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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

It is finally here! The season is upon us. Good luck to everyone getting out this weekend. While it may be looking pretty dry now, we are expected to have a *la niña* year, so that may change soon. Hopefully, that will mean good things for the migration and hunting success.

Mentorship

With the start of the season, we are pleased to announce that we have had 10 new hunters across the state sign up for our **Hunter Mentor Program** and paired with a mentor. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to mentor. Helping to educate the new generation of hunters and pass on the values of sportsmanship and conservation is vitally important. Thank you also to board member **Paul McGovern** for taking the reins and running the program this year.

Share Your Season

Email pictures of your hunts, your setups, and your trophy meals to us at WaWaterfowlMedia@gmail.com. By sending your content to the email listed above, our promotion team can share it across our social media sites, website, and newsletter to promote the **WWA** and waterfowling in our great state. Let us see what all the waterfowl hunters are up to. From decoy spreads and blind breakfasts to boat rides and trophy birds, we want it all.

Photo Contest

On the subject of photos, the **WWA** is running a photo contest this season. Each person can submit three (3) pictures, and the winners will receive prizes. See the Flyer on **Page 15** for additional details.

Spring Bear WDFW Public Comments

As I am sure Mark Pidgeon has highlighted in our Legislative News, anti-hunting groups have targeted Washington's spring bear season. We have been told that the **WDFW Commission** has been flooded with letters from people opposing bear hunting. While you may not hunt bears, I think it is important for the hunting community to stand united.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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News for the Flock

2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

Weds, Sept 15 Thru Jan 15, 2022	Grouse Hunting Season
Sat, Sept 25 Thru Nov 30	Westside Quail & Pheasant Season
Sat thru Sun Oct 16 thru 24	Opening salvo of Duck Season
Sat, Oct 23	Second Dedication of Jackson "Jack" Otto Memorial Bench at Restoration Pond in the Whatcom Wildlife Area. See Page 10 .
Sat. Oct 23 thru Jan 17, 2022	Eastside General Pheasant Season
Mon, Oct 25	In Person Seattle Chapter Meeting Program is a Gear Swap Meet. Come meet the new Chapter Chair, Nick Brown, Kenmore Gun Range, See Pages 12-13
Mon & Tues Oct 25 & 26	Duck Season CLOSED
Weds, Oct 27 thru Jan 31st	Resumption of Duck Season
Thurs, Oct 28	Usual LC Chapter Meeting In Person See Pages 3-5
Weds, Nov 3	WWA Board Meeting Online Only — 7:00 p.m. All WWA Members Welcome to attend. Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor, See Page 1 for a WebEx Online Invitation.
Thurs, Nov 4	Usual Whatcom County Chapter Meeting, Laurel Farm & Western Supply in Bellingham.
Weds, Nov 10	Usual NW Chapter Meeting In Person ; Twin Cities Sportsmen's Club, Stanwood, WA See Pages 7-9
Weds, Dec 1	WWA Board Meeting Online Only — 7:00 p.m. All WWA Members Welcome to attend. Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor, See Page 1 for a WebEx Online Invitation.

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Please submit your comments to the **Commission** by October 21st. Comments can be submitted on their website here or email comments to commission@dfw.wa.gov and address comments to **Nicole**, the **Commission** secretary. Please be polite and respectful in your comments.

Members Only Page on the Website

As an added benefit to our members, we have added a Members Only page to our website. This page will only be available to our members and will contain some select, valuable information. Currently this page has a guide to hunting the **Ridgefield Wildlife Area**, as well as a presentation from **the Region 4 Private Lands Access Program, Rob Wingard**. We want to make sure that we are providing our members with some exclusive benefits.

For the Resource,

James Ono
WWA President

News for the Flock

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Work at our local public hunt areas is wrapping up, and the season is upon us. We want to thank all those who pitched during this crazy Covid time to attend meetings and help out at the work parties. A huge part of **WWA** is the relationships built on a shared interest to give back to our passion. I would encourage you to be an ambassador for **WWA** by the way we conduct ourselves in the field and to encourage like-minded waterfowlers to join our group. Have an awesome season everyone!

Shillapoo Wildlife Area Work Party

We had our work party Wednesday the 15th of September. **WWA** purchased approximately \$1100 in materials that **Region 5 Wildlife Manager Daren Hauswald** delivered and led the project. His assistant **Zack** helped also. Our group constructed blind platforms at the **Shillapoo State Wildlife Area**. The two blinds are located in

Blackberry spraying was completed by member **Bob Taylor** and finished by a vender paid for by our **WWA-LC Chapter**. (See story by **Al O'Conner** on **Page 5**.)

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Update

Ridgefield NWR Special Hunt News

1. The Youth-Only Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th this year.
2. The Veteran's-Only Hunt is scheduled on the Veteran's national holiday, Thursday, November 11th.

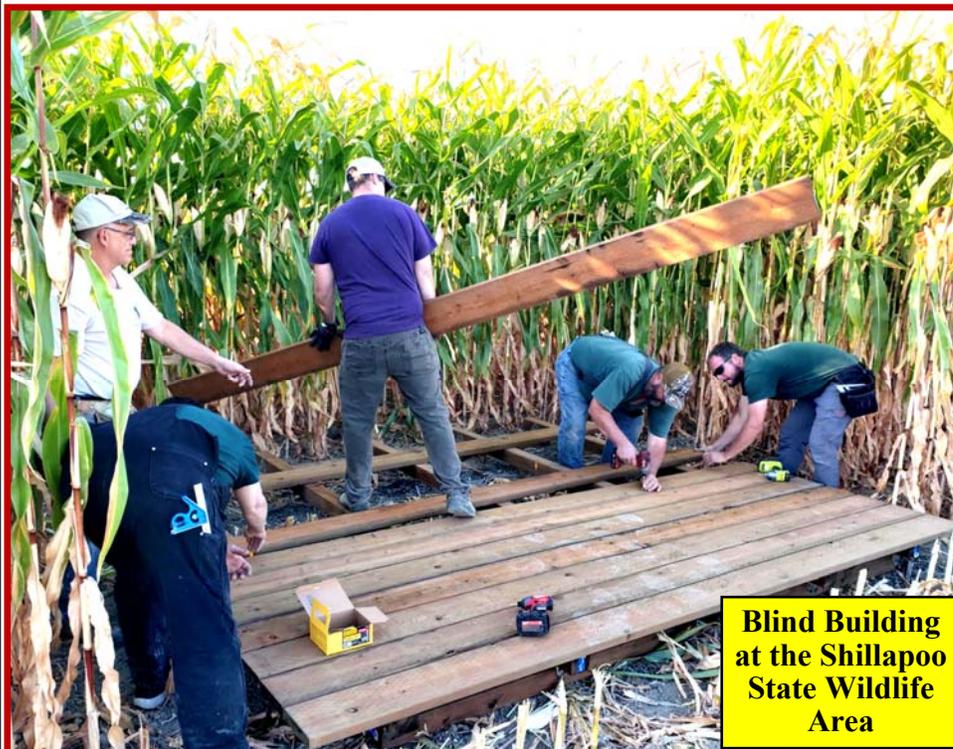
We brushed up blinds at the **Ridgefield NWR** on Saturday October, 3rd. As requested, we had a smaller group due to the continued Covid concerns. **Ridgefield NWR Complex Manager Julietta Fernandez** joined us and provided doughnuts to the group. We were able to brush up blinds 1A, 7, 9, 10, 13A and 14. Thanks to **Dave Mason, Dan Hafenbrack, Chris Stalcup, Hobie Herbert, Michael Tucker, Doug Hargin** and **John Lies** for blind prep work!

Juliette spoke virtually at our September 30th meeting. She recapped the hunt program process for this year. The youth hunt will occur on October 30th. We will be providing a backpack and duck calls with lanyard but no lunch per the Refuge's request due to Covid.

The Veteran's hunt is on November 11th this year. The veteran's hunt is put on in conjunction with **Fallen Outdoors** and **Ridgefield NWR** to help selected Veterans new to waterfowling get out there and give it a go, and to encourage them in the activity and possibly inspire a lifelong passion. We will provide a commemorative **Ridgefield NWR** logo'd duck call and other swag to be determined later.

Please Contribute

We need your input for the newsletter. Hunting stories, unusual experiences and/or photos. New tech help and gear, advice and ideas you can share, experiences hunting other venues. Whatever would interest you to read about in this newsletter. Submit them to **Doug Hargin** at: dlhargin@msn.com. Thank you!



**Blind Building
at the Shillapoo
State Wildlife
Area**

the standing corn approximately half way between the tin shed (actually it's former location as it burned down recently) and the northern dike border. Thanks to **Rick Scott, Dino Mastri, Arlan Hackett, Marlin Reinhold, Jack Whitney, Doug Hargin** and **Mark Anderson** who contributed to this project.

LC Chapter News Continued



Michael Tucker (foreground) and John Lies begin grassing up Blind #9 at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).

(Below Left), Ridgefield NWR Blind #9 before 2021 grassing.

(Below Right), Ridgefield NWR Complex Manager Julietta Fernandez (foreground) and Doug Hargin and John Lies complete the camo grassing up of Blind #9.



LC Chapter News Continued

Blackberry Busters...

By: Albert O'Connor

In late August **Bob Taylor**, (orange shirt) and **Shillapoo Wildlife Area Manager Daren Hauswald**, both members of **Washington Waterfowl Association**, prepare to do some blackberry spraying at the **Shillapoo State Wildlife Area**. **Bob**, who has a spraying license, volunteered to do the spraying in an area **Daren** has chosen along the north side of **Bass Lake**. After the blackberries are sprayed **Daren** will burn the bushes in October or November and seed the area to grass. Burning the blackberries will kill the berry seeds reducing the immediate resurgence of new bushes.

Fazio Brothers who own farmland adjacent to **Shillapoo** provide a parking area for **WDFW** equipment on their land which is a big plus for **WDFW** & **Daren**, who don't have to worry about vandalism and reduces travel time.



For you chemists out there, the herbicide is a mixture of Triclopyr Amine Aminopyralid. Bob pours from the plastic jugs into a measuring cup so he can get the correct quantity needed in the spray tank, which provides about an hour of spraying.



Before, During...



There is typically water in **Bass Lake** during the late fall, winter, spring and early summer, and it is historically a great location for wintering and migrating waterfowl. When these pictures were taken in late August, the lake is largely a mudflat, and the smart weed and beggar's tick were just starting to bud out with flowers.

More blackberries will be sprayed by a contract sprayer soon. **WWA Lower Columbia Chapter** provided the funding (\$1,500) to pay for the contractor.

Daren has been using the contractor to spray blackberries in other areas on the **Shillapoo** this year and also in past years.



...and a couple of days after spraying. Bass Lake is shown in the top right.

News for the Flock

Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Lyle Galloway

October 12th Update

Council Approves on 4-3 Vote — Drayton Harbor 1,000 Foot No Shooting Zone in Drayton Harbor

After six (6) months of “kicking the can” down the road the **Whatcom County Council** finally reached a decision on a 4-3 vote to adopt a **No Shooting Zone within a 1,000 yards of shore** in within **Drayton Harbor**. A brief summary of the Council action is set forth below for the **Drayton Harbor 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 regular scheduled Council meeting;
- was further kicked down the road at its July 27, 2021 regular scheduled Council meeting;
- was not even discussed at the August, 10, 2021 regular scheduled Council meeting;
- was not even on the Agenda for the regularly scheduled Council meeting of September 14, 2021;
- on a 7-0 vote, was introduced for public hearing at regular scheduled September 28th Council meeting.

From the Action Summary of the **October 12th “Council Meeting** is linked [here \(Page 2\)](#)

Reported as:

Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 9.32, Unlawful Discharge of Firearms, to establish a no shooting zone in the Drayton Harbor area of Whatcom County.

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Council members Browne, Byrd, Elenbaas, and Kershner

Nay: 3 - Council members Buchanan, Donovan, and Frazey

Absent: 0

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.



News for the Flock

Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

2021 Youth-Only Hunt

Hunting with your son, daughter, grandkids or the youth you have decided to take under your wing are where memories of the hunt begin. For some of us, this is how we were introduced to waterfowling. From **Greenwing** to the mentoring of others this is how the journey begins. The **smiling faces** of kids, moms, dads and grandparents, said it all.

Another successful youth-only hunt hosted by the **WWA-NW Chapter**. Special thanks to our **Youth/Veteran Hunt Coordinator Rick Skiba**. Rick secured the hunt locations in the north sound area and communicated the hunt plan to all participants.

We started with fog, no wind, slow incoming tides then a bluebird day. For me this usually results in a long day sitting on my bucket. For these youth, success was in the air. A total of 10 kids with shots by all at ducks and geese — harvest — 21 ducks and 3 geese taken. Lots of Pintail in the area.

Special thanks to the Hunt Clubs below for their generosity and support of our youth:

- **Swinomish Hunt Club, Nick and Cassie Waller**
- **Edison Hunt Club, Tony Breckenridge**

Next Youth hunt is scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2022. This will be in conjunction with the Veterans / Active Military hunt.

Some of Those Smiling Faces



NW Chapter News Continued

Farmed Island Tour

On Saturday October 30th, NW Chapter members and guests met up at the **Skagit Headquarters** boat launch for our annual tour of the **Farmed Island** and surrounding waterways. We cruised a short distance up the south fork of the **Skagit River** and met **Curran Cosgrove (WDFW)** at the upper landing.

Curran and other **WDFW** employee's annually plant waterfowl foraging crops on the Island. This year roughly 80 acres were planted providing a critical food source for waterfowl throughout the season. The crops planted this year include fava beans, millet and corn. The remaining acres are mixed naturally occurring species, such as wild millet, smartweed, and yellow nutsedge, with some other beneficial plants here and there.

Curran toured the group from one end of the Island to the other providing information on the type of crops planted and fielding questions from the participants. We also walked out to a few of the hunting blinds that **WDFW** provides on the Island.

Thanks to everyone who attended and to **WWA-NW Chapter** member **Tom Elliott** for ferrying participants to and from the Island. A big thank you to **WDFW's Curran Cosgrove (WDFW)** who once again made the tour a success!

Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two

Congratulations to NW Chapter Member **Paul McGovern**, one of two winners of the Cedarville Farms Hunt Club Hunt-for-Two raffle. Thanks once again to **Jon McAninch of Cedarville Farms Hunt Club** and a member of the **WWA**.

Welcome to all the new WWA members!

Welcome to the recent new members of the **WWA Chapter** members look forward to getting to know you. A good way to get to know the Club and its members is by attending a Chapter Meeting or sponsored event.

WWA-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 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>

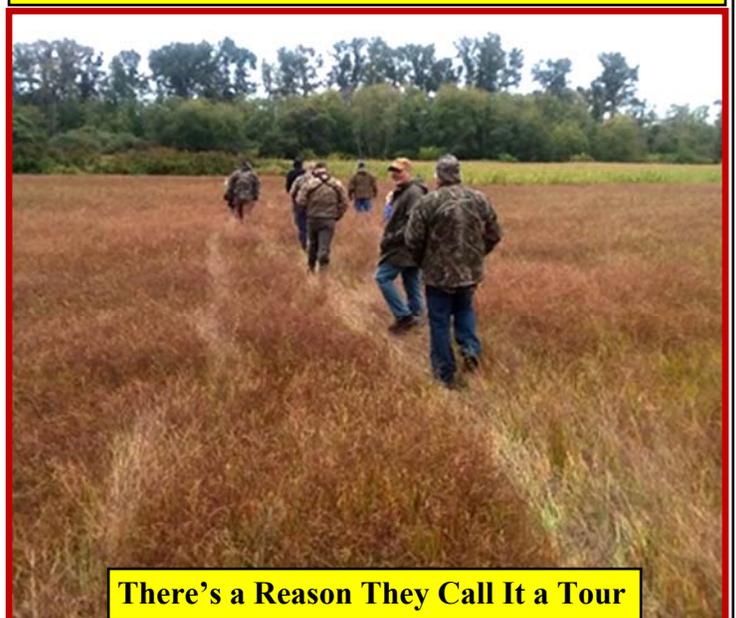
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Locations on the Map...



Locations Up Close and Personal...



There's a Reason They Call It a Tour

NW Chapter News Continued

October Chapter Meeting Review

Our October chapter meeting was one not to miss! Our guest speakers included **Belinda Rotten—WDFW Skagit Wildlife Area Manager** and **Rob Wingard – WDFW Private Lands Manager** and **biologist, for Region 4.**

Belinda provided an overview of current conditions and plans for this 16 unit wildlife area. An updated area management plan is being developed. The prior plan was released in 2017. **Island Unit** funding is progressing for the restoration plan. Repairs to the failed tide gate have bid proposals from a contractor. The launch ramp at **Skagit Headquarters** is going through a permitting process for significant upgrades. In **Stanwood**, the **Hamilton Boat Launch** plans for a total redevelopment are progressing to the construction phase.



Rob provided the attendees with information on **WDFW's Private Lands Hunting Program**. This is a state wide program that provides the public with opportunities to hunt at private properties by teaming generous property owners with **WDFW** to allow public hunting on their land.

Rob shared information on all sites within **Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom** counties. He shared statistics from the previous year for site usage, hunter Success, and available, and **Top Ten** sites from last season. **Rob** also provided the members with some of the changes to this year's program, website updates and current lands available for the 2021 season opener.

He did note that late harvest has had an impact on the availability of some sites this year. Crops planted and acreage amounts planted at sites have increased this year. Overall the opportunities for success at private land locations looks very good for the 2021-2022 season.

Belinda and **Rob** both fielded many questions from the audience. Excellent presentation material. Their attendance at our meeting was very much appreciated by all. Thanks for attending the chapter's meeting and sharing this valuable information with us.



Many of our Members used the Meeting as a last Opportunity to Tune Up Before the Season.

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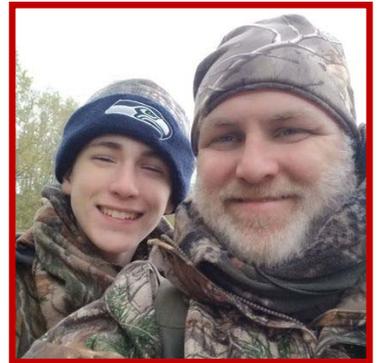
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Part 2 Memorial for Jackson Otto on October 23rd



John and Toni Otto view the Memorial Bench in honor of their son, Jackson “Jack” Riley Otto at it’s initial unveiling on the Youth-Only Hunt Day, September 25th, at Restoration Pond near Lake Terrell in the Whatcom Wildlife Area.



In Memory of Jack Otto

- thru GoFundMe, \$4,685
- thru WWA \$1,635
- Totals \$6,320**

Donations can still be made towards future Youth Programs [here](#).

By Toni Otto —

Saturday morning, September 25th, was the **2021 Washington State Youth-Only Hunt Day** and Part 1 of 2 for dedicating Jack’s Memorial Bench in Ferndale at Jack’s Pond. It was a **G O R G E O U S** day at the pond!! The sun was out... there was a soft, warm breeze... gunshots from the youth off in the distance... youth hunters asking **John** for advice on the gender/age of the ducks they had harvested... my Mama heart was **H A P P Y!** I will share a few pictures from that day from this event, BUT I won’t show a close up of the **B E A U T I F U L** dedication plaque on the Memorial Bench BECAUSE we will have another dedication event on October 23rd (I really hope many people can make it!!) Full pictures will appear in the next **WWA Newsletter** in January of 2022!

H U G E thanks to so many people for your help in making this happen and helping us celebrate and honor our sweet boy, Jackson Riley! **Brad Otto - John Arrabito - Washington Waterfowl Association (Seattle Chapter & Northwest Chapters) - Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife - Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Police - Cascade Waterfowl - Nick Berto - Peninsula Sportsman (Dave Drewry) - Ferndale Youth Hunters - John & Susan Otto - Jason & Tanya Otto - Roger Bare.**

We love you all for coming and supporting us. We are truly looking forward to the next event... hope to see you there! (Anyone is welcome to come — be on the lookout for more information/invitation soon!!). Please tag anyone I may have missed from this community... I apologize in advance.

By Brad Otto (no relation, but founder of the [GoFundMe Page](#) for Jack) —

The long range plan with the remainder of funds left over is to establish a **Youth Scholarship** in **Jack’s** name with activities like trapping and banding wood ducks; learning their biology; building and placing nesting boxes; and maintaining the established nest boxes at the site.



Youth Hunters Taking Part in the September 25th Memorial Celebration in Memory of “Jack” Otto.

News for the Flock

Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Quarterly Chapter Meeting

At the quarterly ML-Chapter meeting on September 23rd **Bruce Feagan** was elected **Chapter Chair** and **Dick Price** was elected **Secretary-Treasurer & Project Coordinator**.

Todd Teeters volunteered to be the chapter representative for the **WWA Hunter Mentor Program**. Thank you **Todd** for stepping up to do this important function in getting first time waterfowl hunters familiar with the area and how to safely hunt waterfowl.

Discussion was held on possibly having a Spaghetti fund raiser on a Saturday during waterfowl season as **Bruce** has plenty of hamburger for meat sauce. More discussion to take place in the near future.

At the meeting it was decided because of holidays and being in the middle of the waterfowl season to move the December quarterly meeting to February.

Frenchman ADA Blind Building

On a fabulous Wednesday October 6th members **Bruce Feagan, Mark Olmsted, Col. Tom O'Dell, Todd Teeter, Lloyd Petersen, John Hartwell, Alan Inderbitzin, Fritz Kiemle, Dick Price,** and guest **Marv Leyda,** and **WDFW Area Assistant Manager Chattan McPherson** erected the **ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)** blind from the pieces delivered to us by **Kurt Snyder** of the **Grays Harbor Chapter** and fabricated by **Rick Spring,** of **Vancouver, WA.**



It turned out to be a little more complicated than thought from looking at similar blind assembly pictures, but with ingenuity and perseverance we accomplished the task and the blind looks good. The good thing was several of the folks had experience using the old blind that we were replacing.

In addition to the fantastic weather we were serenaded all day by the **Sandhill Cranes** in the area, and the ducks that were constantly flying by and trying to land in the pond.

For those of you that have not used the reservation system for one of the two (2) **ADA** blinds in the area, if you contact **Wendy** in the **WDFW Ephrata Office** at 509-754-4624 she can give you all the information you need to make a reservation.



Marvin Leyda and Mark Olmstead.



Chattan McPherson and Col. Tom O'Dell.

News For the Flock

Seattle Chapter News

By James Ono

Our October meeting will be held in person Monday, October 25th, at the **Kenmore Gun Range**. Trap and 5-Stand shooting starts at 5pm and a swap meet of gear follows. This is a great way to pick up new-to-you gear, unload your old gear, and support the Club as 10% of sales are typically donated to the Chapter. So dig the old dekes out of the garage, find the old waders in the closet, and bring your checkbook!

Raffle tickets for the **WWA Life Membership Raffle** will also be available. Enter for your chance to win. \$10 a ticket. The winner receives a **WWA Bronze Level Lifetime Membership** worth \$500, and a duck call from **Pacific Calls** worth \$130.

New Chapter Leadership

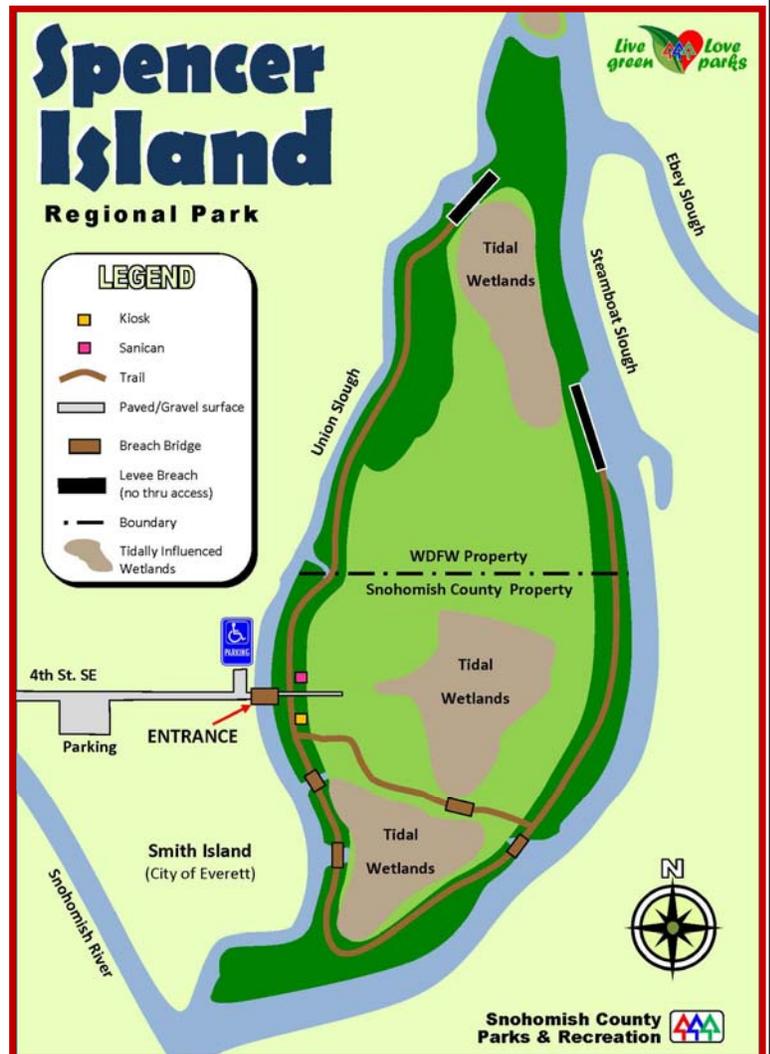


I am very pleased to announce that at our last meeting **Nick Brown** volunteered to take over the Seattle Chapter Chair and was unanimously supported by all the members in attendance. Below is a short introduction.

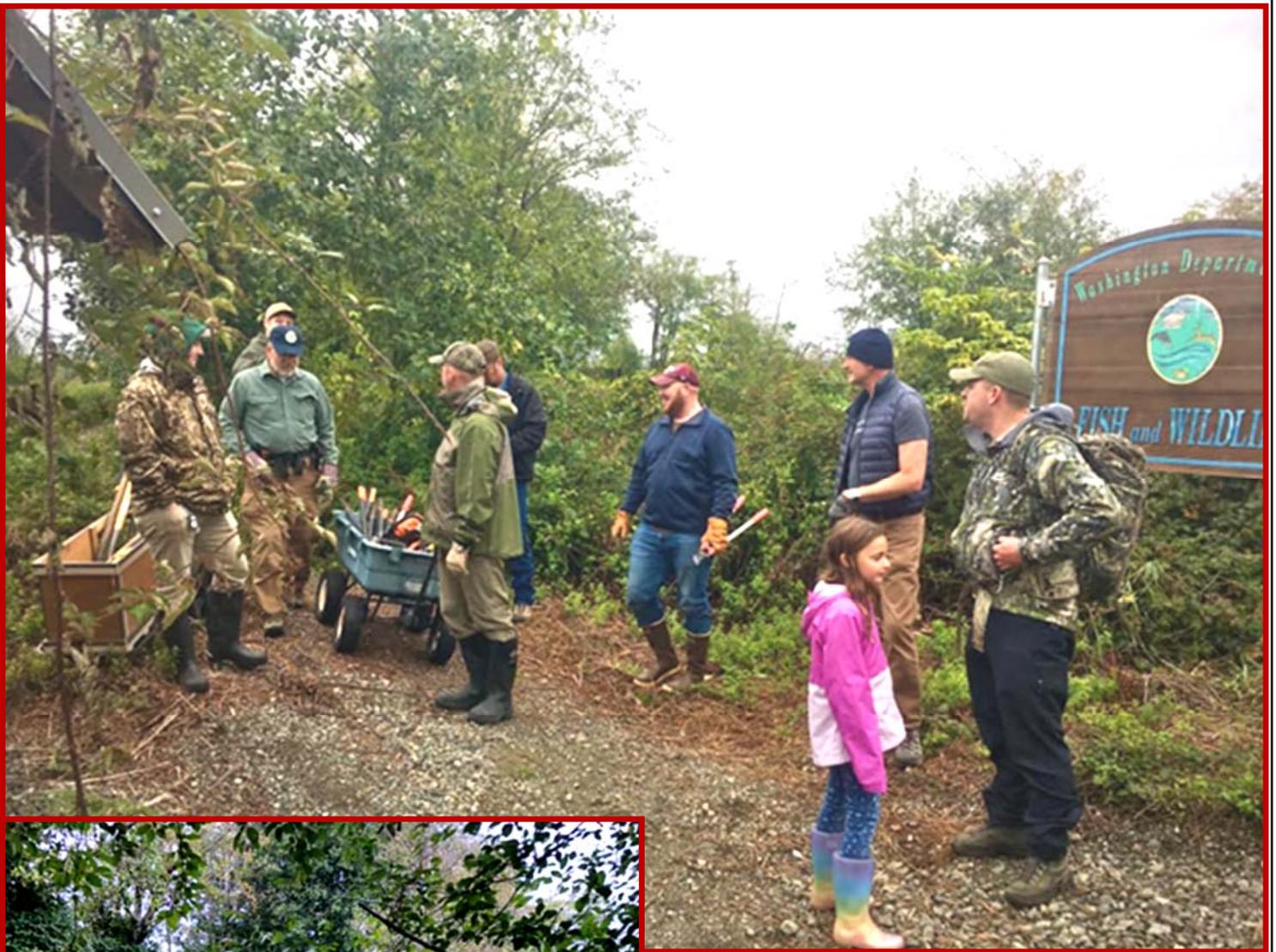
“My name is **Nick Brown**, and I am very excited to be the new Chapter Chair for **Seattle**. I was raised in **Western Washington** and currently live with my wife, **Mercer** and 4-month-old daughter, **Shay** in the **Monroe** area. I have always been a passionate angler and firearms enthusiast but did not start hunting until I was an adult, as I did not come from a hunting family.

I became interested in hunting as I am a chef by trade and felt that hunting was where passion for food and firearms could intersect. I was fortunate to have friends involved in **WWA** who showed me the ropes in the field to get me started and now well... I caught the bug for hunting waterfowl big time! Little did I know ducks, geese and swans would become some of my favorites in the animal kingdom.

Spencer Island Trail Maintenance



Seattle Chapter News Continued



Gathering and
Performing
Trail
Maintenance
at Spencer
Island



News for the Flock

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi All.

I am sitting here at my desk on this **Columbus Day**, thinking about how fortunate we are that we live in America. **Land of the Free and Home of the Brave**. That several explorers decided that the earth was round and had a great itch to head west is the main reason we have our free country. Columbus was one of them, and we created a holiday to celebrate not just the discovery of our continent but the very beginnings of a free country. Which would be the FIRST of its kind.

There are a couple of things related to this that kinda tick me off:

- Like, how I have to make my first Medicare payment of \$594.00 after paying into the fund for a lifetime.
- Then a monthly premium of \$148. for the REST of my life.

The word extortion keeps ringing in my head. It seems another bit of my freedom has just been erased. Next, there is an entity — a movement to erase our history and replace it with what is to be spoken as the truth by those that actually hate our country. There. I said it. **Columbus Day** is being replaced by those people, (our current president included), by “Indigenous Peoples” day. We could easily have the new holiday on just about any other day, but no. It’s somehow important to them to substitute a holiday on this very day to somehow prove how racist this country has been ever since its beginning. This is why I accuse them of erasing history. It is the proof of it, if somehow the lies and fallen statues didn’t convince you.

I can hear it now! Kurt, what in heck does this have to do with waterfowl conservation??? Well, I can tell you.

Those same people that want to erase history do not want you to have the freedom to hunt, fish or farm. We have more than just speculation as one of these groups, (**Washington Wildlife First**) recently wrote a letter to the **WDFW Commission**, (See link to the full letter [here](#)) that strongly urges them to reform the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** policy of conservation thru wildlife management to **non-consumptive preservation**.

The letter pretty much accuses the **WDFW** of not doing its job of managing the wildlife. We all know what preservation means. It means **NO HUNTING!** Yep, another one of our freedoms under assault and threatened to being taken away.

So, what can we do? Please contact the **WDFW Commission** and tell them that you support hunting as one of the management tools of conservation. Be professional and respectful in your statement as cussing and ranting won’t be accepted and your opinion will be discredited. Another thing we can do is to vote carefully. Do you actually think those that are in government are representing us? It’s something to think about.

I would like to thank all of the members of the **Washington Waterfowl Association**. Not just for being a member, but for all the time, money and effort you have put in to make the **WWA** a success in its purpose and the achievement of its goals. I often say that your time is the most valued thing to give and many of you have done just that! In the grand scheme of things, the **WWA** gets a lot done for an organization this small. And with the influx of new and young members it will continue to do good. Good for the waterfowl and waterfowlers. Our Board of Directors has some new, young blood and I, for one, am glad to see it.

This years “**Hunt for Two**” Raffle went very well. We sold 625 tickets for a gross of \$2505.00. Out of the five chapters that participated, the Lower Columbia Chapter sold the most tickets, and correspondingly had the most winning tickets. Winners of the two hunts were; **Paul McGovern** from the **Northwest Chapter**, and **Jason Gomulkiewicz** from the **Lower Columbia Chapter**. See Results below.

Report for 2021 Hunt-4-2 Raffle

Date of Drawing; October 2nd, 2021

Place of Drawing; Cedarville Farms

Total Tickets sold; 625

Total gross income, all chapters; \$2,505.00

Total expenses; \$ 202.97

Total net earnings; \$2,367.03

Winners:

#1 Paul McGovern, NW Chapter, Ticket # 0940

#2 Jason Gomulkiewicz, LC Chapter, Ticket # 0399

#1 Alternate; Al O’Conner, LC Chapter, Ticket # 0006

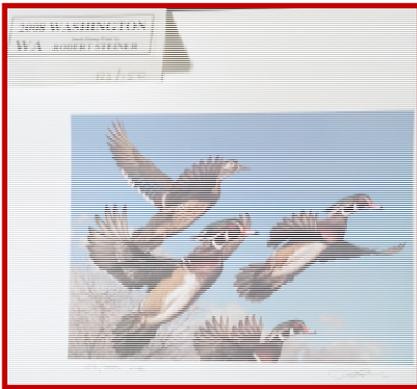
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We have **Jon McAninch**, owner of the **Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Hunt Club** to thank for giving ALL **WWA** Chapters a chance to make some money for their coffers. **Jon** has been donating hunts for many years now, and this has resulted in a lot of funding for **WWA** chapters all over the state!! Thank you **Jon!**

Kurt Snyder

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Duck Calls, Duck Straps, WWA Logo'd Caps and more Prints...

WWA PHOTO CONTEST

WATERFOWL SEASON PHOTOS
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WIN PRIZES!



We think that with almost everyone having a camera with them, especially hunting, that we could give some prizes for this year's best hunting photos. This contest is **FREE** and open to all that hunt and their guests. WWA members will choose from the available **prize list:**
Game lanyards, duck stamp prints and duck calls. Non-members receive an annual WWA membership and a hat!

Submitted images should reflect the hunt, hunt prep, travel to and from, dogs, decoys, sun rises and sunsets, camps and anything else water-fowling hunting related. Images should show good sportsmanship and comradery!

Some things to think about: open gun actions; safe gun handling; safe boating; avoid showing alcohol and remember that kids will be looking at these images so keep it clean and classy!

- Entrants can submit three images.
- Photos must be taken during the 2021/22 waterfowl season.
- Your three images must be submitted electronically with a submittal form.
- All images will become property of the WWA and may be used for advertising and/or to promote safe and fun hunting! (Originals can still be used by the contestant)
- Winning images will be posted in the WWA monthly newsletter.
- Judging will be performed by the WWA Promotion Team and will take place at the end of the season, the second week of March.
- Entries must fill out the photo submittal form at

www.waduck.org then send your photos to:

wawaterfowlmedia@gmail.com



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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)**.

Serious Threat to All Hunters

This is probably the most important article I have written in my 45 years of political involvement in the State of Washington. Never has there been a bigger issue!

There is a new **Animal-Rights (AR)** organization in our state called **Washington Wildlife First (WWF)**, and they are an umbrella/unity organization for the **AR** community like **WWC** is for the sporting community. The organization was started by **Seattle** attorney **Claire Loeb Davis**, managing partner of the law firm **Animal and Earth Advocates**, and she is also the acting board President. She is about as a hardcore **AR** person as you are going to find. The one advantage we have historically had on the **AR** organizations is that we have had the cohesion of our two umbrella organizations, the **HHC** and **WWC**. Now the Anti's have their umbrella organization.

These people are hellbent on redefining conservation to mean preservation, and pushing consumptive users of the resource out of the picture.

Their redefinition of conservation is as follows:

"Science-informed actions to preserve the health and resiliency of natural environments, safeguard the intrinsic values of non-human nature, and provide equitable benefits to current and future generations of people and species."

I was quoted in the **Capital Press** by **Don Jenkins**, who I believe is the best reporter around, calling this,

"animal-rights doublespeak." *This is a move to give animals human values.*

I'm sure many of you have already heard of **Initiative Petition 13 (IP13)** in **Oregon**, but if you haven't, **IP13** would, if enacted would criminalize hunting, fishing, trapping, ranching, and various agricultural practices as "animal abuse!" See educational link [here](#). An identical petition was thrown out in **Colorado**, but in **Washington AR** activists believe they can accomplish their goals through the Governor's office, thus saving themselves millions in a campaign fight. The **AR** groups are pushing Governor **Inslee** hard to appoint two (2) more **AR** activists to the **WDFW Commission**. Along with **Fred Koontz**, **Barbara Baker**, and **Lorna Smith**, they would control the **Commission**, and how wildlife is managed in this this state. See letter of **WWF** to Governor **Inslee** linked [here](#).

The **HHC** and **WWC** has always been needed, but no time in the history of the state have they been more needed than now. The **HHC** has defeated every piece of anti-hunting legislation in its 23 years of existence. **HHC** employs a lobbyist to defend hunters'-rights in Olympia and their record of success is impeccable and can stand up to that of any lobby group in Olympia. The **HHC** name is respected by legislators in Olympia. When hunting issues come up, legislators turn to the **HHC** for answers.

Who Exactly are Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation

WWC Board member Jeff Christensen wrote the best article I have every read about **WWC** called "**Inspiring Unity - The WWC.**" There is a saying that plagiarism is the best form of flattery, so I am going to steal from his article. **Jeff** said that the "**WWC** is a coalition of individuals and groups and serves as the focal point of public involvement, grassroots activism and fundraising to the benefit of all Washington State conservationists, sportsmen and sports-women." I find that is a darn good description. **HHC** is the political leg, and **WWC** and its members as part of the grassroots leg that supports the effort gives every group and individual in the state a place to rally and work in support and in defense of our outdoor future as a cohesive force.

One of the biggest threats to our future is hunters being at each other's throats. You may remember a few years back a rich dad sent his cheerleader daughter hunting

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in Africa and spent several hundred thousand dollars on her. She posted her pictures, and the AR groups attacked her unmercifully.

United We Stand, Divided... (Trite but True)

What was worse was the lack of support she received from the hunting community.

- From a waterfowl forum - "I hunt, but I would never shoot a lion or an elephant. Shame on them for doing that."
- From Facebook - "I'm a 'meat hunter' and believe that you should eat everything that you harvest. People that go to Africa and just kill a bunch of stuff to prove their manhood disgust me." "She's not a 'Hunter' anyway — just a spoiled rich girl that daddy sent on some expensive trip."
- From a LinkedIn Group - The largest conservation group in the world, the **International Union for the Conservation of Nature, (IUCN)**, supports trophy hunting and meat hunting, and they support trophy hunting in Africa so hunters that oppose that should get off there high horse and shut up. The **IUCN** is a **United Nations** organization and they are 100% pro-hunting.

The AR groups don't just harass trophy hunters. Earlier this year a female hunter posted a picture of a buck she harvested. They harassed her so much she committed suicide, and these scumbag AR people cheered and laughed about the tragedy.

While we fight, argue and spit at one another about baiting, leases, bow vs. gun, trapping, hunting with dogs, hunting in enclosures, trophy vs. meat hunting, television celebrities, women, etc., the "other side" is **ABSOLUTELY UNIFIED in their ONE MISSION — TO STOP ALL HUNTING!** If you're NOT worried, you SHOULD be.

Best Alternative for the Future of Hunting

Former State House Representative, HHC Hall of Fame member and WWC Honorary Life Member Brian Blake, said the best thing you can do for the future of hunting is join a hunting organization. The best thing you can do for **WWC** and to save hunting — if not a member of the **WWA**, then join the **WWA**. If your **WWA** membership is delinquent, please renew it. If you are an active **WWA** member and you are able to upgrade your membership, or if you are able to make a donation, now is the time to do it. We need a strong **WWA**, the officers and directors are working hard in this fight. All of the chapter officers are

fighting hard. **WWA** is a voting member of **WWC** and therefore a member of **HHC**. All of us in **WWA** are volunteers. Everyone in **WWC** is a volunteer. The same is true in **HHC** except for our lobbyist. **WWC** is an organization of organizations. Its strength is through unity.

The Threat is Real

The AR groups have paid staff, and huge war chests. In politics you need three "T's" to win, "Time," "Talent," and "Treasure." If you can give **WWA** some time, become active in your **WWA** chapter. If you have a special talent, please let us know; that talent can be used. The final "T" is "Treasure." Every organization can use money, and **WWA** is no exception. Please contribute if you can.

The First Target of Washington Wildlife First

The AR groups and the AR Commissioners want to eliminate the spring bear season. We have to stand together. If they accomplish that, do you think they're going to stop there?! I will end my story with words from **General Douglas MacArthur**:

"The history of the failure of war can almost be summed up in two words — Too Late.

- Too late in comprehending the deadly purpose of a potential enemy.
- Too late in realizing the mortal danger.
- Too late in preparedness.
- Too late in uniting all possible forces for resistance.
- Too late in standing with one's friends."

While It's On Your Mind

Get your **FREE** WA State Duck Stamp

To receive a complimentary (as in **FREE**) WA State Duck Stamp, mail a copy of your 2021-22 License (showing an authorization to hunt Migratory Birds) along with a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) to:

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18207 Rhodes Lake Road E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391**

**(Absolute Deadline is March 31, 2022)
(Unclaimed Stamps will be destroyed in April)**

News for the Flock

Filling the Last Two Spots on the WDFW Commission has Become More Important than Ever

If you're following the **Washington Wildlife First** news as set forth by **Mark Pidgeon** in his regularly monthly **Legislative News** column (See **Page 16**), you understand how important it has become to have consumptive hunters and fishers representing the outdoor community on the **WDFW Commission**. **Rylan Weythman** fits the bill to a tee!

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 reside 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.

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

Keep **Rylan's** name in the forefront of public discussion regarding future appointments to the **Commission**. If you haven't done so yet, please take a few moments to express your support of **Rylan** to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission** using the following **WA State Government Portal** linked [here](#).

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



News for the Flock

The Hunter's Table

By James Ono

Duck Wellington

A wellington may seem intimidating and complex. While it may be tedious, this recipe is not particularly difficult and can really class up your trophy meal. With the holidays coming up, this is an elegant way to present your duck and impress your guests.

Often a wellington suggests using wild mushrooms but since I am not much of a mushroom picker I was limited to the white or brown mushrooms from the store which will work. Additionally this is traditionally made with Parma ham. As my local grocer did not have Parma ham, I was able to substitute prosciutto.

You can try to pre-form your duck breasts into a loaf and tightly wrap them together in cling wrap and twist the ends and let it sit overnight. I only let mine sit for 30 minutes, and the breasts fell apart from each other. Since my breast were separated, I only seared one side so that the center of the wellington would remain medium-rare.

The wellington goes well with a red wine or vinegar reduction sauce. This adds a little bit of acidity that brings a nice brightness to a rich and succulent dish.

Ingredients

4 large duck breasts
 8 -12 oz of mushrooms
 1 sprig fresh thyme or ¼ tsp of dried thyme leaves
 8 slices of Parma ham or prosciutto (thin sliced)
 2 Tbs English Mustard
 1 sheet puff pastry (thawed)
 2 egg yolks beaten with 1 Tbs of water and little salt
 Salt and Pepper to Taste

Instructions

1. Season the duck breasts with salt and pepper;
2. Sear the duck breasts on high until they have a nice, browned color (see note above on forming and searing duck breasts);
3. Set breasts aside;
4. Finely chop or put the mushrooms in a food processor;
5. Add mushrooms, thyme, salt, and pepper to a hot pan;



6. Once the mushrooms begin to release their liquid, continue to cook for 10 minutes until they are dry, creating a paste;
7. Set the mushrooms aside to cool;
8. Lay the Parma ham on a layer of cling film overlapping slightly so there are no gaps and should be large enough to fully wrap the duck breasts (this will hold in the juices from soaking into the pastry);
9. Spread the mushroom paste over the Parma ham;
10. Coat the outside of the duck breasts in mustard;
11. Place the duck on the mushroom covered ham; If the breasts are separate, stack them 2x2 lengthwise to try to create a log form;



12. Use the cling film to help roll to tightly wrap the duck breasts in the mushrooms and ham;
13. Twist and fold the ends of the cling film to create a tight uniform log;

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The Hunter's Table – Duck Wellington Continued



14. Chill for 30 minutes;
15. Lay the puff pastry on a layer of cling film;
16. Brush the pastry with the egg wash;
17. Unwrap the duck breast log and place it toward the edge of the pastry;



18. Use the cling film to help wrap the log in the pastry;
19. Once fully wrapped, trim any excess pastry and pinch and fold the ends;



20. Brush all over with the egg wash;
21. Cover with cling film and chill for 30 minutes;
22. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees;
23. Score the pastry lightly with the back of a knife (I did a herringbone pattern);
24. Brush with the egg wash again;

25. Bake for 20-25 minutes until the pastry is golden brown;
26. Remove from the oven and let rest for 10 minutes;
27. Carve into thick slices and serve.

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JOIN THE WWA HUNTER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Building the Next Generation of Hunters



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HELP NEW MEMBERS LEARN:

SAFETY – ETTIQUITTE – SPORTSMANSHIP – REGULATIONS – LICENSES HUNTING
ACCESS – DECOYS – CALLING – CONCEALMENT

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MENTOR OR A MENTEE
PLEASE REACH OUT TO PAUL McGOVERN AT
HANS1031@FRONTIER.COM**

The Mission:

The goal of the **WWA Hunter Mentorship Program** is to try to lessen the barriers to entry into the bird hunting world. Many new hunters just want to have an introduction of how to find places to hunt and a strategy to hunt that spot. We want to grow the sport and share with new hunters the basics of safety, etiquette, and general best practices. Our overall goal is to show new hunters that they can have success and have a lot of fun bird hunting, and the best way is to help them get started.

For Mentors:

By volunteering as a Mentor, you are committing to coordinating two or more hunts throughout the year. This includes picking a spot, providing decoys, accommodating transportation, and including your Mentee in the planning process. We encourage Mentors to show their Mentee how they hunt, but also show them how to hunt in a way that they can recreate (i.e. if they don't have a boat, dog, etc.)

For Mentees:

This is not a guide service! Hunting requires work, and there are no guarantees. Some days we go home empty handed. Enjoy the experience as a whole. As the saying goes, a bad day hunting beats a good day working. If you stick with it, put in the work, and make a serious attempt to learn, you will find success.

Classified Ads – For Sale / Wanted

Wanted

Looking for inexpensive running outboard motor under 10hp and a kayak blind or ripped/worn out layout blind for boat blind project. Snohomish County.

Contact Bryan, 503-975-3075

For Sale

Mustang Floatation Suit and Jackets. Unused – just stored. These are \$200.00+ when purchased new.

\$ 50.00 each!

All proceeds go to Washington Waterfowl Association

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| Qty 1 – MJ6212 | Size L (42-46) Bomber Style - Black |
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Contact – Rick at (425) 299-6704 or rgbillieu@frontier.com



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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

Hodgman Tall camo, 1,200 gr insulated waders, size 11, worn only one time — \$75;

Contact John in Spokane, 406-250-5891

Cabela's, neoprene, zipper front, waders, size 12 boot with thinsulate. Like new. Only worn a couple of times. Fit someone around six foot — \$75

Contact Aaron in Monroe, 206-406-8921

Dog Kennel, — 6 ft x 6 ft x 14 ft — in Spokane,
Contact John, 406-250-5891 or Mary, 406-752-2190.

Benelli Legacy 20 Gauge, 3" Stainless Chamber 26" Barrel with 4 chokes. Stainless receiver, Beautiful Dark Wood in Great Condition. Comes with original case. \$1,350

Contact Rick, 360-921-0190

8' Olympian fiberglass dinghy, oars, 4hp Suzuki w/ self contained tank. Easily seats two adults or an adult & 2 children. Pic's left & below. **Total Package — \$600 OBO.**

Contact Jim, 206-612-8772



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2021/22 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

The Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2021 Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp and Limited Edition Print.

Artist Denise D. Nelson



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

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

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Duck Stamp Program
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2021 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

Please send me:



Quantity ____: unframed print(s) and stamp(s)

Quantity ____: frame for print & stamp



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

Please Ship Prints to:

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

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Total Amount: \$ _____.00

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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 **September 2021 Newsletter**.

WWA General Fund — \$1,533

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 TAXIDERMÝ

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

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

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

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

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Bird sent in before Thanksgiving **NEED TO BE FROZEN** and **SHIPPED OVERNIGHT**. Afterwards two (2) day mail is OK.
- Birds **MUST** be placed in double ziplocks, with a filled out federal tag in the outer bag. Pen ink can bleed onto the bird.
- A list of other requirements will be sent and is to be signed by the hunter **PRIOR TO** any shipping and engagement of my services.
- I will not be held responsible for a bird that is lost to rot, extensive damage, heavy amounts of pinfeathers, dog bite or slobber damage, freezer burn nor any other damage caused by improper storage by the hunter prior to my receipt of the bird.



loran.navarro@yahoo.com

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

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renew Online at 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 or call 425-221-3986.

WWA Life Members

JOIN THE HERITAGE CLUB of Life Members

Bronze \$500 Member; Silver \$1,000 Member; Gold, \$2,000 Member H = Honorary Members; D = Deceased

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#56 Frank Gallo S	#57 David Irons S	#58 David Ragsdale	#59 Tim Koehler S	#60 Brad Davis
#61 James Ono				

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**.

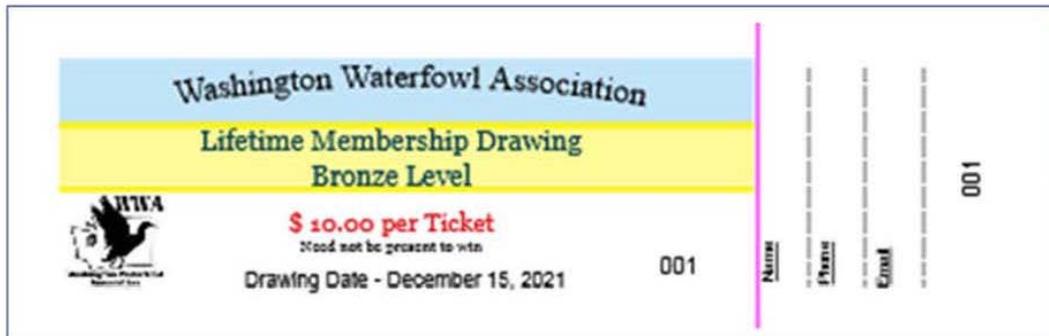
All formerly \$750 “Sustaining” Life Members were automatically “bumped up” to the new Silver Life Member Level with no additional necessary payment nor any new emoluments of membership awarded.

If you have a question about the level of your Life Membership as listed above, please contact **John Arrabito** at jarrabito@comcast.net 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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WWA Life Membership Raffle



The WWA-Fund-Raising Committee has identified the drawing as one of several ideas for generating revenue and an opportunity to promote our organization.

The drawing is for a \$ 500.00 Lifetime Membership at the 'Bronze Level'

The Bronze Level membership includes a WWA Belt Buckle or a WWA Logo'd *Pacific Call* Duck Call.

The drawing is open to WWA members and non-members, and is corporate-sponsored, so all proceeds from ticket sales will go to WWA Corporate.

Drawing Date is December 15, 2021.

Price is \$10.00 per ticket. No limit on quantities sold.

Get raffle tickets from your local Chapter Chair or any WWA Corporate Officer and/or Board Member.

WDFW News Briefs

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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.

2021-22 Regs Are Out; Linked [Here](#)

See Migratory Game Bird Season Summary on **Page 18** of the Pamphlet, (Page 20 of the Link).



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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.**

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WWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

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"/> | Bronze Lifetime* — | \$ | 500.00 | (New, 6/1/2021) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Silver Lifetime* — | \$ | 1,000.00 | (New, 6/1/2021) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gold Lifetime* — | \$ | 2,000.00 | (New, 6/1/2021) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ** Please check box if you do not wish to receive a gift. | | | |
| <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 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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 2nd Wednesday of the month at the **Twin City Sportsmen's Club**, 26933 64th Ave NW Stanwood.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Monday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th 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 — VACANT**
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.

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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
- Conducting Hunter Mentor one-on-one waterfowl hunting activities for those new to the sport
- 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 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" conservation projects.