



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY DEFEND FROM WASTE, THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY; ITS AIR, SOILS, AND MINERALS; ITS FORESTS, WATERS, AND WILDLIFE. I WILL HELP EDUCATE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO BE RESPONSIBLE CARETAKERS OF THE RESOURCES OF AMERICA.

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Club Website- <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome>

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site – www.northwestgamerecipes.com

2016-2017 Officers

Richard Sharp, President	586-4790	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
Ben Burdett, Vice-President	582-0103	Frank Scopa, Sec.	438-9459

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday January 2nd, Richland Public Library,
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, January 16th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – January 28th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

JANUARY PROGRAM: The guest speaker for the January General Meeting will be Pat Hallett and partner Leon Kollman. They will report on the 2017 Quality Trip awarded at the 2017 Wild Game Dinner. The trip was made to Alaska for off shore fishing in Alaska.

The 2nd part of the presentation will be a review of the rules for the Quality Trip. It is important that the winner of the drawing know in advance the limitations of RRGc's liability and his/her requirements for compliance.

Copies of the Quality Trip Rules will be provided at the January General Meeting.



CONSERVATION /HABITAT : Larry Martin reported that guzzler repairs are on hold until the spring and warmer weather. Larry is always in need of volunteers to assist. Contact Larry at 509 545 9647 if you are able to donate a half day or so.

Additionally, Larry has been purchasing additional game camera equipment to record activities at other guzzlers. The funds for the second trail camera were provided by RRGc funds. Larry has posting photos to the RRGc Facebook page.

As previously reported, the \$2400 ALEA Grant that was awarded through WDFW is being utilized for repair materials for the guzzlers.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

A. The Treasurer reported that the current RRGc net worth is just over \$41,000, which includes approximately \$3,600 of Hunter Educations program funds. Given our request for a 501(c)(3) status from IRS and to simplify RRGc tax reporting requirements, it is suggested that our net worth remain below \$50,000.

B. Currently, RRGc has three CD’s in the amount of \$17,103.48 and the checking account balance is \$24,146.31.

C. Use of Funds, Rick Libby provided a draft Use of Funds for review by the Board. Keep in mind that RRGc continues to fund educational pursuits. RRGc has also provided scholarships for college students enrolled in Natural Resources Majors previously. If you are interested in how our funds are distributed/spent, or you are interested in getting involved, please contact Rick Libby at 947-0498

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There were no new membership applications for the month of December reported. Please keep in mind that without new membership and specifically younger members, RRGc will be in decline. It is becoming time for the younger members to take over leadership positions. This can be done through involvement and participation in Board

and committee activities. RRGc needs more younger and actively involved members.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Please contact Ron at 509 737 7350 if you are interested in volunteering and/or becoming a state certified instructor. Ron also reported that there would be three Hunters Education Classes for calendar year 2018. The class dates are tentatively set for a day class in April during Spring Break, a day class set in June and an evening class to be held in September. Given the amount of volunteer hours required to conduct a class, the need for volunteers remains.

Ron said a **Youth Pheasant Hunt** for approximately 24 graduated student shooters is tentatively scheduled for February 17, 2018. WDFW will not provide pheasants for the hunt. Pheasants Forever has agreed to provide the pheasants.

GAME RECOVERY: Chris Mosher reported that there no recovery efforts during the month of December. This is probably due to the change in the Washington State game recovery rules. If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris at 509 302 5171.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM: Gene VanLiew reported that tanks stated going into the classrooms approximately the 1st of November. The first effort will be the sanitizing of the tanks followed by pH neutralization of the tank water. Benton Conservation District will be furnishing eggs as well as spawned fish for classroom dissections. Given the number of returning fish this year, both the number of eggs and fish for dissections may be reduced. The final numbers or eggs and carcasses are pending based on the final collection numbers.

Gene Van Liew was awarded the prestigious statewide Special Service Award by the Washington Association of Conservation Districts during their annual conference in Kennewick the last week of November. The WACD presented Gene with an engraved plaque that reads "to Gene Van Liew, a treasure within the conservation community, a man who gives selflessly of his time as well as talent and is

committed to passing on the traditions of conservation. Gene has dedicated his life to conservation ideals and to programs that benefit natural resources and youth through his selfless leadership."

Gene attended the WACD Award Luncheon as guest of Benton Conservation, whose staff nominated him for the statewide award. Thanks to RRGc club members who provided background information for the nomination, as well as Paul Hoffarth (WDFW) who submitted a letter in support of the nomination. Rachel Little of the Benton Conservation District made the initial nomination for Gene's award to the Washington Association of Conservation Districts.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: You've heard it before and you'll hear it again and again. That's what we do, we volunteer. This time it is for the Sportsman's Show to be held in January at the TRAC. Volunteers will be needed to assemble the fishing pond on Thursday, January 18th. Assist with the fishing effort on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 19th, 20th and 21st. Disassembly and loading of the pond framing material will take place late Sunday afternoon. A sign up roster will be passed around at the January General Meeting. Marilyn Steele will be leading the overall effort for Lunker Lake. Gene Van Liew will lead the assembly and disassembly of the structure. Marilyn can be reached at nomhoops46@gmail.com. Gene Van Liew can be reached at 509 946 7738.

As with previous years, Dale Schielke will be demonstrating the assembly of Wood Duck

Boxes. This is a hands-on experience for the kids where they get to assist in building spare boxes. Dale can be reached at 509 375 0183.

Last item for the Sportsman's Show, RRGc will be conducting the Pellet Gun Shooting Range. Ron Ruth has the lead on this and will need volunteers. Ron can be reached at 509 737 7350.

BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS: If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to rrgsecretary@gmail.com. You will get quicker delivery and save us money.

501(C)(3) STATUS: Mike Estes and Rick Libby have been working this effort for several months since the Board and Membership approved the revisions to the RRGc Bylaws. Currently, RRGc has contracted with a consulting firm from Florida called CharityNET for assistance in this effort of dealing with IRS. The last item that needed to be addressed was a detailed conflict of interest clause. The revision to the conflict of interest clause has been approved by the Board and the complete package has been submitted to the IRS for review. The IRS has acknowledged receipt of our submittal. We now wait for review and approval. This effort has been in process for approximately four years. Hopefully the next step will be approval by IRS.

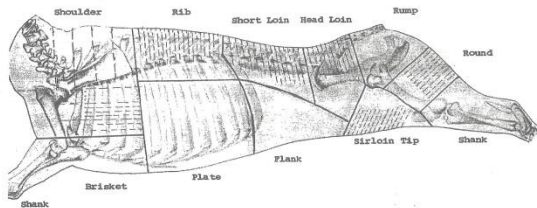
WILD GAME DINNER:

A. The speaker for the WGD will be Gary Lewis. A quick biography on Mr. Lewis is as follows; He is an outdoor writer for the The Bend Bulletin, a Contributing Editor for Successful Hunter Magazine, a host for Frontier Unlimited, a TV show and the author of 16 books. He lives in Central Oregon with his wife and three camo-clad daughters. He will share his interesting experiences.

B. Attention deer, elk, duck, goose, and upland bird hunters. Also this is for walleye, bass, and

salmon fishermen. Whether you shot it or caught it, we need your meat donations for the 2017 Wild Game Dinner. When you are successful on your outings, please consider sharing a portion of your bounty for the WGD. John Prather has graciously volunteered his freezers for storage of donated meat. Frozen meat can be transferred to John at any general membership or Board meeting or you can call John to make other arrangements. There will be ice chests at the Richland Public Library. Each donation must be tagged with the following information: donor's name, WILD ID number, species and cut of meat, plus the date and location taken. No ground meat, please due to the risk of contamination. John can be reached at (509) 582-2482 and Marilyn can be reached at 509 392 2128 or momhoops46@gmail.com. Game meat donations are needed. This is the January General Meeting and the need will exist right up until the middle of March.

C. Cuts of Meat



D. Prizes for the WGD. Paul Kison and John Prather have started the annual effort to obtain donated prizes. Paul can be reached at his cell 509 851 2634 or pfkison@aol.com. John can be reached at his cell 509 521 1593 cowboy_jp82@msn.com. Members can obtain a RRCG donation letter signed by Richard Sharp for presentation to prospective donors.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 19th, at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RRCG members are invited to attend.

WILD GAME RECIPES: It has been requested that members forward their favorite

wild game recipe for inclusion in our newsletter and website for sharing. Richard Sharp has sent in two wild game recipes to the RRCG Face Book page for sharing. Please feel free to share your gourmet specialties.

GENERAL MEETING RAFFLES: Given that the State of Washington requires a Gaming License for raffles, RRCG cannot continue our previous practice of conducting raffles at the General Meetings. It was decided that in order to fully comply with the State of Washington requirements, RRCG will apply at a later date for the license upon approval of our 501(c)(3) status by IRS. That's the reason why we have not had a raffle for a number of months. Please bear with us. Cost free raffle tickets are being provided at the general meetings at this time for all those that attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pasco's Chiawana High School has started up a Fishing Club. There are currently 16 or 17 members. They are looking for mentors and advisors. If you are interested in assisting, please contact me at rrgcsecretary@gmail.com and I will forward your information. As previously discussed, RRCG is interested in bringing in new and younger members to carry on with our mission.

If you have an idea for a RRCG function, please feel free to share your idea. One suggestion was a RRCG Scootney Fishing Derby for members and families only. This is currently in the planning stage for the spring. The main prize will be bragging rights plus an overnight camping trip and a fish fry.

WANT ADS AND SHOUT-OUTS:

Rick Libby has a Lowrance CMS-525C DF Fish Finder/Chart Plotter/GPS for sale. The unit is complete with all cables, transducer and manual. \$125. Call Rick at 509 627 5461.

Ben Burdett is looking for antlers. If you have some that you would be interested in parting with, call him at 509 430 3832.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:

Successful coyote hunt in Grant County on Dec. 16, 2017 on a very foggy day. The Hunting Party from left to right are Larry Martin, Larry's grandson Joshua Holland, Larry's son-in-law, Bill Holland and Larry's grandson Eli Holland.



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