



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

General Meeting – February 5th, 7:00 PM, Richland Public Library

BOARD MEETING- February 19th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for March is February 24th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email rrgsecretary@gmail.com

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: The subject for the February general membership meeting will be Walleye Fishing the Columbia. JRod Rodriquez of J Rod Angling will present his techniques for successfully fishing for walleyes. He will also discuss gear, water temperatures, equipment, bait and lures. He will take questions if there is a sufficient amount of time after his presentation.

IN MEMORIAM: Bob Scott, an RRG member since 2012 and Board Member, passed away on the 13th of January. Bob had attended the January General Meeting and died as a result of a subsequent traffic accident. Bob served on the RRG Board of Directors for nearly two years and was an avid hunter. Bob was from Pomeroy and spent numerous years living in the

Tri-Cities area. Bob had recently moved back to Pomeroy.

Bob's passions in life were hunting, fishing, camping and the outdoors. Bob introduced many people to outdoor activities. A memorial service was held for Bob on the 26th of January in Pomeroy. Several members of RRG attended and were able to extend our condolences to Bob's family. Per Bob's family, donations made in his honor will go to the RRG for hunters' safety. We have to believe that this would be Bob's intent if he were able to provide direction.

WILD GAME DINNER: Mr. John Kruse of North Western Outdoors will be our guest speaker for the WGD. RRG members are probably familiar with Mr. Kruse's program on

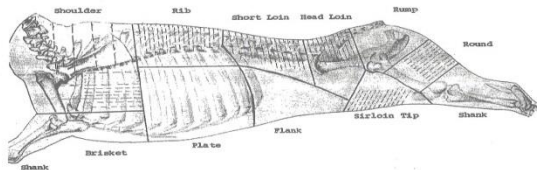
KONA radio (610 AM). Mr. Kruse is both the host and producer of the show.

The Wild Game Dinner will be held on March 23rd at the Shiloh Inn, located in Richland.

Members are advised that there will only be about 280 tickets available for club members to purchase. Once those tickets are gone, there will be no other tickets available. If you want to reserve a table, you must buy 10 tickets. Contact Dale for further information. He can be reached at 509 375 0183.

Big game hunting seasons have wrapped up. Please keep in mind the need for game meat for the Wild Game Dinner. We have storage facilities available so please consider donating fish, fowl or game. Each donation must be tagged with the following information: donor's name, WILD ID number, species and cut of meat, plus the date and location taken. **At the present time, we may be in need of additional donor fish, fowl or game. I will send out an email as soon as the quantities on hand are verified and there is a need for more donations.**

Please contact John Prather regarding the donor door prize request letter. We are able to provide verification of our Tax Exempt Status.



Sausage making for the WGD will take place on the 9th of February at John Prather's house in Finley. 10 to 15 volunteers will be needed for the 6 to 8 hour effort to make enough sausage for the dinner. John's address is 215107 E. Game Farm Road, Kennewick. (The address will be listed monthly until the sausage is made).

NOMINATIONS: Our Bylaws require the President to appoint a Nominating Committee not later than January of each year for elections that will be held at the March general membership meeting. The nominating

committee will consist of Mike Estes, Richard Sharp, Shannon Lackey and Howard Gardner. Any interested and willing member is eligible to serve on the Board of Directors as an Officer or Trustee. This year the Nominating Committee will focus on identifying candidates for Vice-President, Secretary, and Trustee. The Secretary takes notes and issues meeting minutes for Board of Directors meetings and issues the monthly newsletter. The Vice-President serves as our program chair and is expected to succeed to the Presidency the next year. Trustees are expected to participate in Board meetings where attendance is important because a quorum of the Board is required to conduct business, and to provide leadership for RRGCC committees and projects. If you are interested in serving as an Officer or Trustee, please contact Mike Estes (551-9066) or Richard Sharp (551-6785).

LUNKER LAKE: Jack Pickard reported the following. Luncker Lake had 81 volunteers, some working multiple shifts. There were 525 volunteer hours put in over the length of the entire show. The Chiawana High School Fishing Club put in 172 hours out of the total number of hours. The WDFW provided 1950 fish (estimated by their weight). It was estimated that on Friday 178 fish were caught. On Saturday there were 788 fish caught and on Sunday 596 were caught. It was estimated that there were with about 280 fish left over. Marilyn Steele delivered donated fish to the Pasco Gospel Mission, local teachers for dissection in the classroom, Walla Walla Conservation District and the Raptor Rescue program in Pendleton.

There were 100 fish tagged for prizes by Dale, Paul Hoffarth and Marilyn Steele. Sunday was free fishing thanks to Sportsmans Warehouse.

As of this date, there was no report given as to the results of the number of shooters at the Pellet Gun Range but it was reported that the range was busy nearly all of the time.

CHIAWANA FISHING CLUB VOLUNTEERS



CONSERVATION AND HABITAT: Larry Martin reported that he inspected three guzzlers located near Weber Canyon and Yakitat Road on December 19th. All of the guzzlers were in good shape. Work on the guzzlers will start again when the weather warms up.

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

WDFW INFORMATION: Jason Fidorra, WDFW provided the following information to RRGc for inclusion in the newsletter.

WDFW Hunting Season proposal includes later Snow Geese hunt. In an attempt to provide more harvest opportunity, WDFW is proposing a 12-day Snow Goose season February 22- March 4, 2020 in our Management Area 4. This is an attempt to increase opportunity using the established federal hunt allotments. The Pacific Flyway has not approved the conservation hunt seasons present in eastern states to manage problem snow geese. To do this, Snow Goose would be closed the first 2 weeks of the Goose Season during October. Canada goose hunting would not be affected. Comments on this and other hunting season changes can be submitted until Feb 13 at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations/seasons/etting/>

Register to Hunt at Pheasant Release Sites a Success

Thank you to everyone who took the time to register at Pheasant Release sites this season! User information and harvest data had never

been collected for these sites so making improvements to the program was difficult to justify. It is clear that there is a lot of demand and use of the program and I hope to make adjustments to release schedules and amounts for next season using this data. The addition of the Toothaker site worked well but had lower success rate and documented harvest compared to other sites. Hunter success appears to have been 29-41% at sites for pheasant hunters. Be sure to keep registering and return the bottom part of your harvest cards at Register-to-Hunt sites. You can send comments or suggestions related to the four Benton/Franklin Co. release sites to me at Jason.Fidorra@dfw.wa.gov.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There were two new members for the month of January. The new members are David Hendry, one year single membership, and Sam England, one year single membership. Please welcome them when you meet them.

Renewal notices will be sent out in February for 2019.

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: The next Hunter Education class will be next April during the 2019 School Spring Break. The class will be a daytime class and the dates will be April 1st through the 5th of April. Range day will be on April 6th. Volunteers will be needed for several of the classes as well as the Range Day.

Ron informed the Board said that a pheasant hunt for the top finishers from this year's Hunter Education classes will be held February 16th at Limits Game Farm north of Mesa. Presently there will be 70 to 80 birds furnished with more possible as well as some hens. Eligible graduates of the Hunters Education will be

contacted around the January/February timeframe and invitations will be extended to 30 graduates of the previous classes. Ron is looking for volunteers to act as mentors.

Ron expects to learn this shortly if his application to the NRA Foundation for hunter education supplies has been approved.

Ron started a program for Hunters Education graduates that do not have opportunities to hunt. The Richland Rod & Gun Club (RRGC) had its kickoff of the “No Bird Hunter Left Behind” this

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

INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS:

Ron Ruth – There has been no announcement as to whether an Introduction to Firearms Class for the Spring 2019 will be held.

GAME RECOVERY:

Chris Mosher reported that no game was recovered in December or through the 28th of January.

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 RRGC 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.

NONPROFIT STATUS: A strategy for future fund raising must be addressed. All fund raising must be in accordance with the law for 501(c)(3) organizations. Any member who has any ideas that they wish to share are urged to contact Mike Estes. New membership and fund raising are paramount for the continued existence of RRGC.

Please contribute your ideas at least for discussion.

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. I updated the email mailing list so as of this newsletter, we should be current. If you are aware of someone who is not receiving the newsletter, please contact me. Thanks.

RRGC WEB PAGE: Russ Wyer and Greg Boeringa continue their efforts to 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. Please note that Greg Boeringa has had an increased work load from his employer and updates will take a little longer than we’ve all been accustomed to.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be February 19th 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’ve surfed this section several times and there are some incredible recipes available.) Please share your recipes.

RAFFLES: Raffle tickets are \$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 January meeting are as follows; Camo Ground Set - Strycula, Camo Ground Seat – Chris Mosher, King Critter motion detector – Tom Strycula, Coyote call and Mask - Bob Scott, Coyote Call and Squeaker – Frank Scopa, Champion Rifle Bipod – Paul Kison, Walking/Gun Stick – Harley Schmeider,

Winter Walleye Box – Keith March, Weasel Ball – Tom, Mystery Box (Headlamp) – Monte Kelsey.

WOOD DUCK BOXES: Dale Schielke reported that the geo-locator bands are now on hand. Dale is now testing via a trial run connecting to You Tube for broadcasting. The advantage may be that the broadcast can incorporate sound. Wood duck box clean-out will start in late January and continue through late March. He expects to start banding hens with the geo-locators in April.

Of note, Dale and Larry Martin have been invited to participate in the Science Night to be held at Libby Middle School

Dale had the wood duck display at the Sportman's Show this past month. Both he and John Merk handled the display.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Mike Estes reported that the University of Idaho, School of Natural Resources has posted the notice for the scholarship. The liaison for the School has committed to informing all faculty that the application form was available for downloading.

2. Gene Van Liew informed the Board that salmon egg delivery for Salmon in the Classroom has been completed. Due to the reduced number of eggs this year, some schools only received 40 eggs per tank and other schools received 100 eggs per tank. He can be reached at 509 578 6811.

3. KOE Kids Fishing Event will take place at the Family Fishing Pond on Friday April 12th and Saturday, April 13th.

4. Columbia Park RRGCM Memorial Shelter Sign. The city of Kennewick has agreed to replace the shelter sign with a new much larger sign. This is the result of several months of effort by Mike Estes and Shannon Lackey.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



Photo of the Month winner Mike Estes with four drake Canvasback ducks taken at Chip Lake, Alberta, Canada. The photo was taken on October 4th, 2018. Photo by Bill Madison.

SHOUT OUTS:

1. Thanks to Dave Myers for taking over the Secretarial duties at the January Board Meeting. I firmly believe that he performed in a manner that far exceeds my efforts and capabilities. I believe I said the same thing about Dale Schielke last month. I'm starting to detect a trend.

2. Thanks to Jason Fidorra of WDFW for providing the information regarding later season for Snow Geese Hunt plus the Register to Hunt Pheasant Hunt Sites.

3. Thanks to the volunteers that worked at Lunker Lake and the Pellet Gun Range. Thanks especially to the ChiawanaHigh School Fishing Club for their support.

WANT ADS:

For sale: empty Remington shell hulls for a 12 gauge shot gun. 2 3/4 inch high brass. 8 point crimp. Four hundred once-fired hulls for \$20.00. More available if interested. John Propson, 509-947-2964.

Game Limits Farm has a Winter Hunt Special pheasant hunt going on presently. The special started on the 17th of December but as of the 28th of January, it continues. Contact Dave Piovesan at 509-265-4578.

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