core values as the Washington Hunting and Fishing Community.

It also wouldn't hurt to mention that Governor Inslee's two most recent appointments to the **WDFW Commission**, were specifically in violation of state law; more specifically in violation of RCW 77.04.040 linked [here](#).

RCW 77.04.040 was put in place to keep balance on the **Commission**, so all Washingtonians have a fair shot at enjoying the outdoors. The Commission is the **Citizens'** representation on wildlife management.

Please help us restore "fair citizen" representation on the **WDFW Commission**.

**Rylan** is an avid hunter and fisher, and not just waterfowl but also big game, turkey, and upland birds. His personal background gives him unique personal knowledge of both sides of the Cascades. He and his wife **Sara**, a school teacher, currently live in Okanogan County, after spending the better part of the last 10 years in King County.

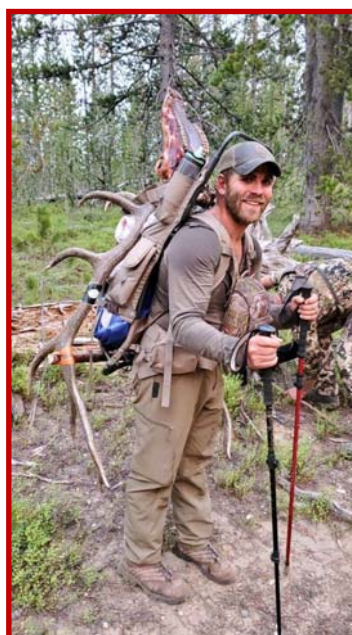
He was raised and schooled near **Wenatchee** -- specifically **Cashmere** -- where he spent most of his summers (and more) fishing for salmon on the nearby **Columbia River**. He left **Cashmere** to go to college and law school in California. In 2012 he returned to Washington and is currently a Partner at the prominent law firm of **Foster Garvey**, where he is a litigation attorney.

**Rylan** is a very attractive Commission candidate because in one sole appointment he is the perfect replacement for **Dave Graybill**, who was from **Wenatchee**, and **Rylan** would maintain representation of that part of the state on the Commission. Take a few moments to express your support of **Rylan** to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission** using the following WA State Government portal.

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/boards-commissions/boards-commissions/recommend-applicant>

Click on **Fish and Wildlife Commission**, then follow the prompts. When it asks for **Rylan's** email address, he has given his consent to use his business email at:

[Rylan.Weythman@Foster.com](mailto:Rylan.Weythman@Foster.com)



# WDFW News Briefs

## 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.



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## Covid-19 and Apparently Nothing Else to Do Skyrocket License Sales

(Information compiled from several sources including the Spokesman-Review newspaper)

OLYMPIA — From the start of the licensing year in May through December 31, 2020 the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** reported it had sold nearly **45,000 more fishing licenses** and **12,000 more hunting licenses** than the full year before. The number of new license holders – defined as someone who hadn't purchased a hunting or fishing license for the previous five (5) years – went up by 16% for fishing licenses and almost 40% for hunters.

Those record numbers contributed to unprecedented revenues for hunting and fishing licenses with half the fiscal year still remaining.

Licensing revenues make up about a quarter of the Department's budget, and they'll also see additional future revenues because all those new hunters needed gear, so firearm sales shot up as well. Taxes on those items as well as archery-related sales provide money for conservation, hunter education and more for groups like **WDFW** through the **Pittman-Robertson Act**.

In a **Citizen's Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG)** virtual meeting on Thursday, February 11th, **WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager Kyle Spragens**, estimated that the sales of authorizations to hunt waterfowl increased about 15%, but the final numbers were not tallied yet.

During the most popular time for people to buy licenses, from July through November general hunting license sales increased by 8%, while auction and raffle sales grew by 36%. The Department's sales for **Discover** passes providing access to state land grew by 19%, and that did NOT include passes sold by outside vendors such as **Fred Meyer, Bi-Mart or Ace Hardware**.

With in-person opportunities unavailable, **WDFW** allowed fully online hunter education for anyone over 9 years old. From when the pandemic started through December 8, 2020, nearly 25,000 people completed the program, more than double the year before and 1.7 times higher than the previous record-high, according to **WDFW Wildlife Program Director Eric Gardner**.



# News For the Flock

## WDFW Seeks Comments on 2nd Round of 2021-2023 Hunting Season Proposals

OLYMPIA — The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is seeking comments on the second round of proposed alternatives for 2021-23 hunting seasons. The hunting season proposals will be [posted on WDFW's website](#) for the public to provide comments. WDFW will accept public comments through Thursday, March 4.

“Weve updated these proposals based on public input from last summer when we had nearly 2,700 people provide us their perspectives,” said Anis Aoude, WDFW Game Division Manager. “This second round of input will help us fine-tune our recommendation for the upcoming 2021-2023 hunting seasons.”

Final recommendations will be presented to the WDFW Commission for public input in March and for adoption consideration in April 2021.

Members of the public who have limited or no internet connections may call the Wildlife Program Customer Service Desk at 360-902-2515 to request a print version of the survey. Written comments may be mailed to:  
**Wildlife Program  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
PO Box 43200  
Olympia, WA 98504**

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## WDFW to host live “Waterbirds of WA”

OLYMPIA – WDFW is hosting an [online, interactive event](#) at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2021 to highlight waterbirds, the spectacle of spring migration, and to virtually visit some of the hidden gem locations across Washington for waterfowl viewing and hunting.

- Participants will hear about bird watching tips, species diversity, and more from an expert birding guide from **Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society** in Sequim.
- At **McNary National Wildlife Refuge**, near Tri-Cities, presenters from the refuge and **WDFW** will discuss the national wildlife refuge system, conservation work to provide habitat for waterbirds, snow geese, and other wildlife.
- In the Spokane area, partners from **Ducks Unlimited** and **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** will discuss the critical contributions of hunters to conservation of waterbirds, partnerships at **Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge**, and the

## Spokane Chapter News

By: Ramon Guel

Please remember that if you're interested in volunteering to help with the Wood Duck Nesting Box project at **Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)** to get a hold of **Chapter Treasurer Ramon Guel** as soon as possible.

**Turnbull** has a ton of boxes already made up, so if we have to replace any damaged ones, it won't be hard to do. In fact, when I surveyed the area a few months ago, only about three (3) needed replacing. The rest will just need to be cleaned out and refurbished with fresh nesting material.

Please email me at [ramon.guel@gmail.com](mailto:ramon.guel@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering!

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## Tri-Cities Chapter News Whatcom County Chapter Yakima Valley Chapter

### No News This Month

inspiring stories of spring bird migrations in eastern Washington.

- The public will be invited to ask questions as time allows.

Pre-registration is not required. Participants should visit: [zoom.us/j/95133923218](https://zoom.us/j/95133923218) at approximately 9:55 am on Saturday, February 20th to take part.

A recording of the live event will be available on [YouTube](#) within a few days following the event.



## Summary of 2020-2021 Migratory Game Bird Seasons **(What is Still Open)**

Canada	White Front	White	Canada	WF	White
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DAILY

POSSESSION

**AUTHORIZATION & HARVEST RECORD CARD REQUIRED**

**TO HUNT SNOW GEESE**

<b>NOTE: (White Geese are Snow &amp; Ross' Geese) Daily</b>	W WA (Goose Mgmt Areas 1) Late Season, Feb 13-23, 2021 <b>(White Geese Only)</b>	6		18
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**Canada Geese are all types of Canada geese including cackling, Taverner's and Aleutian geese.**

**Dusky Canada Goose Season is CLOSED in ALL of WA State thru March 2021.**

**Goose CLOSED in ALL NWR and WDFW Wildlife Areas Feb 13—24.**

Goose (except Brant)	Goose Mgmt. Area 2 <b>Coast (West of Hwy 101)</b> <b>(Saturday, Sunday &amp; Weds ONLY) February 13—24, 2021</b>	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
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Goose (except Brant)	Goose Mgmt. Area 2 <b>Inland (East of Hwy 101)</b> <b>(Saturday, Sunday &amp; Weds ONLY) Feb 13—March 10, 2021</b>	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
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<b>NOTE: (White Geese are Snow &amp; Ross' Geese) (Daily)</b>	E WA (Goose Mgmt Area 4) Late Season Feb 13 thru March 3, 2021 <b>(White Geese Only)</b>	6		18
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### REMAINING SEASON HUNTING HOURS

DATES (Inclusive) <b>(Pacific Standard Time)</b>	Western Washington	Eastern Washington
Mon, Feb 15 thru Sun, Feb 21	6:40 a.m. — 5:40 p.m.	6:25 a.m. — 5:25 p.m.
Mon, Feb 22 thru Sun, Feb 28	6:25 a.m. — 5:50 p.m.	6:15 a.m. — 5:35 p.m.
Mon, Mar 1 thru Sun, Mar 7	6:15 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.	6:00 a.m. — 5:45 p.m.
<b>(Daylight Savings Time)</b>		
Mon, Mar 8 thru Sun, Mar 10	6:05 a.m. — 6:05 p.m.	5:50 a.m. — 5:55 p.m.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** CHECK THE COMPLETE 2020-2021 REGULATIONS (ESPECIALLY PAGES 18, 25-26) FOR SPECIFICS LINKED [HERE](#).

## Classified Ads – For Sale

### 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.

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- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Bothell, WA
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.
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- Tri Cities Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
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- Conducting NRA sanctioned Hunter Education classes for Youth & donation of funds to offset WDFW printing costs for youth gun safety classes
- Donation of funds to support high school shooting teams in Washington
- Teaching adults and youth decoy carving arts
- Working with thousands of children at Sportsman's Show painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing scholarships for boys and girls to attend a week at Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island, WA
- Working with the WDFW in the creation of premium quality hunt waterfowling areas
- Building and rehabilitating blinds in public hunting areas
- Distribution and planting of thousands of pounds of donated corn seed for waterfowl consumption
- Working with the Yakama Tribe in banding upland birds and waterfowl, and building duck "blinds" on tribal lands
- Goose and duck nest counts and banding of both with the WDFW and USFWS
- Working with the WDFW on dove counts & planting WDFW food plots in Eastern WA with WWA owned tractor and farming implements
- Sponsoring of the Annual NW Decoy Collector's Show
- Participating in multiple Sportsman's shows annually
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours for Swan Mortality Mitigation Studies
- Donation of funds and man hours to WDFW for goose banding and satellite tracking
- Litter pickup projects at public hunting areas, boat ramps, and along highways; and conducting multiple fund raising banquets annually to pay for all of these "hands on" conservation projects.