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Hey Y'All,

Did you know this is the 70th year of the Washington Waterfowl Association? Yep, 70 years of waterfowling. Hope I can get there some day; only thirty opening days to go. Our annual membership drive will begin soon and in honor of 70 years, we will be awarding two matching 70th anniversary engraved guns...one to a lucky new member, and the other to the person who signed him or her up. Nothing too fancy, just a little something special shared between two duck hunters. Help us make the membership drive a success.

Picnics, calling contests, duck dog challenge, work parties, and banquets all coming your way. Keep an eye and ear out. You can help us at any of these events...participating, attending, or making it happen. Washington bucks for Washington ducks...keepin' it local. Join us if you can.

The Washington State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest, other calling Contests, and the duck dog challenge will be held on July 18 at 15930 State Route 2 just west of Monroe, WA in coordination with Cascade Retriever Club and NW Performance Dogs. For \$50 vendors can join in the festivities. Camping area is Available from Friday evening until Sunday morning. Judges and prizes are still needed, so get the word out and lend a hand.

On a more serious note, many folks have asked why WWA Corporate receives all membership fees, instead of the Chapters. It is clear that these folks don't understand what it costs to maintain a statewide organization and the fact that corporate is only 9-12 people. When we formed the current WWA structure, just about 6 years ago, we tried really hard to provide the chapters with nearly complete autonomy and to keep it so the money raised by Chapters is kept by Chapters for Chapter projects, with the hope that when bigger statewide projects evolved, chapters would contribute proportionately as they could. WWA Corporate is not a "chapter" and was not intended to be a "fundraising" body. The intent of

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

Saturday, June 20 Chix With Firestix, Kenmore Shotgun

Range. See Flyer on Pages 17 & 18.

Saturday, June 20 DU Sporting Clays Fun Shoot at Sunnydell Shooting Grounds, 292 Dryke Road, Sequim, WA. See Pg 25.

Wednesday, June 24 WWA-Seattle Chapter Meeting; 5:30

p.m. @ Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell. Contact John Arrabito. FREE round of Trap or 5-Stand for ALL WWA Members of ALL Chapters.

Thursday, June 25 WWA-Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting 7 p.m. @ Vancouver Trap

Club. Contact Rick Scott.

Saturday, June 27 First Ever Grays Harbor Chapter

Turkey Shoot @ Evergreen Sportsmen's Club in Olympia. Contact Kurt Snyder. See Flyer, Pg 11

Tuesday, June 30 (New Time)

WWA-Southwest Chapter Meeting; 6:30 p.m. @ Tacoma Sportsmen's Club. Contact Bruce Burns.

Wednesday, July 1 WWA-Kitsap County Chapter Meeting

@ Bremerton Trap and Skeet

Contact Les Hollister.

Tuesday, July 7 WWA-Whatcom County Chapter

Meeting 5-7 p.m. @ the Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, Ferndale.

Contact Scott O'Day.

Thursday, July 9 WWA-Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting

@ The Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Little Rock, WA. Contact Kurt

Snyder.

Thursday, July 9 WWA Corp Board of Directors

Meeting 6:30 p.m., @ Canyon Park Denny's. All WWA members always

welcome.

Tuesday, June 9 WWA-NW Chapter Meeting 7 P.M. @

the Conway Firehouse, Conway, WA.

Contact Reb Broker.

Thursday, July 9 WWA-Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting (New Location) @ 6:30 P.M., this month at the Barn

Restaurant in Prosser, WA

Contact Abel Cortina.

Tuesday, July 14 WWA-Tri-Cities Chapter Meeting 6 PM

@ Kiko's Tacos, 1014 S Washington

Street, Kennewick. Contact Jason Oliver.

Saturday, July 18 WWA Sponsored WA State

Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest in

Monroe, WA. in conjunction with NW Performance Dogs. Contact Rone

Brewer.

Saturday, Sept 19 Third Annual Moses Lake DU

Greenwing Barbeque will be held at Mar Don Resort, Othello, WA., in

conjunction with **Youth Only Hunting** weekend. Greenwings are youth under

(President's Letter Continued from Page 1)

corporate is management/oversight of the WWA name/ image, membership, newsletter, general consistency and coordination between chapters, finances, and overall corporate management functions and statewide issues. If corporate does any "projects", we have to do it with nine to 12 people, or have to ask for help from chapters. However, as a statewide organization WWA incurs large costs related to the above functions which are imperative to a statewide organization.

The current WWA structure was just set up about 6 or so years ago and we are working out some bugs, but the intent was that at about 2,000 to 3,000 members, corporate would be self-sustaining and could then use excess money's to design and support chapter and multi-chapter projects across the state. But we have not met that membership threshold. My goal is 20,000 members, at which time there would be money to plan and distribute to chapters for larger projects....think outside of your chapter alone.

In summary, if Corporate doesn't receive the membership fees and manage statewide issues, WWA ceases to exist as a statewide organization. Chapters would each have to pay thousands of dollars for membership tracking, insurance, and other items. It takes money to maintain a corporate statewide structure, and the broader statewide membership was thought to be the best way to provide it. Chapters get to keep all their money and do what they want, with only support from Corporate. I think this is pretty amazing!



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Tri-Cities Chapter News

By Charles Jones

The new and revitalized **WWA-Tri Cities Chapter** held it's second meeting on Tuesday, June at **Kiko's Tacos**, 1014 S. Washington Street, Kennewick, WA 99337, but unfortunately we only managed six (6) members this meeting. Contact your waterfowl hunting buddies and help us get the **WWA-Tri-Cities** up and running strong again!

We will be meeting on the first Tuesday of every month, year round, at **Kiko's**, beginning at 6 p.m. **Next gathering is on July 14th.**

Contact new **Chapter Chairman, Jason Oliver** at 509.366-9914 or megan-oliver@hotmail.com or Myself as **Chapter Treasurer** — **Charles Jones** at 206.930-2498 or cjones84@gmail.com if you would like to get involved.

Work Party Rescheduled

Due to extreme weather warnings our clean up originally scheduled for June 1st got canceled. We are rescheduling for June 17th from 5-8pm at the toothacker release site in Finley, WA on Meals Road. Come out and join us and give back to "The Resource."

The boat raffle also got cancelled due to lack of raffle sales, however the boat is still for sale privately and \$100 from the proceeds will be donated to **WWA Tri –Cities.**

Here is a link to our Chapter news on Facebook if anyone wants to follow..

https://www.facebook.com/groups/WWATriCities/

Help get the word out to all your waterfowl hunting friends on the **Tri-Cities Waterfowlers** Facebook page.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/
tricitieswaterfowlers/].

Also check out the **Tri-Cities, Washington Hunting Gear** Facebook page [https://m.facebook.com/groups/329972597100518] hosted by **Charles Jones.**

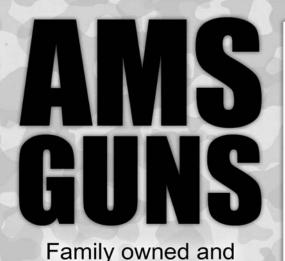
Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

The gravel has been spread and the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) blinds are ready to be installed at the Frenchman Regulated Access Area. Prior to the beginning of the hunting season we will brush them up and install the dog blinds that go with each blind. This completes the ALEA (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account) grant we had for this project. We were able to come in under budget even though we added almost ½ a mile to the access road. WDFW is currently trying to get a sign made to display in each blind recognizing the organizations that made this happen (WWA, ALEA grant, WDFW).

We have been awarded another ALEA grant for the 2015-2017 time frame entitled Stream Bank Stabilization and Nesting Cover in the Middle Crab Creek Area. This project will take place at approximately Road 19 N.E. and involve planting shrubs on 2.4 miles of stream bank. Plantings will include Willow, Wild Rose, and Basin Wild Rye. The Project will involve site prep and the planting of 10,000 shrubs. Current estimate is to have water on a continuous basis starting this fall. This is a fairly labor intensive project exactly like the project we completed a couple of years ago South of Road 16 N.E.

Watch for bulletins for announcements of future work parties.



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Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

Thanks to the Volunteers

congrats to Larry and Kathy Gordon of AMS Guns of Woodinville and all of the volunteers who came out to insure an 11th successful year of putting on the Annual Youth Mentor Shoot at our May meeting. Enjoy the pictures.

June Program

Being out —of—state for a whole month has left me behind in the planning department, so at June's meeting a FREE round of Trap or 5-Stand will be offered to ALL WWA Members of ALL Chapters in attendance. Come out and join us in the summer air and enjoy some offseason shooting.

Ferd Nist Trophy Practice Rounds

Seattle Chapter Shooting Chairman,
David Hanson, reminds all that anyone wishing
to get a little practice in for Ferd Nist Trophy
Shoot to determine the best shotgunner in the
WWA should come out to the June meeting for
some practice. David has talked the powers
that be at the Kenmore Gun Club to set up a
slider and maybe a doubles practice round or
two. You can even use your FREE shoot for one
of these practice venues.

The goal is to have the shooting competition in July and August with the trophy presentation at the **NW Chapter's September Banquet.** Remember **ALL WWA**

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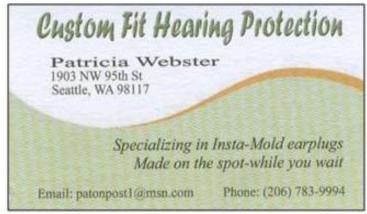




6-Time Ferd Nist Shooting Champion, Gary Webster (right), goes over some of the finer mental tips of successful shooting with young David at the 11th Annual Youth Mentor Shoot held at the May 27th WWA-Seattle Chapter Meeting.

Members of ALL Chapters are welcome to participate at their home shooting ranges.

Contract **David** to determine in advance what the shooting venues are to be; then declare **BEFORE** shooting that a particular round is for the **Ferd Nist**; then have your score verified by the **Range Master** and at least one other **WWA** member in the competition.





(Top Photo) Larry Gordon (center) with Seattle Chapter volunteers (right) Paul McGovern, John Sharf, Andrew Koeppen, and several unidentified young people who participated in the Annual Youth Mentor Shoot. One-On-One instruction is the hallmark of this Youth

program in its 11th year, as demonstrated again by Gary Webster helping the young lady at the firing line (background far left).

(Left Photo) The Youth Mentor Shoot is all about smiles and safe gun handling by both the young shooters and their mentors. Ben Fisher reflects both here.

(Right Photo) Another former Ferd Nist Champion Shooter, John Hanson, gives some pointers about where to first look for the target and where on the trap house to initially aim depending upon what shooting station one is firing from.



Southwest Chapter News

By Terry Satre

The **WWA** fishing trip was a good time had by all! Well nearly all anyway. Hear tell of some rail chumming going on and slow fishing in the early hours. Members from **Seattle, Grays Harbor, Lower Columbia** and **Southwest Chapters** participated. Thanks to **Jim Goldsmith** and **Robyn Logsdon** for pictures. Special thanks to **Howard Hicks** for making it happen.

See Flyer for Upcoming Family Picnic Info on Page 8.

The **SW** Chapter meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** on Canyon Road in Puyallup. Next meeting is June 30th at 6:30 p.m. **Notice we** revised the start time to 6:30 p.m., giving members time to have a bite to eat at the club prior to meeting.

Winner of the "non betting pool" for biggest fish went to WWA-SW Chapter member Frank Gallo showing off these two huge lingcod (right). WWA Life Member Will Goldsmith (WWA-GH Chapter) reminds many of us of our first ocean fishing trip.





News for the Flock



Anchors Aweigh — The WWA—Rampage Crew set out of Westport for its first ever fishing adventure on May 30th to procure the main dish for the Annual WWA Family Picnic to be held at the Sumner Gun Club on July 26th. The rewards were plenty of ling cod, sea bass, and sunshine. See how many happy faces you can identify under the brims of WWA logo'd caps. Put yourself in this picture next year!



Washington Waterfowl Association All Chapter Family Picnic

When: Sunday, July 26, 2015

Activities start at noon, food at 4:00

Where: Sumner Sportsmen's Association

15711 — 96th Street East Puyallup, WA 98372 (253) 848-9519

Activities: 13-station sporting clays (100 clays for \$30.00)

Trap (25 clay round for \$4.00)

Games for kids, if enough RSVPs

Menu: Fried fish (if you like fish tacos, those ingredients will be available)

Sumner Sportsmen's Association will be providing a non-fish entree

French friesBaked beansCole slaw

Feel free to bring snacks, desserts, etc., to share and round out the menu

Cost: \$20.00 per family, \$10.00 individual, kids 12 and under are free

Notes: There will be indoor and outdoor seating and tables available, but you can bring your

own camp chairs, blankets, tables, etc.

You may bring alcohol, but drinking is allowed only after shooting

RSVP Terry Satre, (253) 845-2398, <u>teltim@comcast.net</u> or

Howard Hicks (253) 847-6274, hkhicks@gmail.com

Hope to see you all there!



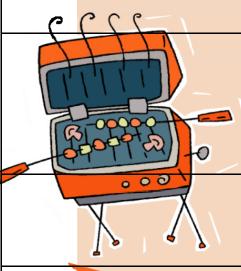


YV WWA 4th Annual Summer Barbecue

Join us for our Chapter barbecue party

July 17th at 5:30 p.m. I will BBQ Tri-Tip

You bring a dish or 2 to share and your own beverage. Trap Shooting, Swimming Pool, and General Good Time.



134401 W. Pump Road, Prosser RSVP to: 509-303-9003 or sthonney@embarqmail.com

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder



Grays Harbor Chapter Chairman, Kurt Snyder (center with hands behind his back) stands with 5 of the 11 members of the Chapter who put these 15 Wood Duck Boxes together in about three (3) hours at the Cedarville Farms Shop, owned by member, Jon McAninch. (From left) Tony Yaklich, Loren Eich, Kurt Synder, Greg Fulwider and Dick Jenson.

Turkey Shoot Ready for June 27th

Our Chapter has finalized the plans for our Turkey Shoot for June 27th at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**. We are doing this shoot a bit different from what I remember 25 years ago. There will be five (5) stations used for a total of 25 shots per entry. The entry fee is guaranteed — meaning you win a prize if you don't win at any station. The prizes range from a \$20 Cabela's card to shooting accessories valued at up to \$89.00! **See Flyer on Page 11.**

Sound like fun? I hope to see some of you there. Oh, I failed to mention that we will also have an almost impossible challenge target in addition to the Turkey Shoot! It's a 50/50 win. You'll have to come out to see it!

Successful Work Party

We had another great work party on the evening of the 3rd and 11 of our members came to help us. We built 15 wood duck boxes in a little over three (3) hours. Check out the picture! We sell these boxes for \$35.00 for anyone that wants to "do it yourself!" Many thanks to our volunteers and to **Jon McAninch** for the use of his shop and carpentry skills!

Cedarville Farms Hunt Raffle

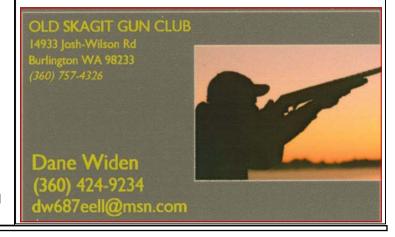
The Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle is in full swing, and one Chapter has already sold out of their allotted

tickets. If any of the other chapters has what you would consider extra, let me know closer to the draw date. **See Flyer on Page 24.**

This year we added an alternate sea duck hunt! The winners will have a choice of an inland waterfowl hunt at Cedarville Farms Hunt Club or a Puget Sound trophy sea duck hunt!

Thank you all for your time, effort and help with this fundraiser!

Thank You, Kurt Snyder Kurtsnyder@outdrs.net 360-485-9353





Grays Harbor Chapter First Annual

Turkeyshoot

June 27, 2015 10:00 AM until closing

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RSVP suggested to help make this a great event!

Contact Kurt Snyder at <u>kurtsnyder@outdrs.net</u> or call 360-485-9353

for more information and to RSVP

Lower Columbia Chapter News

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Blind Placement

Jerry Piazza and Doug Hargin met with Refuge Manager Chris Lapp, assistant manager Eric Anderson and biologist Alex Chmielewsky on May 21st to discuss repositioning blind #4 in Plantain Pond on the north end of the refuge. The blind is being repositioned to direct the line of fire away from the east and future development in that area across Lake River.

The new blind our chapter is purchasing will be approximately 60 yards from the Lake River Dike and will face in a southwesterly direction. The old blind location will be off to the blind's right at roughly a 45 degree angle. The new Black Box 14' co-polymer, 4-person, pit blind made by MTECH, Inc. out of Chico, CA will be placed on a small peninsula with water on both sides. We are excited to see how the blind hunts in the next few years as the uncovered seed banks develop. [Editor's Note: To view a 3-person version of this new blind, see the Seattle Chapter News in the overhauled and will be much like the current system many April 2015 WWA Newsletter].

Ridgefield NWR Manager speaks at May Meeting

Chris Lapp gave us an informative update on projects in the **River S Unit** hunt area. Some substantial changes are taking place to improve their ability to maintain and manipulate water in the hunt area. The work to lay new electrical service to the pump stations is on schedule. This system — installed 20 years ago — failed last year due to unprotected lines. The pumps can only run at high tide and are critical to providing early season water.

As mentioned above blind #4 will be moved and new wetlands created around the blind. Water conveyance will be modified on **Plantain Pond** for improved control of the water levels.

Pending the permitting process the time frame plans are to move blind #18 to the west and divide South Big Lake into two separate water containment areas with a new dike. This will improve the ability to manipulate water levels throughout the year and possibly provide an opportunity for another blind in the future.

We have a subsidy agreement with the refuge to provide transport, stools, dog boxes and ladders for the new blinds. This will allow us to purchase and additional Black Box pit blind to replace #18.

The **Kiwa Trail** parking area will be available to hunters for improved access to blinds #10, #11 and #13. By Doug Hargin Hunters will have to keep their dogs on leash in the parking area and when finished hunting, returning to the check station by continuing on around the tour route. Failure to follow these rules could cause us to lose this valuable parking option.

> Blind #7 will undergo a transformation this fall. The moist soil management plan is to manipulate the upper 12 to 16 inches of earth and uncover the native seed bank food source.

> The second phase is to hold off the flooding of North Tree Lake until roughly mid-October to allow the plants time to get established. This will effectively close the blind for productive duck hunting until that time. The goal is to rejuvenate the natural food vegetation and ultimately improve the waterfowl draw to that area.

The refuge draw system is being completely are familiar with for the Umatilla and McNary NWR hunt programs. The plan is to offer up to 30 picks at \$1 each with no application fee.

Shillapoo Wildlife Area Handicap Blind

Rick Erickson reported that plans are moving along for a new handicap accessible blind on the WDFW hunt area adjacent to Erwin O Rieger Memorial Highway (dragstrip). Rick attended a meeting in Olympia during April with WDFW's Brad Smith and other staff specifically for that purpose. Rick will begin blind fabrication soon and can use help with welding aluminum if you have equipment or knowledge in that area.

Successful Sportsman's Warehouse Booth

On Saturday May 16th our chapter set up the large WWA trailer and manned a booth at the Vancouver Sportsman's Warehouse store. Thanks to Arlan Hackett for spearheading the event and Rick Scott for delivering the trailer. Thanks to the following members for helping out; Mike Ellis, Robert Esperto and son, Dan Hafenbrack, Ted Blade, Doug Dickey, Jerry Piazza and Bob Taylor. We obtained five (5) new potential member leads and sold 78 raffle tickets. Good job to all!

Chapter Picnic Postponed

Do to venue issues we are postponing the chapter picnic originally planned for the end of this month.



(Left to Right) US Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Alex Chmielewsky, WWA-LC Chapter member Jerry Piazza, and Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) **Manager Chris** Lapp scoping out a spot for the new **Black Box pit blind** #4 in Plantain Pond on the River S Unit of the Ridgefield NWR.

Photo by Doug Hargin

Kitsap County Chapter News

Just a reminder the WWA-Kitsap County
Chapter meets at the Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club, 4956
State Highway 3 SW in Bremerton, on the first Wednesday of every month! Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 1st.
Come and join us!

Any guestions call **Les Hollister** at 210.410-3037.

Whatcom Chapter News

Just a reminder the WWA-Whatcom County Chapter meets at the Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, 5236 Nielsen Avenue, Ferndale, WA on the first Tuesday of every month! Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 7th. Come and join us!

Any questions call **Scott O'Day** at 360.966-4112.

Spokane Chapter News

Chairman wanted!

Do you know anyone in the Spokane area interested in spreading the waterfowling heritage?

Let us know!!!

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Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Roger Bennett

Goose Banding:

The **WWA-Yakima Valley Chapter** is starting their yearly push to get a good number of geese outfitted with "jewelry" in central Washington. Monday, (June 8th) was the first round of banding. **Moses Lake** was the destination for round one. **WWA-YV** members **Hugh** and **Finn Carney** joined a team of banders that met at the golf course in **Moses Lake**.

Their efforts were very successful, as they banded 165 new Canada geese, and only had 5 recaptures.

The next rounds of banding are (tentatively) slated for the following dates and locations:

These three (3) upcoming banding events are being planned in conjunction with new **WDFW Yakima Area Biologist Matt Wilson.**

- June 23rd Yakima;
- June 24-25 Ellensburg/Rimrock; and
- June 26th Tri-Cities

YV Chapter Raffle

The YV Chapter is running another fundraiser gun raffle. This time we are trying to get more upland guys involved, so we've settled on a raffle for a CZ Mallard over-and-under shotgun. Tickets are just \$5 each. Contact Chapter Chairman Abel Cortina, or any YV Chapter member to buy a few tickets for a great gun!

Upcoming Events

Put Friday, July 17th on your calendar for our annual Summer **BBQ/Shotgun Shoot** at the Prosser Ranch of **YV Chapter** members **Steve & Kathy Thonney**. **Steve** will be grilling up some of his delicious tri-tip, as usual!! Action begins at 5:30 p.m. RSVP ASAP if you coming to this event. See Flyer on Page 9.

Keep open the dates above for more duck and goose banding with **WDFW** and on the **Yakama Reservation.**

Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Our **July 9th** meeting will be in Prosser. For more information, call or text **Yakima Valley Chapter Chairman Abel Cortina** at 509-786-9196.



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Northwest Chapter News

By Reb Broker & Frank Moore

Quick month here, and a short note. Kids graduating, school ending and summer plans being made. Hard to believe that we are just three (3) months out from chasing geese. So in the spirit of being quick this month's **NW Chapter News** letter is going to be my last. I am turning over the keyboard to **Frank Moore**, a NW member that went to the **WDFW** goose banding in **Moses Lake** this past week. So here in his first submission...

It was an early start Monday morning to get to **Moses Lake** to band geese but it was worth it. My sixth grade daughter, **Jayn**, and I left the house at 4am to meet up with a group at 5:30.

The first two sites were a bust but the third was a hit. Working with two (2) boats on the water and eight (8) on land we were able to round up about 40 geese with half being this years hatch. Even better was watching my daughter and another young boy have the

Great teamwork consisting of groups of waterfowlers from Yakima, Enumclaw, Bridgeport, and the local WDFW biologists. I will be working with WDFW to schedule a trip next school year for my entire middle school class. Thanks to everyone and hope that you all have a good summer!



The **NW Chapter** meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be held at 7 pm at the **Conway Fire House** on Tuesday, July 14th. For those that can, we meet at the **Conway Pub** for a burger at about 5:15 pm.

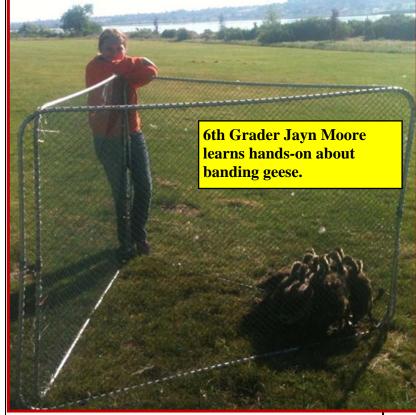
WDFW Closes Fir Island Birding Area While Restoring Skagit Bay Tidal Marsh

OLYMPIA – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has closed public access to the Fir Island Farms Reserve, where work has begun to restore 131 acres of tidal marsh in the Skagit River Delta.

The popular birding area — purchased by the Department as a snow-goose reserve in 1995 — is scheduled to be closed for construction through October 7th of this year and from mid-May until mid-October in 2016.

Jenna Friebel, WDFW project manager, said the Department's primary goal this summer is to build a new, mile-long dike, set back from the existing dike and shoreline by approximately 5,500 feet.

Next summer, work crews will remove the old dike, restoring natural tidal action and marshlands that serve as rearing areas for juvenile salmon and other fish and wildlife species on the reserve, **Friebel** said.



chance to get in, handle geese, and even put a band on a couple.

We had to leave to get back home but everyone else went off in hopes of finding another group across the lake.

News for the Flock

TREASURERS. REPORT (6-3-2015)

Corporate Checking \$ 21,903.10

Chapter (LC, ML & SEA]
Trust Monies for Goose
Satellite Transmitters

For WDFW \$ 0.00

Jay Koetje Trust for

 Skagit Farmed Island
 \$ 1,975.00

 Duck Stamp Account
 \$ 10,404.49

 Merchandise Account
 \$ 1,386.04

 Corporate C.D.
 \$ 17,605.50

 Corporate Total
 \$ 53,274.13

CHAPTER FINANCES

1,632.41 **GH Checking Kitsap Chapter** (To Be Funded) LC Checking \$ 23,628.86 \$ 11,083.71 **ML Checking NW Checking** 2,216.16 SEA Checking \$ 27,393.37 9,750.47 **SEA CD Amount** SEA Robert Hickok Fund \$ 1.316.77 **SPO Checking** \$ Closed 5/19/2014

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WWA Youth Fund — \$1,510

WWA Legal Fund — \$17,477

Monthly Recurring Donation — John Arrabito, June 2015 — \$5

WWA Habitat Fund — \$765

WWA Jay Koetje Memorial Fund for Skagit Farmed Island — \$1,980

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$10,386

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Contact your WWA Chapter Chairman for ticket purchase and contact kurtsnyder@outdrs.net or 360-485-9353 for purchase, raffle rules and information.

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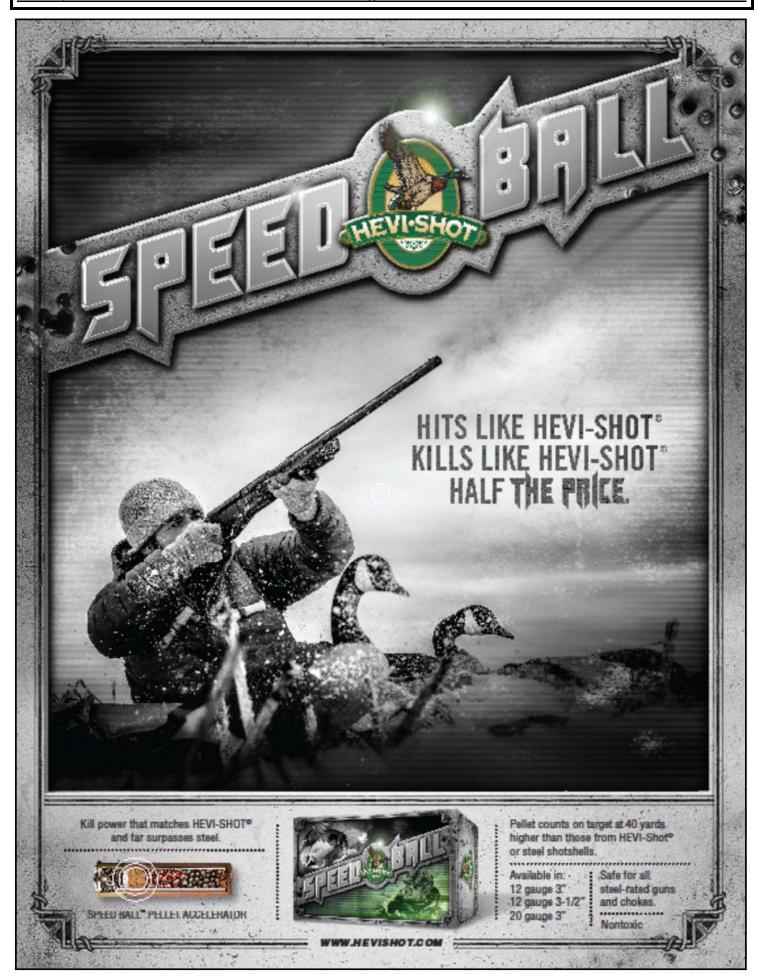
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Corner block of 6 stamps	No. of blocks			Total
TYPE E STAMPS		X \$135.00	=	\$
Corner block of 9 stamps	No. of blocks			Total
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]	1	Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the Evergreen Sportsmen's	
[]	Club, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia. Kitsap Peninsula Chapter meets the 1st Wednesday of the month (Feb – Oct) at Bremerton Skeet & Trap Club.	
[]	Lower Columbia Chapter meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the Vancouver Trap Club, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.	
]	1 1	Moses Lake Chapter – Dates and places TBD. Northwest Chapter meets the 2 nd Tuesday	
[1	of the month at the Conway Fire Hall. Seattle Chapter meets the 4 th Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at Kenmore Shotgun Range ,1031 – 228 th Street SW, Bothell.	
]	1	Southwest Chapter meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the Tacoma Sportsman's Club, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.	
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[1	Whatcom County Chapter meets the 1 st Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at	
]	1	the Tenant Lake Interpretive Center. Yakima Valley Chapter meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (Feb – Sept) alternating between restaurants in Either Prosser or Zillah. See Page 2 for this month's meeting location.	

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- Sponsoring of the Annual NW Decoy Collector's Show
- Participating in multiple Sportsman's shows annually
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- Donation of funds and man hours to WDFW for goose banding and satellite tracking
- Litter pickup projects at public hunting areas, boat ramps, and along highways; and conducting multiple fund raising banquets annually to pay for all of these "hands on" conservation projects.