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January 2018 Newsletter

General Meeting, January 16th, 2018, 6:30 PM

180 Rock Island Road, East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Hello Wenatchee Sportsmen (and Sportswomen)!

I'd like to take a second to introduce myself: I'm Adam Neff, and I'll be taking over writing the monthly newsletter. I'm also responsible for our Facebook page, so if you have any questions or comments regarding either media outlet please feel free to contact me at neffa3@gmail.com or (509)699-8427. The more input from you guys, the better.

The first thing I'd like to do is thank our amazing Secretary, Dan Dickerson, for his service to the club. He's been the workhorse behind so much of what the public sees of our club and the behind the scenes work that makes the rest of our work easier. From making meeting agendas, to recording meeting minutes, to writing the newsletters, to manning booths, he's an asset that we've been lucky to have. Thank you very much, Dan! I hope you'll be able to get out and fish more...just don't forget to tell us where they're biting!

A bit about myself: My wife and I moved to the Wenatchee area 10 years ago. I come from a small town (White Salmon) and love how tight-knit the Wenatchee community is. My wife, coming from the big city (Issaquah), loves that Wenatchee still has all the amenities of the city. It's truly the best of both worlds. We have two little ones running around the house, ages 4 and 6. They keep us both on our toes and constantly laughing. It's been a joy introducing them to the outdoors here in our part of Washington where it seems like there's endless opportunities to get outside and enjoy nature. From trout fishing, to panfishing, to chasing rabbits, grouse, deer, and elk, to hiking, rafting, and climbing, it feels like there's too much to do and not enough time to do it! My most recent endeavor has been introducing my 6 year old to Chukar hunting, and so far she loves it. Though we haven't actually gotten a Chukar yet she's enjoyed the quiet, the effort, and the other wildlife we've seen (it also helps I keep a pocket full of fruit snacks to maintain moral).

I joined the WSA a few years after moving to town. Since joining our club I've grown to appreciate the level of interest and care the members of this club have for our local fish, wildlife, habitat, and community. It would be hard to find a better group of people to be around. I hope you feel the same and I look forward to getting to know you all better in the upcoming years. Hopefully at a general meeting or the Game Feed!

Adam Neff

Upcoming Events

January 9th, 2018: Monthly Board Meeting

This is where our board members discuss the clubs activities, the goings on in the valley from a fish and wildlife stand point, and steer the direction our club will go. If you have any immediate concerns please contact one of our officers (see the header) prior to the board meeting to get the item on the agenda.

January 16th, 2018: Monthly General Meeting

This is the most overlooked activity our club hosts. These monthly meetings are always a great place to hear about the issues the club is involved in. We do a small raffle (with many prizes... the most sought after being Matt's summer sausage!) and might just have a laugh or two. ;)

Our general meetings typically start with a 10 to 30 minute presentation by a local expert about some topic the club is interested in (except for this month during which we'll have an update on the planning of the upcoming Game Feed). Last month we had WDFW commissioner Dave Graybill come in to discuss some of the thought behind the proposed changes in the fishing regulations. After the presentations we have a brief break to allow members to grab a cup of coffee, a cookie, and chat with other members. Following the short break we spend some time talking about what issues the club is concerned with, how we might engage in those issues, and who will be leading the charge on our work parties and advocacy.

February 17th, 2018: Game Feed Fundraiser!

The 2018 Game Feed will be on February 17th, 2018, at the Wenatchee Red Lion Inn. Doors will open at 4:30 PM, and you must have purchased a ticket in advance, no tickets will be sold at the door. If you haven't been to a Game Feed in the past I highly encourage you to do so this year. It's a ton of fun and the best way to both get to know you're fellow WSA members (aside from the General Meetings of course) and contribute to the club. Without the revenue from the Game Feed our club wouldn't be able to complete all the fish and wildlife projects that we do annually or put on the National Youth Hunting and Fishing Day event; our wildlife local advocacy would also take a considerable hit. We'll have a live auction, silent auction, several games and prizes for all ages. Come join the fun and contribute to a great cause. As conservationists it's our job to give back to the wildlife resource. Help us do just that and enjoy a great gourmet wild game meal at same time!

Tickets will go on sale December 1st at Sportsman's Warehouse, Hooked on Toys, online at www.wsassoc.org, and through Don Millar at 425-418-6858 or dkmillar@msn.com. The price for an adult ticket is \$50.00 and \$35.00 for youth. Due to the size of the venue, ticket sales will be limited and sales will stop on February 3rd. We still need several people to help with the efforts to make this another great event. Anyone wanting to help should contact Robert Scoville at 509-860-1773, 509-784-2827, or rscoville@nwi.net. The Red Lion Inn has graciously offered to give WSA members a special rate for staying with them the night of the Game Feed. ALL reservations must be made through the Red Lion Inn.

February General Meeting will be the GAME FEED! Woohoo!

February 23 - 25th, Wenatchee Sportsmen's Show: WSA will be sharing a booth space with the RMEF again this year. Be sure to mark your calendar to come see us or better yet sign up to help in the booth or to help on the youth fishing pond Saturday, February 24th. To volunteer to help with the youth pond, call Ron Balzer at 509-886-3562. To volunteer for the booth, call Dan Dickerson at 509-548-5249.

March General Meeting, March 20th, 2018: Presenter Travis Maitland, WDFW Regional Fisheries Biologist

April General Meeting, April 17th, 2018; Presenter Rich Harris, WDFW Big Game Biologist