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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

This is the first newsletter since the election of the new corporate leaders, and I'm pleased to have been voted in as the new **WWA President**. I want to thank outgoing **President, James Ono**, for all his great work in the position, and I know we are going to see him at the **Seattle Chapter** working on many upcoming events and projects.

I also thank all the members who took the time to vote in the elections for the open board member positions. The organization works best when we all participate. A

**BIG WELCOME** to new board member, **Ken Boyer**, of the **Seattle Chapter**. We have four (4) other candidates tied for the 8th and 9th Board positions, but because we also had several voluntary withdrawals (**See Complete Election Results on Page 3**), we will have to wait until all four are contacted to determine if we will have a run-off.

About myself, I have been a member since 2014; have served on the **Board** since last year; and am an avid upland hunter and newer to hunting waterfowl. I have been running **German Shorthaired Pointers** and excited to have **Mabel**, my 2-year-old **GSP**, hunt both ducks and pheasants in this, her second season.

I have been leading the **WWA Mentorship Program** for the past two (2) years. It's great to see all the new waterfowlers going out into the wetlands and having fun. If you have signed up, **THANKS!** If not you can sign up on our website linked [here](#). I will be sending out the mentorship pairing emails soon. See the Mentor Flyer on **Page 9**.

Don't forget to register for the upcoming **Seattle Chapter Banquet** to be held on October 8th. See the Flyer on **Page 5**. We have a long list of prizes — including a just-added, **Beretta A300 Camo Autoloader** — that is waiting for one of you lay claim to!

I'm looking forward to the 2022-23 season and getting started working with the **WWA** board. Let me know what types of things you want to see for the **WWA** in the near future. While excited for the upcoming season, I'm not quite ready to let go of summer.  
See you in the Wetlands,

**Paul McGovern**

WWA President

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

# News for the Flock

## 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

- Sat, Sept 17      Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever Youth Hunt, Moses Lake area. See Flyer on [Page 17](#)
- Sat, Sept 24      WWA-NW Chapter sponsored Youth Hunts. See [Page 12](#)
- Mon, Sept 26      **In Person** Seattle Chapter Meeting Kenmore Gun Range.
- Tues, Sept 27      **NO SW Chapter Meeting**, this month
- Thurs, Sept 29      Usual LC Chapter Meeting. Check for Email blast for particulars.
- Sat, Oct 1          Oregon State Duck Calling Championships See Flyer on [Page 26](#)
- Sept 30 thru Oct 2      Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show, Clatsop County Fairgrounds & Expo Center, Astoria, Oregon. **FREE** Seminars from Master Carvers. See Ad on [Page 14](#) ; [Info linked here](#)
- Tues, Oct 4          Usual Whatcom County Chapter Meeting, at Laurel Farm & Western Supply in Bellingham; 6:30 pm.
- Weds, Oct 5          WWA Board Meeting Online Only — 7:00 p.m. All WWA Members Welcome to attend. **Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor**, for a *WebEx* Online Invitation. See [Page 1](#)
- Thurs, Oct 6          **NO Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting**, this month. See you at the Seattle Chapter Banquet on Saturday
- Sat, Oct 8          Seattle Chapter Banquet at the Monroe Senior Center. See [Pages 4 & 5](#)
- Weds, Oct 12          In Person NW Chapter Meeting, Twin Cities Sportsmen’s Club, Stanwood, WA
- Sat, Oct 15          Opening Day of WA Waterfowl Regular Hunt Season. See Regs linked [here](#)
- Sat, Oct 29          WWA-LC Chapter sponsored Youth Hunt at Ridgefield NWR. See [Page 11](#)

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# News for the Flock

## UPDATE: on Hunter Harvested Wild Bird Game Meat from Canada

Information from Kyle Spragens  
WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager

**Effective Monday, September 12th**  
the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) removed the previous restrictions and issued much more pragmatic guidance that is consistent with how many hunters normally process and transport their harvested birds.

The specific details are provided in the [linked USDA News Release](#), but in summary U.S. hunters can now bring unprocessed hunter-harvested wild game bird carcasses, originating from or transiting through Canada, into the United States **provided viscera, head, neck, feet, skin, and one wing have been removed.** Feathers must be removed, with the exception of one wing – as required by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for species identification.

Among other things, the harvested bird carcasses must be:

- rinsed in fresh, clean, potable water prior to packaging,
- must not have visible evidence of contamination with dirt, blood, or feces;
- the carcasses must be imported in leak-proof plastic packaging, and
- stored in a leak proof cooler or container during transport and import.
- Finally, carcasses must be chilled or frozen during transport and import.

APHIS further recommends that boots and any equipment used to process the carcasses should be clean and visibly free from dirt, blood, tissue, and feces.

Since the original restrictions announced on September 2nd (See Article on [Page 15 of this Newsletter](#)), APHIS has been working with stakeholders and other federal agencies to provide options for importing hunter-harvested wild bird meat/carcasses. No doubt, the USDA took note of the September 2nd letter from stakeholder Delta Waterfowl linked [here](#).

One of the remaining restrictions is that cooked or cured meat and meat products (for example, sausage, jerky, etc.) **will NOT be allowed import** as USFWS requirements cannot be met to identify the species of wild bird.

## 2022 WWA Official Election **Results**

### President

- 7 Paul McGovern (NW) (Write-in)
- 6 Rick Billieu (NW) (Write-in)
- 3 Kurt Snyder (GH) (Write-in)
- 2 Bruce Feagan (ML) (Write-in)
- 1 Al O’Conner (LC) (Write-in)

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- 12 ~~Nathan Neideigh (SW) (Withdraw)~~
- 10 Ken Boyer (SEA) (Write-in)
- 8 ~~James Ono (SEA) (Withdraw)~~
- 2 ~~Joe Schumacher (SW) (Withdraw)~~
- 1 Cameron Way (WEN) (Write-in)
- 1 Ross Barkhurst (GH) (Write-in)
- 1 Grant Duchesne (SW) (Write-in)
- 1 William Walker (WH) (Write-in)

**Note:** Chapters who have no elected representation on the Board, are de facto represented by either their Chapter Chair, or the Chapter’s designated representative to the Board.



# News For the Flock

## Seattle Chapter News

By Nick Brown

At our August chapter meeting we hosted **Rob Wingard, WDFW Region 4 Private Lands Biologist**. Year after year **Rob** donates his time (after hours) to give us a presentation of what to expect this year from the Department's **Private Lands Access Program** linked [here](#). **Rob** previewed some major changes coming to the website in the fall of 2023. He will be back again before then to answer some more questions on the new system. Thanks **Rob** for being such a strong supporter of what we do!

### Banquet Time Is Upon Us

The **Seattle Chapter Banquet** is all coming together as we are less than month away. Save the date — **October 8th** — and remember to register on the **WWA** website linked [here](#) as soon as possible. See Flyer on adjacent **Page 5**.

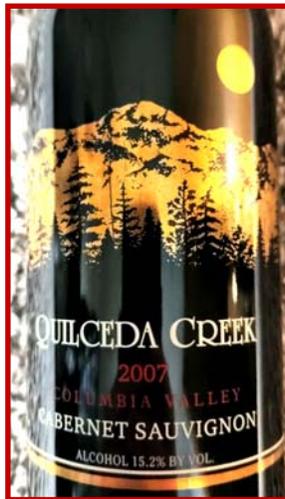
We have picked up a few more firearms for raffle including: a **Beretta** A300 12g, a **Savage** Axis II, and **Ruger American** bolt action rifles. We also will be featuring a decoy raffle, and have picked up some guided hunt trips to auction live, as well as a very highly regarded bottle of **Quilceda Creek Cab**.

We are still seeking some volunteers for the following positions, running raffle tables, staffing the door, and assistant to the auctioneer (scribe for live auction, collecting silent auction sheets, etc.).

### Upcoming September Chapter Meeting

Our next chapter meeting will be held on the 26th of this month at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range** with shooting beginning at 5 pm followed by our business meeting at 7 in final preparation for our banquet. Please remember to bring \$5 for the pizza fund. Also I should add that while they are bit spendy the range has had a steady supply of both 12g and 20g shells for quite some time now.

The **Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Monday of every month — January thru October — at **Kenmore**.



At the end of August, Wyatt German was able to complete his wood duck nest box Eagle Scout project. The Seattle Chapter congratulates him on this huge accomplishment. We also want to thank members Chris German, James Ono, and Bob Hazelbrook for their assistance on this project.

**More Banquet Teasers — Aluminum Jon Boat and Trailer; Beretta A300; and a bottle of Quilceda Creek Cab!**

## News for the Flock

# WWA Seattle Chapter Banquet



**Saturday Oct. 8th 2022**

**Monroe Community Senior Center  
276 Sky River Pkwy, Monroe WA 98272**

**Doors Open at 5pm, Dinner served around 6pm**

**Tickets:**

**Single—\$50**

**Youth—\$25**

**Hunter Table Package—\$600**

**Includes: 8 Tickets, WWA Hat, Commemorative beer glasses + free beer, and \$200 worth of raffle tickets**

**Tickets can be purchased by registering on our website on the calendar page or by clicking [here](#)**

**Tickets can also be purchased by contacting**

**Nick Brown—425-765-0151**

**James Ono—425-233-5936**

**Dinner  
Beer/Wine  
General Raffle  
Ladies Raffle  
Gun Raffles  
Auction Items**

**Venue is limited to 120 people so get your tickets early**

**Dinner Catered by Larry's Smokehouse:  
Salmon, Chicken, Pulled Pork, & Sides**

# News for the Flock

## Moses Lake Chapter News

From: Bruce Feagan and Dick Price

### WDFW Closes on Flat Lake Property

**Editor's Note:**  
Taken from an email from Thom Woodruff, Property Acquisition Supervisor for WDFW.

"Finally a Done Deal! Thanks **Dick [Price]** for bringing this one forward.

**Yahoo!**

We closed today [August 30, 2022], and now **WDFW** is the proud owner of the two-parcel, 60-acre **Flat Lake** property formerly owned by **Woody Trihey** and **Jean Baldrige**. Big thanks to all, including **Kyle [Spragens, WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager]** for increasing the funding available and our fiscal staff, **Lisa [Nelson]**, and **Jodi**

**[Romero]** (our newcomer), for delivering the warrant so timely. Cannot complete a purchase without money!

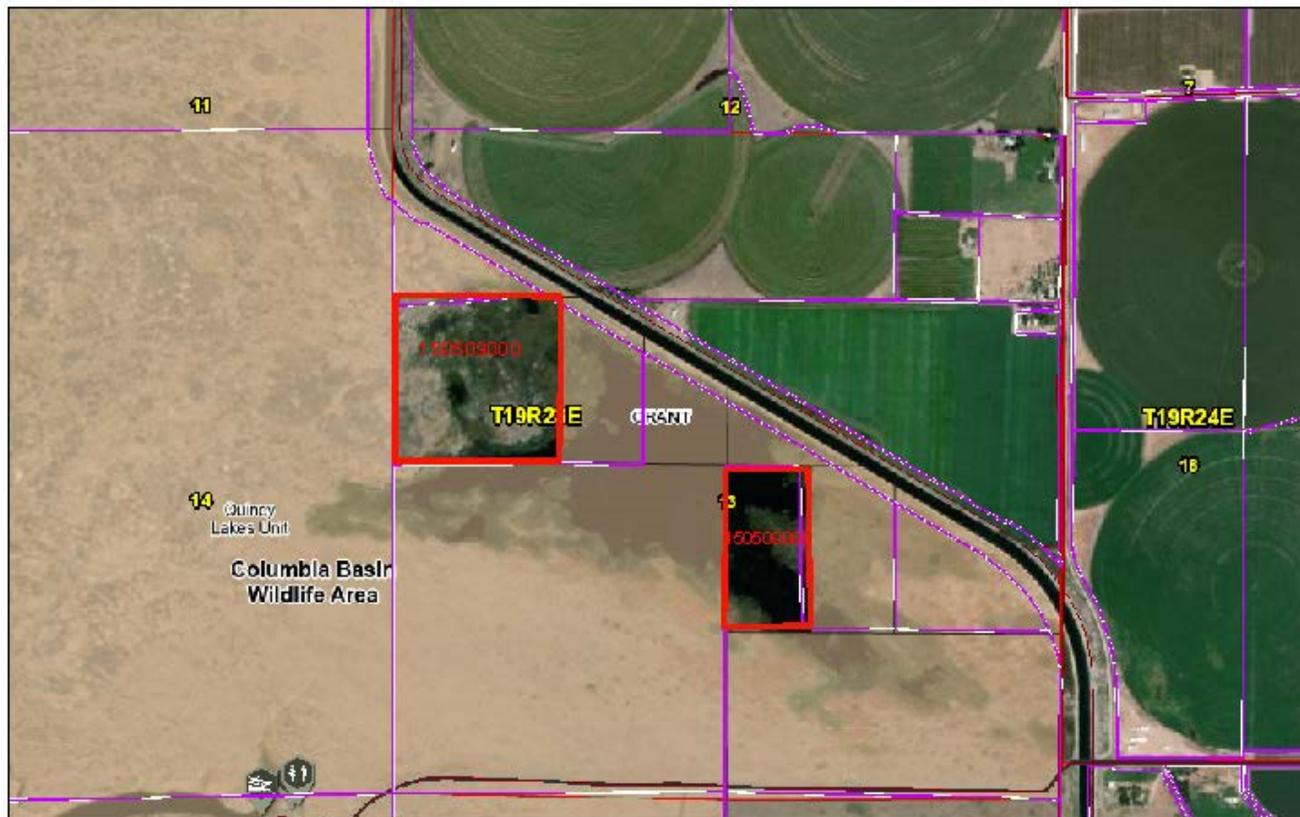
On my one trip to the property I saw swans, geese, ducks, and cranes — and I mean by the hundreds and more. Beautiful wetlands in-holding for **WDFW** to proudly own.

Thank you, Regional staff, for getting this property in the mix. Thank you, **Lisa Coffman**, for shepherding this through 20/20. Thank you, **Chad [Buck]**, for your efforts on the due diligence to clear this property for us to pursue. Thank you, **Albert [Ramirez]**, for your early work to make initial contact with **Woody** and **Jean**. Both really nice folks and very cooperative. They wanted **WDFW** to own this property. He would love to see **WDFW** develop it for youth and handicap hunting opportunities.

Made my day. Hope it does yours as well."

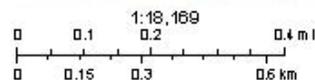
See related story in the **WWA August Newsletter** linked [here](#).

### Flat Lake-Trihey Title Map



September 3, 2021

- Parcel Line
- Section Line
- Township Line
- County Line
- Secondary Roads (DNR)
- Township Line
- Township Line
- Section Line
- Township Line
- County Line



Source: Esri, DeLorme, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community, WDFW

# ML Chapter News Continued



## Quincy Youth Shoot

On Saturday, August 27, 2022, 35 young people participated in a **FREE Youth Shoot** co-sponsored by **ML Friends of the NRA, WWA-ML, and Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever** at the **Quincy Gun Club**.

Blind bags, gun cases, duck calls and much more were given to those youth in attendance.

**Free** shells and shooting were also provided. Lots of smiles were observed among the youth and their Families!

**(Left)**  
**Three girls and two boys on the trap line!**  
**Might this be a future trend?**

**(Below)**  
**Ken Shields of WWA provides one-on-one instruction to this first time shooter.**

## Prior Quarterly Meeting Report

On Tuesday evening, August 23, 2022, **WWA-Moses Lake** held our quarterly meeting. The guest speakers were **Marc Maynard**, the **Ephrata Field Office Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation (BuRec)**, and **Clyde Lay** an **Assistant Director for the Bureau**.

Their presentation was about the **Bureau's** responsibility in collecting water from **Grand Coulee Dam** and the distribution and recovery of that water through the central basin of **Eastern Washington**. They also explained their relationship with the **WDFW** as they manage many other activities on **BuRec** land. Our members asked lots of question about water levels and the land under the **Bureau's** control.



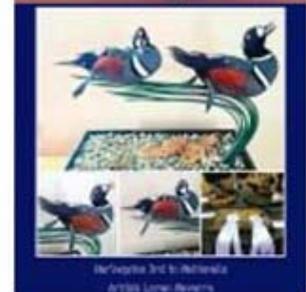
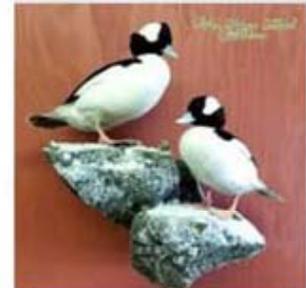
# News for the Flock

## TWIN RIVERS BIRD TAXIDERMISTRY

Loran Navarro

### Waterfowl Mount Certificate Drawing

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



**Congratulations to the Drawing Winner!**  
**STEVE PAGE**  
**of the Moses Lake Chapter**

Does not include shipping cost  
Does not include Base for mount

\$ 350.00 Value

The drawing is open to WWA members and non -members

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



## News for the Flock



# 2022 - 23

## MENTORING KICKOFF

Mentors and  
Mentees - Sign  
up now

Contact Paul McGovern for  
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Pizza Party for  
the Chapter with  
the most  
participation

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THE TIME-HONORED TRADITION OF NORTHWEST  
WATER FOWLING AND TO IMPART YOUR KNOWLEDGE  
ON THE NEXT GENERATION OF WATERFOWL  
HUNTER/CONSERVATIONISTS.**



# News for the Flock

## Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

### Shillapoo Work Party Cranks Out Blind Bases

On a hot Tuesday afternoon, August 23rd, WWA volunteers were able to construct four new blind bases for the Shillapoo State Wildlife Area. (Right) Region 5 Wildlife Area Manger Daren Hauswald and Assistant Manager Zack Breitenstein led the group. The platforms will be placed in several promising hunt locations. Conduit framed hides will be constructed and camo attached to facilitate hunting in the flood up area later in the season.



(Bottom Photo) Thanks to LC Chapter Volunteers (L to R) Marlin Reinholdt, Bill Dose, Jack Whitney, Brandon Deputy, Hobie Hebert, Daren Hauswald, Bob Taylor, and Zach Breitenstein for their work.

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## LC Chapter News Continued



**Ridgefield NWR blind and boat prep and paint work on August 16, 2022. (L to R) Marlin Reinholdt, Arlen Richardson, Bill Dose and Brandon Deputy. (Bob Taylor missed the photo shoot!)**

### Boats and Second Black Box Pit Blind Painted

On Tuesday, August 16th, the three (3) blind access boats were touched up and interiors painted at the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. The second **Black Box Pit Blind** was roughed up and painted also. Equipment Engineer **Chadd Smith** was on hand to help and give direction to the volunteers. See related story in the WWA August Newsletter linked [here](#). **Chadd** will be the featured speaker at our September 29th chapter meeting.

We had already provided a rowboat for blind #13 several years ago. This year we have added two (2) small flatbottom boats. The smallest for blind #5 and the next larger to help with access to blind #16. Thanks to **Jerry Piazza** for providing the boats at a very reasonable price to allow the chapter to donate them. Thanks to **Bill Dose**,

**Brandon Deputy, Marlin Reinholdt, Arlen Richardson, and Bob Taylor** for their efforts!

### Ridgefield Work Party Scheduled for September 17th

We will grass up and clean out the blinds at **Ridgefield** in preparation of the upcoming season. Meet at 8 am at the check station. Bring your waders, gloves, bucket, machete, loppers, zip ties, wire cutter/snips, etc.

### Ridgefield NWR Youth Hunt October 29th

The **WWA-LC Chapter** sponsored Youth Hunt at the **Ridgefield NWR** will take place on Saturday, October 29th. Applications by email for that hunt will be accepted through Monday, October 1st, for young hunters under the age of 16. To apply send an email to [Ridgefieldhunt@fws.com](mailto:Ridgefieldhunt@fws.com) with your name, age, address and phone number.

## News for the Flock

### Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Early Goose hunts flew by fast. A couple **NW Chapter** members took advantage of this early opener and had successful hunts in the area on public lands. Youth hunts and the season opener are just around the corner. Time to ramp up on equipment and season plans. Take someone new to hunting or just new to the area out this season and always give back to the resource.

#### NW Chapter Youth Hunt

Lets get the kids out hunting! This is an excellent opportunity to mentor youth under 16 years. There's limited pressure at hunting locations, and it's a great way to introduce youth to the hunting experience and heritage

On September 24th the **WWA-NW Chapter** is sponsoring youth waterfowl hunts at locations in north Puget Sound. Our youth hunt coordinator **Rick Skiba** has secured hunt locations with private land owners. Due to low tides in the morning, limited hunts are available. All youth will receive a new duck call, whistle and lanyard.

**Reservations are required.  
First Come — First Served.**  
Please contact **Rick Skiba** [reskiba@msn.com](mailto:reskiba@msn.com)  
(360) 387-2225, or  
**Rick Billieu**, [rgbillieu@frontier.com](mailto:rgbillieu@frontier.com)  
(360) 653-8571.

#### Pull for Scouting Shoot

Members of the **NW Chapter** participated in the **2022 Pull For Scouting** event as the team "**Twin Cities Sportsmen Club.**" The annual event was held at the **Granite Falls Sportsmen's Club.** Participants shot Sporting Clays from 15 stations on the club's forested course. The event included a BBQ lunch and several raffles. All proceeds support the **Fire Mountain Scout Camp** and the **Mt Baker Scouting Council.** This was a very well attended event with 10 teams of 5 shooters each. The **NW Chapter** team members included **Rick Holt, Steve Billieu, Andy Bernstein, Brian Ipson,** and **Rick Billieu.**

#### October Chapter Meeting Guest Speakers

Don't miss this one!

Our October 12th chapter meeting will include guest speakers **Rob Wingard, WDFW Private Lands**

**Biologist for Region 4** and **Greg Meis WDFW Skagit Wildlife Area Manager.** **Rob** will review the region's four (4) different types of access agreements to landowners —

1. Feel Free to Hunt,
2. Hunt by Reservation,
3. Register to Hunt, and
4. Hunt by Written Permission.

As well as this year's private properties enrolled in these programs; and the private lands hunting website. There will be plenty of hunting area tips and opportunities for your questions.

**Greg** will familiarize us with the many units of the **Skagit Wildlife Area (SWA)** including the popular **Samish Unit, Debay's Slough,** and **Island Unit.** He will provide us with information on crop conditions, water levels, current and future activities and planning for the **SWA.**

#### New WWA Corporate Fund Raiser

Check out the Flyer for the **Pintail Boat Drawing** on the adjacent **Page 13.** Also, Congratulations to **Steve Page** of the **Moses Lake Chapter** — winner of the duck mount raffle donated by **Loran Navaro,** owner of **Twin Rivers Bird Taxidermy** of **Evans, Colorado.**

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

Rick Billieu  
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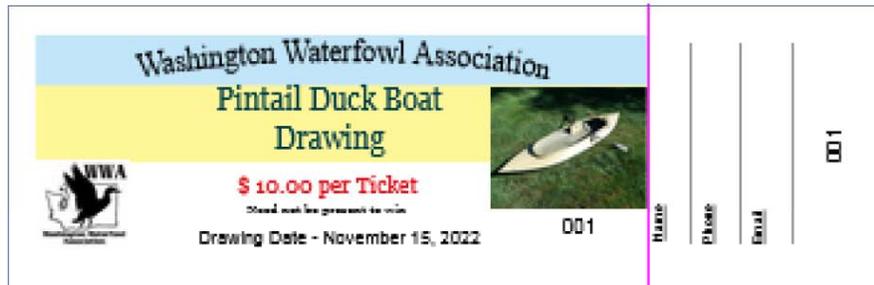


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**News for the Flock**

# Pintail Boat Drawing



**TICKET PRICE IS \$ 10.00 PER TICKET**  
**DRAWING DATE IS NOV. 15<sup>TH</sup> 2022**

Manufactured by Carstens Industries  
 Used Boat in Great Condition  
 New boat sells for \$ 1800.00  
 Base painted and ready for Camo  
 Includes removable outboard motor bracket  
 Perfect for one hunter, dog and gear



Length: 13' 4"  
 Beam: 39"  
 Depth: 12"  
 Weight: 100 lbs.  
 Capacity 500 lbs.

- The drawing is open to WWA members and non-members
- Need not be present to win

See your local WWA Chapter Chairman, WWA Officer or Board Member to purchase tickets



# News for the Flock

WWA members Paul McGovern and Kurt Benson will be attending the Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show in Astoria, OR on one or more of the three scheduled days. If you are interested in going for one or more days, contact Paul at the phone number listed on Page 1 of this Newsletter. This Show has a reputation as the premier wildlife carving show and competition in the Northwest. In addition to viewing some GREAT Wildlife Art — and thanks to a generous donor — the seminars by Master Carvers Brad Snodgrass and Jerry Simchuk will be **FREE** to all who wish to attend. More information is linked [here](#).

## Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show

Clatsop County Fairgrounds and Expo Center

Astoria, Oregon

September 30 - October 2

Admission is Free



**"I can't believe it's wood!"**



ASTORIA  
WARRENTON  
CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE  
*The Spirit of the Columbia*

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IN WATERFOWL

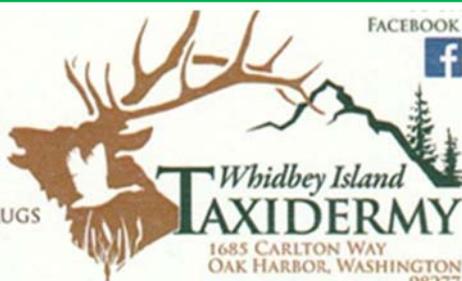
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# News for the Flock

## Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all.

### No Chapter Meeting in October

We've had two (2) meetings this year that only one or two members have shown up so I have decided to cancel our October meeting. I will be there to shoot some targets that day so if anyone wants to do that let me know and we can get in some pre-season shotgunning in.

Thanks all.  
Kurt Snyder  
[kurtsnyder@outdrs.net](mailto:kurtsnyder@outdrs.net)

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## Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

### No Chapter Meeting in September

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## Spokane Chapter News

## Wenatchee Chapter News

## Whatcom County Chapter News

## Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month

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>>>>>(SUPERCEDED)<<<<<

## Restrictions on Hunter Harvested Wild Bird Game Meat from Canada

Issued by USDA: Sept 2, 2022

*Hunter-harvested unprocessed wild game bird meat/carcasses, originating from or transiting Canada, will not be permitted to enter the United States regardless of the Canadian province from which the bird was harvested.*

“To clarify, this is a decision made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at a federal-level; not the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), not the states, not the flyways, stated WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager, Kyle Spragens. “The tardiness of this final decision — which was in contrast to the most recent advising (which seemed to infer limited closure/no import zones) — has caught all waterfowl managers off guard. More worrisome is the wanton waste scenario this now creates.”

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected in both wild birds and poultry in Canada. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency have a zoning agreement in place to reduce the movement restrictions for trade in poultry and poultry products. However, these zones do not apply to wildlife.

- Options: 1. Have your birds processed in Canada; or  
2. Bring back your birds as taxidermy.

Hunter-harvested wild game bird trophies entering the United States from Canada must be fully finished, or accompanied by a VS Import Permit, or consigned directly to a USDA Approved Establishment. Hunters may find an approved taxidermy establishment by visiting the Veterinary Services Process Streamlining (VSPS) linked [here](#).

See the complete letter from Delta Waterfowl expressing these & other sentiments linked [here](#).

*“APHIS, by this decision, is essentially forcing hunters to engage in wanton waste. The USFWS, Canadian Wildlife Service and many state and provinces recognize the wanton waste of migratory birds as a crime...*

*This is shamefully and wholly contrary to the North American hunting ethic.”*

## WWA Legislative News

### WA Legislative Report

By Mark Pidgeon  
President, Hunters Heritage Council

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

### Pointing the Finger is Easy

*"Knowing yourself is the beginning of wisdom."*

-- Aristotle

I have written some harsh articles on the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**, and they have deserved every ounce of criticism. Part of my duty is to be a watchdog over the **Department**. Writing those critical articles is easy; pointing the finger is easy; what I am doing in this month's column is much harder — heaping praise on the **Director** and **WDFW**. We should all **WANT WDFW** to be successful. Your **WWA** does many conservation projects with **WDFW**.

Every year since 2013 the **National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF)**, has done a nationwide report on Americans' attitudes toward hunting, fishing, sport shooting, and trapping. They started in 1973 in conjunction with the passage of **National Hunting and Fishing Day**.

Each year, the **Responsive Management**, the most respected outdoor/sportsmen's related polling company in the world do the survey. Congress, political parties, outdoor companies, etc., rely heavily on **Responsive Management** for their polling needs when it comes to outdoors issues. They are the best of the best!

Regarding Americans' attitude toward hunting they asked the most simple, unbiased question possible: "Do you support legal hunting?" This immediately throws out poaching and asks the polled person if they support regulated hunting. On the last national survey overall, 80% of Americans approve of legal hunting. Four out of five Americans approve of hunting when the activity is asked

about in a general sense. Again, note that the survey asked about legal hunting, so that poaching or other illegal activities would not be considered in the responses.

A follow-up question was asked to the people who didn't approve of 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.

Most Americans (92%) agree that it is acceptable, compared to only 6% who disagree. Given that the initial question showed that 13% of Americans disapprove of hunting, this follow-up question *suggests that just over half of those who disapprove nonetheless feel that others should have the right to hunt.*

Now you're probably asking: these numbers are great nationally, but what does that have to do with Washington State? Washington had a terrible survey where everyone was compartmentalized into a category and hunting was declining. It showed that the support for killing wolves to protect livestock had plummeted. It was an **Ohio State/Colorado State** survey that was just an anti-hunting piece of garbage. Totally terrible. This is where my headline comes into play.

**WDFW Director Kelly Susewind** had a **Responsive Marketing (RM)** survey done for the State of Washington! The last **RM** survey in Washington was done in 2014 when **Phil Anderson** was **Director**. The support for hunting is almost identical to the national average, so all this malarkey that the anti-hunting, animal-rights (**AR**) crowd says that there is no support for hunting is just plain Hogwash! We have to give the **Director** credit where credit is due. This is very important. **Director Susewind** is a hunter, and he is with us. He just inherited such a mess from the **Director Jim Unsworth** (who resigned in January 2018) and the terrible people **Unsworth** put in power.

The **R3 Initiative (Recruitment, Retention and Re-activation)** that **WDFW** is trying to put on is bold, but it is very good too. They are trying to do mentoring just like **WWA** is. Some of their mentoring ideas are rooted in a lot of common sense. I say *kudos* to them for trying.

I have been very critical of **WDFW** in the past, but this **RM** survey in Washington is an outstanding thing. It gives us ammunition against the Commission. **Northwest Sportsman Magazine** has already reported on this. I give **Director Susewind** all the credit in the world for this. It took a lot of guts to do this. He stuck his neck out for us!

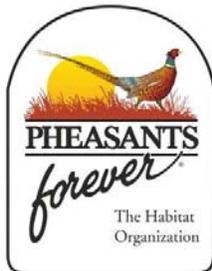
## News for the Flock

# COLUMBIA BASIN PHEASANTS FOREVER

## *Presents* The 2022 Youth Hunt

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

**Location: Gloyd Seeps Columbia Basin Wildlife Area, Rd. 10 and Stratford, Moses Lake, WA 98837**



**Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife are excited to be put on our annual Youth Pheasant Hunt!!**

- ⊗ **Who's invited?** Any youth under the age of 16 is invited and parents are encouraged to attend.
- ⊗ **I haven't taken Hunters Ed** You can apply here for a one-year, once-in-a-lifetime deferral <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/education/deferral-program>
- ⊗ **What's needed** A good attitude, a desire to hunt and a valid 2022 youth small game hunting license. **Must Pre-Register; using QR Code Above** . That's it!!
- ⊗ **How much does it cost** Nothing
- ⊗ **What is included** Everything to make your first hunt as enjoyable as possible. We will have amazing dog handlers. An opportunity to shoot clay pigeons. Shotguns and ammo will be provided. Lunch, drinks, hunter orange vests hats and lots of cool Pheasants Forever swag. We will be paying for a year's membership to Pheasants Forever for each youth attendee.



## And if that isn't enough

**ONE LUCKY PARTICIPANT WILL WIN A BRAND NEW OVER AND UNDER SHOTGUN!!!**

What are you waiting for? Mark it on your calendar—we look forward to seeing you!!

For registration click on the QR code. To get involved with us go to:  
<https://www.columbiabasinpf08049.org> /Facebook:ColumbiaBasinPF0849  
 Or call Mike Bechtel @ 360-521-1502 or Chuck Ray @ 509-750-3822.

**USFWS News**

**AMERICA'S FIRST WATERFOWL REFUGE—KLAMATH BASIN IS DRY**

FROM CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSN. AUGUST 26, 2002

For the first time in history, America’s first **National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)** established for waterfowl conservation purposes by **Theodore Roosevelt** is a barren wasteland. Millions of migratory waterfowl, shorebirds and other essential wildlife species will not have anywhere there or at neighboring **Tule Lake NWR** to rest, refuel and prepare for their migration.

This could have a permanent, lasting effect on migrating birds and local wildlife along the **Pacific Flyway**. Healthy wetlands in the **Klamath Basin** not only provide refuge for migratory and local species; they also help filter groundwater and recharge aquifers. Dry wetlands could result in people losing access to a vital water source that is necessary for drinking water and for sustaining the local economy.

**History and Impact**

In 2020, 60,000 waterfowl and other waterbirds also died from an avian botulism outbreak, which was exacerbated by low water conditions.

Other wildlife like bald eagles, a large number of which spend the winter in the **Klamath Basin**, also suffered from lack of suitable habitat. Ongoing drought, water kept in-stream for endangered fish, increased pumping costs, and lack of senior water rights have combined to cut water deliveries to wetlands to historically low levels.

*Due to reduced water deliveries, waterfowl counts in both 2020 and 2021 at the Klamath refuges were among the lowest ever recorded.*

Wildlife-friendly crops like wheat, barley, and other cereal grains have additionally declined in light of reduced water deliveries, leaving substantially less food for waterfowl and causing significant financial harm to **Klamath Basin** farmers.

*Because of lack of any flooded habitat or irrigated grain crops, the refuges will for the first time be **CLOSED to ALL waterfowl hunting** for the 2022-23 season!*

This will not only negatively impact outdoor recreation opportunities for many **California** and **Oregon** families, but also harm the **Klamath Basin’s** local economy, which depends in large part upon hunting-related revenues.

A water sharing compact, the **Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement**, would have provided more equitable supplies of water to the refuges and was supported by a large group of stakeholders, but Congress failed to pass legislation to implement it by the 2016 deadline. Subsequent efforts to create a similar agreement with **Klamath Basin** water users — which many critics view as necessary — have largely stalled.



**A Step Forward**

Purchasing permanent water rights from willing sellers is one of the very few remaining options which would also help to address and mitigate this crisis over the long-term. By working with the **USFWS, California Waterfowl Assn., (CWA)** facilitated a water transfer of up to 3,750 acre-feet that delivered almost 400 acre-feet of water to **Lower Klamath NWR** this summer. This was the only wetland water delivery at that time to

either refuge, and was accomplished with water quality benefits to endangered fish in **Upper Klamath Lake** while not harming agricultural water users.

Funding for the transfer was initially provided by private donations from **CWA** members in 2021, while the **CDFW** allocated state drought-related monies for this year’s water delivery. This transfer is supported by many other conservation groups, sportsmen’s organizations, and some farming and tribal interests — representing one of the few collaborative efforts among multiple private groups and government agencies to acquire water for the refuges.

For more information, visit the **CWA** plan to help save **Klamath** linked [here](#).

# News for the Flock

## The Hunter's Table

By James Ono

### *Duck or Goose Chile Colorado*

I recently made this recipe for a potluck and it was a smash hit. This is a great recipe to use your legs and thighs which can be tougher, but also works great with diced breasts. I used a couple goose legs and a couple duck breasts.

I really liked this recipe because it is a great way for people to try game meat without much gaminess, and it's great for a crowd because it can be served in small portions. The chiles and meat combine to create an amazingly deep and rich flavor punch.

This recipe seems like it has a lot of ingredients and a lot of steps, but it is surprisingly simple.

I made mine in a crock pot and used a separate cast iron pan to sear my meat and reduce my sauce. I let my **Chile Colorado** sit overnight, but it would probably have been fine after a few hours instead of eight (8), but I haven't tested it for sure.

If you choose to use an instant pot, you can use the sauté functions to sear your meat and reduce the stock. I would pressure cook on high for at least 30 minutes then check how tender the meat is. You should be able to pick the meat easily, but I don't want it mushy.

6. Bring water to a boil over high heat;
7. Once boiling, remove from heat and cover for 20 minutes;
8. Transfer the chiles and onions to a blender along with 1 cup of the chile water;
9. Add the rest of the sauce ingredients: oregano, salt, garlic, cumin, to the blender;
10. Blend until smooth;
11. Pour the sauce through a mesh strainer, using a spatula to help scrape the chunks to the side and squeeze all of the liquid through the strainer;
12. Discard what is left in the strainer, it should resemble a very thick paste;
13. Set sauce aside;
14. If using breasts, cut the breasts into 1 inch chunks;
15. Season the meat with salt and pepper;
16. In a large bowl, add meat & flour & toss to coat evenly;
17. Heat a dutch oven or large pan if using a slow cooker over medium-high to high heat;
18. Add some oil to your pan;
19. Add approximately half of the meat (be sure not to over-crowd the pan);
20. Sear your meat on all sides that there is a nice brown crust developing;
21. Once the first batch of meat is browned, set it aside onto a plate or bowl;
22. Add some more oil and repeat searing for the rest of the meat (you may need to repeat for a third batch to not overcrowd the pan);
23. Once all the meat is browned, add all of the meat back into the dutch oven and add the broth. If using a slow cooker or instant pot, remove all the meat and add the broth;
24. Using a spatula, scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan;
25. Add the chile sauce and bay leaves to the meat and broth in the dutch oven. If using a slow cooker or instant pot combine everything together;
26. Stir to combine;
27. Bring it to a boil and then reduce heat to a low simmer and cover until meat is tender (I did 8 hours but it likely didn't need that long);
28. If using legs, you can remove legs, pick the meat, and add it back to the sauce;
29. Increase your heat to medium and reduce your sauce for 30 minutes stirring frequently;
30. Taste your sauce and add salt as needed;
31. Pick out the bay leaves and serve with rice and beans or however you like. *(Photos on adjacent Page 20)*

#### Ingredients

##### Chile Sauce:

- 8 Dried Guajillo Chiles
- 2 Dried Ancho Chiles
- 1 Dried Arbol Chiles
- ½ Medium onion
- 1 tsp Oregano
- 1 tsp Kosher salt
- 2 Cloves Garlic
- ½ tsp Cumin

##### Meat Sauce:

- 2 lbs. duck or goose breast *or*
- 2 ½ to 3 lbs of duck or goose legs/thighs
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 1 tsp Kosher Salt
- ¼ tsp Fresh Ground Pepper
- 2 Tbsp Duck fat or cooking oil
- 3 Cups Game Stock or Beef Broth
- 2 Dried Bay Leaves

#### Instructions

1. Remove seeds and stems from dried chiles;
2. Cut your half onion into 4 large chunks;
3. Heat a small pot over medium-high heat;
4. Add the dried chiles to the pot and heat until they start to puff and toast turning frequently (approx. 3 minutes);
5. Add the onions and add water until the chiles and onions are covered;

## Recipe Pics & WDFW News Briefs



### There's Still Time to Sign Up for Hunter Education

OLYMPIA, August 22, 2022 – **WDFW Hunter Education** classes are available now!

**WDFW** schedules classes statewide, but due to instructor and facility availability, challenges may arise in locating a class.

"Summer is a great time to enroll in hunter education class because as fall hunting seasons draw near, seats in these courses fill quickly," said **David Whipple, WDFW Hunter Education Section Manager**. "Beat the fall rush and sign up today, especially before school and related activities begin."

**WDFW** offers both traditional and online options to complete the hunter education requirement. The traditional classroom experience includes direct person-to-person instruction from certified volunteer instructors. This format is especially beneficial to younger students, as well as those seeking more time with our highly qualified and passionate instructors.

The online course offers the same content and can be completed according to the student's schedule. Students aged 17 and younger who take the online course are required to complete an in-person field skills evaluation led by certified instructors. As hunting season approaches, field skills evaluation classes can fill very quickly. Currently, students 18 years and older can complete the online course, which includes a virtual field day, to become certified.

However, those students 18 years and older who complete the online course will almost always benefit from attending an in-person field skills evaluation with certified instructors. To learn about hunter education requirements or find a course, new hunters should visit the **WDFW Hunter Education Webpage** linked [here](#).

### WA Wildfire Information

Updated Aug. 22, 2022

#### Fire-Related Closures

The **Whiskey Dick Unit** within the **L.T. Murray Wildlife Area** are temporarily closed to protect public safety during the **Vantage Highway Fire**. More information on the Vantage Highway Fire can be found at the **Incident Information System** website linked [here](#).

The **White River Wildlife Area Unit** within the **Chelan Wildlife Area** is temporarily closed to protect public safety during the **White River Fire**.

As of August 12, the **Wenas Wildlife Area** is fully open, with the **Cow Canyon Fire** fully contained.

As of August 22, the **Quilomene Wildfire Area Unit** is fully open.

Again more information on all of these fires is available at the **InciWeb** website linked above.

## 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.

P-Platinum Level — \$5,000; G-Gold Level — \$2,000; S-Silver Level — \$1,000; B-Bronze Level — \$500  
H-Honorary Member; D-Deceased

### WWA Life Members

#1 Gary Talbert P	#2 Paul Bunn S	#3 Austin Addicoat S	#4 Rone Brewer S	#5 Fritz Kiemle S
#6 Jim Cortines S	#7 Neco Villella S	#8 Roger Bennett S	#9 Bruce Feagan S	#10 Larry Gordon SD
#11 Rich Greenshields S	#12 Mike Lovelace S	#13 Larry Voeks D	#14 Jack Westerfield S	#15 Bud Hufnagel S
#16 John Arrabito S	#17 Jenny Lutz P	#18 Mike Lutz P	#19 Reserved on Time Payments	#20 Brett Stark S
#21 Earl Mikkelson S	#22 US Rep Jaime Herrera Beutler H	#23 Ken Packard P	#24 Jan Sabin S	#25 Lance Kintrea
#26 Jim Kline	#27 Leon Kollman	#28 Derek Melton S	#29 Dan Stearns S	#30 John Hanson
#31 Mark Hackett	#32 Logan Sanday	#33 Mickey Clary	#34 Reserved for BQT Presentation (2022)	#35 Reserved for BQT Presentation (2022)
#36 Doug Graef S D	#37 Robb Stack P	#38 Rod Boyer	#39 Paul Sullivan	#40 Jessica Dunn Kant
#41 Dave Farley	#42 Will Goldsmith	#43 Shaunie Cochran	#44 Claudean Talbert	#45 William Dunlap S
#46 Analise Arrabito	#47 Robert Zeka	#48 Ron Watkins D	#49 Ken Boyer S	#50 Henry Field
#51 Ric Wray	#52 Rich Phillips	#53 Ross Barkhurst S	#54 Michael Bess	#55 In Memory of Anne Grichuhin
#56 Frank Gallo S	#57 David Irons S	#58 David Ragsdale	#59 Tim Koehler S	#60 Brad Davis
#61 James Ono	#62 Ann Bullard	#63 Vance Boyer	#64 Albert O'Connor	#65 Dick Smith
#66 Marc Bruno	#67 Todd Teeters			

## New Platinum Life Membership and Life Member Building Fund

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

The anonymous requestor then immediately put his money where his mouth was and donated \$7,000 to WWA to establish a **Membership Fund** challenging existing WWA members to step up and become **Life Members at any level**, and the newly-established **Fund** will pay the first \$200.00!

**Already two (2) WWA members have taken advantage of Gary's most recent round of generosity and have stepped up their regular memberships to the Bronze Life Member Level.**

In previous years at WWA banquets and other gatherings, this same anonymous donor challenged other WWA members to step up to **Life Memberships**, and again put his money where his mouth was by agreeing to pay the first \$125 (later upped to \$150) installment towards that step up!

**Twenty-three (23) Life Members** on the list above were recipients of the current and previous dedicated donations from this same anonymous donor.

Subsequently the **WWA Board of Directors** voted unanimously to upgrade all **Life Memberships** of those who have previously donated substantially in excess of \$5,000 to the new **Platinum Level Life Membership**.

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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 **August 2022 Newsletter**.

**WWA General Fund — \$1,732**  
**Lloyd Petersen - \$5**

**WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,640**

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

**WWA Legal Fund — \$20,753.52**

**WWA Youth Fund — \$1,810**

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

## TWIN RIVERS BIRD 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, by quote only!

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

- Duck mount is \$350.
- Seaducks & Mergansers are \$380.
- Goose mount is \$500.
- One pheasant mount is \$320.

### 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, so as not to leak ink.
- A list of other requirements will be sent and is to be signed by the hunter **PRIOR TO** any shipping and engagement of my services.
- I will not be held responsible for a bird that is lost to rot, extensive damage, heavy amounts of pinfeathers, dog bite or slobber damage, freezer burn nor any other damage caused by improper storage by the hunter prior to my receipt of the bird.



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

970-988-4717

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

## News for the Flock

### 2022-23 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print

The Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2022-23

Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp  
and  
Limited Edition Print

Artist Donnie Hughes



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

To order your print[s] and accompanying stamps, please complete the application on the adjacent page and send with a check to:

WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION  
DUCK STAMP PROGRAM  
P.O. BOX 7823  
BONNEY LAKE, WA 98391

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### 2022 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

Please send me:

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ 2022 Signed & numbered print with matching stamp \$70.00



Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Frame (**ONLY SOLD WITH PURCHASE OF PRINT & STAMP**) \$105.00

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

Please Ship Prints to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

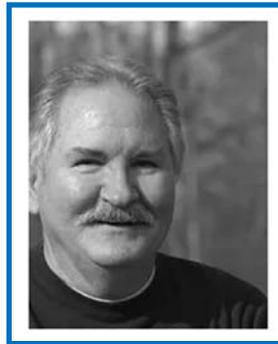
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2022 Signed & numbered print with matching stamp	\$	70.00
Frame ( <b>ONLY SOLD WITH PURCHASE OF PRINT &amp; STAMP</b> )	\$	105.00
Shipping & Handling	\$	10.00
Total Amount:	\$	185.00

Easier Yet  
Go To The Active Link Below  
<https://www.washingtonduckstamp.com/shop>  
To Place Your Order

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



**Donnie Hughes**

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

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

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

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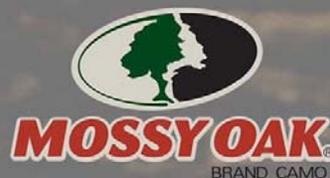
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# 2022 Oregon State Duck Calling Championship



October 1st, 1pm  
(Registration opens at noon)  
Clatsop County Fairgrounds, Astoria, OR

For additional information or questions please contact:  
James MacDonlad  
(503) 502-5029



## Classified Ads – For Sale / Wanted

### Wanted

Looking for an experienced duck hunting partner. I did lots of duck hunting as a kid not much in the last 30 years. Semi-retired 14-year veteran Navy/Army. Contact John, 425-785-3741,

Looking for 26" or longer barrel for 12 ga. Winchester "Defender." Prefer blued with vent rib but interested in anything that will fit. Contact John, 425-785-3741

20 gauge autoloader, 28" barrel. Call Bruce, 206-714-8020

A waterfowl boat blind that would fit an 18' foot Lowe boat. Contact Regan, 209-283-0804

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

### For Sale

Two (2) crab pots; Does NOT include line and buoys. Large 37" x 12" pot - \$75; Medium 28" x 9" pot - \$50 I bought these used a couple years ago. Never used them. Too big for my small boat. Contact James, 425-233-5936



5 HP Nissan short shaft outboard. Only 10 hrs, \$650 Contact Dan, 425-286-7768

### FREE WWA Classifieds

WWA is dedicating a page in the newsletter for WWA Members to sell hunting related items to their fellow members. **No business ads please.** That extra shotgun, waders, decoys or boat could get you some cash or trade for something another member has on hand.

#### Rules are simple:

- 25 words or less.
- Members only may advertise.
- Wanted and For Sale items only, not for business ads.
- Submit your classified ad each month (*we have no way of knowing if you sold/purchased your item or not*).
- Include your contact info. Phone and/or email.

Check out this active [link](#) to a reputable FB Site "Youth Waterfowl Swap and Sell Group"

### For Sale

Savage 12 ga --3" Renegauge Waterfowl. Adjustable LOP, comb height, drop & cast. Synthetic stock — Mossy Oak, Shadow Grass Blades. Only 50 rounds shot. Compare at: \$1,400.00. Selling \$1,000. Call/Text Jack, (360) 910-7867

1. 20 gauge camo youth Benelli Nova. \$400
2. Garmin 320 dog tracking GPS with original case and DC40 collar, chargers, and additional long range antennae included — \$450 Contact Paul, 425-361-5050

Two (2) sets of Insulated waterfowl coats & bibs and 2 pair of neoprene waders. Sizes: The coats are *Columbia* large and *Cabela's* medium; the bibs are both medium (*Remington & Cabela's*); the waders are both *Cabela's*, one size 10, the other size 11.

**Make Offers — Contact Mel, 206 818-4230**

Winchester Super X 3 1/2" Magnum, 12 ga. semi auto HeviMetal shells, 12 ga, 3 1/2 inch BBs, several boxes Decoys — 1 doz wigeon (new in box) 2 dozen mallard floaters; 2 dozen goose silhouettes; ~ 12 lead weights; Final Approach Sneak Boat with faded camo cover (needs repainting) and wheels. Previously used as a field layout blind.

— All Open to Offers —  
Call or Text Tom, 425-299-8160

## Classified Ads Continued

WWA doesn't usually run two (2) pages of Classified Ads in its monthly Newsletter, but recognizing that there are many more people just before the opening of a new hunt season who are looking to add to / get rid of hunting gear, we will try to accommodate all WWA member submissions in the September and October Newsletters — the last publications of 2022.

Also, while you are looking around, be sure to check out this active [link](#) to a relatively new FB Site, "Youth Waterfowl Swap and Sell Group"  
 "Youth Waterfowl Swap and Sell Group"



### For Sale

**5th Wheel Trailer / Truck Combo — \$60,000;**

- 2003 Ford F350, 1 Owner, 84,000 miles;
- 2004 Mobile Suites 33RS3, 1 Owner, Extras.

**Contact Dick, 425-501-8166**

1. Sweet 20 ga. Ithaca Model 37 Deluxe Grade pump, like new w/ vent rib and Full Choke, beautiful wood, **\$795; New Price \$750**
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### **Decoys**

- 14 plastic hunting decoys.
  - 10 Gadwalls- 6 GHG,
  - 4 Flambeau
  - Like new, never used.
- 4 Goldeneyes from Cabelas with weights & string — used once.

**\$30 for All**

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# Thanks for Your Support

## TREASURER'S REPORT

At its February 27, 2018 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting, the WWA Board voted to stop publishing our monthly financial report in the Newsletter which is available to the general public on our website [[www.waduck.org](http://www.waduck.org)].

However, in an effort to maintain and continue our history of financial transparency with respect to our membership, the monthly Treasurer's Report will be emailed to not only the BOD, but also to each and every Chapter Chairman to be made available for inspection and review by the Chapter membership or any individual Chapter member in good standing with dues paid current at any regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting.

### 2022-2023 Migratory Game Bird Regulations are Linked [Here](#).



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## WWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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

### Membership Type:

- Family (immediate family up to age 18) — \$ 35.00
  - Regular — \$ 30.00
  - Bronze Lifetime\* — \$ 500.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
  - Silver Lifetime\* — \$ 1,000.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
  - Gold Lifetime\* — \$ 2,000.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
  - Platinum Lifetime\* — \$ 5,000.00 (New, 5/4/2022)**
  - \*\* Please check box if you do not wish to receive a gift.**
  - Senior (65 or over) - \$ 15.00
  - Junior (under age 18) -- \$ 15.00
  - 2-Year Regular \$ 50.00
  - 2-Year Family \$ 60.00
- (2-year memberships NOT available online)

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

Newsletter by  email or  hard copy

- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter — VACANT**
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and Places Quarterly TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the **Twin City Sportsmen’s Club**, 26933 64th Ave NW Stanwood.
- Peninsula Chapter — VACANT**
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Bothell.
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E., Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter — VACANT**
- Tri Cities Chapter — VACANT**
- Wenatchee Chapter** – Dates and Places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.

Pay with a credit card from our website:

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**WWA,**  
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### A few facts about the WWA:

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

### Our projects include:

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