



# **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 – May 3rd, 7:00 PM at Richland Public Library

Next Board Meeting- Tuesday May 17th, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

May Newsletter Contribution Deadline is May 22nd email:

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### **May 3rd General Membership Meeting at Richland Public Library**

Sick of swatting at skeeters every time you get a chance to enjoy the out of doors? May's presentation is one you will not want to miss! Kevin Shoemaker and team with the Benton County Mosquito Control are happy to visit with us about the current situation with the annoying parasites in our area. They will cover how the BCMC has grown over the years, the life cycle of mosquitos, what the BCMC has been up to recently and how they fill their role in fighting against the pests our area. Get the latest scoop on what they have learned about the West Nile virus in the Columbia Basin and what we can do to best protect ourselves and animals while enjoying our favorite outdoor activities. Of course, there will be plenty of raffle prizes after the presentation. Some of which that will be sure to reduce the risk of an arial assault from the backyard invaders.

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### **Hick's Creek Fur Presentation – April General meeting.**

Doug Stanley gave our members and guests a great presentation on the fur industry and trapping. He also invited anyone who is interested in learning about trapping to attend one of his trapper education classes. If you would like to join a class or see some of the products, they create with various furs check out [Hicks Creek Trading Company | Tanned Leather & Natural Fur Products](#)



### **Wild Game Dinner – April 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Wild Game Dinner was another great success. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with donations, set up, cooking, raffles, silent auctions and clean up. The following awards were handed out to members:

- Special Appreciation Award – Howard Gardner 65 years of Hunter Ed Instructions
- 25-year Belt Buckle Award – Gaylord Pyle, Todd Woollum, Duane (Dewey) Woollum, Matt Cummings, Frank Scopa
- Distinguished Service Award – Carla Boering, Greg Boeringa



### April 22 – 23 KOE Kids Fishing Day(s)

Richland Rod and Gun Club joined many other organizations again to get kids outside and fishing. New this year was a group of kids that were participating in an outdoor class and another group in a life skills class that came to fish Friday afternoon. The ARC of Tri-Cities kids had a great time Friday evening, and the fish were biting. Loads of prizes were handed out for tagged fish. Saturday 1100 kids along with their families fished in one of the many flights and got a chance at catching a trout or two or three. Once again thank you to all the volunteers that came to help make this great community event possible.



### **April 26 – 27 Salmon Summit**

RRGC volunteers were out again helping kids! The Salmon in the Classroom project sponsored by Benton County Conservation District that we help support culminates in the Salmon Summit where the kids get to release a salmon smolt they have raised in their classroom. Gene Van Liew headed our volunteers at the boat launch on the east end of Columbia Park. We helped a portion of the 60 classes a day from 37 schools get their salmon to the Columbia River. PNNL tagged the salmon so the kids can see if their salmon makes it over a dam. It was another successful event for RRG.



### **Guzzlers**

Bill Watson set up trail camera at guzzler 142 and inspected and cleaned guzzlers 148, 155, 188, 190 & 191. Guzzler 190 was swarming with bees from bee hives not far away. With the bees acting pretty calm we cleaned what we could. The bees apparently drank almost all the water in the tank it was nearly empty. Walla Walla county Dodd Road, Britton Road area.



## Wood Ducks

Wood Ducks and a few screech owls are currently nesting in the 512 boxes. Banding has also taken place and the information will be entered into a database for future tracking. You can check out the live stream cameras at [www.RRGCWoodDucks.org](http://www.RRGCWoodDucks.org) to see what is going on with 4 of the boxes.



## Introducing the new Membership Chair

Connie Cummings who joined the board in April is going to be taking over the Membership Chair from Carla Boeringa. Come meet Connie at the next General Membership Meeting!

## The Latest Donations

We have received a \$1000 grant from **Battelle** which operates Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland and Sequim, WA. This grant is to support RRG youth education programs and is given in support of Team Battelle volunteerism.

We received a donation from RDO Employees for \$3600 to be used for KOE and Lunker Lake.

## Classified Ads

For Sale: Left hand bolt .243 Savage Arms 110B with a heavy Douglas barrel and six power scope. Rifle comes with RCBS dies, 1 resize die and 2 seat dies, 100 Sierra BT bullets 100 grain, and 97 fired brass. Total asking price is \$500. It is on consignment with Talos Tactical in West Richland. Tom Klein