

# Wisconsin Waterfowl Association

## Dan Witthuhn – Volunteer Member

In 1986 Dan heard about a new waterfowl conservation organization. Having always been a huge waterfowl hunter and a big conservationist, Dan wanted to do more for waterfowl in his area and was intrigued when he heard that all the money raised in the Association would stay in Wisconsin. Dan and his friend, Kurt Gibson, who was also a big conservationist, contacted WWA's office and formed the Valley Chapter in Appleton, WI.

The chapter's first annual banquet was held later that year and Dan was Chairman and Sponsor. Like most of the volunteers for WWA, Dan had help from his family with his wife Sandy, three daughters and brother Ron volunteering at the banquet. He recruited many friends and local businesses to support their chapter and year two hosted a sell-out crowd.

Dan said owning his own printing business (Witthuhn Printing) helped him to build a successful and growing banquet. Dan has been a banquet sponsor since 1986, not missing one, and helps out by printing every flyer and dinner program the chapter has used.

Dan also led several area projects, including wild celery plantings on Lake Poygan, and building 200-some wood duck houses a year for five years. He posted Critical Canvasback Habitat signs at area boat landings on Lake Poygan and on a project in Greenville, WI. The original sign can still be read from the highway.

Dan would like to thank his fellow Valley Chapter Charter Members, including Gary Milske (Chapter Chairman), Doug Helm (committee member from 1986-present) and Kurt Gibson (his former Co-Chair). He would also like to thank the current Valley Chapter committee for continuing the success of the chapter.



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# WWA Hall of Fame

## The History...

In 2016, WWA's Board of Directors wished to honor those that have gone above and beyond to create, enhance and/or further the mission of our Association. Later that year a motion was made, and unanimously passed, by the Board to create the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is dedicated to the recognition of the outstanding WWA Members, Sponsors, Board of Directors and/or Staff who, through their exceptional service, educational and legislative input, high personal standards, dedicated principles and contributions, have thereby enriched the general welfare of WWA.

Please join us in welcoming the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Class of the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association Hall of Fame.

## Green Bay Packers – Sponsor

The Packers have been a corporate supporter of WWA almost since our inception in 1984. When local, small-budget non-profit organizations like WWA needed a financial hand, the Packers have consistently been there with donations of sports memorabilia (jerseys and more recently autographed footballs that can be found in every month of our calendar raffle), or game tickets and other financial support of events - like this 2020 annual meeting. WWA's ability to leverage the financial impact of these donations at event fundraisers particularly supported our habitat mission of small-scale wetland restorations around the state.

It is said that quantity has a quality all its own, and the Packers' long-term community support program epitomizes that philosophy. They have been a reliable partner during WWA's 35 years of history, contributing to both the state-level organization and to our local chapters. Their longevity of support, the consistent perception of brand value by our event attendees, and the aggregate number of donations has contributed over \$100,000 to the WWA mission... proving that it's never a bad thing to hitch your wagon to the Packers' star. [Continued on page 3](#)

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Of course, the connection between any two organizations is not an antiseptic, impersonal affair. There are three who currently represent the face of the Green Bay Packers for WWA: Bobbi Jo Eisenreich, Sandy Roubal and Julie Broeckel. Their enthusiasm and find-a-solution attitude brings credit to their organization by embodying the down-to-earth Wisconsin values the nation has come to expect from the Packers.

## John Regan – Board Member

A Wisconsin native, John has been a jack-of-all-WWA-trades since first joining twenty-plus years ago - and is notable for his mastery of those trades as well. A roll-up-your-sleeves volunteer, he's been a member, treasurer, and chair for three different chapters: Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, and Chilton (as founder). He helped design and bring to successful fruition the WWA membership calendar program, an important revenue and marketing vehicle for WWA. John remains one of the most prolific class A raffle salesmen in WWA history - if he can't make a raffle profitable, no one can - even in the small communities he calls home.

John helped lead WWA during his 5-year stint on the Board of Directors, including 3 years as Vice President. While on the Board, he was the principle liaison to the chapters and brought his energy and broad experience to bear in helping many overcome obstacles and be successful. During this time, his face was recognizable at every WWA event around the state, and even today he remains a welcome volunteer at many events. His direct - some might say challenging - style, and his near-daily engagement with other leaders and staff is well-known, but John can always be counted on to focus on the best interests of WWA. This is not John's first honor - he was previously voted on by staff as Volunteer of the Year. None of this can be a surprise given his special forces experience with the US Air Force, but it's this level of intensity that has earned him a place of honor in WWA's pantheon of volunteer leaders.

John and his remarkably patient wife, Ruth (herself a committee volunteer), are residents of Valders. John works for TDS Telecom when he's not "working" for WWA - where he continues to be an important part of WWA's ongoing success story.