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### Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

At the beginning of this month the **Board of Directors** appointed me to step up from the Vice Presidency to fill the position as the corporate **President of the WWA**. I am honored with their confidence in me for this job and am looking forward to continuing to work for the organization in this new capacity.

As the new president I feel that an introduction is in order.

I have lived in **Washington** almost my entire life, aside from three (3) years that I lived in **Chicago** when I was in middle school. I have lived all around the greater Seattle area and recently moved to Monroe. My wife **Samantha** and I are expecting our first child in July. I think our dog Boomer will be very jealous. Aside from hunting and fishing, I like playing hockey and would really like to get back into playing baseball, but with the new baby on the way, it might be a little while.

I started fishing when I was 21 and started hunting at 25. While no one in my immediate family was a hunter or angler, my grandfather, **Bill MacKenzie**, had been a member of the **Washington Game Bird Club** which then merged with the **Washington Waterfowl Association**. Unfortunately, he had passed before I had discovered the sport, but I thought it would be very cool to carry on his legacy, and I joined the **WWA** the September before my first duck season.

I attended meetings with the **Seattle Chapter**. I felt a strong connection and really wanted to plug into the organization. In 2020 I wanted to take on more responsibility in the organization and became the **Seattle Chapter Chair**. After attending the **All-Chapter Meeting** in 2019 and discussing some of the hurdles that our organization faces, I was inspired to become more active. I attended several online board meetings and when an opportunity presented itself, I joined the team of corporate officers. I became the Vice-President, joined the Fund-Raising Committee, led the Promotion Team, and started the **Hunter Mentorship Program** this past season.

While 2020 was a very challenging year for many people, I think the organization made some great strides towards a successful future thanks to the hard work of the

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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

Thurs, June 24	ML Chapter <b>In Person</b> Meeting O'Sullivan Sportsman Resort Clubhouse, one mile west of MarDon Resort. (The Clubhouse is behind the '76 gas Station). The official address for GPS purposes is: 6897 Highway 262 Othello, WA 99344 See <b>Page 8</b> .
Thurs, June 24	LC Chapter In Person Meeting See <b>Page 3</b> .
Mon, June 28	Seattle Chapter Meeting online and In-Person at the Kenmore Gun Range. See <b>Page 13</b>
Tues, June 29	SW Chapter Meeting <b>In Person</b> , Tacoma Sportsmen's Club in the Education Building. See <b>Page 6</b> .
Thurs, July 1	GH Chapter Meeting, <b>In Person</b> ; Evergreen Sportsmen's Club near Littlerock; 7 pm, See <b>Page 10</b> .
Weds, July 7	WWA BOD Meeting <b>Online Only</b> — 7:00 p.m. All WWA Members Welcome to attend. <b>Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor, See Page 1</b> for a <b>WebEx</b> Online Invitation.
Weds, July 14	NW Chapter Meeting <b>In Person</b> ; Twin Cities Sportsmens Club Stanwood; 7 pm, See <b>Page 12</b> .
Tues, July 27	Usual SW Chapter Meeting Night
Weds, July 28	Usual Seattle Chapter Meeting Night
Thurs, July 29	Usual LC Chapter Meeting Night
Sat, August 7	WA State Sanctioned Duck & Goose Calling Championships, Sumner Gun Club. See <b>Flyer, Page 7</b> .
Sat, August 28	BROWNELL'S/NRA <b>FREE</b> Youth Trap Shoot; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. American Legion Quincy Gun Club See <b>Flyer, Page 9</b> .

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### (Vice President's Letter Continued from Page 1)

Board and Officers, the various committees, the chapter chairs, and our member volunteers. We have received great feedback around the **Mentorship Program** which I hold near and dear having experienced the growing pains of learning to hunt as an adult.

Our website and social media presence look fantastic and gives a great first impression to those who discover our organization on the internet. We ran a couple successful fund-raising events. We continued to advocate for hunter's rights and public access in addition to the **boots-on-the-ground** volunteer work that we are doing for habitat and access.

I am very excited to continue to help the organization grow and most importantly serve our members. If you have any questions or any ideas of what you would like to see the organization do, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

For the Resource,

**James Ono**

WWA President

## News for the Flock

### Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

#### Recap of May 27th In-Person Chapter Meeting

We had our first “in person” monthly chapter meeting on the Thursday the 27th. It was well attended with around 20 members.

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

He is hoping to attend next year and bring along some **WWA** members.

#### Shillapoo Wildlife Area Work Party

We will have a work party on Wednesday, June 16th, at the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area** off **Lower River Road**. We will be removing old wire fencing and garbage uncovered from a prescribed burning done recently. We plan to meet at 5:30 pm at the **Fazio Agricultural Yard** on the west side of **Lower River Road**. We will send out an

email reminder for this. Please respond that you are attending and/or if you have any questions.

#### Sam Devlin Cackler Boat for Fund Raising Sale

We are selling a boat built and donated by chapter member **Bob Taylor** for a chapter fundraiser. The vessel is a **Cackler 14** kit boat **Bob** built from **Devlin Design and Boat Building**. It’s a fiberglass and epoxy boat with an Evinrude 30hp E-Tec outboard motor, Lowrance Fish Finder on an EZ Loader trailer (See Classified Ads on **Page 23**). The boat’s claim to fame is safety and stability in big water even in nasty conditions. We took it out for a test run in the **Columbia River** under choppy conditions (see photo taken on **Lake River** at the launch). The boat handled it’s 700 pound payload with no problem! Thank you, **Bob**, for your generous fundraising donation!

#### Thank You Jon McAninch and Cedarville Farms

Thank you, **Jon and Marti McAninch** for your generous support of **WWA** through the years at **WWA** banquets around the state and your annual donation of the **Cedarville Farms Hunt Club Hunt-For-Two Raffle** hunts. Certainly not to be overlooked is your annual production/hosting of the best dang clam bake west of the Mississippi!

#### Please Contribute

We need your input for the newsletter. Hunting stories, unusual experiences, ideas you can share, and/or photos.

Whatever would interest you to read about in this newsletter. Submit them to **Doug Hargin**



(From Left) Test drive of the Sam Devlin Cackler 14 kit boat — Ted Blade, Doug Hargin, and Rick Scott.



## News for the Flock

### Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Lyle Galloway

## Drayton Harbor No Shooting Proposal Further Kicked Down the Road

Unfortunately a decision by the **Whatcom County Council** regarding a proposed No Shooting Zone in **Drayton Harbor** in **Whatcom County** (**Agenda Identification Item Number — AB2021-185**):

- previously kicked down the road from the original May 18, 2021 public hearing
- was further kicked down the road at its June 1, 2021 Council meeting;
- was further kicked down the road at its June 15, 2021 meeting last night;
- well you get the picture.

From the **Council's Action Summary** — page 6 — of last night's meeting (linked [here](#)):

**WITHDRAWN** (on a 7-0 Council Vote)

"This item was withdrawn from Introduction and held in Committee." [**Council Committee of the Whole**]

Conflicting information about the next scheduled hearing on the issue vary anywhere from July 10th to July 27th, but **WWA** needs to remain vigilant and make sure nothing gets "*silently*" put on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Council meeting of June 29th.

Reliable sources have told me that the 1,000 foot setback from shore that the moving party — **The Blaine City Council** — is proposing is substantially different from the 1,000 foot setback that the **Lummi Tribe** currently honors. In light of this the **Lummi Tribe** has requested an in-person meeting with both the **Blaine City Council** and the **Whatcom County Council** and all of the **Elliott Bay Treaty Tribes** to occur sometime before the July 27, 2021 scheduled **Whatcom County Council** meeting.

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

### 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

## Southwest Chapter News

By Bruce Burns

### 2021 WA State Duck Calling Contest Still a GO!

Planning for the Washington State Duck and Goose Calling contest continues to be on track. The 2021 Nationally event will be held Saturday, August 7, 2021 at the **Sumner Sportsmen's Club**. See Flyer on adjacent **Page 7**.

The **WWA-SW Chapter** will be holding our next meeting on June 29, 2021 at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** located in Puyallup at 6:30 pm in the **Education Building**.

### WWA Hoodies Still For Sale

We still have **WWA Hoodies** available to buy at only \$35 each (Green or Gray, see photos below). If anyone wants one contact me via my email at [burns36@gmail.com](mailto:burns36@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

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**Spokane Chapter**

**Tri-Cities Chapter**

**Yakima Valley Chapter**

**No News This Month**

*Midnight Valley Labradors*  
 AKC Registered Labrador Puppies  
 Excellent Breeding, Great Temperament,  
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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**

**Hosted By:**

**Washington Waterfowl Association - Southwest Chapter**  
**Chairman, Bruce Burns: (253) 961-8802**



## News For the Flock

### Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Unfortunately, our request for **Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)** grant money to support the WA Stamp & Print funds request for the **Royal Lakes Project** was denied. Hopefully, the funds from the Stamp & Print program will be secured. We have funds from another source to carry on with the habitat part of the Project, it will just take a little longer.

The Project is slated to run from 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2023, so we have time to secure additional funds to complete the habitat part of the Project.

I have not heard from **Rich Finger** of **WDFW** on the status of replacing one of the



**Basin Dust Devils High School Shooting Team sponsored by the WWA-Moses Lake Chapter.**

### WWA-Moses Lake Chapter Meeting

**When:** Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021,

**Time:** Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** **O'Sullivan Sportsman Resort Clubhouse**, one mile west of **MarDon Resort** (The Clubhouse is behind the '76 gas Station). The official address for GPS purposes is:  
6897 Highway 262  
Othello, WA 99344

All current WWA members and waterfowlers from the Columbia Basin and beyond are welcome to attend.

After a year's delay because of COVID, we are taking this time to gather existing members, welcome new members, and discuss the future direction of the Moses Lake Chapter.

Bring your ideas for what you would like to see from your local chapter and what projects or events you would like to be involved in.

For more information contact WWA Board Member Bruce Feagan at: [bfeagan@hotmail.com](mailto:bfeagan@hotmail.com) or call (206) 217-8020.

handicap blinds on the **Frenchman Restricted Access Area (RAA)** (f/k/a **Quality Hunt Area**), but am still assuming the program is a GO! All this working from home has brought most of the projects to a standstill. We had decided that the place to build the blind would be at the **WDFW Moses Lake Shop** to avoid the hassles associated with doing anything at the **WDFW Ephrata District Office**.

### Some Interesting News on the Skagit Wildlife Area

I have received word that **Ducks Unlimited (DU)** may not be interested in helping **WDFW** destroy the **Farmed Unit** of the **Skagit Wildlife Area**. I guess they are receiving a lot of negative push back from members. That would certainly be a step up after the way they destroyed **Leque Island** and created a beautiful mudflat.

### Moses Lake Sponsored FREE Trap Shoot

On August 28th, 2021 we will again be having the **FREE** trap shoot for all youth 18 and younger that possess either a hunting license or a Hunter Ed safety card. See the attached Flyer on adjacent **Page 9** for all the details.



## News For the Flock

### BROWNELL'S/NRA **FREE** YOUTH TRAP SHOOT

**When:** Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021,

**Time:** From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** American Legion Quincy Gun Club

14550 Road Q, N.W., Quincy, WA 98848

There will be **FREE** trap shooting for all youths 18 and under that possess either a hunter safety card or a hunting license. All shells and targets will be provided at no cost to the participants.

Youth Shooters must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

#### **Prizes, Give Aways and Food:**

Youth Shooters will receive assorted **FREE** merchandise.

Lunch of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages, and Chips will be provided, also at no cost.

Have questions or for more information, contact either:

**Dick Price:** 509-762-9027 or **Tom O'Dell:** 509-764-8557

or: 206-465-6943

[dickprice@nctv.com](mailto:dickprice@nctv.com)

[Mallard1@gosi.net](mailto:Mallard1@gosi.net)

### **Co-Sponsors**

**Moses Lake Friends of the NRA,  
Moses Lake Washington Waterfowl Assn,  
Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever,  
and the Quincy Gun Club.**

## News for the Flock

### Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all —

Once again, I have little to write about so I will keep it simple.

#### For Now, A Postponement of Our Youth Shooting Event

Our Chapter has decided to postpone advertising for our annual youth shotgun event because of the shortage of target loads. It seems that the makers cannot keep up with demand, so the ones that are available cost double what they were last year! In the meantime if we don't hold our shoot, consider taking your young hunters/shooters to Eastern WA on the same Saturday in August to participate in a **FREE Youth Shooting Event** in Quincy, WA, co-sponsored by **WWA-Moses Lake Chapter**. See their Flyer on **Page 9**.

While we still **MAY** hold our **Youth Shooting Event**, at this time it is doubtful with only a couple of months to go until the usually scheduled event. Anyway, IF we do hold it — and that's a **BIG IF** at this point — it will be at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**, Saturday, the 28th of August. As usual the price would be **FREE** for Youth 15 years of age and younger; \$20 for an adult shooting the course; and \$15 for military adults. Let's hope for the best — that some loads become available and at a reasonable price. I will post any updated info on this subject on our Facebook page, linked [here](#).

#### Hunt for Two Raffle News

The **Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle** is at full throttle! See your Chapter chair for some tickets. If they don't have any, well shame on them. You can contact me, and I'll get you some of these great tickets.

Same as previous years, \$5 a ticket, or 5 tickets for \$20. Another cool thing is for every raffle ticket you buy you get **TWO** chances at a **Hunt for Two!** The winner[s] will also get free overnight lodging at the **Cedarville Farms**

**Lodge!** The state lotto cannot even compare with the odds on this! See Flyer on adjacent **Page 11**.

One more thing. The funds taken in with this raffle go 100% to waterfowl conservation! So, get them quick or miss out on a chance at a great hunt for you and a best bud!

#### Union River Blind Restoration Project Update

With 22 volunteers, four (4) with boats, and donations adding up to over \$2,000, the restoration should be completed this coming Saturday, June 19th.

I will provide a full report on this project in the **WWA July 2021 Newsletter**.



**(Left to right) Volunteers Kurt Snyder, Captain Tim Bartholomew, his son Zack and Grant Duchesne working on the Union River Blind Restoration Project on the water in May of 2021.**

*(Picture by Bryan Murphy, WDFW Biologist)*





# GH Chapter News Continued



## OCTOBER 2nd, 2021 HUNT FOR TWO RAFFLE

*Presented by; Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club and the Grays Harbor Chapter of the Washington Waterfowl Assoc.*

*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.*



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

**Washington Waterfowl Association**

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

**Tickets make great gifts for that hunter that you know!**

**You get TWO chances with each ticket!**

**Need not be present to win!**

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

**GRAYS HARBOR CHAPTER  
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## News for the Flock

### Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Welcome to the recent new members of the **NW Chapter**. We look forward to getting to know you. A good way to get to know the **WWA**, its chapters and members is by attending a chapter meeting or one of the many events hosted by our chapters. If you have not renewed your membership you can do so on our Website at:

<https://washingtonwaterfowl.org> or you can renew at the next chapter meeting.

#### Samish Unit Blind Build

The **Samish Unit** is part of the **Skagit Wildlife Area** and consists of 410 acres of grass, seasonal wetlands and agricultural fields. Approximately 193 acres of barley, fava beans and corn are planted annually on the site. Funding for the agricultural enhancements on this unit is provided through the **Washington State Duck Stamp** program.

This unit sees a considerable amount of waterfowl hunting throughout the season. There are many hunting blinds on the unit. Several blinds are in disrepair and a few more recently built blinds are in great shape. Within the

past month members of the **NW Chapter** met with **Greg Meis, Assistant Manager** of the **Skagit Wildlife Area**. **Greg** identified the need for five (5) new blinds on the unit. The new blind sites are all located next to ponds or swales that are flooded during the waterfowl season. Chapter members also noted the need for repairs on other existing blinds.

**NW Chapter** members have selected the months of July and August to accomplish the new blind builds. **WDFW** has already procured some of the materials. If you are interested in supporting this activity, contact **Rick Billieu** at [rgbillieu@frontier.com](mailto:rgbillieu@frontier.com).

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

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

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

**Support your Passion – Get Involved**

Rick Billieu

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## News for the Flock

### Seattle Chapter News

By: James Ono

#### Two-Fer Chapter Meeting Again on Monday, June 28th

This month we will once again be having a hybrid meeting on **Monday**, June 28th at the **Kenmore Gun Range**. Shooting begins at 5 pm, with our business meeting beginning at 7 pm.

#### Layout Blind Shooting Practice

This month will primarily be an in-person event as we will be setting up some layout blinds on the trap line. This will give members a chance to try out a couple different layout blinds and also practice shooting from one.

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.

**A Reminder — 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

**MayChapter On-Line Meeting**  
**Monday, June 28, 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**

#### Chapter Chair Resignation

I was hoping to find a successor before leaving this position but unfortunately I was unable to find one. Effective July 1st, I will be resigning from the position of chapter chair. I have really enjoyed my time as chairman, and it has been my honor to serve the **Seattle Chapter**.

#### Whistling Wings Hunt Retriever Club Presentation

At last month's meeting, **Doug Burt**, the President of the **Whistling Wings Hunt Retriever Club** spoke to us about dog training. The link below is to the recorded meeting. The recording starts with our business meeting and then progresses into his presentation and finishes with his live demo. When we moved outside the wi-fi reception was not as good, so the quality suffered.

This and all other programs from prior **Seattle Chapter** meetings in 2021 are video-taped and available for your on-demand viewing at the link below.

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

I will continue to be a chapter member and as active as I can be. My wife and I are expecting our first child in July and I recently accepted a position as the **WWA Corporate President**. In light of these developments, I will not longer have the capacity to serve as the **Seattle Chapter Chair**. I hope to someday return to a leadership position in the **Seattle Chapter**, but that may be a few years off.

#### The Seattle Chapter Needs You!

If you are interested in serving as the chapter chair, please reach out to me or Chapter Secretary/Treasurer **Tim Tinghino**. I have posted a general job description on our chapter website linked [here](#), as well as the emoluments of office which include a paid membership to the **Kenmore Gun Club**, currently split with **Tim**.

Thank you for allowing me to be your chairman and thank you for all of your conservation work for the Resource.

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## WWA Legislative News

# WA Legislative Report

By Mark Pidgeon  
President, Hunters Heritage Council

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

## The WDFW Commission System is Fundamentally Broken

During the June 11, 2021 **Commission** meeting **WDFW** proposed delaying some of the hunting proposals until March of 2022. During the Commissioners' discussion, **Commissioner Fred Koontz** talked about "*doing less with hunting and more with camping and hiking during the discussion of the hunting proposals.*" **Commissioner Anderson** had to straighten him out on the facts. Unfortunately this just reinforced what I've known for a long, long time — **the Commission system is fundamentally broken, and it needs a major overhaul.**

**The Commission** was set-up to take the politics out of wildlife management, but how can you take the politics out of wildlife management when the **Governor** is making the **Commission** appointments? I am not pointing the finger specifically at **Jay Inslee**. I am talking about any Governor — Democrat or Republican — is by definition a political figure. As such, their respective view[s] on how wildlife should be managed is tainted by politics. There is no way to take the politics out of their choice of Commission appointments. Sure, there is Washington law that is supposed to mandate balance on the Commission.

### [RCW 77.04.040](#)

Commission—Qualifications of members. Persons eligible for appointment as members of the commission shall have general knowledge of the habits and distribution of fish and wildlife and shall not hold another state, county, or municipal elective or appointive office. In making these appointments, the governor **shall** seek to maintain

a balance reflecting all aspects of fish and wildlife, including representation recommended by organized groups representing sportfishers, commercial fishers, hunters, private landowners, and environmentalists. Persons eligible for appointment as fish and wildlife commissioners shall comply with the provisions of chapters 42.52 and \* 42.17 RCW.

Define organized groups. Currently there are groups that call themselves hunters that aren't really Hunters! An anti-hunting governor can go a group like them and fulfill 77.04.040, or he can ignore it if his party is in control of both chambers and has like-minded people controlling the natural resources committee chairmanships in both the **State House** and **Senate** and risk the consequences.

Even the legislative mandate in [RCW 77.04.012](#) on hunting and fishing means very little:

The commission shall attempt to maximize the public recreational game fishing and hunting opportunities of all citizens, including juvenile, disabled, and senior citizens.

Even if they give us a lousy opportunity they have given an opportunity; and if they maximize lousy opportunities, they have met the mandate.

A while back, the late **Senator Bob Morton** (R – 7) had a true fix for the **Commission** problem. Instead of the Governor, legislature, or any politician selecting members of the **Commission**. sportsmen's groups would select the **Commission**. Hunting groups would be guaranteed so many seats, fishing groups the same, cattle and agriculture, the commercial fishermen, and one seat for the environmental groups. Sure, there are politics between hunting groups, fishing groups, and fighting amongst ourselves, but it's a lot better than what we currently have, and it would have solved the problems that we are having today. Groups like **WWA** would have a direct voice in the process. It is much better than politicians selecting the Commissioners.

That doesn't mean we should give up the fight because the **Commission** system is broken. We have to keep fighting in spite of bad system. As **Winston Churchill** once said, "Never give in – never, never, never in nothing great or small." We have to continue to try and get good people on the **Commission**. The Tribes don't like the last two (2) appointments. We have to do our part.



## Legislative News Continued

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

While the Washington Legislative Session is over without **Governor Jay Inslee** making the two (2) final appointments to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission**, Washington Sportsmen/women need to keep the pressure on by demonstrating your continuing preference for **Rylan Weythman** for appointment to the **Commission**, via the online portal linked [here](#) and 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.

Keep **Rylan's** name in the forefront of public discussion regarding future appointments to the **Commission**. Take a few moments to express your continuing support of **Rylan** to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission** using the following **WA State Government Portal** linked [here](#).

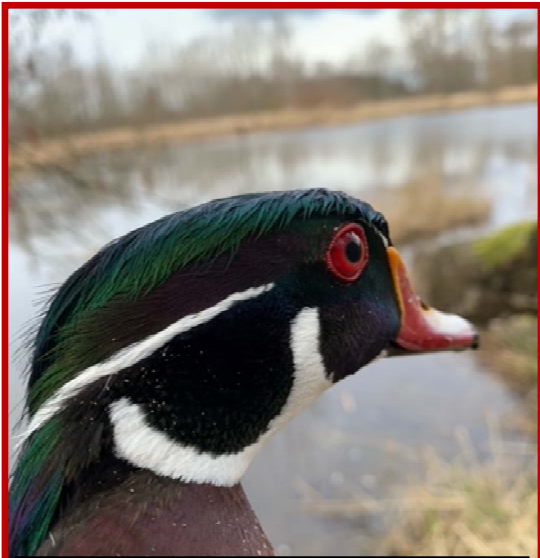
Click on **Fish and Wildlife Commission**, then follow the prompts. When it asks for **Rylan's** email address, he has given his consent to use his business email at: [Rylan.Weythman@Foster.com](mailto:Rylan.Weythman@Foster.com)



# 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 \$4,575 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**,           **\$4,575**
- thru **WWA**                   **\$1,635**
- Totals**                   **\$6,210**

**Another \$210 thru the GoFundME linked [here](#) since May 15th.**





## 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 **May 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 — \$1,810**

**In Memory of Larry Voeks from Robert Noffsinger & Pam Kallicott — \$200.00**

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

## TWIN RIVERS BIRD TAXIDERMISTRY

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

Bases are entirely custom, and the cost is also custom!

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.



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

# WDFW News

## Sparking Interest in Waterfowl Ecology, Conservation, and Management

By: Kyle A. Spragens  
WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager

In 2017, I was asked to participate as part of the writing team for the 2018 Update to the **North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP)**. Since 1986, **NAWMP** has served as the guiding document for successful waterfowl and wetlands conservation through formalizing the shared responsibilities for these resources across the United States, Canada and Mexico. This Plan has given rise to several critical partnerships, such as the **22 Habitat** and **Three (3) Species Joint Ventures**, that strive to advance

three common goals related to waterfowl populations, habitat, and people.

The **2018 NAWMP Update** linked [here](#), was an opportunity to step back, reflect upon the previous three (3) decades of this monumental effort, and to think ahead about how to continue to achieve these goals into the future.

It was a privilege to have the opportunity to absorb information from some of the great waterfowl minds over the past half-century and to interact with an energetic up-and-coming crop of biologists, managers, professors, and researchers; collectively the “waterfowl professionals” of tomorrow. One of my assignments was to craft a section considering ‘A Need for Developing Skills and Training’ as part of this lofty and collaborative effort.

Quickly, it became apparent a couple of key aspects have significantly changed over the past 30+ years, but for

which Washington state holds a unique opportunity and could play a pivotal role.

First, one of the most underappreciated foundations to the waterfowl ecology, conservation and management profession was the number of universities that offered specialized training in waterfowl and wetland management. There have always been a limited core number of programs facilitating this fundamental training, but that number has unfortunately further reduced in the last two (2) decades.

Second, the skillsets that define a “waterfowl professional” have concurrently broadened dramatically as have the challenges facing waterfowl populations and their wetland habitats.

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**2018**  
North American Waterfowl Management  
Plan (NAWMP) Update

**Connecting People,  
Waterfowl, and Wetlands**





## WDFW News Continued

The good news is that in many cases a new cohort of students have training in skills that would be extremely relevant to today's waterfowl and wetland topics, but because of these documented declines in 'waterfowl programs' at universities, they have just not had an opportunity to connect the dots, for a variety of reasons.

Case-in-point, currently in the 12 **Pacific Flyway** states there are only four (4) university programs that remain with a waterfowl-focused faculty member, all of which are approaching retirement, and only one is a dedicated position. None of these are located in Washington state!

However, a group of universities known as "**Cooperative Research Units**" (CRUs) provide an extraordinary nexus between research and management, and Washington has the exceptional situation of having both the **University of Washington** and **Washington State University** as members of the CRUs.

The **WDFW-Waterfowl Section**, in keeping consistent with **NAWMP** recommendations, has made it a point to increase our interactions with a number of universities to reinvigorate waterfowl and wetland relevancy in the hopes of generating future projects here in Washington. Perhaps you know a high schooler or college student that has a deep passion for this resource or you have hoped your *alma mater* would have more hands-on training to produce the waterfowl professionals of tomorrow.

Know that the **WDFW-Waterfowl Section** shares that sentiment with the ultimate goal of putting a waterfowl program back on the map.



(Above)  
Youth Hands-On  
Experience

(Left)  
Mallard Banding  
Up Close & Personal

WDFW Waterfowl  
Section Manager Kyle  
Spragens has indicated  
that he is always willing  
to provide a talk or  
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Chapters — you set the  
topic[s].

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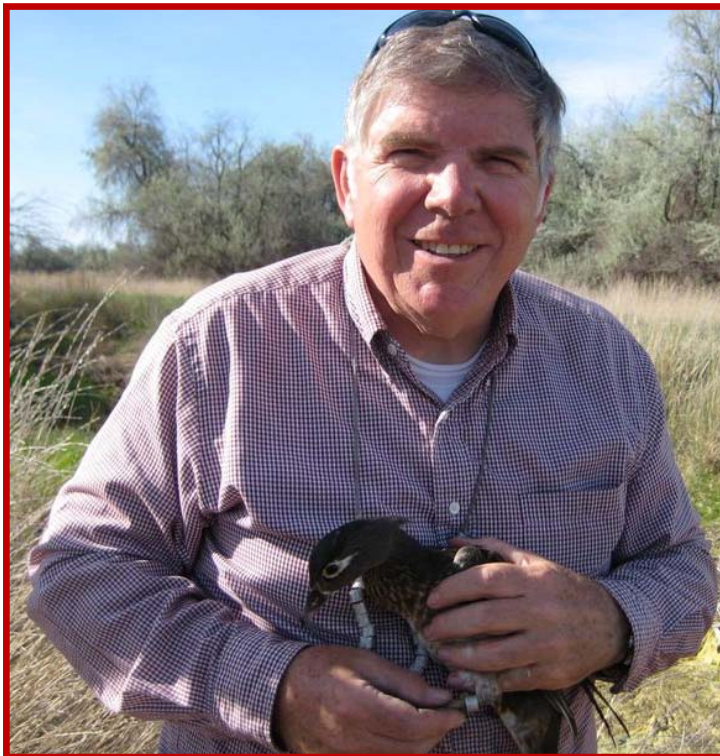
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## WWA and RR&GC News Briefs

### RRGC Wood Duck Box Program



**Dale Schielke, Richland Rod & Gun Club (RRGC) Wood Duck Project Coordinator. Dale, a retired engineer, was named WDFW Volunteer of the Year in 2016 based on his stewardship of this program for the Club. Dale and other Club members have fixed web cams on five (5) nest boxes allowing people all over to learn about and share the delight of seeing the ducklings take their first big leap into the world.**

Below is a recording of the most recent JUMP of ducklings from **RRGC** Box 518 at 7:12 am on 6-14-21. Hen 14753 has been sitting on the eggs for 30 days, they hatched yesterday and today they jumped from the box. Here is the recording: <https://youtu.be/1kUtiRvhXWA>

Below is a recording of the previous JUMP of 5-21-21. At 9:46 am on 5-21-21 hen 14754 exited **RRGC** Box SM and called for her 13 ducklings to follow. Without hesitation the ducklings climbed to the entrance hole and jumped to the ground, all leaving in less than a minute. A recording of the event can be viewed at the following link: <https://youtu.be/y1hrUgulAe4>

### Some History of the RRGC Nesting Box Program

We have accomplished performing the annual maintenance of all 515 nesting boxes that were available for wood ducks last nesting season. We have replaced some of those boxes that have reached the end of their life with boxes built by youth at the **Sportsman Show** or **Kids Duck Day**, and by students at **Libby Middle School** or **Homes-Schooled** students.

The data collected during the effort shows 57.5 % of boxes were used by wood ducks, 86 boxes were used by Western Screech Owls, cooperative banding with **WDFW** installed 17 new bands on owls and had 24 owls recaptured having been banded in previous years.

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

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

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

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

Thanks for watching,

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



# WDFW and WWA 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.

## In Memoriam

Larry Voeks, Dec. 23, 1938 — May 30, 2021



Larry in Shades, after a successful duck hunt in 2010 at his favorite spot with John Arrabito, Robert Noffsinger, and Robert's granddaughter, Kendyl.



Life Member and former WWA Board Member Larry Voeks, of Snohomish, who proudly acknowledged being a *Born Again Christian*, passed apropos on the Sunday of this past Memorial Day Holiday. If you ever broke bread with Larry whether it be on a hunting trip or at a formal WWA Banquet, you will remember he always *Prayed the Blessing* before every meal.

Larry was an avid waterfowler, salmon fisher, and Dungeness crabber who absolutely loved being on the water — whether it was in his 14-ft duck boat or his 25-ft *Chris-Craft*.

In the words of Phyllis, his wife of over 60 years, in an Obituary published on June 6th in the *Everett Herald*: "The hard part is letting everyone know of the passing of my dearly beloved, Larry Voeks. The sad part was the struggle he went thru with not being able to breathe the way he wanted. Well, that's all over for him as he is in Heaven with a new body and in the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Being greeted by all his friends and relatives who went before him."

In addition to his wife, Phyllis, Larry is survived by a daughter Sheryl Bashaw (Bob), son Dwight, and son Rob (Joelie), and five (5) grandchildren, Kyle Kinard (Brea), Griffin Bashaw, Curtis Voeks, Kendra Voeks and Caden Voeks.

Per Larry's request there will be no funeral service. His ashes will be scattered over his favorite waterfowl hunting area in and around Everett.

Those wishing can donate to *Love A Child of Haiti*.

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## News For the Flock

### The Hunter's Table

By James Ono

#### Chicken Fried Duck with Jezebel Sauce

This recipe is a fun and easy way to cook and eat your duck breast. The jezebel sauce adds the extra sweet and spicy tang to really make it come alive. I wrote the recipe for a milder version of the sauce. You can add more or less horseradish depending on your heat tolerance of the tolerance of those you are feeding.

While you would probably be fine to make and serve the sauce at the same time, I like to make it a day ahead at least and let it sit in the fridge to let the flavors meld together. I also only use a little bit at a time and keep a jar of it in my fridge for whenever I need some.

Some people prefer to season their flour, but I prefer to season the meat. Either way works. You can also make the breading thicker by adding another round of egg and flour dredging.

#### Sauce Ingredients

½ Cup Apple Jelly  
½ Cup Sweet Orange Marmalade  
2oz Cream Horseradish Sauce (may be increased to taste)

#### Sauce Prep Directions

Add all ingredients in a bowl  
Stir until all ingredients are well combined  
Put the sauce in a jar and place in the fridge overnight

#### Duck Ingredients

2 Skinned duck breasts  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
2 eggs  
Milk  
Salt  
Pepper  
Cooking oil

#### Duck Prep Directions

Preheat oil in a skillet to about 350 degrees. If it starts smoking, it is too hot. You want enough oil that it will also cook about halfway up the sides of your strips but not so much they are floating in it.

With a tenderizing hammer, hammer out the thick end of the breast so that it is relatively the same thickness throughout most of the breast

Cut the breasts into 1-inch strips

Season your duck strips with salt and pepper to taste

In a bowl beat 2 eggs and just a splash of milk (maybe a tablespoon)

Put the cup of flour on a plate

Once the oil is hot, start dredging

One (1) at a time, toss a strip of duck in the flour and coat it, then slightly shake of any excess

Dunk the strip in your egg mixture

Then put the strip back on the flour plate and re-coat

Shake off the excess flour and place it in the skillet

Repeat the process until the first piece starts to brown or you run out of room in the pan

Leave some space between the strips so they cook properly. Once one side is golden brown, flip the strip. Try not to over handle or flip multiple times as the breading will come off.

When the other side is golden brown, remove the strip and place on a plate lined with a paper towel.

Give another quick dash of salt right after it comes out of the skillet.

Repeat as necessary to get through all the strips.



## 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

**Duckboat** — low profile, 10 ft long, 46 inches wide, decked over, 75 x 38 inch cockpit, splashguard, pointed bow, square stern, approximately 90 lbs, welded aluminum handles and oarlocks, fiberglass and plywood, camo painted. **\$250**  
**Contact Tom, 253 549 9142**

**Bismuth Shot for reloading**, \$10/lb. have some #2, #6, and #7.5 shot sizes, call for details,  
**Contact Robert 206-909-7189**

**Two (2) Decoy Carts** — one with dual bicycle tires; one with dual balloon tires depending upon the terrain that you have to traverse. **\$50 each. Contact John, 425-894-4080**

**Boot Foot Chest Waders**, Brown in color; Size 10. Lightly used, **\$25**  
**Contact Dan, 206-543-1300**



**WWA-Lower Columbia Chapter Fund Raiser — For Sale: 14ft Fiberglass and Epoxy Boat. Cackler model by Sam Devlin Design. EZ Load Trailer, Depth Finder, 30HP E-Tec (like new) \$5,800 - OBO. Donated by Bob Taylor; Call Rick Scott for more photos and information — 360-921-0190**



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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

If you have not received your membership card or decal. Please contact **Mark**. As well, if you have questions or changes to your address please contact **Mark Pidgeon** at [marpwwa@gmail.com](mailto:marpwwa@gmail.com) or call 425-221-3986.

### WWA Life Members

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## New Levels of Life Membership

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All formerly \$750 “Sustaining” Life Members were automatically “bumped up” to the new Silver Life Member Level with no additional necessary payment nor any new emoluments of membership awarded.

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) or Mark Pidgeon, and we 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.

**THANK YOU ALL** for your “sustaining” support of the Washington Waterfowl Association.



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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:

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**WWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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

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

**Membership Type:**

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|--------------------------|--|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family (immediate family up to age 18) —                         | \$        | 35.00           |                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular —  | \$        | 30.00           |                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Bronze Lifetime* —</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>500.00</b>   | <b>(New, 6/1/2021)</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Silver Lifetime* —</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>1,000.00</b> | <b>(New, 6/1/2021)</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Gold Lifetime* —</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,000.00</b> | <b>(New, 6/1/2021)</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>** Please check box if you do not wish to receive a gift.</b> |           |                 |                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior (65 or over) -  | \$        | 15.00           |                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior (under age 18) --   | \$        | 15.00           |                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Year Regular   | \$        | 50.00           | (New)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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.