



# **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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## **MEETINGS AND DEADLINES**

Next General Meeting – October 4th, 7:00 PM at Richland Public Library

Next Board Meeting- Tuesday October 18th, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

November Newsletter Contribution Deadline is October 22nd email:  
[admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org)

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### **October 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Presentation**

Don't miss our October general members meeting!  
7:00pm at the Richland Public Library

Margaret Hue with [tricityscare.org](http://tricityscare.org) and [save-our-ridges.org](http://save-our-ridges.org) is looking forward to educating members and guests on the economic impact the installment of 150-244 wind turbines 499'-671' high along the Horse Heaven Hills ridgeline from Finley to Kiona would have on diversified Ag, tourism, residential loss and increased power cost from rising temperatures from the wind farms. Not to mention the loss of another one of our beautiful Columbia Basin Skylines.

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### **Lunker Lake**

Save the dates! Mark your calendars! January 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> is the Sportsman Show which for RRGc means Lunker Lake. We will be looking for volunteers to work shifts helping kids fish and also help at the Pellet Range. More information will be coming up on the website and the next newsletter so stay tuned!

### **Meat Donations for the Wild Game Dinner**

Please keep in mind the need for game meat for the Wild Game Dinner on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We have storage facilities available so please consider donating fish, fowl, or game. Each game 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. Remember we can not accept any ground meat! If you have a donation to make, get a hold of Marilyn Steele 509-392-2128 or John Prather 509-521-1593

### **Youth Conservation Camp**

Since 1952 the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp (also known as the WA State Junior Sportsmen's Conservation Camp) has been educating campers ages 12 to 16 about the outdoors, and how to wisely enjoy them. We encourage conservation methods to ensure our resources will be there for "future generations." The camp is located on breathtaking Orcas Island at the foot of Mount Constitution, in the Environmental Learning Center of Moran State Park. If you have a young person that would be interested in this camp in 2023, RRGC does sponsor campers! You can contact a board member or email the admin if you have a camper that would like to go. Also, if you would like to learn more about the camp use this link to get more information [A Summer camp for those who love the outdoors! \(washingtonconservationcamps.org\)](http://www.washingtonconservationcamps.org)

### **Change of Officer**

Due to Dustin being unable to finish his term as President, the RRGc board on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the monthly board meeting voted Vice President Matt Cummings to take over as President and finish out the term. Matt will be on the ballot in March running for President in 2023 and we are in search of new board members and a new Vice President. If you would like to serve on the board which meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, 7:00pm, in the Hunter Ed room at Griggs in Pasco please let either one of the officers or board members know.

### **Hanford Advisory Board Alternate Needed**

RRGC has a seat and an alternate position on the Hanford Advisory Board.

Greg Boeringa has volunteered to be on the HAB and we are looking for someone interested in being the alternate. If you would like to volunteer for this alternate position, email the Admin at [admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org). Gene Van Liew and Paul Kison have been our representatives on this board for 7 years and done an outstanding job! Thanks to them both for their time and effort in representing our club.

### **September 6<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Presentation**

Paul Hoffarth and Jason Fidorra both from WDFW gave us a great presentation about some of the latest information on hunting big game, fowl and fishing. Jason reminded everyone to be sure to check out the new rules on bringing in game from other states or countries BEFORE you go so that you know what you are allowed to bring back to Washington state. There is also now a white goose only season and you can use electronic calls but there are specific rules on that. Be sure you know what those are.

Paul gave us the latest on the fall run prediction. Fall chinook returns to the Columbia River as measured at Bonneville are 16% above the ten-year average. Adult fall chinook counts through McNary continue to run around 5,000 per day and ~26% below the 10-year average. The cumulative count over McNary is 93,010 adult chinook compared to the ten-year average of 125,377. Conversions from Bonneville to McNary are within the range that we have observed over the most recent 10 years but at the lower end of the range.

If you want to keep up on the latest news, rules and rule changes sign up for WDFW emails on their website so that you always know before you go!

### **WDFW Appreciation Award**

Richard Sharp received a Certificate of Appreciation from WDFW Region 3 Fish Management Program in recognition of his valued service! Paul Hoffarth presented this certificate to Richard at our September 6<sup>th</sup> General Meeting!

One of the biggest reasons Richard received this award is he tries to help everyone be better fishermen and women. He wants everybody to catch fish and have a good time. We all appreciate everything he does to help the club as well. Congratulations Richard!

### **Think tank meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Most of the board, officers and some members got together for a session to come up with ideas to better attract younger families, members, and get people more involved in the club. Here are just a few results:

- Richard Sharp – Beginning fishing class
- Connie Cummings – get a hold of schools to see how we can get involved
- Bruce Hewitt – Literature at Sportsmans, Ranch & Home, Griggs
- Matt Cummings – Staffing a membership table at Lunker Lake
- Greg Boeringa – Create content for membership table display. Ron Moore has a screen he will donate to the club for meetings and events.

Photo of Chase Carollo, age 10, with his first bear harvested near Ellensburg on August 28, 2022. Photo taken and submitted by Chase's dad, Tony Carollo



## Guzzlers

9-22-22 Dale Schielke, Greg Herrin and Larry Martin repaired guzzlers 202 and 205 southeast of Prosser, Highway 221 and Cemetery road area. Greg had one each hand painted and signed fishing lures for Dale and Larry. Dale drew the largest straw so he got to choose which one he wanted first. Greg's tool sled worked great again getting equipment to guzzler repair site. Before and after pictures of guzzler 205



Guzzler #1 hit by brush fire last week. This guzzler was refurbished a few years ago with all metal rain catchment frame and support legs. No damage to guzzler.



If you have photos of you or family members in the great outdoors hunting, fishing or just having a good time, send them to [rrgcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rrgcsecretary@gmail.com) so we can share them in the newsletter. We want to know what our members are doing!

### **Get Involved!**

The Richland Rod and Gun Club is a volunteer organization that has plenty of opportunities for you to participate.

**Join the Board** – the board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Hunter Ed Room at Griggs in Pasco.

**Wood Duck Boxes** – The club takes care of over 500 wood duck boxes. If you would like to help with that get in touch with Dale Schielke.

**Guzzlers** – There are over 400 water guzzlers to serve animals in the wild that need maintenance, sometimes moved and sometimes installed. If you would like to help with that get in touch with Larry Martin.

**Lunker Lake** – We are in charge of set up, tear down and running the kids trout fishing pond in January at the Sportsman Show. Look for information in the newsletter and on the website on how to help out.

**KOE Kids Fishing Day** – The club helps with everything from putting together fishing rods, security, helping kids fish, passing out t-shirts plus set up and clean up. This event is usually in April and there will be information on the website and the newsletter on how to volunteer to help put on a great event for kids.

**Salmon in the Classroom** – We help the Benton County Conservation District run their Salmon in the Classroom program. In the past this has been helping transport salmonoids to the classes, salmon dissection and helping kids release their salmon. This usually starts in January or February and goes through the release in April. If you want to help with this program, we will have more information on how to get involved on the website.

**Hunter Ed** – The club has a Hunter Ed program that happens 2-3 times a year. Ron Ruth who heads this program can always use more volunteers. Get ahold of him at 509 737-7350