



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://rgclub.tripod.com/clubhome>

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2016-2017 Officers

Richard Sharp, President	586-4790	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
Ben Burdett, Vice-President	582-0103	Frank Scopa, Sec.	375-4748

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday December 6th, Richland Public Library,
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, December 20th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Grigg's in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – December 26th, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or

Email rgcsecretary@gmail.com

DECEMBER PROGRAM: The guest speaker for the December General Meeting will be Bruce Hewitt. Bruce will present a program on winter steelhead tactics. Bruce is a local guide. This was the most attended general membership meeting of 2015. You may want to come early since the public will be invited as they are to all of our general membership meetings. Like last year, this could be standing room only since we ran out of seating. Room capacity is 135 and we will be close to max'ing out that number.

RINGOLD SPRINGS FISH HATCHERY: Dale Schielke led the volunteer effort for RRG's assistance for WDFW at Ringold Hatchery again this year. As of the November Board Meeting, Dale had not been made aware of an additional request for volunteers for this calendar year. If you are interested in

volunteering a day, please contact Dale at 509 375 0183. At this time, there are no totals for volunteer hours furnished by RRG but we know that WDFW is appreciative. This is a thank you to Dale for his effort again this year.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Mike Tatro submitted a membership application last month. A vote was taken at the November Board Meeting approving Mike's application. Mike paid for a family membership application for one year. When you come across Mike and his family at the General Membership Meeting, please welcome him. All membership issues should be addressed to Jennifer Gardner at jen_gardner11@yahoo.com. There is an underscore between jen and gardner.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth

reported to the Executive Board that there will be one Hunter Safety Class conducted during 2017 Spring Break. Ron Ruth reported that the class will be a daytime class. Further details will be forthcoming as the time for the class draws closer. Ron reported that WDFW furnished several new firearms to be used for the Hunters Education Range Day. Ron also informed the Board that there is a group in the Sunnyside area that would like to either get trained as Hunter Safety instructors or affiliate with RRGc in some manner to provide training in the Sunnyside area. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously for Ron Ruth to take the lead in this effort and report back to the Board as to the feasibility of training and further cooperation with the Sunnyside group.

The Hunter Education youth pheasant hunt is currently scheduled for February 18, 2017. WDFW has informed RRGc that WDFW will be providing all the birds for the hunt. This event will be coordinated between Limits Game Farm, Pheasants Forever, WDFW, and RRGc. We are planning on an enrollment of 25 students for the event from previous Hunter Education classes. If you are aware of recent graduates of the Hunter Education class, please let them know so they can get in contact with Ron if they are interested. Ron can be reached at 509 737 7350 (cell) or ron-rose@frontier.com.

CONSERVATION/HABITAT- Larry Martin reported that in the past thirty days, 12 guzzlers/cisterns were inspected and cleaned. It can be expected that as long as the winter weather remains temperate, additional inspections and repairs will take place. If you are able to volunteer time, please contact Larry at 509 545 9647 or ljmartin@owt.com.

GAME RECOVERY: Chris Mosher reported that there were no recovery efforts during the past 45 days. This is probably due to the change in the Washington State game recovery rules.

WILD GAME DINNER: 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. Since John will be out of town for the December general membership meeting, Marilyn Steele will have 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 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.

Marilyn Steele will remain as the director again this year. Paul Kison and John Prather reported that they have not started the solicitation of door prizes, raffle prizes or silent auction prizes for the dinner. If you are aware of an individual or business that would be interested in donating a prize, you can obtain a letter on RRGc letterhead, stating our position/need, from Richard Sharp. Richard can be reached at 509 586 4790 or ospreytallons@yahoo.com. If you are able, please let John and Paul Kison (509) 545 6050 know if you are willing to help collect door prize donations for the WGD or if you know of a business that we should solicit for a prize. The WGD is a success each year only because of the generosity of RRGc members!

Worth Mathewson will be the guest speaker at the WGD. Worth Mathewson of Amity, Oregon has been selected as the program speaker for the Wild Game Dinner which will be held on March 25, 2017 at the Shilo Inn in Richland. Mr. Mathewson is an avid, life-long hunter and is field editor for *Delta Waterfowl*, an organization principally involved in funding postgraduate waterfowl research. He has written articles for more than forty magazines, is the author of five books, and has compiled or edited nine additional titles. He has hunted in several states and countries including a trek to Alberta and Saskatchewan this fall to pursue waterfowl. The

title of his dinner presentation is “Birds: Hutable and Non-Hutable”.

Dale Schielke will have WGD tickets available for sale starting at the December meeting. Appetizers and no host cocktails will be available starting at 5 PM, dinner will be served at 6 PM. Tickets to the event will be available at the December meeting for \$20 per person or contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183. You can purchase 10 tickets to reserve a table ahead of time. The event is for members and guests only. The WGD is not open to the public at large; this is driven by Health Department rules that preclude serving non-inspected wild game to the public. A variety of wild game dishes and appetizers will be served.

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP: WDFW provided a presentation regarding the causeway removal to Bateman Island in Richland. This is just in the initial stages and there is very little research that has been done as regarding schedule, cost and design. The information presented showed modeling of water temperatures and flows. The information presented was at such a preliminary stage that there was very little that could be addressed in detail. WDFW will be making presentations to numerous stakeholders while the design is in process. It was not estimated when the design would be finalized.

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 rrgcsecretary@gmail.com. You will get quicker delivery and save us money.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 20, 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters’ Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE: Due to issues with our yahoo address, secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com, we are no longer using that account. Please use the rrgcsecretary@gmail.com account for all email inquiries and correspondence.

AMENDED ARTICLES OF

INCORPORATION: All members will be receiving a copy of the Amended Articles of Incorporation. Distribution will be just like the monthly newsletter, either electronically or via a mailed copy. The purpose of the Amended Articles is to establish RRGc as an approved corporation that is in full compliance with the requirements of the State of Washington. This must be first accomplished prior to applying for non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service under the 501(c)(3) requirements. The amended articles will be sent out in December for review by the general membership. As per the amended articles to pass, there must be an affirmative vote of 50% plus one vote. Due to this requirement, all votes will be tallied in order to show compliance. It is the intent of the Board to have the vote taken no later than January 3, 2017. It is requested that all members receiving notices from RRGc via the USPS, notify the secretary for a mailed copy of the proposed amendments. Members who vote by proxy via email will be instructed not to vote again at the general membership meeting.

Upon approval, the Treasurer and/or the President will execute the document in the presence of a Notary Public. The document will be submitted to the Washington Secretary of State for filing with the appropriate fee. Upon receipt of a stamped copy of the amended Articles of Incorporation from the Secretary of State, an application will be submitted to the IRS for review and approval.

This has been a several year process to get to this point. The Officers and Board Members ask that you review the Amended Articles of Incorporation so that you can provide a vote based on the your understanding of what is trying to be accomplished under a Non-Profit Status as a tax exempt organization.

SPORTSMAN’S SHOW: Lunker Lake,, Marilyn Steele will pass a volunteer roster around at the December and January general membership meetings for the Lunker Lake set-up, tear down and shifts. Please be generous with your time if you are able. Set-up will take place on Thursday, January 19 with volunteer

shifts on Friday, the 20th, Saturday, the 21st and Sunday, the 22nd. Tear down will be late Sunday afternoon.

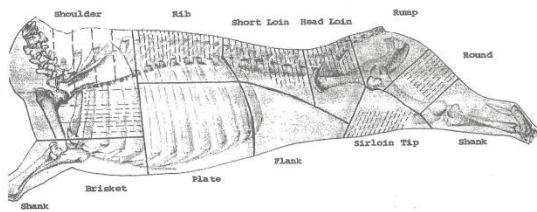
Pellet Range, Ron Ruth has asked if RRGCC would be involved again this year. Ron said that like last year, he would need volunteers for set-up and tear down as well as shifts. Since this is not a RRGCC sponsored event that in the interest of providing a shooting experience for kids, he would stay involved. Of note, this is a Friends of the NRA event. Ron will also bring a volunteer sign-up sheet to the December Meeting.

INFORMATION FROM WDFW: Jason Fidorra sent an email to RRGCC to let us know that Prairie Biotic Research is providing grants up to \$1,000 for research by individuals for grassland/shrub-steppe species in US. If you have an interest, please contact Jason at WDFW, 509 545 2201.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICER AND BOARD POSITIONS: This is a reminder to all RRGCC members that we will have elections in March. If you are interested in any of the positions, please contact Richard Sharp at 509 586 4790. At this time, the positions of vice-president and secretary will have vacancies. There are also numerous committee position vacancies. Please feel free to inquire as to how you can volunteer or become nominated.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: The selected photo for December is Dale Schielke and his grandson Josh in Montana pheasant hunting. The photo was taken by Dale's son-in-law, Dan Evans.

Standard Meat Cuts



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