



# **RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB**

**(INCORPORATED)**

**A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization**

**P.O. BOX 337**

**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 – Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> ZOOM Meeting

Board Meeting- September 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 PM

October Newsletter Contribution Deadline is September 22<sup>nd</sup> email:

[admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org)

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**Wenatchee Sportsman Association** sent RRGC a solicitation for funds letter. This was discussed by the board at our July 20th while their club was researched online and determined to be quite similar to RRGC. A motion was made to send them \$100 and a letter of support. The motion was seconded. The vote was taken and passed. Dave Myers agreed to write the letter to go along with the donation. This organization is so similar they maintain guzzlers, habitat and even have a Wild Game Dinner just to name a few things we have in common.

Check out their website: <https://wsassoc.org/>

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## **General Meetings**

Due to the new rules our general meetings at the Richland Public Library are canceled for the time being. Thus we are back to Zoom meetings so look for the notices of the links in your email and they will be on the website as well.

- September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will have Paul Hoffarth from WDFW talking about updates on salmon and steelhead. He also will be taking questions.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> will be Tyler Miller on fall salmon fishing
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel Liddle from Benton County Conservation District will talk about invasive plant species.

## **Scientists will use drone to collect habitat restoration data in Kittitas and Yakima counties**

Starting August 23rd, scientists with the [Yakama Nation Fisheries](#) will fly a drone over sections of land managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) in Kittitas and Yakima counties to collect information for habitat restoration work.

Over the next year, scientists will use a drone to capture high-resolution imagery data along stream corridors and floodplains within the [Wenas](#), [L.T. Murray](#), and [Oak Creek](#) wildlife areas. Data collected from the drone will provide important information in assessing the value of wood placement for improving fish habitat and stream function.

Drone flights will take place occasionally on weekdays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. in compliance with all federal and state regulations.

“We are happy to continue our partnership with the Yakama Nation on stream restoration,” said Mike Livingston, South Central Region Director for WDFW. “Using a drone gives us an opportunity to conduct monitoring safely, while also efficiently providing a view of streams and floodplains that would otherwise be impossible.”

Data collected from the drone will help inform future stream restoration work, including a project on a newly acquired parcel on the [Cowiche Unit](#) of the Oak Creek Wildlife Area that aims to enhance protection of 4.5 miles of designated critical habitat for bull trout and spawning habitat for steelhead.

On the Wenas Wildlife Area, drone images will provide a baseline for scientists to see how the floodplain develops over time

after log placements reestablish the floodplain throughout the area. The log placements will provide habitat for fish and other species within the creek and riparian dependent species.

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### **Everett Weakley,**

**June 5, 1928 - August 23, 2021**

Richland, Washington - Everett A Weakley peacefully passed away on August 23rd, 2021. Ev was born on June 5th, 1928, to Edgar & Florence (Shortledge) Weakley. He grew up in Peck and Orofino, Idaho. After his mother passed away when Ev was young, Edgar married Olive Hardin, who raised him as his loving mother. Ev's childhood was filled with hunting and fishing in his beloved Idaho mountains. An only child, he was close to extended family, including aunt Ruth (Shortledge) Maynard, his cousins Douglas Hunter and Alene (Hunter) Maria. He attended school together with his cousins in Orofino where they were taught by Ev's father and step-mother.

Ev graduated from Orofino High School (Home of the Maniacs!) in 1946 followed by the University of Idaho in 1950 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. During his college days, he worked as a fire spotter for the US Forestry Service at Goat Mountain lookout tower, where he spent summers, deep in the Rockies. After graduation, he worked as a chemical engineer, primarily in reactor fuel element production for more than 44 years at Hanford. Employers throughout the years included General Electric, UNC and Westinghouse. He retired in 1994. Ev met the love of his life, Eileen Kritzer in 1951 when both were living in the dormitories for Hanford workers. They were married at Christ the King Church in 1953, where they remain parishioners to this day. He was the proud father of 7

children, 17 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren (with one on the way!). Ev participated in many affiliations throughout his life. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and the Grand Knight from 1967-68, overseeing the construction of the current hall in Richland. Memberships in the Elks, Richland Rod & Gun Club, Richland Bowling League, American Society of Metals, and others kept him active in the community. He shared his faith through the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, attending conferences and local meetings; teacher in the Couple to Couple League, membership in the Right to Life organization and participating in Cursillo retreats.

Ev enjoyed many social activities including square dancing with the Columbia River Square Dancers & Road Runners, stamp collecting with a focus on an international nuclear theme, and games of all types. He was a gold medal-winning horseshoe player in the Richland games, an avid cribbage, darts, and pool player and loved card games of all types. Ev was a keen deer and bird hunter, enjoying the outdoors with his sons and good friends. Vacationing to Ev consisted of heading to the remote mountains for fishing and camping. Later he discovered the joys of cruising to Alaska, Hawaii, and Panama with Eileen and friends. Everett will be missed by his dearly beloved wife, Eileen, and their children, Steven (Karen), Kathleen (Michael Schweiger), Michael, Theresa, Joseph (Maria), Mary (Greg Funk), and Joy (Matthew Bailey) and cousin Alene Maria. On behalf of Everett's family, a celebration of his life will be a funeral mass at Christ the King Church in Richland, WA, August 31st, 2021, at 11am, with a reception to follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2500 Chester Rd, Richland, WA. Donations

can be made in his memory to the Knights of Columbus.



*Everet joined RRGK in 1955 and was the treasurer from 1962 -1966. He received his 25 year belt buckle in 1985 and his Lifetime membership award in 1999.*

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### **WDFD Monthly Photo Contest**

WDFW has a monthly photo contest anyone can enter and potentially win a Cabela's giftcard! Each month has a new theme and a new winner. Your photos may be featured on WDFW's Facebook and Instagram to celebrate the variety of ways people enjoy the outdoor lifestyles. To enter visit WDFW's Life Outdoors webpage now through December to find out what the theme is for the current month. Submit pictures of you, your friends or family participating in the month's featured theme. When submitting your photo, select #LifeOutdoorsWA in the category section. In the description area, tell us about your experience. On the last Friday of the month a winner will be selected and featured on WDFW's Facebook and Instagram. Winners will be contacted by email to receive their prize.

**RRGC Photo of the Month  
Contest Guidelines**

- Must be taken in current license year.
- May include hunting, fishing, habitat, camping.
- Must include a critter (human or wild).
- Harvested game must include the hunter or angler.
- Winners will be selected by the Board of Directors.
- All photos become property of the Club.
- Note: The Board may use discretion in applying the guidelines when selecting the winning photo.
- Bring photo print to board meeting.
- Please include name of photographer and date taken.

**September Photo of the month.**



Pretty good day of walleye and bass fishing on the Columbia river. Time to fillet the fish. Pictured Dennis Williams. Photo taken by Larry Martin 2021

**Classifieds**

1990 14 ft AK Smokercraft with a newer 25 hp Yamaha jet drive. Vintage electric trolling motor. Licensed for 2021. Great boat for chasing catfish, bass, and salmon in the lower Yakima River. Asking \$2200. Contact Dennis Dauble – [DennisDauble@icloud.com](mailto:DennisDauble@icloud.com)



Youth Bow for sale, RH 5-40lbs like new Contact Dustin Ney – 509 827 7670



See photos of our annual picnic here <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/post/annual-picnic>