



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

APRIL GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday May 6, 7:00 p.m. at Benton County PUD

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE, May 21 CALL Eddie AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

MAY GENERAL MEETING

- The May meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 at the **Benton County PUD at 10th and Hwy 395**. The PUD building is in Kennewick on 10th St. Turn east on 10th from Hwy 395 and stay in the right hand lane on 10th, the building is immediately on the right. Directions to the PUD are also at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id22.htm> .
- Bruce Hewitt, owner of *GOING FISHING GUIDE SERVICE*, will be the main speaker and his topic will be springer fishing. This is the third time he has spoken to the Club. He has more than forty years experience fishing for salmon, steelhead, and trout on Pacific Northwest rivers, lakes and coastal waters. He started guiding in 2002 on Alaska's famed Kenai and Kasilof rivers, pursuing king salmon, Coho and trout. Bruce provides guided, charter fishing for those who would like to fish Spring Chinook Salmon, Fall Chinook Salmon, Coho salmon or Fall and Winter steelhead runs plus Walleye and Sturgeon on the Columbia and Snake Rivers.
- Bring a guest(s) to the meeting and he/she will receive five free raffle tickets.
- As usual there will be a very good selection of raffle prizes, probably many related to springer fishing..

CLUB NEWSLETTERS: Because newsletter printing and mailing costs had risen to greater than \$3,000.00 last year, we are discontinuing mailed newsletters. Newsletters are being e-mailed to members that have an e-mail address. If you are receiving your newsletter by mail and you have an e-mail address, please let us know your e-mail address so that we can send you the newsletter via e-mail. Send your name and e-mail address to rroguc@aol.com .

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- President Kirby Hammond opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to an audience of about forty people at the Benton County PUD in Kennewick. Two visitors introduced themselves and each received five free raffle prizes.

Dave Myers stated that a meeting of Wild Game Dinner helpers, cooks and any others interested was going to be held at the end of the meeting.

Rachel Little from the Benton Conservation District gave a short presentation about Bateman Island located at the confluence of the Columbia and Yakima Ranges. She explained that changes are being considered to modify

the causeway to Bateman Island, in order to improve river flow, water quality and salmon passage. She stated that now is the time for everyone interested in this process to learn about the possibilities and share your comments and ideas. Project organizers want to know: How would changing the causeway affect your use of the Bateman Island area? What would be the best or worst ways the causeway could be changed? She encouraged citizens to attend public meetings on Tuesday April 8 and Friday April 11 at the Mid-Columbia Library on Union Street in Kennewick. More project information can be obtained at www.midcolumbiarfeg.com.

Gene Van Liew read a letter from the Benton Conservation District thanking the Club for funds from the Club used to procure a fish tank and other required components for Hawthorne Middle school. He also passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assemble 1,300 rods/reels for the KOE Special Needs Fishing Event and Kids Fishing Day to take place May 9 (4:30-7:30 PM) and May 10 (8:00 AM-3:30 PM).

Dale Schielke stated that 403 Wood Duck nesting boxes will be available for Wood Ducks to use after the inspections have been completed and damaged boxes replaced. At present, the inspections are complete except for nine boxes and eight boxes at the McNary Refuge. Three hundred ninety two installed boxes had been inspected, 175 of the boxes had been occupied by Wood Ducks. Forty boxes had been occupied by Screech Owls. Six hundred and ninety one unhatched eggs were found. Membranes were found in 114 boxes and a total of 498 membranes were discovered.

Ron Ruth stated that twenty three students signed up for a Hunter Education class that started March 31 and will continue through through April 4. Class times were 10:00am to 2:00pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00am to 5:00pm on Friday (Range Day).

Jeff Gardner stated that Jerry Caprio, Mike Estes and Tom Davis were not at the Wild Game Dinner and did not receive their Club Awards.

Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes.

It was announced that a national Handgun Competition will be held May 16, 17 and 18 at the Rattlesnake Mountain Range.

It was also announced that the Wild Game Dinner slide show that we watched during the announcements was made by Hellen Newman and she was loudly applauded.

- After a short break, Kirby introduced the speaker of the evening, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Commander Don Kidder. Prior to his service in the Auxiliary he served in the Navy for 22 years and in the R.O.T.C. for a year. He is an avid boater and is now stationed in Kennewick. Don is a dedicated boater and stated "when in a boat, you are a boater". When in a boat you must understand your boat, the rules of the road, safety issues, etc. A good reference that you can get at the local Coast Guard station is "**A Boaters Guide to Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats and Safety Tips**". Equivalent Washington State information can be obtained at www.boat.wa.gov. State law requires operators of motorboats with **15 horsepower** or greater to take a safety education course and obtain a boater education card to operate a boat in Washington. Boaters can take the education course in a classroom, online, or at home, details are in www.boat.wa.gov. Boaters born before 1955 do not need a boater education card. Don also explained the terms *Giveaway Vessel* and *Stand On Vessel*. Whenever there is an accident or collision, the person who is at fault pays. The accident must be reported to any law enforcement agent. Any law enforcement agent can board your boat and inspect for required equipment. Required equipment on the boat was also discussed and can be found in the above link. Distress signals are required only in Benton County until you approach the coast.

Don stressed that when you go out in your boat you must prepare a boat plan that details where you launched your boat, where you are going, any other details and when you plan to return. The plan should be left at home so that it can be referenced if you get in trouble. Make sure you have the required equipment on board and that it works. Do not leave you trailer and vehicle on the ramp. I personally have seen trailers left on a ramp with flat tires. Do not power the boat back on the trailer, it may end up in the trunk of your car or bed of your pick-up truck. While on the water and moving have a lookout to

make sure you do not run into other boats or other objects. Always anchor from the nose of your boat. Be in control of your boat at all times. When navigating on the river have charts or download or purchase charts before you leave. Have decent line and bumper/fenders. If you can afford it purchase a GPS device. Don also showed a movie titled Stressors. Among other things it covered hypothermia and showed how to prepare yourself for emergencies. At the end of the movie the audience applauded Don. He answered many questions and said that the telephone number for the Auxiliary is 531-3525. The auxiliary is conducting boat examinations this spring and the dates and times can be determine by calling the above number.

- Kirby Hammond gave a short tip of the month presentation. He related and showed how not to drink beer, watch TV, unload a .357, clean it, dry fire it, load it while watching TV and then accidentally fire it with disastrous results!

- Raffle Prize Drawing Winners were: Everyll Davison who selected the ONYX inflatable life jacket, Bob Scott won a hydraulic car jack, a Walleye rig with nitro worms and a six qt. Dutch oven, Kirby Hammond won a marine fire extinguisher and the Mystery Box which contained a volt-ammeter, Ron Ruth won a padded spin seat, Fred Potter won a four piece set of wheel covers, Chris Mosher won a \$50.00 Sportsman's Warehouse gift certificate to be used for purchase of hunting and fishing licenses and a salmon bank/boat kit with Nitro worms, Frank Scopa won a Shakespeare catfish kit and Dave Myers won a trailer/alignment kit.

- **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Rob Myers & Family, Mike Nelson, Russell Wood and Family, Colt Bryson and Family from Kennewick, John Cummings, Chris Kovalchick and Sam Morrison from Richland, Tony Umek, Dan Edwards and Family and Dan Evans and Family from West Richland, Bradley and Kim Anderson and Family from Mt. Vernon WA and Earl Mikkelson from Bonney Lake WA,

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS 44544: Ron Ruth, Chief Instructor. The first class of the year was from March 31st to April 4th. There were four days of classroom (16 hours) and a five-hour Range Day at the Metallic Silhouette Club's facility with live firing of 22's, large bore rifle (.243), modern shotgun, and a field course. A total of 23 students ranging in age from 9 to 45 were enrolled. Twenty successfully passed both the exam and field course. Several other instructors assisting in the class were Don Board, Dave Myers, Steve Gaines, Howard Gardner, Craig Lewis, Dr. Margulies, and Brian Fulton of Fish and Wildlife enforcement. In addition, Dale Schielke and Bob Kolowith assisted at the range. These gentlemen are to be commended for giving freely of their time to assist in this class. THANKS!

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED TO ORGANIZE & RUN RR&GC FISHING DERBIES: Richard Sharp will not be able to organize and run any fishing derbies/tournaments this year. If you are willing to organize and run the Mighty Might and Catfish events contact Richard Sharp at 551-6785.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: One photo was entered in the April contest by Richard Sharp showing Kirby Hammond and Bruce Wade with a Steelhead they caught at Ringold under the tutelage of Richard. Since it was the only photo entered, it was the winner. Richard Sharp will receive five free raffle tickets at the May General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm> . Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (a jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

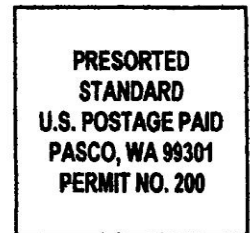
AWARDS PRESENTED AT WILD GAME DINNER: The following awards were presented: **Gardner Cranston Award** Russ Wyer, **Distinguished Service Award** Rod Noland-from Griggs, Jerry Caprio and John Prather, **Life Member** Mike Estes and **25 Year Belt Buckle** John Pfeiffer and Tom Davis.

SALMON SUMMIT: The Salmon Summit will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6 and 7 at Columbia Park in Kennewick. Salmon fry raised by grade school students will be released into the Columbia River at the boat ramp by the Blue Bridge.

- Volunteers will be needed, both days, and should meet at the boat ramp by 8:00 A.M. to help with the fry release. Bring an orange vest, if you have one. Also bring warm clothing because it can be very windy at the event. The fry release should be over before noon both days. After the fry release volunteers may leave or are welcome to stay and help at some of the event exhibits.
- Keep track of your mileage and volunteer hours. This is the termination of the 2013 Salmon In The Classroom project. The Club is a major participant in this event, we need all the volunteers we can get. Sign up to volunteer at the May general meeting or call Gene Van Liew at 946-7738.

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2014 SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS & KIDS! FISHING DAY

- Friday evening May 9 there will be a fishing event for Special Needs Kids at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond from about 4.00 to 7P.M. About 250, or more, kids are expected. Many volunteers are needed at this event and should be at the Fishing Pond by 4:00 P.M. This will be the sixth Special Needs Kids fishing event. All the previous events were very successful and attendance has increased with each event. More volunteers will be needed this year because more Special Needs Kids are anticipated. There will be complimentary snacks at the Park for volunteers after the event is over.
- The Kids! Fishing Day, formerly the *Fishing Kids*, will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 10. This year's goal is again 1,200 children in four shifts starting at 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., Noon and 1:30 P.M.. Many, many volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help at the pond. Volunteers should be at the Fishing Pond by 8:00 A.M. Saturday morning for an orientation session. Volunteers should bring an orange vest, if they have one, a hemostat or needle nose pliers to remove the fish hook from the fish and eye protection. Bring suitable clothing, in the past the weather has been blustery and even rainy. A complimentary light lunch will be served to volunteers at the Park on May 10.

- There will be sign-up sheets for volunteers at the May General meeting. Youth (5-14 years old) can sign up for the event at <http://go2kennewick.com> .

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2014WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES INSPECTIONS: Inspection of Wood Duck nesting boxes is ongoing. If you would like to participate, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183 or e-mail him at dahlialou@msn.com . As of March 18, One hundred sixty of 410 installed boxes have been inspected, 81 of the boxes had been occupied by Wood Ducks, 40 boxes had been occupied by Screech Owls and 231 Wood Duck membranes were discovered.

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