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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

I have been busy checking all my wood duck boxes and talking to people on the **Sammamish River** about wood ducks. My work seems productive where I've spotted 3 mated pairs on one trip to maintain the boxes.

We are in the planning stages of the banquet for the **Seattle & NW Chapters**, and I can feel the interest building already. Please reach out to [James Ono](#) with the Seattle chapter with donations and ideas for this year's banquet. If you haven't already, go out and purchase your tickets on the WWA website.

We've also been helping with the **Washington State duck calling contest** being held this June in the **Tri Cities**. I hope some members from the west side can travel over and support the Washington State calling contest.

On the habitat management front, I had a chance to attend the **WAG (Washington Advisory Group)** meeting in **Yakima Washington** April 6th. We discussed how the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** is working to manage waterfowl across the state. There were presentations from the biologists who work hard to track populations, band ducks, and monitor breeding ground counts for all ducks, Geese, and other migratory birds like doves and snipe. We talked about the duck stamp program and the funding of future projects. There is some exciting work being done by **WDFW** with cutting-edge monitoring including imaging and genetics. Once again if you have any input for the **WAG** let me know and I can let our voices be heard. Check out the upcoming work opportunities in your chapters and have a great spring season volunteering.

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Mission Statement

To Preserve, Protect and Promote Waterfowl, Waterfowl Habitat, & Waterfowl Hunting in Washington state

News for the Flock

2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

April 15—May 31	General Turkey Season Statewide;
Wednesday, April 24	Seattle Chapter Meeting at the Kenmore Shooting Range;
Thursday, April 25	Lower Columbia Meeting at the Vancouver Trap Club;
Tuesday, April 30	Southwest Chapter Meeting at the Tacoma Sportsman Club;
Wednesday, May 1	BOD Virtual meeting (all members welcome) Contact Bob Taylor on page one for an invitation;
Thursday, May 2	Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting; at the Evergreen's Club;
Wednesday, May 8	Northwest Chapter meeting at the Twin Cities Sportsman's Club;
Saturday, May 11	Free Youth Trap Shoot Quincy, WA POC: Dickshunts@hotmail.com or Tmodell@hughes.net ;
Sunday, May 12	Northwest Chapter will hold a cleanup at the Samish Unit of the Skagit Wildlife Area. Start time: 9:30 am;
Tuesday, May 14	Whatcom County Chapter Meeting at the Ferndale Public Library;
Saturday, May 18	Washington Brant Festival Decoy Carving Competition in Burlington, WA;
Wednesday, May 29	Seattle Chapter meeting at the Kenmore Shooting Range;
Saturday, June 22	State Sanctioned Duck calling Contest at Howard Amon Park in Richland, WA. See flyer on Page 13;
Saturday, August 17	Northwest and Seattle Joint Chapter Banquet. See flyer on Page 8;

Chapters with no updates:

*Gig Harbor Chapter
Kitsap Chapter
Spokane Chapter
SW Chapter
Wenatchee Chapter
Whatcom Chapter
Yakima Valley Chapter*

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On a similar note, we should be out there spreading the word about the **WWA** this offseason and recruiting new members. We see a loss of members all the time and we all need to help by spreading the word that we exist and that we offer something of value to the sportsmen and sportswomen.

If you haven't renewed your membership, remember what we represent. Thanks to everyone's work for the resource.

For the Resource,

Paul McGovern
WWA President

Meet the Latest WWA Volunteers



Seattle Chapter member Ben Harrison out hanging duck boxes.



Lower Columbia Chapters member Dan Hafenbrack with labs Gracie and Kenia all done with blind #15



Lower Columbia Chapter members
L-R Back row.
Ulysis Flores, Rick Scott, Caleb Smith, Michael Andreotti
Front row
Bill Dose, Dan Hafenbrack, Marlin Reinholdt, Crystal Groves, Sean Mathews, Dave Mason

News for the Flock

Moses Lake Chapter News

By Bruce Feagan

Royal Lakes Wetlands Restoration

In 2019, the plan submitted to the **WWAG** to restore the wetlands on the **Royal Lakes W.A.** was approved. Since the shutdown for COVID and the red tape involved in getting a cultural resources review completed the project has been on hold.

The review was finally completed and the **Wanapum Tribe** was not interested in the review so finally something is starting to happen. **WDFW** is about to have a signed contract with an outside vendor to remove the Russian olive trees on the site. Once that is completed WDFW folks will spray the area with a herbicide this Fall and next Spring. With that done we can start working on the nesting cover plantings and shrubs for winter survival.

The funding for this is through donations from **Col. Thomas M. O'Dell** to the **Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever Chapter**. This will be a big project done over couple of years and volunteers will be needed so keep your ears open for a chance to help.

Reminder — The Moses Lake Chapter now has some custom Russell 112 Trucker caps with the WWA Color Logo, and embroidered with Moses Lake Chapter. They're available now for \$25 each. Contact Bruce Feagan at 206-714-8020.



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MAY 11TH, 2024
QUINCY, WA
14550 ROAD Q N.W.
QUINCY, WA. 98848

Free Youth Trap Shoot



From 10:00 to 2:00p.m.

There will be Free trap shooting for all youth 18 and under that have either a hunter safety card or a hunting license.

All shells and targets will be provided at no cost to the participants.

Youth shooters must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Hunting equipment give aways and free lunch. Youth shooters will receive assorted free merchandise.

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

Sponsored by:



Moses Lake



Have questions or for more information, contact either:

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

Dickhunts@hotmail.com

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News for the Flock

Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

Our guest speaker at the March chapter meeting was Melvin Walters. Mel is the **Consulting Resource Scientist for Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) Avian Protection Program**. Mel introduced us to the Avian Protection Programs mission and methods used to protect birds in our region. He provided the members with the historical background of the program and key elements of the protection plan that was established in 2000.

Mel provided us with detailed information on the methods deployed to protect birds and reduce the possibility of power failures. Equipment include, electrical transmission line covers, Transformer covers and collision reduction methods. **Mel** fielded many questions by the members. **Thanks Mel for a very informative presentation and to Ken Smith for coordinating the presentation.**

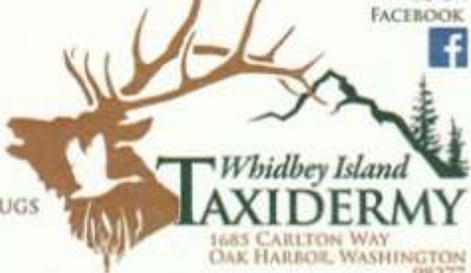
SMITH ISLAND CLEAN UP AND TOUR

WWA Members cruised in Boats and Kayaks to **Smith Island** for our annual cleanup on March 17th.

The Boats launched from Marysville Ebey Waterfront Boat Launch and the Kayakers from the Smith Island Habitat and Wildlife viewing area. The goal was to pick up as much trash off the dike and water. 17 members, 3 Boats and 3 Kayaks rendezvoused at the location and filled a haul out trailer. **Rob Wingard** (WDFW Region 4 Manager) hauled in the trailer. Thanks to **Tom Elliott** for coordinating the event and **Rob Wingard** for all his support. **Big thanks to all the volunteers** that made this another successful event.

SAMISH UNIT CLEANUP

The **NW Chapter** will hold our annual cleanup at the Samish Unit of the **Skagit Wildlife Area** on **May 12th (Sunday) at 9:30**. The unit should be dried out enough to accomplish the cleanup. We'll focus on the 15 Blinds on the unit and the Dike. We will also assess Blind conditions for maintenance that may be necessary prior to the next hunt season. **Breakfast served!** Like last year we'll start with a breakfast of Bacon, Eggs, Pancakes and Hash Browns. **Matt Browder** will be doing the flipping.



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Membership Renewal and Next Meeting

If you have not renewed your membership you can do so online at www.waduck.org or you can also renewal at the next chapter meeting.

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Wednesday each month. Our next meeting will be held on May 8th, at the **Twin Cities Sportsman's Club**. Trap shooting starts at 6:00 pm, and the business portion starts at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

Rick Billieu at rgbillieu@frontier.com
<https://www.facebook.com/waducks.org>

News for the Flock

Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu



Northwest Chapter member volunteers from left to right. Greg Huggins, Andrew Wyman, Paul Geyer, Tom Elliott, Charley Browder, Matt Browder, and Ben Harrison (Seattle Chapter),



Rob Wingard is the WDFW Assistant Regional Wildlife Program Manager for North Puget Sound. He was formerly the Region 4 Private Lands Biologist.

Seattle, NW Chapter Joint Banquet



WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION SEATTLE AND NORTHWEST CHAPTER BANQUET

Saturday Aug 17th 5pm

Bothell Rental Hall

24323 Bothell Everett Hwy, Bothell WA 98012

**Single Ticket—\$50
Youth 12 & Under—**

Support local Waterfowl Conservation

- Gun Raffles**
- General Raffles**
- Live Auction**
- Silent Auction**



**Smoked Salmon—Pulled Pork
Smoked Chicken—Mac and Cheese
Baked Beans—Cornbread
Salad—Beer—Wine**

**[Scan or Click here](#)
to purchase tickets and pre-
view raffle and auction**

News for the Flock

Seattle Chapter News

By: James Ono

March Meeting

In our March meeting on Wednesday, February 27th, we will have a speaker from **Puget Sound Energy** presenting PSE's wildlife mitigation efforts. Shooting at the trap range at 5 with our meeting starting at 7 in the Chalet.

We will also bring back a virtual option as requested by some members. Use the Zoom link below to join.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84779283113?pwd=C0Af62KJ95i3I2jmkzVu0ub5Uxa80l.1>

Duck Tasting

Our duck tasting will be at our April Meeting! Please bring any ducks you would like to donate to the March meeting or arrange to contact me before our April meeting. So far, we have mallard, pintail, wigeon, ring-neck, long-tail, shoveler, and a couple of other species. Let me know if you have any other species you would be willing to contribute.

Banquet

We are getting closer to nailing down a date and venue for our banquet. We are expecting the banquet to occur in mid-August in **Bothell**. Look for an official announcement in the coming month. If you would like to donate any items or help us secure donations, please reach out to James at ohnoitsono2009@hotmail.com

Duck Boxes

Last month we constructed 8 boxes and the weekend of the 9th, we serviced and replaced boxes at **Cherry Valley** and **Stillwater Wildlife Areas**. Thanks again to **Bob Hazelbrook** for his continued support of the program and to all our volunteers **Emerson Palacios, Jacob McGovern, AJ, Jeff Bartlet, Todd Wisecarver, Jeff Burn, Trevor Morris, Ryker Travis, and Matt Reat**. I will distribute the consolidated results of the 2023 nesting season success next month.

New Day and Location for Meetings

The Seattle Chapter has decided to meet the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of each month moving forward.

Unfortunately, this means we will no longer have the range to ourselves; we will be shooting with the public those nights beginning at 5 pm.

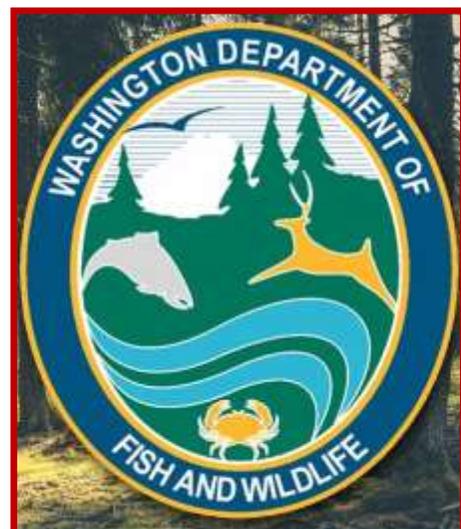
Following shooting we will move to the **CHALET** instead of the shotgun clubhouse for our monthly business meetings beginning at 7 pm.

Kenmore Gun Club



1031—228th SW
Bothell, WA 98021
(425) 481-8686

[Wildlife Committee of WA](http://www.wildlifecommitteeofwa.com)



WA Brant Foundation



Washington Brant Festival Decoy Carving Competition

When: Saturday, May 18th

Where: Maiben Park, Burlington, WA.

Once again, the **Washington Brant Foundation** will host its annual **Decoy Carving Festival and Contest** known as the **“Puget Sound Open.”** For local carvers, it’s an opportunity to show off your carving skills. For the general public, it’s more about just having a fun day enjoying the hand carved decoys of others on display — including some nationally known **Master Carvers**; shopping the decoy and wildfowl crafts vendors; and participating in the raffles, silent and live auctions.

The carving competition features entries from all across the country. Carving contest classes include, **Brant Division, Open Working Decoys, WA State Ducks Unlimited Carving Contest, a Novice/Youth competition, and a mini decoy swap.**

This year’s special guest is **Master Carver, Del Herbert, of Chula Vista, CA.** Herbert, a life-long wood worker was encouraged by his wife, Judy, to start carving after she saw a wooden decoy at a craft show and wanted one for their mantel. He entered his first carving competition two years after completing his first piece and now spends upwards of 60 hours in his studio every week working at his craft, describing each carving as a “journey.” Since those humble beginnings, he has won the



In this excerpt from his 2020 book, Herbert — considered one of the worlds best shorebird carvers — says: “I find shorebirds to be some of the most fascinating creatures in our world. The more I learn about them, the more they intrigue me. With more than-200 species worldwide and approximately 70 indigenous to North America, they provide plenty of material for wildfowl carving.”

World Championship for Decoy Carving, not once but twice! His display rig of three (3) Aleutian Canada Geese is in the Smithsonian collection.



WA Brant Foundation Continued

WASHINGTON BRANT FOUNDATION

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER CELEBRATION

**2024
Puget Sound
Working
Decoy
Carving
Competition**



Saturday, May 18, 2024

Maiben Park | 1011 Greenleaf Ave, Burlington, WA 98033

10:00am | Judging, Vendors, Silent Auction

11:30am | Results, Awards

12:00pm | Live Auction

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Competition Classes:

Brant Class

Open Working Class

Youth/Novice

Special Mini Drake Canvasback

For More Information:

WABrant.org | 501(c)3 | Kurt Benson (425) 231-6497

WA Brant Foundation Continued

Help Carry On Vasily Baranyuk's Important Work



Conserving our Shared Resource



The Wrangel Island snow goose population is an important component of the Pacific Northwest ecosystem and a valuable resource for the hunting and viewing public. International cooperation on this population began back in 1974 (when the population was near extinction) and continued unabated through the Cold War, until 2022. The population survived in the past as a result of cooperative international efforts throughout its range and has been at healthy levels for the last decade.

Currently, all official communication between our countries has ceased. Because of this, no one monitored or surveyed the nesting area during the summer of 2023. I am a biologist who has devoted four decades studying Wrangel Island ecosystems, and in particular the snow goose population. I have been a private researcher for 10 years now and represent people-to-people diplomacy for this population shared by our countries.

I am organizing an expedition to the nesting area in 2024 and am appealing to all interested non-governmental organizations and individuals to sponsor this event. The results of the research will be published in local newspapers and presented by me in a series of public lectures during the winter of 2024-25.

Thank you for your support,
Vasily Baranyuk
March, 25 2024

Co-Sponsor: Washington Brant Foundation
Further Info: Maynard Axelson 360-202-0415
Support by check only, mailed to:
Vasily Baranyuk, c/o Don Kraege
3013 Lorne St. SE, Olympia, WA 98501-3462

News for the Flock

Washington State 2024 Sanctioned Duck and Goose Calling Championships and Pacific Northwest Regional Open Duck and Goose Calling Championships



When: Saturday, June 22, 2024

Where: Howard Amon Park on the Beautiful Columbia River
500 Amon Park Drive, Richland, WA 99352

7:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Competition Begins

Contests to be held and Registration Fees:

Open Duck --	\$50.00	Open Goose --	\$50.00
WA State Sanctioned Duck** --	\$50.00	Novice Duck --	\$40.00
Junior Duck --	\$25.00	Pee-Wee Duck --	FREE
2-Person Meat Duck	\$60.00/team	2-Person Goose --	\$60.00/team

****Winner of the WA State Sanctioned Duck Contest will receive \$1,000 from WWA to help offset travel expenses to attend the World Championships in Stuttgart, AR in Nov.**

The Cool Desert Nights Classic Car Festival will be held this same weekend at the Uptown Mall. There will be lots of hot / "kule" cars as well as some awesome food in The Park and at The Uptown.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy this *two-fer* event weekend.

Unfortunately, there is no overnight camping at The Park.

For more Information, contact Abel Cortina at abelcortina@gmail.com

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)**.

Washington is becoming California or Hawaii for Gunowners

This last session was a nightmare for Washington gun owners. We are becoming as draconian as California or maybe as bad as Hawaii. While I do this, I have to stress that the **HHC** is NOT a Second Amendment organization, it is a hunting-rights organization and only a hunting-rights organization. That is how it is set up under its IRS Charter and its Articles of Incorporation. We cannot lead the charge on Second Amendment issues, we follow the Second Amendment organizations. The Second Amendment organizations follow the lead of the **HHC** on hunting issues. This leads to legislative victories, where we do not step on each other's toes. In fact, in an issue of **Gun Owners Action League**, a reader asked why they never commented on hunting issues, and the answer was, [Title 77](#) (RCW for hunting issue), was under the purview of the **HHC**. **Mark Pidgeon** writes this story with no affiliation to the **HHC**.

I am only covering the most egregious bill of this issue, [ESHB 2118](#), and it is bad beyond words. This bill will put mom & pop gun stores out of business with the draconian regulations and requirements and drive the price of guns up in this state. I will cover only the major highlights of this bill.

Dealer Record Keeping.

Dealers must make a true record of every pistol or semiautomatic assault rifle sold in a book kept for record-keeping purposes, which must be personally signed by the purchaser and person making the sale in the presence of each other. Each entry must note the date of sale; the caliber, make, model, and manufacturer's number of the weapon; the name, address, occupation, and place of birth of the purchaser; and a statement signed by the purchaser that

they are not ineligible under state or federal law to possess a firearm. The dealer must retain the transfer record for six years. Dealers must transmit the information from the firearm transfer application to the Washington State Patrol firearms background check program. The dealer must retain the original application for six years. Violations of State Firearms Laws. Your firearms purchases are going to the state patrol!

Any violation of any provision of the chapter of state law regulating firearms constitutes a misdemeanor, except as otherwise provided.

Dealer Business Security.

Dealer business locations must be secured with the following features:

- bars or grates, security screens, or commercial grade metal doors that are designed to prevent unauthorized entry and which must be installed on each exterior door and window; and
- a security alarm system that is properly installed and maintained in good condition; monitored by a remote central station that can contact law enforcement; capable of real-time monitoring of exterior doors and windows, and firearm storage areas; and equipped with detectors that can perceive entry, motion, and sound.

Dealer Firearm Storage.

During business hours, dealers must secure each firearm in a manner that prevents a customer or other member of the public from accessing or using the firearm, except when the firearm is being shown to a customer, repaired, or worked on. Locked containers and display cases satisfy this requirement.

Outside business hours, firearms must be secured: (1) on the dealer's business premises in a locked fireproof safe or vault; (2) in a room or building that meets the physical security and alarm system requirements for firearm dealer business locations; or (3) in a secured and locked area under the dealer's control while the dealer is conducting business at a temporary location.

Dealer Insurance.

Dealers must carry a general liability insurance policy providing at least \$1 million in coverage per incident. This portion alone will drive some dealers out of business as they will not be able to afford the insurance premiums.

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Dealer Business Surveillance.

Dealers must ensure their business location is monitored by a digital video surveillance system that:

- clearly records images and, inside the premises, audio;
- ***has cameras permanently mounted in a fixed location that can clearly record activity in all areas where video monitoring is required and reasonably produce recordings that allow for the clear identification of any person;***
- monitors: (1) interior views of all exterior doors, windows, and any other entries or exits; (2) all areas where firearms are displayed; and (3) ***all points of sale, sufficient to identify the parties involved in the transaction;***
- is capable of recording 24 hours per day at a frame rate of no less than 15 frames per second, and which either continuously records or uses motion sensors to activate recording, subject to the requirement that motion-activated recording must remain active for at least 15 seconds after motion ceases to be detected;
- stores recordings in a manner to protect the recording from tampering, unauthorized
- access or use, or theft;
- maintains recordings of areas where firearms are displayed and points of sale for a minimum of 90 days, and maintains recordings of interior views of exterior doors, windows, and any other entries or exits for a minimum of 45 days;
- records images that clearly and accurately display the date and time; and
- provide notice to the licensee of any interruption or failure of the surveillance system or recording storage.

This bill will raise gun and ammo prices. When the lawsuit comes about, every one of us needs to dig in our pockets and kick in to fight this travesty of justice. It invades your and my privacy. When you go into a gun store you will be video recorded, when you buy a firearm, you will be video recorded purchasing that gun. This is beyond terrible, and it must be fought!



WDFW NEWS BRIEF

Practice good bird watching etiquette this spring.

Waterfowl season may be long over but, it doesn't stop us from behaving ethically while out hiking and scouting. There are also bird watching hobbyists and nature photographers out and about. To preserve avian habitat, use appropriate etiquette when out and about in nature. WDFW has some tips on etiquette. To learn more please visit WDFW for good practices on bird watching. To read more click [here](#).

WDFW will use drones for sandhill crane surveys in Klickitat County

WDFW and the authority of the FAA with approved drones, they will be conducting visual surveys on sandhill cranes in the Klickitat County area. They are operations will be at altitudes that will minimize habitat pressures on the birds. To read more click [here](#).



WDFW News



WDFW seeks public input on Theler Wetlands restoration project

April 4, 2024

I recently read an article that focused on salmon restoration and realized the importance of how the restoration of one project complements the environment of the waterfowl hunter as well. There is a project underway to seek the public's opinion on restoring a few acres of the **Mary E. Theler Wetlands Nature Preserve** in Mason County. It is located in Lower Hood Canal near Belfair. The **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** and **Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG)** primary focus is salmon restoration, but they acknowledge that the effort complements surrounding habitats such as waterfowl.

As a new waterfowl hunter, I found this intriguing. Furthermore, the partnership between the government and school districts helps in mentoring the next generation of

waterfowl hunters. **WDFW Wildlife Area Manager Katie Laushman** is quoted as saying, "We appreciate the partnership with the school district and community for wetland protection and education and are proud to steward these important conservation lands that offer a variety of recreational options".

"The Union River Unit provides many opportunities, including hiking, wildlife viewing, fishing, and a hand boat launch that can be used for accessing waterfowl hunting blinds."

The project is expected to start in late summer of 2024. To learn more about what you can do to provide a public opinion click [here](#).

For more information click [here](#).

Photo source: Washington Trails Association

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.

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#56 Frank Gallo S	#57 David Irons S	#58 David Ragsdale	#59 Tim Koehler G	#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	#68 Bob Taylor S	#69 Jon McAninch P	#70 Colonel Thomas O'Dell
#71 Kenneth Shields	#72 Diana Shields	#73 Thomas Pedreira		

History of WWA Life Membership Levels WWA Logo'd Duck Call.

At its establishment of the **Life Membership Program** in 2010, **WWA** initially established two levels of **Life Membership** – Regular at \$500 (with the emolument of a **WWA logo'd** belt buckle); and Sustaining at \$750 (with the emolument of a **WWA embroidered Life Member Jacket**).

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**

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

In May 2022 the **WWA Board of Directors** voted unanimously to create a new **Platinum Life Membership** at the \$5,000 level.

News for the Flock

2023 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print

Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2023-24
Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp
and
Limited Edition Print

Artist John N. Harris



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

News for the Flock

2023 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

Please send me:

Quantity _____ 2023 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 _____

2023 Signed & numbered print with matching stamp	\$	70.00
Frame (ONLY SOLD WITH PURCHASE OF PRINT & STAMP)	\$	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

News for the Flock

The Hunter's Table

By Frank Garcia

The Pickings of a Goose

Ever wonder what should a hunter do with the little bit of meat left on the bones after dressing the animal? Being an ethical hunter and my first Canadian goose, I want to use as much of the animal for consumption as possible. One of the ways that I fulfill my ethical desire is to make a broth out of the bones with the meat attached. Why not? Waterfowl has a lot of healthy nutrients and no man-made chemicals injected into it. It is easy! In this section of **The Hunters Table** I will share with you how I achieved a versatile meal from the carcass to plate. The results will be a broth, the separated meat, and a bit of your imagination. Let's begin.

For the broth you will need the four ingredients below. Gather seasoning and fill a deep pot to a safe level and simmer for about 2-3 hours. This should separate the connective tissue from the bones making it easy to pull it off the bones.

Ingredients:

- 1-2 Bay leaves
- Kosher salt. Enough to make the water salt
- Small hand full of whole black peppercorns

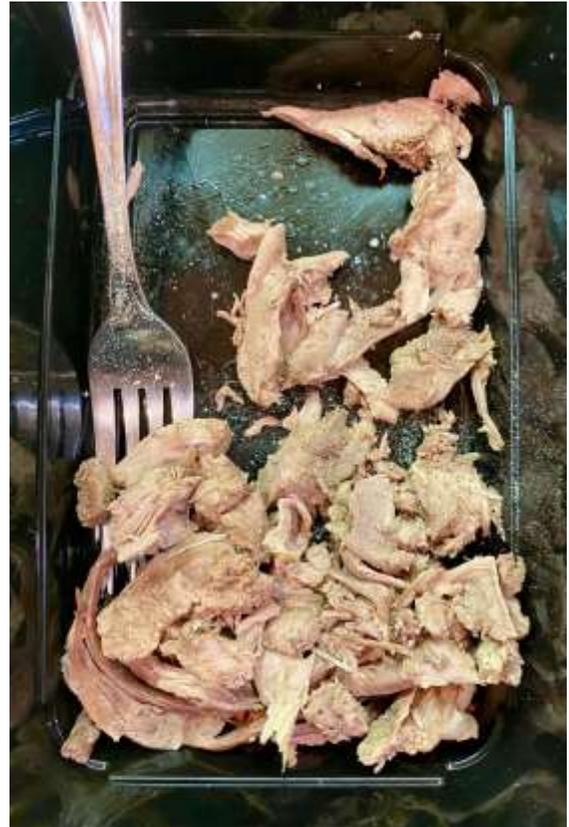
After, remove the carcass and carefully peel and pick away the meat and place it in a bowl for storage. Drain the broth through the colander and fill up some glass bottle. The broth will need to cool down for the food sediments separate. You can use a coffee filter if you'd like. I like to let it cool and remove the clear fluid into a clear bottle. Scrap the rest.

The uses for these two main ingredients are endless and limited to your imagination. *For the broth:* soup, rice, gravy/ sauces, flavoring, water replacement where animal protein can complement. *For the meat:* pulled goose/duck, stir fry, sloppy joe sandwich, duck/goose fajita, to name a few.

The pictured dish has only four ingredients and took a few minutes to make and makes a very good leftover dish or a midnight snack. They are: turmeric seasoned rice, cherry tomatoes, goose picking, and some seasoning. I think I used Jamaican jerk seasoning.

Until next time, hunt and eat well!

If you would like to share your favorite dish, please send your recipes and photos to ohnitsono2009@hotmail.com or fkarcia@hotmail.com



News for the Flock

The **WWA** is based on volunteer efforts and donations from folks that care about the waterfowl hunting heritage. Our success rides on the shoulders of these volunteers and generous benefactors. Below in **red** is a listing of recent contributions to the four (4) primary dedicated funds established by the **WWA** since publication of the **March 2023 Newsletter**.

WWA General Fund — \$1,927

WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,640

WWA Legal Fund — \$21,753.52

WWA Youth Fund — \$2,810

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 Taxidermy

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 \$400.
- Seaducks & Mergansers are \$450.
- Goose mount is \$550; Larger geese are \$800
- One pheasant mount is \$380.
- One chukar mount is \$350.

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.



Geese, swans, cranes and large birds

loran.navarro@yahoo.com

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

970-988-4717

Classified Ads – For Sale / Wanted

For Sale

For sale: 6 foam-filled Greenhead Gear drake Bufflehead decoys. Includes Avery carrying bag. Rigged for long lines. 4 foot clear monofilament lead lines. 40 feet of braided nylon long line with anchors and plastic winding spool. \$120.

Art Kendall. Cell: 206-755-1441

Email: Art.Kendall@wavecable.com



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 Gear, Reviews, Swap and

For sale: 1 1/2 Dozen Dave Smith Honker decoys with individual bags as well as six slotted bags. \$1,400.00

Abel A. Cortina

Cell: 509-786-9196 Email: AbelCortina@gmail.com



For sale: Mosin-Nagant 91/30, 7.62x54r, original sling, safe queen, no rust, smooth bolt, very good condition. \$400 obo open to trades.

Call or text Emerson (602) 670-4196

Classified Ads – For Sale / Wanted**For Sale**

For sale, 5hp Nissan with 12 hour run time. Accessories and support equipment. \$750.00 and like new! Extra prop.

Dan Stearns LM#29

Cell: 425-286-7768 in Mill Creek

Email: danstearns@hotmail.com



12' Aluminum Boat, trailer with a 1969 Johnson 6hp motor fresh paint on the boat, and full tank of gas. Has a light bar on the front. half a gallon of matching paint. Asking \$2500 obo

Evan Bobola: Evenbobola@gmail.com

Cell: (989) 590-4733

In Memoriam

If you have someone you would like to honor in this column, please contact newsletter editor Frank Garcia (fkgarcia@hotmail.com) before the 12th of the month you would like the memorial to appear.

We would prefer a note written by the contributor.

A picture is also requested.

There is no charge for this service, but donations at your discretion are always appreciated.

Arlan Glen Hackett

By Doug Hargin

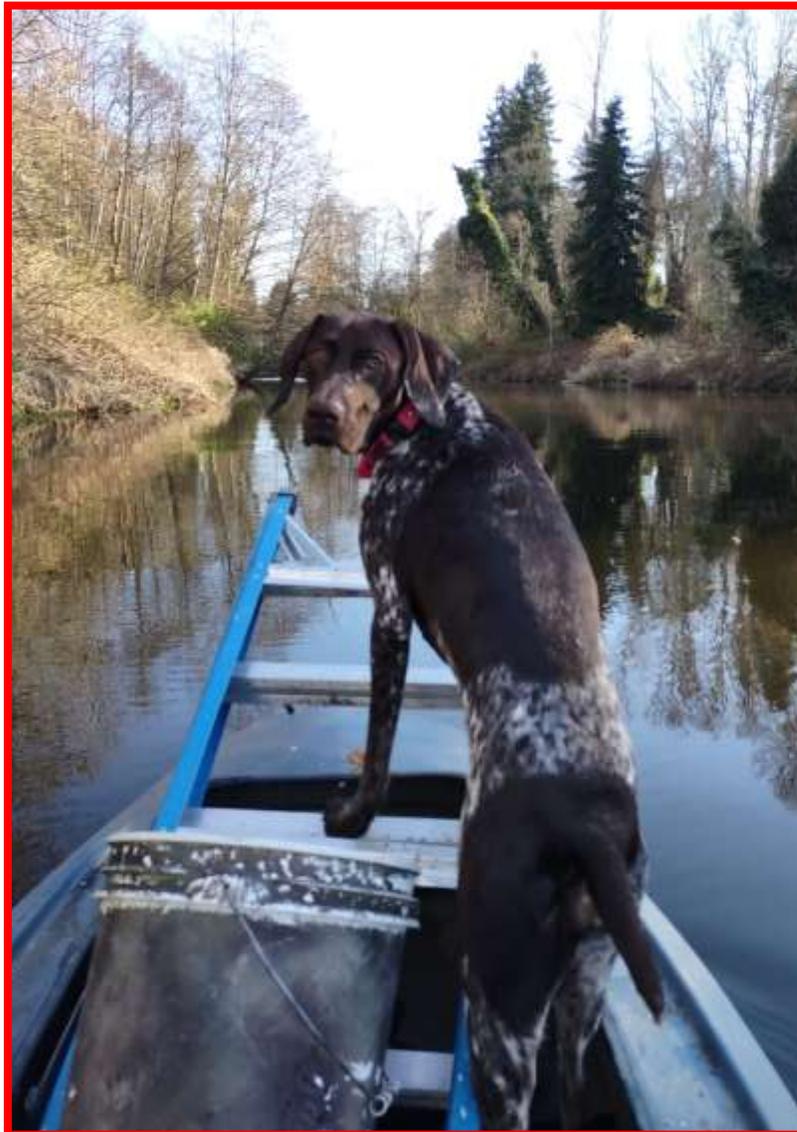
Washington Waterfowl Association lost one of its most strident supporters on March 14th 2024 at **Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center in Vancouver, WA** at age 79. **Arlan Glen Hackett** was born on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1944, in Vancouver, WA. He was preceded in death by his wife Barb in 2016. **Arlan** is survived by his son **Mark**, spouse **Lema**, and his granddaughter **Zia**. **Mark** is a **WWA** member in the Seattle area. **Arlan** is also survived by his daughter **Kimberle Harding** (Andrew) of Virginia; stepdaughters **Robin Swindell** and **Kelli Poe**(Jeff) of Tennessee; two other grandchildren, **William** and **Sophia**; three step-grandchildren, **Josh**(Ashley), **Jordan**, and **Cassi**(Andrew), step great-grandchildren, **Wyatt**, **Aydan**, **Hadlee**, **Callahan**, **Tallulah**, **Magnolia**, **Sullivan**, and **Clementine**; **Arlan's** sisters **Dixie Liable** (John) of **Vancouver** and **Arlene Adams** (Doug) of Idaho; his former wife **Joyce**; life long time deceased best friend **Ed Cuda** and family.

Arlan had a long and successful sales career in the fabric industry about which he had many entertaining stories. He enjoyed woodworking, camping, fishing, duck hunting, and visiting the Oregon Coast. **Arlan** has been an avid and enthusiastic supporter of all things **WWA**. He had a knack for details and was always in the background keeping everyone on point to accomplish all the goals for our group. He spearheaded a successful member recruitment tool utilizing the **Washington State duck stamp** lists (no longer provided by the WDFW). He was at nearly every meeting, work party and instigated/coordinated many member recruiting efforts/gun raffles at local sporting goods stores. **Arlan** was instrumental in acquiring our work party trailers as well as outfitting and organizing them. He helped shape our successful efforts to prevent **Shillapoo Wildlife Area** from becoming a juvenile salmon habitat at the expense of ducks. **Arlan** had a dry wit and sense of humor and was always up for a practical joke. He was a visionary and always looking at the big picture for our chapter and association.

We have lost a great friend and leader. **Arlan Hackett** will be deeply missed. Our condolences go out to his son **Mark** and family.



Photo of the Month



Widge, my 11 month old puppy, recently accompanied me on her first boat trip to check the wood duck boxes on the Sammamish River. Here's a link to nest box write up at the Kenmore park ,łaxwadis (Tl' awh-ah-dees) [Click here to read more](#)

Photo by Paul Govern

Thanks for Your Support

TREASURER's REPORT

At its MARCH 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.

Summary of 2023-24 Washington Turkey Hunting Seasons are Linked [Here.](#)



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Dane Widen
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WWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Best Phone Contact: (_____) _____

Membership Type:

- Family (immediate family up to age 18) — \$ 35.00
- Regular — \$ 30.00
- Bronze Lifetime* — \$ 500.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
- Silver Lifetime* — \$ 1,000.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
- Gold Lifetime* — \$ 2,000.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
- 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 7 pm 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 6 pm, the **Twin City Sportsmen's Club**, 26933 64th Avenue NW in Stanwood.
- Peninsula Chapter — VACANT**
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Monday of the month (Jan – Oct) at 7 pm, **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell.
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at 6 pm, at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E., Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** — Dates and Places TBD.
- Tri Cities Chapter — VACANT**
- Wenatchee Chapter** – Dates and Places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 2nd Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at 6 pm, at the **Ferndale Public Library**, 2125 Main Street in Ferndale.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.

Pay with a credit card from our website:

www.waduck.org

or

Mail with a check to:

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

A few facts about the WWA:

- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- 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.