



# RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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Frank Scopa, Sec. 375-4748

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## MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday March 1st, Richland Public Library,  
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, March 15th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March 21st, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or

Ben Burdett at 582-0103 or e-mail [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com)

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**MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:** There are three new members that joined for the month of January. The new members are Travis Chamberlain (individual), Mark and Angie Hall (family) and Kirk Heaton (individual). Please welcome them to RRGc at the next general meeting. Jennifer Gardner remains the Chair of the Membership Committee and can be reached at [JEN\\_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JEN_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM). This is also a reminder to have your membership dues current in order to participate in the Quality Hunt Drawing to be held at the Wild Game Dinner.

**MARCH MEETING TOPIC:** Our guest speaker will be Mr. Wayne Heinz. Mr. Heinz is an author and subject matter expert on underwater sonar. Mr. Heinz has authored four books on depth sounders and fish locators. He fishes 110 days a year performing “research” for Raymarine, Furuno and Lowrance electronics. Mr. Heinz’s program will offer tips on how to find more fish. Mr. Heinz has been logging each of his fishing trips for the past 32 years. He will also offer his books for sale at the meeting. Due to the expected length of the presentation, Richard Sharp will not provide a tip of the month.

There were a total of 52 attendees at the February General Meeting. Of those in attendance, it was estimated that there were eight visitors. Richard will again promote the program with flyers at local sporting goods stores and the Tri-City Herald will be requested to publish a meeting announcement on the Saturday prior to the meeting.

**FEBRUARY MEETING SUMMARY:** The speakers for the meeting were Jeff and Jennifer Gardner. Jeff and Jennifer won the Quality Trip Prize and were selected at the 2015 Wild Game Dinner. Their destination was Alaska for salmon and halibut fishing. Jeff, Jennifer and their two sons made the trip. The Gardners fished on the Kenai Peninsula. They fished for salmon out of Soldotna and fished for halibut out of Homer. Since they have made this trip previously they did not require the services of a travel agent. They did use a charter service to book the halibut fishing portion of their trip. They recommend lodging that is set up for fishermen and is able to provide cold storage for the caught fish. They also recommend a rental vehicle that has off-the-road capabilities due to the rough roads and sometimes limited access. They reported that they fished the Kasilof River in addition to the Kenai River at Soldatna for sockeye salmon since the run was in progress in July. The limit at the time was three fish per day per person. Keep in mind that once the full run starts, the banks will fill quickly with fishermen and space will be at a premium. To facilitate the processing of their catch, they took a vacuum sealer and had their catch flash frozen prior to their return to the Tri-cities. The fish were stored at the motel freezer until it was time for flash freezing and departure. They fished for sockeye for four days. On the fifth day, they went halibut fishing on a charter boat. They were allowed to keep one fish below 29" and one fish above 29" for the daily limit per person. From Jeff's report, they limited out on halibut with Jennifer catching a 54 pounder.

The Gardner's shared what their expenses were for the trip as a courtesy to club members. The numbers stack up as follows;

- Airfare was from Pasco to Anchorage – no actual amount given. This will be dependent on the best deal you can make. They did fly Alaska Airlines and used an Alaska Airlines credit card for the travel benefits it offers. Jeff reported that with their deals they were able to utilize, each round trip ticket was approximately \$400.
- Lodging in Anchorage, Kenai, and Homer varied in price from \$125 to \$175 per night for a double.
- Charter for the off shore fishing was \$265 per person per day.
- Vehicle Rental was \$800 for a pick-up truck for eight days.

Jeff also provides the following information for those that want to make the trip. The halibut charter was made through Bob's Trophy Charters in Homer (907) 235 6544 (Diane). They packed waders, extra rods and reels, tackle, rain gear, filleting knives vacuum sealer, sunglasses, sunscreen, bug repellent, hats, backpacks, GPS, cell phone with AK service, zip-loc bags and cleaning rags. The fish were flash frozen and packed in 50 pound insulated boxes and the cost was covered as additional luggage with Alaska Airlines. Any members that would like additional information can contact Jeff at 509 554 2450.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** As of the February Board Meeting, Mike Estes and Ben Burdett had completed 100% of the annual audit of the RRGC financial records. This is an annual requirement per the RRGC bylaws and must be conducted in January. The audit results are available to any member that requests a copy from Rick Libby, RRGC Treasurer. The results of the audit show that the financial records are complete and have been maintained in a neat and professional manner. The Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audit results be accepted. The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Election of Officers – Call for Nominations

The annual election of officers and Trustees will occur at the March general membership meeting. Elections will be held for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus fifteen (15)

Trustees. These 19 people, plus the Immediate Past President, will comprise the Board of Trustees who will govern RRGC business and financial affairs until the April 2017 RRGC general membership meeting. Richard Sharp has been appointed to chair the Nominating Committee for this election. Please contact Richard by phone (551-6785) or e-mail (ospreytallons@yahoo.com) to express your interest in serving as a Trustee for the coming year or to obtain answers to any questions you may have about the duties of the Board of Trustees. Richard reported that recruitment of candidates has started.

There is at least one candidate for each officer's position but per the Bylaws, floor nominations remain open and are encouraged. Members that are interested in Board membership positions or officer positions should get in touch with Richard. You can also talk with Richard at the General Membership Meeting if you are interested in easing into a leadership position. Don't be shy. This is a good way to show your support for RRGC.

**INCORPORATION COMMITTEE:** Jeff Gardner has committed to the follow-through for both our Non-Profit Status with IRA as a 501(c)(3) organization as well as our corporate status with the State of Washington. The Articles of Incorporation are being revised and a draft will be discussed with Attorney Coke Roth to review for sufficiency and completeness as regarding the final submittal to the Washington Secretary of State for approval. The follow-up to the incorporation will be a determination as to whether RRGC applies for 501(c)(3) non-profit status from IRS.

**GAME RECOVERY:** Chris Mosher reported that there have been no recoveries since the beginning of December. Chris will follow-up with the Washington State Patrol to ensure that they have current information as to RRGC points of contact.

**USE OF FUNDS:** The following information is provided in order for the general membership to be aware of RRGC's funding of a wildlife related scholarship. Howard Gardner and Mike Estes have been actively involved with establishing revised criteria for the selection and awarding of the Richland Rod and Gun Club Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Many of the revisions were based on information obtained from the Safari Club International. Emphasis was placed on the applicant providing information that would demonstrate a pro-hunting viewpoint of wildlife management based on the core principles of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. Contact was made with the University of Idaho to solicit applications from students taking wildlife related curriculum in the Fish and Wildlife Sciences Department. Deadline for submission of the applications is April 15, 2016. Mike Estes can be contacted at 509 582 2212 if you are interested in reviewing the revisions. Howard has informed the University of Idaho that the scholarship will be available for the fall term of 2016. If you are aware of someone who may qualify, please get in contact with either Mike or Howard. Howard can be reached at [eiwoh3@frontier.com](mailto:eiwoh3@frontier.com). The Board is actively looking for members that would like to be appointed to the Scholarship Committee to assist in the review and selection of applicants. Mike and Howard have provided revised applications instructions, a revised application form and a revised student essay format. The deadline for the completed application is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**WILD GAME DINNER:** The 2016 Wild Game Dinner will be held March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Shilo Inn in Richland. **WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF DONATIONS OF FISH, FOWL, ELK, VENISON AND OTHER GAME MEAT.** Appetizers and no host cocktails will begin at 5 PM with dinner to be served at 6 PM. Tickets to the event will be available at the March meeting for \$20 per person from Dale Schielke, who can be contacted at (509) 375 0183. The event is for members and guests only. The dinner is not open to the public at large. The restriction of members and guests only is driven by the County Board of Health rules that preclude serving non-inspected wild game to the public. A variety of wild game dishes and appetizers will be served. A number of door prizes, raffle prizes, and a silent auction will be available. Marilyn Steele is the Chair for the WGD. Marilyn has asked for volunteers for the food preparation and kitchen help. If

you are able to volunteer, please contact her at (509) 392-2128 or [momhoops@hotmail.com](mailto:momhoops@hotmail.com). (You can send Marilyn an email by clicking on the hyperlink.) Marilyn is maintaining the volunteer list. There will be a Cooks and Kitchen Helpers Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:00 PM at the Griggs Hunters Education Room. Marilyn will discuss the menu and assignments at that time.

The program at the 2016 Wild Game Dinner will be by local photographer John Clement. He will offer a multimedia digital slide presentation titled – “Photographing the Land and the Light” – creating Stories. John has a Masters of Photography Degree from the Professional Photographers of America. He has received over 60 regional, national and international awards for his work. One print, “Red Dawn” was named as one of the top photographs in the United States and has been hung in the permanent collection of the International Hall of Fame of Photography. We are looking forward to his presentation.

Paul Kison has agreed to accept the lead for soliciting, storing and organizing the donated items for the door prizes, raffles and silent auction. Paul reminds everyone that it is crucial that all prizes get to him by the day before the dinner. As of the February Board Meeting, 30 door prizes had been donated. Paul can be reached at (509) 851-2634 (cell) or [pfkison@aol.com](mailto:pfkison@aol.com). John Prather will be assisting Paul with the prizes effort. There is a RRGC letter on RRGC letterhead that will explain and/or provide information for anyone soliciting donations. The letters will be made available upon request.

John Prather will be storing donated game meat for the WGD dinner. John will provide ice chests so that members can bring their donations to the March general meeting. The following information must be provided for each wild game donation in order for the donation to be in compliance with WDFW regulations; Name of Hunter/Fisherman, Address, Hunting or Fishing License Number, Permit or Tag Number, the number and kind of animal provided, the date killed, the county and area in which taken and your signature. John has forms available. Please have the information available in order for the forms to be completed when the meat is turned in. John can be reached at (509) 521-1593 (cell) or [cowboy\\_jp82@msn.com](mailto:cowboy_jp82@msn.com). There is an underscore after “cowboy and before jp82” in John’s email address.

Quality Trip rules were revised last year and are as follows;

- Only RR&GC members with current dues paid through April 2017 are eligible to purchase up to 2 entry tickets each.
- Tickets are \$25 each; the maximum amount to be reimbursed to the winner will be \$2,000.00.
- A minimum of 50 tickets and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. If less than 50 tickets are sold, a drawing for a winner will not be held. Members who purchased tickets will be reimbursed.
- Entrants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets in order to be eligible.
- RR&GC members with a family membership may also purchase two additional tickets for each eligible family member.
- The drawing will be held at the annual RR&GC Wild Game Dinner. The winner does not need to be present to win.
- The winner will select a partner who must be an eligible member of the RR&GC and who must also have participated in the drawing.
- An alternate winning ticket will also be drawn in the event the winner cannot take the approved trip.
- A written copy of the proposed trip with a verbal presentation is to be made by the winner or partner. This must be provided and presented to the RR&GC Board of Directors not later than the June Board meeting for approval.
- The winner must have confirmation of key trip logistics (e.g. guide services, airline tickets, lodging, etc.) by August 1, 2016 and the trip must be taken before December 31, 2016. If the trip cannot be confirmed prior to August 15, 2016, the winner shall forfeit the trip and the trip will be awarded to the alternate winning ticket holder. The alternate winning ticket holder will follow

the same criteria as the original trip winner, with the alternate winner presenting his proposed trip copy with presentation to the RR&GC Board of Directors by the September board meeting.

- In the event that the approved trip cannot be taken, the winner shall notify the RR&GC President immediately upon the winner's realization that the trip cannot be taken as approved.
- Quality trip funds will be allotted as reimbursements after the winner has paid for portions of the trip. For example, reimbursement for booking fees, airline tickets, etc. Note that a check for reimbursement will not be provided to the winner prior to incurring costs. A maximum amount of \$1,000 will be paid after the winner has incurred the initial trip costs. The balance will be paid upon completion of the reporting requirements.
- The winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership in either February or March 2017.
- The winners will provide a written summary of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and license costs, name and addresses of lodging and guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club's website/Face Book page. (A good reference for the Quality Trip report format can be found on the Club's website.)
- The winner will sign and date a copy of these rules as an acknowledgement of understanding of the rules.
- The President of RR&GC will send a letter notifying the winner of the trip approval by the Board of Directors.
- The RR&GC Board of Directors may, if requested, modify these rules for special circumstances.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Richard Libby presented the Treasurer's Report for January at the February 16th Board Meeting. If any members are interested in obtaining a copy of the monthly treasurer's report or would like to become involved in the Use of Funds determinations, please contact Rick at [Big\\_guy@charter.net](mailto:Big_guy@charter.net). Rick Libby informed the membership that 2016 RRGC and Remington Calendars are available for sale as well as RRGC baseball caps, the Coyote Cook Book and the Duck Hunting Book. RRGC is now using a Debit Card to conduct club business.

**HUNTERS EDUCATION:** Ron Ruth reported that the next Hunters Education Class will be during spring break during the first week of April 2016. **Ron has issued a call for volunteers for the Hunters Education Class. Without at least two instructors and other RRGC adults present during each of the classes, the classes cannot take place.** Please contact Ron Ruth at [ron-rose@frontier.com](mailto:ron-rose@frontier.com) if you are interested in becoming a hunters' education instructor. All volunteers must be screened by WDFW. The procedure consists of filling out background check form. This is done to ensure classroom safety. Washington State requires that there be two screened persons in a classroom at all times.

**DATA MANAGEMENT:** Russ Wyer and Sam Morrison have proceeded with the effort to convert RRGC data to an electronic drop box. The end result will be a permanent electronic record of RRGC records and operations that can be accessed by authorized officers and club members. The next drop boxes to be converted are that of the Committee Chair positions. Russ Wyer stated that he expects all of the officer and Committee Chair positions to be converted to drop boxes by April. This is noteworthy since Russ and Sam Morrison started working on this less than a year ago. Great job gentlemen.

#### **CONSERVATION/HABITAT:**

**Cisterns** - Larry Martin reported that cistern work has commenced. 21 cisterns have been inspected to date with additional work days scheduled. Larry can be reached at 509 545 9647. His email address is [ljmartin49@charter.net](mailto:ljmartin49@charter.net). Larry needs to know in advance who will be volunteering. Larry will provide further details at the General Meeting. Larry is hoping to get a sufficient number of volunteers in order to

have additional work parties working concurrently. This will allow better coverage of the cisterns to be inspected and/or repaired as required.

**Wood Duck Project** – Dale Schielke reported that 151 nesting boxes have been inspected, cleaned and/or repaired as of the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. Volunteers are reminded that there are 431 nesting boxes that must be inspected, etc. The maintenance includes changing out cedar shaving nesting material, recording data from the past years usage, and replacing or repairing boxes as needed. Trips will be on weekends and during the week as volunteers are available, some on land and others from the boat from now until April. If you are interested in assisting with the annual maintenance effort, please contact Dale Schielke at 509-375-0183 or [dahlialou@msn.com](mailto:dahlialou@msn.com).

In addition to the cistern maintenance work that Larry Martin is performing, he is also involved with maintaining artificial burrowing owl nests. At the present time, there are 123 artificial burrowing nests that Larry is assisting with for WDFW. Larry and Dale Schielke assisted in banding 14 owls.

**SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM:** Gene Van Liew reported that there has been a higher than normal egg loss of salmon eggs due to higher than normal water temperatures during the spawn. At the present time, there is no estimate as to what the percentage of loss will be. Gene will continue to track and report.

**CONSERVATION CAMP:** It is expected that the annual conservation camp will be held over two separate weeks in July. More details will be made available as they become known.

**LUNKER LAKE:** Based on the number of children that attended Lunker Lake and the number of fish caught and the number of fish not caught, it was estimated that the Ringold Hatchery furnished 1,734 trout. All three days of fishing were adequately covered by volunteers. Much thanks to Marilyn Steele, Matt Cummings and Dale Schielke for preparing food for the volunteers.

**NASP ARCHERY TOURNAMENT:** Dale Schielke has asked for members to volunteer for an upcoming archery tournament to be held at Enterprise School in West Richland on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. Dale has additional information and can be contacted at 509 375 0183 or [dahlialou@msn.com](mailto:dahlialou@msn.com).

**BULLETIN HELP: Frank Scopa**

If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to Frank Scopa at [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com) with your email address. We are now current as to mailing addresses for the hard copies. We are down to 27 members receiving hard copies via the US Mail. New members will be added as the information is received. If you are receiving both a hard copy and an e-mail copy, please let me know. We are now mailing and/or emailing a copy of the monthly newsletter to the following organizations to keep them abreast of our activities; Ranch and Home, Sportsman's Warehouse, Griggs Ace Hardware and Columbia River Catering Co. The businesses listed have been sponsors in the past. When you do business with them, thank them for their sponsorship and let them know you belong to RRGc. The cut-off date for information for the April Newsletter will be March 21, 2016. We will now be sending our electronic copies of the newsletter via our new G-Mail account. Please continue to use the [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com) for any correspondence for the Officers or Board Members.

**DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:** Matt Cummings provided eleven door prizes that were a combination of hunting and fishing related. Dave Myers took over the raffle since Matt was unable to attend the meeting. The items and winners are as follows; Tasco 3 Mega Pixel Trail Camera – Richard Sharp, Bushnell Bino Caddy – Richard Sharp, Stainless Steel Travel Bottle and peanut brittle – Dale Turner, Nitro Magnum Diver with Herring Gravy with Plano tackle caddy – Sam Morrison, Cabela's Pro-Guide IM6 Fishing Pole Combo – John Propson, Craig's List Special tackle box with gear – Jack Pickard, Winchester 5 piece

multi-pack knife set – Gaylord Pyle, Gordon 3 inch folding locking knife and peanut brittle – Richard Sharp, Outdoor Life Outdoor bag with Berkley’s powerbait and tackle gear, Leo Pfeifer, and the Mystery Box consisting of a Stainless Steel Travel Bottle and a magnum nitro diver was selected by Jack Pickard.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** March 15th, 7:00PM, Griggs Hunters’ Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** March 1st, at the Richland Public Library at 7:00 PM.

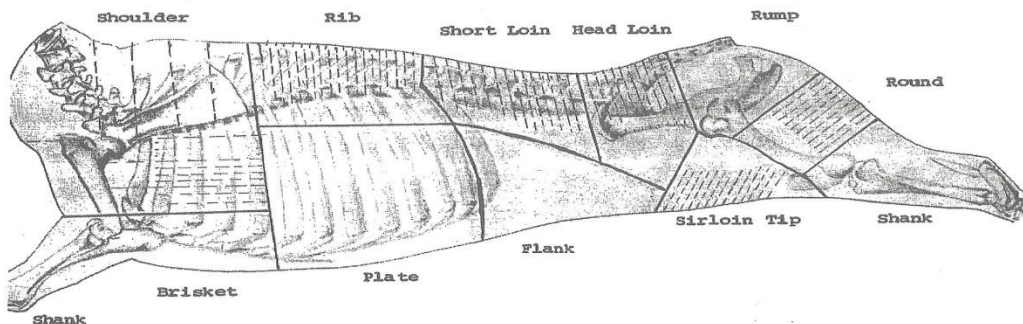
**PHOTO OF THE MONTH:** Harvey Huisingh with a six by eight bull deer taken near Teanaway, WA. There was a re-vote for the January Photo of the Month since the winning photo had been selected once before and did not qualify per the Bylaws. The photo selected for January was Keith Sharp and Tyler Davis with four Canadian geese.

**WANT ADS:**

Both Jack Pickard and Frank Scopa each have lead sleds that can be borrowed by club members only for sighting-in rifles. Jack can be reached at [jlpick66@gmail.com](mailto:jlpick66@gmail.com). Frank can be reached at [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com).

**If you have anything that needs to be in the Want Ads section or information that you would like to convey to the general membership, please keep in mind that the cut-off date for inclusion is normally the Sunday after the Executive Board Meeting. Send your information to [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com)**

Last Item: If you intend to donate meat or fish for the Wild Game Dinner, please keep the following requirement in mind. Information to be provided for all game meat donations indicating permission for the possession of game meat: Name of donor, address of donor, hunting/fishing license number, permit or tag number, the number and kind of animal provided, the date killed, the county and area in which taken and the hunter/fisherman’s signature. John Prather will be providing freezer space again this year.



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