



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- <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/>

Club Facebook- www.Facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – Cancelled

Board Meeting- June 16th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

Newsletter Deadline for July is June 21st, Call Shannon Lackey at 948-3320 or

Email: rgcsecretary@gmail.com

MAY GENERAL MEETING: There will be no General Membership Meeting at the Richland Public Library. We might be able to resume in September. Also, the official catfish derby is unable to be held this year but discussion is happening on having a socially distanced tournament of sorts. If you have any input for Matt Cummings and Richard Sharp on this, please email the secretary. We are all ears at this point to ideas of recreating responsibly.

WILD GAME DINNER: The Board had to decide in the wake of this pandemic if it was safe enough for us to continue with our planned WGD. It was decided in the best interest of all of our members and limited openings for large groups to **CANCEL THIS YEARS WGD**. As we have not yet begun phase 3-4 of the reopening of Washington, we could not have the

amount of people we had planned for, and we would have to somehow figure out the social distancing of 300 guests. It was an extremely hard decision due to the preparation, planning, scheduling and donations. This month the board will decide how best to go forth and refund the tickets. I do know that we will only be refunding tickets that are handed over. So do not lose yours before we set up a time and place to proceed. As soon as the secretary has the details on refunds, she will email them out. There is discussion of an enhanced club picnic this year with some of the prepared food that won't hold over until next year being on the menu. Just remember that if you lose your ticket, we cannot refund you.

WOOD DUCK PROJECT: Wood duck nesting is in full swing. RRGV volunteers have

been doing some limited box checks due to social distance limitations. We have been able to provide live streaming from a few nest boxes and have recorded the "jump" of ducklings from box 412, 393, 367, 493, 413, and 364. The recordings are on YouTube if you wish to view them. A list of the links for the recordings and the current live broadcasts are found at www.rgcwoodducks.org in the "In-box Camera" tab.

We have checked a number of nest boxes and so far, we have;

- Recaptured 35 wood duck hens previously banded
- Captured and placed new bands on 74 wood duck hens
- Captured and banded 1 hooded merganser hen
- Captured 13 ducklings and fitted them with web tags
- Redeployed 6 geolocators for year 2 of their life; 16 were originally purchased and deployed, 7 were recovered after year one and one was too damaged/defective so it could not be redeployed for year 2.
- Recaptured 34 western screech owls previously banded
- Captured and placed new bands on 30 screech owls
- Captured and banded 25 screech owl owlets
- Captured and placed new bands on 2 saw whet owl adults
- captured and banded 9 saw whet owlets

We are hopeful that we will be able continue to with finding ducks to band and ducklings to be fitted with web tags. So far, we have not recovered any wood ducks with any of the 100 web tags that were fitted on ducklings last spring.

You can see the streaming areas on YouTube at: [WOOD DUCK PROJECT](#) We hope to add cameras and additional channels as we find active nesting hens or screech owls.

GUZZLERS: 4-28-20 Larry Martin inspected and cleaned guzzler 68, 69, 240, 249 & 250. All needed lots of shovel work removing mud from ramp and animal diggings. Guzzler 240 was hit by a fire but ok. Also, on this one an animal had dug completely under tank, guzzler 249 hit by fire needs work, reset rain catchment apron in a

position to catch water until we get back with parts. These are located east of Connell highway 260, highway 15, McCullum, Bauermister road areas. 9.5 man/hrs

5-22-20 Greg Herrin and Larry Martin repaired guzzler 53, damaged frame, set up camera on this guzzler. Guzzler 65 tin damaged by wind, replaced. Also inspected and cleaned guzzler 44. Guzzlers located southeast of Prosser. Davis road, Young road area. 16 man/hrs.

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



(Larry Martin and Greg Herrin)

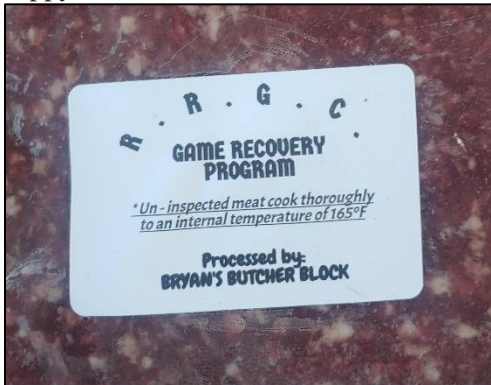
ZEITLER WRAP-UP:

During the preparations for the barn sale the Club had at Zeitler's on February 8, we found a box containing a lot of Herter's items. As many of us did during the 1950-1980 period he brought a fair number of items from Herter's. Having had previous experience selling on eBay, I took the box and started selling items on eBay and the money was transferred to Mrs. Zeitler. The highest priced item sold was a box of Needle Files for \$43.80. In all 41 items were sold for a total of \$568.58. In addition, through a contact that Shannon sent to me, the Ponsness Warren Shot Shell Reloading Press sold for \$300. If the barn sale total of \$1342 (\$568.58+300.00+1342.00) is added, the total is \$2210.58. Still to be sold are Jerry's four pack boxes and a Herter's Metallic Cartridge Reloading Press. I'm working on them. Howard Gardner

RRGC WEB PAGE: richlandrodandgun.org has had Over 8,402 visits. Greg Boeringa will be updating the calendar as well as the homepage and this is your best chance to stay up-to-date on the club functions right now. Photos, news, trips, or tutorials can all be added to the website from our members just email them to: admin@richlandrodandgun.org.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be June 16th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter Education Room, Pasco. Unless current Corona Virus conditions continue to inhibit our meetings.

GAME RECOVERY: On April 22, 2020 I was able to receive a deer via kill permit. I de boned and delivered 45 lbs of meat to Bryans Butcher block to be processed. I picked up the meet May 4th. The mission was once again happy.



(New heat transfer labels)

FAUNA AND FLORA SURVEYS: For the spring and summer seasons there will be wonderful opportunities to get outside and get to know your native species that live right under your nose. I challenge each member to go out and find 5 native species of insect, animal or plant each week. See how many you can identify and send your pics to the secretary! Bumblebee surveys are starting, so don't mind the blonde one- running around taking pictures of bugs on flowers.



(Mason Bee on Common Yarrow)



(Morel Mushroom being shaded by a lily)



(Brittle Prickly Pear in Benton County)

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.

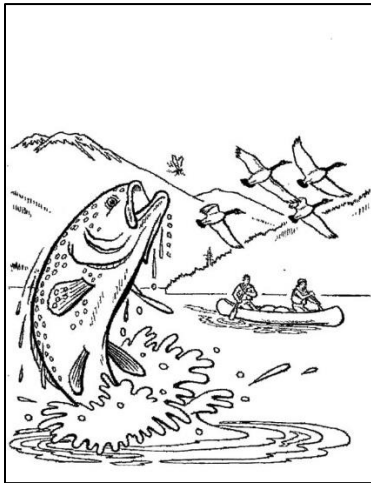
FOR SALE: WW2 Military Wall Tent. 14'X14'. Good condition. Complete with extras. \$950 OBO. Rocky Ross 492-0380

FOR SALE: Bench Rest .22-250 built on Mauser action. Relatively new SST bull barrel. Fitted with 10X RA Spot Shot Litschert long target scope + brass & reloads. \$875 OBO. Rocky Ross 492-0380

FOR SALE: Jerry Zeitler's pack boxes for packing in on horses. There are 4 sturdy well-built boxes in great condition. Two are 22x16x13 and the other two are larger at 28x18x13 these are being offered at \$200 for all four boxes. Howard Gardner 943-9084

WANTED- The RRCG is in search of a new Chief Hunter Education Instructor. This is for the RRCG 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.**

HARLEY'S CORNER:



(Would a youth that you know, like to be featured? Have them color one of the many coloring sheets available at [Harley's Corner](#) and turn them in via email or a meeting)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



(Jack Pickard with his Walleye caught on May 28th. 7 Lbs. 26 in. Photo By: Rick Libby)