



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>

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site – www.northwestgamerecipes.com

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 January 3rd, Richland Public Library,
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, January 17th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Grigg's in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – January 29th, Call Sam Morrison at 528 2975 or

Email rgcsecretary@gmail.com

JANUARY PROGRAM: The guest speaker for the December General Meeting will be Dave Hedden. Dave will present a program on winter walleye fishing. This was a very popular event last year. Like most of our fishing presentations, you may want to come early since the public will be invited as they are to all of our general membership meetings.

CONSERVATION : Club President Richard Sharp was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the USGS and Canadian Wildlife Service for returning a migratory duck band from a mallard that was shot near Ringold. The mallard was hatched in 2016 in the Northwest Territories, Canada. The Certificate of Appreciation also lists the individual who banded the mallard.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: There are two new members that joined in December. The Dale Berndt Family joined for one year and John Foraker, an individual, joined for one year. If you meet them at the general meeting, please extend a warm welcome. 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 Ruth reported that he has had discussions with WDFW regarding the two youth model Mossberg 20 gauge shotguns that were purchased by the Hunters Education Committee. WDFW is interested in allowing RRGc to utilize the shotguns during the range day. They would also like for RRGc to assign the shotguns to WDFW for some indeterminate duration. However, RRGc will retain ownership of the shotguns and whatever agreement that is reached with WDFW can be breached by RRGc at any time. Ron will work on the wording of an agreement and report back to the Board. A motion was made, seconded and approved for Ron to follow through with this effort.

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. This will be a hunt for the first 25 student graduates. If you are aware of recent graduates of the Hunter Education class that would be interested, please let them know so they can get in contact with Ron. The hunt will be limited to the first 25 graduates Ron can be reached at 509 737 7350 (cell) or ron-rose@frontier.com.

CONSERVATION/HABITAT- Larry Martin reported that Monday 12-5-16 Team of Gene VanLiew, Dale Schielke, Larry Noggles and Larry Martin repaired Guzzler #97 which is on State land south of Finley. The guzzler was hit by a wildfire last year destroying the rain catchment aprons, luckily the fiberglass tank was not damaged and was in good shape. It was quite cold on Monday but we still got the job done and had fun too. On the way off the State land we picked up two garbage bags of litter that target shooters had left behind. If you want to get involved please contact Larry at 509 545 9647 or ljmartin@owt.com. Please refer to the RRGc Facebook page if you are curious as to what a guzzler (cistern) looks like.

GAME RECOVERY: Chris Mosher reported that there were no recovery efforts during the past 30 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 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: Hunttable and Non-Hunttable".

Dale Schielke has WGD tickets available for sale at the January 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.

DECEMBER MEETING RECAP: Bruce Hewitt provided an outstanding presentation on Winter Steelhead Fishing. Bruce provided handouts for members and guests. His presentation certainly showed his professionalism both as a fisherman and guide. Bruce addressed rigging of rods, plug fishing, diver and bait combinations, leaders, egg preparation, oil scents, etc. Bruce presented a myriad of information in a very brief amount of time. Bruce can be reached at Going Fishing Guide Service, email – goingfishing@catchingmorefish.com. His website is www.catchingmorefish.com. Bruce's cell number is 509 430 6448.

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.

Sam Morrison will be taking over the duties of Secretary during my absence in January and

February. Sam's contact number is 509 528 2975.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 17 at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

USE OF FUNDS: The primary purpose for the existence of RRGC is to provide education for the conservation of our natural resources. As such, RRGC provides funding for numerous organizations and causes that are in keeping with our mission. At the December Executive Board Meeting, the line item amounts for the Use of Funds were discussed. Two line items were revised and a vote was taken approving the changes and recommended line item amounts. This is a reminder that to all members that we provided funding for the following organizations; Coastal Conservation Alliance, Columbia Dive and Rescue, Delta Waterfowl, USA Olympic Shooting Team, the NRA Foundation and the US Sportsmen's Alliance.

RRGC also provides funds for the Fitzner Memorial Scholarships, Friends of the Mid-Columbia Wildlife Refuge, Salmon in the Classroom, Kids to Camp and Kids Fishing.

The total amount to be distributed by RRGC for 2017 is estimated to be \$8,700. This amount can be increased based on circumstances and approval of the Executive Board. However, it has not gone down in the previous five years. Please keep in mind that this amount has been supplemented by the generosity of RRGC members.

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 should have received a copy of the Amended Articles of Incorporation. Distribution was 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. 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 completed no later than January 3, 2017. Members who vote by proxy via email are instructed not to vote again at the general membership meeting.

Upon approval, the Secretary and 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 approved 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.

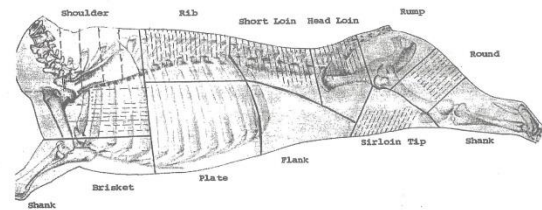
SPORTSMAN'S SHOW: Lunker Lake,, Marilyn Steele will pass a volunteer roster around at the January general membership meetings for the Lunker Lake set-up, tear down and shifts. Please be generous with your time if you are able. Set-up will take place on Thursday, January 19 with volunteer shifts on Friday, the 20th, Saturday, the 21st and Sunday, the 22nd. Tear down will be late Sunday afternoon.

Pellet Range, Ron Ruth stated that Merle Shuyler (Sportsman's Show Sponsor) will set up the pellet range and RRGC will be involved as the sponsor of the Pellet Range. RRGC has now taken the place of Friends of the NRA. Ron said that like last year, he would need volunteers for

shifts. Ron will bring a volunteer sign-up sheet to the January meeting.

Dale Schielke is in the process of obtaining prizes for Lunker Lake. As with previous years, some of the trout will have prize tags. Any child catching one of the fish with a colored tag will be able to choose from the prize selection.

Standard Meat Cuts



NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICER AND BOARD POSITIONS: This is a reminder to all RRGC 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.

WANT ADS AND SHOUT-OUTS

None this month

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: The selected photo for January is Kirby Hammond. The photo was taken by Richard Sharp.



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