



WENATCHEE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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AUGUST 2017, NO GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH!

NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

GENERAL MEETINGS: The next meeting will be September 19, 2017. **Our NEW START TIME will be 6:30 PM.** This has been done to accommodate those with a commute and families. If you have an opinion on this, please leave a message on either the website "contact us" page or our new e-mail address at wildlife@wsassoc.org. We have a new format at the general meetings which includes special programs and the business part of the meeting starting at 6:30 PM and will run until 7:30-8:00 PM. The give-away items will follow the business part. Then we will break and have a time for interaction, questions and refreshments. Members can then choose when they want to leave.

VOLUNTEERING: WSA is a 501 (c) 3 organization. We operate and function as an organization by efforts and time given by our members. At this time, we have about 20-25 members that actively participate in completing responsibilities. We need your help to improve the functions of the WSA. There are numerous events, functions and work parties in which to participate. WSA is happy to work with your schedule to allow you convenient participation. Talk to a Board Member or Officer regarding your special interests; then, we can make recommendations to fit you into the most interesting positions that match your capabilities.

NCWYHFD: The North Central Washington Youth Hunting and Fishing event is on September 16th, 2017. From 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the North Central Washington Gun Club up above East Wenatchee, WA. WSA will be serving hot dogs with condiments, chips and bottles of water. Each youth that attends will get a bag with goodies in it and a ticket for a door prize. There will also be a passport sheet to be stamped at each of the booth locations. There will be a grand prize provided by Cabela's and three runner up prizes. The youth will be able to learn how to shoot a .22 caliber rifle, a .223 rifle, a 20 gauge shotgun, an archery area, and how to experience casting different kinds of fishing rods and reels. There will be many participants and free give-a-ways. This is one fall event you don't want to miss, so mark your calendar now for September 16th, 2017.

GAME FEED: We have a new Game Feed Chairperson, Robert Scoville. He has some great ideas for the 2018 Game Feed. The Game Feed requires many hands to get the work done so everyone can have a great time. We are currently planning on being at the Red Lion Inn again for 2018. If you know of a venue that can accommodate our needs, please contact WSA through the websites "contact us" section or the new e-mail address at wildlife@wsassoc.org.

WDFW: For some of us, August means salmon fishing. For others it is the opening of bear season. Whatever your interests are, be sure to check the regulations for your particular interests. It is better to know before you go rather than having to face a fine or worse. Remember to check the WDFW website at www.wdfw.wa.gov. You can find regular seasons and emergency seasons that allow some special opportunities. There are also "how to" videos for hunting and fishing, and maps of places to go hunting and lakes that don't see too many people. Remember the Statewide Trout Derby is still going until October 31, 2017. Over 100 lakes have been stocked with Derby prize fish. Go to the website for more information. The Department of Fish and Wildlife wants to remind would-be rescuers to leave wildlife alone. As you spend time outdoors this season, **do not** bother any

wildlife you may encounter. People find young animals alone and think they have been abandoned, when in fact the parents are probably watching from close by. The parents are usually foraging for food. Animals that are displaced by humans usually do not survive. Also, holding wildlife in captivity is a misdemeanor in Washington State.

STATE PARKS: Washington State Parks has changed their website. Go to www.parks.state.wa.us to enjoy all the features of the old website plus the features of the new one. On the website, you can make reservations for your favorite Stat Park, purchase the Discover Pass, and other passes and permits. If you drive a boat or recreational watercraft, you can apply for the required State Boat Operators License. This is information that is valuable for anyone operating a boat. This is like a Washington Drivers License in that you need one to operate a motorized vessel; however, you have to purchase the boaters card once after successfully completing the course. There are three ways to get this done: 1) Home-study course where you complete a correspondence course, and follow the directions on the enclosed test. 2) An online course teaches you what you need to be a safe boater, and take the test online. 3) Last, a classroom where you will receive instructions from a qualified instructor and take the test there. All of these are done through the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. Contact them at 360-902-8555 or www.parks.wa.gov/boating. Other courses are offered through Kalkomey, at www.kalkomey.com. However, they will charge additional fees for their classes and testing and then you will still have to pay the State Parks to get your card. This is a State Law and is a requirement for anyone born after January 1, 1955. Fines for not having a boater's card are \$87.00. Also remember to have your boat registration and the proper personal floatation devices. There is also an option to support the State Parks and a new smart phone app. There is a calendar of events so you can chose the outdoor activity for your interests. We have so many wonderful places to discover in our State. Make it easy by checking out the Washington State Parks online.

MEAT COLLECTION: If you have traveled to far-away places to hunt and scored a nice animal, any meat you would be willing to donate to WSA can have the shipping costs paid for by the WSA. For more information contact Matt Gutzwiler at 509-663-1526. Matt handles nearly all the meat that is donated to the WSA. It takes a great deal of effort to properly prepare game meat so it is in good shape. If you have an interest in helping, or covering for Matt when he has much needed time away, please contact him.

USFS: August is a great time to visit any of our National Forests. There are some restrictions that you can learn about at www.fs.usda.gov. August is also a time to be fire aware. Wildfires in our area can be greatly reduced by making sure your campfire is completely out. You should be able to touch it with your bare hand. Pouring water over the whole fire pit and then stirring and repeat. It is a good idea to let someone know where you are going and when you will be back. Be sure to review the weather that could impact your trip. Be prepared with the right gear for your stay in the woods. During times of hunting, try to wear bright orange if possible or at least contrasting colors so you can be recognized at a distance.

WORK PARTIES: Work parties will be starting back up some time during August. There are no specific dates as yet, but as soon as there are dates, they will be posted on the website and Facebook. Anyone who has a UTV side-by-side or ATV should contact Bill Stegeman if you are interested in going to the harder to get to sites. These can be a lot of fun as well as getting to see wildlife.

Best regards,

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