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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

General Meeting – November 6th, 7:00 PM, Richland Public Library

BOARD MEETING- November 20th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for December is November 25th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email rrgsecretary@gmail.com

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: The subject for the November membership meeting will be Water Fowl Strategies. The presenter will be Marc Watson of Burbank Guide Service. Marc is located in Burbank. He will talk about calls, decoys, ammo, dogs, blinds, gear, locations, guides and the season. He is one of our local guides. Please consider utilizing Mark when you are in need of a guided duck/goose hunt. Utilizing individuals and firms that support our organization helps them and helps us.

OCTOBER PROGRAM NOTE: Doug Stanley of Hicks Creek Furs and Wildlife Nuisance gave a unique presentation about his business as regarding skins, the fur industry and trapping. Doug has decades of experience going back to his youth in Kitter, MO. He addressed

the trapping of both fur bearers and nuisance animals. He spoke of the importance of trapping fur bearers at the proper time in order to maximize the value and quality of the fur. He also accepts whole coyotes for skinning. There will be a Basic Trapper Education Class on the 3rd of November. This is a WDFW requirement in order to obtain a trapping permit. Doug will also have two Fur Trapping Seminars. They will be held on the 4th of November and the 8th of December. Doug can be reached at 509 308 5277 or hickscreekfur@yahoo.com.

RRGC HISTORY: This is a repeat from the past few months. Howard Gardner and Russ Wyer are still compiling 73 years of the history of RRGC. They are transferring old documents into electronic data as a means for saving our legacy. Their efforts are being published on the

Club's website in the History Section. Please keep in mind that our social media is intended to relay current information to members and site visitors.

CONSERVATION AND HABITAT: Larry Martin provided the following information and photos of the guzzler work performed since the newsletter was sent out in late September.

On September 27, Larry Noggles, Jim Drake, Gene VanLiew, Tom Klein and Larry Martin repaired Guzzler 195. This guzzler is located south of Kennewick off of Boffer Road. Per the photo below, the guzzler was damaged due to fire this past year.



Before Photo



After Photo

Larry can be reached on his cell phone at 509 521 2554 if you are able to volunteer.

YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: We received reports from the kids that RRGc sponsored this past summer for the Youth Conservation Camp. Given the number of kids/teenagers that attended, their favorite activities varied greatly. Courtesy of Dakota Schmeider's Power Point Presentation, the following are activities that the campers learned; Fly-Tying, Canoeing, Archery, Marksmanship, Water Safety, Hiking First-Aid, Survival,

Ecology, Marine Biology and Fly-Casting. As part of the study of the flora and fauna of Orcas Island, the campers were able to sample raw Manila clams as well as raw oysters. The campers were able to introduce scientific methods to catching fish. They recorded their catches, locations, types in a data base that they maintained. During their presentations, it seems that they unanimously addressed the hike up Mount Constitution, the highest point on Orcas Island. Based on their reports, they enjoyed themselves and would go back for a second trip next year. Congratulations to Dax Cummings for taking 1st place in the swim competition.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There were two new members for the month of October. Our new members are Christopher Royce, an individual three year membership and Steve Pettee, an individual three year membership. Please welcome them both at the general membership meeting on November 6th.

Please keep in mind that without new membership and specifically younger members, RRGc will be in decline. It is has become time for the younger members to take over leadership positions. This can be done through involvement and participation in Board and committee activities. RRGc needs more younger and actively involved members.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth reported that the last Hunter Education class of the year was completed in September. 31 enrolled, 3 were no-shows, and 4 persons failed the class. Those who failed were all very young. Ron thanked the volunteers who helped with the class. The next Hunter Education class will be next March or April during the 2019 Spring Break .

Ron informed the Board said that a pheasant hunt for 24 of the top finishers from this year's Hunter Education classes will be held in January or February 2019 at Limits Game Farm north of Mesa. Eligible graduates of the Hunters Education will be contacted around the January/February timeframe and invitations will be extended.

Please contact Ron at 509 737 7350 if you are interested in volunteering and/or becoming a state certified instructor.

BARKER RANCH DUCK AND GOOSE

HUNTS: Michael Crowder of Barker Ranch once again offered an opportunity to RRG to fill one space in the ranch's Veteran's Waterfowl Hunt on October 17th. Two members of RRG applied for the hunt. New member Christopher Royce was selected for the hunt. An additional place was offered but the second veteran member was unable to attend.

Veterans Hunt at Barker Ranch



An absolutely great group of hunters

Additionally, a Youth Hunt space was offered. The nominee must have completed and passed Hunters Education and be accompanied by an adult. There was one applicant for the hunt. Dakota Schmeider applied and club president Mike Estes agreed to accompany Dakota. The Youth Waterfowl Hunt will be on November 3rd. Congratulations to both Christopher and Dakota.

Thanks once again to Mike Crowder for offering/donating the hunts to club members.

INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS:

Ron Ruth – There will be no Introduction to Firearms Class for the balance of 2018. There was only one response to the class announcement.

Ron is in the process of applying for a NRA grant to provide shooting supplies for the Intro to Firearms classes that will be conducted in the future. Thank you Ron for your initiative in this

matter. Please remember that Ron and a couple of volunteers can't do this all alone.

GAME RECOVERY:

Chris Mosher reported that October 18th, an illegally shot mule doe was recovered by WDFW Game Warden Officer Horn. The doe was delivered to Chris' house and he deboned it. Chris delivered 41 pounds of venison to the Pasco Union Gospel Mission.

Chris also reported during the October Board Meeting that there seems to be more compliance with hunting regulations since the number of recoveries is greatly reduced from previous years.

Russ Wyer has tracked all of the donated game meat provided to the Pasco Gospel Mission over the past ten years. His report is as follows;

“My guess on the total number of pounds of meat to the Mission was way off because the average used was based on recoveries made since the law changed. The last time I did a spread sheet on recoveries was in 2014 and the total was 5,600 pounds of deboned meat (a correction was made for those early cases where the meat was not deboned). Since that time an additional 3,710 pounds of deboned meat was delivered for a grand total of 9,310 pounds to the Mission.

So after 10 years and 100 events the RRG recovery program delivered 9,310 pounds of meat to the Mission. These donations helped provide over 40,000 nutritious meals to needy people. The largest Club donation was 500 pounds from a bull Elk in August 2015 by Chris Mosher.

These are good numbers and can be used to promote the good work that the Club does.”

A reminder that if you come across a fresh road kill game animal and are able, please claim the animal and notify Chris Mosher. Please stay with the animal while waiting for someone from RRG game recovery to show up. If the animal is seriously injured, inform the local police authority so that they or WDFW can dispatch the animal. A permit must be obtained from

WDFW online within 24 hours. If the animal is left on the side of the road, it will be claimed by others and the Union Gospel Mission will not reap the benefit of a resource.

If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris Mosher at 509 302 5171.

BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS: If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to rrgcsecretary@gmail.com. You will get quicker delivery and save us money.

RRGC WEB PAGE: Russ Wyer and Greg Boeringa continue their efforts to now improve and maintain the webpage for RRGC. It will now be updated and revised as necessary. The website is www.richlandrodandgun.org/. Please visit the site and review what is available on site. Of note is an RRGC calendar that is updated regularly. If you are aware of information that needs to be added to the calendar, please use the website links to contact either Russ Wyer or Greg Boeringa.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be November 20th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

WILD GAME RECIPES: It has been requested that members forward their favorite wild game recipe for inclusion in our newsletter and website for sharing. (I will add the recipe for the Mountain Man Breakfast this month. This has been served as breakfast at the Wild Game Dinner prep for the volunteers. So far there have been no complaints and no trips to the hospital.)

RAFFLES: Raffle tickets will be \$1/each, 5 for \$3.00 or 10 for \$5.00. And you can select the Mystery Box which could change your life forever. Winners for the October meeting are as follows; Game Hoist – Larry Martin, Dutch Overn – Alex Markel, Survival Knife – Ben Burdett, Machette – Alwx Markel, 4000 lb Hand Winch – Larry Martin, Axe – Jerry Bluhm, Movers Blanket – Richard Sharp, Limb Saw – Dave Myers, Mystery Box (Emergency Rope) –

Ben Burdett and the Hicks Creek Hat and Beaver Tail Wallet – Harley Schmeider. There was no name associated with the emergency shovel.

WOOD DUCK BOXES: Dale Schielke reported that he is still working on a new broadcast platform for the upcoming spring hatches. He also reported that a revision to his ALEA grant was requested and approved to purchase five geo-locating bands to put on wood duck hens next spring. The bands are made in England and cost \$126 each. Barker Ranch is purchasing eleven more. The total number of geo-locating bands ordered is sixteen. The bands have to be recovered to download the data showing where and when the birds traveled. It is hoped that because some of the wood duck hens use the same nest boxes over multiple years that the bands can be recovered before the approximate two year battery life expires.

WILD GAME DINNER: Dale Schielke has contacted Mr. John Kruse of North Western Outdoors for him to be our guest speaker for the WGD. RRGC members are probably familiar with Mr. Kruse's program on KONA radio (610 AM). Mr. Kruse is both the host and producer of the show. More information will be provided over the next several months as regarding Mr. Kruse and his background.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **USE OF FUNDS:** Rick Libby will prepare a list of agencies/organizations that have received funds from RRGC in the past year or previous years. The list will be sent to Board members prior to the next Board meeting. Any member that would like to be involved in the determination of distribution of the funds is asked to contact Richard Libby, Treasurer 947-0498.

2. **HANFORD REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT RATTLESNAKE UNIT:** There is a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Public Access (DSEIS) for Rattlesnake Mountain. The USFWS is taking comments regarding access up until November 28th. You can access the DSEIS at

www.fwsgov/refuge/hanford_reach beginning the 12th of November. Comments and questions can also be emailed to hanfordreach@fws.gov or by calling (509) 546 8333. The view from the old observatory location is quite impressive.

3. Big game hunting seasons are starting up. Please keep in mind the need for game meat for the Wild Game Dinner to be held in March. We have storage facilities available so please consider donating fish, fowl or game.

4. From the Tri-City Herald there was a short article about Washington State WDFW perhaps buying parcels of land to improve and preserve habitat for the wildlife and wilderness areas. Information can be obtained from bit.ly/WAlandproposals. Comments can be submitted to lands@dfw.wa.gov by Nov 2nd.

5. Future Actions as a 501(C)(3) Organization: Mike Estes briefly addressed this subject at the September Board Meeting. He asked that RRGC consider how we will conduct our philanthropic activities in the future. At the present time, per an observation of Board Member Russ Wyer, we are operating in ad hoc manner in lieu of planned fund raising and planned fund distribution, notwithstanding the Use of Funds accounts. There are numerous avenues that RRGC can utilize to solicit funds but other than revenues from the Salmon Booth, the Fishing Pond and donations for the raffle at the WGD, we do not have an established method of solicitation. We are now able to accept tax exempt donations

If any of the members would like to participate in this process, please contact Mike Estes.

SHOUT OUTS AND WANT ADS

1. Dave Piovesan has 12 cases of Rabbits and Battue clay pigeons for sale. The price is \$10 per case. Dave will donate the sales proceeds to RRGC for youth activities.

2. Once again thanks to Mike Crowder, General Manager of Barker Ranch for the generous offer for the Veterans Hunt and the Youth Hunt.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



Photo by Larry Martin.

This photo was taken on the 14th of October near Brewster, WA. Larry harvested a 4 x 4 mule buck. In the photo with Larry are (left to right) his grandson Eli Holland, son-in-law Bill Holland, son Donny Martin and Larry.

We have been receiving more member photos lately showing their successful field activities. We cannot post all of the photos in the newsletter due to space limitations. However, Russ Wyer and Greg Boeringa have been posting members' photos on the webpage and on the FaceBook page. If you'd like your photo to be considered for Photo of the Month, please inform us of that. Submit it with the following information. Name of photographer, who is in the photo, where and when plus what is being presented. A little background information would be advisable also. It is recommended that the photo NOT include questionable actions as regarding hunting and fishing regulations or actions that could be considered unsafe.

SECRETARY'S NOTE:

For the past four months I have been erecting a work shop for my personal use. In the course of erecting the pre-engineered steel building (50' wide by 40' deep), I was able to build the shop without skilled labor and it remains level, plumb and square. Thanks to my son-in-law Bevon Davis, his nephew Andrew Sutton and my grandson Johnnathen Jencks. Lastly, thanks to Packy Lacky of Richardson Garage Doors for completing the garage door installation. Because of Packy's skills, I still have all of my fingers attached.

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