



RIGHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday May 3rd, Richland Public Library,
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, May 17th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 29th, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or

Email rrgcsecretary@gmail.com or secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: There are several new members that joined for the months of March and April. The new members are Jake Horner, an individual, Phil Morton, an individual, Michael Roening, an individual and Chris Unser, family membership. Please welcome them to RRGc at the next general meeting. Jennifer Gardner remains the Chair of the Membership Committee and can be reached at JEN_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM. There will be an e-mail to all of the members that receive electronic copies of the newsletter prior to the next general membership meeting. The e-mail will have an attachment that will list all of the members' names and the date of expiration of their membership. That will be the only information on the attachment. The purpose of the e-mail is to provide an update to the membership that will provide you with what RRGc has recorded as the length of your membership. If you are not in agreement as to the duration of your membership, please inform Jennifer at the May General Meeting. We are attempting to keep all of our records current and as accurate as possible.

MAY MEETING TOPIC: the guest speakers for the May General Membership Meeting would be John Hone of WDFW and RRGc past President Jeff Gardner. Mr. Hone's subject will be fishing for pikeminnows for money. Jeff's subject will be tips for Big Game applications.

There were a total of 56 attendees at the April General Meeting. Of those in attendance, there were six visitors. Ben Burdett, as the Vice-President, will now promote the general membership meetings with flyers at local sporting goods stores and the Tri-City Herald will be requested to publish a meeting announcement on the Saturday prior to the meeting.

ELECTIONS: There will be an election held during the June General Membership Meeting to vote on a change in corporate status for RRG. At the present time, RRG is not a Non-Profit Organization as registered with the IRS under the 501(c)(3) requirement. Over the past two years, the Bylaws were rewritten and updated to address a change in our status if we elect to establish ourselves as a fully compliant Non-Profit Organization. The Bylaws were approved by a vote of the General Membership in March of 2015. The Articles of Incorporation have also been reviewed with the intent that the amended Articles of Incorporation will be to establish compliance with IRS requirements. A copy of the Amended Articles of Incorporation will be sent as an attachment to a separate e-mail prior to the June General Membership Meeting. As we did with the Bylaws, you are asked to review the Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation prior to the vote. Any questions you may have can be directed to the Incorporation Committee Chair, Jeff Gardner or Mike Estes prior to the election. Jeff can be reached at 509 554 2450 and Mike can be reached at 509 582 2212.

APRIL MEETING SUMMARY: The speaker for the meeting was Ben Hanes, President of the Columbia Basin Bass Club. His subject was Spring Bass Fishing. He has a significant background in bass fishing with affiliation with the Capital City Bass Club, Washington State Bass Federation and Northwest Bass. He also writes articles on bass fishing and has numerous sponsors for his professional bass fishing career.

Mr. Hanes presentation could be summarized as techniques based on three water temperature zones. They are Early Spring – 40 to 48 degrees, Mid-Spring – 49 to 56 degrees and Late Spring – 57 to 62 degrees. The normal times can be attributed as Early Spring for the period of late February to early April, Mid-Spring for the period of Mid-April to early May and Late Spring for the period of Mid-May to early June.

The Early Spring can be thought of as the migration time of the bass from deep water nearer to spawning areas. This can be normally thought of as bass moving from a main channel to areas 25 to 45 feet in depth. At this time, the fish are deep enough that wind and cold temperatures don't affect the fish. Mr. Hanes uses blade baits and tube jig head type lures. He recommends using Smelly Jelly on tube jigs in green pumpkin or brown sparkles or chartreuse jigs or white jigs.

The Mid-Spring time is a normally when bass are in the shallower water but are generally adjacent to deeper water via steep drop-offs. The bass are normally a short distance from the drop-offs. The water depth at this time is 3' to 12'. This transition time is spent between main lake points and secondary points of bays and flats. The migration route can take place via old road beds much like contour lines. At this time that the bass will use the points as rest stops. Structure is important and can vary from rockpiles to anything that provides edges such as elevation changes and edges of weed beds.

Mr. Hanes recommends crankbaits, spider baits, grubs, jerkbaits, tube jigs, flipping jigs, chatter baits, spinner baits and senko worms in the red crawdad color. He also changes the hooks out on the baits to one size larger than the lures are sold with. He recommends Luhr Jensen hooks and Mustad triple grips. He also uses football jig heads in brown.

Late Spring is a time of transition. The bass are spawning in generally less than 12' of water and sometimes as shallow as one foot. The water temperature is generally above 55 degrees. The males are sitting on the nests and the females are on and off the nests. The nests are normally blackish in color. At this time, stealth is a requirement and polarized sunglasses are a necessity. As a reminder, if you can see the fish, they can see you. Always release spawning fish.

Post spawn can be productive but this time period can also be very difficult. Effective baits are senko worms, swim baits, crank baits, topwaters and spinner baits. He recommends shad color fish looking bait.

His last recommendation was a reminder that for Early Spring, deep water to shallow with crawdad imitations. For Late Spring, shallow water to deep, fish imitating lures. Different water temps will drive fish locations. Always release spawning fish and practice fish conservation.

This was an excellent presentation. Our thanks to Mr. Hanes for sharing his expertise with RRG. C.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

INCORPORATION COMMITTEE: Jeff Gardner is the Chair for the committee for both our Non-Profit Status with IRA as a 501(c)(3) organization as well as our corporate status with the State of Washington. The Articles of Incorporation have been revised and a final review has occurred. Please see the section above regarding Elections for further information.

USE OF FUNDS: The following information is provided in order for the general membership to be aware of RRG's funding of a wildlife related scholarship. Bob Zylman, Howard Gardner and Mike Estes have been actively involved with establishing revised criteria for the selection and awarding of the Richland Rod and Gun Club Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Mike Estes, Howard Gardner and Bob Zylman have received five scholarship applications from University of Idaho students for review. As the Scholarship Committee, they will determine the most qualified candidate and make a recommendation for the award.

WILD GAME DINNER: We survived another Wild Game Dinner effort. There was 343 pounds of donated game meat, fish and fowl for WGD. There were 252 members and guests at the dinner. There was a Lessons Learned Meeting held on April 13 to discuss recommendations for next year's WGD. There were 15 recommendations made that would make next year's effort more efficient and less labor intensive on the day of the WGD. Once again, thanks to all of the RRG members that took part in the food and venue preparation.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Richard Libby presented the Treasurer's Report for March at the April 19th Board Meeting. The report was accepted as presented. If any members are interested in obtaining a copy of the monthly treasurer's report or would like to become involved in future Use of Funds determinations, please contact Rick at Big_guy@charter.net. Mr. Libby reported that the profit from the WGD was \$4,711.87. This was very much in keeping with previous dinners. The number of attendees was higher than in previous years however.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth reported that the next Hunters Education Class will start on Monday, June 13 and continue through Friday, June 17 with Range Day on Saturday, June 18. Class times will be from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM Monday through Friday. Range Day will be at the tri-City Metallic Silhouette Range. The class has not been announced on the WDFW website yet but will be open for registration approximately the second week of May. As with previous classes, there will need to be sufficient number of volunteers on hand for each class day to ensure that there will be two adults present for each class session. Please contact Ron Ruth at ron-rose@frontier.com if you are interested in becoming a hunters' education instructor. All volunteers must be screened by WDFW. The procedure consists of filling out background check form. This is done to ensure classroom safety. Washington State requires that there be two screened persons in a classroom at all times. Also, volunteers interested in becoming instructors can also contact Ron Ruth as to the requirements and process.

DATA MANAGEMENT: Russ Wyer and Sam Morrison have proceeded with the effort to convert RRGc data to an electronic drop box. The end result will be a permanent electronic record of RRGc records and operations that can be accessed by authorized officers and club members. The Committee Chair positions are now being utilized by individual chair persons. A continued effort by Russ and Sam that is yielding very positive results.

GAME RECOVERY: Nothing new to report.

CONSERVATION/HABITAT:

Cisterns - If you are interested in volunteering to maintain and rebuild the cisterns, please contact Larry Martin at 509 545 9647 or at his email address ljmartin49@charter.net. Larry needs to know in advance the number of volunteers he will have available for every effort. Larry will provide further details at the General Meetings as to dates and meeting locations. Larry is hoping to get a sufficient number of volunteers in order to have additional work parties working concurrently which will result in a more efficient effort. The following represents the work accomplished by Larry Martin and several others.

April 8, Gene VanLiew, Larry Noggles and Larry Martin refurbished fire damaged guzzler #103 south of Finley. They were able to reuse the frames and tin from the guzzlers Brian Wake (property owner) had saved from guzzlers that had to be pulled out of new circle crop area. They used new steel posts and brackets for the roof structure. They also installed fiberglass patches to small burned areas on the cistern tank. On the way out to the repair site they were able to inspect and clean guzzler #211. 23 manhours were used as well as 110 volunteer vehicle miles.

April 13, Larry Martin repaired broken frame on guzzler #199. He also inspected and cleaned guzzlers #198 and #205 located south east of Prosser. He checked guzzler #7 for an upcoming repair. This guzzler is slightly visible from an area in Weber Canyon where people target shoot. Part of the rain catchment wings are visible and have become a target. There were 24 bullet holes in the catchment panels and 4 shotgun blasts from the hillside above. The tank still holds water although it needs fiberglass work on its top and complete new rain catchment panels. This guzzler probably should be relocated in the future rather than being repaired at this location. 7 manhours hours were used plus 72volunteer vehicle miles.

April 21, Dave Gerdes, Larry Noggles, Ron Ruth, Jack Pickard and Larry Martin refurbished the fire damaged guzzler #98 which is located south of Finley on State land. New steel posts and brackets for one side of apron were required. A used apron frame and apron tin was donated by Brian Wake. The material was saved when guzzlers were removed due to circle crop installation. 34 manhours were used plus 160 volunteer vehicle miles.

Wood Duck Project— The Richland Rod and Gun Club (RRGC) currently has two in-box cameras with live streaming video on Ustream of the incubating wood duck hens. The different in-box cameras can be viewed at:

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc-nestcam> - Incubating hen #22669, expect the hatch watch to start approximately in late April. This is her second year in this box.

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/wild-wood-ducks> - Incubating hen #30101, expect the hatch watch to start approximately in late April. This is her first year in this box.

Check back to watch the progress. Hens will lay 1 egg a day in the morning for 8-12 days of nesting and then start a 30 day incubation period. During the incubation, the hen will stay on the nest except for a

short food and drink break about dawn and dusk. She will cover the eggs with down and nest shavings before she leaves to feed and drink.

The universal link to all the RRGc in-box cameras and past video recordings of the duckling "jump" is found at: <http://www.rrgcwoodducks.org/in-box-cameras>. The camera status is updated on this page showing which cameras are live and which ones are off line. If you are interested in assisting with the annual maintenance effort, please contact Dale Schielke at 509-375-0183 or dahlialou@msn.com.

NEWS FLASH – NEWS FLASH – This was sent in by Dale Schielke on 26 April at 10:07 AM
Hen #30101 is hatching her nest of ducklings on <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/wild-wood-ducks> ! Currently the ducklings are staying under the hen but will become more active as the day passes. Watch for activity in the nest box - ducklings moving about and the hen ingesting the egg shells to replenish the calcium lost during the egg laying process. Expect the jump to occur tomorrow morning, April 27, 2016. We plan on trying to capture/record the in-box "jump" on video to be posted later on the web site.

Our other in-box camera <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc-nestcam> should have hatching starting soon too, so check that for activity too. We hope to add some additional cameras soon of other nesting hens. Check the web site in-box camera tab <http://www.rrgcwoodducks.org/in-box-cameras> for the latest status.

Conservation Camp: The dates for the 2016 Youth Conservation Camp have been listed as the following; Girls Camp – 17th through the 23rd of July. Boys Camp – 24th through the 30th of July. It remains the responsibility of the parent to have their child at the Anacortes Ferry landing at the correct time for registration and follow-on transportation to the camp. Further details can be obtained from Larry Martin at 509 545 9647. Campers must be 12 years of age at the time of camp.

KIDS OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE: Gene Van Liew is in charge of the fishing rod assembly for the KOE to be held in May at the Fishing Pond located at Columbia Park. Special Needs fishing will occur on Friday evening, May 6 at 4:30 PM. Volunteers are asked to be on hand at 4:00 PM. Marilyn Steele has graciously agreed to provide and cook a meal for the Friday night volunteers. Saturday's start will be at 8:00 AM. Volunteers will need to be on hand at 7:30 AM. There will be 1,400 fishing rods assembled this year. 1,350 rods have been picked up for assembly and 50 remain. Please contact Gene at 509 946 7738 if you are able to provide the time for the assembly of the last 50 rods and reels. The assembled rods and reels need to be delivered to the storage trailer that will be parked at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond on Friday morning. Registration for the Special Needs participants needs to be done through The Arc of the Tri-Cities at (509) 783 1131. Other registration for Saturday needs to be done through the City of Kennewick Parks and Recreation. 6,000 trout will be planted in the Fishing Pond this year.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM: Gene Van Liew has asked for volunteers for the Salmon Summit to be held on the 3rd and 4th of May at Columbia Park. Approximately 3,900 salmon eggs were distributed to local schools in the Kiona, Richland, Kennewick and Finley School Districts. The eggs have developed to the fry stage and will be released into the Columbia River. Gene will have a volunteer sign-up sheet at the meeting on the 3rd of May.

SALMON BOOTH/ART IN THE PARK: Dale Schielke has the lead for the Salmon Booth once again. The event will take place on the 29th and 30th of July. Salmon fillet and chicken preparation will take place on the evening of Thursday the 28th. The assembly of the booth will take place on the evening of Thursday the 28th as well. Dale Schielke will have volunteer sign-up sheets at the meeting.

BULLETIN HELP: Frank Scopa

If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to Frank Scopa at secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com with your email address. We are now current as to mailing addresses for the hard copies. We are down to 27 members receiving hard copies via the US Mail. New members will be added as the information is received. If you are receiving both a hard copy and an e-mail copy, please let me know. We are now mailing and/or emailing a copy of the monthly newsletter to the following organizations to keep them abreast of our activities; Ranch and Home, Sportsman's Warehouse, Griggs Ace Hardware and Columbia River Catering Co. These businesses listed have been and continue to be sponsors. When you do business with them, thank them for their sponsorship and let them know you belong to RRGC. The cut-off date for information for the June Newsletter will be May 29, 2016. We will now be sending our electronic copies of the newsletter via our new G-Mail account. Please continue to use the secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com for any correspondence for the Officers or Board Members. You can also use rrgcsecretary@gmail.com.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS: Matt Cummings provided door prizes per his usual excellent level of performance. The list of winners is as follows; Bushnell Bino Caddy – Paul Kison, LaCross Burly Scent Free Turkey Hunting Boots – Dale Schielke, Primos Turkey Call - Chris Mosher, Primos Turkey Call – Michael Keating, US Angler Bass Tackle Box with Gear – Jim Cartmell, Midland Portable Weather Radio – Gary Clark (Guest), Laserlure Lighted Steelhead Lure – Everyll Davison, Depthfinders Guide Book – Michael & John Valdez, Craig's List Special Tackle Box with gear - Ben Burdett, Plano Mini-Magnum Tackle Box with Bass Gear – Vince Spenkle (Guest), Mystery Box (Stainless Steel Travel Bottle, Peanut Brittle, Mitchell spin casting reel and 25 foot measuring tape – Michael Valdez.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 19th, 7:00PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: June 7th, at the Richland Public Library at 7:00 PM.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: Richard Sharp's photo of Sam Morrison and a legal keeper sturgeon. Sam's first.

WANT ADS:

If you have anything that needs to be in the Want Ads section or information that you would like to convey to the general membership, please keep in mind that the cut-off date for inclusion is normally the Sunday after the Executive Board Meeting. Send your information to secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com or rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

Free – Reloadable Brass – 40 - 7mm Mag., 20 - .38 Special, 14 - 30-06, 20 - 9mm Luger, 10 - .300 Win. Mag. Harvey Huisingh – 943 9326

For Sale – Browning Invecor, 20 Ga. Choke Tubes (2) plus wrench, \$50. Harvey Huisingh – 943 9326.

For Sale – Reloadable Brass 820 - .243 @\$\$.30/ea, 141 - .270 Win @\$\$.30/ea, 107 - .30-06 @\$\$.20/ea, 57 – [.25-06 @\\$\\$.50/ea](#), 54 - .300 Win Mag @ \$.75/ea. All brass is once fired and has been tumbled clean. Most are Winchester/R-P/Federal. Call or text Ron Ruth at 509 737 7350.

For Sale – The following was left over from the WGD. It is not compatible gear. It will be sold together as one unit. 1. Hodgdon Bullet Lube (Alox, 2 boxes), 2. Pacific Power G Single Stage Reloading Press, 3. Pacific.38 cal die set with shell holder, 4. Lyman 450 bullet lube, 5. Box of misc. reloading parts. 6. Lyman Ideal Bullet Lube (4 boxes). Make an offer. Contact Ron Ruth at 509 737 7350.

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