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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, JANUARY 4

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 18, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

• The January meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 4 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm

• Speakers will be Paul Kison and Lloyd Zinsli winners of the 2010 Quality Trip drawing. They will describe their trip to Winterhaven, B.C. where they fished for salmon and halibut. They trailered their fishing boat to Winterhaven and fished out of it. Apparently they were very successful. Tip of the month speakers will be Gaylord Pyle and Pat Travis who will tell us of some of their Wild Game Recovery experiences.

• RR&GC 2011 calendars may still be available at the January General Meeting.

• March 26, 2011 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$20.00 each will be on sale at the January meeting. Club members, **only**, may purchase tickets at the meeting. Additional tickets can be purchased at the February 1 General Meeting by members for guests and nonmembers. Dale Schielke will be in charge of selling the tickets. For more information, contact Dale at 375-0183.

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• **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

• **Bring any Wild Game Dinner donation package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer.**

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Marilyn Steele opened the meeting to a packed house of over 60 people with the RR&GC Pledge.

• Gene Van Liew, Mike Estes, Eddie Manthos, Lyle Gilk, Don Board, and Clare Cranston made announcements.

• Program Chairman Gaylord Pyle introduced 'The Tip of The Month' speaker Richard Sharp who discussed 'Bead Fishing at Ringold'. Both salmon and Steelhead can be caught with the bead fishing technique. The attraction of the bead is that it resembles salmon eggs or Steelhead eggs. Salmon are caught with a larger 10-mm diameter bead and Steelhead with an 8-mm

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Price of the Quality Trip Drawing entry tickets is \$25.00 per ticket. Entry tickets for the 2011 Quality Trip can be purchased at the January, February and March General Meetings and at the Wild Game Dinner until the maximum of 100 has been sold

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2. Tickets are \$25.00 each, the value of the trip (maximum amount reimbursed to the winner) will be \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. If less than 50 tickets are sold, no winner will be drawn and members who purchased tickets will be reimbursed.
4. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
5. RR&GC members with a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents (18 years or older) may also purchase up to two tickets each.
6. The drawing will be held at the annual March 26, 2011 RR&GC Wild Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
7. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the RR&GC and who must also have participated in the drawing.
8. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner's trip cannot be taken as approved. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a RR&GC member and also have participated in the drawing.
9. A written copy and a presentation in person (winner or partner) of the proposed trip must be provided to the RR&GC Board in either the May or June Board meeting for Board approval.
10. The winner must have confirmation of key trip logistics (e.g., guide services, airline tickets, lodging, etc.) by August 1 and the trip taken before December 31 of the year of award. If the trip cannot be confirmed in the allotted time frame (prior to September 1). The winner shall forfeit the trip and the trip will be awarded to the alternate. The alternate will follow the same criteria as the original trip winner, with the alternate presenting his proposed trip to the RR&GC Board by the September board meeting.
11. In the event that the approved trip cannot be taken, the winner shall notify the RR&GC President immediately upon the winner's realization that the trip cannot be taken as approved.
12. Quality trip funds will be allotted as reimbursements after the winner has paid for portions of the trip. For example reimbursement for booking fees, airline tickets, etc. Note a check for reimbursement will not be provided to the winner prior to incurring costs without Board approval.
13. The winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership in February or March prior to the next RR&GC Wild Game Dinner.
14. The winners will provide a written summary of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and license costs, name & addresses of lodging & guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club website. A good reference for the report format are previous Quality Trip reports that are on the website.
15. The winner will sign and date a copy of these rules, as an acknowledgment of understanding of the rules. The President of the RR&GC will send a letter notifying the winner of the trip approval.
16. The RR&GC Board may, if requested, modify these rules for special circumstances.

January 8 Second Saturday Event: Bald Eagles 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon McNary National Wildlife Refuge

Discover the beauty of America's national symbol, the Bald Eagle. Program begins with a film, *American Eagle*, and is followed by a nature walk or a car caravan to Hood Park to find migrating eagles.

bead. Beads are used at this time of the year, after salmon have spawned, and some of the eggs have been displaced and are drifting downstream. Steelhead mistake the bead for a salmon egg and bite at it. Later, about April, the bead technique works after Steelhead have spawned. Since Steelhead eggs are smaller than salmon eggs, an 8-mm bead is used instead of the larger 10-mm bead used when salmon have spawned. The Steelhead also attack the pseudo Steelhead egg. Rich showed several methods for rigging the bead setup, including a rigging method for attaching a bead directly to the hook. He passed the rigging examples around to the audience. Rich prefers smaller #8, #6 or #4 hooks. He also discussed different bead colors/shades. He showed the fishing rig that he prefers for bead fishing, a 9 1/2 ft Okuma pinning drift rod and reel. The rigged rod, reel and with an assortment of beads was one of the evening raffle drawing prizes. Trout beads in many colors and sizes can be purchased at www.troutbeads.com, the website is also a good reference source. Rich answered many questions from the audience. It was a very interesting, good and informational presentation. Rich always gives very good presentations as evidenced by the audiences he attracts.

● After a short break Gaylord introduced Mike Livingston and Don Hand from the WDFW who discussed the Status of the *Rattlesnake Hills Elk Herd*. Mike started off his presentation with a review of the elk herd history. During 1972 and 1973 seven to 10 elk migrated into the area because of bad storm(s). Because of the security provided in the area by the Department of Energy (DOE), the numbers of elk increased in the mid and late 1980s. The herd was extensively studied and monitored in the early days by DOE contractors and as a result, two theses, five magazine articles and journal articles were published. Radio monitoring collars were installed on some of the elk from 1983 to 2005. As a result, there is extensive documentation of the population growth and range expansion of the elk herd. The elk adapted to living in the desert climate/area and the very large home range available. There were few predators, mild winters, available forage grasses and wheat from wheat field adjacent to the protected area. In the 1980s there was a 31% population increase. Less than 20 elk per year were harvested on private off-reservation lands thru 1983. The highest harvest was in 2000, (83 elk, 50 bulls and 33 cows) when a large fire drove many of the elk into private lands. Some of the elk may have moved into central Hanford as a result of the fire. Optimum size of the elk herd in the Rattle Snake Hills is calculated to be 350 elk.

● Don Hand discussed the crop damages caused by the herd and the steps taken to control the damage. During the 1999-2003 time period damage payments greater than \$500,000 were paid to farmers. Don was assigned to the Crop Damage Program in 2006. During the 2006-2009 time span, elk damage payments dropped to \$5,000-\$1,800 per year. Crops that sustained damage from the elk were wheat, corn, vineyards and orchards. Besides eating wheat, they damage it by bedding, trampling and trail formation. Hazing tactics that have been utilized are noise from shotguns, propane canons, lights, fencing, acoustic scent stations (cougar scent was ineffective). Control hunting is probably the best control method. WDFW special permit hunts on two sections of private lands are allowed. The two plots are identified as *Black Rock Ranch* and *Silver Dollar*. Youth hunts, hunts for disabled hunters and normal hunts are allowed. More information is available in the Big Game Hunting Pamphlet under Elk Special Permits. Additionally, special permits are allocated to the landowners in the *Black Rock Ranch* and *Silver Dollar* plots that are in the *Landowner Hunting Permit Program* and the landowners can allocate these permits to their family, friends or others.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Dalton McManamon who selected a night vision monocular. John Copper selected a 9 1/2 foot Okuma float spinning rod and reel (for bead fishing) with an assortment of beads and other goodies. Tom Zimba selected the mystery box which contained a can of unknown composition. Rick Mares selected a bucket seat and cushion. Martin Schneider selected a propane heater with a propane bottle. Rick Libby and Don Board selected a billy club donated by Pat Travis. Neil Sullivan selected a head lamp. John Nelson selected a package of assorted fishing beads. Dave Myers selected the Red Ryder air rifle. Russ Wyer and John Pfeiffer selected a RR&GC 2011 calendar. Thanks to Rich Sharp for the broad selection of prizes.

HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM: We have scheduled another big year for teaching firearm safety. In order to keep this fun for the instructors we need several people to take turns conducting the classes and helping in class room topics. If you can to take a turn, you will be very welcome. Our program is unique in that we drill safe handling throughout the class. Many types and makes of firearms are available for the students to practice. This means instructors are needed to help with operation and handling as well as teaching the topics. This is a good opportunity to work with eager students and complete community service at the same time. - Contact Don Board at (donjoboard@aol.com).

2011 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RANGE: (Dates shown in the December Newsletter were in error, the following are the correct dates). The 18th Annual Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show will open Friday, January 21, 2011 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco and run through Sunday, January 23. The Club will again man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 18th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on the three days. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 2 1/2 to 4 hour shifts. Some members may have already signed up and some have been contacted by the Club to help at Lunker Lake or by Clare Cranston to help at the Air Rifle

Range. If you have not volunteered and you wish to volunteer please call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 or Clare Cranston, for the Air Rifle Range, at 547-6273. Your duties at Lunker Lake will consist of baiting the hook for each child, removing the fish, after it is caught, and placing it in a plastic bag, after you have dispatched it. You will get a big kick out of working with the kids. A group of about six volunteers or more will be needed **Thursday morning January 20**, starting at 9:00 a.m., to set up the fishing pond. During the show a minimum of 16 volunteers per shift will be needed to man Lunker Lake. Shift times for set up of the fishing pond are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday the 20th. Shift times for Friday the 21st are 1-5 p.m. and 5-9 p.m., Saturday the 22nd, shifts will be from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 12:30-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-8 p.m. Sunday the 23rd shifts will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2-5 p.m., the last shift will stay over at 5 p.m. to help drain and disassemble the pond. The Air Rifle Shooting Range will be manned again this year under the direction of Clare Cranston. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond or shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from Lunker Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Lunker Lake volunteers should wear eye protection, bring a needle nose pliers or hemostat to remove the hook from the fish and bring a towel(s) to wipe your hands after you have handled a fish. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided for the volunteers. More information and sign up sheets will be presented at the January General Meeting.

● The Show will be open to the public Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. General admission to the public will be Adults: \$8.00, Children 6-12: \$4.00 and Children under 6: FREE Special Admissions: Friday - Seniors 60+: \$4.00 and Sunday - Family Day: 2 adults, 2 children (6-12): \$18.00. Parking is free. More information about the show is at www.shuylrproductions.com/.

RR&GC WILD GAME RECOVERY: See: <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id87.htm>

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Richard P. Hillmer from Richland and Bruce and Lavera Wade from Kennewick.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: John Hall entered two photos in the December photo contest. One photo showed John with a bear he harvested in the Gravellies Mountains in Montana: the other photo showed John with a bull elk he harvested in the Tobacco Root Mountains (John lives in Montana). Since John was the only entrant, he is the winner and will win five free raffle tickets at the January General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - Don Board and Clare Cranston .

- Hunter Education classes for 2010 are over. The first class for 2011 is scheduled to start March 2, 2011.
- All class registration is at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 p.m. over two weeks with a Saturday on the range
- A Paradigm class will take place April 2. Paradigm Classes are one (1) day, open to students 16 or older. Students must study at home prior to class and pass the knowledge test upon arrival.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!: The hunting season is starting soon and it will be time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held in March 26, 2011. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts and steaks are desired. Halibut, Steelhead and Salmon are also needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap (the diagram is shown on the Club's web site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45 ° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (**NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE**). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing! Meat donations so far have been very slim.

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Second Saturday, February 12: Great Backyard Bird Count McNary National Wildlife Refuge 9:00 a.m. - noon
Observe and learn about ducks, swans, geese, and other migrating birds. The refuge will supply bird lists, binoculars, and a spotting scope for close-up viewing. Results will be entered at www.ebird.org.



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- Speakers will be Club members Howard Gardner and Larry Martin. They will discuss local coyote hunting. Both Howard and Larry are avid coyote hunters and frequently hunt together. They will discuss weapons used, including cartridge selection and hand loading recipes, camouflage clothing and camouflage techniques, scent control, types of predator calls, including electronic calls, terrain suitable for coyote hunting and skinning and pelt preparation. The Tip of the Month speaker will be Mike Estes whose topic will be "You Don't Know What You Don't Know And It May Cost You!". Come and find out what he's talking about.

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- Winners of The Longest Feather Contest will be announced at the meeting.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Marilyn Steele opened the meeting with the RR&GC Pledge to a full house. After the pledge, six visitors introduced themselves.

● Announcements were made by Marilyn, Eddie Manthos, Jack Pickard, Gene Van Liew, Dale Schielke, Dave Myers, Mike Estes and Richard Sharp who described the evening's raffle prizes and the status of the Longest Feather contest.

● Program Chairman Gaylord Pyle gave the Tip of The Month, 'Wild Game Recovery Experiences'. He described some of the wild game recoveries he participated in. He showed a 'game recovery supply box/kit' that Pat Travis uses when he responds to a recovery. Gaylord described the steps taken after notification is received of a crippled or dead deer or elk road accident. Other members of the recovery team are contacted to see if they can respond and participate, at least two members are required, three are better if the animal is large. The next step is to locate the animal which at times is difficult since many accidents are at night and directions to the animal may not be exact. Sometimes the animal is not found and it is possible that someone else may have found the animal and absconded with it. If the animal is crippled or wounded, the responder is authorized to dispatch the animal. The next step is to field dress the animal if possible, wrap it in a tarp, place it in a truck and take to a garage or other location where it is skinned, cleaned up and damaged meat removed. The meat is then transferred to McCarys Meats in Basin City. They grind the meat and deliver it to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco. Mike Estes gave more information and stated that the Club is authorized to respond to game animal accidents/kills in WDFW Regions 1, 2 and 3. He also stated that notification of road kills can be made by contacting WDFW dispatch by phone at 249-6700.

● After a short break Gaylord introduced Lloyd Zinsli and Paul Kison, winners of the 2010 Quality Trip drawing. They said that they considered several other trips before deciding to go to Winter harbor, B. C. and fish for salmon and halibut. Winter Harbor is at the north end of Vancouver Island. They left the Tri-Cities at 10:30 A.M. July 29 and returned August 8, 2010. Driving time to Winter Harbor took 15 ½ hours while pulling Neil Sullivan's boat. Expenses were: Licenses (2 Five Day licenses with salmon stamp) \$150.00, Ferry to Vancouver Island \$230.00, Return ferry from Vancouver Island \$260.00, Food for evening meals/snacks etc. \$320.00, Diesel for truck (round trip) \$405.00, Trailer storage at Coal Harbor Launch \$40.00, Boat Gas \$610.00, Bait, tackle, leaders, hooks, hoochies, etc. \$150.00, Lodging (\$500 each for 8 days) \$1,000.00 for a total of \$3,165.00. They stayed at Camp Scott Cottages at Winter Harbor. They slept, cooked and ate at the cottage which was at and above the water's edge. Possession limit for king salmon was four per person and two per person for halibut. They also caught other fish and crab. Needless to say they ate some of the fish and crab they caught. Salmon fishing was with down riggers and cut plug herring. Lloyd was the salmon cleaner and Paul fileted the bottom fish. Both Lloyd and Paul packed and froze the fish they brought home. They brought seven king salmon, eight silver salmon, four halibut, four ling cod, six brown bombers and twelve crabs each home. The trip lived up to their expectations and was marred by an accident where a local 19 ft. guide boat capsized in high winds and waves and the guide and three fishermen were lost. Daily boat and plane searches for the victims were unsuccessful. It was the first fatal accident that had occurred in that region in twenty years. A much more complete description of their trip is now on the Club's web site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/qualitytrip>. They gave a very good presentation that described their trip and results in great detail.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Overall Davison who won a 5-ft. folding utility table and a walleye spinning rod and reel and walleye fishing goodies assembled by Richard Sharp, Duane Wallocker selected a Trail Camera, Duane Creighton selected a DC Power Inverter, Jack Santenz picked a steelhead spinning rod and reel assembled by Richard Sharp and rigged with his one of a kind jig, Marilyn Steele picked a cast iron Dutch Oven, Tim Lynch selected a filet knife and filet board, Rick McFall selected a storage bucket, Richard Sharp selected a tow strap, Paul Kison selected a double bitted axe, Bill Lambert selected a camouflaged insulated seat cushion, Ben Webb, Dave Myers, Brock Buttars and Fay Lyon each won a head lamp. Thanks to Rich Sharp for the fantastic prize selections.

IN MEMORIAM OF ALVIN EIDSON: The Richland Rod and Gun Club offers condolences on the passing of member Alvin Eidson on January 10, 2011 at the age of 79. Alvin joined the Club in 2003 and loved to hunt and fish. He will be missed. (Howard Gardner)

GAME RECOVERY COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 8 AT 7:00 P.M. Current and interested prospective members of the RR&GC Game Recovery Committee are invited to a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, at the Hunter Education facility at Grigg's Department Store. The recovery and salvage process will be discussed, copies of the WDFW authorization letter for 2011 and reporting forms will be distributed, and member contact information will be updated. Contact Mike Estes, 582-2212, for information.

SALMON EGGS FOR 2011 SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM PROJECT DELIVERED: (Gene Van Liew) Salmon eggs to be hatched and raised in the Salmon In The Classroom project were delivered January 10. to 28 schools (100eggs per school) in Kennewick, Richland and Finley. Club members, Jim Reynolds, Paul Kison, John Pfeiffer, Lyle Gilk, Gene Van Liew and Ben and Hazel Webb participated in the deliveries.

RR&GC WILD GAME RECOVERY: Six recovery events have occurred during the 2010-2011 season. See: <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/work.htm> for a description of all the events.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Gerald A Hayes and Kirby Hammond from Richland.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: John Cooper entered two photos in the January contest. One photo was a buck he harvested on opening day, 10/16/2010 in the Bickleton area and a second photo showing John, Ron Rhoads and Richard Sharp with the results of 11/11/2010 Ringold pheasant hunt. The second photo was declared the winner. John will win five free raffle tickets at the February General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge

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FISH AND WILDLIFE DIRECTOR TO HOLD PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE IN KENNEWICK

OLYMPIA - Southcentral Washington residents can discuss fish and wildlife issues with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Director Phil Anderson and regional WDFW staff in a roundtable-style meeting Wednesday Feb. 9 in Kennewick. The meeting is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Benton PUD auditorium, 2721 W. 10th Ave. in Kennewick. Anderson and WDFW staff conducted similar roundtables in northcentral and coastal Washington last fall, and more will be offered in other areas of the state in coming months. "I enjoy visiting communities and talking with our stakeholders to get perspectives from as many people as possible about their fish and wildlife interests," said Anderson.

The roundtable in Kennewick will include discussion of WDFW budget challenges and resource-management issues. WDFW staff will answer questions and take comments on fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, habitat protection, enforcement and other fish- and wildlife-related issues. "This is a good opportunity for area residents to get to know WDFW administrators and local staff and to share their views on fish and wildlife issues," said Jeff Tayer, WDFW's regional director for southcentral Washington.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!: The hunting season is over. It is time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held March 26, 2011. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean boneless big game roasts and steaks are desired. Halibut, Steelhead and Salmon are also needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap (the diagram is shown on the Club's web site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45 ° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing! Meat donations so far have been slim.

● **All Club members should be alert for the opportunity to solicit and obtain door prizes for the Big Game Dinner.** While you are shopping for hunting, fishing and outdoors equipment or patronizing a restaurant or other business, don't be too bashful to request a door prize from the merchant. Inform them that they will receive recognition for their donation in the Big Game Dinner program. Obtain door prizes as early as possible. When you obtain a door prize, call Gaylord Pyle at 948-2392. Remember that it is up to the Club members to obtain the prizes. Without donations there will not be any door prizes at the dinner.

FITZNER-SPORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Howard Gardner The 19th, 20th and 21st annual Fitzner-Spore Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Ian Tracy, Amy Thorp and Justin Schwabedissen, undergraduate students in Wildlife Resources; Ecology and Conservation Biology; and Wildlife Resources, respectively. All are students at the University of Idaho and each will receive \$1000. The annual award, started in 1993 and increased from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 in 2008, is given to a student(s) in a Wildlife related field to memorialize Club members Richard Fitzner, a well respected Wildlife Biologist who died in a tragic plane crash and Dennis Spore, Club officer and Special Volunteer.

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Price of the Quality Trip Drawing entry tickets is \$25.00 per ticket. Entry tickets for the 2011 Quality Trip can be purchased at the January, February and March General Meetings and at the Wild Game Dinner until the maximum of 100 has been sold.

Second Saturday: Kite Flying, McNary National Wildlife Refuge, March 12, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 Celebrate spring by making and flying your own bird kite. Kite master, Greg Greger, will show you how easy this is with basic everyday materials. This activity is a favorite for all ages.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MARCH GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, MARCH 1

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March 22, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

R&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 26, 2011 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

- The March meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm
- The main speaker will be Dave Hedden from Hedden's Northwest Sportfishing, LLC. He is a licensed fishing guide and USCG certified. He specializes in walleye, salmon, Steelhead, sturgeon and bass fishing and guides on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, Potholes Reservoir, Moses Lake and other waters. He is also employed in the fishing department of the local Wholesale Sports store. His topic is very timely - **Local Spring Walleye Fishing**. Dave has given several very good fishing presentations to the Club. Show up early so that you can get a front row seat.
- The Tip-of-the-Month presenter will be Dale Schielke whose topic will be 'Wood Duck Nesting Box Inspections and Results'. Dale will also have photos and a video showing the inspection results.

• March 26, 2011 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$20.00 each will be on sale at the March General and Board meeting. Club members may purchase tickets at the meeting. Additional tickets can also be purchased by members for relatives and nonmembers. Dale Schielke will be in charge of selling the tickets. For more information, contact Dale at 375-0183.

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• BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.

• Bring any Wild Game Dinner donation package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Marilyn Steele opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to about 40-45 people. After the pledge, two visitors introduced themselves.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: The Board had an extensive agenda dealing with important business issues and elected to defer the photo contest until the March meeting. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rrogue@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

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MARCH 19 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education student hunters will be held Saturday, March 19 at the Limits Game Farm. Bird dogs with their handlers, student coaches and other helpers are needed. There will be more information and a sign up sheet at the March General Meeting. You can also volunteer by calling Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or Don Board at 585-7157.

NEW RECIPE BOOKLET: The Club is planning to print a new recipe booklet - How to Cook a Coyote. It will contain the coyote recipe and recipes for cougar, bear, muskrats, beaver, carp and others. We need recipes for about four to six more animals such as raccoons, squirrels, porcupines, crow or any other interesting animal. Include a brief description of the preparation of the meat, how it tasted, or any other comment about the animal. Send the description and recipe with photos (if any) to rrogue@aol.com by March 7, 2011.

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PRE WILD GAME DINNER MEETING: A meeting of members involved in the Wild Game Dinner including cooks, helpers etc. will be held at 7:00 P.M. March 8 at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall.

WILD GAME DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Wild Game Dinner Chairman Marilyn Steele is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Marilyn at 392-2128 and offer your services, she needs people all day March 26 starting at 8:00AM. Tasks will include preparation of potatoes, Hors D'oeuvres, salmon, table arrangements etc. You are also welcome if you can help for part of the day. If you work for a minimum of 2 hours or are a food donor you can reserve table places for up to an 8 persons party for the dinner by obtaining a place card(s) from Marilyn or her delegate. That is the only way that seats at the tables can be reserved. You must show up, sign up and check with the Dinner Chairman for confirmation. Ice chests & counter top electric ovens (roasters) are needed for storage of food and ice and to keep food warm. Please bring them in the morning and tag them with your name and be sure to pick them up after the dinner.

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IN MEMORIAM OF MARILYN STEELE'S MOTHER-DOTTIE BOTTORFF: The Richland Rod and Gun Club offers sincere condolences to Marilyn Steele, her two sisters and brother on the passing of their mother Dottie Bottorff on February 12, 2011 at the age of 87. Dottie was born in Kansas and lived through the Great Depression and Dustbowl period, she moved to Freewater OR (1938), to Prosser WA (1957) and then to Richland in 1994. She was a pioneer, dedicated mother, homemaker, gardener and creative-craft person. She will be missed by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. May her memory be eternal.

2011 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RANGE: Lunker Lake was a huge success. Four hundred and six fish were caught Friday Jan. 21, 895 were caught Saturday and 300 hundred Sunday for a total of about 1600 fish. A total of 332 fish were given to the Union Gospel Mission. Lunker Lake volunteers from the Club and number of shifts worked were: Howard Gardner (2), Gene Van Liew (2), Bob Kolowith (2), John Nelson, Paul Kison (2), Ben Webb (2), Jim Reynolds(2), Kirby Hammond, Chris Webb (2), John Pfeiffer, Jerry Zeitler, Rick Cerson, David O'Brien, Russ Wyer, Jerry Burke, David Myers, Jim Reynolds, Lavea Wade, Richard Hillmer, Andrew Templeton, Ben Burdett, Tim Lynch, Bob Hawks (2), Bill Tanner, Ron Claghorn, Dan Kathryn, Garry Hagedorn, Duane Woolum, Todd Woolum, John Armstrong, Lyle Gilk, Sharon Zinzli, Bob Zinzli, Paul Seuberlich, Richard Sharp (2), Lou LaDouceur, Rick Mares, Mark Mansell, Roger Stringer, Riley Stringer, Marilyn Steele (3), Harvey Huisinigh, Jerry Bloom, Greg Baker, Tim Lynch, Jim Cartmell, Neil Sullivan, Rob Thornton, Tom Davis, Samantha Davis, (Son) Davis, Jerry Sorrenson (2), Ev Weakley, Rick Libby, Tammy McMurtrey (2), Tim Sumner, Kirby Hammond, Karen Estes, Mike Estes, Larry Martin, Rick McFall, Mike Luzzo, Gaylord Pyle, Joe DeRouste, Alaena Sharp, Pat Travis, David McDonald, Dennis Larson, Rocky Ross, Jack Pickard and Bruce Wade. Other volunteers and number of shifts worked were: Brian Millar, Jack Santens (2), Roger Hales (PNNL), Mark Ingelman, Colby Richards (SCOUT), Conner Milekin (SCOUT), Ken Johanning (2), Curtis King, Wendy Shaw (PNNL), Frank Shaw (PNNL), Ignacio Cianco FFA (2), Dave Koontz (PNNL), Kevin Grubbs (PNNL), Lu Wang (PNNL) and Yuxiang (Tony) Rao PNNL.

• Twelve Wood Duck nesting boxes were assembled at TRAC, 7 on Saturday and 5 on Sunday. Volunteers helping Dale Schielke were Jerry Sorensen (Sat and Sun), LouAnn Schielke (Sat) and Doug Akers (Sun).

(Additionally 8 boxes were built at Carmichael School on Jan 27 & 28th. John Pfeiffer and Mike Estes assisted both days.)

• The pellet range was also a huge success. Club members that participated and the number of shifts they worked were; Clare Cranston (4), Don Board (4), Don Hartshorn (2), Esther Hartshorn (2), Dave Piovesan, Neil Sullivan, Paul Seuberlich, John Prather, Mark Kimmel, Jason Kimmel, Dave Myers, Lyle Gilk and Bob Margulies.

• Marilyn Steele prepared snacks for Saturday workers and Dale Schielke prepared snacks for Sunday workers.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Blaine Kenton from West Richland.

READY FOR ANOTHER SEASON OF WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX INSPECTIONS: (Dale Schielke) This past weekend (Feb. 12-13). Team Battelle teamed up with the Richland Rod and Gun Club to perform the annual maintenance on the wooden duck boxes near Burbank Heights on the Snake River. Dale Schielke, Jerry Sorensen, Eric Berglin, Gabriel Berglin and Luke Berglin took the time to remove old nesting materials to make way for new nests this spring. They were pleased to see that a new nesting box installed last year was put to good use this past spring with indications that 17 ducklings were hatched in the box last season. A big thanks to this team that is helping ensure the natural world around us continues to have a healthy habitat. If you are interested in getting involved with the work the Team Battelle Richland Rod and Gun Club Project are doing with maintaining our local habitats and introducing kids to fishing, please contact Dale Schielke (371-7030). Club members contact Dale at 375-0183.

• Announcements were made by Marilyn, Eddie Manthos, Jack Pickard, Lyle Gilk, Dave Myers, Dale Schielke announced he had March 26 Wild Game Dinner tickets for sale. Dr. Bob Margulies addressed the audience to discuss a recent incident in which Club member Howard Gardner, a Chief Hunter Education instructor, was decertified because he did not attend a December 9 WDFW Sensitivity class. Bob discussed the decertification details. He announced that a February 9 Roundtable meeting with the WDFW Director was being held in Kennewick and that members should attend the meeting. Clare Cranston announced that the Friends of the NRA Banquet will be March 9 and he had tickets for the event. Gene Van Liew said that the Salmon Eggs delivered to 28 schools January 10 hatched January 28, Mike Estes related the status of the Club's game recovery program. He also enumerated some of the bills in the present State legislative session that could have a major impact on the WDFW and hunting and fishing in the State including fishing and hunting license price increases, fee price increases and additional fees. Legislative bill information can be viewed on the Club's web-site at:

<http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/ld24.htm>, click on Bill Information and it takes you to the State legislation web page. Paul Kison stated that it is up to Club members to solicit door prizes for the Wild Game Dinner. Richard Sharp said that the winner of the Longest feather Contest was Dalton McManoman, he was the winner in both the longest and shortest feather category. Richard also described the evenings' raffle prizes.

• Program Chairman Gaylord Pyle introduced the Tip of the Month speaker Mike Estes. His topic was "You Don't Know What You Don't Know And It May Cost You!" Mike explained that regulations in the fishing and hunting pamphlets in many cases are complicated and in many cases can vary depending in what river, lake or pond you fish, what area you hunt or fish and in some cases can change depending on the date that you hunt or fish. You may be familiar with regulations in the areas you fish or hunt. Before you hunt or fish in a different location, check the regulations for that area before you leave. Also check 'Corrections to the 2010-2011 Regulation Pamphlet' in the Hunting section and 'Search emergency rule updates' in the Fishing section of the WDFW web site at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/>.

• After a short break Gaylord introduced the main speakers of the evening Howard Gardner and Larry Martin who discussed coyote hunting. They showed and demonstrated numerous coyote calls including a battery-operated caller. Howard suggested utilizing Google Earth maps to find places to hunt and locations in those places suitable for coyote hunting. After arrival to their hunting location, they park in at least a half mile from their parked automobile. They suggested setting up in the shade, not in the sun when calling and paying attention to wind direction. They tape a fiber on their rifle barrel to help determine wind direction. They also suggested carrying a seat pad, the ground may be cold, rocky, wet or snowy. Decoys or other objects such as feathers can be used to attract the attention of the coyote, they are curious and will concentrate on the object instead of the caller. One of the decoys they mentioned was one with a spinning tail. They usually call for about 20 minutes and if unsuccessful they may slowly move to a different location. They use quiet camouflage clothing including a face mask and wear a back pack with all their goodies in it. They emptied their packs to show us what they carry. They usually hunt all day and travel in a loop so that they can return to their automobile at the end of the day. They use a GPS and compass to make sure they don't get lost and are able to return to their starting point. A camera is also carried because many of the places they hunt are scenic and the camera can also document coyotes and any unusual things that they may come across. Some of the objects they carry in their packs are a skinning knife(s) and sharpening stone, a plastic bag for the coyote hide and insect spray to kill any varmints on the hide, water, lunch, clothing, survival kit, first aid kit and battery powered light(s). A shooting stick is carried not only as a support for the rifle but also as a walking stick. Larry and Howard also showed the skinning and stretching tools they use such as a fleshing beam and a hide stretcher. The hides are skinned out as a tube and include the legs, tail and head including the ears. Hide prices are down this year and they may bring from \$5.00 to \$60.00 (for exceptional hides). Rifle cartridges commonly used for coyote hunting are the .17 Remington, .222, .223, 220 Swift and .243. The .17 rimfire cartridge is not powerful enough for coyotes. Several magazines devoted to coyote/predator hunting are: *Varmint Hunter*, *Fur, Fish and Game*, *Petersen's Hunting* and *Trapper and Predator Caller*. Larry and Howard tried out a cooking recipe for coyote backstrap that is listed in the Club's Northwest game Recipes web site <http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/>. Under 'Notes & Variations' for the recipe the following is noted: *This recipe would work for cooking, however, it hasn't been tried on coyote. We don't know how it would taste. Nobody has nerve enough to try it.* Larry utilized the recipe to cook a coyote backstrap and Larry and three members tasted it and the results were: Three said it was okay and the fourth said it was terrible, their comments will be entered in the recipe.. Howard and Larry gave a very good informative presentation and there were several questions and comments at the end of the presentation.

• Raffle drawing winners were: Jean Mace who selected a coyote hunting package that contained a bunch of goodies such as coyote calls, decoys, shooting stick etc., Jack Santens selected a spinning rod and reel rigged for bead fishing with a selection of beads, Russ Wyer won a walleye lure kit suited for spring walleye fishing, Martin Schneider won an anchor lifting mechanism, Jerry Caprio won a shotgun cleaning kit, Terry Christensen selected a Mity-Mite rod and reel, Fred Porter won 5 lb. pound camp axe, Randy Zinnel picked a 12-inch cast-iron Dutch oven, Dennis Larson won 42-piece tie-down kit and Richard Sharp won a Double Bucket kit. Thanks to Rich Sharp for the fantastic timely prize selections.

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KIDS! FISH-IN 2011: The event, formerly the Fishing Kids, will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 7. Kids can be registered on-line at <http://go2kennewick.com/recreation>. This year's goal is again 1,200 children in four shifts. Many, many volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help at the pond. **Volunteers should be at the Fishing Pond by 7:00 AM Saturday morning.** A complimentary light lunch will be served to volunteers at the park on May 7. After the event Marilyn Steele and Dale Schielke will have some delicious dishes prepared for the volunteers similar to what we had last year.

● **Friday evening May 6 there will be a fishing event for Special Needs Kids at the Fishing Pond from 5 to 7PM.** About 250 kids are expected. Many volunteers are needed at this event and should be at the Fishing Pond by 4:00 P.M.. This will be the third Special Needs Kids fishing event. Both previous events were very successful and attendance increased after the first event. More volunteers will be needed this year because more Special Needs Kids are anticipated. The goal this year is 250 kids.

● Sign up to volunteer for either or both events at the April 5 General Meeting or call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 or Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or if you wish to participate.

9:00am Second Saturday: Earth Day-Let's Clean Up Our Refuge. When: Sat, April 9, 9am – 12pm

Where: McNary National Wildlife Refuge 311 Lake Road, Burbank, WA (map)

Description: Put on your grubs and slip on your gloves! Join us for an Earth Day pre-celebration by picking up trash at McNary National Wildlife Refuge. We will be focusing on two areas by foot: headquarters and hunting areas; and one by kayak: shorelines reached by launching at Casey pond. bring gloves and meet at the McNary Environmental Education Center. Clean-up sponsored by Washington Inland Sea Kayaking Club, REI, and the Friends of the Mid-Columbia River Wildlife Refuges.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

APRIL GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, APRIL 5

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m. **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April, 21 CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

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● The main speaker will be Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist, who will present his annual Eastern Washington fishing forecast/prospects for 2011. His presentation will include forecasts for trout, spring chinook, summer chinook, Steelhead and other information. He will discuss/explain Fishing Regulation changes for 2011-2012. Come early so that you can get a seat up in front.

● The Tip-of-the-Month speaker had not been determined at the time this newsletter went to the printer.

● **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Marilyn Steele opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to a packed house. It is apparent that many people are interested in walleye fishing. After the pledge, four visitors introduced themselves.

● Announcements were made by Marilyn, Eddie Manthos, Lyle Gilk, Dale Schielke, Gene Van Liew, Don Board, Paul Kison, Mike Estes, and Richard Sharp. Jack Pickard announced that he is turning over the Membership Chairman position to Chris Webb. Jack was thanked and applauded by the audience for his long and excellent service. Marilyn Steele circulated sign-up sheets for Wild Game Dinner volunteers and a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assemble rods, reels etc. for the May 7 Kids! Fish In. Jerry Zeitler announced that more sturgeon and elk meat are needed for the dinner, Jeff Gardner volunteered to donate the elk meat.

● Program Chairman Gaylord Pyle introduced the Tip of the Month speaker Dale Schielke who discussed Wood Duck Nesting Box Inspections and Results. Dale used a slide show and two video presentations to illustrate his talk. He stated that the first boxes were fabricated and installed in 1982. Since that time additional boxes have been built and installed, at present there are 350 boxes. The box locations and results for each box are shown at the Club's website at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/work.htm>. He also explained that DU boxes are also maintained and inspected. As of March 1 about 200 more boxes need to be inspected this Spring. Wood Ducks nest in April and lay an average of 8-10 eggs per box. Incubation time for the eggs is 28 days. He showed slides of the "Jump Day" of fledgling Wood Ducks. He also

showed a video of Screech Owls found in the nesting boxes and a video of nesting box inspections as they were performed. He gave a very good presentation and it was obvious that a lot of work and planning are involved in the nesting box program.

- After a short break Gaylord introduced the main speaker of the evening Dave Hedden owner of Hedden's Northwest Sportfishing, LLC. Dave is a licensed fishing guide and USCG certified. He specializes in walleye, salmon, Steelhead, sturgeon and bass fishing. He guides on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, Potholes Reservoir, Moses Lake and other waters. He is also employed in the fishing department of the local Wholesale Sports store. His topic was very timely, and he discussed the winter, pre-spawn (Jan.-March), post spawn and summer fishing periods, including night fishing. He also discussed equipment, trolling motors, electronic equipment, techniques, lures and the different types of rigging he uses. Walleye range, water conditions, weather conditions (including barometric pressure) and vision (eyes are very sensitive to bright light) were some of the fishing variables discussed. He did mention that walleye are difficult to catch when they are spawning. Some of the walleye preferred foods are perch, salmon or Steelhead smolt and crayfish. He gave out a lot of information. He announced that he donated a one person free guided fishing trip to the raffle drawing and that he is offering a special discount to RR&GC members: Cost of a full day guided walleye trip for three persons is \$125.00 per person and for a half day guided trip for four persons is \$80.00 per person. He can be contacted at 509-521-8620 or at heddensnwsporthotmail.com.
- Raffle drawing winners were: Rick Corson who selected a *spiny ray* spinning rod and reel with a fish basket and package of lures, Jennifer Burton selected a trout spinning rod and reel with a large bucket loaded with lures, landing net, fly vest, assortment of flies and a creel, Brock Buttats selected the Raffle Prize donated by Dave Hedden, a one person free guided fishing trip, Dave Myers won a fly-fishing rod and reel, fly-fishing vest, landing net, selection of flies and a creel, Bill Lambert and Terry Christensen each won a very large survival knife, Neil Sullivan won a soft tackle pack and Ron Moore won an Alert System that can be set up to alarm if a boat, car or camper is being bothered or stolen. Thanks to Rich Sharp for the fantastic timely prize selections.

2011 MITY MIGHT FISHING DERBY & POT LUCK: The 2nd annual derby/pot luck will take place Saturday, May 14 at Columbia Point. Rules are similar to last years except for some minor changes. Entry fee is \$25.00. Only a Mity Might rod and reel will be accepted, line change is allowed, except braided line is not allowed. More information will be presented at the April general meeting. Contact Richard Sharp at (509) 586-4790 or at ospreytallons@wmconn.com for questions or go to <http://trgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/work.htm> for more information including a 2011 Catfish Tournament and Steelhead Derby.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Frank Leifheit and Jack Santens & Family from Kennewick.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two winning photos for March. The first was submitted by John Cooper who was riding his horse on west side of Rattlesnake Mountain on January 22. He had his 17HMR and shot the 1st coyote at 40 yards and came across the second one 30 minutes later, out in a CRP grass plot and took him at 200 yards. The second winner was Richard Sharp with a photo of a nice Steelhead he caught at McNary Dam on Feb 26, 2011 using a Rainbow Hotlips plug. Three runner up photos were also entered by Richard Sharp. John and Richard will each win five free raffle tickets at the April General meeting. All the photos can be viewed at <http://trgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

HOOD PARK 2nd KIDS ANNUAL FISHING DAY: The event is being organized by Kye Carpenter, the Assistant Natural Resource Manager at Ice Harbor Lock and Dam and will take place at the Hood Park Nature Trail Area. Last year was the first year this event took place. This year the theme is "Earth, Explorations, Education, Experience" and will be closer to *Earth Day*. It will be open for all kids' 14 and under. The date will be April 23, 2011 from 0800 to 1200. The WDFW will stock the pond with fish again before the event. Federal agencies will also be participating and setting up booths and activities at the event. Volunteers from the Club are needed at the event to coach and help the youth. More information and a sign-up sheet will be at the April general meeting.

SALMON SUMMIT: The Salmon Summit will take place Tuesday and Wednesday May 3 and 4 at Columbia Park in Kennewick. Salmon fry raised by grade school students will be released into the Columbia River at the boat ramp by the Blue Bridge. Students from Benton and Franklin Counties will participate.

- Volunteers will be needed, both days and should meet at the boat ramp by 8:30 A.M., to help with the fry release. The fry release should be over before noon both days and volunteers will be free to go home if they desire.
- Keep track of your mileage and volunteer hours. This is the termination of the 2011 Salmon In The Classroom project. The Club is a major participant in this event, we need all the volunteers we can get. You will be able to sign up at the April 5 General Meeting

The following Use of Funds plan for year 2011 was approved by the Board of Directors at their March 15 meeting.

ITEM/ORGANIZATION	USE OF FUNDS (Feb 2011)		
	2009	2010	2011
CONTRIBUTIONS:			
NRA Institute for Legislative Action (Fights the 2 nd Amendment battles)	300	300	300
NRA Foundation (Promotes firearm safety and shooting sports)	100	100	100
Columbia Dive Rescue (Rescue and body recovery)	300	300	300
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (Provides lobbying and grassroots support to protect sportsmen's rights)	250	275	250
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation (Conducts education, legal defense and research to protect sportsmen's rights)	250	250	250
Delta Waterfowl (Works for a sustainable North American waterfowl population)	150	100	100
Coastal Conservation Alliance (Membership)	100	100	100
Hunters Heritage Council (Promotion and political defense of hunting in Washington State)	250	0	0
USA Olympic Shooting Team (Donations are only source of funding)	200	300	100
Sub Total	1800	1725	1500
YOUTH ACTIVITIES:			
Fitzner Memorial Scholarship (Annual award to a student in wildlife biology studies)	2000	3000	1000
Youth Conservation Camp 4 campers @ \$250 per camper	750	500	1000
McNary Environmental Education Center (MEECE) (Local environmental education facility)	100	100	100
Go Play Outside Alliance Washington (membership) (A hunting, fishing and conservation initiative)	250	0	0
Salmon in the Classroom (Purchase of equipment)	750	1000	1200
Archery Equipment (Hunter Education)	0	0	0
Youth Fishing (Fishing kids)	250	500	500
Youth Pheasant Hunt	800	300	400
Introduction to Firearms (Women & Youth)	500	250	300
Hunter Education	219.33	0	500
Sub Total	5619.33	4650	5000
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Habitat Projects (Supports local habitat development, as needed up to \$250.00)	69	0	250
Game Recovery (Salvage big game for Union Gospel Mission)	200	0	0
Travel expense (Limited funding of expenses from attendance at out-of-area meetings)	46.31	135	200
Power Point Projector	700	0	0
Sound System	0	960	0
Guest Speaker (travel, meals)	152.80	0	200
Fishing Derbies	0	300	500
Hall Rental (regular club meetings)	0	0	600
Paint ball (moose mover)	0	0	250
Club Door Prizes	500	500	500
Sub Total	1568.11	1245.80	2500
Total Cost	6366.31	9465.13	?
Total Allocation	7050	9800	9000

2011 QUALITY TRIP WINNER: The lucky winner of the 2011 Quality Trip drawing at the March 26 Wild Game Dinner was Bill Tanner; the alternate was Dan Charboneau.

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● This was Marilyn Steele's first year as Chairwoman of the Wild Game Dinner and she did a fantastic job. Her Venison Mincemeat pie was again scrumptious.

"HOW TO COOK A COYOTE" COOKBOOK: Tired of eating beef - try Coyote. The Club's latest cookbook, compiled by Russ Wyer, "How to Cook A Coyote" will tell you all you need to know about cooking a Coyote and includes 22 additional recipes for other unique animals such as cougar, crow, buffalo tongue, bear, sturgeon and other critters. The book will be available at the May General meeting at a cost of \$5.25.

TRI CITIES DUCKS UNLIMITED DINNER AND AUCTION: The Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited Dinner and Auction will be held at the Kennewick Red Lion Friday, May 13 from 5:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.. Tickets are \$50.00 for a single (includes DU membership), \$75.00 for a couple and \$20.00 for a Greenwing (<18 yrs.). Tickets can be purchased at Ace Hardware, Griggs, Wholesale Sports or online at wa.ducks.org. Call Jeff Rampon at 308-6124 for more information.

WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX INSPECTIONS: Dale Schielke - As of April 19 2011 :

	<u>2011 Data</u>	<u>2010 Data</u>
Boxes Checked to date out of 355	342	285
Boxes used by Wood Ducks	134	126
Percentage usage by Wood Ducks	39.2%	44.2%
Boxes used by Screech Owls	77	51
Number of unhatched WD eggs	627	764
Number of boxes with membranes	100	78
Number of membranes	499	373
Volunteer Hours	506	267



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MAY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, MAY 3

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 18, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

SALMON SUMMIT - Columbia Park, Tuesday & Wednesday, May 3 and 4 starting at 8:30 a.m. until afternoon

SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS AT THE COLUMBIA PARK FISHING POND - Friday, May 6, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

KIDS! FISH-IN 2011 - Columbia Park Fishing Pond, Saturday May7, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

DUCKS UNLIMITED TRI-CITIES DINNER & AUCTION, FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011. 5:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M., AT KENNEWICK RED LION HOTEL, CONTACT JEFF RAMPON AT (509) 308-6124 FOR MORE INFORMATION

MAY GENERAL MEETING

● The May meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 3 at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St.(at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm

● The main speaker will be Club member Lloyd Zinsli who will discuss Columbia River springer salmon fishing.

● The Tip-of-the-Month will be how to process and cure salmon and Steelhead eggs. Richard Sharp will be the presenter.

● **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Gaylord Pyle opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to a packed house. After the pledge, three, including rod builder Ray Hamilton, visitors introduced themselves.

● Outgoing President Marilyn Steele was presented with the Club's Distinguished Service Award and thanked for the many projects she is involved in, including chairman of this years's Wild game Dinner. She was also presented a \$75.00 certificate. Mike Estes was presented a 25 Year Richland Rod and Gun Club belt buckle. The many projects he is participating in were enumerated. Both Marilyn and Mike received standing ovations from the audience.

● Announcements were made by Chris Webb, Lyle Gilk, Dale Schielke who related the status of the Wood Duck nesting box inspections. Gene Van Liew described the May 3 and 4 Salmon Summit and passed out sign-up sheets for volunteers to the event. Gene also announced that the rods, reels and terminal tackle for the May 6 and 7 Special Needs Kids and Fish In Kids event have arrived and he passed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assemble the tackle. Marilyn Steele announced that she needs volunteers for the May 6 and 7 Special Needs and Fish In Kids events. She passed out a volunteers sign up sheets for those events. She also passed out sign-up sheets for volunteers to help at the April 23 fishing event for kids at the Hood park

ponds that will be stocked before the event by WDFW. She also announced that the closeout meeting for the Wild game Dinner will be 7:00 P.M., May 12 at the Richland Knights Of Columbus. Gaylord Pyle described the need for volunteers at the upcoming April 9 clean up events at McNary Refuge and Casey Pond. Mike Estes stated that there have been no recent game recovery events. Russ Wyer described the recent cleanup at Owens Rd. by Chuck Mitchell and volunteers who picked up and removed a lot of garbage, empty shot shells and other firearms debris that had been publicized in the Tri-City Herald. Russ stated that there is still a lot of debris such as clay pigeon fragments that should be cleaned up. Individual volunteers are still needed to clean up the area, there will not be an organized group clean up event. Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes. He also described the upcoming May 14 Mity Might Fishing Derby and June 10-11 Moonlight Catfish Derby and the September through December 2011 Steelhead derby. More information is available at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/work.htm>.

● Vice President and Program Chairman Greg Baker gave the Tip-of-the Month presentation which was three videos from *You Tube* showing how to skin and debone a deer. Each event was accomplished by one man, One video showed how to skin a deer in three minutes, the second showed how to skin a deer in two minutes and the last showed how to debone a deer in eight minutes. All three events were eye opening, especially the deboning event. Each of the three men was very experienced and not amateurs. They were very good and we all probably learned how to improve our skinning and boning techniques. All three of the events were accomplished indoors and probably could not be performed outdoors.

● After a short break, Greg introduced Paul Hoffarth the local WDFW fishery's biologist whose presentation was entitled "*Fishing and Other Smelly Things*." He started his presentation by discussing the 2011 salmon and Steelhead forecasts, salmon and Steelhead numbers for past years and other related data. Trout stocking schedules for local lakes/ponds were discussed. Thirty five-hundred trout and 4,500 Jumbo trout will be stocked in the Columbia Park Fishing Pond for the Special Needs Kids and KIDS! FISH-IN events that will take place May 6 and 7. Catch data from 2004-2010 Bass Tournaments in Lake Wallula and Lake Umatilla have been tabulated and results show that most of the fish caught were smallmouth and some largemouth. Sizes of the smallmouth were comparable if not larger than smallmouth caught in eastern lakes and streams noted for big smallmouth. Paul discussed and showed boat launch locations and their characteristics on the Yakima River. Locations for drift fishing on the Yakima were also discussed. Franklin County lakes/waters such as the Wahluke, Thompsons Seeps, Powerline, Mesa, Scooteny and Cox pond were discussed. Salmon fisheries were discussed including forecasts and actual salmon returns at the mouth of the Columbia River, spring chinook fishing on the Yakima River and at Ringold. It appears that there may be a very good return of fall chinook in the Columbia River above Richland. Walleye netting results in Scooteny Reservoir were extensively described and discussed. Paul discussed all the information available on the Internet such as trout plants, stream flow, water levels and temperatures, dam discharges, USGS water flows, fish passages at various dams and various reports. He also said the County Assessor maps available at some county web sites can be used to determine location of ponds, streams, roads etc. Paul passed out sheets with fishing suggestions from Regions 1, 2 and 5 fisheries Biologists.

He gave out a lot of pertinent information and answered many questions at the end and after his presentation. We are really fortunate to have Paul as our local fisheries biologist; he is always available to help us and answer any questions that we have about fishing. In addition he is always able to come up with a lot of fun volunteer opportunities for us such as the Scooteny Reservoir walleye survey.

WOMEN & YOUTH INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS EVENT: This event will take place Saturday, May 28 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m. at the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Assn. (TCMSA) Range. The event is recommended for and is open to women and youth 10 years of age and above. Firearms, ammunition & safety equipment will be supplied. It is sponsored by the TCMSA and the Richland Rod & Gun Club. The range is on the right-hand side the Pasco-Kahlotus Rd. approximately 1.7 miles from the Hwy 12/E. Lewis St. interchange. Clare Cranston, 547-6273, is the Club contact.

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● Volunteers will be needed, both days and should meet at the boat ramp by 8:30 A.M., to help with the fry release. The fry release should be over before noon both days and volunteers can stay and help at some of the event exhibits or go home.
● Keep track of your mileage and volunteer hours. This is the termination of the 2011 Salmon In The Classroom project. The Club is a major participant in this event, we need all the volunteers we can get. Call Gene Van Liew at 946-7738 if you want to participate.

KIDS! FISH-IN 2011: The event, formerly the Fishing Kids, will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 7. This year's goal is again 1,200 children in four shifts. **Many**, many volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help at the pond. **Volunteers should be at the Fishing Pond by 7:00 A.M. Saturday morning.** A complimentary

light lunch will be served to volunteers at the park on May 7. After the event Marilyn Steele and Dale Schielke will have some delicious dishes prepared for the volunteers similar to what we had last year.

● **Friday evening** May 6 there will be a fishing event for Special Needs Kids at the Fishing Pond from 5 to 7PM. About 250 kids are expected. Many volunteers are needed at this event and should be at the Fishing Pond by 4:00 P.M.. This will be the third Special Needs Kids fishing event. Both previous events were very successful and attendance has been increasing with each event. More volunteers will be needed this year because more Special Needs Kids are anticipated. The goal this year is 250 kids.

● Sign up to volunteer for either or both events at the May 3 General Meeting or call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 or Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or if you wish to participate.

2011 MITY MIGHT FISHING DERBY & POT LUCK: The 2nd annual derby/pot luck will take place Saturday, May 14 at Columbia Point. Rules are similar to last years except for some minor changes. Entry fee is \$25.00. Only a Mity Might rod and reel will be accepted, line change is allowed, except braided line is not allowed. The main purpose of the derby is to allow Club members and their families to get together and get to know each other and have fun. Come to the May General Meeting and pick up an Application Form, ask any questions that you may have about the derby and sign up to participate. You can also contact Richard at (509) 586-4790 or e-mail at ospreytallons@wmconnect.com. More information including the 2011 Moonlight Catfish Derby and Steelhead Derby is available at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/work.htm>.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Corey Manlove and Family from Burbank, Robert Zeka from Everett, WA and Tracy Kim from Richland.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Two photos were submitted by John Cooper for the April contest. The winner was a photo of John and Ron Rhoads with the results of a 11/11/2010 pheasant hunt at Ringold. The second photo was a photo of John with a 4X4 bull elk he harvested 10/23/2010 in southwest Montana. John will receive five free raffle tickets at the May General Meeting. Both photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

Second Saturday: International Migratory Bird Day

Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge and

McNary National Wildlife Refuge

May 14

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Across the globe, folks will celebrate bird migrations. We will identify, count and observe bird species throughout the morning. McNary will host bird games and activities about the amazing effort and obstacles birds experience on their migrations. Toppenish will host a hayride through the refuge. For more information about International Migratory Bird Day, visit www.birdday.org/

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: Don Board -

● May and June classes have been cancelled because of a shortage of instructors. A class is tentatively scheduled to start July 11.

● All class registration is at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 p.m. over two weeks with a Saturday on the range

● A Paradigm class is scheduled to take place June 4. Paradigm Classes are one (1) day, open to students 16 or older. Students must study at home prior to class and pass the knowledge test upon arrival.

2011 WILD GAME DINNER: The March 26 Wild game Dinner held at the Richland KofC Hall was a big success thanks to the meat donors, cooks, kitchen volunteers, door and raffle prize solicitors, other volunteers/helpers and Wild Game Dinner Chairwoman Marilyn Steele. Game meat that was on the menu was varied and plentiful and included goose, duck, game sausages, venison, antelope, pheasant, halibut and salmon. There was more than enough food for everyone and leftovers were packaged and made available to all at the end of the evening. Club member Bob Kolowith was the speaker. Topic of his presentation was 'Wilderness Adventures'. He discussed and showed a Powerpoint presentation of his different wilderness hunting and fishing trips and a video of a wilderness fishing trip for giant Northern Pike. The Powerpoint photos in the presentation were beautiful and the Northern Pike fishing video was breath taking. The door prizes and raffle items were many and varied. The winner of the 2011 Quality Trip drawing was Bill Tanner; the alternate was Dan Charboneau.

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Second Saturday: July 9 Nature Crafts & Fairy Houses McNary National Wildlife Refuge 9 a.m. -12:00 noon
What can you do with sticks, leaves, cattails, rocks, or milkweed pods? Craft a critter hut for small creatures, make a toy, or even weave a tiny raft to float on the wetland. We'll show you how. Bring your imagination!

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STEELHEAD-MUNCHING MID-COLUMBIA TERNS FINGERED IN REPORT Excerpted from NW fish letter (No. 288-May 12, 2011)

● A draft report that has synthesized five years of research into avian predation on salmonids in the Columbia River Basin concludes the greatest potential for increasing smolt survival lies in managing efforts to reduce the numbers of Caspian terns nesting in the mid-Columbia at Crescent Island, Goose Island and the Blalock Islands.

● The survival of upper Columbia and Snake River steelhead would get the most benefit from this approach, said the report, which looked at research efforts from 2005 to 2009. If the cormorant colony at Foundation Island were reduced, some benefit to Snake River steelhead and sockeye would also accrue, it noted.

● The researchers said up to 1,000 breeding pairs of Caspian terns nested at five colonies, including at Goose Island in Potholes Reservoir. By counting PIT-tags deposited there, the report estimated the Goose Island terns ate about 10 percent of the mid-Columbia summer steelhead migrating to sea. It also said terns nesting at Crescent Island--near the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers--consumed about 8 percent of the Snake summer steelhead run.

● The report said cormorant pairs have declined over the time of the study, from about 1,500 to 1,200, with the largest colony found at the north end of Potholes Reservoir. A pelican colony has also been established in the mid-Columbia--it's the only breeding colony for American white pelicans in the state of Washington, and now consists of about 1,800 birds.

● The gull population, which made up the most numerous of the fish-eating bird species in the region, declined over the study period, after the birds abandoned a large colony at Island 18 in the mid-Columbia. The report said upriver gulls are far more numerous than down in the estuary, where tern and cormorant populations are an order of magnitude higher than in the mid-Columbia region. <http://www.newsdata.com/fishletter/> -B. R.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JUNE GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, JUNE 7

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m. Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - June 22, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

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● The main speaker will be Club member Richard Sharp who will tell us all about Catfishing in the Columbia.

● There will be two Tip-of-the-Month presentations. Richard Sharp will discuss the procedure for preparing and freezing individual salmon and Steelhead eggs. Kirby Hammond will tell us What's Best For An Old Pickup Truck.

● **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Gaylord Pyle opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to a large audience of fishermen. Announcements were made by Chris Webb, Marilyn Steele, Gene Van Liew, Richard Sharp, Dale Schielke, Lyle Gilk announced that in addition to caps with Club logos he had the new *How To Cook a Coyote* for sale at \$5.25 and Dave Myers explained the Top Shot hunters competition that is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5 at the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Assn. Range. Competition will be with center fire rifle, handgun, black powder, shotgun and archery. The events will start at 6:00 P.M.. RR&GC members and silhouette club members can compete. Dave asked for a show of hands to see how many present might be interested. Ten showed their interest.

● Richard Sharp was the Tip of the Month Speaker and his topic was 'how to process and cure salmon and Steelhead eggs.' He narrated a video that he and Greg Baker prepared which showed how he removed the egg skeins from a live Steelhead. After killing the fish and bleeding it out, he opened the stomach of the fish and grabbed the skeins at the top and pulled them out toward the vent. He then placed the skeins on a paper towel, cleaned them and allowed them to dry. The skeins were then cut into chunks the size of what will be used as bait. The membrane was left on the clumps. Nates bait cure was used to cure the eggs, one tablespoon per pound of eggs. Some cure was poured into the bottom of a Zip Lok bag and egg chunks were placed in the bag with more cure added as the eggs were added in the bag. The eggs and cure were then gently mixed by rotating the bag. The bag was then placed in a refrigerator for 24 hours. The egg chunks were then poured onto freezer paper and separated. Six to eight chunks were placed on the freezer paper and frozen for six to eight hours. The egg chunks were then placed in a bag, vacuum packed and placed back into the freezer. Before the eggs are used as bait, they are removed from the freezer and a hole is poked into the bag before thawing. Richard remarked that the bait cure dye is very strong and stains

about everything it contacts. Richard will discuss the procedure for preparing and freezing individual eggs at the June General Meeting tip of the Month.

- After a short break Gaylord introduced the main speaker, Lloyd Zinsli, whose topic was Local Spring Chinook Fishing. Lloyd is a Club member and the son of Club member Bob Zinsli. He is also the owner of Captain Z's Guide Service. This was his fifth presentation to the Club. Lloyd has participated in two Quality Trip presentations with Paul Kison and a walleye and a fall chinook salmon presentation. He announced that he is donating a guided free salmon or Steelhead fishing trip to a lucky winner of the evening raffle drawing. He started his presentation by discussing the "What, Where and How for Springer's."

- The "What" consisted of fishing regulations and fishing locations such as Ice Harbor, McNary and the Yakima River. This year the fishing dates and regulations for these places appear to be in a constant flux and depend on fish forecasts and fish numbers. Fishermen should keep checking the WDFW web site to see what the current regulations are. He referred to and discussed fish forecasts and the current fish counts.

- "Where" was a discussion of three regions: 1) Down River, 2) Drano, Wind, John Day and 3) Local Waters, Ringold, Yakima McNary and Ice Harbor. He showed pictures of amazing fish catches and fishermen (many were Club members) taken Down River, at John Day, below McNary and below Ice Harbor Dam. He also showed aerial photographs taken below McNary Dam and below Ice Harbor Dam. He pinpointed regions in each photograph where fish are usually caught.

- The "How" was a discussion of gear he uses, basic techniques, including anchoring, trolling and the baits, lures, (such as herring, Kwikfish, Mag Wiggle Warts) and including the different colors and sizes he uses.

- "Safety and Etiquette" were another topic that Lloyd discussed. River flows and anchoring were an important part of the discussion. River flows can increase or decrease very rapidly, especially below dams. Anchoring is very important in these situations. The anchor type, chain, anchor rope strength and length and a buoy are important considerations. Anchoring is very important and all fishermen should be knowledgeable about the techniques. An excellent reference is <http://www.sschapterpsa.com/ramblings/Anchoring.htm>. "Hog Lining Distance" (how boats are positioned when anchored around a good fishing spot in a river) was also explained. Lloyd also reminded us that if you are fishing or anchored in a river channel you should be aware that large water craft such as barges use these channels and if you hear a 5-second blast from their horn you better get out of their way fast, they don't have brakes.

- Lloyd gave out a lot of information and answered a lot of questions. Contact information for Captain Z's Guide Service is phone: 509-943-5270, cell: 509-9471757 and e-mail: gofishwz@aol.com.

- Raffle prize winners were: Gerald Caprio who selected a salmon or Steelhead guided fishing trip courtesy of Lloyd Zinsli (Captain Z), new Member Tracy Kim had three winning tickets and selected a Mity Might rod/reel, a filet knife, knife sharpener and DVD with fish cleaning instructions and a small ice chest, Kirby Hammond had two winning tickets and selected a fish filet board and knife and a fisherman's knife set, Austin Templeton also had two winning tickets and selected a Red Dot Scope and a large clear tackle box, Frank Leifheit won a large two burner propane stove, Gaylord Pyle won a fish filet board and knife, Jim Cartmell won a large camouflaged bucket, Bob Wiehl won a small clear tackle box, Jeff Johnson won a 20-inch propane gas grill, Tim Irvin won the Mystery Box which contained an aerosol can of Repel, Jack Pickard selected a Mity Might rod/reel, Marilyn Steele won an aerosol can of Repel, Clarence Corriveau won three outdoors books.

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SALMON SUMMIT: The Salmon Summit event where grade school children release salmon fry raised in their classroom took place Tuesday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 4 at Columbia Park in Kennewick. Forty two elementary schools and three high schools with a total of 3,066 students from 122 classrooms participated during the two days. There were 71 exhibits or learning stations scattered throughout the eastern end of the park. Eighty High School volunteers helped wherever needed during the two days. This was the ninth year that the Summit took place and the third year that students from grade schools in Benton and Franklin Counties participated. The Summit was sponsored and organized by the Benton and Franklin Conservation Districts. Our Club was in charge of the salmon release that took place at the boat launch ramps. There was also a second upstream release site. Salmon fry release was the most important event that took place both days. The fry and the children traveled to Columbia Park in private cars or school busses. The fry and students from each class/school were left off at the release sites where the tiny salmon fry were netted from large buckets. They were transported in, and then placed, one or more, into a plastic cup. The students then walked down to the site and released the fry from their cup into the Columbia River. Reaction of the students as they released the fry was varied; some cried, others laughed, many observed the fry after release until they swam out of view in the clear water and many tried to photograph the fry as they were released. The release sites were not as crowded as last year because more release sites were utilized. The weather was cool, partly cloudy and windy both days. Club members that helped at the fry release were (days worked) Rick Nelson (1), Ben Webb (2), Chris Webb (2), Paul Seuberlich (2), Eddie Manthos (2), Paul Kison (2), Bob Gough (1) Kirby Hammond (2) Bob Hawks (2) Gene Van Liew (2), Jim Reynolds (1), Clarence Corriveau (1), Fred Porter (2), Marilyn Steele (2), Jerry Burke (2), John Pfeiffer (2), Fay Lyons (2), Jim Pilger, Dale Schielke, Neil Sullivan (2), Mike Estes (1), Lyle Gilk (2), Gene Van Liew (2) and Bob Kolowith was busy both days as the event photographer.

- After the fish release at the boat ramp, the students participated at the many exhibits/learning stations stretching out as far as you could see at the east end of the park. It was a big day for the students and their teachers and they learned a lot, walked a lot and played a lot. It was an event packed day for them and all the volunteers.

- Rachel Little, the Summit organizer, again did a great job organizing the event. Everything appeared to be on schedule. Rachel and many of the volunteers put in two satisfying, pleasing and tiring days

TROUT NETTED AND STOCKED AT FAMILY FISHING POND: Bob Hawkes, Chris Webb, Bob Gough, Paul Gaither and Neil Sullivan netted stranded trout from a Ringold Springs Hatchery rearing pond after the fish and water were drained from the rearing pond and transferred them to a tank truck which ended up with about 3,000 Rainbow Trout averaging 0.6 lbs./fish. The fish were transported to and stocked in the Columbia Park Fishing Pond on May 5, the day before the Special Needs Kids fishing event.

2011 MITY MIGHT FISHING DERBY & POT LUCK: - Richard Sharp - The 2nd annual derby/pot luck took place Saturday, May 14 at Columbia Point. The Derby started a little wet at 6:00 A.M., Marilyn Steele prepared biscuits and gravy and LaNae Sharp prepared home baked muffins coffee and for breakfast.

The fourteen participants, for safety reasons, were divided up so that everyone had a partner. After breakfast Richard Sharp explained the rules and everybody was off. The day turned nice, partly cloudy with light winds. The first team to return with fish was Jim Cartmell and John Nelson with limits of trout. The second to return was Cory Manlove and his daughter Allyson with bass. Then Mike and Scott Estes with bass and finally the team of Marilyn Steele and Darren Mayer with catfish. When the weights were tallied Marilyn took top prize with a 7.5 lb. channel catfish with 2 fish with total weight of 9.36 lb. Darren Mayer was the accumulated weight winner with 2 fish at 6.6 lb. Multiple species winner was Cory Manlove with a largemouth and a smallmouth bass at 1.6 lb. total. Other combined fish totals were Scott Estes at 5.4 lb. bass Mike Estes at 4.9 lb. bass and John Nelson and Jim Cartmell with trout. The Fish fry was great with Mike Estes and Paul Hoffarth cleaning the fish. There were a great variety of potluck dishes and everyone had plenty. Then the dark clouds moved in and the BBQ and other equipment were packed up in 30 minutes and the day was over; ten minutes later the storm hit. Thanks to all that participated and provided food and assistance with the Mity Might tournament. See you next year. Remember the moonlight Catfish Derby is June 10 at 5:00 P.M. at the starting point, Columbia point Gazebo #4. Return to gazebo #4 at 2:00 P.M. for the BBQ and weigh in. Keep the fish alive for transport and stocking to the Columbia Park fishing pond.

BBQ for club members only (Potluck) Please join us!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Jeff Johnson and Family from West Richland and Beman Perkins from Kennewick

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Six photos were entered in the May contest by Scott Estes, Mike Estes, Howard Gardner, Beman Perkins and Richard Sharp (2). The winner was Scott Estes who entered a photo of young Lance Stover with a smallmouth bass caught in the Yakima River on April 19, 2011. Scott will receive five free raffle tickets at the June General Meeting. All the photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.



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RR&GC were Mark & Jason Kimmel, Fay Lyon, John Prather, Clare Cranston, Don Hartshorn, Richard Libby and Rick Conant. The TCMSA supplied the volunteers with Subway Sandwich snacks and refreshments.

CATERED SALMON BARBECUE: - A catered Salmon BBQ lunch will be held Thursday, August 11, for about 300 Battelle employees at the Battelle picnic complex in Richland. Alder Cooked Salmon and barbecued chicken breasts along with baked beans, bread rolls, coleslaw, condiments and refreshments will be prepared and served. Preparations for the event will start at 8:00AM, food will be served about 11:30 A.M. and the event should be over about 1:30 P.M.. If you can help call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Dale Schielke was the only one that entered the June photo contest. He was the winner with a photo of his two grandsons, Josh and Ryan Evans fishing at Thompson Seeps on May 29, 2022. Dale will receive five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting. The photo can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm> Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

Second Saturday: July 9 Nature Crafts & Fairy Houses

McNary National Wildlife Refuge 9 a.m. -12:00 noon

What can you do with sticks, leaves, cattails, rocks, or milkweed pods?

Craft a critter hut for small creatures, make a toy, or even weave a tiny raft to float on the wetland.

We'll show you how. Bring your imagination!

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: Don Board -

- A class is tentatively scheduled to start July 11. All class registration is at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 p.m. over two weeks with a Saturday on the range
- A Paradigm class is scheduled to take place August 6. Paradigm Classes are one (1) day, open to students 16 or older. Students must study at home prior to class and pass the knowledge test upon arrival

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES - July 20, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

JULY GENERAL MEETING

- There will be no General Meeting in July or August. The July meeting is being replaced by the July 5 Top Shot Hunters Competition and the Arts in The Park Salmon Booth on July 29 and 30 (see the articles below for more information about the two events). The August meeting will be replaced by the Club's annual picnic/salmon barbecue on Tuesday, August 2 (see the article below.)

JUNE GENERAL MEETS REPORT: President Gaylord Pyle opened the meeting with the Club Pledge. One visitor introduced himself. Lyle Gilk announced that a deer game meat recovery was made in June. John Prather called Lyle at 9:30 P.M., June 6 and stated that there was a deer killed at Step Toe and Columbia Drive. Lyle retrieved the dead animal and took it to Gaylord Pyle's shed where they skinned and boned out the animal. They then transported the meat to the Union Gospel Mission, personnel were waiting to receive the meat. Dave Myers described the July 5 Top Gun event and passed around a sign-up sheet for interested participants and volunteers. Dale Schielke passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers to the July 29-30 Salmon Booth at the Arts in the Park Show in Richland. Volunteers will also be needed for booth set up and salmon preparation on July 28. Clare Cranston reported that there were forty-three participants and 22 volunteers at the May 28, Women & Youth Introduction to Firearms at the TCMSA range. Gene Van Liew gave an update on the Salmon in The Classroom project and Salmon Summit. The 2012 Salmon Summit will be May 1 and 2. A pellet shooting range was not held at this year's Salmon Summit. Rod Nolan from Griggs Shopping Center contacted the Crossman Corporation about the purchase of *Soft air guns* for next year's Salmon Summit. Crossman donated twelve weapons and twelve containers, each with 8,000 soft plastic BBs, for next year's Summit. Larry Martin announced that he had openings for two more youth to attend the 2011 Summer Conservation Camp at Camp Moran on Orcas island. A camper (boy or girl) must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start dates which are July 17-23 for girls camp and July 24-30 for boys camp. Parents are responsible for transporting the camper(s) to and from the Camp. Call Larry Martin at 375-6850 if you have or know of an interested camper. Other announcements were made by Mike Estes and Richard Sharp.

- Program Chairman Greg Baker introduced Kirby Hammond, one of the two Tip of The Month speakers. Kirby's topic was 'What to Do with An Old Pickup Truck'. Kirby has a home made *howitzer* that he used to propel a bowling ball(s) at his old pickup truck. The propellant was black powder and the distance to the truck was about 150 yards. He showed a home made video that showed the results of shooting bowling balls at the truck. Needless to say the results were spectacular. After multiple shots, the truck was completely demolished. Kirby answered many questions from the audience about his home made *howitzer*, bowling ball and propellant. It was a very interesting presentation. And yes, he did clean up the mess after he was done.

● The second presenter was Richard Sharp who told us how he prepares/processes individual salmon or Steelhead eggs that he uses as bait. He starts out by boiling the eggs in distilled water for four to five minutes until the eggs turn to a really pink color. He then strains the eggs when they are still hot and allows them to cool. The cooled eggs are then mixed with an egg cure mixture and stirred. The eggs can also be died after they are boiled and cooled. They are then placed in a container and refrigerated until they are ready to use.

● After a short break to inspect the raffle prizes and buy raffle tickets, Richard returned and discussed 'Catfishing In The Columbia River'. He started his presentation by showing slides taken of himself catfishing when he was a youngster. He also showed photographs of himself and others with catfish taken lately. There are three catfish species in the Columbia River, Blue, Flathead and Channel Cat. He uses, when catfishing, Octopus, Circle and long shank Circle hooks in 4.0 and 5.0 sizes, pyramid sinkers, ball sinkers and 20 lb. test line. He showed the rig(s) that he uses when float fishing and the method he uses to rig a fish filet he uses as bait. He showed how he positions the hooks in the filet prior to fishing. The hooks are inserted into the skin side of the filet and pushed through to the other side. Photographs of cat fishing, including night fishing, on the Yakima River, were shown. He discussed and showed where to fish on the Yakima and Walla Walla Rivers. The filet procedure he uses on harvested catfish, including regions on the fish that are not palatable, were shown and discussed. Prior to frying his filets, he places them in a bag containing *Krusteaz* and shakes the bag until the filets are thoroughly coated. Richard answered many questions including the types of rods he uses. He also put in a good word for the Moon Light Catfish Derby and stated that some of the fish caught will be stocked in the Columbia Park Fishing Pond.

● Raffle prize winners were: Gaylord Pyle who selected a gigantic tackle box, Keith Sharp selected a smaller tackle box, John Prather won the smallest tackle box, Kirby Hammond won a *Driveway Alert System*, Pat Travis won a Smith & Wesson knife kit, Jeff Gardner selected a 24 mile dual Walkie Talkie system with battery chargers, John Pfeiffer won a backpack fly fishing & spinning rod combo, Paul Kison won an ice chest, Jeff Johnson won a catfish spinning rod & reel plus goodies assembled by Richard Sharp and Rick Corson a 6 ½ ft spinning rod and reel and lure kit.

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workers are not required to have Health Cards. Notify Dale Schielke at 375-0183 if you have a current Health Card since it desirable to have a second person with a Health Card at each shift. If you desire to obtain a Food Worker Health Card, classes are usually held on Wednesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. or 3 p.m. at the Benton-Franklin Health District, Environmental Health Office, 7102 W Okanogan Pl. Kennewick. The Food Worker Card class is a one-hour presentation on food safety basics given by a local health inspector. After the class, you will take a written test on the material. Plan on 1.5 hours to attend the class and take the test. Call 509.460.4205 to verify class dates and register. They require a Photo ID, phone number, birth date, and work location. All Salmon Booth workers are urged to attend. Health Card; testing cost is \$10, payable by cash or money order only. The Club will reimburse the fee if you obtain a Health Card

MOONLIGHT CATFISH TOURNAMENT: (Richard Sharp) - The Moonlight Catfish Tournament was held Friday and Saturday June 10-11 to help acquire breeding age catfish for the Columbia Park juvenile pond enhancement project. The tournament was a big success. Twenty-seven contestants, including some from surrounding areas joined in and competed for big fish, accumulated weight trophies and cash awards. Fifteen of the twenty-seven contestants returned to the weigh in site at Columbia Point at 2:00 P.M. Saturday with live catfish to be stocked in the pond. The winners were: Trace Lundberg from Everett WA with the biggest fish at a weight of 16.6 lbs, Darren Mayer (Tri-Cities) had the most catfish, 29, with a total weight of 141.2 lbs. Congratulations to the winners! Other big fish catches were Don Kearns (16.2 lbs), Neil Sullivan (14.12 lbs), Dan Mayer (13.04 lbs) and Ryan Jackson (13.04 lbs). Other accumulated weight totals were Ryan Jackson (120.12 lbs), Neil Sullivan (97.06 lbs), Dan Mayer (77.2 lbs), and Ron Rhoads (58.4 lbs). The guessed fish weight was 7lbs; the winners were tied, Trace Lundberg a 7.2 lbs and Neil Sullivan at 6.14 lbs. The tie breaker was to guess which fish in the fish holding pool weighed 3 lbs; Trace was the winner.

A total of 157 fish were weighed with a total weight of 753.5 lbs. Fifty nine catfish were filleted for the potluck dinner and served to the contestants. Ninety-eight catfish including thirteen specially tagged fish were transferred to the Columbia Park pond and released by WDFW fisheries employees Paul Hoffarth and Tammy Gish. Special thanks to Paul and Tammy for their hard work and time. Children's fishing experiences in the future will be greatly enhanced by the contestants and volunteers efforts who were rewarded with great fishing and a fantastic potluck! Those who missed out on this fantastic event will have to wait until next year. (Richard was the individual who organized this tournament and worked very hard to make it a success. This is the second successful fishing event he has organized this year. He deserves a big thank you for his efforts).

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 2 starting at 6:00 P.M. at South Leslie Groves Park. (Leslie Grove 1). For \$3.00 per person, (\$1.00 for children 12 and under) the Club will provide **Alder Smoked Salmon**, beverages and condiments such as tartar sauce, lemon juice, butter etc. Attendees/each family should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for your dish. If your family name starts with **K through P bring a side dish, Q's through Z bring a salad and A through J bring a dessert**. Bring your own eating utensils including plates. Also bring chairs, tables, blankets etc. in case there are not enough picnic tables. The park has a children play area, rest rooms, shade trees and wading pool. There will also be some organized contests/games to give you a chance to show off your skills.

● The Annual Liars contest will take place after we have eaten. Anyone present can enter. Tell your **tall tale** and it will be judged in competition against all the others. Gift certificate prizes will be awarded for first (\$30), second (\$20) and third place (\$10) liars. Prepare your **tall tale** and see if you can top the others. Directions to the picnic are: from George Washington Way, turn east (toward the river) on Newcomer Ave. Continue to Harris Ave. Turn left at the "T" onto Harris and continue to Park St. (about one block). Turn right onto Park St. and follow it to the parking lot for South Leslie Groves Park. The aroma of alder smoke and barbecued salmon will lead you to the picnic.

"HOW TO COOK A COYOTE" COOKBOOK: Tired of eating beef - try Coyote. The Club's latest cookbook, compiled by Russ Wyer, "*How to Cook A Coyote*" will tell you all you need to know about cooking a Coyote and includes 22 additional recipes for other unique animals such as cougar, crow, buffalo tongue, bear, sturgeon and other critters. The book will be available at Board meetings, the Salmon Booth and the Club picnic at a cost of \$5.25.

WOMEN & YOUTH INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS: The event took place Saturday, May 28 from 8:00AM to 2:00PM at the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Assn. (TCMSA) Range. It was open to women and youth 10 years of age and older. Firearms, ammunition & safety equipment were supplied. Sponsors were the TCMSA and the Richland Rod & Gun Club. Forty-three participants showed up and after a safety orientation/discussion were able to shoot sidearms, shotguns, rim fire and center rifles and muzzle loading rifles and shotguns. A lot of ammunition, targets and clay pigeons were consumed. Some had never fired or even held a gun before. Mothers came with their daughter(s) or son(s). They were all enthusiastic and very appreciative. The Silhouette Club was the main sponsor. Clare Cranston from the RR&GC was heavily involved in planning of the event and the Club was a financial sponsor. A total of twenty-two volunteers helped at the event, volunteers from the



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SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS AND KIDS! FISH-IN 2011: The Kids Outdoor Experience (KOE) organization was instrumental in organizing and financing both events.

• A very successful fishing event for Special Needs youth was held Friday evening, May 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Fishing Pond in Columbia Park. At least 113 participated, their ages varied from about three years to 35 years. They were given a Kids' Fish-In or KOE T-shirt, a rigged Shakespeare spincast rod and reel and bait. The weather was beautiful, but windy, the stocked trout cooperated and the participants caught their limit almost immediately. Reaction of the Special Needs Youth was spontaneous when they caught a fish, they laughed, cried, jumped up and down and in some cases even hugged and kissed their fishing coach. Many had never caught a fish before. There were many volunteers from the many organizations that made the event a success. Volunteers from the Club (that I am aware of) were: Bob Kolowith, Paul & Dianna Seuberlich, Richard Sharp, Keith Sharp, Jerry Burke and Myrna Ballard, Dianne and Wade Warrant, Rick Nelson, Eddie Manthos, Marilyn Steele, Rick Libby, Gaylord Pyle and John Pfeiffer. Other volunteers were Leonard and Beth Northrop, Mike and Emily Erickson, Ken Johanning, Rod Nolan and a couple of Griggs employees and of course Paul Hoffarth. There were many other volunteers from other organizations. This event will be an annual event thanks to the many sponsors that participated.

• The 'Kids! Fish-In' event took place the following day, Saturday, May 6. At least twelve hundred kids between the ages of 5-14 years old participated in the event that was also held at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond. The weather was not very cooperative and changed several times. For \$10:00, each kid that participated received a Shakespeare spincast rod and reel with line, hook, sinker, float, bait and a Kids' Fish-In or KOE T-shirt. Kennewick Parks and recreation did a fantastic job taking care of registrations and setting up at the park and cleaning up after both days events. The pond had been closed earlier in the week after it had been stocked by the WDFW with a multitude of rainbow trout including many lunkers. Fishing was great during all the flights, in spite of the weather, and many kids stayed after the end of the last flight and continued fishing. Many came back and fished on Sunday and the following weeks. There were many volunteers that helped from several organizations. The RR&GC was a major participant. We helped in planning of the event, assembled 1, 200 rods before the event, helped net some of the large trout from Ringold that were stocked in the pond. Many Club members, spouses, sons and daughters helped at the event. Club volunteers (I am aware of) were Rick Libby, Chris Webb, Jack Pickard, Paul & Dianna Seuberlich, Richard Sharp,

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: Don Board

- A class is tentatively scheduled to start August 8. All class registration is at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 p.m. over two weeks with a Saturday on the range
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■ Marilyn Steele camped out and patrolled the pond Thursday night to prevent people from fishing for trout stocked that day. Marilyn also camped out and patrolled the pond Friday night and cooked food for others that patrolled both Thursday and Friday evenings. Dale Schielke prepared a Dutch oven pheasant jambalaya dish and peach cobbler for the volunteers lunch Saturday. Marilyn prepared a Pulled Pork dish for the volunteers at the end of the event.

■ Grigg's Shopping center (Rod Nolan and other store employees) prepared all the signs, donated the spools of ribbon tape used to identify the different flights and supplied many of the red worm wigglers and other baits. When it appeared that we might be running out of bait, Griggs stepped up to the plate and supplied baits to get us over the hump. Bruce & Norene Benton cooked hot dogs and passed out all the condiments, drinks and potato chips donated by Costco. Tammy McMurtrey arranged for Coca Cola to donate a booth that sold drinks and hot dogs to participants. Ken Johanning deserves a big hand for again organizing the event. Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist, worked very hard to make the event a success.

■ A total of 1540 rods, reels and terminal tackle were assembled by Club members Jerry Burke (96), Jerry Caprio (96), Rick Carson (96), Lyle Gilk (192), Brian Howald (96), Paul Kison (96), Bob Kolowith (50), Frank Leifheit (96), Dave Myers (104), David O'Brien (96), Paul Seuberlich (288), Ben Webb (96), Russ Wyer (48) and Jerry Zeitler (96). Thanks to Gene Van Liew for organizing the effort and making sure the rods and reels showed up at the events.

JULY 5 TOP SHOT HUNTERS COMPETITION: (Dave Myers) A hunter's venue top shot competition was held for Club members on July 5 at the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Shooters Association Range. There were ten participants; Don Board was the range officer. Available venues included modern rifle, varmint rifle, muzzle loader, shotgun and archery. Event winners included: Modern Rifle—Paul Kison, Muzzle Loader—Larry Martin, Varmint Rifle—Mark Kimmell, Shotgun—Richard Sharp, and Archery—Dave Myers. There was no clear winner in the Handgun venue, as folks must have been too embarrassed to turn in their targets. The top scoring shooter was Mark Kimmell, and he competed in only two events. His sweet shooting .223 varmint rifle was the deciding factor with 10/10 kill shots at 200 yards. The targets were animal silhouettes, with no visible aim points, shooters had to pick their point of aim and then hit it, targets were then scored 10 points for either a head or heart shot, 5 points for a vital shot, 1 point for a body shot; there was a 5 point deduction for a gut shot.

YOUTH WATERFOWL EDUCATION & DUCK BANDING DAY

McNary National Wildlife Refuge

Second Saturday, August 13, 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Discover how to band a duck, identify waterfowl, call geese and ducks, retrieve ducks with a Labrador, and much more. Members from Ducks Unlimited and the Richland Rod and Gun Club will be on hand to teach youth of all ages about wildlife conservation through a variety of outdoor activities. Join us for our most popular annual event!

YOUTH WATERFOWL EDUCATION & DUCK BANDING DAY AT McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Duck banding and other events will take place at the McNary Wildlife Refuge Education Center on Saturday, August 13 starting at 8:00 A.M. The event is also the Refuge's Education Center August Second Saturday Event. All youth 17 years of age and under including Ducks Unlimited Greenwings and RR&GC youth are invited and encouraged to attend, bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews they will have a ball. They will be able to hold a duck while it is being banded and then take it down to the water, release it and watch it fly or swim away. The banding and other events are being sponsored/organized by the USFWS/McNary National Wildlife Refuge, the Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited chapter, Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club and the RR&GC.

● Address of the Education Center is 311 Lake Road in Burbank. To access the Education Center, cross the Snake River Bridge on Hwy. 12, turn left at the stoplight at US-12 and SR-124 toward Ice Harbor Dam. Proceed one mile to the Burbank Fire station. Turn right and follow Lake Road across the pond and turn into parking lots at the sign. In addition to helping install

identification bands on ducks that were trapped earlier, the youth will learn about the migratory habits of a waterfowl and the importance of banding in waterfowl research and management from Refuge staff.

● Among the other events that will take place that day are: waterfowl ID, Wood Duck box demonstration and building by Dale Schielke, duck and goose calling demonstrations, water dog retriever demonstrations by the Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club and hunter safety/hunter ethics & firearms display by Lyle Gilk. This will be an educational and fun project for young and old. It is a great opportunity for youth to learn about waterfowl and waterfowl banding. You will also have the opportunity to inspect the new Education Center facility. Don't miss out, be there at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 13.

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RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 2 starting at 6:00 P.M. at South Leslie Groves Park. (Leslie Grove 1). For \$3.00 per person, (\$1.00 for children 12 and under) the Club will provide **Alder Smoked Salmon and chicken**, beverages and condiments such as tartar sauce, lemon juice, butter etc. Attendees/each family should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for your dish. If your family name starts with **K through P bring a side dish, Q through Z bring a salad and A through J bring a dessert**. Bring your own eating utensils including plates. Also bring chairs, tables, blankets etc. in case there are not enough picnic tables. The park has a children play area, rest rooms, shade trees and wading pool. There will also be some organized contests/games to give you a chance to show off your skills.

● The Annual Liars contest will take place after we have eaten. Anyone present can enter. Tell your *tall tale* and it will be judged in competition against all the others. Gift certificate prizes will be awarded for first (\$30), second (\$20) and third place (\$10) liars. Prepare your *tall tale* and see if you can top the others. Directions to the picnic are: from George Washington Way, turn east (toward the river) on Newcomer Ave. Continue to Harris Ave. Turn left at the "T" onto Harris and continue to Park St. (about one block). Turn right onto Park St. and follow it to the parking lot for South Leslie Groves Park. The aroma of alder smoke and barbecued salmon will lead you to the picnic.

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CATERED SALMON BARBECUE: - A catered Salmon BBQ lunch will be held Thursday, August 11, for about 300 Battelle employees at the Battelle picnic complex in Richland. Alder Cooked Salmon and barbecued chicken breasts along with baked beans, bread rolls, coleslaw, condiments and refreshments will be prepared and served. Preparations for the event will start at 8:00AM, food will be served about 11:30 A.M. and the event should be over about 1:30 P.M.. If you can help call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were seven photographs entered in the July photo contest. The winner was Russ Wyer with a photo of his grandkids, Bryn and Camryn, learning basic rules for safe gun handling and target practice. Kirby Hammond entered one photograph, Mike Estes entered two photographs and Richard Sharp entered three photographs. Russ will receive five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting. The winning photo and the others can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm> Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.



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FIRST ANNUAL FALL SALMON DERBY: The First Annual Fall Salmon Derby will take place September 23rd and 24th. More information is available at www.acetricities.com/salmonderby.html. The Derby is being organized by Griggs.

In addition to entry in the Derby, contestants will be treated to a BBQ Dinner Saturday, September 24. The dinner will be catered by the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Profits from the the Derby will go to the Kids Outdoor Experience, KOE, a local non-profit organization that supports the Annual Fishing Kids Event at the Columbia Park Pond. Volunteers will be needed on the 24th to prepare and serve the dinner. If you can help call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

OLD CLUB PHOTOS: If you have any photographs of old Club functions/events, please bring them to General or Board meetings. If you have digital photos (.jpg file), e-mail them to rroguc@aol.com along with a description of the photo.

DUCK & GOOSE BANDS: As of Aug. 1, the Bird Banding Lab of the U.S. Geological Survey discontinued the practice of mailing certificates displaying banding information on reported birds. However, hunters can still collect an electronic certificate by providing an e-mail address when they report the band. The BBL will send an e-mail message with a printable certificate as soon as the banding data for the reported bird is available.

ANGLERS NAB NEARLY 90,000 PIKEMINNOW: NW Fishletter #292, August 5, 2011. More than 500 fishermen have taken part in this year's program to reduce pikeminnow numbers in the Columbia and Snake rivers, and have landed 88,999 of them, according to the BPA.

The top angler has made more than \$36,000 in the past three months, cashing in on the BPA-sponsored sport reward program that pays out between \$4 and \$8 per fish, depending on how many are caught. Since 1990, the program has removed nearly 4 million pikeminnow from the rivers, reducing predation on young salmon and steelhead by an estimated 40 percent. "Serious and casual anglers have plenty of time to help save salmon and steelhead and pick up a few bucks in the process," said Eric Winther of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. "Removing these predators that eat many juvenile salmon and steelhead as they migrate downriver will help many more juveniles make their trek to the ocean safely." Northern pikeminnow must be at least 9 inches long to qualify for a bounty. One thousand of them are sporting special tags that mean each are worth \$500 to a lucky fisherman. So far, about a hundred have been caught this season, which began on May 1.

In 2010, the top pikeminnow angler in the region hooked a cool \$80,000 for five months of fishing. -B. R.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m. Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES - September 22, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The September meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 6 at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St.(at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm
- The September program will be the 2011 hunting forecasts for big game, upland game and waterfowl.. Mike Livingston, local Wildlife Biologist will be the presenter.
- The Tip of The Month speaker will be Club member Larry Martin who will present a slide show of Trail Camera photos taken this year at guzzlers during different times. The Trail Camera belongs to the Club and is being used to document guzzler use by wildlife and Wood Duck nesting box use by Wood Ducks and other critters.
- Four youth were sponsored by the Club to attend the Orcas Island Summer Conservation Camp held at the Camp Moran Environmental Learning Center in Moran State Park in July. They will be present at the meeting to share their experiences with us. Please attend and show them that we support our youth.
- I'm sure that Richard Sharp will have a very good selection of raffle prizes at the first meeting after the summer break.

SALMON BOOTH 2011: Dale Schielke & Howard Gardner - In its 26th year, the Salmon Booth in the Art in the Park Show was successfully operated under the Banner of the Columbia Basin Fly casters. This year the profit was \$5400 to be shared equally by our Club and the Columbia Basin Fly Casters. "The Salmon Sandwich", in its 12th year, continues to be a good seller. A total of 400 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as sandwiches /dinners with some whole fillets sold toward the end. This year, Dale arranged for the Club to marinate and store the salmon at the Knights of Columbus facility in Richland. This worked out exceedingly well and we got the work done in record time. A special thanks to Everett Weakley for opening the facility at critical times for our use.

• Activities associated with the Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to the following great group of volunteers which includes members of both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and Columbia Basin Fly Casters: Ben Webb, Jerry Zeitler(2), John Pfeiffer(2), Harold Heacock, Eddie and Nancy Manthos, Paul Kison(2), Rich Holten, Ev Weakley(2), Dale Schielke(7), Jack Pickard(2), Jeff and Margaret Fulks(2), Bob Kolowith(3), Jerry Caprio, Rick Libby, Russ Wyer, Mike McWethy(2), Terral Finger(2), Clint and Margie Worcester, Jim Reynolds, Paul Seuberlich, David O'Brien, Lyle Gilk(2), Gene Van Liew(2), Fred Porter, David(3) and Carol Myers, Bob Gough(2), Tom Logan, Greg Baker, Lou LaDouceur, Alan Darnell(2), Mike Evans(2),

Jim Saunders, Levi Garcia, Paul Gaither, Randall Zinnel, Rocky Ross, Margaret Gass, Wade(2) and Diane Warrant, Dennis Larson, Neil Sullivan, Dennis Collins, Gaylord Pyle, Marty Ottem, Kirby Hammond, Gerald Hayes, Bruce Wade, Rick Nelson, Bud Heiman, Reed Kaldor, Rusty and Leslie Morlan, Mike and Karen Estes, Dan Robertson, Diana Santos, Sheldon Coleman and Howard Gardner(5). The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered.

- A special thanks to Dale Schielke for coordinating the tough job of solicitation of volunteer workers for the Booth, purchasing supplies and also for management of the Booth. Also, to Howard Gardner for purchasing supplies and co-chairing the Booth. A special thanks to John Pfeiffer for again managing booth setup, tear down and storage, no small task. Also, to Ben Webb for again picking up the chopped cabbage and sauce for the coleslaw on the first day of Booth operation.
- We again received a clean bill of health from the Benton-Franklin District Health Dept. for our operation of the cooking and serving activity associated with the Booth. Our extra effort in temperature control and cleanliness pays off. We continue to get many compliments on the dinners/sandwiches and many customers come down year after year for the delicious salmon. Next year the Richland Rod and Gun Club will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers.
- Also, many thanks again to Dale Schielke and Howard Gardner for their hard work co-chairing the event, organizing it, taking care of all the paperwork, purchasing the groceries and supplies, and being present at every shift. If it wasn't for them the event would not be as successful as it has been every year.

YOUTH WATERFOWL EDUCATION & DUCK BANDING DAY AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

At least fifty youth, their parents, grandparents and others attended the YOUTH WATERFOWL EDUCATION & DUCK BANDING DAY (formerly Greenwing Day) at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday, August 13.

- This year a *Passport* was again issued to each youth as they arrived. It listed nine different stations/events that each youth could participate in. They were: 1. Duck Banding, 2. Build a Wood Duck Nest box, 3. Waterfowl Identification, 4. Pond Life Identification, 5. Check a Wood Duck box, 6. Retriever Demonstration, 7. Duck/Goose Calling, 8. Gun Safety, 9. Native American Decoys. Additionally there were two questions on the *Passport* that the youth could answer for extra credit; one question was: "What is the name of one of the dogs in the retriever demonstration?" and the other was: "Do Wood Ducks jump from the nest box about 24 hours after hatching? True or False".
- FWS Biologist Heidi Newsome explained why ducks are banded and information obtained from banding. She showed a map that illustrated where ducks banded at McNary have been observed and a second map showing where ducks banded at other locations have been observed at McNary. Tools used in banding birds as large as an eagle and as small as a finch were demonstrated and passed around. Six ducks had been trapped earlier by the FWS and the youth participated in the banding of each duck. Heidi and three other FWS personnel helped the youth during banding and allowed them to observe the ducks close up and hold them while they were banded. There were so many youth crowded around the duck that it was, difficult to get close enough to see the youth holding the duck. Just about every youth there wanted to hold a duck. After banding, one of the youth, with other youth following him, carried the duck to the pond and released it. Since most of the ducks were molting they couldn't fly and swam away.
- After the ducks were banded the youth split up into groups and participated at the other stations listed on the *Passport*.
- Club member Lyle Gilk had a Hunter Safety display including safety brochures and a display of many rifles, shotguns and sidearms some of which were collectors items. Needless to say he was kept very busy answering questions from the youth and their parents.
- Club and DU member Dale Schielke had a wood duck nesting box display along with instructions for building and installing the nesting boxes plus other information. The youth participated in the construction of new nesting boxes from precut parts.
- Members of the Sand and Sage Retriever Club put on exciting demonstrations of water dogs retrieving multiple dummies thrown into the pond.
- DU member John O'Leary put on very good duck and goose calling demonstration and encouraged the youth to join in with the duck call given to them by DU.
- Leon Matthews exhibited his taxidermy skills in the Education Center by preparing several mounted ducks from duck skins. His audience was held spellbound as they watched him putting together the mounts. The kids were almost hypnotized as they watched and asked many questions.
- The Pond Life demonstration exhibit was equipped with nine microscopes where kids could observe the microscopic critters in the pond water. Several FWS staff were present to help the kids.
- The Native American Decoys demonstration was put on by Friends of Mid-Columbia NWR Complex volunteer Greg Greger. Greg showed and demonstrated decoys made from dried rushes and showed how he makes them.
- The Club donated bottled water and soft drinks to the thirsty youth, visitors and helpers.
- It was a beautiful day, there were many youth that learned about wildfowl and the event surpassed the expectations of everyone.

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic was held Tuesday, August 2. About 45 Club members and guests attended. The weather was beautiful. The alder smoked salmon and chicken breasts, prepared by Dale

Schielke were great and served as soon as they were ready. Gaylord Pyle served generous portions and there was enough, plus more, for everyone. The pot luck side dishes, salads and desserts were again excellent and plentiful. Left over cooked salmon filets and chicken were sold to the picnickers. Winners of the annual Liar's Contest were: Liar's contest winners were: First Place (Biggest Liar-\$30 gift certificate) Alan Casebere, Second Place (Bigger Liar-\$20 gift certificate) Kirby Hammond and Third Place (Big Liar-\$10 gift certificate) Jack Santens.

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STRANDED MOOSE GAME MEAT RECOVERY: A young bull moose was found stranded in the Esquatzel Diversion Channel about six miles north of Pasco Monday afternoon, September 19. The concrete walls of the channel were about 20-25 feet deep the water depth was about four feet. The Franklin County Sheriff's office, the WDFW, USFWS, Franklin Fire District three, Columbia Dive Rescue, and the American towing company responded to the scene. After many consultations with other agencies and veterinarians it was decided to kill the animal and a WDFW enforcement officer dispatched it with a shotgun. Columbia Dive and Rescue members wrapped a cable around the moose and the towing company pulled it up out of the canal. The RR&GC was notified to respond to the scene and field dress the animal. Lyle Gilk and his son Barry responded. Fortunately a professional butcher from Bryan's Meats in Pasco was present and field dressed and cut the animal into four quarters. Since it was late in the evening, he volunteered to take the quarters to Bryan's where they were stored overnight in their cooler. The next afternoon Lyle Gilk picked up the four quarters at Bryan's and transferred them to McCary Meats in Basin City where the quarters will be processed into ground meat for the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco. Hanging weight of the four quarters at McCary was 550 pounds. For descriptions of past recovery events go to: <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id87.htm> . For a more complete description of the Moose event go to: <http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id175.htm> . Many thanks to Bryan's Meats for making their storage/cooler facility available

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - October 19, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

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- The October meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 4 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm
- The October program speaker will be Dave Neff from Fishhook Ranch Outfitters who will be speaking about Waterfowl Hunting Tips and Tactics. This will be a very informative presentation for waterfowlers and it will be presented right before the start of the 2011 waterfowl seasons, October 15.
- The Tip of The Month speaker will be Club member Howard Gardner who will discuss new developments in non-toxic shot and shotshells (mandatory for waterfowl hunting.) This year, hunters will have many choices when purchasing non-toxic shotshells. Howard's presentation should help you decide which shells to purchase.
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- As usual Richard Sharp will have a good selection of raffle prizes for the hunter and the fisherman.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- The meeting was opened by Club president Gaylord Pyle, at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. He thanked members that participated at the Salmon Booth, McNary Refuge Youth Waterfowl Education & Duck Banding Day, the Club Picnic including the three Liars Contest winners, Catered Salmon Barbecue, Women and Youth Introduction to Firearms, Top Shot Hunter Competition all of which took place during the Summer break. After the Club Pledge, visitors introduced themselves.
- Gaylord introduced two of the youth that attended the Orcas Island Summer Conservation Camp Environmental Learning Center in Moran State Park. The first youth was Paul Spinner who narrated a slide presentation of his experiences at the Camp. Some of the classes he mentioned that he participated in were poisonous plants, survival hike trail, and survival shelter (that collapsed on him), fishing, archery, gun safety and biology. He saw two deer and lizards during his stay. Brendan Burton was the second youth and he stated that he participated in biology, fly tying, survival and survival shelter (he mentioned that he did not try to eat any of the survival foods), archery, fly casting, canoeing and CPR with *Miss Kitty* the dummy, leadership skills and raising and lowering of the Flag. They both thanked the Club for sponsoring them to the Camp.

- Lyle Gilk announced that he had the new 2012 Club Calendars for \$3.00 each and Club caps for \$6.00 each.
- Dale Schielke stated that the Club will be catering the First Annual Atomic Salmon Derby BBQ dinner for contestants on Saturday, September 24. He solicited volunteers to help cook and serve at the events. If you can help, contact Dale at 375-0183. Proceeds from the derby will be donated to the Kids Outdoor Experience (KOE) who organized and sponsored the 2011 Special Needs Kids fishing event and the 2011 Kids Fish-In.
- Clare Cranston announced that the Club will be manning the Soft Air Rifle Range at The Outdoorsman Expo at TRAC Friday through Sunday, September 9-11.
- Clare also described the Hunter Education students pheasant hunt that will take place at the Limits Game Farm Saturday, September 24.
- Clare also announced that he had *Friends of The NRA* raffle tickets for a 'Safe full of Guns'. A total of 1,400 tickets will be sold, each for \$100.00. Tickets are also available at the Griggs Sporting Goods counter.
- Gaylord announced that the Club's Fall Steelhead Derby has been cancelled.
- Howard Gardner showed the 'KEEP HOPE AFLOAT' life jacket sign that will be installed at four boat launch sites in Richland. Howard has contacted other local cities, counties and the Corps of Engineers about installing these signs at their boat launches. Cost to fabricate a sign is about \$230.00. Wholesale Sports and Ranch and Home have each agreed to sponsor a sign.
- There were two Tip of The Month speakers. Larry Martin showed *Trail Camera* photos taken at guzzlers. Howard Gardner showed an U-Tube video of a unique way of separating the breast and wings from a duck or goose breast with a home made *Bird Hitch*.
- After a short break, Program Chairman Greg Baker introduced local WDFW Game Biologist Mike Livingston who discussed the 2011 hunting outlook, title of his presentation was 'Crystal Ball'. Mike has been our local Game Biologist for about 8 ½ years and has presented the local hunting forecast to the Club 7 or 8 times. He started out by discussing the Big Game prospects for Region 3, Blue Mountains and Spokane. He recommended not to go to the Yakima District for deer because it has had low hunter success for deer. There are four GMUs in the Tri-Cities area, 372, 373, 381 and 301. In GMU 372, the Rattle Snake Hills, has some nice bucks but access is poor, Ringold has a small declining deer herd. The Horseheaven Hills in GMU 373 average a harvest of about 100 deer/year; the hunter density is low. The Kahlotus area in GMU 381 has a migratory herd of about 5,500 deer. Franklin County has about 3,000 deer. The deer migrate to this area because of more moderate temperatures in the winter due to the Snake River. Lands are mainly private land and have a hunter success ratio of 17 deer/100 hunters. Hunters can use the WDFW *Go Hunt* program to find land open to hunters.

Mike stated that the Blue Mountain Game Biologist Pat Fowler that retired was replaced by Paul Wick.

The Mule and Whitetail Deer populations in the Blue Mountains are stable. The Yakima elk herd has increased to about 10,550 elk with a calf to cow ratio of 16-17/100 and the Colokum herd is stable at about 4,880 elk with a bull to cow ratio of 5/100 and a calf to cow ratio of 27/100. Refer to page 39 of the 2010-2011 Game Hunting Pamphlet for *Elk General Information*; especially antler and spike definitions.

The Hanford elk herd, as of January 2011, consisted of 772 elk with a ration of 37 bulls/100cows and calf to cow ratio of 21 calves/106 cows. Access to these elk is poor since hunting is not allowed on Hanford. Elk that wander off Hanford are on private land. Landowner Hunt Permits (LHP) are extremely limited for these elk. The calf to cow elk ratio in the Blue Mountains is 37/100, the highest in 20 years.

Pheasant hunting may be about the same as last year because of a wet and cold spring. Numbers of pheasants on the Yakima Reservation are the lowest in 20 years. Pheasant releases will be lower than other years because of a decrease in funding. There will be four releases this year. The first releases will be for the early youth hunt in September. Dates for the other releases will not be provided. Release sites can be found on the WDFW web site at <http://wdfw.wa.gov>. Pheasant rearing at the Coyote Ridge Prison has been shut down. Quail, Chukar and Grey Partridge numbers should be the same as last year. Dove numbers were up slightly compared to last years. A total of 750 doves were banded statewide with 160 banded at Ringold. Waterfowl populations are up at the Potholes and down in the Tri-Cities and Yakima areas. About 70% of the waterfowl banded locally are harvested in Washington State. There will be no early goose season in Goose Mgmt Areas 4 & 5. A total of 894 local geese were banded this year; 304 of these were banded in the Tri-Cities area. Some of the local banded geese have been harvested during the waterfowl seasons. Mike mentioned that the Yakima nation released 99 antelope on the reservation in February. About half are still on the reservation. Some of the antelope have been sighted in the Horse Heavens. Mike gave an excellent presentation and answered many questions and received comments and information during and after his presentation.

● *The WDFW now has a link on its website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/prospects/> where District biologists have provided hunting forecasts for their district based on surveys and field work.*

● Raffle drawing winners were: Martin Schneider who selected a Color Digital Trail Camera, Gaylord Pyle picked the *Mystery Box* that contained a Winchester Knife set, Game Bag and Hunter Orange vest; John Nelson picked the Dove Kit which consisted of two boxes of 12 gauge shotgun shells, six dove decoys, a bucket seat/cooler and Hunter Orange vest; Larry Martin won an SA-16500 Shooting Vise and a LED battery operated camping lantern, Lyle Gilk won a Road Side Emergency Road kit and a Smith & Wesson knife set, Jack Pickard won a propane lantern with fuel tank and a Filet Knife kit, Dale Schielke won

a plastic six gallon water storage jug. Many thanks to Kirby Hammond for running the raffle while Richard was away hunting. Kirby did a very good job and helped me tremendously by providing me, before the raffle, with a list of the prizes.

SEPTEMBER 24 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT HUNT: A pheasant hunt for Hunter Education students took place Saturday, September 24 at the Limits Game Farm just North of Mesa. Ten students participated in the event, three others that had originally signed up cancelled. All of the ten participated in a morning hunt. Before the hunt they traveled to the Connell Gun Club where they shot clay pigeons from different stations. They then proceeded to the Limits Game Farm where the hunt originated. They were registered, issued safety glasses, a hunter orange vest and participated in a safety lecture by the Hunter Education Staff. They were then divided into groups and assigned coaches. Other observers, including parents, followed behind. As soon as a bird was located and flushed, one of the group shot at the bird, if he missed the other student(s) took his turn and fired. They continued shooting and rotating until all the birds or as many as possible were flushed. Very few birds were flushed and harvested because of poor scenting conditions due to the hot weather and dry land.

● Lunch was served about noon at the Game Farm barn where two rows of tables had been set up. The parents, observers, coaches, dog handlers and other helpers all were treated to a fantastic lunch consisting of barbecued Tri-Tip beef steak, barbecued chicken, sweet corn, tossed salad, bread rolls, potato chips, dessert and bottled water or soft drinks. There was more than enough food and goodies for all and plenty of seconds were available.

● After lunch the successful hunters, after they were instructed how to skin and dress their pheasant, cleaned their harvested pheasant. Before they went home, each youth received a beautiful engraved *Pheasants Forever* lock blade pocket knife courtesy of the Ringold Pheasants Forever Club and the Limits Game Farm.

● Sponsors of the Pheasant Shoot were Ringold Pheasants Forever, Limits Game Farm, and the Richland Rod and Gun Club.

● The Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever paid for the pheasants used at the hunt, They also purchased the meats, salad, rolls and potato chips used at the lunch. JC's Mesa Grocery Store donated the bottled water, soda pop and ice. Gene and Penny Sartake donated the sweet corn.

● Hunter Education instructor Don Board and Clare Cranston organized the hunt. Don was in charge of the hunt. Volunteers and guests that helped were: Dave and Pam Piovesan, Gene Van Liew, Mark and Jason Kimmel, Gaylord Pyle, Kirby Hammond, John Prather, Gary Scriven, Joe Pauley, Mike Fuller, Bill Moulds, Sam Loeffler and Pete Loman

● Dave Myers, Tina Bernsen, Don Evanson, Hugh McEachen and Casey Hill (with their dogs) were the dog handlers. Special recognition is again due to Dave Piovesan and Don Board who organized the event and solicited the many volunteers. Dave's wife Pam set up the serving line, made sure all the forms etc. were filled out and passed out the *Pheasants Forever* lock blade pocket knives. Gary Scriven, Hugh McEachen and others were the barbecue cooks (the beef and chicken were scrumptious). It is obvious from the above list of names that many are needed to run an event of this magnitude. They all deserve a lot of thanks from all of us. This was the second Hunter Education Students Pheasant Hunt in 2011. If all goes well, the fall shoot and another in the spring will be repeated in 2012.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in the September photo contest. Dave Myers submitted a photo of Clare Cranston celebrating Labor Day by fishing out of a boat, at the Thompson Seeps. The other photo was submitted by John Copper and showed a group of fishermen including members Neil and Dan Sullivan, Richard Sharp and John with salmon caught August 17 on the Columbia River at Astoria.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: Don Board

● There are no classes scheduled for the remainder of the year.

"HOW TO COOK A COYOTE" COOKBOOK: Tired of eating beef - try Coyote. The Club's latest cookbook, compiled by Russ Wyer, *"How to Cook A Coyote"* will tell you all you need to know about cooking a Coyote and includes 22 additional recipes for other unique animals such as cougar, crow, buffalo tongue, bear, sturgeon and other critters. The book will be available at General and Board meetings at a cost of \$5.00.

DUCK & GOOSE BANDS: As of Aug. 1, the Bird Banding Lab of the U.S. Geological Survey discontinued the practice of mailing certificates displaying banding information on reported birds. However, hunters can still collect an electronic certificate by providing an e-mail address when they report the band. The BBL will send an e-mail message with a printable certificate as soon as the banding data for the reported bird is available.

DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED: Attention all duck hunters! If you harvest or have harvested a duck or goose with a leg band or collar, notify Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com with the following information: species, sex, where and when harvested, your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird) and when you receive the information, where and when the bird was banded. The information will be collected and reported in this newsletter at the end of the waterfowl season.

CLUB HISTORY INFORMATION REQUEST: If you have any photos of old Club events or articles referring to old Club functions please bring them to Club General or Board meetings. If you have digital photos (.jpg file), e-mail them to rroguc@aol.com along with a description of the photo. We are in the process of updating the Club's history records/information.



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• The main speaker will be Jeff Tayer, WDFW Region 3 Director. Jeff will discuss the Mesa Lake and other land acquisitions.
• The Tip of The Month speaker will be Club member Howard Gardner who will discuss two safety oriented subjects. He will show a video describing life both old and new saving devices. His second subject will be the new Spot II Satellite GPS Messenger. It is a GPS device that can be used in emergencies and keeps you connected all over the world, even when there isn't reliable cell phone coverage, it has an SOS distress button that notifies emergency dispatch center of your location, is serviced 24/7/365 by the GEOS International Emergency Coordination Rescue Center and is ideal for Outdoor & Recreational Tracking. It is much better than a cell phone in emergency situations. Howard will show and demonstrate the device.

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• The meeting was opened to a smaller than usual audience by Club president Gaylord Pyle, at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. After the Club Pledge, Gaylord asked for any fishing reports. Richard Sharp reported about his experiences fishing for bass, Steelhead and salmon. Richard also updated us about the results of bluegill, crappie and catfish stocking at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond. Thirty-six pairs of breeding bluegills were introduced into the pond earlier this year and Richard stated that numerous swimming one inch long bluegills are visible in the pond. Several catfish have been caught and that a dead walleye was observed at the pond. Announcements were made by Greg Baker who read an e-mail from Wild Game Dinner Chair Marilyn Steele in which she requested that meat donors save deer or elk necks that will be used for mincemeat pies and a barbecue for a main dish. Clare Cranston and Dave Myers reported the results of the September 24 Hunter Education Students pheasant hunt at the Limits Game Farm. Dale Schielke described the September 24 Salmon Derby where the Club prepared

Event 24 - October 15, 2011. Larry Martin was called 10-15-2011 at 11:30am by Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife to recover a deer that had been killed by a hunter and confiscated by a wildlife agent. The deer was a 2 point that was mistaken for a 3 point. The hunter called the Department of Fish & Wildlife and self reported the mistake, the hunter was not ticketed. Larry met the agent on Kahlotus highway at Big Flat turn off. He brought the deer home, boned it out and took it to the Union Gospel Mission. They were happy to have it and planned on using it for Monday's meal.

Event 25 - October 16, 2011. Larry Martin was called 10-16-2011, at approximately 11:30 am by Washington State Patrol about another deer confiscated by the same wildlife agent. Larry met the agent on Kahlotus highway at the Star School. The deer was a 3 point shot by a hunter who was trespassing on private property. Larry brought the deer home where he and Gene VanLiew boned it out. He took it to the Union Gospel Mission.

2012 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RIFLE RANGE: The 19th Annual Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show will open Friday, January 20, 2012 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco and run through Sunday, January 22. The Club will again man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 19th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on the three days. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond and pellet rifle range. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be at the November General Meeting.

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and served alder smoked BBQ salmon and chicken breasts with baked beans, cole slaw and cake to about 225 Derby participants. Sixteen Club volunteers participated in preparing 100 pounds salmon fillets and 45 pounds chicken breasts and serving the participants. Ice Harbor Brewery donated the salmon filets used at the dinner and O'Callahan's donated the baked beans. Profits from the Derby will be donated to the KOE (Kids Outdoor Experience) organization. Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes. Howard Gardner discussed the status of the "Keep Hope Afloat" life jacket signs installed at many of the local boat launches. Gene Van Liew discussed the status of the Salmon In The Classroom project. Lyle Gilk said that he had 2012 Club Calendars, Club logo caps and How to Cook a Coyote cookbooks for sale. Mike Estes described the October 1 game meat recovery from an injured deer on the west Richland golf course. (More details below).

● Program Chairman Greg Baker introduced the Tip of The Month Speaker Howard Gardner who discussed recent *advances* in non-toxic shotgun shells and shot for reloaders. Bismuth shot is very expensive because of the price of Bismuth metal and hand loaded bismuth shells now cost about \$2.00 per shell. There are many non-toxic commercial shotgun shells available, including tungsten matrix shells. Improvements have been made in steel loaded shells, including changes in pellet shape, wad designs and pellet velocity increases up to 1,700 fps initial velocity. These shells are manufactured by Kent, Winchester, Federal, Remington and others. The advanced steel shells vary in price from about \$1.00 to \$1.50 per shell or more. Going into a sporting goods store and shopping for shotgun shells is like going into a candy store and trying to decide which *goodie* to buy. If you are a shotgun shell reloader, components and reloading instructions are available from www.ballisticproducts.com and www.precisionreloading.com. Howard gave a very good presentation and brought us up-to-date about non-toxic shotgun shells which are required for waterfowl hunting and hunting on many state and federal lands.

● After a short break Greg introduced Dave Neff from the Fishhook Ranch Outfitters. Dave, a local man, discussed "Field Goose Hunting." He stressed that scouting for birds is very important to determine where to hunt for geese. Corn is very important to geese, however during cold weather green forage is necessary. Scouting should determine where birds roost, feed, their flight pattern(s), and numbers of birds. After you have determined, from scouting, where to hunt, you need to set up your pit blind(s), lay up blinds or other concealment method with natural coverings. Dave stressed that geese and ducks have exceptional good seven power vision and good camouflage and natural concealment are necessary. He uses from 6 to 100 *stuffer* decoys and other decoys with spreads from 300 to 400 decoys depending on the terrain. *Stuffers* cannot be purchased and you will have to make your own. Dave believes that ethics are a high priority and that laws/regulations are strictly followed. Pass shots, by clients, greater than 20 yards and shots over decoys greater than 15-20 yards are strictly discouraged. 'Winged sail' birds are counted as part of the limit. He uses quality decoys, flag(s) when required, quality shotshells such as Hevi-Shot or Heavy Metal shot shells. He also uses good, not cheap, goose or duck calls. He donated a box of 12 gauge Heavy Metal shotgun shells, a *Bad Grammar* CD and a *Rugged Outdoors* CD to the raffle. He answered many questions from the audience and it was very obvious that he runs a quality Guide Service and we were fortunate to have him come and speak to us right before the start of the Waterfowl Season.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Gaylord Pyle who won a Steelhead/Salmon kit which included an 8 ft. graphite spinning rod, reel, line, a tackle kit and bucket, Russ Wyer selected an 18-36X-50 mm. Bushnell spotting scope, David O'Brien won a Remington Sport Bucket, a Berkeley Filet Knife and a 2012 Club calendar, Dan Charboneau won a 2012 Club calendar and a big game butcher knife and meat hook from Bryans' Butcher Block, Richard Libby won a Dry Box, Gerry Hayes won a Deer Hoist, Steve Allen won a five foot folding table, Tim Irvin won the Mystery Box which contained an 8X21 compact binocular, Dave Myers won a large bottle of Marine Sta-Bill, John Nelson won a plastic field bag and two Hunter Orange vests, Kirby Hammond won a box of 12 gauge Heavy Metal shotgun shells and a *Bad Grammar* CD donated by Dave Neff and Bill Lambert won a *Rugged Outdoors* CD donated by Dave Neff. Many thanks to Richard Sharp for selecting the great raffle prizes and conducting the raffle and providing me with a list of the prizes before the raffle.

NEW CLUB VICE PRESIDENT: Vice President Greg Baker is relocating to Columbus, Ohio and cannot continue as vice president. Jeff Gardner was unanimously approved as the new Vice President at the October Board of Trustees meeting. Jeff has been a Club member since 2001. We thank Greg for his good service to the Club and wish Greg and his family good fortune at his new position and at their new home.

FIRST ANNUAL FALL SALMON DERBY: The First Annual Fall Salmon Derby took place September 23rd and 24th. The Derby was being organized by Griggs. In addition to entry in the Derby, contestants were treated to a BBQ Dinner Saturday, September 24. The dinner was catered by our Club. Profits from the Derby will go to the Kids Outdoor Experience, KOE, a local nonprofit organization that supports the Annual Fishing Kids Event at the Columbia Park Pond. The dinner consisting of alder smoked salmon (100 lbs. salmon fillets donated by the Ice Harbor Brewery, chicken breasts, baked beans (donated by O'Callahan's Restaurant), Cole Slaw, bread rolls liquid refreshments (donated by Coca Cola) and cake. At least 125 participants were served. Chicken instead of salmon was preferred by the fishermen. The chicken ran out early and there was more than enough salmon for everyone. Derby winners were announced and drawings for the many prizes were drawn while everyone was eating. The Derby was a family event, besides the fishermen, spouses and children (including some entered in the Derby)

were there. All the tables and chairs were full and many sat on ice chests, stumps etc. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Salmon boats were prepared and the filets were placed in them and seasoned with the Club's secret sauce at the Ice Harbor Brewery by Dale Schielke, Howard Gardner, Gene Van Liew, Jeff Fulks, Fay Lyon, Nancy Manthos & Eddie Manthos and returned to the brewery cooler Friday. The next day Lyle Gilk picked up the salmon from the brewery and transferred them to Howard Amon Park. Gaylord Pyle transferred the BBQ cookers to the park from his storage facility and returned after the event. Volunteers that helped at the Park were: Dale Schielke, Howard Gardner, Gene Van Liew, Jeff Fulks, Margaret Fulks, Eddie Manthos, Bob Kolowith Paul Seuberlich, Dave Myers, Russ Wyer, Gaylord Pyle, Gerald Caprio, Paul Kison & Lyle Gilk.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were four entries in the October contest. Dale Schielke entered two photos taken October 8 and 9 at a Montana pheasant hunt, John Prather submitted a photo of himself and a buck deer harvested in the Windust Park area and John Cooper submitted a photo of himself and Blue Grouse taken Labor Day weekend in the Swan Holme Area in Idaho. John Prather was the winner, he will win five free raffle tickets at the November 1 General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: Don Board

● There are no classes scheduled for the remainder of the year.

"HOW TO COOK A COYOTE" COOKBOOK: Tired of eating beef - try Coyote. The Club's latest cookbook, compiled by Russ Wyer, "*How to Cook A Coyote*" will tell you all you need to know about cooking a Coyote and includes 22 additional recipes for other unique animals such as cougar, crow, buffalo tongue, bear, sturgeon and other critters. The book will be available at General and Board meetings at a cost of \$5.00.

McNary Wildlife Refuge - Second Saturday Event: - "Owls" Saturday, November 12, 9am - 12pm

DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED: Attention all duck hunters! If you harvest or have harvested a duck or goose with a leg band or collar, notify Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com with the following information: species, sex, where and when harvested, your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird) and when you receive the information, where and when the bird was banded. The information will be collected and reported in this newsletter at the end of the waterfowl season.

CLUB HISTORY INFORMATION REQUEST: If you have any photos of old Club events or articles referring to old Club functions please bring them to Club General or Board meetings. If you have digital photos (.jpg file), e-mail them to rroguc@aol.com along with a description of the photo. We are in the process of updating the Club's history records/information.

LONGEST TAILFEATHER BRAGGING CONTEST: The Board of Directors decided at their October Meeting to hold a Longest Pheasant Tail Feather Bragging Contest. Bring your longest pheasant tail feather to the November, December and January General Meetings. It will be placed on a bragging board with your name and harvest details.

WDFW GAME MEAT RECOVERIES: The following events are the second, third, fourth and fifth recoveries of the fall 2011 hunting season:

Event 22 - October 1, 2011 Mike Estes was contacted at 9:00 PM Saturday evening by Sgt. Scott Bravo of the West Richland Police Department about an injured deer in the back yard of a residence near the West Richland golf course. The home owner had contacted WSP about 4 hours earlier but WDFW Enforcement did not respond. The young mule deer buck had apparently been struck by a vehicle and had a damaged front leg and shoulder. Mike asked Sgt. Bravo if he was prepared to put the deer down and he said that he would. Mike retrieved, gutted, and skinned the deer Saturday night. He deboned the deer Sunday morning and delivered the meat to the Union Gospel Mission. He received a few "*Bless Yous*" and the cook said that he would plan a special dinner with the meat for Tuesday evening.

Event 23 - October 6, 2011. Larry Martin responded to a call from the Richland Police Department the evening of October 6, 2011 to recover a mule deer doe in north Richland that had been struck by a vehicle. Larry field dressed the deer and stored it overnight. Mike Estes picked up the deer carcass from Larry and transported it to McCary's Meats on October 7, 2011 to be processed for the Union Gospel Mission.