



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

(INCORPORATED)

A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization

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RICHLAND, WASHINGTON 99352

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

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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

Next Board Meeting- Tuesday August 16th, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

September Newsletter Contribution Deadline is July 22nd email:

admin@richlandrodandgun.org

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August 2nd

Leslie Groves Park North end off of Park St. in Richland, Gazebo #1

Bring your family, \$3 a person for the dinner

Last names beginning with A-M bring a side dish or salad.

Last names beginning with N-Z bring dessert.

Bring your lawn chair and a good fish story for the biggest liar contest!

Salmon Booth Aug 29th & 30th

The Richland Rod and Gun Club partnered with the Columbia Basin Fly Casters will be back for the 37th time at Art in the Park on July 29 & 30th with **Alder Cooked Alaskan Sockeye Salmon!** Our concession booth will be serving plated dinners again. The Salmon Dinner will be \$16.00, Chicken Dinner \$9.00, and Salmon Sandwich \$8.00; both dinners include coleslaw and croissant, the sandwich is offered with or without coleslaw on the sandwich. Our clubs are non-profit 501 (c) 3 organizations and profits from the booth will be used to support youth educational and community activities like Kids Fishing Day, Salmon in the Classroom, Wood Duck Project, Junior Conservation Camp, Wildlife Guzzlers, plus hunting and fishing programs open to the public. The concession booth is on the north end of Howard Amon Park near the "fingernail" stage. We will have tables and chairs in the shade for Salmon Booth customers. Look for the Salmon sign.

Dale Schielke
Salmon Booth Chairman

Wood Ducks

The nesting season has ended. Dale Schielke is meeting with Cellular Technologies on a new leg band they have for potential use on tracking the wood ducks. He is also pursuing a better way to transmit a live stream or at least a daily picture of wood ducks and owls in their boxes next season

Guzzlers

Larry Martin picked up the photo card from one of the guzzlers and got some great shots of young antelope!



Sockeye Fishing

Sockeye passage through Bonneville peaked in late June. Sockeye counts are currently less than 5,000 per day. Chinook counts have also dropped off. Sockeye counts at McNary Dam are still above 5,000 per day but will continue to decline through the week. Fishing, both effort and harvest, continued to decline during the week. Boats still averaged a salmon per boat, ~12 hours per salmon.

WDFW staff interviewed 509 anglers this past week, 294 boat anglers and 215 bank anglers. For the week, 476 sockeye, 40 hatchery adult chinook, and 6 hatchery jack chinook were harvested.

Based on the data collected through July 17, there have been 12,855 angler trips for salmon in the Hanford Reach summer salmon fishery with 7,571 sockeye, 213 hatchery adult chinook, and 15 jack chinook harvested. 55 wild adult chinook have been caught and released.

Friday, July 15, was the final day to fish the "Bank Angler Only" area at Columbia Point (downstream of the Interstate 182 bridge). Anglers, bank and boat, can continue to fish for sockeye and summer chinook upstream of the Interstate 182 bridge through August 15.

Get Involved!

The Richland Rod and Gun Club is a volunteer organization that has plenty of opportunities for you to participate.

Join the Board – the board meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Hunter Ed Room at Griggs in Pasco.

Wood Duck Boxes – The club takes care of over 500 wood duck boxes. If you would like to help with that get in touch with Dale Schielke.

Guzzlers – There are over 400 water guzzlers to serve animals in the wild that need maintenance, sometimes moved and sometimes installed. If you would like to help with that get in touch with Larry Martin.

Lunker Lake – We are in charge of set up, tear down and running the kids trout fishing pond in January at the Sportsman Show. Look for information in the newsletter and on the website on how to help out.

KOE Kids Fishing Day – The club helps with everything from putting together fishing rods, security, helping kids fish, passing out t-shirts plus set up and clean up. This event is usually in April and there will be information on the website and the newsletter on how to volunteer to help put on a great event for kids.

Salmon in the Classroom – We help the Benton County Conservation District run their Salmon in the Classroom program. In the past this has been helping transport salmonoids to the classes, salmon dissection and helping kids release their salmon. This usually starts in January or February and goes through the release in April. If you want to help with this program, we will have more information on how to get involved on the website.

Salmon Booth – This happens every year at Art in the Park and is a fundraiser for us and Columbia Basin Flycasters who we partner with.

Hunter Ed – The club has a Hunter Ed program that happens 2-3 times a year. Ron Ruth who heads this program can always use more volunteers. Get ahold of him at 509 737-7350

The Scout Energy Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm Project

This is an update on the latest information available on the wind farm and solar farm project. The proposed project's lease boundary is 72,428 acres. There are two different proposals on the layout for the wind farm. One is 244 turbines at 496' – 499' in height or 150 turbines reaching between 675' – 671' in height with blade spans between 417'- 459' or 518' – 557', respectively.

Scout Energy's application continues to be under review by the EFSEC (Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council). Scout by-passed local approval by applying directly to this agency. EFSEC recently determined that this project was compatible with the Benton County zoning ordinances at the time of application. Next the EFSEC will begin an "adjudication" hearing to determine what conditional land uses will be required of the Wind and Solar Farm. Interested parties may soon apply for the opportunity to provide testimony during the hearing.

In late July or August, the EFSEC is expected to release a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This will trigger a 30-day comment period when emails and letters from anyone regarding the DEIS will be accepted by the EFSEC. During this time a virtual public meeting is expected. This could possibly be influenced into an in-person by contacting Amy Moon at amy.moon@efsec.wa.gov requesting an in-person meeting in the Tri-Cities.

If you would like to be get involved and or kept up to date on this project, you may email Judy Guse at goosie1515@aol.com who is the communications person for Save Our Ridges. You can also check out the Save Our Ridges website at save-our-ridges.org. If you would like to help raise funds, there is a gofundme website [Fundraiser by Barry Bush : Save Our Horse Heaven Hills \(gofundme.com\)](http://Fundraiser by Barry Bush : Save Our Horse Heaven Hills (gofundme.com)) Another group that is also working with Save our Ridges is Tri-Cities CARES. There is a newsletter there that you can sign up for to receive up to date information about what is going on. Their website is [Tri-Cities C.A.R.E.S. \(tricitescares.org\)](http://Tri-Cities C.A.R.E.S. (tricitescares.org)). Also, if you would like to sign a petition get in touch with Carla Boeringa at rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

Photo of the month

Mike Estes 5.5 - 6-inch razor clams. Take by his wife Karen at Copalis Beach, WA on 5-1-22

