



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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Club Website- <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/>

Club Facebook- www.Facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub

2020 Officers

Packy Lackey, President	948-6141	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
Dustin Ney, Vice-President	713-0766	Shannon Lackey, Sec.	948-3320

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – NONE

Board Meeting- September 15th, 7:00 PM, Zoom Meeting

Newsletter Deadline for October is September 20th, Call Shannon Lackey at 948-3320 or

Email: rgcsecretary@gmail.com

WILD GAME DINNER CANCELLATION:

If you previously had not received the email from the Treasurer Rick Libby, once regular meetings resume, he will exchange a ticket for \$20. If for whatever reason you are unable to wait for the meetings or need the money sooner, you may contact him to work out a time to exchange your tickets. You may keep your Quality Trip ticket for next year or you may withdraw your entry and receive a refund for that as well. Just remember that if you lose your ticket, we cannot refund you. On a side note, if anyone knows of anyone in need of meat, please let one of our board members know. You can always email the secretary directly. We will have volunteers repackaging the meats that were donated for the WGD. Some of those dishes that we had already worked so hard on, will unfortunately not make it to next March. So, the

board has made a decision on donating those repackaged meats to families who might benefit from the extra protein. Please let us know and we will put a list of names together, for when we are ready to distribute.

MEMBERSHIP: Please welcome our newest members when you see them next. Steele Roberts, Jeff Leitenburg, Edward Villanueva, Dale Williams, Roy Asplund & Cindy Dugwyler. Our membership chair Carla Boeringa has been busy collecting membership dues and sending out notices. We understand that a lot of people pay their dues at the WGD every year and with the quarantine going on since March, we also understand it hasn't been easy to just drop by and pay in a meeting. That being said, please get a hold of Carla at your earliest convenience if you have received a

notice.

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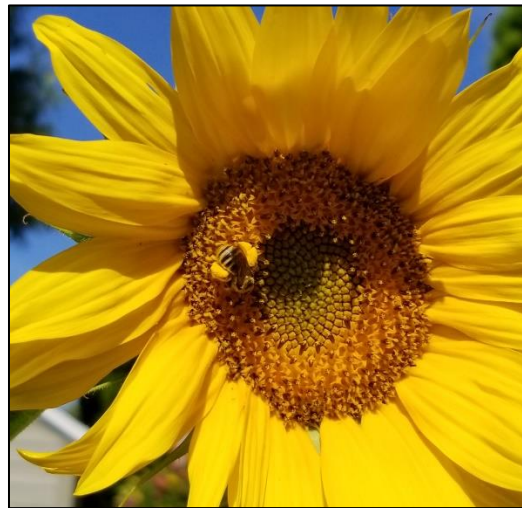
WOOD DUCK PROJECT: Dale Schielke had a successful Wood Duck Nesting Season even though he had less help due to the coronavirus. Between he and John Merk, they did 100% box checks. In addition to the original checks (just under 500 boxes) they did 779 box checks total for the season. This year they started lowering the box poles and retrofitting small doors for checks; these small changes helped tremendously this year Dale and John said. The rest of this year and into next year they plan to continue the retrofit efforts. Total new Wood Duck captures profited by 77 new bands, 40 recaptures; Western Screech Owls (with a few Saw-whet Owls) -56 new and 35 recaptures. Quite a few new bands on owlets in the nest this year, compared Dale said from years past. You can see the recorded clips on YouTube at: [WOOD DUCK PROJECT](#)

DUCK CONSERVATION DAYS: Dale Schielke informed the RRG Board that due to the quarantine, there will be no Duck Day out at McNary National Wildlife Refuge. Or any of the Refuges across the state.

GUZZLERS: Larry Martin and Greg Herrin have been busy collecting photos lately, of wildlife at the guzzlers, that will be uploaded to the RRG website in bulk. Larry brought good news to the latest board meeting. All of the latest fires have all missed the guzzlers in the immediate vicinity. So, cross your fingers that they continue to bypass our clubs long standing watering troughs for the desert and wild things. Any volunteers? Call Larry Martin at (509)545-9647. “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
-Margaret Mead



(Pronghorn Antelope babes at guzzler)



(Busy little Bee on a Sunflower photo by Larry Martin)

RRGC WEB PAGE: richlandrodandgun.org has had Over 8,864 visits. Photos, news, trips, or tutorials can all be added to the website from our members just email them to: admin@richlandrodandgun.org.

FAUNA AND FLORA SURVEYS: Some members of the RRG have been out and about collecting photos of native species. Send your photos to the secretary for next month.



(Western Pondhawk with its' exuvia)



(Blazing Star photo by Jack Pickard)



(Someone caught the rare Opuntia Columbiana in bloom!)



(This 2-year old Tom was taken at 6:13 Am (on May 9 in Bickleton by Charles Krause) which was 5 minutes after 2 jakes were taken 1/4 mile away by a friend in another blind. you can see the blind I was in in the background. The Picture was taken by Miles McCary from Salem.)



(Mike Myers with a 20 in. Largemouth Bass caught at Thompson Seeps while bluegill fishing 7/31/20 Photo taken by Josh Evans)



(Fishing in the morning evanescence in PA)



(Richard Sharp and John Cooper with their catch of cats on the Yakima River)

USACE RECONVEYANCE: Recently there was an article about our local State Representative Dan Newhouse meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers discussing the ongoing talks of giving the shorelines back to the local governments. This publicly started for input back in September of 2018. The RRCG Board of Trustees will be writing a letter to our representative in opposition of giving the shorelines over to the local governments. We believe the cities and counties are not funded nor equipped to properly maintain some 34 miles of waterfront and it will fall to them to sell for development. Although Mr. Newhouse had in the past, adamantly opposed the development, the fact remains that the ones backing this deal “[TRIDEC](#)” are/will only be interested in later profit from it. I as an avid outdoorsman would not want to be stuck with a walking path and private property on both sides of it, to only view the river from. Such is the case in North Richland now. We would like to see places like Columbia Point, Chiawana and Columbia Park stay as natural as possible without later being sold to the highest bidder. The cities cut funding to their maintenance and parks and recreation budgets yearly and we believe that the cities acquiring these properties from the federal government will not be in the best interest of our communities. The Board asks that any members with an opinion either for or against this big

takeover, speak to a board member on their opinions or send them into the secretary for forwarding, for the next board meeting. We would also greatly encourage members to get involved by writing their own letters to our representatives. Here is another link to check out the info and a draft of the reconveyance plan from September of 2019. A quote from the article states “Our goal will be to hopefully include the legislation as an amendment to the fiscal year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which is one legislative act that Congress passes just about every year.”- TRIDEC’s VP David Reeploeg said. I am currently not aware of them trying to get this passed through Congress this year for the fiscal year 2021 like they state in the article. All the more reason to write and call with our public and club opinions [9-24-2019 Newspaper Article](#) and a link for the draft here: [Reconveyance Draft](#)

FLY TYER’S TYATHON: Dave Myers would like to invite all the club’s Fly Tyer’s to join him, in making and donating flies to organizations that take out veterans, disabled fisherman and new fly-casters. The Columbia Basin Fly-Casters will be joining in this effort locally and all the current volunteers would greatly appreciate materials to use in these efforts. Do you have any bucktail, furs, pheasant hackle or feathers that are just gathering dust? Please contact Dave Myers with any donations or questions at: 438-1277.

LIMITS GAME FARM LLC: Dave Piovesan will be opening the preserve for hunting the first week of September. September special will be 5 hens for \$140. Their 3-bird basic hunt is still \$100 and the season long youth hunt is 3-bird for \$70 with a paid adult. Youth must be 15 yrs old or younger. Limits asks that you book your hunts early morning, so that you don’t overheat your dogs in the field. Reservations can ONLY be made by phone at (509)265-4578.

MID-COLUMBIA RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX: The McNary, Umatilla, and McKay Creek NWR hunting lotteries will be open August 10 through September 11, 2020. This includes the lottery for

our Veteran's Day Hunt on November 11 for veterans, active duty, and retired service members at McNary and Umatilla NWRs. There are no fees to enter the lottery or on the day of the hunt for service members but any guests sharing the blind who are not veterans or active duty will be charged the normal daily fee.

The lottery for our annual youth hunt at McNary and Umatilla NWRs on November 14, open exclusively to individuals 17 and younger, will also be open. There are no fees for youth to enter the lottery or to participate on the day of the hunt. Also, do not forget to enter the McNary NWR late season white goose hunt lottery. We are excited to offer this additional hunting opportunity again for the 2020-21 season.

There will be no lottery for the opening weekend of upland game bird season at Umatilla NWR. Upland hunting will begin at 12:00 noon and permits will be available on a first-come first-served basis at the Umatilla NWR Check Station.

The opening weekend of upland game bird hunting on McKay Creek NWR on October 10-11 will still require a FWS-issued permit. Please apply through the lottery system for your chance to participate. If you are selected, you can expect your permit in the mail by the first week of October. Fall turkey season will commence on McKay Creek NWR on October 12.

The following link will provide access to our online lottery system once officially opened on August 10: www.fws.gov/mcriver/. Remember, you will be directed to the RecAccess site www.recaccess.com/ to pay for your lottery application. You will not be entered in the lottery if you do not complete this final step in the entry process. There will be no refunds issued or rescheduling of dates; this includes overpayments on lottery entries, season passes, and hunting dates lost to COVID-19, weather, government shutdowns, closures to protect wildlife, etc. All lost days will be treated as natural events. If you are unsure of whether or not a payment was processed, please call us (509-546-8332) before trying to resubmit a payment.

Lastly, we will sell the 2020-21 Federal Duck Stamp for \$25 and season passes for McNary Fee Hunt and Umatilla McCormack Unit for \$96 (or \$48 for Senior and Access Federal Lands Pass holders) at the check stations during morning check in and by mail. Please mail checks or money orders to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Waterfowl Hunting Lottery, 64 Maple Street, Burbank, WA 99323. Make checks out to USFWS. Do not send cash. Respectfully,
Denise McInturff

VETERANS RECREATION GROUP: There has been considerable interest in the forming of a group of just veterans within the club. The function of the group will be to assist with club projects and to enhance hunting and fishing opportunities for veterans and disabled outdoorsman. If you are interested please call Bill Lambert at: (509)308-3657.

FOR SALE: WW2 Military Wall Tent. 14'X14'. Good condition. Complete with extras. \$950 OBO. Rocky Ross 492-0380

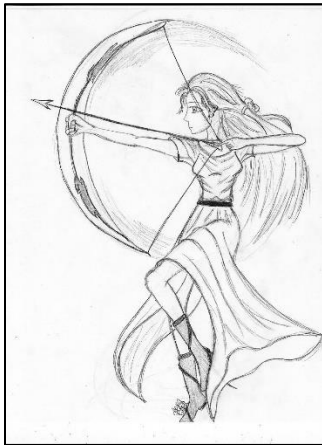
FOR SALE: Bench Rest .22-250 built on Mauser action. Relatively new SST bull barrel. Fitted with 10X RA Spot Shot Litschert long target scope + brass & reloads. \$875 OBO. Rocky Ross 492-0380

WANTED- The RRG is in search of a new Chief Hunter Education Instructor. This is for the RRG 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.**

PSA: I would like to warn everyone during this intense indoor imprisonment. That there are cleverly disguised disappointments near and far. Not only across the nation bickering about politics, but right outside. In our own neighborhoods! Imagine my chagrin when I am told I cannot go out Springer fishing due to State closures. Imagine also that I have been stuck inside too long, with those that I love... then imagine that I begin to hear a glorious sound that reminds me of happy times. The ice cream

truck! I start screaming “ice cream man!” while running out of the house and down the street with a child hot on my tail. That child did not wear shoes so I had to retrieve them and pack them out another half a block before we lost the sound. We came back completely undeterred from losing direction of the ice cream man and jumped in a club members vehicle (which just happened to be in our driveway getting ready to leave) and yelled “DRIVE!” We canvassed the neighborhood and drove up and down half a dozen streets. Then we heard it! Ah-hah! That way, over there! We see this little Toyota Prius, with a loud speaker playing the tune. Across the side of this car was written in big lettering “HAPPY BIRTHDAY”. At this point I could’ve cried. Those weasels had the audacity to play ice cream truck tunes to get everyone in the neighborhood out on the sidewalk so they could deliver a happy birthday-gram. The kid in the backseat started crying, I didn’t blame her at all. Our great friend from the club drove our mopey butts over to Dairy Queen and bought us blizzards to cheer us up. Just remember that even though this quarantine has got you down, there are still members to contact and reach out to. Sometimes, they will even cheer you up with a scoop!

HARLEY’S CORNER:



(Would a youth that you know, like to be featured? Have them color one of the many coloring sheets available at [Harley’s Corner](#) and turn them in via email or a meeting)

AUGUST PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



(John Prather’s grandson Karter age 12, Buck taken on Kelly Cochrane land near Washtucna on October 14, 2019 photo taken by: John Prather)

SEPTEMBER PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



(These photos are of Aidric Scheehle, age 9, and Captain Scott Estes on a fishing and tubing expedition on the lower Snake River. Aidric and Scott are the grandson and son of Mike Estes. It was a big day for Aidric who was visiting from Ohio in early August. He caught a nice walleye, several small bass, a 5-1/2 pound catfish (that he wouldn’t touch), and got his first opportunity to drive a tiller driven boat. Photo taken by Mike Estes)