



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 – None for the month of July

Board Meeting- July 16th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

Newsletter Deadline for August is July 21st, Call Shannon Lackey at 948-3320 or

Email: rrgsecretary@gmail.com

JULY PROGRAM: For those new members that do not already know. The month of July we hold no General Membership Meeting. But if you would like to get together with other club members for the good of the order... We need extra volunteers for the annual Salmon Booth that the Club along with the Columbia Basin Fly Casters runs; down at the Art in the Park held at Howard Amon in Richland. Please contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: Each year the RRGc sponsors youth to attend camp at no cost other than a recap of their adventures at the end of summer. The Girls Camp will run from July 14-20 and the Boys Camp will be July 21-27. Larry Martin has stated that this year 5 kids are being sponsored. So check your upcoming newsletters to get a recap from the

campers that are attending this year. Also, our own Alec Markel has been bumped up to an Instructor this season. So, wish him good luck on his endeavors to bring the high-quality conservation camp up to an even higher notch of fun and learning.

GAME RECOVERY: 1) Friday May 10th

Chris Mosher got a call and went to a vineyard to fill a kill permit that he had received via Don Hand. He was able to shoot a Mule Deer Doe and donate 45 lbs. of meat to the Union Gospel Mission the following day.

2) Sunday 6-3-19 Larry Martin was called at about 5:30am to retrieve a deer that was taken with a kill permit. Cody McMillan delivered the deer to Larry's house and also helped de-bone the carcass. Forty to fifty pounds of meat was delivered to the Union Gospel Mission Pasco.

A NOTE FROM THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF WATER PATROL: The Sheriff and his water posse have been culling the boats for a few weeks now. It is that time of year that new boaters are on the water and are unaware of some of the laws, as well as the good ole' boys (and let's face it some of us are stuck in the "old ways" i.e. power loading...) Our local department had these things to say. They are offering vessel checks upon request. If you are contacted at the launch or you are the one to make contact, they will do a vessel inspection for you and you will receive a sticker to display stating that you were already inspected for 2019. Of over 150 vessel checks already they have only written 4 tickets. Please keep this in mind when they make contact with you, they are there to make sure people are complying with safety requirements. The officers do not want to tick you off or write a bunch of tickets. They most assuredly will give you warnings for most things. The water patrol boats just want to make sure that you are safe on the water. Some common things to check for are; up-to-date flares, enough life jackets, up-to-date fire extinguisher, a horn/ noise device, a throwable (within reach) and Co2 stickers displayed. One thing that Benton County is campaigning for this year is **NO OVERLOADING**. Max weight or max people which ever comes first. There will be no more warnings on the water for this infraction. It is getting out of hand with the amount of unskilled people at the helm with too many lives in their inexperienced care. BUI's are also not going to go away so, if you like to drink on the water- designate a licensed boater to drive! We care about our club members and want them to return home at the end of their trip so please remember to always **WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS!**

HOWARD GARDNER'S ADDITION: Along with boating comes the chance of cold-water immersion. Howard sent me an article from the Oregonian that spoke on this. Life jackets and Emergency beacons are good and wet/dry suits are even better. More than likely though you will find yourself without such necessities in an emergency. The most basic safety rule that you have used probably your whole life is something that your mother, teachers and yes even your

Hunter Ed Instructor drilled into you; Leave a note and tell a couple people your exact plans. So, if things go south someone notices your absence. The experts say in frigid water you have 60 seconds to get your rapid breathing under control. Without that control you run the risk of hyperventilating, fainting and drowning. Stay calm and do not swim aimlessly if you see nothing in sight. Tuck your knees to your chin and keep your arms out to stay floating while trying to keep your core heated. If you see someone suffering from cold water immersion call 911 and try to keep their core warm. Trying to heat extremities can cause them to go into shock. With hot summer temps expected it is easy to forget how cold our waterways really are. Stay safe this summer and **WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET!**

NONPROFIT STATUS: New memberships and fundraising are paramount for the continued existence of RRG. Please contribute your ideas at least for discussion. As a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization we need to work as a collective to maintain and improve our club activities and outreach.

RRGC WEB PAGE: Be sure to check out the RRG website often so that you know when we need extra help or if we have an impromptu get together for fun. A new page was added under the blog dropdown. It is Harley's Corner; a youth idea and coloring contest! Make sure you tell the kids that you know to get on there and enter. Each month we plan on picking a winner. Also remember to send pictures or content that you would like added to the website or blog to the webmasters via email at- admin@richlandrodandgun.org.

WILD GAME RECIPES: Please forward your recipes to the Secretary and Webmasters so that they can be included in the monthly newsletter and on our website. If you haven't checked out all of those recipes on the website yet, you should.

RAFFLES: The June General Membership meeting raffle winners were; Krome rifle cleaning kit-Paul Kison, Frog Togg's- Pete

Workman, Rapala charge and glow-Trinity Reser, Goalzero lantern- Paul Kison, Ortis earshield w/ sound reduction- Jerry Bloom, SME gun rest- Richard Sharp, Quarrow collapsible fishing bucket- Luke Reiner, Kline 3 leg cooler- Lilly Reser, Stanley Flask- Gerald Hayes, Okuma 6'6"rod and reel combo- Chris Mosher, Flambeau bait bucket- Greg Boeringa, Mystery box- Dakota Schmeider.

GUZZLERS: 5-6 19 Larry Martin repaired guzzler 231, rebuilt frame with new 10-foot apron side board, one cross board and new post. This guzzler is in Benton county south east of Prosser, also picked up two trail cameras set up earlier. 6-8-19 Steve Antonissen, Jim Cartmell, Greg Herrin, Mark Kerns, Ron Ruth & Larry Martin repaired guzzler 178, replaced one damaged apron frame, one side of sheet metal and new metal legs. This guzzler was 3/10th of a mile from road, had to hand carry all equipment. Steve Antonissen saw a very big buck on the way to the guzzler. Guzzler located in Walla Walla county southeast of Burbank, Touchet N road area. Larry Martin and his many crews have completed their biennium goals and have filled out a new ALEA Grant application for more funding. Larry was awarded the grant through WDFW for the continuation of his habitat enhancements.



(Locals love Larry's watering holes)



(volunteers trying to beat the heat for the local critters)

WOOD DUCK BOXES: Dale Schielke reported that one of the Geo-Locator hens went to another box and started to lay a new clutch of eggs late. This will be her second clutch this year as it appears something happened to the first clutch that previously hatched out. This is not that unusual he says but it is interesting to see such a late hatch. Dale also put in for a new ALEA Grant through WDFW and was granted his asked amount for the next biennium. It will cover his wood duck programs in the classrooms and any incurring costs for maintenance or possibly more Geo-Locators.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) ANNUAL CATFISH CHALLENGE: Richard Sharp put on one heck of a great Catfish Challenge and Picnic this year. The stats are as follows; 1st place with a big fish of 19.4 lbs. and a total weight of 370.2 lbs. Alec Markel and crew. 2nd place big fish 11.4 lbs. and total of 82.4 lbs. John Cooper. 3rd place big fish 7.1 lbs.

and total 52.1 lbs. is Richard Sharp. 4th place is team Boeringa (Carla and Greg) with 3.0 lbs. for big fish and total 3.0 lbs. Dead last and certainly the loudest with the catch of the evening Shannon Lackey with a bullhead of .001 with finger help on the scales. That put us in at 507.5 lbs. of catfish caught and donated for the picnic and the Wild Game Dinner. Thanks everyone for coming out and doing the potluck picnic after a tough nights fishing. Next year we hope for better water to work with on the Yakima River. It was still a blast to sit around the bonfire and chat with fellow club members. Even if the majority of us struck out. To next year!

2) COLUMBUS FOUNDATION: Dale Schielke along with Richard Sharp put in for a last-minute deadline. It was for a project grant from Battelle for local 501 (c)(3) organizations that would benefit the community. The RRGc was not only approved for the grant but was increased the size of the original grant, being that we turn in so many volunteer hours to the Battelle Staff Association. They very much appreciate all of our efforts in the community to improve habitat and getting youth outdoors.

3) WILD WEST BASS TRAIL COLUMBIA RIVER OPEN: The RRGc was well represented June 21,22 and 23 by members of the club that manned an activity booth for the three-day bass tournament. Members were also very involved in setting up and tearing down each day, as well as helping with the daunting task of weigh ins. We are proud that this Pro-Am Event contacted us and look forward to helping it grow bigger next year. Not one but two locals won this tournament. Josh Roy for the Amateurs won \$5,000 and Mel Williams took the win for the Pro's and made a well-earned \$10,000 for the weekend at home. It was tough tactics for them all and our low/fast water with higher winds than expected really gave these anglers a run for their money. The RRGc had a kid's casting station set up where they taught kids how to operate a pole and catch some wire fish. We handed out prizes consisting of candy, fruit snacks and fishing stickers. We did a kids' casting drawing to determine who would win the top prizes from Texas

Roadhouse. It was also the kick off event in public for Harley's Corner. Harley stated that she had quite a few coloring pages turned in for judging. If you know of any youth that would be interested in this coloring page of the month contest, please go to our richlandrodandgun.org website and under the RRGc Blog is Harley's Corner.

4) MIKE ESTES DISSECTION: Mike dissected two salmon this morning of May 31st for the fourth-grade students at Canyon View Elementary in Kennewick. Students and teachers were equally surprised when the large snarly-toothed fish turned out to be the female and the smaller Fair-looking fish was the male. He had already warned them that size isn't always a good indicator due to different age classes of spawning salmon. Lots of touching and blood covered hands at this session.



(Students examining the Salmon parts)

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be July 16th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter Education Room, Pasco. **All RRGc members are invited to attend.**

SHOUT OUTS: The club would like to give a special shout out to Matt and Connie Cummings for graciously holding the Catfish Challenge at their house. A lot of work goes into putting on a great picnic for so many and they do it all with a

smile. It isn't expected but is always greatly appreciated! THANK YOU!!

SHOUT OUT- To Alec Markel and his band of crazy catfish buddies! Without you guys there would be no picnic or catfish for the Wild Game Dinner. THANK YOU!!!

WANT ADS:

WANTED- The RRGc is in search of a new Chief Hunter Education Instructor. This is for the RRGc classes that are in a traditional classroom setting and are fully funded/backed by the club. If you or someone you know is interested in this position please contact **Richard Sharp at (509)551-6785.**

WANTED- Our current Treasurer Mr. Rick Libby is currently in search for an apprentice to learn the duties of being the club treasurer. He stated that this needs to be done for the continuity of club funds being managed. Please consider coming to a monthly board meeting and checking out the little things he does that make the club function so well. Math is an obvious requirement but he has worked extensively in Excel to minimize mistakes and maximize efficiency. Questions? Call **Rick at (509)947-0498.**

FOR SALE- 1975 StarCraft SuperSport 22' Aluminum boat with 165hp Mercruiser in-line six I/O on EZ loader trailer. Bow rider with walk through windshield. Includes storage cover, Bimini Top, swim ladder, depth finders, downriggers, rod holders, trolling plate, cup holders, lights, horn, bilge pump, fire extinguisher, PFD's, spare propeller, bearing buddy's and more. This dependable boat runs great, rides smooth and stable, is quiet and economical to operate. No rust, no rot very nice condition, high sides with plenty of room. Family friendly and great for fishing. Clean titles, \$6900. Call or text **Greg at (509)420-3613.**

FOR SALE- 3 separate boxes, a dozen each of G&H duck decoys. Half are Drakes and half are Hens. Never used \$35 a box or make offer. Contact **John Pfeifer at: (509)539-5917.**

FOR SALE- MODEL 70 RIFLE: Winchester Model 70 Featherweight, "pre-64" (manufactured in 1953), 308 Win caliber, Redfield mounts, Hertel & Reuss 4x81 scope. Used but in very good condition and comes with sling, and part box of ammo. \$700.00 Contact **Dale Schielke 375-0183** to arrange for FFL transfer.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH SUBMITTED:



(Participants in the Annual Catfish Challenge with some of the catch!) Photo by: Greg Boeringa

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