



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN, TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY DEFEND FROM WASTE, THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY; ITS AIR, SOILS AND MINERALS, ITS FORESTS, WATERS AND WILDLIFE. I WILL HELP EDUCATE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO BE RESPONSIBLE CARETAKERS OF THE RESOURCES OF AMERICA

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING—**NO GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST**

CLUB PICNIC (see below)—Tuesday, August 5, 6:00 p.m., Leslie Groves Park

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, August 19, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE—August 23, Call Dave Myers at 438-1277 or davencarol68@gmail.com

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

There was no general club meeting in July, activities centered on the Arts in the Park Salmon Booth. The August 5, 2014, club meeting will be replaced with our annual picnic.

ANNUAL PICNIC: The annual club picnic will be held at Leslie Groves Park (Leslie Grove 1), Richland, at the Gazebo, just upstream of the swimming area. The cost is \$3.00 per person (\$1.00 for children 12 and under). This event is scheduled to start at 6:00 pm and last until just about dark. Continuing with the club tradition, the main course for the meal will be Alder-Smoked Salmon; for those non-fish-eaters we will have smoke-roasted chicken. Members with last names starting with **A through J should bring a dessert, those with names starting with K through P should bring a side dish, and those with names starting with Q through Z should bring a salad.** Also bring your own table service items (plates and utensils) and lawn chairs as park seating is limited. Start working on your tall tales as the annual liars contest will be held with prizes awarded for the top three tales.

If you are available, meal preparation will start around 4:30 and help with good company is always welcome.

Directions to the picnic: From George Washington Way, turn east (toward river) on Newcomer Ave. Continue to Harris Ave. Turn left (north) on Harris to Park St. Turn right (east) on Park St to the parking lot, follow your nose to the picnic.

HELP NEEDED: Club secretary, Eddie Manthos, is presently incapacitated and unable to carry out the tasks he has so ably done for the last 19+ years. Because of his illness, the club is searching for a

member willing to step in and take over any or all of the many services that Eddie has been providing (including preparation of this news letter). Eddie has taken care of all meeting minutes, prepared and distributed the club newsletter, maintained the club archives and mailing lists, and made sure that all of us are updated on Game Department rule changes and the like. If you have the skills that could be applied to any of these tasks, please contact club president Kirby Hammond at 509-713-4668. In the mean time, please keep Eddie in your thoughts and prayers.

CLUB FISHING EXPEDITION: On August 6, starting at about 5:00 pm, club members have the opportunity to get together for an evening of Bass, Perch, Bluegill, and Crappie fishing at Camp Lake. Club member Dave Piovesan manages this property for the private owners, and is making the lake available that evening for club. This lake provides a wonderful opportunity to make acquaintance with a trophy-size largemouth bass. The bass are willing to bite most lures, including: Senkos, spinners, plugs, poppers and flies. This might be the place to hone your Mighty-Mite skills. Some special rules apply:

- Must have 4-wheel drive to launch boat
- No fishing license required
- No bank fishing, except at boat launch (rattlesnakes and very limited bank access)
- No speeding (keep it under 15 mph on the water)
- All Washington boater safety regulations must be followed; if you have a co-angler under age 12, they must be WEARING a lifejacket
- No crappie may be kept
- No bass over 15-inches may be kept
- No limit on bass (under 15-in), perch, and bluegills
- Alcohol is permitted, but only in moderation

This will be a photo-tournament, take a picture of your fish with a means of measuring it in the photo, submit them to the club and the winner(s) will be announced at the September club meeting.

To get to Camp Lake:

North on 395 to Mesa Exit and Highway 17

North on Highway 16 to Connell exit, turn left (west) on Hendricks Road

West on Hendricks Road approximately 2.25 miles (first residence on left)

At the end of the straight portion of the driveway is a cattle guard and gate on the left, go left (leave all gates in the position you find them, there are range cattle on the grounds. Fire danger is extreme, please stay on the roads.

GAME RECOVERY: On July 2nd, club member Dave Myers responded to a 6:30 am call regarding a road-kill bull elk on Highway 240, just west of the Horn Rapids Off-Road Park. With the help of Hanford Health Physics personnel and the Washington Department of Transportation, he was able to recover the undamaged portions of meat from a five-point bull that did not look both ways before attempting to cross the road. The meat was delivered to the Union Gospel Mission and the in-velvet antlers to the WDFW office in Pasco.

DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has an EIS out for public comment. This EIS addresses options on controlling the extremely large population (17,000 nesting pairs) of Double Crested Cormorants that reside on East Sand Island. This island is near Ilwaco. The birds are estimated to consume several million downstream migrant salmon and steelhead annually. Club members are encouraged to visit the USACE website to review the EIS and provide comment. The club's board of directors unanimously voted to write a letter in support of Option C of the EIS that would result in lethally reducing the population to a more manageable 6000 nesting pairs over the next several years.

LUNKER LAKE: Lunker Lake at the Tri-Cities Sportsman's Show is an annual activity for club members. Proceeds from Lunker Lake help support club projects throughout the year. For the 2015 show, the club is actually helping a bit more, by providing the trout for the pond. In order to accomplish this, the club has a contract with the WDFW Ringold Springs Hatchery to rear some 2000 trout for the event. To cover the expenses of the rearing, club members will be putting in some 100 man-hours of volunteer labor in "approved" activities. One such activity that has been identified is the Department needs a new sign for the hatchery to replace the current sign. We are looking for a club member with skills using a router to letter the sign, if that is you; please contact Dale Schielke at 509-375-0183. Another possible opportunity will be helping trap and recycle salmon and steelhead returning to the hatchery this fall. Details on that activity will be announced when we know more.

ATOMIC SALMON DERBY: Griggs Department Store is again sponsoring the Atomic Salmon Derby. This derby will be held September 19, 20 and 21. The proceeds from this year's derby will be used to support Salmon in the Classroom activities in Benton and Franklin Counties. The club has helped by cooking the awards dinner for the last several years and will be doing it again this year. If you want to fish in the derby, sign up at any local Griggs Ace Hardware, there are big bonuses for signing up early.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM: Gene Van Liew reported at the board meeting that 52 out of 800 pit-tagged salmon smolt from the Salmon Summit have made it past all the dams on their way to the ocean. They just have the Double Crested Terrorists (Cormorants) at Sandy Island to get past to complete their river portion of the migration.

HUNTING SEASON: With hunting season just around the corner, now is the time to hone your marksmanship skills to assure a clean, quick kill when the opportunity arises. If you are not a member of one of the local shooting clubs, be aware that on September 13 and 21, our brothers-in-arms club the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Assoc. will have an open Hunter Sight-In event at their range off the Kahlotus Highway. If you are a bird hunter, the trap ranges at both Rattlesnake Mountain Range and the Connell Gun Club are open on most weekends. If you are a bow hunter, your season starts even earlier, you need to be shooting now. Be an ethical hunter—practice.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: This month's winner is new member, Chris Kovalchick. Chris submitted a photo of a beautiful 17 lb spring Chinook he took fishing below Ice Harbor Dam on June 8. Chris wins five drawing tickets at the September club meeting. Runner-up photo was of Rick Libby and Jack Pickard with a nice stringer of walleye taken below McNary Dam on July 8. Nice catches gentlemen, keep those photos coming. Visit the club at www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub to see these pictures.