



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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Club Website- www.richlandrodandgun.org

Club Facebook- www.facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub

2022 Officers

Matt Cummings, President (509) 948-4905 Richard Libby, Treasurer (509) 947-0498

Carla Boeringa, Secretary (509) 375-7791

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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

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

November Newsletter Contribution Deadline is December 22nd email:

admin@richlandrodandgun.org

December 6th General Meeting Presentation

7:00pm at the Richland Public Library

Wolves on the Move in Washington State

South Central Region 3 Director for WDFW Mike Livingston and his team will be giving us a great presentation on the current status of wolves in our state. There will be time to ask questions at the end so if you have been wondering about our state's wolf management this is your chance to find out!

Upcoming General Meeting Presentation

January's meeting presenter's will be the winners of the Quality Trip and their experience deep sea fishing off Washington Coast as well as a presentation by either by Jeremy Ivy with Worldwide Trophy Adventures on what WTA offers in the way of booking the adventure of a lifetime or managing your out-of-state big game points and/or a presentation on Matt and Connie's Canada Moose hunt.

Lunker Lake

January 27th – 29th is the Sportsman Show which for RRGc means Lunker Lake.

Volunteer shifts are thus;

Friday Jan 27 - noon to 3:00 - 2:30 to 7:00

Saturday Jan 28 - 9:30 to 12:30 - noon to 3:00 - 2:30 to 6:00

Sunday Jan 29 - 9:30 to 1:00 - 12:30 to 4:00 - 4:00 teardown.

Please get in touch with Dale to sign up for a shift!

We look forward to another fun event at Lunker Lake.

Dale Schielke (509) 420-0021

dahlialou@msn.com

Meat Donations for the Wild Game Dinner

Please keep in mind the need for game meat for the Wild Game Dinner on March 25th, 2023. We have storage facilities available so please consider donating fish, fowl, or game. Each game donation must be tagged with the following information: donor's name, WILD ID number, species and cut of meat, plus the date and location taken. Remember we can not accept any ground meat! If you have a donation to make, get a hold of Marilyn Steele 509-392-2128 or John Prather 509-521-1593

Wild Game Dinner

This year I would like to provide an opportunity for more upfront involvement with the dinner. Help is needed:

- Someone to oversee setup and order needed tables and chairs.
- A person to oversee sound and video needs.
- Someone to oversee desserts.
- Cooks for main dishes, chowder, salad etc.

I have input from last year and some dish ideas that worked well in the past. I would like to get together the 12th of December at my house. Soup Supper meeting 6pm. Email momhoops46@gmail.com or text 509 392-2127 if you will be coming or would like more information.

Marilyn Steele

Youth Conservation Camp

If you have kids, grandkids or know of kids ages 12 – 16 interested in the Youth Conservation Camp on Orcus Island please send Larry Martin and email at larry49martin@gmail.com RRGc sponsors a number of kids for this camp. Registration will take place in February and the camps are July 16th – 22nd for girls and July 23rd – 29th for boys.

Guzzlers

The work crew of Doug Schuetze, Bill Watson, Paul Kison, Ron Ruth, Larry Martin and Larry Noggles (who is not pictured) re-installed two guzzlers that had been removed due to crop change. The guzzlers were installed southeast of Benton City Weber Canyon and Dennis Road area on BLM land in the hills above the Kennewick irrigation canal which was dirt banked but recently lined. The hope is that the wildlife will stay away from the canal with the water available at the guzzlers.



What's Happening on Your Board

- RRGc is looking for new Board Members to come be a part of a great team! The Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Hunter Ed Room at Griggs in Pasco. If you are interested email admin@richlandrodandgun.org
- Past President Richard Sharp is working on putting together his Intro to fishing classes and hopes to start in January. Classes will be limited to 25 people and he plans on 2 classes. Later in the spring he would like to have classes that are species specific i.e. walley, bass, salmon

- The Grizzly bear planting in the Cascades is rearing its ugly head again. This is a Federal issue and WDFW only gets a participant role in this. Previously it was defunded. The RRGCC will monitor this situation as needed.
- Anti-Hunting groups are making more inroads into our state and state politics. RRGCC will be trying to keep close tabs on this and keep our members informed.
- Dave Myers is working on RRGCC having a Pike Minnow Fish In with Flycasters. This would be a fun event for members of both clubs and a way to accrue some money for both of our clubs.
- President Matt Cummings received a letter from the President of Flycasters that they planned on sending to the Allied Arts declining to participate in Art in the Park 2023 for various reason. They asked if Matt as President of RRGCC would be willing to sign this also. Matt read the letter to the board and asked for approval to sign it. The Board agreed. The letter is as follows:

Columbia Basin Fly Casters Richland Rod & Gun Club

November 18, 2022

Allied Arts Association
89 Lee Blvd
Richland, WA 99352

The Columbia Basin Fly Casters and the Richland Rod & Gun Club have operated the salmon booth at "Art in the Park" for over 30 years and, we believe, it has contributed to turnout at the event. The Salmon Booth has been the prime source of income for our clubs, allowing us to promote the sports of fishing and hunting, obtain prominent speakers for our monthly meetings, and support conservation activities related to hunting and fishing.

Your recent Non-Profit Concession Contract for 2023 has caused us to reconsider operating the salmon booth for the following reasons:

- Shortening the event hours to close at 6 PM eliminates the evening dinner business which had been significant in past years.
- The addition of food trucks, which are not non-profit, will significantly reduce our customers and other non-profit customers as well.

Other factors related to the 2022 event were the high summer heat and the lack of provided electric power. We needed to use a generator to power our refrigeration units. We order our salmon filets well before the event, based on estimated attendance, and the low turnout left us with a significant number of surplus filets.

After due consideration, our Boards of Directors have voted to discontinue our participation in the salmon booth for 2023 and future events.

We wish to thank Allied Arts and Richland Parks and Recreation for the long relationship we have had with your organizations.

Sincerely,



Jim Loomis
President
Columbia Basin Fly Casters



Matt Cummings
President
Richland Rod & Gun Club

CC: Richland Parks and Recreation

Share Photos!

If you have photos of you or family members in the great outdoors hunting, fishing or just having a good time, send them to admin@richlandrodandgun.org so we can get them in the newsletter. We want to know what our members are doing!

Here is what some of our members have been doing lately:



Kokanee fishing on Lake Chelan, making apple cider for the Wild Game Dinner and Ron Ruth pheasant hunting.

Comments requested by December 18th, 2022

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office is excited to announce the 2023 DRAFT Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan is now available for public review.

RCO encourages the public to review the draft plan, supporting documents, and to provide comments that help improve the plan. The plan and materials are available by following the link below to the plan hub.

The draft plan is available for review November 18 - December 18, 2022.

[Draft Plan | WA RCO SCORP 2023 \(arcgis.com\)](#)

Get Involved in RRG

There has never been a better time to get involved in the club. The best way to start is by attending the monthly meetings. Come support the club and these speakers. Save the date on your calendar for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Richland Public Library.

Also get involved in one of our Committees:

Lunker Lake: Matt Cummings – riverviewcounsel@gmail.com,

Dale Schielke – dahlialou@gmail.com

Salmon in the Classroom: Gene Van Liew – e.van-liew@hotmail.com

Wild Game Dinner: Marilyn Steele – momhoops46@gmail.com

Wood Ducks: Dale Schielke – dahlialou@gmail.com

KOE – Kids Fishing Day: Marilyn Steele – momhoops46@gmail.com

Hunter Ed: Ron Ruth – RonRuth.HunterEd@frontier.com

Guzzlers: Larry Martin - larry49martin@gmail.com

Youth Conservation Camp - larry49martin@gmail.com

Scholarship: Mike Estes - estesm34@gmail.com

RRGC Club Activities

Catfish Challenge – June

Club Picnic - August