



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

(INCORPORATED)

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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- <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/>
Club Facebook- www.Facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub

2020 Officers

Packy Lackey, President	948-6141	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – NONE
Board Meeting- October 20th, 7:00 PM, Zoom Meeting
Newsletter Deadline for November is October 25th, Call Shannon Lackey at 948-3320 or
Email: rgcsecretary@gmail.com

WILD GAME DINNER CANCELLATION:

If you previously had not received the email from the Treasurer Rick Libby, once regular meetings resume, he will exchange a ticket for \$20. If for whatever reason you are unable to wait for the meetings or need the money sooner, you may contact him to work out a time to exchange your tickets. You may keep your Quality Trip ticket for next year or you may withdraw your entry and receive a refund for that as well. Just remember that if you lose your ticket, we cannot refund you. On a side note, if anyone knows of anyone in need of meat, please let one of our board members know. You can always email the secretary directly. We will have volunteers repackaging the meats that were donated for the WGD. Some of those dishes that we had already worked so hard on, will unfortunately not make it to next March. So, the

board has made a decision on donating those repackaged meats to families who might benefit from the extra protein. Please let us know and we will put a list of names together, for when we are ready to distribute.

MEMBERSHIP: Our membership chair Carla Boeringa has been busy collecting membership dues and sending out notices. We understand it hasn't been easy to just drop by and pay in a meeting. That being said, please get a hold of Carla at your earliest convenience if you have received a notice.
richlandrodandgunmembership@gmail.com

RRGC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENT ELISE STACY: I am a second year PhD student at the University of Idaho studying wolverine population genetics in

Alaska and expanding into other regions of North America. I received the RRGCM Memorial Scholarship for tuition this Fall. Thank you for this generous scholarship. I brought this project with me to graduate school only partially funded and scholarships like this are making the project possible!

I began this project while living in Fairbanks, Alaska where I received my B.S. in Wildlife Biology and Conservation. My interest in wolverines lead me to a project with the Wildlife Conservation Society-Arctic Beringia which further lead me to a unique opportunity for collaboration with local trappers.

My study uses samples of tissue or hide from harvested wolverines. From these samples I extract and analyze the DNA of each individual to understand how related it is to the other sampled wolverines. By knowing the harvest location of the wolverines, I can pair genetic data with information on landscape features to find patterns. I am looking for patterns between levels of genetic similarity and features like terrain ruggedness, snow persistence, and habitat type or man-made landscape features like roads and development. This will be important for understanding critical habitat for wolverines and knowing what types of man-made features impact them most.

I have gained some of the trappers' perspectives on the importance of wolverines in Alaskan culture and the trapping economy by meeting in person to collect samples, as well as communicating results to ensure their contribution to the research is seen. Some of my favorite interactions have been with trappers that live winter long in trapping/homestead cabins in very remote locations and maintain the sale of fur as their main form of income. Another favorite was a couple in Nome, Alaska whose furs lined the walls of their home to the point of being effective insulation!

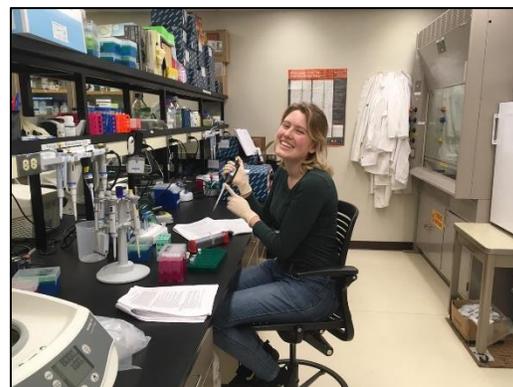
The role of community organizations in research is incredibly important. I have worked closely with the Alaska Trappers Association and presented to them multiple times. Discussions with them about wolverine movements and habitat in relation to the foothills of the Brooks Range and Alaska Range has helped me develop research questions and hypotheses. I also greatly appreciate the opportunities I have had to travel

to Anaktuvuk Pass, Utqiagvik, Nome and Kotzebue, where I met trappers, researchers, and women in beautiful parkas with wolverine ruffs. I continue to collaborate with local, state, and federal wildlife agencies as well as trapping organizations for funding, outreach, sample procurement, and sample storage. By doing this I have achieved a wide distribution of samples across Alaska. My analyses are expanding into Canada and the lower 48 where I will be using archived and contemporary samples to compare wolverine genetics at their most northern and most southern extent of their range. I look forward to sharing results with you all as my project progresses!

Sincerely,
Elise Stacy



(A trapper holds up a wolverine fur after a successful trapping season)



(Where most of my research time is spent, the lab!)



(Sundog View)



(Anaktuvuk Pass resident modeling her parka)



(Me in -50 degrees)

GUZZLERS: Larry Martin and Greg Herrin had recently found a derelict water guzzler that was in much need of repairs. They will be planning a work party to go out and fix the damaged guzzler.

Any volunteers? Call Larry Martin at (509)545-9647. “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
-Margaret Mead

RRGC WEB PAGE: richlandrodandgun.org has had Over 9,120 visits. Photos, news, trips, or tutorials can all be added to the website from our members just email them to: admin@richlandrodandgun.org.

FAUNA AND FLORA SURVEYS: Some members of the RRGC have been out and about collecting photos of native species. Send your photos to the secretary for next month. Quite a few members have been shared already and I appreciate the efforts. Did you happen to get a good shot on your trailcam? Out the window with a phone camera of a herd on a hillside? Send them in. hunting camp, backpacking trails, fishing on the jetty with your life long partner. Even laying a trap line with your kids in the great outdoors! All of those shots qualify.



(Clouded Sulphur Butterfly Photo By: Larry Martin)



(Fireweed Photo By: Jack Pickard)



(Chicken of the Woods Photo By: Shannon Lackey)



(Antelope Bitterbrush from Rocky & Lanny Ross' garden. Photo Submitted By: Larry Martin)



(Dave Myers with a 20 in. Largemouth Bass caught at Thompson Seeps while bluegill fishing 7/31/20 Photo taken by Josh Evans)

GAME RECOVERY: Larry Martin assisted Chris Mosher with an illegally shot elk on September 8th. Chris was contacted by Officer Horn with WDFW and due to the butcher shop being too busy to process the meat and package it for them. Chris and Larry had to store the meat until a later date. This brought up discussion once again, about the state health department mandates on wild meat and a couple of our Board Members will be looking into some other avenues for us to be able to process the meat. Over the years the rules have changed and although it is getting frustrating to be able to donate these recoveries, we need to remember; it is for the greater good. That was meat that was going to be wasted and the club was able to process, package and donate it to those in need.

NEW CLUB DONATION RECEIVED: The club has received a most generous donation from Chep Gauntt of a large 56" double door refrigerator for club use. John Prather and Rick Libby helped with the acquisition of the fridge. This fridge will join the club freezers at the home of John Prather, where the club stores our frozen donations and foods. This donation will benefit us greatly with out food prep for the WGD, KOE, Lunker Lake, Club Picnics and other events we hold. Thank you again Chep!

USACE RECONVEYANCE: The RRGCC has sent a letter in opposition to the planned reconveyance efforts of the cities, counties and

ports. The Board would encourage other members to write their own letters as well.

HICKS CREEK FUR TRAPPING SEMINAR AND APPRECIATION EVENT:

Fellow club member Doug Stanley of Hicks Creek Fur Company; will be having a fur trapping seminar and Customer appreciation event. This seminar will be held at the Horn Rapids County Park on Saturday October 24th beginning at 9 AM until dark. It will be followed by a BBQ. There are 22 RV spots and room for tent camping, if you would like to camp the weekend instead of just driving over for the day. Although the water will be shut off, there is a heated bathroom with amenities. The RV park does not take reservations, so it will be on a first come first serve basis.

TIE-A-THON: The RRGc along with sister club, the Columbia Basin Fly Casters will be participating in an event called Tie-A-Thon, to supply fishing flies for worthy causes such as Wounded Warriors, Healing Waters. This will be the 15th year that the South Bend, IN organization has tied for these worthy efforts, with tiers contributing from 39 of the 50 states. RRGc can help in several ways; tiers are always needed, a lunch on the primary tie day, and materials. Hunting season is around the corner and feathers, fur and hair will be needed. Feathers needed include whole skins of: Pheasant, Hungarian Partridge, Sharptailed Grouse, Chukar, Mallard, Wood Duck and Canada Goose (mostly the primary flight feather from each wing). Fur and Hair include patches of: deer (both White Tail and Mule Deer), Elk, and Bear. Any more exotic animal that is harvested can probably be used too.

Care of the materials can be as extreme or simple as you desire. Skins should be scraped of excess fat and treated with salt and borax to preserve them; they can be pinned to a stretching board to dry. Alternatively, the salted skins can be placed in a zip-lock bag, the bag evacuated as well as possible, and the frozen. A whole bird should be carefully placed in a plastic bag and frozen (the same as if it were to be mounted by a taxidermist). For more information call Dave Myers (509) 438-1277; leave a message as he doesn't answer all the time.

IN MEMORIAM: Dale M. Berndt, 65, died unexpectedly on August 18th, 2020 in Richland, Washington. Dale graduated from Washington State University and became a Certified Industrial Hygienist. He was an active member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club and the Master Hunter Program. Although Dale was only a part of the RRGc family for a few short years, he helped on as many projects as he could. Guzzlers, Wood Duck Boxes, Lunker Lake, Fish Hatchery, Salmon Booth and KOE events. He truly enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others in the club and felt the need to give back to the next generation. We are sure his son Joseph Berndt and family will continue his legacy and teachings through our club now, so his memory will live on. He was a loving father, son, and best friend to many. He loved to hunt, fish, garden and go clam digging. His humor, his laughter, and his smiles will be missed by all. We will see you again at the big Deer Camp in the sky buddy.



(Dale Berndt with his Walleye)

LUNKER LAKE: The Sportsman's Show is just around the corner. Please think about volunteering at Lunker Lake and helping get the kids on fish. This is many kids first ever fish they catch and it is truly magical watching all the excitement around the pond. Please contact Jack Pickard if you are able to volunteer in January 2021 at jlpick66@gmail.com or by phone at 627-9244.

VETERANS RECREATION GROUP: There has been considerable interest in the forming of a group of just veterans within the club. The function of the group will be to assist with club projects and to enhance hunting and fishing opportunities for veterans and disabled outdoorsman. If you are interested please call Bill Lambert at: (509)308-3657.

LIMITS GAME FARM LLC: Dave Piovesan opened the preserve for hunting the first week of September. Their 3-bird basic hunt is still \$100 and the season long youth hunt is 3-bird for \$70 with a paid adult. Youth must be 15 yrs old or younger. Reservations can ONLY be made by phone at (509)265-4578.

FOR SALE: WW2 Military Wall Tent. 14'X14'. Good condition. Complete with extras. \$725 OBO. Rocky Ross 492-0380

WANTED- The RRGCC is in search of a new Chief Hunter Education Instructor. This is for the RRGCC classes that are in a traditional classroom setting and are fully funded/backed by the club. If you or someone you know is interested in this position please contact **Richard Sharp at (509)551-6785.**

PSA: Although Shannon Lackey is unavailable for in person meetings and lacks good phone service at times (Pennsylvania hills and storms); she is still available via email or text. She is working on club things from out-of-state and can contact anyone that needs to be contacted. And get materials or correspondence ready and sent out if needed.

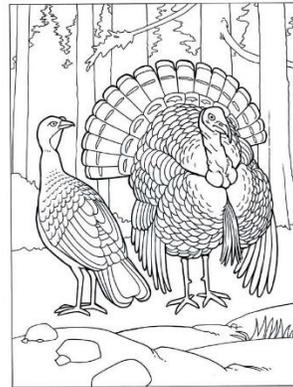
SHOUT OUT: In lieu of a giant bear hug and kiss (kids); which is completely uncustomary from me. I would like to give a HUGE shout out to Harley Lackey, Dakota Lackey, Rick Libby and Jack Pickard for helping me these last couple of months from across the USA. From driving around delivering shirts, collecting money, surveying, typing up letters of donation, printing out and mailing newsletters and helping me gather information for Board Meetings and Newsletters and sending things back and forth via email. **THANK YOU!!!**
~Shannon Lackey

OCTOBER PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



(Grace Age 5 with her first fish ever caught in her life! At Tim's Pond off Highway 12. Dad Bill Holland holding said fish Photo taken by: Laura Holland Photo Submitted By: ONE PROUD PAPA! Larry Martin)

HARLEY'S CORNER:



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