



# **RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB**

**(INCORPORATED)**

**A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization**

**P.O. BOX 337**

**RICHLAND, WASHINGTON 99352**

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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## **MEETINGS AND DEADLINES**

Next General Meeting – September 6th, 7:00 PM at Richland Public Library

Next Board Meeting- Tuesday September 20th, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

September Newsletter Contribution Deadline is July 22nd email:

[admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org)

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## **Washington State Region 4 Hunting and Fishing 2022 Fall and Winter Forecast September 6th 7pm Richland Public Library \*\*Open to the General Public\*\***

Back by Popular Demand! The Richland Rod and Gun Club is proud to host Paul Hoffarth (WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist) who will provide a preview of this year's fall/winter sport fisheries and Jason Fidorra (WDFW District 4 Wildlife Biologist) who will provide a preview of local hunting opportunities at the Sept 6th RRGc meeting. Each will present 15-20 minutes of info and have time for Q&A at the end. We are fortunate to have these two gentlemen in our region and appreciate them giving us a sportsmen update whenever called upon. This is a great meeting to attend if you are interested in accessing our great outdoors in our backyards. We will have several items in the raffle that will make your outdoor experiences more memorable. Don't miss it!

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## **SALMON BOOTH 2022:**

**Dale Schielke & Dave Myers**

The 37th Anniversary of the Salmon Booth at the Art in the Park Show is history. We returned to our regular menu of Salmon Dinner, Salmon Sandwich and Chicken Dinner plus bottled soda, bottled water, and cookies. Because of the 100-degree temperatures, sales were reduced on both days. We had excess salmon as a result but were able to sell the excess to prevent a loss. This year each of the two clubs will receive \$1,704.55. The "Square Credit Card" reader served as our sales register; 35% of the gross income was from 151 credit card customers. A total of 186 pounds of sockeye salmon fillets were prepared and served; and 98 pounds of chicken breasts/thighs were barbequed and served as dinners. We served 173 salmon dinners, 275 salmon sandwiches, 92 chicken dinners, 460 bottles of water, 267 bottles of pop, and 41 cookies. We continue to get many compliments on the salmon, with many indicating they return every year for the salmon. We would like to give special thanks to Frank Scopa for providing an extra freezer used as a refrigerator inside his trailer for us to store the salmon. We cooked the salmon and chicken on the RRG's towable Traeger grill, which proved to be very convenient and much easier to manage the cooking temperatures. A very special thank you to Blaine Schwartz and John Merk to for spending two days making new countertops for our booth! Cost Less Carpet donated plastic laminate for the new countertops, thanks Jeff Gardner. We would like to thank Ice Harbor Brewery for donating the coleslaw dressing and tartar. We also appreciate the generous donation of about 500 lbs. of ice from Columbia Basin Ice that we used in the booth to keep drinks and other items cold during the extreme heat. Thank you, Frank Scopa, for the loan of your Smoke Vault used for hot holding. We also appreciate the loan of the enclosed trailer from John Prather that was used for secure storage of supplies at the park, plus for him providing storage of the Traeger grill and other supplies - thanks! Thanks also to Gaylord Pyle for the many years of providing a storage container to store our cookers and associated equipment/supplies needed for the booth. Lastly, but not least, thanks to Dave Myers and Frank Scopa for helping on all the shifts plus assisting in delivering and returning all the various supplies used for the Salmon Booth operation.

Activities associated with the Salmon Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to a great group of volunteers which includes the following members from both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and Columbia Basin Fly Casters: Dale Schielke(8), David Myers(8), Frank Scopa (8), Jack Pickard(3), Larry Martin(4), Russ Brown, Bill Lambert, Kristin Lambert, Becky Lambert, Gene VanLiew, Wanda Shearer(2), Jim Loomis, Ray Williams(2), Vince Pickering, Jeff Drowley(5), Rocky Ross, Rich Holton(2), John Merk(3), Mike Estes(3), Marilyn Steele(2), Cecelia Barger, Lynsi Barger, Gerald Bloom, Bob Schulz(2), Paul Kison(2), Tim Lynch (3), Guy Reisenauer, Mark Kerns, Dustin Ney(2), Gerald Wodtli (3), Sheldon Coleman(2), Bruce Hewlett(2), John Drewrey, Dan Robertson, Rod Gilge, Dwayne Locker, Ron Moore, Tony Umek, Shane Hansen, Julie Hansen, Joe DeLaney, Gaylord Pyle, Craig Anderson, Judy Terjesen, Dave Sharp, and Richard Sharp. The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered.

Thanks again to all the volunteers and contributors that made the Salmon Booth a success!

## Lifetime Achievement Award

WDFW staff presented Howard with his Lifetime Achievement Award on May 26, 2022 at his new residence. The 3 WDFW Hunter Education representatives in the photo with Howard are (l to r) Steve Dazey, Dave Whipple, and Aaron Garcia. The additional people in the other photo are Howard's family members. Also attached is the award letter signed by WDFW Director Kelly Susewind.



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### DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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March 28, 2022

Howard Gardner  
1500 Woodbury Street  
Richland, WA 99352

RE: Recognition of 65 Years as a Hunter Education Instructor

Dear Mr. Gardner:

On behalf of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department), I would like to recognize your outstanding achievement of 65 years of service as a volunteer hunter education instructor. Your passion and dedication to teach new hunters is beyond measure, and it is with sincere appreciation that we honor your accomplishment.

Five years ago, you were recognized by the Department for reaching the incredible milestone of 60 years of teaching. Reaching 65 years of service is a feat that is unmatched in our state, and few, if any will reach this same achievement in their lifetime. As such, we are creating the Howard Gardner Lifetime Achievement Award, which will go to instructors who reach 55 years of teaching. You have pioneered the gold standard, and it is only fitting that we recognize these endeavors in your honor.

When you started teaching the first mandatory hunter education courses back in 1957, you unknowingly became a trailblazer for the program in many ways. You have built a strong presence at Richland Rod and Gun Club, and your impact there is immense. We greatly appreciate the valuable learning experience you have provided to our new hunters over the years, and your work helps to ensure it will continue with future generations. You are an inspiration not only to your fellow hunter education instructors, but to the public and the agency as well.

Once again, I would like to express my profound appreciation for your devotion as a hunter education instructor. You have set an example for all to aspire to.

Thank you for all that you do for the people of Washington, and for being a part of our team.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Kelly Susewind.

Kelly Susewind  
Director

A blue ink signature of David Whipple.

David Whipple  
Hunter Education Division Manager

## Howard and his family with WFDW



### **Rod and Gun Club Board News:**

*The board decided to send a letter to WDFW Commission Chairperson voicing our displeasure with the decision to cancel the spring bear hunt. The letter is as follows:*

To: Washington State Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Chairperson: Barbara Baker

The membership of the Richland Rod and Gun Club (RRGC) is providing this letter to express our serious disappointment with recent actions of the Fish and Wildlife Commission. We strongly disagree with the Commission's actions to cancel the Spring Bear Hunt in direct opposition to the professional guidance offered by WDFW Staff. It is a sad state of affairs when actions are taken on, what appears to be, political bases rather than scientific evidence. Political opinions have no place in the management of Washington's natural resources.

The RRGC has assisted and will continue to support the agency in conducting its mission to conserve and enhance the wildlife resources of our beautiful state. We sincerely hope that those resources and the efforts of your staff will be taken to heart by the politically appointed oversight Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Sincerely,  
President Dustin Ney (RRGC)

### **Hunter Ed**

This year's 2022 Hunter Ed Traditional Class was held between August 1st and August 6th. There were 13 students enrolled. We had 2 No-Shows and 2 Walk-ins, which gave us a total of 13 students taking the class. Hunter Ed students present this year. We had a total of 12 students pass the class. Special thanks to all the instructors and volunteers that helped with the class this year. Without their help the program would not exist.

Thanks to everybody!

Ron Ruth

Chief Hunter Ed Instructor

Richland Rod & Gun Club

### **Photo of the Month**

Hailey with her first salmon of the season. Caught on the Columbia River August 16<sup>th</sup>. Photo taken by Carla Boeringa



### **Get Involved!**

The Richland Rod and Gun Club is a volunteer organization that has plenty of opportunities for you to participate.

**Join the Board** – the board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Hunter Ed Room at Griggs in Pasco.

**Wood Duck Boxes** – The club takes care of over 500 wood duck boxes. If you would like to help with that get in touch with Dale Schielke.

**Guzzlers** – There are over 400 water guzzlers to serve animals in the wild that need maintenance, sometimes moved and sometimes installed. If you would like to help with that get in touch with Larry Martin.

**Lunker Lake** – We are in charge of set up, tear down and running the kids trout fishing pond in January at the Sportsman Show. Look for information in the newsletter and on the website on how to help out.

**KOE Kids Fishing Day** – The club helps with everything from putting together fishing rods, security, helping kids fish, passing out t-shirts plus set up and clean up. This event is usually in April and there will be information on the website and the newsletter on how to volunteer to help put on a great event for kids.

**Hunter Ed** – The club has a Hunter Ed program that happens 2-3 times a year. Ron Ruth who heads this program can always use more volunteers. Get ahold of him at 509 737-7350.