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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

### Volunteerism

In the past few months I have had a number of discussions with a number of members and chapter leaders. As a volunteer organization, we depend entirely on the willingness of our members to coordinate and execute our events and projects. The feedback that I have gotten is that it has become very difficult to find volunteers to organize and lead events, projects, and committees.

I understand that we are all busy with work, family, and other commitments. Volunteering extra hours is just not possible in some cases. However, I implore you to ask yourself if you can devote some extra time and energy to help our organization remain active and thrive. Many hands make for light work.

If you want to become more involve at a chapter or state level, please reach out to your local leadership, the board, or corporate officers. Regardless if you are able to commit more, I want to thank all of our members. Without you, none of what we do could be possible.

### Drayton Harbor Public Comment

**WWA** has drafted and sent to the **Whatcom County Council** our position letter opposing the proposed **No Shooting Zone** at **Drayton Harbor**. Thanks to **Lyle Galloway** Chair of the **Whatcom Chapter**, **Mark Pidgeon** of the **Grays Harbor Chapter**, and **John Arrabito** of the **Seattle Chapter** who have been engaged in this issue for a while now. By now, all **WWA** members should have received an email with a copy of that position letter. Please join the **Whatcom County Council Zoom Public Hearing** on Tuesday May 18th at 6pm to voice your opinion. Zoom information can be found here:

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3415/Participate-in-Virtual-Council-Meetings>

### Union River Blind Project

The **Union River Blind Restoration** project is fully funded and underway, thanks to **Kurt Snyder**, Chair of the **Grays Harbor Chapter**. The first work party is Sunday, May 16th, but there will be more to follow. If you are interested in getting involved,

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

# News for the Flock

## 2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

- Sat, May 16      **Yes, it's on a Sunday!**  
Union River Blind Rehabilitation  
Work Party. Contact **GH Chapter**  
Chair, Kurt Snyder. (See **Page 12**).
- Mon, May 17      **Deadline** to file fed income taxes.
- Tues, May 18      Public Hearing and **Deadline** for  
written submittals on  
**Proposed Dayton Harbor No**  
**Shooting Zone.** (See **Page 6**)
- Mon, May 24      Seattle Chapter Meeting **online and**  
**In-Person** at the Kenmore Gun  
Range. (See **Page 14**)
- Tues, May 25      SW Chapter Meeting **In Person,**  
**Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** in the  
Education Building. See **Page 10.**
- Thurs, May 27      LC Chapter **In Person** Meeting  
See **Page 3.**
- Mon, May 31      **Closing Day** of Turkey Hunting  
Season, Statewide.  
[LINK to 2021 Regs.](#)
- Weds, June 2      **WWA BOD Meeting Online Only** —  
**7:00 p.m.** All **WWA** Members  
Welcome to attend. Contact **Corp**  
**Secretary, Bob Taylor** (See **Page 1**)  
for a **WebEx** Online Invitation.
- Thurs, June 3      **GH Chapter Meeting, In Person;**  
**Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near  
Littlerock; 7 pm, See **Page 12.**
- Weds, June 9      **NW Chapter Meeting In Person;**  
**Twin Cities Sportsmens Club**  
**Stanwood; 7 pm, See Page 8.**
- Weds, June 23      Usual Seattle Chapter Meeting Night
- Thurs, June 24      Usual LC Chapter Meeting Night
- Tues, June 29      Usual SW Chapter Meeting Night
- Sat, August 7      **WA State Sanctioned Duck & Goose**  
**Calling Championships,**  
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in future work parties on this project, please contact **Kurt**  
(See **Page 1** for contact information and **Page 12** for **Grays**  
**Harbor Chapter News.**

This is an amazing project that was proposed by a  
new member **Grant Duchesne** of the **Southwest Chapter.** It  
is really great to see our members from various Chapters  
throughout the state working together on all of these  
Varied projects to enhance and preserve out hunting  
heritage on public lands and waters!

For the Resource,

**James Ono**

Vice President

## News for the Flock

### Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

#### Thursday, May 27th our Next Meeting

It's finally happening! We will have our first in person meeting of the year this month at our usual shooting grounds — the **Vancouver Trap Club**. We hope to shoot trap and look forward to reconnecting with everyone in person! We also have **Cedarville Hunt-For-Two Raffle** tickets available! Please respond to the email that week, and let us know you'll be there!

#### Recap of April 29th Virtual Chapter Meeting

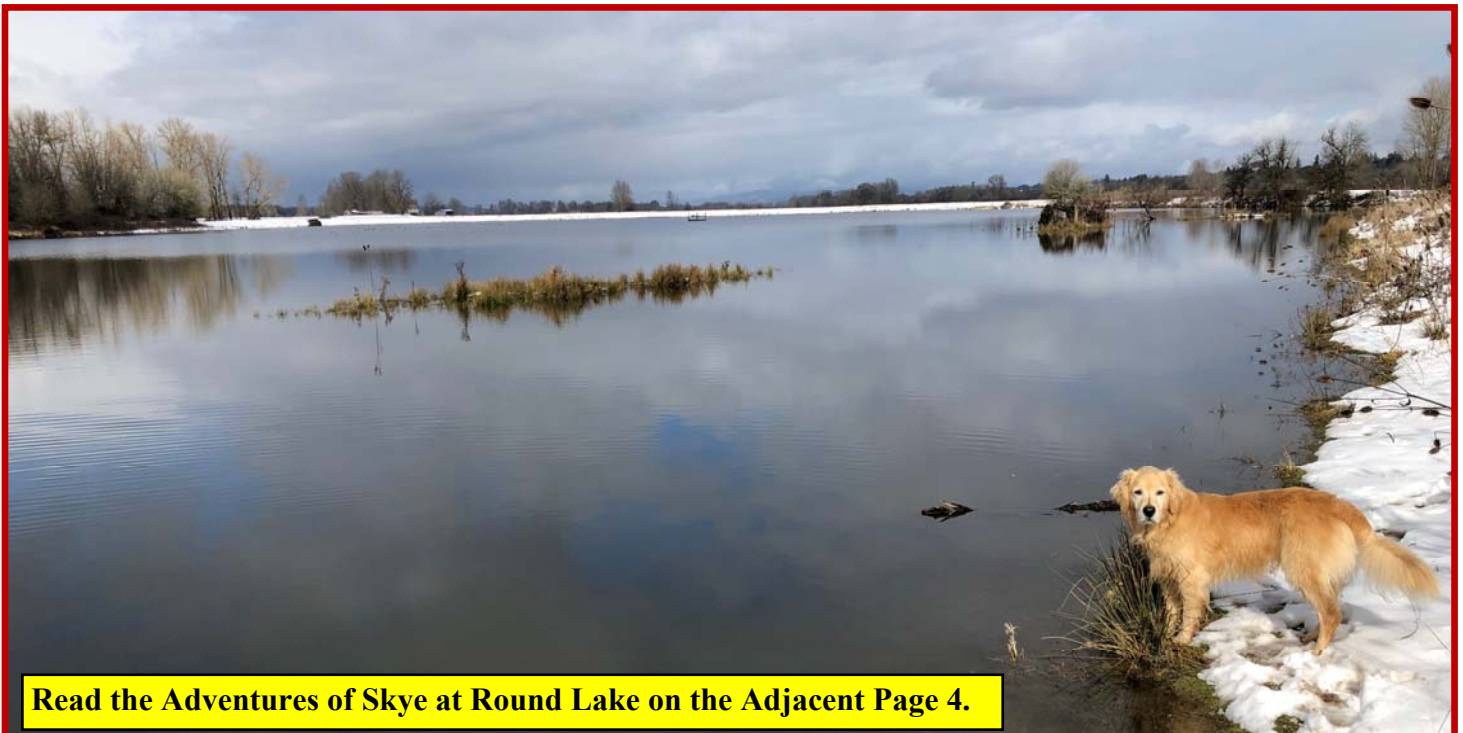
We had our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 29th. **Bob Taylor** gave a very interesting talk on a trip he took back east in April to a double barrel vintage shotgun festival called the **"Southern Side By Side Championship and Exhibition"** in Sanford, North Carolina. He included photos and stories about various guns with some beautiful and expensive items. **Bob** shot some sporting clays and said the trap competition was amazing — all with side-by-side shotguns. You can check it out linked below at:

<https://www.southernsidebyside.com/the-spring-classic>

**Bob** is hoping to to attend next year with some other **WWA** members in tow. Here is his description of the event:

- An annual fun meeting of like-minded folks interested in classic shotguns, hunting, and dogs. It's always in Sanford, NC.
- Lots of opportunities for entering trap and sporting clays competitions, but one has to be really good to win (forget winning anything if you can't shoot above a 42 out of 50 in sporting clays!). Opportunities for practice abound as well.
- Many vendors present, including current manufacturers of classic shotguns (**Connecticut Shotgun Manufacturing Company** seems to be the tops of these. They had a huge tent with tons of guns), gun collectors associations (**Parker, LC Smith, Boss, German Gun Collectors Association, Fox**, etc. One can still buy a new **Fox** from the **Connecticut Shotgun** folks, but they're really spendy \$\$\$\$\$\$. Additionally there are decoy carvers, collectors of old hunting books, and customer boot manufacturers.
- The site has a terrific sporting clays course where one walks through a woods to various stands presenting targets from all kinds of angles and ranges. They have separate courses for 12-20 gauge and 28-410 gauge folks.
- The convention goes from Thursday-Sunday Noon. Friday and Saturday are the best days to attend as vendors are still setting up on Thursday and they start taking stuff down around 10:00a.m. on Sunday.

(LC News Continued on **Page 5**)



Read the Adventures of Skye at Round Lake on the Adjacent Page 4.

## LC Chapter News Continued

### Vancouver Snowfall

By Bob Taylor

*A peculiar virtue in wildlife ethics is that the hunter ordinarily has no gallery to applaud or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his acts, they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than by a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of this fact.*

~ Aldo Leopold

Three days after Southwest Washington's "weekend of winter", pup **Skye** and I ventured forth on a late season Canada Goose hunt at **Round Lake** just north of the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. A foot of snow blanketed the ground making trekking an aerobic exercise. Breathlessly arriving at "Zero Dark Hundred Hours" we planted **Dive Bomb** silhouettes east of the lake and eagerly awaited the sunrise.

Dawn brought flight-level flocks of Cacklers which gave our dekes the "feather" and presented no ethical shot. With the sun came a blinding glare from the snow while I kicked myself for forgetting sunglasses! Later a few Lesser Canadas trickled in and we bagged one, **Skye** joyfully bounding over the drifts to retrieve it. Afterwards the only thing flying was time as the sun reach its apogee under empty skies.

With a warm fire, dinner, and drinks beckoning from home, we were about to call it a day when a peculiar din arose somewhere to our south. The noise closely resembled a crowd at a football stadium, but as the sound crescendoed thousands of Snow Geese swarmed into view — their sun-kissed, black-tipped white wings flickering like miniature jeweled strobe-lights. **Skye** and I stood agape relishing the spectacle as they winged by at a height jeopardizing **PDX**-bound aircraft.

Rationalizing my act by recalling the impact this species is having on the arctic tundra and attempts by the **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service** to reduce their numbers, I pointed my 10-gauge anti-aircraft canon at the middle of the flock and sent a blast of *T-shot* their way. To my wonder and alarm, one of the birds began to falter and glide earthward, splashing down about 600 yards away on the far side of **Round Lake**.

Aghast at my senseless deed and not wanting to condemn a flightless cripple to a miserable, lingering death, **Skye** and I began about a mile of tough slogging around the

north end of **Round Lake** to reach the west bank. After what seemed like an hour of post-holing through the white stuff, we discovered the west bank hedged with blackberries. Hoary tracks revealed where the goose had emerged from the lake and hidden in the bank-lining blackberry hedge. **Skye** perked up at the hot scent and bounded ahead as if flushing a rooster. Panicked by my hard-charging retriever, the goose vaulted back into the lake and headed for the far shore, **Skye** in swim pursuit.

Apparently hit in a wing, the goose was still a capable swimmer and able to outdistance **Skye**, struggling to catch up in the frigid water. To my horror I realized that **Skye** could run out of gas and drown instead of catching the bird! I knew she'd never give up on the bird but would always obey her recall — three whistle toots. However, since she'd already swam to the far shore a recall would require her to swim a quarter mile back to me, and I wasn't sure she'd make it.

Hoping the goose would run up the far shore I kept my whistle in my pocket. To my chagrin the goose had other ideas and turned north up the lake instead of heading for the higher ground, **Skye** still swimming in hot pursuit. By this time the goose was only a distant, small white dot while **Skye** was an even smaller light-orange one and quite a ways behind. Running along the west bank as they swam up the eastern one, I prayed, at each gap in the blackberry hedge, that the small light-orange dot would still be there. Fortunately, it was.

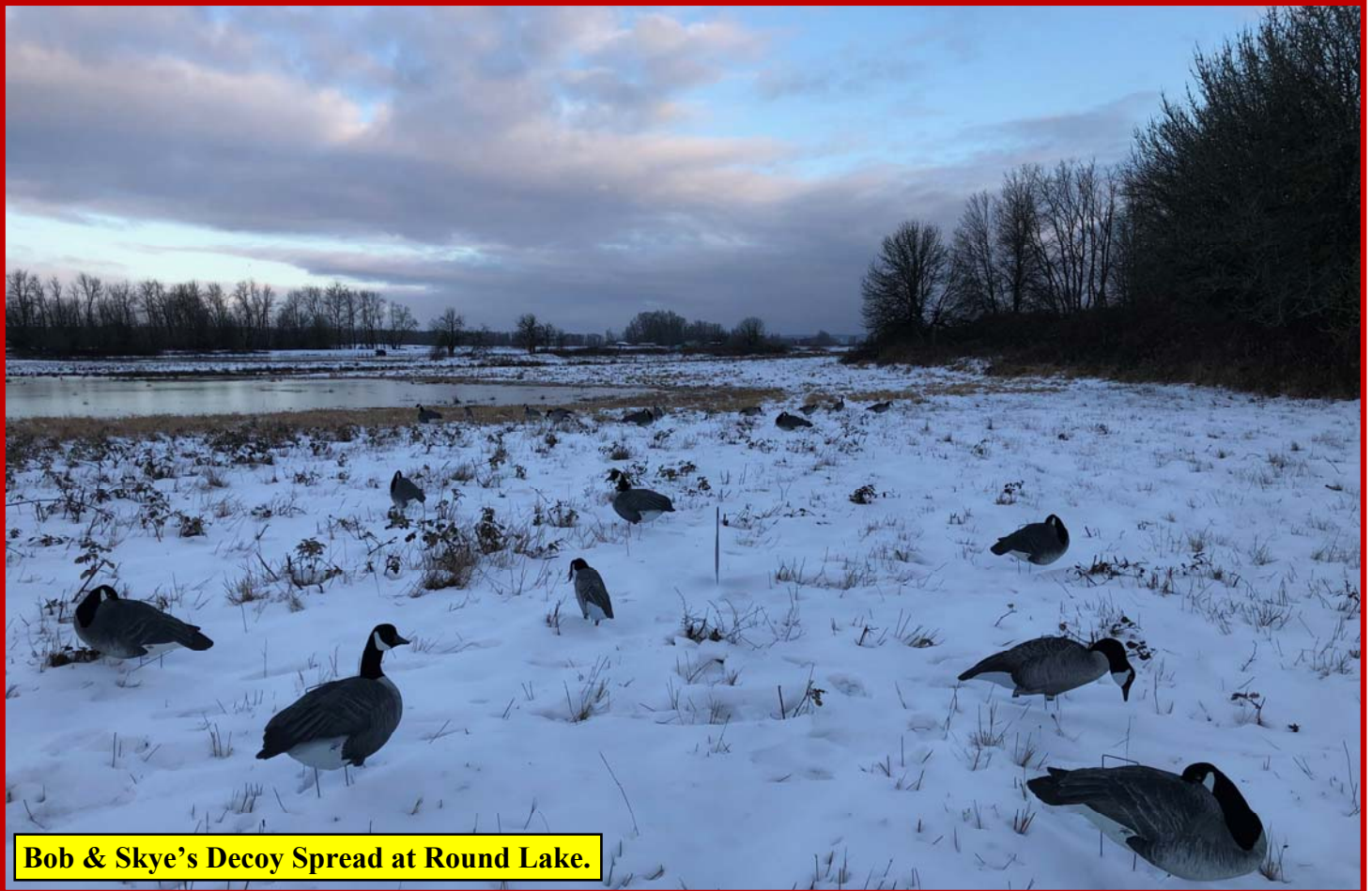
When the goose hit the northern shore, again instead of going for the high ground, it started swimming back west toward me. When about 200 yards out, I turned south down the lake and was relieved to see **Skye** break off and head my way. A very animated **Skye** emerged dripping wet but apparently no worse for the experience. Ignoring the soaking I was getting I gave her countless hugs!

In 30-degree weather **Skye** had swum almost the entire circumference of a very frigid **Round Lake**, a distance of at least a mile! While she had been slowly gaining on the goose, which tried flying several times, I feared she'd drown before she got to it.

Unfortunately, we never retrieved the goose. We returned to the area about an hour later hoping to find the bird along the shore somewhere, but there was no way I was sending **Skye** into the frigid water again!

In retrospect, perhaps **Mother Nature** was teaching me a lesson about taking unsportsmanlike shots as my thoughtless action almost cost me my pup. If so, the pupil has learned his lesson!

# LC Chapter News Continued



**Bob & Skye's Decoy Spread at Round Lake.**

### Vancouver Trap Club Loses an Icon

We are sad to announce the passing of **Doug Dinsmore** on April 7th. **Doug** was President and a Life Member of the **Vancouver Trap and Gun Club** for the last 12 years. He was very proud of the Club, and he loved the camaraderie of the Club's membership. **Doug** will be missed and our condolences go out to his loved ones.

### Please Contribute

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



**The Blackberry lined West Bank of a sizeable Round Lake.**

## News for the Flock

### Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Lyle Galloway

## Drayton Harbor No Shooting Proposal Public Hearing May 18th

Attention all **WWA** members and migratory waterfowl hunters and sportsmen. The **Blaine City Council** and local county anti-hunters are at it again trying take away your right to hunt waterfowl in **Drayton Harbor**. The **Whatcom County Council** will be holding an online **Zoom** public hearing on Tuesday, May 18th beginning at 6 pm. Zoom meeting information can be found [here](#).

The **Council** will accept written comment from the public up until the time of the actual hearing. **WWA** members are encouraged to provide comment, and are free to use and edit the **WWA** position (linked [here](#)) letter previously filed with the **Council** as a template for your own personalized input. Be sure to include the following **Agenda Identification Item Numbers** — **AB2021-185** and **AB2021-186** — in your written public comment.

Having learned their lesson[s] of two (2) years ago that Washington law specifically **EXEMPTS** noise “created by the discharge of firearms in the course of hunting” as a justifiable reason for creating a no-shooting zone, they are now attempting to use the issue “safety” to get their way.

Sea duck hunting by BOAT is the primary hunting protocol in **Drayton Harbor** that take place over a half a mile from any beach or city boundary. This type of hunting is seasonal from early December to late January.

As for safety concerns, there are two (2) things to keep in mind when you express your opinion to the **Whatcom County Council**:

1. There is already a no hunting buffer extending 300 yards from the shoreline for both **Drayton Harbor** and adjoining **Birch Bay**; and
2. It is impossible to carve out an exception to the No Shooting Zone for one group (i.e., the Treaty Tribes), and still base the the No Shooting Zone on the only legal basis of “Safety” as recognized by WA law.  
[See [RCW 9.41.300\(2\)\(a\) linked here](#)] Additionally the Tribes are opposed to this special carve out exception!

It is either safe or unsafe to allow the shooting of firearms within Drayton Harbor.

**Any safety issues CAN NOT be made contingent upon who is doing that shooting!**

**Bottom Line:** This latest attempt to revive the proposed No Shooting Ordinance first drafted in 2019 is nothing more than an anti-hunting group trying to strong arm hunters and sportsmen. Please see attached Maps on adjacent [Page 7](#)) and Proposals Being submitted to the **Whatcom County Council**.

### Executive Summary

1. A proposed ordinance to amend Whatcom County Code 9.32 was introduced to the Whatcom County Council on September 4, 2019 (see Attachment A), and public hearings were held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. However, no action was taken with regard to the proposed ordinance, and this remains an active item.
2. The request herein is to take action and pass the still-active, proposed ordinance. According to the Open Public Meetings Act, as there are no changes to the aforementioned proposed ordinance, additional public hearings are not required.
3. The proposed ordinance has the unqualified support from the Blaine City Council, as noted in Attachment A (Exhibits A and B), dated July 8, 2019.
4. **The Lummi Business Council was approached previously and gave verbal approval for the proposed ordinance, under the condition that Native treaty and hunting rights are not abridged. This condition is met in the proposed ordinance, which states that "Tribal members exercising treaty rights to hunt on traditional hunting grounds that are open and unclaimed are not subject to this [proposed] ordinance."**
5. When shooting is allowed near residential areas, even those that were previously rural, accidents occur. See, for example this news report from September 15, 2020 (audio may need to be turned on by clicking the speaker icon under the KIRO7 logo, lower right-hand corner): <https://bit.ly/3iJzwzZ>

# Whatcom Chapter News Continued



No Shooting Zone – Drayton Harbor Area

**PROPOSED BY: CITY OF BLAINE**  
**INTRODUCTION DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

### **AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 9.32, UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, TO ESTABLISH A NO SHOOTING ZONE IN THE DRAYTON HARBOR AREA OF WHATCOM COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Whatcom County Code 9.32.050 the County Council may, upon its own initiative, pass a resolution declaring its intent to form a no shooting zone; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 23, 2019, the Council approved Resolution 2019-035, declaring its intent to conduct a public hearing to consider creating a no shooting zone in the Drayton Harbor area of Whatcom County, as requested by the City of Blaine; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Whatcom County Code 9.32.020 and RCW 36.32.120 the County Council has the authority and power to establish no shooting zones; and

**WHEREAS**, a “no shooting zone” is an area designated by the County Council in which the discharge of firearms is prohibited; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 9.41.300 (2) specifically states that counties may enact laws and ordinances restricting the discharge of firearms in any portion of their respective jurisdiction where there is a reasonable likelihood that humans, domestic animals, or property will be jeopardized; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the request submitted by the City of Blaine (see City of Blaine Resolution No. 1765-19, attached as Exhibit A to this resolution):

- It is difficult for members of the public to distinguish between incorporated and unincorporated areas, particularly on open water, which causes numerous hunters to inadvertently move into areas where hunting and discharge of firearms is illegal;
- Citizens have expressed concerns about gunfire near homes and property and repeatedly call for police response to such incidents;
- Unincorporated portions of Drayton Harbor aquatic area, tidelands, and shoreline are within and adjacent to urban growth areas;
- Population is expanding and housing density is increasing within the areas surrounding Drayton Harbor both within the City and in areas of unincorporated Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty-three other no shooting zones have been established throughout Whatcom County as a means to protect the public.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that a new section of Whatcom County Code 9.32 shall be added to create a no-shooting zone in the Drayton Harbor area as outlined in Exhibit B to this ordinance.

**BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED** that Tribal members exercising treaty rights to hunt on traditional hunting grounds that are open and unclaimed are not subject to this ordinance.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

## News for the Flock

### NW Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu



#### SUCCESS !!!

#### PICS or IT DIDN'T HAPPEN

NW Chapter and Life Member Rich Phillips is the only member of the WWA flock to check in so far with a successful Turkey hunt this spring, with what he described as this hard earned gobbler from Stevens County. **Congrats Rich!**

Kurt Snyder and your humble Chapter Chair came up with "goose eggs" in our early efforts in Eastern Washington (pun intended).

You still have 16 days remaining in this year's Spring Season to get your gobbler (and photo) in next month's Newsletter.

2021 Turkey Regs are linked [here](#).

### Your WA "Duck" Stamp at Work

Driving through the region it's good to see all the waterfowl that are in our area nesting or on the migration. Even the Snows are still hanging around in good force. I wasn't living in this state 50 years ago but I can just imagine the difference in the abundance of waterfowl then as compared to now.

One of the primary reasons for the reduced bird count is the reduction of food sources available. These food sources support both nesting production and migrating waterfowl. The **Washington Migratory Bird Stamp and Art Program** is a major source of funding for annual grain farming on several **WDFW Managed Wildlife Areas** in our state. Each year hundreds of acres are planted supporting winter forage for migratory birds.

Purchasing **Washington State Migratory Bird Stamps or Migratory Bird Stamp Artwork** is an investment in Washington's wetlands, waterfowl, and other migratory bird resources. You can find out more about the **Washington Migratory Bird Stamp and Art Program** and the associated projects that it funds at:

<https://www.washingtonduckstamp.com>

### Milltown Island Restoration

Recently several **WWA** members including **Art Kendall, James Ono, Reb Broker, Jason Bolser** and **Rick Billieu** participated in a virtual meeting with **WDFW Habitat Specialist Jenny Baker** and **Skagit Wildlife Area Manager Belinda Rotton**. **WWA** members were asked to provide advice and feedback on a draft restoration plan from a waterfowlers perspective.

**Milltown Island** on the south fork of the **Skagit River** is approximately 215 acres and like the **Island Unit** was diked decades ago for agriculture production. The island is comprised of mostly reed canary grass and a native tree/shrub perimeter.

Phase 1 of the Restoration Project started several years ago with draft designs for dike breaching and channeling. **WWA** is and has long been opposed to any restoration where waterfowl conservation methods are not included in a project. Feedback from participants included questioning the projects potential for successful Salmon habitat due to the elevation of the island and limited flooding that would occur at various tide levels. Additional input focused on access landings for boats/kayaks, swells dugout for water retention and potential blind placement locations. As **WDFW** moves forward on this project additional information will be reported here.



## NW Chapter News Continued



A silver lining of Covid has been the moving of our monthly meetings from the indoors of the Conway Fire Hall to the Twin Cities Sportsmens Club where members can get some off-season shooting practice!



### May Chapter Activity

Members of the **NW Chapter** will meet with **WDFW** employees this month at the **Samish Unit** of the **Skagit Wildlife Area**. During this meeting we will survey the condition of hunting blinds at the site. The blinds at this unit are heavily used by waterfowl hunters throughout the season. A few of the blinds are in disrepair, and one of the older **ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)** blinds has been removed due to its poor condition.

We will assess the conditions of each blind and develop a plan for repairs or complete rebuild. We will also look at developing some **temporary** blinds that can be moved into the corn or other crops planted by the **WDFW**.

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Wednesday each month at the **Twin Cities Sportsmens Club** in **Stanwood**. Trap at 6:00 pm with business meeting starting at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

**Support your Passion – Get Involved**

Rick Billieu

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See and like our Facebook page **Northwest Washington Waterfowl Association** at:

<https://www.facebook.com/waducks.org/>

## News for the Flock

### Southwest Chapter News

By Bruce Burns

The **Southwest Chapter** has been working on the Wood Duck Nest Boxes and will have a report this up coming meeting, Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at the **Tacoma Sportsman Club** at 6:30 pm, in the **Education Building**. Come on out early if you want to grab a bite to eat or shoot. The shotgun range is open from 10 am to 9 pm on Tuesdays! Face masks, bandanas or neck gaiters are required.

If you're looking to improve your shotgun game, the Club is offering Basic Trap and Skeet Classes. Each class will run four (4) days, from 6:30 to 9 pm. Cost is \$50. Don't wait as classes fill up quickly.

Of course the big news for the **SW Chapter** is that he planning for the upcoming **Washington State Ducking Calling Contest** is starting to come together. The 2021 event includes the sanctioned Duck Calling and fun competitions for all other levels, and will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at the **Sumner Sportsmen's Club**. See Flyer on adjacent **Page 11**.

#### WWA Hoodies Still For Sale

Finally we still have **WWA Hoodies** available to buy at only \$35 each (See photos below). If anyone wants one contact me via my email at [bwburns36@gmail.com](mailto:bwburns36@gmail.com). Payment would be by check made out to: **WWA-Southwest Chapter** and mailed to:

**Bruce Burns**  
**P.O. Box 1429**  
**Buckley, WA 98321**

See Options below.

### Midnight Valley Labradors

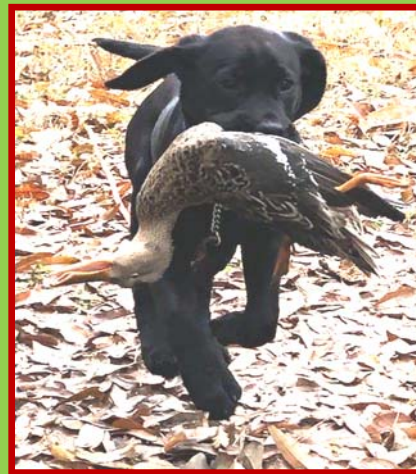
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WWA Hoodies, Gray Front



WWA Hoodies, Green Back

**Saturday, August 7th, 2021**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
at the  
**Sumner Sportsmans Club**  
**Sumner, Washington**



## **The 2021 Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Championships**

**Competitions Include:**

**Kids 12 and under Duck - Free**  
**Novice Duck, 13 & up (has not previously competed) - \$15**  
**Washington State Sanction Duck - \$35**  
**Open Goose - \$30**

**1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes in all classes include:**  
**Shotguns, Decoys, Free Bird Taxidermy Mount, Laydown Blind**  
**and so much more...**

**Washington State Sanction Winner will receive \$1,000**  
**for travel to World Championships**

**food and drinks will be available on site**

**Kids must pre-register no later than July 21st**

**Contact Nathan Neideigh: [1971handa@gmail.com](mailto:1971handa@gmail.com), (253) 229-5794**

**Novice and State Sanction and Open Goose**

**Contact Rob Strong: [ruckusoutfitters@yahoo.com](mailto:ruckusoutfitters@yahoo.com) (206) 714-0178**

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## News for the Flock

### Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all —

I don't have much to write about this month so I'll make it easy on **John Arrabito** and keep things short. Speaking for the **Grays Harbor Chapter**, I would like to thank **John** for taking on the newsletter on every month. For the most part It's a thankless job, but... Thanks anyway, **John**.

#### WWA Looking for some "Young Blood" Leadership

The **WWA** is currently looking for a new President. Ideally, we could use a younger member that has the new age skills to get things done easily. Please don't make us appoint a new president. We have been very lucky to have had such great members in the past that stepped up and took charge. I would take a turn in the seat, but I could not do the **WWA** justice with the little time I seem to have left over after all the things I'm already doing.

If you're looking to help conservation, and you want a semi-easy job, please consider the presidency. Nobody will mind if you post brazen tweets or anything like that.

#### Cedarville Raffle Tickets Available

The **Cedarville Farms Hunt-for-Two Raffle** is chugging along nicely, with tickets available from most Chapter Chairs. Buy them from your local chapter, as each chapter gets to keep the proceeds of their sales, thanks to the generosity of **Jon McAninch**, owner of **Cedarville Farms Hunt Club**. The ticket price remains the same even though hunting has gotten much more expensive.

And the funds made will go a long way for waterfowl conservation. Buy your tickets NOW and get in on a chance for a great hunt! Each ticket purchased will get you TWO chances to win! And the odds are much better than the state lotto. Check out the flyer on the adjacent page in this issue!

#### Update on Union River Work Party

The **Union River Blind Restoration Project** fund raising has exceeded our goals. It's a good thing too as lumber prices have gone up unreasonably over the past year — like 200+%! We now have 22 volunteers, four (4) with boats, and donations adding up to over \$2,000! I will post all the donors and participating agencies when Phase One of the project is complete!

If you haven't volunteered yet, you'll have short time to join us for the first work party which is **tomorrow!** Contact me at [kurtsnyder@outdrs.net](mailto:kurtsnyder@outdrs.net) or (360) 485-9353 if you want to join us at the last minute. Otherwise you'll have to wait for the second work party, who's scheduling is yet to be firmed up.

This project has resulted in what I consider a huge influx in volunteering and donating. Waterfowlers **ARE** the greatest group of people I know of "Giving Back to the Resource." Twice now I have asked for help and both times received an overwhelming volunteer and donor response. You all rock!

#### Next Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting is scheduled for the 3rd of June. Same place as usual — the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near **Littlerock, WA**, 7:00 PM sharp. Many thanks to member **Brandon DeHart** for filling in for me at our last meeting.

I missed the meeting because I took my only window of opportunity to scout for a dumb turkey or two. We only saw and heard smart turkeys. **lol** Lots of people get their thrills many different ways, but calling in a wary Tom Turkey is the coolest hunting thrill... just short of 300 geese landing in your spread.....

Thank you all for what you are doing for waterfowl conservation.

Thanks, as always,

**Kurt**

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



# GH Chapter News Continued



## OCTOBER 2nd, 2021 HUNT FOR TWO RAFFLE

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*Two chances at a hunt for two with each ticket purchase. Win a one day, fully guided waterfowl hunt for two at Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club exclusive properties. Overnight lodging included. All equipment provided except hunters licensing.*



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**Washington Waterfowl Association**

**Ticket price is \$5.00 each or \$20.00 per five**

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**See your local WWA Chapter for purchase or contact below!**

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## News for the Flock

### Seattle Chapter News

By: James Ono

#### Two-Fer Chapter Meeting Again on Monday, May 24th

This month we will once again be having a hybrid meeting on **Monday**, May 24th at the **Kenmore Gun Range**. Shooting begins at 5 pm, with our business meeting and discussion[s] starting at 7 pm.

I am hoping to get a representative from **Whistling Wings Hunt Retriever Club** to speak at our meeting, but given recent less-than-stellar in-person attendance at our chapter meetings, I want to make sure we have some a sufficient audience either in-person or online. If you are interested in attending this meeting in-person or online, please let me know so I can secure the speaker.

As the **Kenmore Gun Range** continues with their limited shooting days and hours open to the public, we will continue beginning our meeting with shooting for **WWA MEMBERS ONLY** having access to the range[s] between the hours of 5 pm to 7 pm (the public can shoot from 3 pm until 5 pm only) followed by our business meeting and program at 7 pm. We also are allowed use of the clubhouse for our meeting, but must continue to abide by COVID guidelines which may or may not include wearing masks while inside.

**However, please eat before you arrive or bring something with you as we will NOT be providing pizza and soda until further notice.**

#### WebEx Meeting Details

**May Chapter On-Line Meeting**  
**Monday, May 24, 2021, 7:00 pm**

<https://jamesono.my.webex.com/jamesono.my/j.php?MTID=meddf691392f61b0e28203343792f791a>

Meeting number: **182 992 3033**

Password: **26yPJyQJN6r**

(26975975 from phones and video systems)

#### Join by phone

+1-415-655-0001 US Toll

Access code: **182 922 3033**

#### Drayton Harbor No-Shooting Ordinance

I want to remind everyone to submit your feedback and attend the on-line **Whatcom County Council Meeting** regarding this matter. You all should have received an email with a copy of our position letter linked [here](#), and the link to the council website with Zoom details linked [here](#).

#### Decoy Whiteboard Session

Last month we had a member run discussion on decoy strategy. Thank you to all the members who participated.

If you are new to hunting and would like to see how others set up their spreads, or if you have been hunting for years and would like to see what others are doing, you can watch the recording of that saved presentation online. A link to the video and the password can be found in the announcements section of our chapter page.

<https://washingtonwaterfowl.org/chapters/seattle>

#### Duck Nest Box Build Party

As you may have read in a previous newsletter, we have a number of Wood Duck nest boxes that have been beaten by the elements and in some cases, by vandalism. At an upcoming chapter meeting we will be building nesting boxes to be installed later this summer (that is if we can afford the cedar lumber, lol).

If you are interested in helping organize the box build, please reach out to me at [Ohnoitsono2009@hotmail.com](mailto:Ohnoitsono2009@hotmail.com) or 425-233-5936

#### Chapter Officer Position

Elections are coming up soon! As much as I would love to continue as the chapter chair, my wife and I are expecting our first child this summer, and it has become clear that I may have trouble fulfilling the duties of the chairperson. If you are interested in the chapter chair or a possible co-chair position, please let me know. I am happy to answer any questions.

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# News for the Flock

## 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.

Moses Chapter

Spokane Chapter

Tri-Cities Chapter

Yakima Valley Chapter

No News This Month

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## Wenas Wildlife Area Summer Target Shooting Rules go into Effect

YAKIMA — Summer target shooting rules go into effect on the **WDFW-managed Wenas Wildlife Area** this week to reduce the risk of wildfires. Restrictions run from May 15th through September 30th, including at the new shooting range at **Sheep Company Road**.

Because target shooting has caused previous wildfires on the **Wenas**, the Department has restricted target shooting every summer since 2012. Those fires have damaged wildlife habitat and neighboring private land and created public safety concerns. With the particularly dry spring this year, shooters must be extra careful.

Starting May 15, target shooting will be limited to between sunrise and 10 a.m., when the risk of starting a wildfire is reduced. As of June 1, steel targets will not be allowed through the end of September. Exploding targets, tracer, or incendiary ammunition are never allowed.

Public notice of the limited hours will be posted at all entry points of the **Wenas** and at target shooting sites on the wildlife area. The **Wenas** covers over 105,000 acres between **Ellensburg** and **Yakima**. Visitors can experience a variety of recreation opportunities, including big game hunting, and hiking.



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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)**.

## Session Wrap Up Report

The 2021 session is over, and I have spent plenty of my time covering specific bills in my previous reports, so I am going to concentrate on how the **Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)** fared budget-wise this session. The short answer is that they fared very well in both their operating and capital budgets and came out of session smelling like roses.

In the **WDFW** operating budget there will be no furloughs nor any reductions to **WDFW** staffing levels, and the budget restores the general wage increase for certain exempt staff. In this **COVID-19** era, they came out very well in the staffing area. There is a proviso \$1.4 million to increase Enforcement staffing. The Department did very well with most all their budget requests and backfilling some of their deficits from the recession years.

**WDFW** did even better in their capital budget requests. The Department requested a comprehensive list of projects for the 2021-23 capital budget, including significant new investments. Projects spanned the Department's portfolio of work from forest health work to hatchery improvements to recreation site improvements to cooperative fencing projects. The Department received \$71.6 million in new capital funding. Additionally, the final budget includes \$11.9 million for 24 minor works projects. Re-appropriations were funded at \$51.2 million, which matched the agency's request.

The reason I am posting this is now the Department is **fully funded!** Before **WDFW** had terrible shortfalls, and under **Director Jim Unsworth** had terrible management starting from the top. He wasn't liked by legislators from

both parties, and the Department suffered. I believe that **Director Kelly Susewind** has done an excellent job, especially considering the train wreck that he took over — a virtual *Lusitania* after the U-Boats torpedoed it.

Now it's time to see **WDFW** become more sportsman friendly. One of the ways we can do this even though the Legislature is currently out of session, is to keep **Rylan Weythman's** name in front of **Governor Inslee** and his fish and wildlife advisors as an appointee to the **WDFW Commission**. Use the **Washington State** governmental portal linked [here](#) and on the adjacent **Page 17** to do so.

Our voices as hunters need to be heard. No more of this hunters are only 3% of the population garbage. We contribute far more to **WDFW's** budget. The **National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF)** did a survey on American's attitudes toward hunting, conducted by **Responsive Management** (the undisputed leader in surveying and polling on wildlife and sportsmen's related issues). Overall, 80% of Americans approve of legal hunting. The polling question was as unbiased as you can ask: Do you support legal hunting?

The survey also asked respondents, regardless of their personal opinion of hunting, if they agree or disagree that it is acceptable for other people to hunt provided they do so legally and in accordance with hunting laws and regulations. The favorable response rose to 92% agreeing that hunting is acceptable, compared to only 6% who disagreed. The **NSSF** has conducted this survey since 1973, and the support for hunting has always been strong — never lower than 73%.

Contrast those numbers with a look at the extreme opposite, the animal-rights agenda. Less than 1% of Americans support the animal rights (**AR**) community's ultra-radical agenda of "**NO**" — no meat, no dairy, no hunting, no fishing, no trapping, no ranching, no leather, no wool, no research on animals to find cures for diseases or medical research, no testing on animals for product safety, no vermin control, no killing of insects (**AR** groups criticized **President Obama** for killing a mosquito while he was speaking), no killing or control of poisonous snakes or other poisonous creatures, no insect control, no pets, no work animals, no farm animals, no dairy animals, no service animals, no police or military animals, no show or entertainment animals, no zoos, no aquariums, no petting farms, no animal usage whatsoever. Then top that off with

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# Legislative News Continued

their belief that animals are equal to humans, and have equal rights! The AR people are so radical that most legislators don't want to be associated with them.

### Other Surveys

There is just a garbage survey done in conjunction with Colorado State University and Ohio State University called, "America's Wildlife Values, The Social Context of Wildlife Management in the US." This survey tries to compartmentalize everyone into either a "muralist," or a "traditionalist."

There has been data forever that even in the urban cities the public agreed that wolves should be euthanized if they were causing hardship on people who had to live with wolves. Now this so-called "Social Context" survey has purportedly turned around — now advocating that people don't support this action anymore. This survey is totally slanted to the radical environmentalists and AR groups. When you start out with the answers you want and build your survey to get your answers, you can manufacture whatever you want. This survey purports to show support for hunting is declining. Pure rubbish!

Worse than that is this Chehalis Basin Beaver Survey. Whether you live in the Chehalis Basin or not, I urge you to take it. It is appalling how bad the survey is, and how slanted it is towards the AR groups.

<https://publicinput.com/beaver1>

Hunters are a major part of WDFW's revenue stream and now it is time that we are treated as such. Now there is no reason why we shouldn't be treated as valued customers. Don't tell us people don't support hunting, they do! Don't make excuses, the time for excuses is over. We as the hunting community want our fair share, and we to see action, not simply lip service.

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## Keep the Pressure on Re: Your Preference for Appointment to the WDFW Commission

The Washington Legislative Session is over, without Governor Jay Inslee making the two (2) final appointments to the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Sportsmen, keep the pressure on by demonstrating your continuing preference for Rylan Weythman, via the online portal linked near the end of this post.

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

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.

Take a few moments to express your support of Rylan to the Fish and Wildlife Commission using the following WA State Government Portal linked [here](#).

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)

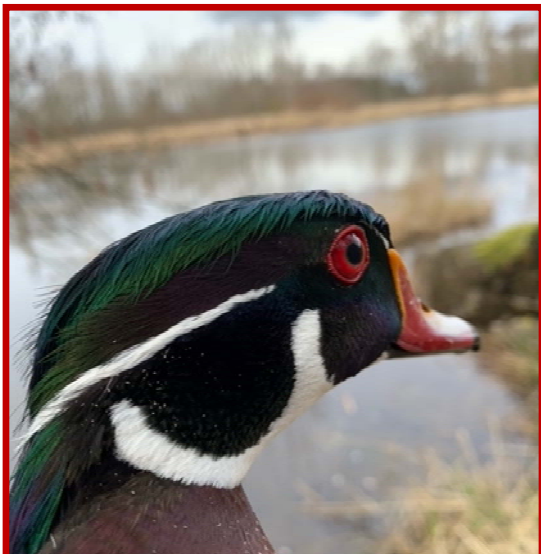


Rylan Weythman

## Memorial for Jackson “Jack” Otto

Thanks to the generosity of many friends and extended family members of the **John and Toni Halligan Otto** family, plans are moving along nicely to purchase and establish a memorial bench and plaque in honor of, and in memory to, 15-year-old **Jackson “Jack” Otto**, who passed away from a traumatic brain injury on March 16, 2021, just five (5) days short of his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. The memorial is to be installed on the banks of a small pond overlooking a very special spot in the **Whatcom Wildlife Area** where young **Jack** and his father, **John**, spent many **Youth-Only Hunt** mornings in Septembers past. This was **Jack’s** “favorite pond,” and a spot where he harvested his first wood duck. It is a special happy place that will be enjoyed by many more youth hunters who will come to view/learn about an excellent, thriving, waterfowl habitat.

A **GoFundMe** (linked [here](#)) established by **Brad Otto** (no relations) for this memorial has already raised \$4,355 of an initial \$2,500! The **WWA**, with coordination from **Otto** family representatives, together have raised an additional \$1,635. This sum includes a \$1,000 donation from **WWA Corporate** in gratitude to **John Otto** for his years of donation of time and talent to **WWA**. (For those that don’t know the history, over a decade ago **John** donated *gratis*, all the ducks and performed all of the taxidermy on the initial 33 duck mounts contained **WWA** display trailer – a display that has been used over the many years to promote **WWA** from the **Willapa Bay Youth-Only Hunt** to the annual **WA Brant Foundation Decoy Carving Contest** in Skagit County).



Looking Over Restoration Pond

The short range plan is to dedicate the bench and plaque this coming September 2021 on the morning of the **Youth-Only Hunt** by the extended **Otto** family, their many friends, and the waterfowl community they enjoy being a big part of. It will be a **GREAT** time!

The long range plan with the remainder of funds left over is to establish a **Youth Scholarship** in **Jack’s** name to a few youth each spring to work with local **WDFW Natural Resource Technician**, **Brad Otto**, trapping and banding wood ducks; learning their biology; building and placing a nesting box; and maintaining the established nest boxes at the site.

**WWA** for its part is looking to tie in this scholarship with the college scholarship currently being offered by its **Whatcom County Chapter** for area youth pursuing a wildlife management or similar degree in any form of post-secondary education. Other possible scholarship spin-offs could include a decoy carving class; along with wildlife photography; farming for wildlife; and habitat importance — because the local talent is there, available, and willing to contribute. We want to make this a special event!

### In Memory of Jack Otto

- thru **GoFundMe**,           **\$4,355**
- thru **WWA**                   **\$1,635**
- Totals**                   **\$5,990**

### Most Recent in April thru WWA

- **Shawn & Gina Goms**,       **\$100**
- **Susan & John Otto, Jr.**,   **\$100**
- **Scott & Marilyn Westphal** **\$ 25**



## 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 2021 Newsletter**.

**WWA General Fund — \$1,533**

**WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,640**

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

**WWA Legal Fund — \$19,753.52**

**WWA Youth Fund — \$1,610**

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 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!

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

- One duck mount is \$300.
- One goose mount is \$450.
- One pheasant mount is \$250.

### 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.



## News For the Flock

### The Hunter's Table

By James Ono

#### *Wild Duck Liver and Heart Pate'*

I have found that this recipe has a relatively mild, yet deep and rich flavor. Many people just discard their livers, but I freeze mine for the season and make a bigger batch at the end. This recipe is for a more rustic pate'. For a smoother texture, you can use a blender and/or force the pate' through a mesh sieve at the end.

**Timing is really important with this recipe.** I tried this once and did not pay attention to the time. I ended up over cooking my livers. The texture was grainy, and the flavor was overpoweringly awful.

Once your pate' has set you can season the top with more salt and pepper or *herbes de provence*. You can also pour a layer of duck fat or clarified butter to seal the top to prevent oxidation and freezer burn.

I like to eat my pate' on crackers or crostini with some thin slices of onion and pickle to add a little acid and brightness to this rich snack.

#### **Ingredients**

1/2 lb hearts and livers.

Depending on the size, this was from about 8 ducks

1 Large Shallot

2 Cloves Garlic Minced

1/2 Stick Butter

2 oz Marsala wine

Salt & pepper to taste

Soak livers and hearts in milk for at least 30 minutes. Rinse, pat dry, and season with some salt and pepper.

Heat the butter in a skillet on medium to medium-high until it gets pretty hot and just barely starts to brown.

Add shallots to the pan.

Stir occasionally until the shallots start to soften.

Add hearts, livers, and garlic.

Stir frequently for about 2 minutes.

Add the wine and cook some of the alcohol out. 30 seconds to 1 minute.

Add the whole mixture to a food processor.

Add some more salt and pepper.

Blend it until it is relatively smooth.

Dish into smaller containers.

Put in fridge overnight to set.



## Classified Ads – For Sale / Wanted

**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.
- 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.



### For Sale

### For Sale

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**Belgium Browning A-5 "Humpback" in 12 ga. Magnum** with rib and Full Choke; choke can be reamed for steel; Legal transfer only.  
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## 2020/21 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

The Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2020  
Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp and  
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Artist Timothy Turenne



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

To order your print(s) and accompanying stamps, please complete the application.

### **REMINDER TO LIFE MEMBERS**

Order your 2020 prints now to secure your multi-years matching print numbers!

## 2020 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

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



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I have included \$70.00 for each unframed print & stamp for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00

I have included \$175.00 for each framed print/stamp for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00

\*Shipping and Handling \$ 10.00

**Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00**

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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

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#56 Frank Gallo*	#57 David Irons*	#58 David Ragsdale	#59 Tim Koehler*	

## New Levels of Life Membership

**Effective June 1, 2021**, WWA will be converting to three (3) different levels of Life Membership acknowledging that all WWA memberships are “Sustaining” to the organization. Those three (3) new levels along with their respective emoluments will be:

#### 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 — \$1000.00 (USD)

Includes one Pacific Calls WWA Logo’d Duck Call AND one WWA Logo’d embroidered “Life Member” Jacket.

#### Gold Level Life Membership — \$2000.00 (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.

All will include the option to decline the gift[s] accompanying their respective membership in order to provide maximum financial support to WWA.

**Until June 1st**, current \$500 level Life Members may pay \$250 and upgrade their membership to the current \$750 Life Member level and receive a WWA Logo’d embroidered “Life Member” Jacket in men’s or women’s jacket of choice from WWA vendors, *Incentives by Design* or *Corporate Casuals.com*. **After June 1st**, all \$750 Life Members will automatically be “bumped up” to the new Silver Life Member Level with no new emoluments of membership.

If you have a question about the level of your Life Membership as listed above, please contact **John Arrabito** at [jarrabito@comcast.net](mailto:jarrabito@comcast.net) and I will be happy to help you by researching WWA records to make sure that we have the correct information about your existing Life Membership support of WWA.





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# Heritage Lands



## FARMLAND AND PUBLIC ACCESS PRESERVATION

The WWA is launching a private land/public access program called *Heritage Lands*. The goal is farmland preservation and public outdoor recreation opportunity, with the initial implementation in the Skagit and Stillaguamish River valleys.

**DON'T let your Heritage Lands Turn from this into....**



This Program will **Purchase Farmland, Preserve it, Conserve it, Promote it, Maintain it, and Manage it for Waterfowl and Public Hunting for you and the Next Generation.**

**We need your personal, corporate, or in-kind commitment to help us exceed our goal of \$300,000! We currently have a benefactor that will match the first \$2,000. Contact Rone Brewer to donate (206) 595-7481.**

***Every Donation Helps! WWW.WADUCK.ORG***

For additional information please contact:

**Rone Brewer, (206) 595-7481  
nwducks@frontier.com**

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## WWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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)**
- \*  **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 (New)**
- 2-Year Family \$ 60.00 (New)**  
 (2-year memberships not available online)

### Chapter & Newsletter: (Please specify your preferences)

Newsletter by  email or  hard copy

- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter — 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 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.
- 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.
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E., Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
- Tri Cities Chapter** — 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.

Pay with a credit card from our website:

[www.waduck.org](http://www.waduck.org)

or

Mail with a check to:

**WWA,**  
 P.O. Box 40182  
 Bellevue, WA 98015

### A few facts about the WWA:

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

### Our projects include:

- Working on behalf of Hunter’s Rights issues to keep public access open and available
- Administration of the WA Migratory Bird Stamp and Print Program
- Hosting and sponsoring the Washington State Duck Calling Championships
- Wood Duck Nest Box & Mallard Nest Tube, Goose Nest Pot & platform construction, installation, & maintenance
- Working with the Boy Scouts of America on Eagle Scout projects
- Hosting Youth Mentor shotgun shooting one-on-one instruction events
- Conducting NRA sanctioned Hunter Education classes for Youth & donation of funds to offset WDFW printing costs for youth gun safety classes
- Donation of funds to support high school shooting teams in Washington
- 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.