



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- <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome>

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site – www.northwestgamerecipes.com

2016-2017 Officers

Richard Sharp, President	586-4790	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
Ben Burdett, Vice-President	582-0103	Frank Scopa, Sec.	438-9459

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday November 7th, Richland Public Library,
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, November 17th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – November 26th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: The guest speaker for the November General Meeting will be Jerry Reyes. Jerry will present tips and techniques for steelhead fishing. Jerry has his own guide service called Flat Out Fishing. Jerry made a presentation last year regarding salmon fishing tips and techniques that was very well received. Jerry can be reached at 509 302 1240.

CONSERVATION /HABITA : Larry Martin reports that guzzler repairs are in progress once again. He is currently making surveys of existing locations and planning work schedules. Larry is always in need of volunteers to assist. Contact Larry at 509 545 9647 if you area able to donate a half day or so. Additionally, Larry will be purchasing an additional game camera to record activities at a second guzzler. The funds for the second trail camera were provided by

RRGC funds. Larry is posting photos to the RRGC Facebook page.

As previously reported, the \$2400 ALEA Grant that was awarded through WDFW is being utilized for repair materials for the guzzlers.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There were no new membership applications for the month of October. Please keep in mind that without new membership and specifically younger members, RRGC will be in decline. It is becoming time for the younger members to take over leadership positions. This can be done through involvement and participation in Board and committee activities. RRGC needs more younger and actively involved members.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth reported to the Executive Board that there would be no additional Hunters Education Classes until the Spring of 2018. Please contact Ron at 509 737 7350 if you are interested in volunteering and/or becoming a state certified instructor.

GAME RECOVERY: Chris Mosher reported that there were no recovery efforts during the month of October. This is probably due to the change in the Washington State game recovery rules. However, with deer and elk season upon us, it is expected that this number will go up very soon. If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris at 509 302 5171.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM: Gene VanLiew reports that tanks will be going into the classrooms approximately the 1st of November. Benton Conservation District needs eggs as well as fish for dissections. Given the number of returning fish this year, both the number of eggs and fish for dissections may be reduced.

GAME RECOVERY: One buck was recovered on the 22nd of October on Hwy 12. Other than approximately 57 pounds of venison being recovered, not a lot of detail was provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: You've heard it before and you'll hear it again and again. That's what we do, we volunteer. This time it is for Ringold Hatchery. Volunteers are needed to assist WDFW staff at the Ringold Hatchery on Wednesday's starting November 1st and every Wednesday until November 22nd. Work starts about 8:30 AM until noonish and waders and rain jackets will be provided by WDFW. Mike Erickson reports: "We have a lot of other activities going on with some adult handling on Monday's and Tuesdays prior to these dates as well. We have an adult handling study that is occurring with PNNL and this plans to go through the end of October on adults. Not sure how it is going to work out for the need of additional help or volunteers this year but I would

encourage folks who are interested to call the hatchery ahead of time to see if there will be a need for volunteers on any of these days. We will be assisting ODFW each week on taking eggs from Chinook to meet some future Fall Chinook production for The Tribes of the Umatilla's. I'm not completely at grips as to how all this is going to work out this year so please understand we are taking things day to day and the overall forecast for Fall Chinook back to Ringold is not that great either. 3000-4000 total return estimated of which around 1500 total adult males and females will be needed for spawning purposes." Contact Mike Erickson at [509-269-4448](tel:509-269-4448) or email [@ mike.erickson@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:mike.erickson@dfw.wa.gov)

Dale Schielke is the Point of Contact for RRG. Dale can be reached at 509 375 0183.

BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS: If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to rgcsecretary@gmail.com. You will get quicker delivery and save us money.

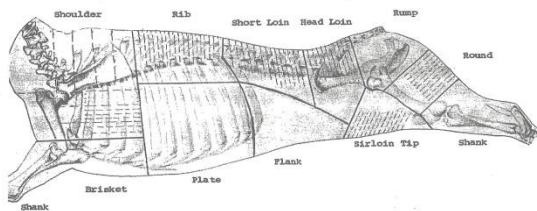
501(C)(3) STATUS: Mike Estes and Rick Libby have been working this effort for several months since the Board and Membership approved the revisions to the RRG Bylaws. Currently, RRG has contracted with a consulting firm from Florida called CharityNET for assistance in this effort of dealing with IRS. The last item that needs to be addressed before submittal of a complete package to IRS is a detailed conflict of interest clause. Once that is done and approved by the Board, it will be signed by the club president, treasurer and secretary. Then we wait for review and approval. This effort has been in process for approximately four years. Hopefully the next step will be approval by IRS.

WILD GAME DINNER:

A. The speaker for the WGD will be Gary Lewis. A quick biography on Mr. Lewis is as follows; He is an outdoor writer for the The Bend Bulletin, a Contributing Editor for Successful Hunter Magazine, a host for Frontier Unlimited, a TV show and the author of 16 books. He lives in Central Oregon with his wife and three camo-clad daughters. He will share his interesting experiences.

B. Attention deer, elk, duck, goose, and upland bird hunters. Also this is for walleye, bass, and salmon fishermen. Whether you shot it or caught it, we need your meat donations for the 2017 Wild Game Dinner. When you are successful on your outings, please consider sharing a portion of your bounty for the WGD. John Prather has graciously volunteered his freezers for storage of donated meat. Frozen meat can be transferred to John at any general membership or Board meeting or you can call John to make other arrangements. There will be ice chests at the Richland Public Library. Each donation must be tagged with the following information: donor's name, WILD ID number, species and cut of meat, plus the date and location taken. No ground meat, please due to the risk of contamination. John can be reached at (509) 582-2482 and Marilyn can be reached at 509 392 2128 or momhoops46@gmail.com. Game meat donations are needed. This is only November but the need will exist right up until the middle of March.

C. Cuts of Meat



WDFW INFORMATION: Jason Fidorra, WDFW Biologist made presentation to the

RRGC Board in September regarding the 2017 game season. WDFW is considering changes to how the southeastern Washington mule deer population will be managed. In lieu of the mule deer population being addressed per GMU, the entire mule deer population would be considered in whole in establishing harvest limits. The reason for the change is the migration of the herd from summer grounds in Adams and north Franklin counties to winter grazing areas north of the Snake River. Harvest in any single CMU in any given year can vary dramatically depending on weather. This can result in under harvest or over harvest compared to the population goal. The following GMSs would be combined as a group in the establishment of the permits; Ritzville, Steptoe, Kohlotus, and Almoda. Jason asked for reactions to the proposal from Board members and took note of the input received. The proposal was viewed as positive by the Board.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 21st at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

WILD GAME RECIPES: It has been requested that members forward their favorite wild game recipe for inclusion in our newsletter and website for sharing.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



Elise Woollum shot her first deer on October 14, 2017 near Kahlotus. She used a .243 with Winchester 100 grain round at 189 yards. Photo by John Prather.

WANT ADS AND SHOUT-OUTS:

Rick Libby has a Lowrance CMS-525C DF Fish Finder/Chart Plotter/GPS for sale. The unit is complete with all cables, transducer and manual. \$125. Call Rick at 509 627 5461.

Ben Burdett is looking for antlers. If you have some that you would be interested in parting with, call him at 509 430 3832.

Tony Rydberg is selling his collection of firearms. There are 46 rifles and shotguns plus 7 handguns. He can be reached at 253 332 0533. **A reminder that all firearm transactions in the State of Washington must be handled through an FFL dealer.**

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