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QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Entry tickets for the 2007 Quality Trip can be purchased at the January, February and March General Meetings and at the Big Game Dinner, until the maximum of 100 tickets have been sold. The drawing for the quality trip will be held at the Big Game Dinner on March 24 2007 The rules are shown below and are identical to last years.

1. Only Club members with 2007 dues paid through **April 1, 2008** are eligible to purchase 2 entry tickets each.
2. Tickets are \$20.00 each, the value of the trip (amount paid to winners) is \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold, the maximum sold will be 100.
4. Only Club members with 2007 dues paid through **April 1, 2008** are eligible to purchase entry tickets. With a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents may also purchase 2 tickets each.
5. You must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
6. Winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership.
7. The winners will provide a written report of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and hunting license costs, name & addresses of lodging & guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club website. A good reference for the report format are previous Quality Trip reports that are on the website.
8. The drawing will be held at the March 24, 2007 Wild Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
9. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club and who must also have participated in the drawing.
10. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner is unable to go. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a Club member and have been in the drawing.

11. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 2008 Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
12. The trip must be approved by the Board of Trustees not later than the June Board meeting or the trip will be forfeited.
13. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday January 2, 2007, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
 HANFORD CCP DISCUSSION MEETING - An important meeting to discuss the Hanford Monument Comprehensive Conservation Plan will be held at the Club's Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco Tuesday January 9, 2007, 7:00 pm.
 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 16, 2007, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -January 20, 2007, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
 COLUMBIA BASIN FRIENDS OF THE NRA 14th Annual Dinner & Auction 14th, Pasco Red Lion, Starting at 5:30 PM,
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JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

- The first General Meeting of the New Year will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, January 2 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the WalMart. Clare Cranston will start of the meeting off with a short shotgun cleaning demonstration.
- Representatives from the USFWS Hanford Reach National Monument will discuss the draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Monument which was issued in December. The plan has six different alternatives and I am sure that the alternatives will be explained and discussed. Come early and get a good seat. There is a lot of interest in the CCP and there will probably be many that will attend this meeting.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**
- **2007 Club Calendars have arrived and can be purchased for \$3.00 each at the meeting.**

• Don't forget to bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the General Meetings and Board Meetings, the meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to a freezer for storage.

• **March 24 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$15.00 each will be on sale at the meeting. The price is unchanged from last year.**

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Gene Van Liew opened the meeting and asked visitors to introduce themselves. Announcements were made by Gene Van Liew, Lyle Gilk, Rick Nelson, Clare Cranston and Richard Sharp. Richard is now the General Meeting Raffle Chairman and replaces Larry Martin who has been running the raffles for a very long time. Richard listed the evening's raffle prizes and said that there will be a mystery prize in a closed box at every meeting and the prize in the box could be a very desirable prize or perhaps one of Richard's old sneakers.

- The election of 2007 Club officers and trustees was the first order of business. Howard Gardner listed the candidates. A motion was made from the floor for unanimous approval of the candidates by acclimation.. The motion was seconded and the vote for approval was unanimous. The election results are shown later in this newsletter.
- Gene Van Liew introduced Chuck Ray, WDFW Eastern Washington Hunter Education Program Contact stationed in

Ephrata. Chuck stated that this year, 2006, is the 50th anniversary of the Washington State Hunter Education program. There are three certified Hunter Education Instructors from a total of 975 instructors in the State who have served in the program for 50 years. Two instructors are from the west side of the state and one from the east side. That individual is Howard Gardner and Chuck came to thank Howard for his service and present him with a beautiful 50 year award.

● Butch Buffaloe and Dr. Robert Margulies of the Hunter Education Resources Organization (HERO) were present to honor Howard with a second award. Butch stated that Howard had logged 800 hours as a Hunter Education instructor and had certified over 1,000 students. On behalf of HERO and the Washington Hunter Education Instructors' Association (WHEIA) Butch presented Howard an engraved Browning BPS 20 gauge shotgun. Howard thanked both Chuck Ray and Butch for the awards. Howard also gave a short resume of the Clubs Hunter Education program that started in 1957 when Howard was president of the Club. Howard thanked Clare Cranston for the many years that he has lead the Clubs Hunter Ed. Program. It was a big night for Howard.

● Sign up sheets for volunteers at the Lunker Lake and the Pellet Range at the January 19-21, 2007 Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show at TRAC● were passed around.

● President Gene Van Liew introduced Tim Clemons, the winner of the November 11 Barker Ranch Youth Duck Hunt raffle. Tim took young Jordan Grubbs to the hunt as his guest. They were one of two groups at the hunt that did not get their limit of ducks. The Ranch invited Tim and Jordan to return to the Ranch on the Sunday after Thanksgiving to participate in a second guided hunt. This time they limited out on ducks. Tim said that both of the hunts were run very well and he and Jordan feel that they were very fortunate to participate in the hunt and are indebted to the Ranch for the hunt and hospitality.

● Program Chairman Dale Landon introduced Howard Gardner who was also the main speaker. Howard gave a mini-demonstration about 'how to sharpen a knife'. He demonstrated the method that he has been using for quite a few years as evidenced by the wear showing on the coarse stone he used in the first sharpening stage. He used a folded paper template to show what angles the knife should be held during the initial and the final sharpening stages.

Howard's main talk was about two sheep hunts that he and his brother took over twenty years ago in Alaska. He flew to Alaska two different years and he and his brother, who lived in Alaska at that time, participated in two separate hunts each year. A bush pilot flew them to their hunt site each time and left them and their gear and then returned later to fly them out after the hunt was over or when the weather allowed. They either flew in a Super Cub plane or a home made float plane. Howard explained their hunt plans and the equipment they used. He showed a number of very good slides which illustrated the fantastic scenery in the mountains where they hunted. It was a very good presentation and I'm sure brought back many memories to Howard..

● Richard Sharp conducted the raffle drawing at the end of the meeting. Drawing winners were: Tim Sumner who won a Steellhead spinning rod and reel rigged with line and a special Steelhead jig lure tied by Richard plus a container of shrimp died and cured by Richard, Russ Wyer selected the *mystery prize* which was a 10 power monocular, Mack McDonnell won a *Rambo* type survival knife, Don Board won a belt pack with two water bottles and a tackle box with a built in flashlight on the handle and Paul Kison, Dave Myers and John Jall each won a canteen type water bottle.

HANFORD CCP DISCUSSION MEETING: An important meeting to discuss the Hanford Monument Comprehensive Conservation Plan will be held at the Club's Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco at 7:00 PM on Tuesday January 9, 2007. Club members are encouraged to attend and discuss and critique the Plan and help formulate the Club's position concerning the plan.

WANTED: Mack McDonnell is interested in locating a .45 caliber Colt automatic service pistol of WW-II vintage, especially if it was of USMC issue. Call Mack at 627-1948 if you have one or know where Mack can locate one.

CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEE ELECTIONS: Election of Club Officers and Trustees for 2007 was conducted at the December 5 General Membership meeting. The following officers and trustees were unanimously approved by the membership present.

President: Dale Landon*

Secretary: Eddie Manthos*

Vice President: Rick Nelson*

Treasurer: Lyle Gilk*

Trustees

Jerry Burke*, Rick Conant, Bob Gough, Bill Hays*, Bob Kolowith*, Richard Libby*, Larry Martin*, Dave Myers, Jack Pickard*, Fred Porter*, Rob Thornton, Pete Shaw, Paul Seuberlich, Ben Webb* and Russ Wyer*. (*incumbent trustee/officer)

ATTENTION HUNTERS!: The hunting season has started and once again it is time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held March 24, 2007. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut, steelhead and

salmon are also needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: **(the diagram is shown on the Club's web site under 'Club News-Newsletter' and click on 'Other Club News')**. After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (**NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE**). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing!

● All Club members should be alert for the opportunity to solicit and obtain door prizes for the Wild Game Dinner. While you are shopping for hunting, fishing and outdoors equipment, don't be too bashful to request a door prize from the merchant. Inform him that he will receive recognition for his donation in the Wild Game Dinner program. Obtain the prizes as early as possible. After the first of the year there will be many, many solicitors from other clubs 'out on the street trying' to get door prizes for their events. When you obtain a door prize, call Gaylord Pyle (948-2392) or Paul Kison (545-605). Remember that it is up to the Club members to obtain the prizes. Without donations there will not be any door prizes at the dinner.

● Tickets for the Wild Game dinner will be available at the January General Meeting.

2007 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RANGE: Dates for the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show including Lunker Lake and the Pellet Range are January 19, 20, and 21, 2007. The Club will man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 14th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 19-21 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 4 and 5 hour shifts. Some members have already signed up and some have been contacted by Rick Nelson to help at Lunker Lake or Clare Cranston to help at the Air Rifle Range. If you have not volunteered and you wish to volunteer please call Rick Nelson at 628-2636 or Clare Cranston, for the Air Rifle Range, at 547-6273. Your duties at Lunker Lake will consist of baiting the hook for each child, removing the fish, after it is caught and placing it in a plastic bag after you have dispatched it. You will get a big kick out of working with the kids. A group of about 6 volunteers or more will be needed Thursday morning January 18, starting at 9:00 AM, to set up the fishing pond. During the show a minimum of 16 volunteers per shift will be needed to man Lunker Lake. Shift times are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Thursday the 18th for set up of the fishing pond. Shift times for Friday the 19th are 1-5 PM and 5-9 PM. Saturday the 20th, shifts will be from 10 AM-12:30 PM, 12:30-3:30 PM and 3:30-8 PM. Sunday the 21st shifts will be from 10 AM-2 PM and 2-5 PM, the last shift will stay over at 5 PM to help disassemble the pond. The Air Rifle Shooting Range will be manned again this year under the direction of Don Hartshorn. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond or shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from Lunker Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Lunker Lake volunteers should wear eye protection, bring a needle nose pliers or hemostat to remove the hook from the fish and bring a towel(s) to wipe your hands after you have handled a fish. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided for the volunteers. More information about the show is at www.shuylrproductions.com/.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start February 26, 2007. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

HANFORD REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT CCP The Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Hanford Reach National Monument was released and mailed to the those on the CCP mailing list in December. Copies can be obtained at the Monument offices at 3250 Port of Benton Blvd in Richland or downloaded on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/hanfordreach/planning.htm>. The plan includes six preliminary management alternatives (A through F). Starting at the end of January 2007 there will be public meetings held at Mattawa, Sunnyside, Richland and Pasco. The public comment period will run from the middle of December to February 23, 2007.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There was one entry in the December photo contest. The winner is Jack Pickard with a photo of Cameron Cisnos and a muley buck he harvested October 14, 2006.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Returning member Don Knowlton from West Richland.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, February 20, 2007, 7:00 pm - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -February 23, 2007, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

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Ringold Chapter Pheasants Forever Annual Banquet February ,24th, 2007 Red Lion Inn, Pasco, Wa.

Contact Gary Scriven at (509)266-4697

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- The February General Meeting will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, February 6 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the WalMart. Club member Mike Estes will be the main speaker and will discuss his trip to the Northern Province of South Africa in June 2006. Mike's activities included hunting for plains game and game birds, touring the Northern Province and a few days viewing wildlife in world-renowned Kruger National Park.
- The second speaker Paul Hoffarth local Fisheries Biologist of the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife will discuss potential rule changes for camping at Ringold that may be implemented prior to the spring Chinook Salmon fishing season.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

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• March 24 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$15.00 each and raffle tickets for the Quality Trip will be available at the meeting. The prices for both tickets are unchanged from last year.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Dale Landon opened the meeting and asked visitors to introduce themselves. Howard Gardner's son and grandson from Florida stood up and were introduced by Howard.

- Several announcements were made by Club members.
- Clare Cranston gave a brief demonstration about how to clean shotguns. He explained that modern shotgun shells use a plastic wad cup that leaves a plastic deposit/coating on the barrel that is very difficult to remove. The cleaning technique was demonstrated on the barrels of an over and under shotgun. Clare used undiluted *Simple Green* as the cleaning agent which he sprayed into the barrels and after a short time interval he scrubbed the barrels vigorously several times with a stainless steel bore brush. The brush was replaced with a jag wrapped with a cotton cloth patch which he passed through the barrel, several times, replacing it when it became soiled, until the barrels were clean. If they still appeared to contain plastic, he repeated the procedure. After the barrel was cleaned, he sprayed the barrel, inside and out, with *Liquid Gold* furniture polish. After the

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FEBRUARY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

FEBRUARY 10, 2007 ,9 am to noon

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).

If you controlled actions and funding on McNary Refuge what would you plan in your wildest dreams? Hayrides? Viewing towers? Web Cam snoopers in nests? Campouts? Stargazing? Singalongs? Shootout? Visit to Mars? Harvest Olives? Come tell us all. We are ripe to hear of new activities. None are too far out - or too close in. If a storm ever hit your brain, share with friends at the

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA

From 9 am for bird counting and kid games, 10 am for brainstorming, 11 am for cookies And it's free!

DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED: Attention all duck hunters! If you harvest or have harvested a duck or goose with a leg band or collar, notify Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com with the following information: species, sex, where and when harvested, your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird) and when you receive the information, where and when the bird was banded. The information will be collected and reported in this newsletter at the end of the waterfowl season.

Liquid Gold dries out, it leaves a thin deposit of wax that protects the metal and the wooden or plastic stock. Clare was asked how to clean and lube the trigger mechanism and hinge pin on a break action shotgun, he suggested using a *NAPA* brake and electric motor cleaner. Do **not** use a brake cleaner. Clare also said that he uses old white socks as patch material.

● Program Chairman Dale Landon introduced Greg Hughes, Paula Call and Dan Haas from the USFWS Hanford Reach National Monument who discussed/explained the draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (CCP/EIS) for the Monument which was issued in December. Greg, the Monument Project Leader, was the main speaker. He discussed the history of the Monument and Reach and explained that the Department of Energy (DOE) has the primary management responsibility of the Monument, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation also has responsibility over some land parcels in the Reach. He went over the six different management alternatives in the CCP/EIS and described their differences. He also stated, that depending on funding, some of the plan features in the Alternatives may be delayed or never happen because of lack of funding. Funding to the USFWS has been cut back and as a result staff and projects have been affected. Greg answered many questions from the audience and made a very good suggestion that should be followed when we submit comments to the CCP. Don't make a comment that only states you do not like a feature in the CCP/EIS, also **explain** why you think the feature should be changed or eliminated, don't submit form letters or comments that many others have or will send in. **Tell them why you disagree with the item and explain why you disagree.** Greg also stated that the DOE and other branches of the USFWS will review the document and that they may make changes to it before it is released as the final CCP/EIS. Copies of the draft CCP/EIS can be obtained at the Monument offices at 3250 Port of Benton Blvd in Richland or on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/hanfordreach/planning.htm>. Comments are due prior to February 23, 2007. They can be mailed to USFWS, Draft CCP Comments, 3250 Port of Benton Boulevard, Richland WA, 99354, dropped off at the above address, e-mailed to hanfordreach@FWS.gov or faxed to (509)375-0196. Two open houses will be held in the Tri-Cities where you can ask the USFWS questions and provide comments on the CCP/EIS on:

- Monday, February 5, 10.00 am to 5:00 pm at the Hampton Inn in Richland, 486 Bradley Boulevard.
- Thursday, February 8, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco, 2325 North 20th Ave.
- Raffle drawing winners were: Clare Cranston who won a 5 weight 8' flyrod and reel packed in an executive kit, Paul Seuberling selected the *mystery prize* which contained a propane lantern with a propane cylinder and he also won a silicone cloth stocking rust inhibitor case, Dale Schielke - a head lamp, Rick Conant - a 17 piece gun cleaning kit, Dave Myer - a machete, Everyl Davidson - a *Rambo* type survival knife, and Mike Estes and Paul Kison each won a gun trigger lock

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Richard Fitzner Memorial Scholarship: Howard Gardner. The thirteenth annual Fitzner Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Monique Crumb, an undergraduate student in Resource/Wildlife Management at the University of Idaho. There were two other applicants from the University of Idaho and fifteen from Washington State University. The \$500.00 annual award, started in 1992, is given to a student in Wildlife Biology/ Management to memorialize Richard Fitzner, a well respected wildlife biologist and Club member, who died in a tragic plane crash. The awards are given to students in a wildlife related field.

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- Tickets for the Wild Game Dinner will be available at the February and March General Meetings.
- **Speaker at the dinner will be Dave Ostrom, the Assistant Director of Communications at WSU and an outstanding wildlife photographer, he will present a slide show of his wildlife photos at the Dinner on March 24, 2007.**

LUNKER LAKE UPDATE: Compared to last year, it appears that about 19% more fish were caught this year. Total number of fish caught this year was 1,665 and approximately 210 fish were left in *Lunker Lake* Sunday night. There were 52 volunteers that helped. The greatest number of fish were caught on Saturday. Many thanks to Rick Nelson who organized and directed the successful event and to Howard Gardner who directed the assembly of *Lunker Lake* and helped Rick contact volunteers to help at the event. There were a lot of enthusiastic kids that caught fish at the three day event.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start February 26, 2007. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in the January photo contest from Richard Sharp and Mike Estes. The winner is Mike Estes with a photo of Mike, his son Scott, Sean Carr and Darin Matthews with 28 mallards harvested early in January. The photo can be viewed on the Club's website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Mike Maul & Family from West Richland and David McDonald from Richland.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM EGGS DELIVERED: Salmon eggs for this years Salmon In The Classroom project were delivered to 24 schools in Richland, Kennewick, Finley and West Richland by Club members. Seven schools in Kiona, Benton City and Prosser had eggs delivered to them by Rachael Little of the Benton Conservation District. Delivery took place on Thursday January 4, 2007. The Club members who participated were Gene Van Liew, Howard Gardner, Harvey Huisinigh, Bob Kolowith, John Pfeiffer and Mack McDonnell. Any problems with the fish tanks and ancillary equipment were noted and reported after the deliveries were completed. The problems were corrected the next day by Gene Van Liew.

COLUMBIA BASIN FRIENDS OF THE NRA 14th Annual Dinner & Auction : The dinner and auction will be held at the Pasco Red Lion Hotel Friday, March 9, 2007 starting at 5:30 PM. Banquet tickets are \$35.00 each and no tickets will be sold at the door. There will be Gun Raffles, Live Auctions, Silent Auctions, Special Drawings of Limited Edition Firearms, Custom Knives, NRA Commissioned Art, Special Ladies Merchandise and many other items created especially for this event. There will also be a "Winner's Choice" GRAND PRIZE DRAWING in which the winner selects the prize: choice of a "Limited Edition Smith & Wesson Performance Shop" .357 Smith & Wesson revolver or \$1,000 in VISA Gift Cards. A limited number of tickets are available for \$10.00 each, you need not be present to win. To purchase tickets or for more information contact **Bob Birney at 628-3501.**

McNARY & UMATILLA NWR DRAFT CCP & EA RELEASED: The draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment (CCP&EA) for the McNary and Umatilla National Wildlife Refuges has been released and is available at libraries in Richland, Hermiston, Walla Walla and Burbank according to an article in the January 23 edition of the *Tri-City Herald*. Copies of the documents can be downloaded at <http://pacific.fws.gov/planning> or by requesting a CD by calling 371-9212. There are a few copies of the document that can be borrowed from the Refuge Complex office in Richland. Comments to the plan are due by February 23, 2007. There are four management alternatives in the plan and are:

- Alternative 1.** Emphasize migratory waterfowl management and consumptive public uses
- Alternative 2.** Emphasize migratory birds and special status species and wildlife-dependent public uses. (Preferred Alternative)
- Alternative 3.** Emphasize native species diversity and non-consumptive public uses.
- Alternative 4.** Continue current management.

Open houses to discuss the draft plans will be held at the following times and places.

- 4 to 7 pm, February 1, the Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.
- 4 to 7 pm, February 6, at the McNary Environmental Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank.
- 5 to 7 pm, February 8, at the Red Lion Hotel, 2325 N 20th Ave., Pasco. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the open house for the draft CCP & EIS for the Hanford Reach National Monument.



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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Two members, Bill Lambert and Mike Estes, entered photos in the February photo contest. The winner is Bill with a photo of Bill and geese harvested in Burbank in November of 2006. Mike had 2 photos of his dog Cindy retrieving ducks. The photos can be viewed on the Club's website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

QUALITY TRIP: Entry tickets for the 2007 Quality Trip can be purchased at the March General and Board meetings and at the Big Game Dinner, until the maximum of 100 tickets have been sold. Cost of the tickets is unchanged from last year -\$20.00. The drawing for the Quality Trip will be held at the Big Game Dinner on March 24 2007. The rules are identical to last years and can be viewed in the January Newsletter or at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/qualitytrip/id23.htm> on the Club's website.

MARCH MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT March 10, 2007 ,9 am to noon

Meet the Horse

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION: Many Club memberships expire April 1, 2007, **address label will be highlighted if membership is expired.** Please, please renew your membership at the March General Meeting or Board Meeting. **Please do not wait and renew the night of the Wild Game Dinner!** Annual dues are \$15.00 for individual membership and \$20.00 for family membership. Three year memberships are \$40.00 and \$50.00 respectively. You can renew by mail by sending dues to the address at top of this newsletter.

DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED: As of late February information for only four duck bands had been received. Get your duckband results in, the results will probably be reported in the April Bulletin. If you have harvested a duck or goose with a leg band or collar, notify Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com with the following information: species, sex, where and when harvested, your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird) and when you receive the information, where and when the bird was banded.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MARCH GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday March 6, 2007, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -March 23, 2007, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

WILD GAME DINNER COOKS/HELPERS PLANNING MEETING 7:00 pm March 13, 2006 at Richland Kof C Hall

RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 24, 2006 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

- The March General Meeting will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 6 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the WalMart. Club member Dave Myers will start off the meeting with a short discussion about knots that fishermen use, their advantages and disadvantages and how to tie them.
- The main speaker will be Rick Freeman, winner of the 2006 Quality Trip. Rick went white tail deer hunting this past fall with his son in Texas on land his family has leased for the last 30 years. Rick will describe the tip and show videos of the hunt taken by both he and his son.
- The second speaker, Mike Keller, from the WDFW, will discuss proposed installation of 6-8 duck blinds at Bailie Youth Ranch and assistance that he may need from Club members to install the blinds.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

• Don't forget to bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the General Meeting and Board Meeting, the meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to a freezer for storage. Donations are very, very slim.

- March 24 Wild Game Dinner tickets are sold out. There is a possibility that tickets may become available from people that may not be able to attend. Call Dale Schielke at 375-0183 if you would like to get on the waiting list for tickets.
- Raffle tickets for the Quality Trip will be available at the meeting.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The meeting room was packed and extra chairs were brought in to seat the overflow audience. President Dale Landon opened the meeting and asked visitors (5) to introduce themselves. Announcements were made by Lyle Gilk about the Quality Trip, Jerry Zeitler said that meat donations for the Wild Game Dinner were very low and that a meeting of cooks and helpers for the Dinner will be held at the KofC Hall in Richland at 7:00 pm on March 13. Dale Schielke announced that only 33 tickets to the Wild Game Dinner were left, he also announced that inspection of Wood Duck nesting boxes has begun, he and Mike Estes inspected 24 boxes February 3 on the Two Rivers area and the Burbank Sloughs. Inspections will continue weekends, at least through March. Call Dale at 375-0183 if you want to help. Gaylord Pyle spoke about the status of donated prizes for the Wild Game Dinner and said that donations should be solicited as soon as possible and be reported to Gaylord at 948-2392 or Paul Kison at 545-6450. Richard Sharp listed the evening's raffle prizes.

- Paul Hoffarth local WDFW fisheries biologist spoke about the camping rule changes at Ringold. Camping will be allowed

for 3 days each week in a 7 day period for fishermen upstream the runoff irrigation ditch, vehicle access will also be allowed upstream from the ditch. Downstream from the ditch there will be reserved parking spaces for 8 vehicles with boat trailers. Downstream from the 8 parking spaces, camping for immigrant farm workers will be allowed. Bilingual signs will be posted which will identify the camping area. Additional dumpster(s) and outhouses will also be provided at the farm worker camping area. Paul also announced that a spring Chinook salmon season will be held at Ringold starting at mid April for fin clipped salmon. Paul Easterbrook from WDFW Region 2 also spoke about the mid April salmon season and explained the reasons the fishery will take place. There will not be a spring salmon fishery on the Yakima River this year. Paul also described the Snake-Columbia River confluence zone which runs from the power lines that cross the Columbia River between Two Rivers Park and Sacajewa Park to the Railroad bridge upstream on the Columbia River. The water in the confluence zone will be considered as the Snake River.

● Program Chairman Rick Nelson introduced the main speaker of the evening, Club member Mike Estes. Mike's topic was the trip he and his wife Karen took to the Northern Province of South Africa June 8-22 of last year. Mike's activities included hunting for plains game and game birds, touring the Northern Province and a few days viewing wildlife in world-renowned Kruger National Park. Two other couples accompanied Mike and Karen. Their overseas flight was on South African Airlines. Mike had to obtain permits from the local government to bring his guns and 100 rounds for each into the country. His guns did arrive but his ammunition did not, fortunately Mike was able to secure ammunition from the guide service. Mike's rifle misfired on two occasions: He disassembled and thoroughly cleaned his rifle and determined that the misfires were caused by fine dust particles originating from dust in the air. The rifle functioned perfectly after it was cleaned.. Mike used a shooting stick he purchased before the trip and was glad he had it and highly recommends it because of the support and stability it affords to a rifle. Mike harvested an impala which was in the #2 SCI Gold glass, a Warthog, a Zebra, an elk size Kudu, Guinea and Franklin fowl. After the hunts, Mike and Karen traveled through South Africa and visited nature reserves and scenic locations. It was a very interesting presentation with excellent photographs of the places he visited and wildlife that he saw. I assume that the story and photographs of Mike's trip will be on the Club's web site in the near future.

● Raffle drawing winners were:- Lou LaDoucuer who selected a 'two gun w/scope' case, Bob Moore a Rapala electric fish filet knife, Marilyn Steele selected the Mystery Prize which contained a cheese chub and a sausage stick, Rick McFall picked an aluminum pistol case, Mack McDonnell and John Hall each won a machete, and Dale Schielke won a bottle of Tony Chechere's marinade.

IN MEMORIAM OF DENNIS SPORE: - Members of the Club were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dennis Spore on Feb.19, 2007. Dennis joined the Club in 1994 was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1995, elected Vice President in 1997 and President in 1998. He was elected to the Board in 2000 and then served as a Special Volunteer until 2005 attending many Board meetings. In 1998 he became involved in the Club's Lunger Lake activity at the Tri Cities sportsmen's Show and led it's planning and organization through 2005 when his work took him out of the area. For several years, he was involved with the calling of Club members for our Salmon Booth at the Allied Arts Sidewalk Show. He was an Assistant Hunter Education Instructor and was also an active participant in the Club cooking salmon for the CHREST Museum's "Return of the Columbia River Salmon Pow Wow" held in 1998 and 1999. Dennis' interest and active participation in Club activities will be greatly missed. His family requested that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to the Club's Memorial Fund for use in supporting youth activities. Mail to:

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(Howard Gardner)

ATTENTION WILD GAME DINNER DONORS!!: Meat donations thus far have been very slim, if you have meat or fish that you are going to donate for the Wild Game Dinner, call Jerry Zeitler immediately and inform him what you are going to donate. Call Jerry at 545-6694. The hunting season has ended and we desperately need meat donors for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held March 24, 2007. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut, steelhead and salmon are needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: (the diagram is shown on the Club's web site under 'Club News-Newsletter' and click on 'Other Club News'). After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. **Clean the meat or fish thoroughly**, pat it dry and **double wrap** it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. **Donations thus far have been very slim, get them in as soon as possible.**

● All Club members should be alert for the opportunity to solicit and obtain door prizes for the Wild Game Dinner. While you are shopping for hunting, fishing and outdoors equipment, don't be too bashful to request a door prize from the merchant.

Inform him that he will receive recognition for his donation in the Wild Game Dinner program. Obtain the prizes as early as possible. After the first of the year there will be many, many solicitors from other clubs 'out on the street trying' to get door prizes for their events. When you obtain a door prize, call Gaylord Pyle (948-2392) or Paul Kison (545-6450). Remember that it is up to the Club members to obtain the prizes. Without donations there will not be any door prizes at the dinner.

● **Wild game dinner cooks/helpers planning meeting will be at 7:00 pm March 13, 2006 at Richland Kof C Hall.**
 ● **WILD GAME DINNER SETUP:** Wild Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the Wild Game dinner. Please contact Jerry at 545-6694 and offer your services, he needs people for all day **March 24** starting at 8:00am. Tasks will include preparation of potatoes, Hors D'oeuvres, salmon, table set up etc. You are also welcome if you can help for part of the day. **Bring a sharp knife and cutting board. If you work for a minimum of 2 hours or are a food donor you can reserve table places for up to an 8 people party for the dinner by obtaining a place card(s) from Jerry or his delegate. That is the only way that seats at the tables can be reserved.** You must show up, sign up and check with the Dinner Chairman for confirmation. Ice chests & counter top electric ovens (roasters) are needed. Please bring them in the morning and tag them with your name and be sure to pick them up after the dinner.

USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE: The committee (Howard Gardner, Lyle Gilk, Mike Estes, Rick Nelson, and Dale Landon) met February 13 and came up with recommendations that were approved by the Board of Directors at the February 20 Board meeting.

Item/Organization	Feb. 2007		
	Contributions(\$)		
	2005	2006	2007
Fitzner Memorial Scholarship (Annual award to a student in wildlife biology studies)	500	500	1000
NRA Institute For Legislative Action (Fights the 2 nd Amendment battles)	300	300	300
NRA Foundation (Promotes firearm safety and shooting sports)	100	100	100
Columbia Dive Rescue (Rescue and body recovery)	300	300	300
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (Provides lobbying and grassroots support to protect sportsmen's rights)	250	250	250
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation (Conducts education, legal defense and research to protect sportsmen's rights)	250	250	250
Habitat Projects (Supports local habitat development, as needed up to \$250.00)	250	250	250
Delta Waterfowl (Works for a sustainable North American waterfowl population)	100	100	100
Youth Conservation Camp (10 total)-nominally six from Club and four from Hunter Ed. @ \$250 per camper	2500	1500	2500
Hunters Heritage Council (Promotion and political defense of hunting in Washington State)	250	250	250
USA Olympic Shooting Team (Donations are only source of funding)	100	100	100
McNary Environmental Education Center (MEECE) (Local environmental education facility)	100	100	100
Washington Wildlife Coalition (membership) (Promotes "Go Play Outside", a hunting, fishing and conservation initiative)	250	250	250
Crow Butte Park Assoc. (Volunteers keep park open)	200	200	200
Tapteal Greenway-Amon Basin Project (Preservation of wildlife area)	0	100	0
Travel expense (Limited funding of expenses incurred from attendance at out-of-area meetings)	160.22	55.31	250
Total Cost	5610.22	4605.31	
Total Allocation			6200



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

APRIL GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday April 3, 2007, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -April 19, 2007, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

FISHING KIDS EVENT! COLUMBIA PARK FAMILY FISHING POND SATURDAY, MAY 5

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

- Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist, will be the speaker. His topic will be 2007 fishing prospects in eastern Washington. Trout allotments, stocking locations and salmon and steelhead forecasts will be discussed. Changes to the 2007-2008 fishing regulations will also be covered. He will show how to access fishing information available in the WDFW website. Additionally Paul will be able to answer questions regarding fishing in Washington and especially in this part of the State. Club member Richard Sharp will start off the evening with a mini presentation about plunking for salmon and steelhead fishing. Last but not least is the raffle which, lately, has had some fantastic prizes. **Come early, there will be many attending!** The meeting will take place at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 3 at the usual location, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Dale Landon opened the meeting to an overflow audience and asked visitors to introduce themselves. Announcements were made by Dale, Rick Nelson, Jerry Zeitler, Dale Schielke, Gaylord Pyle and Richard Sharp.

● Rick Nelson introduced guest John Murphy from Quail Forever who spoke about the Columbia Basin chapter of Quail Forever which is being formed. They had their first meeting the first weekend in March and are the only chapter west of Nebraska. Their next meeting was March 22 and was held at the Cathedral of Joy. They are soliciting Quail hunters and other sportsmen to join the Chapter. Their main focus will be to improve and provide more habitat for Quail. John was asked why a Quail Forever Chapter is needed when a local Pheasant Forever chapter exists, John's answer was two chapters will improve and provide twice as much habitat for both quail and pheasants. It was very obvious that John is a very dedicated quail hunter. More information can be obtained at www.quailforever.org/chapters/.

● Rick introduced Mike Keller the local WDFW biologist in charge of the local Private Lands Program and stationed in Pasco. Mike is going to build and install eight duck blinds on Bailie Youth Ranch located north of Basin City. He hopes to have the blinds completed and installed in time for the fall duck hunting season. He is looking for help from the Club and other local

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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Richard Sharp was the only entrant in the March photo contest. Richard is therefore the winner of the March contest and will win five free raffle tickets at the April General Meeting. Both photos show Paden Kottwiz, a young man, who caught an 18 pound steelhead at McNary Dam on February 25, 2007. One of the photos also shows Richard helping Paden hold the fish up. The photos can be viewed on the Club's website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

CISTERN (GUZZLER) REPAIR PROJECTS: Two fire damaged guzzlers were repaired in May and June of 2006. Cisterns 75 & 76 were repaired on May 20 by Larry Martin, Rocky Ross, Gene Van Liew, Mike Estes, Paul Kison, Rick Conant, Randy Wiseman, Kelly Kiez, Jack Stevens and Scott Stevens. The burned out tanks were dug out and replaced with new tanks, A new metal frame rain catcher was installed on cistern 76
On June 5 a rain catcher fabricated from heavier metal material than was on cistern 76 was installed on cistern 75 by Gene van Liew, Ben Webb and Larry Martin. Gene and Larry spent a few hours on May 22 assembling the metal frames. The coordinates for both guzzlers were measured with a GPS.

WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES INSPECTION AND REPAIR: Wood duck nesting boxes were inspected and repaired by Dale Schielke, Mike Estes, Sarah Evans, Lou Ann Schielke, John Pfeiffer, Tim Clemons, Ray Lloyd, L. Loyd, Ray Akers, Matt Cummings, Larry Martin and Gene Van Liew. A total of 146 hours was expended in the inspections. Two locations, Benton City and the Windmill Ranch, remain to be inspected.

FISHING, HUNTING LICENSE RENEWAL: Your licenses expired at the end of March. If you fish or hunt after that date you need to renew your license(s). When you renew your license, request the licensing agent to add a \$1.00 or more donation to your license fee for **YOUTH OUTDOOR EDUCATION ACTIVITIES**. Events such as the Fishing Kids, Go Play Outside and others are funded through your donation.

organizations. Material cost for the 8 ft. long by six ft. wide low profile wooden blinds is approximately \$400 each. Mike showed slides of the prototype blind. In addition to help in building and installing the blinds, Mike is also looking for individuals or groups that will maintain the blinds. Each blind will have an 'Adopt a Blind' plaque installed at each blind that will acknowledge those instrumental in construction, installation and maintenance of the blind. Mike plans to start building the blinds in April at the WDFW facility in Pasco. One of the main reasons for the blinds is to attract youth to duck hunting. Mike's cell phone number is **521-3099**. Please call him if you are interested in participating.

● Club member Dave Myers gave a short demonstration on how to tie two fishing knots, the steelhead bait holding or egg loop knot and the salmon off shore trolling rig. He passed out a hook and a length of monofilament line to each participant and demonstrated the technique on a large hook with a length of heavy line so that participants could follow with the monofilament and hook they were given. A very good reference on how to tie knots, including fishing knots is at: www.animatedknots.com/

● The final speaker was Club member Rick Freeman who was the 2006 Quality Trip winner. Mike is also a Wild Game Dinner cook and has prepared Texas Style Barbecued game meat and Chicken Fried game meat steak. Rick and his son went White Tail Deer hunting in Texas in mid-December. They hunted in two separate hunts, one in East Texas and the other in South Texas. The East Texas site was about 1,500 acres that his family has been leasing for a number of years. Rick hunted with a 6 mm rifle and his son with a .270 WSM. Deer hunting in that part of Texas is conducted in a relaxed manner: a morning hunt, a break to eat lunch and then an afternoon hunt. Because of the winter storm in Denver, the weather in Texas was unseasonably warm. The hunt in the East Texas was conducted from elevated blinds or from the ground. The South Texas hunt was mainly ground hunting. Because of the terrain, the shots were taken at 60-70 yards. Videos of the hunts and terrain were taken by both Rick and his son and were shown at the presentation. Many views of wildlife including deer and two bobcats were shown. In one scene a bobcat was photographed in the midst of several deer who ignored the bobcat until it killed a fox squirrel and carried it through the deer which became disturbed because of the kill. They hunted for five days at the South Texas site and hunted at the East Texas site before and after the South Texas hunt. Because of a drought in Texas in 2006 the antler tines on deer were brittle and many were observed with broken tines. Rick and his son harvested both deer and wild hogs. .

● Raffle drawing winners were:- Paul Seuberlich who selected a rigged walleye rod and spinning reel, Lyle Gilk a rigged smallmouth bass rod and reel, Pen Pesek a "Stalk Stick" that can be used a rifle support or walking staff, Marilyn Steele a *Delta Waterfowl* T-shirt and cap, a bottle of injectable Tony Chechere butter marinade and a rechargeable fluorescent night fishing light, Rick McFall a pair of rechargeable 8 mile range two way radios, Gaylord Pyle a full 5 gallon propane bottle, Rick Conant selected the 'Mystery Box' which contained a large Rapala filet knife with sheath and a bottle of injectable Tony Chechere butter marinade, Mack McDonnell a water canteen with cover, Larry Martin and Tim Sumner each won a bottle of injectable Tony Chechere butter marinade, Bill Lambert won 2 jars of *Pro Cure* salmon egg cure and Rick Nelson a Gun Lock.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Frank Anderson from Richland and Pat Travis from West Richland.

Hunter Education Class:-Howard Gardner, Chief Instructor. The class started on Feb.26, 2007 and finished on Mar.12 after five three hour sessions. It included a six hour Range Day on Mar.10 at the Silhouette Club's facility with live firing of 22's, large bore rifle, 38 Special hand gun, shotgun, archery and a field course. A total of 31 students ranging in age from 8 to 54 were enrolled to start. Twenty seven passed, two were incomplete and two failed. Other instructors assisting in the class were Clare Cranston, Don Hartshorn, Don Board, Jerry Zeitler, David Myers, Al Kruger, Bob Loffler and Ray Vollert. These gentlemen are to be commended for giving freely of their time to assist in this class. Many thanks.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is sponsoring 10 youth, nominally six from the Club and four from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp are July 15-21 for girls and July 22-28 for boys. A camper (boy or girl) must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. If you know of a youth(s) who is interested in attending camp, contact Larry Martin at 545-9647 **as soon as possible** to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until 10 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes. The Washington State Conservation Camp is a great camp and the kids learn about the outdoors, survival, conservation, habitat and really enjoy themselves. Those that have attended can't wait to go again.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start April 2. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

2006-2007 DUCK BAND RESULTS:

Name	Where Harvested	Date	Information
Tim Clemons	Near Burbank, WA	11-5-06	Mallard drake Hatched in 2005, banded in Porthill, Idaho on 8/3/2005
Terral Finger	Paterson slough, WA	11-11-06	Mallard hen Hatched in 2004 or earlier, banded at 4E High River, Alberta 8/17/2005
Terral Finger	Near Finley, WA	12-16-06	Mallard drake Hatched in 2003 or earlier, banded 7/31/2004 at 4E High River, Alberta
Terral Finger	Near Finley, WA	12-30-06	Mallard hen Hatched in 2005 or earlier, banded 8/17/2006 at 4E High River, Alberta,
Terral Finger	Near Wallula, WA	01-06-07	Mallard drake Hatched in 2005, banded 08/09/2005 at Porthill, Idaho
Sean Carr	North of Pasco, WA	1-26-07	Mallard drake Hatched in 2006, banded 8/24/2006 in La Grande, OR by Brad Bales of OR Dept of F&W
David G. Miller	Snake River above Dalton Lake	1-03-07	Mallard drake Hatched in 2005 or earlier, banded 08-05-2006 35 W of Fairbanks, Ak double banded with a green \$100 Reward Band
Darren O'Leary	Paterson, WA	1-17-07	Cackling Goose female Hatched 2002 or earlier, banded 7-08-2003 T5 NW Kasiglook, AK double banded with \$100 Reward Band

FISHING KIDS EVENT: The Fishing Kids event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 5. The goal is 1,200 children in four shifts. **Many** volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help at the pond. Starting time for volunteers is 7:00 AM. Sign up to volunteer at the April and May General Meetings or call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or send e-mail to emanthos@aol.com. Registration deadline for the youth is April 23. Registration forms can be obtained at www.ci.kennewick.wa.us or at the April General Meeting. The Club is involved in planning of the event, assembling the 1,200 rods, reels, floats and hooks prior to the event and supplying volunteers the day of the event to help at the registration, pass out assembled rods and bait, clean the fish and supply fishing mentors to help the youth and their parents learn how to fish, many of who have never fished before. This is a very worthwhile event! A complimentary light lunch will be served to volunteers at the park.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM PROJECT: Termination of the 2007 Salmon In the Classroom Project will take place on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 when the salmon fry raised by grade school students will be released in the Yakima River at the Horn Rapids County Park. About 1,200 students will participate and volunteers will be needed, starting at 7:30 am to help with the fry release and other events taking place that day. There will be a sign up sheet at the April and May General Meetings or call Gene Van Liew at 946-7738 if you can help. Volunteers should meet at the new Park building at the rear of the park and park their vehicles in the parking lot behind the building. We will be transported to our work stations. Free camping will be available at the Park before and after the event. Bring your own lunch and refreshments..

**APRIL MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT April 14, 2007 ,9 am to noon
HORSE AROUND**

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CISTERN (GUZZLER) REPAIR PROJECTS: A planning meeting was held at Larry Martin's home on April 12 to determine which guzzlers to inspect and hand out paper work. Howard Gardner, Dave Myers, Gene Van Liew, Ben Webb and Larry were at the meeting.

● On Saturday morning April 14 Howard Gardner and Dave Myers started early and the remainder split into three groups, Gene Van Liew and Rick Conant, Ben Webb and Rob Thornton and Larry Martin, Steve Jette and Angie Conant were in the third group. The guzzlers were in the general area of Prosser, ten guzzlers were located and inspected. Some that had not been mapped were mapped with a GPS and entered into the Guzzler database. Many houses had been built in the area and one guzzler was not found and was probably buried under a road. Guzzlers that had not been checked since 1992 and 1995 contained a lot of mud that was removed. All the guzzlers were full of water. The weather was cool with scattered rain. Angie Conant had baked brownies that were gobbled up by the workers when they returned to their cars.

● On Monday morning, the 16th, Larry Martin checked more guzzlers near Badger Canyon Road He checked and cleaned four old guzzlers. One of the four guzzlers, that had not been located before was severely damaged and needs to be repaired at a later date or possibly abandoned. He also located three new incomplete guzzlers without sheet metal rain catcher roofs. Guzzlers that had not been mapped were mapped with a GPS and entered into the Guzzler data base.

MONUMENT SPORT HUNTING PLAN & EA: THE Sport Hunting Plan for The Wahluke Unit of The Hanford Monument has been issued and is available at www.Hanfordreach.fws.gov or can be mailed to you by calling 371-1801. Comments are due by May 8. The Plan will be discussed at the May 1 General Meeting. Pick up the plan, review it and comment by May 8. There are two alternatives in the Plan: A. No action (Hunting continues with essentially no changes) and B: No Hunting.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were five photos entered in the April Photo Contest. Two by Paul Seuberlich and one each by Paul Logman, Dan Edwards and Dale Schielke. The winner was Dale Schielke with a photograph showing Dale with a Lahontan Cutthroat he caught in Lenore Lake on March 16. The photos can be viewed on the Club's website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MAY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday May 1, 2007, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 15, 2007, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 24, 2007, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
FISHING KIDS EVENT! COLUMBIA PARK FAMILY FISHING POND SATURDAY, MAY 5
SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM - SALMON RELEASE TUESDAY, MAY 8 Horn Rapids Park

MAY GENERAL MEETING

- Featured speaker for the May General meeting is Mike Meseberg from the Mar Don Resort on the Potholes Reservoir, a 25,000 acre lake which is best known for its fishing, hunting, sand and sun. Mike will describe the habitat structures that are being installed in the reservoir to offer shelter to fish and enhance fishing opportunities. He is soliciting volunteers to help in the installation of the structures. He will probably also describe the changes and upgrades that have occurred at the Resort since he last talked to us five years ago. He will also describe the various fishing and hunting opportunities on the reservoir.
- The Tip of the month mini presentation will be by Mike Estes who will speak about spring turkey hunting techniques. Mike has some expertise on the subject as evidenced by his runner up photo of a Rio Grande Gobbler he harvested April 16 in Stevens County and entered in the April Photo Contest. The photo and other April entries can be viewed at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm> The meeting will take place at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 1 at the usual location, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Dale Landon opened the meeting to a capacity audience and asked the eight visitors to introduce themselves. Announcements were made by Dale, Rick Nelson, Larry Martin, Dianne Warrant, Gene Van Liew, Eddie Manthos and Richard Sharp. **Volunteer Sign Up Sheets** for the May 5 Fishing Kids Event and The May 8 Salmon In The Classroom outing at Horn Rapids Park were passed around for signatures. Dave Myers (302-2016) also solicited volunteers to help him with an Angling Education class for Fishing Kids at Griggs the week before May 5.

- Rick Nelson introduced guest John Murphy from Quail Forever who spoke about progress of the new local Columbia Basin chapter and described the Quail Forever CRP program, CP 38, that rewards farmers for Buffer Zones in their fields. More information about the local chapter can be learned at www.quailforeverwa.com.
- Rick then introduced Club member Richard Sharp who gave a 'not-so short presentation' about *Salmon Plunking*. Richard showed and demonstrated all the paraphernalia required for Salmon Plunking. He also showed, the evenings main raffle prize, a heavy weight plunking rod (spinning), spinning reel with 25# line, plunking rod holder with bell, chair with umbrella,

propane stove, soft cooler, syringe and various lures sinkers and hooks. He showed how to rig various setups used during plunking including herring and SpinNGlos. Salmon plunking is a popular fishing method at this time of the year at Ringold and other locations on the Columbia River. He answered many questions from the audience, many of whom were not aware of this fishing method. Marilyn Steel was the fortunate and happy winner of the plunking rig listed above.

● The final and main speaker was Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fisheries Biologist whose topic was 2007 fishing prospects and Rule Changes. He gave out *Certificates Of Appreciation* to Club members that had helped Paul with various projects and thanked the Club for the support we provided him during the past year. Paul announced that the Duportail boat launch should be completed in the month of June. A Power Point slide presentation was used to illustrate his presentation. New and changed regulations were explained. A Sturgeon sanctuary will be in effect below McNary Dam from May to July 31. A Ringold bank fishery for Chinook salmon will open from May 1 to 31 (see article above for salmon plunking). Fishing is restricted to bank angling only on the hatchery side of the river from the WDFW markers a quarter mile downstream of the Ringold irrigation wasteway outlet to the markers a half mile upstream of Ringold Springs Creek (hatchery outlet). Daily limit is two hatchery salmon, 12-inch minimum size. Only chinook with a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the location of the fin may be retained. Night closure and non-buoyant lure restrictions will be in effect. All wild chinook (with an intact adipose fin) must be released immediately and may not be removed from the water. The summer Chinook season should open about mid June. Walleye sampling at Scooteny Reservoir was also discussed (Club members have assisted in this project for the past several years). Sprague Lake will probably be rehabilitated this fall about October, there may be an open season on all fish in the lake before the rehabilitation. If rehabilitation takes place the lake will be restocked with largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and trout. Franklin county aerial photographs and maps can be viewed at www.co.franklin.wa.us/assessor or at

<http://franklinwa.mapsifter.com/Mapsifter/default.aspx>. Much more fishing information can be accessed at the WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/> Fishing information including Emergency Rule Changes can be found by clicking on the Fishing/Shellfishing link on the main page. The new 2007-2008 Fishing Pamphlet was not available at license outlets or on the WDFW website when this Newsletter was printed, it should probably be available before May. Paul had contacted fisheries biologists from Regions 1 and 2 and gave out information and passed on fishing prospects information he received from them during his presentation. Make sure you check the new regulations when the pamphlet is available before you go fishing. Paul answered many question from the audience during and after his presentation. As always Paul put on an excellent and informative presentation, we are fortunate that he is stationed in the Tri-Cities area.

● Raffle drawing winners were:- Marilyn Steele who won a complete salmon plunking rig assembled by Richard Sharp that consisted of a rod, reel, line, and all the other goodies necessary to go salmon plunking, Brandon Sumner won a shop vacuum and a folding stool, Kyle Schuetze a set of three knives, David Miller an automobile battery charger and a frying pan, Russ Wyer and Heather Engelman each won a bottle of wine, Angie Conant selected the mystery prize which consisted of a coffee pot and a camping stove, Paul Kison a folding stool, a gun bluing kit & a subscription to *High Country News*, Mike Estes a towing strap, a Sportsman's Warehouse cap & a subscription to *High Country News*, Rick Nelson a bluing kit, Steve Allen a subscription to *High Country News* and Rob Thornton and John Murphy each won a Sportsman's Warehouse cap & a subscription to *High Country News*.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Brock Buttars from Prosser, Mark C. Kimmell and, Scott Estes, Ben Burdett & Ralph & Michelle Fahrendorf & Family from Kennewick, Jeff Tayer and Zak Tayer from Yakima, Gary Webster from Seattle and Jon Jeffries from Sammamish,

2007 WILD GAME DINNER: The dinner was sellout and a big success. The food was exceptionally great, the door and raffle prizes were numerous and worth winning. The speaker, David Ostrom, and his amazing African wildlife slide show was great. Winner of the Quality Trip was Jon Jeffries, the alternate was Bob Hermann. Richard Libby, Jon Manthos, David Oakley and Bill Davis were awarded 25 year belt buckles. Dan Evans won the auction for a Guided fishing trip for four from 'Beamers Hells Canyon Tours' on Hells Canyon for Sturgeon or bass or for Steelhead on the Clearwater River. Many thanks to Chairman Jerry Zeitler and the many others, especially Master of Ceremonies Dave Myers, that helped make the Dinner a success.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is sponsoring 10 youth, nominally six from the Club and four from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp are July 15-21 for girls and July 22-28 for boys. A camper (boy or girl) must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. If you know of a youth(s) who is interested in attending camp, contact Larry Martin at 545-9647 **as soon as possible** to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until 10 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes.

The Washington State Conservation Camp is a great camp and the kids learn about the outdoors, survival, conservation, habitat, fishing, archery, huntere Education and really enjoy themselves. Those that have attended can't wait to go again.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-Clare Cranston - Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) are scheduled to start June 4 and July 9. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

FISHING KIDS EVENT: The Fishing Kids event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 5. The goal is 1,200 children in four shifts. **Many** volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help at the pond. Starting time for volunteers is 7:00 AM. Sign up to volunteer at the May General Meeting or call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or send e-mail to emanthos@aol.com. Registration deadline for the youth is April 23. The Club is involved in planning of the event, assembling the 1,200 rods, reels, floats and hooks prior to the event and supplying volunteers the day of the event to help at the registration, pass out assembled rods and bait, clean the fish and supply fishing mentors to help the youth and their parents learn how to fish, many of who have never fished before. This is a very worthwhile event! A complimentary light lunch will be served to volunteers at the park.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM PROJECT: Termination of the 2007 Salmon In the Classroom Project will take place on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 when the salmon fry raised by grade school students will be released in the Yakima River at the Horn Rapids County Park. About 1,200 students will participate and volunteers will be needed, starting at 7:30 am to help with the fry release and the many other events taking place that day. There will be a sign up sheet at the May General Meeting or call Gene Van Liew at 946-7738 if you can help. Volunteers should meet at the new Park building at the rear of the park and park their vehicles in the parking lot behind the building. We will be transported to our work stations. Free camping will be available at the Park before and after the event. Bring your own lunch ad refreshments..

MAY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT May 12, 2007, 9 am to noon
International Migratory Bird Day celebrates the incredible journeys of migratory birds between their breeding grounds in North America and their wintering grounds in Mexico, Central, and South America. The event, which takes place on the second Saturday in May each year, encourages bird conservation and increases awareness of birds through hikes, bird watching, information about birds and migration, public events, and a variety of other education programs. Join us in the celebration!
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WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES INSPECTION AND REPAIR: Inspection, repair and modification of Wood Duck nesting boxes is essentially complete for 2007. A total of 17 volunteers worked 196 hours to complete the project which started February 3 and finished April 9, 2007. A total of 207 boxes were inspected, evidences of Wood Duck use were observed in 98 boxes, 59 of the 98 boxes contained Wood Duck membranes and a total of 366 membranes, were observed on the ground under the boxes and in the boxes. Screech Owls occupied 33 of the boxes. Additionally 10 new boxes were installed. In addition to Dale Schielke who organized the inspections and tabulated the results, Mike Estes, Sarah Evans, Lou Ann Schielke, John Pfeiffer, Tim Clemons, Ray Lloyd, L. Lloyd, Ray Akers, Matt Cummings, Larry Martin, Gene Van Liew, Gaylord Pyle, Dianne Warrant, Richard Libby, Tom Davis & his two daughters and Bob Gough participated in the inspections. The Wood Duck nesting box project, under the direction of Dale Schielke, has been going on for many years. The project started February 12, 1983 when Club members got together at Dale's home and assembled thirty seven boxes. The first boxes were installed on the Yakima Rive on March 26, 1983 and the project has continued every year since then.

POST ROAD HABITAT PROJECT: About one mile of of habitat was planted on DNR land along a draw where an old mainline was removed in the vicinity of Post Road in Benton County on Mar 31 to April 1. Larry Martin and Gene Van Liew helped on March 31. Other volunteers were Scott Williams, Kristine Kopf, TobyMcKay, Mark Bennet, Ryan Cloud and Tim Kopf. A mix of Rocky Mountain Juniper, Siberian Pea Shrub, Golden Currant, Woods Rose, Silver Buffleberry, Austrian Pine, Skunk brush Sumac and Blackberry Bush were planted in fabric mulch put down by Rocky Ross of the WDFW last year.



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MAY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT June 9, 2007 ,9 am to noon

View taxidermy 9am to noon !

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Ron de Marquette from Richland and F. Les Carpenter from Kennewick..

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were three photos entered in the May Photo Contest. Two were photos of Sean Carr. One photo showed Sean with a 1 lb. Crappie caught in the Paterson area and the other showed Sean with 21 lb. Merriams gobbler. The winning photograph showed Jack Pickard with his two grand daughters fishing at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond. The photos can be viewed on the Club's website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

CISTERN (GUZZLER) REPAIR PROJECTS: Two recently installed all metal guzzlers behind the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Range were inspected and cleaned on May 14 by Rocky Ross, Larry Martin and Gene Van Liew. The two guzzlers were in like-new condition. The remains of the two previous burned out guzzlers were hauled out and will be rehabilitated if possible. Later that day, Larry and Gene looked for and located 2 guzzlers in the Webber Canyon area and inspected and cleaned them. They also found five other guzzlers. All five guzzlers were inspected, cleaned and mapped with a GPS. Two of the five guzzlers had been installed by a farmer. The five newly located guzzlers were entered into the guzzler GPS database.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JUNE GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday June 5, 2007, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - June 21, 2007, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

- Featured speaker for the June General meeting is Tracy Hames the author of a Yakama Nation American White Pelicans study on the Yakima River. Tracy is a very interesting and outspoken person. He may also speak about hunting and fishing opportunities for non-tribal members on the Yakama Reservation. We are all very familiar with White Pelicans and probably wonder where they came from, why they appear to disappear one year and the next year they are back in seemingly greater numbers and what effect they have on fish in the local rivers and lakes. This is your chance to find out, come to the June meeting and learn what Tracy has observed in the White Pelican Yakima River studies.
- The Tip of the month mini-presentation will be by Vice President and Program Chairman Rick Nelson. He will discuss the best or top five artificial flies to use when fly fishing.
- The meeting will take place at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 5 at the usual location, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Dale Landon opened the meeting and asked visitors to introduce themselves. He reminded the audience to review the Sport Hunting Plan for the Wahluke Unit of the Hanford Reach National Monument and comment on the two hunting alternatives in the Plan before the deadline date of May 8. Announcements were made by Dale, Rick Nelson, Larry Martin, Gene Van Liew, Eddie Manthos Dale Schielke and Richard Sharp. **Volunteer Sign Up Sheets** for the May 5 Fishing Kids Event and The May 8 Salmon Summit event at Horn Rapids Park were circulated

• Rick Nelson introduced Club member Mike Estes who gave the tip of the month mini-presentation about spring turkey hunting. Mike gave many tips and suggestions and stressed that turkey hunters should develop and follow a plan to find and contact turkeys and should use both their eyes and ears when hunting. Turkey nesting areas are usually in brushy areas and not out in the open. Most turkeys are harvested between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, not in the early morning when the birds are roosting. He uses hen decoys most of the time and jakes sometimes. He suggested that hunters should head north-east for a good chance to harvest a turkey. There were many questions and suggestions from the audience including how to cook a turkey.

radish. The sauce is applied to the cooked goose and makes all the difference in the world to the flavor of the meat. Mike stated that in 1972 the Potholes Reservoir was loaded with perch, crappie and bluegill because of the great habitat that was present in the newly flooded reservoir. Fishermen were able to catch buckets full of fish. As the reservoir aged, the habitat decayed and disappeared. As a result there were no sanctuaries/habitat in the reservoir for fish fry to hide in. Additionally the reservoir level fluctuated 20 feet in elevation because of increased irrigation and, in addition, the Saint Helens eruption laid down a layer of ash on the reservoir bottom. Slowly the numbers and size of fish dwindled except for walleye, bass and stocked trout. It was obvious that there was a need for habitat reestablishment in the reservoir. Lake Havasu in Arizona had gone through a similar fishing downturn and was slowly coming back because of a project to reestablish habitat. Mike and others visited Lake Havasu and the successful habitat project (now in its 16th year) on Lake Havasu. After the visit, it was decided to begin modeling a Potholes Reservoir habitat project based on the Lake Havasu project. On June 10, 2005, legal permits, from numerous entities, for a 20 year project were received and construction and deployment began. The Potholes Reservoir habitat plans are to build habitat boxes to provide necessary sanctuary for first and second year fish to live and grow. Habitat boxes, 4' x 4' x 8', constructed of PVC pipe frame (filled with concrete) are stuffed with plastic netting similar to that used for temporary fencing at construction sites. Each 4' x 4' x 8' habitat box is like an under water treetop that will last many years. At present 30% of the boxes have been fabricated and installed. At the completion of the project three separate reefs or enhancement areas will be formed from the habitat boxes between Frenchman's waste way (379 units) and the State Park, at the Western Crab Creek area and at the Eastern Crab Creek area. About 620 boxes/units will be fabricated every year. Cost of each completed unit is \$163 or \$120,000 per year for 620 boxes. A large volunteer base is needed to fabricate the units. Mike stated that he is soliciting volunteers from the Club and others to help fabricate the boxes. Every Wednesday & Saturday at 9 am there will be an open work party(s) to build habitat boxes. Simply go to the work site south of the Mar Don Store and join in. If no one is at the work site go to the Mar Don Store and Uncle Dave, Levi, Tom Erickson or one of their other volunteers will get you started. Don't forget to sign in and sign out! To schedule a work party at other times call 800-416-2736 or 509-346-2651 and ask for Mike. The MarDon web site is <http://www.mardonresort.com/> and the Central Washington Fish Advisory Committee web site is at <http://www.cwfac.org>. Many habitat boxes need to be built, please help if you can and help bring back perch, crappie and bluegill. *It has also been confirmed that time volunteered to this project meets the criteria for the conservation hours as defined for the Advanced Hunter Education program*

There were many questions and discussions at the end of Mike's presentation. Some of the points brought out were: There are three net pens at the resort stocked with 50,000 diploid trout, check the web site to see if or when they were released. Little Goose Lake has been stocked with crappie, bluegill and catfish. Cormorants eat 28% of their weight in fish per day and there is a very large cormorant colony located in the Reservoir. Other avian predators on the reservoir are Caspian Terns and White Pelicans. Mike gave a very interesting and informative presentation.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Al Hageman who won an air pellet rifle and a medium weight spinning rod assembled by Richard Sharp and including Richard's hand tied flies, Russ Wyer - a heavy weight spinning rod assembled by Richard Sharp and including Richard's hand tied flies, Mike Estes - an ultra light spinning rod assembled by Richard Sharp and including Richard's hand tied flies, David Miller - an air pellet rifle with scope, a compact all metal belt knife and a camouflage bucket with a swivel seat, Paul Kison - a large fish filet knife and a compact fish cleaning station with storage space, Richard Libby - a Power Inverter and a compact all metal belt knife, Craig Swanson - a gasoline storage container, Clare Cranston - a propane powered lantern and Les Carpenter, Ben Webb, Richard Sharp and a person whose name I missed - a compact all metal belt knife.

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION WARNING! If your membership expired 4-1-07 or earlier and is not renewed immediately, this is the last Club Newsletter you will receive. If this newsletter mailing label is highlighted your membership has expired! Annual dues are \$15.00 for individual membership and \$20.00 for family membership. Three year memberships are \$40.00 and \$50.00 respectively. You can renew by mail by sending dues to the address at top of this newsletter.

SALMON BOOTH 2007: -Howard Gardner - The Allied Arts Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 27 & 28. The Columbia Basin Flycasters will have the lead this year. Final booth selection will be made in June. This is both Clubs' main money raising project for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July 26 from 6-8:00 PM. The booth will operate from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Friday July 27 and Saturday July 28. Shifts will be 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM and 5:00-9:00 PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00 PM. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/06, will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and during which shift. To save the phone tree callers some time please contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183 to sign up for a shift(s). You can also sign up at the June 5 General meeting. Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun plus you get a gratis salmon lunch at the end of your shift. Only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a Health Card. Shift workers are not required to have Health Cards. Those that would

like to have that training and take the test to get a card can do so at the Allied Arts Gallery, 89 Lee Blvd., Richland on Wednesday, June 27 at 6:45 PM sharp at the Allied Arts Gallery. Doors will be closed right at 7PM. Health card and testing cost ~ \$10 but attendance only is free and open to all workers. Cost of the cards, will be reimbursed by the Club on request. See you at the Booth.

FISHING KIDS: Twelve hundred kids between the ages of 5-14 years old registered to participated in the Fishing Kids event that took place at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond on a beautiful Saturday May 5. For \$5:00 each kid, that pre-registered, received a Zebco fishing rod and reel with line, hook, sinker, float, bait and a Fishing Kids T-shirt. There were some registrants that did not show up for the event and kids that had not preregistered were allowed to register and fish during the last shift. The pond had been closed earlier in the week after it had been stocked by the WDFW. Fishing was slow during the event and many kids stayed after the end of the last shift and continued fishing. Many came back and fished on Sunday and the following week (see the winner of the May Club Photo Contest at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/ld23.htm> and see two grand daughters with their grand father fishing at the pond). The *Pond Walker* volunteers made a big difference and helped many kids, especially the first time fishers, catch their fish. Many volunteers from various organizations helped. Members of the Walla Walla Walleye Club camped out at the pond Friday night and patrolled it to stop people from fishing before the event. Grigg's Shopping center prepared all the signs, Grigg's and the Sportsman's Warehouse donated baits and other tackle used by the kids and had employees participate, Mark Allen from Columbia Basin Dive and Rescue gave a water and boating safety lecture and demonstration before the start of each shift. The RR&GC was a major participant. We helped in planning of the event, handed out registration forms at Lunken Lake in January and assembled 1, 200 rods before the event. Volunteers from the Club at the event, including family members and friends, were: Jerry Zeitler, Gene Van Liew, Paul Seuberlich, Ben Webb, Richard Sharp, Dan McGuire, Gaylord Pyle, Dave Myers, Dale Landon, Bob Kollowith, Jerry Burke, Dianne and Wade Warrant, Fred Porter, Rich Holten, Clare Cranston, Rick Nelson, Rick and Angie Conant, Eddie Manthos, Bill Lambert (the Club's master fish cleaner), Mike Estes, Mac McDonnell, Ron de Marquette, J.C. Stevens, Paul Kison, Marilyn Steele, Les Carpenter, Jack Pickard, Larry Martin and Dave Piovesan. Joe Pauly from Ringold Pheasants Forever was the E.M.T., Leonard Northrop was the other fish cleaner and Beth Northrop helped Marilyn Steele at the T-shirt station and there many other volunteers from other organizations, a total of 83 volunteers was registered by the WDFW. I am sure that I did not get all the volunteers names especially all the *Pond Walkers*, those that were involved in registration, the passing out of T-shirts and those that helped at the fishing rod casting instruction station. Ken Johanning deserves a big hand for being the announcer and especially for arranging for coffee, donuts and lunch for all the volunteers. Hot dogs, buns, potato chips, soft drinks, bottled water and condiments were donated by Costco. Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist worked very hard to make the event a success.

SALMON SUMMIT: The Salmon Summit event where grade school children release salmon fry raised in their classroom, took place Tuesday, May 8 at Horn Rapids Park. This was the fourth year that the Summit, sponsored by the Benton Conservation District, took place. Club members and family that helped were Bob Kolowith, Eddie Manthos, Mack McDonnell, John Pfeiffer, J.C. Stevens. Paul Kison, Gene Van Liew, Dianne Warrant, Ben Webb, Paul Seuberlich, Fred Porter, Richard Libby, Richard Conant and Jim Thornton. Release of the salmon fry took place after pit tags were inserted into 197 (by Todd Newsome and crew from the Yakama Nation Fish Hatchery located in Prosser) of the 2,300 salmon fry released into the Yakima River. We netted the tiny fry from the large containers, students brought the fry in, and placed one or more in a paper cup. The students then walked down the boat ramp and released the fry from their cup into the Yakima River. Reaction of the 1,190 4th and 5th grade students as they released the fry was varied; some cried, others laughed and some tried to photograph the fry after they were released. Teachers, parents and a television station cameraman photographed the students as they released the fry. The students came in school buses from 46 classrooms in 22 schools located in Benton County.

● After the fish release at the boat ramp, the students participated in a total of 30 *LEARNING STATIONS* presented by various entities. Many of the Club volunteers helped at the various stations until the Summit was over. The tired but happy students then boarded their buses and headed back to their schools. It was an event packed day for them and the volunteers.

● Rachel Little, the Summit organizer, again did a great job organizing the event. There were no glitches and everything was on schedule. She deserves a lot of credit for this event. Rachel and many of the volunteers put in a full, satisfying, pleasing and firing day.

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DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: A duck banding event will not take place in August this year because USFW staff will be in the process of moving into the new administration building on the McNary NWR this summer. Construction of a new Environmental Education Center and separate parking lot will also be in progress. Biologist Howard Browers will not be available to trap waterfowl for duck banding because of other duties placed on him due to funding cutbacks.

FAMILY SCHOOLS UNITED FAMILY FESTIVAL: The Festival, a local schools fund raising event, took place at the east end of Columbia Park from 2:00 PM until 8:30 PM on Saturday June 16. There were several events that took place such as archery, GPS demonstrations, Dutch oven cooking and a 12 ft diameter above ground pool stocked with 600 trout. Nine vendors were also present demonstrating their products. Trout that were caught and could not be released were either kept by the young fishermen or placed in an ice chest and donated to the Mission in Pasco. Sportsman's Warehouse was a major sponsor and organizer of the event. Club members that helped at the event were Rick and Angie Conant, Gene Van Liew, Lyle Gilk, Dale Landon, Jack Pickard, Gaylord Pyle and Richard Libby.

PRELIMINARY DATA SHOWS AMERICANS SPENT \$120 BILLION ON WILDLIFE RELATED RECREATION IN 2006: An USFWS news release. America's passion for wildlife and the outdoors continues to be a major engine of the nation's economy, according to preliminary survey data released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2006, more than 87 million Americans, or 38 percent of the United States' population age 16 and older hunted, fished or observed wildlife. They spent \$120 billion that year pursuing those activities – an amount roughly equal to Americans' total spending at all spectator sports, casinos, motion pictures, golf courses and country clubs, amusement parks and arcades combined. Preliminary data from the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation shows the importance of wildlife-related recreation to the American people. Of all Americans age 16 or older, 30 million or 13 percent fished and spent \$41 billion on their activities,

12.5 million or 5 percent hunted and spent \$23 billion, and 71 million or 31 percent observed wildlife and spent \$45 billion. Anglers spent \$40.6 billion last year, which is similar to 2001 but 16 percent lower than 1996. While overall spending—including trips, fishing equipment, special equipment, and other related items—was flat from 2001 to 2006, spending on fishing equipment such as rods and reels and travel-related items such as food and lodging were up. For hunting, there was a 10 percent decline in participation from 1996 to 2006. In 1996, 14.0 million Americans hunted compared to 13.0 million in 2001 and 12.5 million in 2006. Hunters spent \$22.7 billion last year, 3 percent lower than 2001 and 14 percent lower than 1996. Similar to fishing, overall spending was down, expenditures on hunting equipment such as rifles and ammunition were up 3 percent since 2001. The report is available at < http://library.fws.gov/nat_survey2006.pdf >.



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - July 19, 2007, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - Friday & Saturday, July 27 & 28
RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC August 7, 2007 AT SOUTH LESLIE GROVES PARK (Tuesday) 6:00 PM.

JULY GENERAL MEETING

• There will be no General Meeting in July or August. The July meeting is being replaced by the Allied Arts Show Salmon Booth on July 27 and 28 (see the article below for more information about the Salmon Booth). The August meeting will be replaced by the Club's annual picnic/salmon barbecue on Tuesday August 7 (see article below.)

JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Dale Landon opened the meeting with the Club pledge. Three visitors in the audience introduced themselves. Announcements were made by Mike Estes, Dale Schielke, Lyle Gilk, Jack Pickard, Eddie Manthos, Larry Martin, Richard Sharp and Gene Van Liew.

• Dale Schielke announced that the ALEA proposal he submitted to fund construction of additional Wood Duck nesting boxes by youth participating in events such as the McNary Wildlife Refuge duck banding, the Hunter Education Students pheasant shoot and the Tri-Cities Sportsman Show was granted. The grant will fund nesting box building materials and metal mounting posts. The completed nesting boxes will be installed at the Burbank Sloughs and the Barker Ranch.

• Rick Nelson gave the Tip Of The Month mini presentation entitled "My Best five Fishing Flies". Rick explained that he is a relative novice (two years) to fly fishing. In addition to fly fishing, he is hooked on fly tying and is fortunate enough to have been supplied fly tying materials such as elk hair and pheasant feathers by Club members, especially Gaylord Pyle. He prefers fishing on still waters and prefers the Woolly Bugger, Caddis Stone Fly and the Salmon May Fly (a chironomid imitation). He ties relatively small flies on # 10 to # 18 hooks. He, at present, has not decided on a fourth or fifth favorite fly and suggests that if the fish are not hitting, try anything that you have in your fly boxes. He is very passionate about fly fishing, has oodles of flies that he has tied and he passed around five boxes of tied flies for the audience to inspect.

• After a short break to allow the audience to purchase raffle tickets, Rick introduced Tracy Hames, a Waterfowl Biologist in the Yakama Nation Resource Management Wildlife Program. Tracy stated that small game hunting is allowed on the Reservation and that the program was initiated in 1952. 'Feel-Free-To Hunt' maps are available for hunters at places where permits are sold. Population monitoring of doves, quail, pheasants and mallard is carried out on the Reservation and game bird harvests are also monitored. Waterfowl and upland bird (quail and dove) banding is also carried out on the Reservation. Wetland and riparian habitat restoration are an extremely important function of the Wildlife Program. Goal of the Native Habitat Restoration Program is the restoration of 27,000 acres. In many instances native shrubs and grasses that were present

years ago, before farming, wetlands drainage, stream manipulations and other man made changes, reappear and thrive. As a result wildlife thrive in the restored areas and in many cases fish such as salmon and steelhead are returning and spawning. The changes are spectacular and unbelievable. The landscape has returned to what it was before civilization altered it.

● Jim Siegel of the Yakama Klickitat Fisheries Project was the second speaker. He is a bird biologist specializing in pelicans. He and two technicians are studying the Yakima River from Easton to the mouth of the river. They are interested in four fish eating species - mergansers, cormorants, Great Blue Herons and White Pelicans. Mergansers are concentrated upstream from the Rosa canyon and eat all fish species. Pelicans weigh between 10 to 20 pounds, live in the lower Yakima River and eat about 3 pounds of fish per day. Approximately 2 million salmon smolt are released annually from the Prosser hatchery and it appears that they are not a major pelican food source; because of their small size more energy is required to catch them than they receive from the tiny fish. It does appear, however, that Coho salmon smolt because of their larger size are a preferred food fish for pelicans. Data show that when pelican numbers in the river increase there is a decrease in Coho salmon smolt numbers. Presently it appears that pelicans breed only on Badger Island. Surveys show that Double Crested Cormorants eat more fish than Caspian Terns eat. Pit tag surveys from colony roosts indicate that Cormorants and Caspian Terns prefer larger Coho salmon smolts from the Yakima River and that some pit tags from Columbia River Coho were also found at the roosts.

● Both speakers gave very interesting and informative presentations and answered many questions from the audience.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Dale Schielke who won an outdoor two burner propane gas stove, Russ Wyer - a compact back packing fly rod with reel and fishing flies, Marilyn Steele - a two shotgun hard carrying case, Dave Miller - a compact back packing spinning rod and reel with lures, Jack Pickard selected the *Mystery Prize* an aerosol can of insect spray repellent, Rob Thornton - a fish basket, Richard Sharp and Keith Brady each won a fish filet board.

SALMON BOOTH 2007:-Howard Gardner - The Allied Arts Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 27 & 28. The Columbia Basin Flycasters will have the lead this year. Final booth selection will be made in June. This is both Clubs' main money raising project for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July 26 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM. The booth will operate from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Friday July 27 and Saturday July 28. Shifts will be 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM and 5:00-9:00 PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00 PM. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/06, will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and during which shift. To save the phone tree callers some time please contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183 to sign up for a shift(s). Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun plus you get a gratis salmon lunch at the end of your shift. Only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a Health Card. Shift workers are not required to have Health Cards. See you at the Booth.

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ANGLER EDUCATION CLASS: The week before the May 5 Fishing Kids Event an Angler Education class was taught three evenings to eight youth at the Hunter Education Facility at Griggs by Dave Myers, Clare Cranston, Jack Pickard, Ben Webb and Paul Seuberlich. The students received their Zebco rods, reels and T-shirts and Certificate of Completion the Friday evening before the Fishing Kids event and were able to fish in the first shift.

SUNNYSIDE WMA WORK PARTY: On June 4, Jerry Burke, Ben Webb and Gene Van Liew assisted Rocky Ross and Robby Sak at the Sunnyside WMA near Byron Pond. They replaced an old cement main irrigation line with a new 1650 ft. long PVC 6" main line with 170 1" risers. They partially back filled the ditch by hand shoveling dirt around the risers to support them. They then installed couplers and shut off valves to the risers and completed back filling the ditch with a back hoe. The completed line and sprinklers was then utilized to supply water to two leased plots of alfalfa that are rotated with small grain. Approximately six hours were spent completing the project. Fortunately the weather was overcast and not as hot as had been forecast.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is sponsoring 10 youth, nominally six from the Club and four from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp are July 15-21 for girls and July 22-28 for boys. A camper (boy or girl) must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. If you know of a youth(s) who is interested in attending camp, contact Larry Martin at 545-9647 as soon as possible to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until 10 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes. The Washington State Conservation Camp is a great camp and the kids learn about the outdoors, survival, conservation, habitat,

fishing, archery, Hunter Education and really enjoy themselves. Those that have attended can't wait to go again.

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I have a boat, and am willing to take others _____ My boat can accommodate _____ fishermen in addition to myself.

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JULY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT July 14, 2007, 9 am to noon

Catch Flying Insects - 9am to noon !

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two photo entries in the June Photo Contest. Sean Carr entered two photos. One photo showed Sean with his son Kyle with a 22 ½" rainbow. The other shows Kyle, Cody Carr and "Papa" Alan Sanders with a 23" rainbow. Both fish were caught in Lincoln County in April. Both photos were taken by grandma Ruth Sanders. Richard Sharp entered a photo of Clare Cranston with a "First Cast" catfish caught in the Palouse River Canyon in June. Richard Sharp was the winner. Richard will win five free tickets to the Club raffle at the September general meeting. The photos can be viewed on the Club's website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held on Tuesday August 7 starting at 6:00 PM at South Leslie Groves Park. (Leslie Grove 1.) For \$3.00 per person, (\$1.00 for children 12 and under) the Club will provide **Alder Smoked Salmon**, beverages, bread and condiments such as tartar sauce, lemon juice, butter etc. Attendees/each family should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for your dish. If your family name starts with **A through G bring a side dish, H through P bring a salad,** and **Q through Z bring a dessert.** Bring your own eating utensils including plates, also bring chairs, tables, blankets etc. in case there are not enough picnic tables. The park has a children's play area, rest rooms, shade trees and wading pool.

● The Annual Liars contest will take place after we have eaten. Anyone present can enter. Tell your **tall tale** and it will be judged in competition against all the others. Gift certificate prizes will be awarded for first (\$30), second (\$20) and third place (\$10) liars. Prepare your **tall tale** and see if you can top the others. Directions to the picnic are: From George Washington Way, turn east (towards the river) on Newcomer Ave. Continue to Harris Ave. Turn left at the "T" onto Harris and continue to Park St. (about one block). Turn right onto Park St. and follow it to the parking lot for South Leslie Groves Park. The aroma of alder smoke and barbecued salmon will lead you to where the picnic is.

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GO PLAY OUTSIDE 2007 FALL WALLEYE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT: The first Fall Walleye Classic tournament of the Go Play Outside Alliance of Washington will be September 15th-16th, 2007 at the Mar Don Resort, Potholes Reservoir. In addition to monetary awards for winning teams, this tournament will provide free family youth fishing activities, with prizes, and two days of family fun. This tournament will provide funds for the Go Play Outside organization to bring the youth of Washington State to a whole range of outside activities. Entries are accepted as only two person teams. An adult partner must accompany any applicant under the age of 18.

- **Plan to bring your family.** Free kids (5-15) supervised fishing from the Mar Don Docks. Bait and loaner life jackets provided. Many kid prizes throughout both days for longest fish, heaviest fish, most fish, no fish. **Tournament anglers** will remember the cash prizes awarded. **Your family** will remember the Go Play Outside family fun of this event.
- **Tournament angler prizes from Ranger Boat and other sponsors will soon be announced.**
- **Kids:** This is a family tournament and we hope you do not leave anyone at home. When you are fishing there will be daily events for kids and grandkids (15 years old and under).

More information including registration forms and rules are available at: <http://www.gpowalleyetournament.com/>. **Many volunteers will be needed to help at the event. If you can help call Dianne Warrant at 628-1166.**

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WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club initially sponsored five applicants to the Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island three girls and two boys. One of the girls, Melaina Cooper, was invited and accepted to serve as a Counselor at the Camp. The remaining four applicants were Devyn House and Linsey Ann Hiner who attended girls camp from July 15 to July 21; Daniel Spore and Dylann Hiner attended boys camp from July 22 to July 28. Melaina was sponsored by the Club and attended the Washington State Conservation Camp in 2005 and 2006. Congratulations to her for being selected to serve as a counselor to the Camp, the Club is proud of you.

STATUS OF SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM FRY RELEASED AT SALMON SUMMIT: (Information received from Rachel Little/Benton Conservation District). Benton Conservation District is proud to announce that our Salmon in the Classroom fish have reached the Pacific Ocean! Twenty-three of the 189 salmon fry tagged and released into the Yakima River above Wanawish Dam during the May 8 Salmon Summit have been detected on their downstream journey to the ocean. Detection points included McNary and other dams, as well as a boat in the estuary leading to the Pacific. Last year 29 fish were detected while migrating to the sea. Biologists explain fewer detections this year are probably because of high spring water flows in the rivers. Just because they weren't detected doesn't mean they didn't swim past. (That's why they call it "fishing" instead of "catching!") In fact, we predict that more salmon actually survived the trip this year because of the higher river flow. Students that participated in The Salmon In The Classroom Project will be glad to know the salmon fry they raised have left their school class rooms to form schools of their own in the Pacific Ocean. A total of about 2,300 salmon fry were released during the Salmon Summit into the Yakima River by the students that raised them.

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PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND CANADIAN WILDLIFE SERVICE'S WATERFOWL BREEDING POPULATION AND HABITAT SURVEY: (A USFWS News Release.)

- Preliminary results from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Canadian Wildlife Service's Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey indicate a total duck population estimate of more than 41 million birds in the traditional survey area. This represents a 14 percent increase from 2006 and is 24 percent above the 1955-2006 average. "There's a lot of good news in the survey this year for the total duck population and waterfowl breeding habitat," said H. Dale Hall, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "We have five species that are at record or near record highs, including canvasbacks, and there are good breeding conditions on the prairies. However, we remain concerned that pintails and scaup are well below long-term averages." The Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey, the largest and most comprehensive survey of its kind in the world, samples 1.3 million square miles across the north-central United States, south-central and northern Canada, and Alaska. The survey estimates the number of ducks in the continent's most important nesting grounds.

- Annual survey results help guide the Service in managing waterfowl conservation programs under authority of the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The Service works in partnership with State representatives from the four Flyway Councils - the Atlantic, Mississippi, Central and Pacific - to establish regulatory frameworks for waterfowl hunting season lengths, dates and bag limits. Overall, habitat conditions for breeding waterfowl in 2007 were similar or slightly improved compared to conditions in 2006. The total pond estimate (Prairie Canada and United States combined) was 7.0 million ponds, 15 percent greater than last year's estimate of 6.1 million ponds and 44 percent higher than the long-term average of 4.9 million ponds. For the third year in a row, habitat conditions were good or excellent in the northern grasslands and parklands of southern Saskatchewan and southern Manitoba. Conditions in the Eastern Dakotas, which experienced drought in 2006, were improved by abundant fall and winter precipitation, especially in eastern South Dakota.

- Some of the highlights from the survey in the north-central United States, south-central and northern Canada, and Alaska include: The estimated number of 8.0 million mallards is 10 percent greater than last year's estimate of 7.3 million birds and 7 percent above the long-term average. The estimated number of 6.7 million blue-winged teal is 14 percent greater than last year's estimate and 48 percent above the long-term average. This year is the third highest estimate on record. The estimated number of 2.9 million green-winged teal is similar to last year and 55 percent above the long-term average. The estimated number of 3.4 million gadwall is 19 percent greater than last year and 96 percent above the long-term average, and the second

highest estimate on record for the traditional survey area. The estimated number of 1.0 million redheads is similar to last year and 60 percent above the long-term average. This is a record high for the traditional survey area. The estimated number of 865,000 canvasbacks is similar to last year and 53 percent above the long-term average. This is a record high for the traditional survey area. The estimated number of northern shovelers at 4.6 million birds is 24 percent above last year and 106 percent above the long-term average. This is a record high for the traditional survey area. The estimated number of American wigeon at 2.8 million birds is 29 percent greater than last year and similar to the long term average for this species. The abundance of northern pintails at 3.3 million birds is similar to last year and 19 percent below the 1955-2005 average.

This preliminary report does not include information from surveys conducted by State or Provincial agencies or information on the status of geese and swans. The entire 2007 Trends in Breeding Duck Populations Report is available on the Service's Web site at www.fws.gov/migratorybirds. The 2007 Waterfowl Status Report will be available at the same site in late July. This report will include information from State and Provincial surveys as well as goose and swan information.

SEPTEMBER 22 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education students will take place on Saturday September 22 at a location to be announced North of Mesa. The hunt will take place on the Saturday of the WDFW 2007 Youth Hunt. The students will shoot at clay pigeons before the pheasant shoot at the Connell Gun Club. The event is still in the planning stage and more information will be in the September Newsletter. Clare Cranston is organizing the hunt and will need volunteers to help at the event. If you can help give Clare a call at 547-6273. Club members are welcome to come and observe the shoot and see what it is all about

ELECTRO-SHOCKING FISH AT WORTH LAKE: Dale Landon and Paul Kison helped Paul Hoffart WDFW Fish Biologist 'electro shock' Worth Lake in Franklin County. Largemouth Bass and other warm water fish species were present. Carp numbers were significantly lower than observed last year because large numbers of carp were removed from the lake last year.

AUGUST MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two photo entries in the July Photo Contest. Jack Pickard entered a photo of Vincent Guerero with a 20 ½ long smallmouth he caught and released in July of this year above Strawberry Island. Chris Landon entered two photos of Rocky Mountain goats he photographed July 4 at "Tucks Pot" in the Alpine Lakes wilderness area was the winner. Jack will win five free tickets to the Club raffle at the September general meeting. The photos can be viewed on the Club's website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held on Tuesday August 7 starting at 6:00 PM at South Leslie Groves Park. (Leslie Grove 1.) For \$3.00 per person, (\$1.00 for children 12 and under) the Club will provide **Alder Smoked Salmon**, and **Barbecued Chicken** for those who don't like fish, beverages, bread and condiments such as tartar sauce, lemon juice, butter etc. Attendees/each family should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for your dish. If your family name starts with **A through G bring a side dish**, **H through P bring a salad**, and **Q through Z bring a dessert**. Bring your own eating utensils including plates, also bring chairs, tables, blankets etc. in case there are not enough picnic tables. The park has a children's play area, rest rooms, shade trees and wading pool.

- The Annual Liars contest will take place after we have eaten. Anyone present can enter. Tell your **tall tale** and it will be judged in competition against all the others. Gift certificate prizes will be awarded for first (\$30), second (\$20) and third place (\$10) liars. Prepare your **tall tale** and see if you can top the others. Directions to the picnic are: From George Washington Way, turn east (towards the river) on Newcomer Ave. Continue to Harris Ave. Turn left at the "T" onto Harris and continue to Park St. (about one block). Turn right onto Park St. and follow it to the parking lot for South Leslie Groves Park. The aroma of alder smoke and barbecued salmon will lead you to where the picnic is. **Don't forget, for the first time this year, barbecued chicken will be available for those who do not like fish.**

HANFORD REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT SPORT HUNTING PLAN: The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has signed a finding of No Significant Impact for the Sport Hunting Plan. The selected alternative was Alternative A-No Action. Therefore hunting will continue on the Monument much as it has been until a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) is issued. The final plan and associated documentation can be viewed at www.hanfordreach.fws.gov/planning/html. Paper copies can be obtained at the Monument Office, 3250 Port of Benton Blvd in Richland or by calling 509-371-1801.

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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There was one photo entry in the July Photo Contest. Dale Landon entered a photo showing Rick Nelson with a catfish he caught in June on the Yakima River. Dale will win five free tickets to the Club raffle at the September general meeting. The photo can be viewed on the Club's website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

PHEASANT JAMBALAYA: Wild Game Dinner Recipe by Dale Schielke

3 strips bacon or salt pork cut into 1/2 inch pieces . 3 lb Pheasant cut into 1 inch cubes (~6 cups).
2 c Sliced celery. 2 c Sliced scallions (use all including tops). 1 c Diced Carrots.
2/3 c Uncooked converted rice. 1/3 c Uncooked wild rice.
2 c chicken broth (or 2 chicken bouillon cubes and 2 cups water)
1 t Salt. 1/2 t Garlic salt. 1/4 t Pepper. 1/4 t Cayenne pepper (or add more to taste)

Cook bacon pieces in dutch oven over high bottom heat (stove), remove cooked bacon and set aside. Leave bacon fat in dutch oven add pheasant and brown on all sides. Remove browned pheasant and set aside. Add celery, scallions, and carrots sauté 5 minutes over bottom heat. Stir in rice, broth and seasonings. Return pheasant and bacon to dutch oven, cover and bake for 30 to 45 minutes or until pheasant is tender and rice is cooked with 8 briquets under and 16 – 20 briquets on top. Can also be baked in covered dish in 350 degree oven.

SEPTEMBER MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

September 8, 2007 ,9 am to Noon

“Cats and Bats”

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING - September 4, 2007, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, September 18, 2007, 7:00 pm - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -September 19, 2007, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The first meeting after the *summer break* will be held on Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 PM at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility on Queensgate in Richland. The main speaker is a 'Survival Specialist' from the Survival School at the Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane he will discuss survival especially as it applies to hunters and fishermen. It will be a timely presentation since the fall and winter seasons are approaching and we need to prepare ourselves to cope with any emergencies while we are hunting and fishing. The "Tip of The Month" topic is *Camp Patriot*. The speaker will be Micah Clark who is associated with 'Camp Patriot', an organization whose goal is to help wheel chair bound disabled veterans hunt and fish. He will discuss the goals and activities of the organization. One of their fund raisers is the sale of raffle tickets at \$20.00 each for a Log Cabin Kit.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

SALMON BOOTH 2007: Dale Schielke & Howard Gardner. In its 22nd year, the Salmon Booth was successfully operated under the Banner of the Columbia Basin Fly Casters Club. This year the profit was in excess of \$4174.73 to be shared equally by both clubs. "The Salmon Sandwich", in its ninth year, continues to be a good seller. A total of 500 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as dinners or sandwiches. Again, activities associated with the Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to the following great group of volunteers which includes members of both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and the Columbia Basin Fly Casters: Tom (2) Rachel and Anna Davis, Don and Chris Barnes (2), Lou La Douceur, Ben Webb, Jerry Zeitler (2), John Pfeiffer (2), Dave and Carol Myers (2), Richard "Mac" McDonnell (3), Harold Heacock (2), Eddie and Nancy Manthos, Larry Martin, Paul Kison (2), Gene Van Liew(3), Mike Estes, Rich Holten, Ev Weakley, Rocky Ross, Dale Landon(2), Dale(6) and Lou Ann Schielke, Larry Worden, Jack Pickard, Margaret Fulks(2), Bob Kolowith(2), Jim Saunders, Ted(2) and Kathy Poston, Ken Gano, Wally Sheely, Dan Robertson, Fred Porter, Harvey Huisingsh, Marilyn Steele, Jerry Caprio, Jim Loomis, Rick Libby(2), Tim Clemons, Russ Wyer, Dan Edwards, Mike McWethy(2), Mike Evans(2), Clare Cranston, Dan Stepnewski, Don Knowlton, Ron deMarquette, Rick Nelson(2), Jerry Bloom, Richard Santos, Terral Finger, Dennis Kreid, Robert Thornton, Vincent Guerrero, Clint and Margie Worcester, Tim Sumner and Howard Gardner(6). A special thanks to Dale Schielke assisted by Ben Webb and Howard Gardner for coordinating the tough job of solicitation of volunteer workers for the Booth. Also, a special thanks to John Pfeiffer for managing booth setup, tear down, and storage

again, no small task. Also to Mac McDonnell assisted by Ben Webb, Ev Weakley and Rick Nelson for arranging for ice for use in the booth. Also, many thanks again to Dale Schielke and Howard Gardner for organizing the event, purchasing the groceries and being present at every shift. They are a big reason the event is a success. We again received a clean bill of health from the Benton-Franklin District Health Dept. for our operation of the cooking and serving activity associated with the Booth. Our extra effort in temperature control and cleanliness pays off. We continue to get many compliments on the dinners/sandwiches and many customers come down year after year for the delicious salmon. Next year the Richland Rod and Gun Club will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers. The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shift volunteered

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic was held on Tuesday, August 7. We were once again fortunate that the weather was beautiful, it had been windy all day and a few minutes before serving time the wind stopped blowing. A total of sixty five adults attended. The alder smoked salmon and for the first time this year, chicken breasts, prepared by Dale Schielke and Dale Landon were great and served as soon as they were ready. Rick Nelson served generous portions and there was plenty for seconds and more. The pot luck side dishes, salads and desserts were excellent, especially the Dutch Oven cooked dessert prepared at the park by Dale Schielke. After we finished eating, the annual hotly contested liars contest was held. After some persuasion we ended up with a total of six contestants. They were: Mike Estes, Mack McDonnell, Jerry Zeitler, Richard Sharp, Bob Zinsli and Rachel Davis. Rick Nelson ran the contest with the help of several judges. First place winner (Biggest Liar-\$30 gift certificate) was Mack McDonnell, second place winner (Bigger Liar-\$20 gift certificate) was Jerry Zeitler and third place winner (Big Liar-\$10 gift certificate) was Bob Zinsli. Bob and Rachel were a first time contestants. The Gift Certificates were to Anthony's Restaurants. Many thanks to Dale Schielke, Dale Landon, and Rick Nelson who helped make the picnic a great success.

SEPTEMBER 22 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education students will take place on Saturday September 22 at the Limits Game Farm North of Mesa. The hunt will take place on the Saturday of the WDFW 2007 Youth Hunt. Clare Cranston is organizing the hunt and needs helpers If you are willing to help, call Clare at 547-6273. The morning will start off at 8:00 am at the Connell Gun Club where the students will shoot at clay pigeons and then proceed to the Limits Game Farm where they will branch out to different locations to hunt stocked pheasants. Dog handlers and their dogs, coaches and other volunteers should meet at the Limits Game Farm between 8:30 and 9:00 am. Lunch will be served to the students and volunteers at the Game Farm. Club members are welcome and encouraged to come and observe the shoot and see what it is all about.

OPERATION THANK YOU: Operation Thank You is an organization that supports our military and their families. A branch of this organization is in the Tri-Cities and is mailing *Care Packages* to our troops. They have been sending 180 Flat Rate Boxes every month overseas at a cost of \$8.10 each. The Board of Directors of the Richland Rod & Gun Club voted at their August meeting to donate \$100.00 to the organization. The list of articles placed in the boxes is shown below. Additionally several hunting, fishing and outdoor magazines are placed in each box. Bring your old magazines to the Club General and Board meetings and Bob Gough will collect them and deliver them to the organization. If you wish to donate any of the listed articles deliver them to **Fun 2 Learn in the Marineland Village (corner of Clearwater and Edison) in Kennewick.** If you would like to make a cash donation to the organization, make checks out to 'WA Operation Thank You' and mail to **1105 Long Avenue/Richland, WA 99354.** More information about the organization is at

www.waoperationthankyou.com and www.americansupport.org. Items that are **bolded** below are extremely important.

Toiletries - Personal or sample size

- **Wet Wipes (Baby Wipes) - soft packages,** ● **Disposable Razors & Shaving Cream,** ● **Foot Powder & Baby powder**
- **Soap, Body Wash, Shower Gel, & Shampoo (Not to smelly - Please),** ● **Socks & T-shirts (black or brown)**
- **Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash, Breath Mints, Brush-ups & Dental Floss,,** ● **Boxes of Gallon, Quart, & Sandwich Size Zip-Locks,** ● **Pipe Cleaners to Clean Guns**
- **Eye Drops, Chap-Stick, Hand Sanitizer, Eye Glass Wipes, Unscented Deodorant, Sun Block & Sunglasses**
- **Socks & T shirts (black or brown),** ● **Combs, Brushes, Cotton-Balls, Q-Tips, Shower Shoes, & Travel Toilet Paper,**

Food Items

- **Powdered Drinks, Coffee, Tea Bags, Hot Chocolate, & Spiced Cider,** ● **Gum & Candy**
- **Beef Jerky, Summer Sausage-Beef Only, Tuna, Slim Jims**
- **Microwaveable or Instant Soups, Rice, Beans, & Easy Mac**
- **Cheese, Crackers, Cookies, Popcorn, Granola Bars, & Any Other Small Snack Items**
- **Spices: Garlic Powder, Onion Powder, Salt, Pepper, Seasoning Salt, & Hot Sauce**

Other Items

- **Toys for the Soldiers & Stuffed Animals they can Give to the Children or Send Home to theirs**
- **Disposable Cameras, Paperback Books, Puzzle Books, Small Electronics & Hand-Held Games**
- **Small Back Packs or Totes**

Wounded Soldiers

- **White Socks, T-Shirts (Any Color), Sweat Pants, PJ's, Sleep Pants, & Boxer Briefs**
 - **DVD's, CD's, Games, Cards, Letters, Notes, Books, Pens, Stationary, Hand-Held Games, Air Fresheners**
- FLY STRIPS AND BUG REPELLANT!!!!!! Bolded Items are Important Items**

ANYONE WANT TO PICK CRAPPIE AT RINGOLD FOR A DAY? (Mike Erickson) Yes it is that time of year! The staff at Ringold/Meseberg hatchery are anticipating harvesting one of their Warm water ponds (Crappie) on September 12, 2007 starting at 8:30 am. We would like your assistance. This will be a great opportunity for staff and volunteers to get together. We would like about 8-10 people so, if you could contact the hatchery and RSVP that would be great (509) 269-4448 or e-mail hoffaph@dfw.wa.gov. Anyone planning on coming should bring knee boots or hip boots, rain gear optional. Ringold staff will be providing a lunch for those that show up. We will be planning other harvests either later in September and in October so if you miss this one expect to see other opportunities to get involved with the harvesting of Crappie, Bluegill and LM Bass.

SPRAGUE LAKE REHABILITATION: The WDFW will be rehabilitating (rotenone poisoning) Sprague Lake in October. We plan to trap fish from Sept 18 through 20th. Some of the fish captured will be relocated, others will be donated to the local food bank. If you know of anyone who would like to help out please have them contact Chris Donley (WDFW biologist) at donlecl@dfw.wa.gov. We are also looking for help to conduct a walleye survey at Banks Lake from Oct 14-18. You can contact Paul Hoffarth at hoffaph@dfw.wa.gov for that project.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:- Clare Cranston - Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) are scheduled to start September 3 and October 1. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

RR&GC 2007 SALMON DERBY: The Club with the help of Dave Myers is organizing a Salmon Derby that will be open to members of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Juvenile anglers who are children of Club members are entered under the Club members entry. Rules/guidelines for the Derby are:

- **Angler must be registered in the Derby at the time the fish is caught. Derby runs from Registration Date of each angler through October 20, 2007**
- **Area: Waters of the Columbia River and its' Washington tributaries from Bonneville Dam upstream to Priest Rapids Dam.**
- **All entered fish must be taken in accordance with Fishing Regulations established by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife..**
- **Registration fee is \$10 per adult angler.**
- **Prize values will be determined based on the number of participants, all registration fees to be returned as prizes.**
- **To be eligible all successful anglers must provide the following: (1) Photo of the fish and including the successful angler. (2) Length of fish (from snout to tip of tail). (3) Girth of fish (measured immediately forward of the dorsal fin). (4) Approximate weight (use Deliar, bathroom scale, or other system). (5) Date caught and approximate location: (we are not seeking your secret hole). (6) Rig used (bait, lure, presentation method). (7) Name of successful Angler.**

● **Prizes will be distributed at the November General Meeting. Photos will be posted on the Club website. It is our desire to get members out, together if possible. To that end, if you have a boat and are willing and able to take one or more club members with you please indicate on the registration form.**

Registration Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Date: _____
 I have a boat, and am willing to take others _____ My boat can accommodate _____ fishermen in addition to myself.

Mail the completed registration form and remittance to: **Richland Rod & Gun Club, P.O. Box 337, Richland, WA 99337-0337.**



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING - October 2, 2007, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 16, 2007, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -October 23, 2007, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

- The second meeting of the fall season will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, October 2 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. The speakers will discuss hunting forecasts for big game, upland game and waterfowl for WDFW Regions 1, 2, 3 and the USFWS Mid Columbia Refuges.
- Paul Wick, Region 1 biologist, will discuss general hunting prospects for upland and big game in Region 1..
- Jim Tabor, Region 2 biologist will cover the hunting prospects for Adams and Grant counties.
- Mike Livingston, Region 3 biologist will cover the hunting prospects for Region 3 upland and big game.
- Brian Allen, Manager of the McNary Wildlife Refuge, will discuss waterfowl and upland bird hunting on the McNary Refuge.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

• Bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the General and Board Meetings, the meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to a freezer for storage.

• **RR&GC 2008 calendars are here and can be purchased for \$3.00. Buy them early before they are sold out. They make great Christmas gifts for your hunting and fishing buddies.**

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The first General Meeting of the Fall Season was opened by Club President Dale Landon. Visitors introduced themselves. Announcements were made by Dale Landon, Rick Nelson, Dale Schielke, Dianne Warrant, Bill Hays, Howard Gardner, Mack McDonnell who announced that the 12th Annual Knights of Columbus/Tri-Cities Prep Salmon Derby will take place October 6 and 7, Gene Van Liew and Tim Sumner who substituted for Richard Sharp and described the evenings raffle prizes and ran the drawing.

• Micah Clark was not able to attend and Howard Gardner substituted and gave the 'Tip of the Month' presentation, his topic was dove hunting. He said that dove decoys are an effective way to attract doves and demonstrated how to use a telescoping fishing rod, reel and lead weight to position a decoy in a tree. He suggested that hunters should scout wheat fields to locate doves and he stressed that permission should be obtained from the owner before the field is hunted. He also showed a method that he uses to repair boots, he utilizes a product called "Freesole". "Freesole" can be ordered from REI. "Shoe Goo" was also

OCTOBER MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

October 13, 2007, 9 am to Noon

"Birds a Flocking"

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).

OCTOBER 2 AND 3 SCOOTENEY RESERVOIR WALLEYE SURVEY and OCT. 14-18 BANKS LAKE

WALLEYE SURVEY: Volunteers are needed for the annual survey of walleye in Scootenev Reservoir that will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday October 2 and 3. Paul Hoffarth needs several volunteers each day to help with the survey. This has been an annual event for the past several years. It will take place at the picnic area close to the boat launch. The walleye and other fish will be netted. All fish will be counted and measured. The walleye will be sorted out and be weighed, measured, dissected and sampled, and fileted. Bring waders in case you made need them, a sharp filet knife(s) or electric filet knife and long extension cord and fish handling gloves if you have them. Bring a lunch, water or soda pop. Usually the survey is completed right after lunch. If you can help either day or for both days or for more information please call Paul Hoffarth at 545-2284 or e-mail to hoffaph@dfw.wa.gov. Volunteers also are able to take some of the walleye filets home with them.

Volunteers are also needed to conduct a walleye survey at Banks Lake from Oct 14-18. Contact Paul at 545-2284 or e-mail to hoffaph@dfw.wa.gov if you can help at the Banks Lake survey.

KEY HUNTING DATES TO REMEMBER: Excerpted from WDFW Weekender Report: September 19 - October 9, 2007

- Oct. 6: General hunt begins for quail and bobwhite statewide and for chukar and gray partridge in eastern Washington.
- Oct. 13: General hunting seasons for ducks and geese get under way in most areas, although goose hunting will remain closed until Nov. 10 in management area 2A in southwest Washington.
- Oct. 20 Eastern Washington pheasant season begins.
- Oct. 6-12: Early muzzleloader season for deer and elk runs in selected game management units statewide.
- Oct. 13: Deer-hunting season with modern firearms begins in selected game management units statewide.

suggested as an alternate product, several in the audience stated that it becomes brittle after a year or two and peels off.

● Program Chairman Rick Nelson introduced the main speaker, Staff Sergeant Brad Elliott, a Survivor Specialist with 11 years of experience. He stationed at the Survival School at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane. Brad stated that the #1 killer for outdoors people is hypothermia and lack of water is the # 2 killer. A person can survive without food for 3 weeks, without water for 3 days and without air for 3 for minutes. When hunting Brad carries a 10' X 12' thin tarp for an emergency shelter, and survival materials even for short trips. He carries a light 10-20 lb. Pack on short trips and a larger 40 lb. Pack on longer trips/hunts. He carries a survival and medical kit on short and long trips, the size and content depending on the trip conditions. He does carry a battery powered flashlight, fire starting materials especially a *Metal Match* which is used as a fire starter, a signal mirror, a cell phone especially if he is in an area without cell phone coverage - it was also agreed that a satellite telephone is a good communication instrument in areas without cell phone coverage., a GPS and also a compass. Clothing requirements, especially layering and fabric composition were discussed. Water purification and sterilization methods were covered, including water boiling and iodine tablets. Brad he carries a small metal can that he boil water in for purification or for water to use with packaged freeze dried meals. He stressed a that map(s) of the area should be procured and thoroughly studied before you start on your trip. Perhaps the most important survival item is to inform people where you are going and for how long you plan to stay. There were many discussions and questions at the end of the meeting, especially water consumption - i.e. how much water to carry and how much water to drink per day, depending on weather conditions and exertion of the individual.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Bob Gough who won a completely equipped ready to fish steelhead spinning rod and reel combo complete with lures assembled by Richard Sharp and the mystery prize-a \$25.00 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse , Wade Warrant a completely equipped ready to fish salmon casting rod and reel combo complete with lures assembled by Richard Sharp, Briant Charboneau a hatchet and knife combo, David McDonald a Camping three Knife Set, Rick Nelson an electronic ear protector, Ben Pesek a game hoist kit, and Mike Estes and Bob Margulies each won a cap.

IN MEMORIAM OF FRED SCOTT: Members of the Club were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Fred Scott on Aug.16, 2007. Fred had been a club member for 47 years and had received his 25 Year Belt Buckle in 1985. He was an avid outdoorsman and hunted, fished and backpacked all over the United States including Alaska, the Yukon and the Himalayas. Fred will be missed by the Club. (Howard Gardner)

CATERED SALMON BARBECUE: - A catered Salmon BBQ lunch was held Wednesday , Sept 20th, for about 300 Battelle employees at Howard Amon Park.. Alder Smoked Salmon and barbecued chicken breasts along with baked beans , bread rolls, condiments and refreshments. Club members who who helped pull off this great money making event: were Howard Gardner, Ben Webb, Paul Kison, Jerry Zeitler, Gene VanLiew, Bob Gough, Harvey Huisingh, Gaylord Pyle, Ev Weakley, LouAnn Schielke (who prepared the beans), Dave Myers (who transported the cookers/trailer to and from the event) and last but not least Dale Schielke who planned and organized the event. Dale received many compliments concerning the quality of the food, one of which was "*Dale great job on the food!!!! Best food we have ever had for a luncheon! Tell your crew thanks for the great job!*" Dale wishes to express his gratitude to those who helped pull off this great money making event. The Club also wishes to thank Dale and the "crew" that worked so hard to make this event a success.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Jim Reynolds from West Richland and Randy Hudson from Richland.

RR&GC 2007 SALMON DERBY: The Club with the help of Dave Myers is organizing a Salmon Derby that will be open to members of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Juvenile anglers who are children of Club members are entered under the Club members entry. Rules/guidelines for the Derby are:

- Angler must be registered in the Derby at the time the fish is caught. Derby runs from Registration Date of each angler through October 20, 2007
- Area: Waters of the Columbia River and its' Washington tributaries from Bonneville Dam upstream to Priest Rapids Dam.
- All entered fish must be taken in accordance with Fishing Regulations established by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife..
- Registration fee is \$10 per adult angler.
- Prize values will be determined based on the number of participants, all registration fees to be returned as prizes.
- To be eligible all successful anglers must provide the following: (1) Photo of the fish and including the successful angler. (2)Length of fish (from snout to tip of tail). (3) Girth of fish (measured immediately forward of the dorsal fin). (4) Approximate weight (use Deliar, bathroom scale, or other system). (5) Date caught and approximate location: (we are not seeking your secret hole). (6) Rig used (bait, lure, presentation method). (7) Name of successful Angler.
- Prizes will be distributed at the November General Meeting. Photos will be posted on the Club website.

It is our desire to get members out, together if possible. To that end, if you have a boat and are willing and able to take one or more club members with you please indicate on the registration form.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

I have a boat, and am willing to take others My boat can accommodate fishermen in addition to myself.

Mail the completed registration form and remittance to: **Richland Rod & Gun Club, P.O. Box 337, Richland, WA 99337-0337.**

2007 BARKER RANCH YOUTH DAY AND WASHINGTON BRANT FOUNDATION BANQUET NOVEMBER 10TH, 2007:

Michael Crowder on behalf of The Barker Ranch has donated to the Club two free youth Duck Hunts each with an accompanying adult companion. The Club decided at the September 18 meeting of the Board of Trustees to conduct a raffle and an auction and award one hunt to the raffle winner and the other to the auction winner. The raffle tickets are the same price as last years tickets - \$5.00 each and only 200 will be printed. **The raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the October 2 General Meeting.** The raffle is not restricted to Club members but is open to others. The youth hunter (under 16 years of age) must possess a valid WDFW hunting license, the adult companion must also possess a valid WDFW license and required migratory bird stamps. Other details concerning the raffle and auction details and rules will be announced at this meeting. Hunt details for the hunt at the Barker Ranch at West Richland are:

All eligible hunters must have a valid hunting license. plugged gun, non-toxic shells., chest waders., and appropriate clothing for the weather. Guides and decoys will be provided. All state and federal hunting regulations apply. Also, the WA Brant Foundation banquet is a separate event from the youth hunt activities. Enjoy the fun!

5:15 am Meet at Barker Ranch Headquarters (Don't be Late!), • Attend Safety Meeting, • Sign Liability Waivers and• Receive Blind Assignments. **5:45 am** Leave for Duck Blinds. **6:20 am** Hunting Starts. **11:00 am** Hunting Ends

12:00 noon Youth Activities Start. • Snack Lunch Provided. • Duck Calling Seminar by Steve Shultz. • Duck Identification Seminar by Michael Crowder. • Hunter Safety Seminar by a WA State Hunter Safety Instructor. • Other Waterfowl Activities.

About 1:30 pm Ranch Youth Activities End

5:00 pm Social Hour at W-BF Banquet Starts - West Richland Golf Course. About **6:30 pm** Dinner Served at WBF Banquet

About 9:30 pm W-BF Banquet Activities End. **Contact Info:** Michael Crowder - GM of Barker Ranch, 85305 Snively Road West Richland, WA 99353. Home:509-967-3023, Cell: 509-521-3663. barkerranch@verizon.net.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:- Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start October 29. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in the August photo contest by Sean Carr. Both photos were of young Cody Carr taken at his first dove hunt. One photo was taken by Sean Carr and the other by Darin Matthews. The photo taken by Darin Matthews showing Cody with the doves he harvested was the winner.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Richard Wyrwas from Pasco and Claude Landes from West Richland.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:- There will be no more Hunter Education Classes at Grigg's this year.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There was one entry and the winner in the October Photo Contest by Richard Sharp; a photograph of his son Travis and their new Labrador with a limit of three pheasants. View the photo on the Club's website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

NOVEMBER MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

November 10, 2007, 9 am to Noon "TULE HARVESTING"

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).

BARKER RANCH YOUTH DAY RAFFLE AND LIVE AUCTION: The raffle drawing and live auction for the Barker Ranch Youth Day Duck Hunts was held Sunday, October 28 at the Sportsman's Warehouse. The raffle winner was Craig Nelson; Darren O'Leary is the alternate if Craig is not able to participate in the hunt. The Live Auction was won by Sean Carr (represented by his wife). Sean will be hunting with his 9 year old son. More details at the November General Meeting.

LUNKER LAKE: Dates for the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show at TRAC, including Lunker Lake and the Pellet Range, are January 18, 19, and 20, 2008; setup will be January 17. Keep these dates in mind and mark them on your calendar. We will need many volunteers to work at both projects. More information at the November General Meeting and in the December Newsletter.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING - November 6, 2007, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, November 20, 2007, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - November 21, 2007, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
LUNKER LAKE/TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW AT TRAC January 18, 19 & 20, 2008

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The third meeting of the fall season will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 6 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. The speaker will be Club member Richard Sharp. His topic will be fall and winter steelhead fishing techniques (including shrimp and bobber fishing) and locations. The "Tip of The Month" topic, (also by Richard) is 'bait recipes and preparation - including *Tuna Balls*. Come early there will plenty of fishermen in attendance at this meeting..
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

• Bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the General and Board Meetings, the meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to a freezer for storage.

• **RR&GC 2008 calendars are here and can be purchased for \$3.00. Buy them early before they are sold out. They make great Christmas gifts for your hunting and fishing buddies.**

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The second General Meeting of the Fall Season was opened by Club President Dale Landon. Three visitors introduced themselves.

• Mike Estes described the September 29 Jeff Johansen Memorial Fishing Derby. Club members Scott Estes, Bill Hays, Dave Myers and Mike Estes handled the fish weigh in at the Derby. Marilyn Steele (a Club member) won first place in the derby with a 32 lb 3 oz salmon. The first place prize was a \$500 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse and a \$500 gift certificate to Joe's.

• Other announcements were made by Dale Landon, Rick Nelson, Dianne Warrant, Russ Wyer, Larry Martin, Richard Sharp and Gene Van Liew.

• The Tip of The Month was presented by Dave Myers who described the art of Japanese Fish Printing. Unfortunately Dave did not have a fish available that he could use to demonstrate the technique. A very good representation of the fish can be made with a glass plate, block printing ink and roller. Dave showed prints made earlier and the results were very good.

• Program Chairman Rick Nelson introduced the three speakers of the evening, Paul Wink from WDFW Region 1, Mike Livingston from Region 3 who also discussed the forecast for Region 2 and Brian Allen the McNary Wildlife Refuge manager.

● Paul Wink and Mike Livingston discussed the hunting prospects and conditions for Regions 1, 2 and 3. They detailed the prospects for different sections of the three Regions. Generally it appears that game bird populations are equal to or less than last year. Turkey numbers have increased in the Blue Mountains. Cougar and bear numbers in the Blue Mountains are healthy. Whitetail Deer numbers are generally low and in some sections have decreased. Whitetail numbers in Benton and Franklin counties are increasing, buck to doe ratios are about 20 to 1 and fawn to doe ratios are about 60 to 100. Blue Mountains mule deer density is low in the mountains but may be increasing at lower elevations. The number of branch bull tags issued for the Blues has increased. Elk numbers on the Rainwater Ranch area have increased. Elk harvests in District 2 will be about average. Bull to cow ratios have however decreased. Paul and Mike both answered many question from the audience.

● McNary Wildlife Manager Brian Allen presented a slide show that showed ongoing habitat projects and information about the eight wildlife refuges in the Mid-Columbia National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Information sheets and maps for the refuges were passed out; a Volunteer Application form for the Refuge Complex was also passed out. Brian answered many questions at the end of his presentation. Many stayed and talked with Brian after the meeting ended.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Randy Hudson who won a completely equipped ready to fish steelhead casting rod and reel combo complete with lures, assembled by Richard Sharp, Marilyn Steele won a Thermos vacuum bottle, Don Hall won a leaf blower with a gas can and bottle of oil, Doug Schuetze won the Mystery Box which contained a "RAMBO" type belt knife, Rick Conant won an electric Power Cord on a reel, Bill Lambert won a gambrel set for deer, Richard Libby won a gun case, Frank Scopa a gun case and a cap, Richard Wyrwas a folding chair and Larry Martin won 2 caps.

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES. HALER AND HANKINS - Howard Gardner. The following legislative issues were discussed with Representatives Haler and Hankins in a meeting on Sept. 19, 2007. Representing the Club were Lyle Gilk, Clare Cranston, Gene Van Liew and Howard Gardner. The Legislators were receptive to the Club's positions. Senator Delvin was unable to attend. An attempt will be made to get together with him in the future.

● **We urge support/initiation of the following legislation:**

1) 2/3 ballot initiative

No initiative proposal relating to the opportunity to harvest bird, fish, game, wildlife or forestry resources shall take effect unless approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

What this says is any initiative put on the ballot relating to wildlife resources must be approved by a 2/3 majority in order to take effect. Current law in WA only requires 50% plus 1 to pass. The language still allows the wildlife agency to manage wildlife, set bag limits, seasons, methods, etc but would require most moves by the anti hunting groups to garner 66% of the vote to pass their schemes.

2) The no net loss language

Requires that state owned, leased or managed land allow for hunting activities. Requires the wildlife agency to support, promote, and enhance hunting opportunities. It also requires the agency to provide comparable land if for any reason existing land is closed to hunting.

This language would give the wildlife agency the ability to defend hunting and to promote it when antis attack. It will further require the agency to open land to hunting if other land is closed to hunting. This prevents the loss of public hunting land.

3) NRA Model Right to Hunt and Fish Constitutional Amendment

The people have a right to hunt, fish, trap and harvest game, subject to reasonable regulations. consistent with the public trust to conserve birds, fish, game and wildlife, traditional methods may be used to take non-threatened species traditionally pursued public hunting, fishing and trapping shall be the preferred means of managing and controlling non-threatened wildlife. Nothing in this amendment shall be construed to modify any provision of common law or statutes relating to trespass, eminent domain, or any other property rights.

4) Ensure recreational access to highway borrow pits

5) Legislation that will protect property owners who allow hunting on their land. House Bill 13, sponsored by Rep. Harry Readshaw, D-Pittsburgh, encourages landowners to make land and water areas available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting landowner liability toward recreational uses. The bill was signed on June 30 after having moved through the legislature unopposed.

6) Legislation to reinstate trapping of fur bearers managed by the Wash. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife as it was before the Anti-Trapping initiative was passed.

● **We oppose legislation in the following categories:**

1) Legislation aimed at removing wildlife management from the Wash. Dept of Fish & Wildlife.

2) Any anti-gun legislation.

SEPTEMBER 22 PHEASANT HUNT FOR HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS AT LIMITS GAME FARM:

Twenty nine fortunate youth were treated to a pheasant hunt for stocked pheasants at the Limits Game Farm, north of Mesa, on Saturday, September 22. Eighteen students hunted in the morning and the other eleven hunted after lunch. Hunter Education students, boys, girls and four adult females from the Club's Hunter Education program participated. Thirty nine students had originally registered for the hunt and twenty nine showed up. Before the hunt each group traveled to the Connell Gun Club where they practiced shooting at clay pigeons. After they finished shooting they traveled to the Limits Game Farm. Before they hunted, the students were registered, participated in a safety lecture and discussion and were divided into four groups. Those who didn't have a shotgun were loaned one from a stock of shotguns provided by Clare Cranston. A coach was assigned to each student and each group was provided with a dog handler with a bird dog. A minimum of three pheasants had been set out earlier for each youth. The students hunted behind the dog and dog handler. Two youth, each with their coach, were behind the dog and handler. The other students and others, including an EMT and parents followed behind. As soon as a bird was located and flushed, one of the group of two shot at the bird. The other youth of the pair then rotated to the front and hunted until they each had a shot at a bird. The next pair then rotated to the front and took their turn. They continued shooting and rotating until all the birds were flushed.

The second group of youth showed up later in the morning after they finished shooting clay pigeons at the Connell Gun Club. Both groups, their parents, the coaches, dog handlers and other helpers then retired to the 'barn' where two rows of tables had been set up. All were then treated to a lunch consisting of barbecued Tri-Tip beef steak, barbecued chicken breasts and thighs, Dutch Oven baked beans (prepared by Dave Myers), potato chips and bottled water or soft drinks. Everyone was able to go through the serving line until they were full. The food was great. After lunch the second group participated in a safety lecture and discussion and were divided into two groups. Those who didn't have a shotgun were loaned one from the stock of shotguns. They were then divided into three groups and hunted in a similar manner as the morning hunters. Again, three pheasants for each youth had been set out earlier. The morning group did not fare as well as the afternoon group. The weather was clear and dry in the morning and the stocked pheasants were reluctant to flush and as a result the morning group had fewer shots than the afternoon group which hunted in cloudy, muggy weather. The afternoon group flushed and harvested many birds including some of the birds stocked in the morning. Successful hunters from both groups cleaned the harvested birds under the direction of Bill Moulds. Some of the students, especially one young lady, were very adept at cleaning the birds while some of the others had to struggle to finish the job. Before they went home, each youth received a beautiful engraved golden lock blade knife in a wooden presentation box as a memento of the hunt, courtesy of the Ringold Pheasants Forever Club and the Limits Game Farm.

Sponsors of the Pheasant Shoot were: Limits Game Farm, Ringold Pheasants Forever and the Richland Rod and Gun Club. The C&W Game Farm in Benton City donated some of the pheasants utilized in the pheasant hunt. The Tri-Tip beef and chicken barbecued for the luncheon were purchased from Frontier Foods at a reduced price. J.C.'s Mesa Grocery Store donated the bottled water, soda pop and ice for the luncheon. Hunter Education instructor Don Board was in charge of the actual hunt. Volunteers and guests that helped were: Dave, Pam and Doug Piovesan., Clare Cranston, Andrew Powers, Howard Gardner, Eddie Manthos, Dale Schielke, Don Hartshorn, Bob Kolowith, Randy Adkins, Duane Woolum, Todd Woolum, Gene Van Liew, John Prather, Barry McEachen, Hugh McEachen, Bill Moulds, Mike Bass, Howard Gar, Gary Scriven, Joe Pauly, Robert Escalero (Nacho) and Mark C Kimmel. Dave Myers, Dan Evans, Mike Estes, Tina Bernsen and Don Evanson (and their dogs) were the dog handlers. Special recognition is again due to Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan who organized the event and solicited the many volunteers. Dave's wife Pam set up the serving line, kept us supplied with coffee and made sure all the forms etc. were filled out. Robert Escalero (Nacho) and Hugh McEachen were the barbecue cooks. It is obvious from the above list of names that a lot o people are needed to run this event, they all deserve a lot thanks from all of us. This was the Hunter Education Students Pheasant Shoot for the year 2007. If all goes well this shoot will be repeated in 2008.

SCOOTENEY LAKE WALLEYE SURVEY: Club members Russ Wyer, Gene Van Liew Paul Kison, Larry Martin and Diane Warrant helped the WDFW perform a walleye survey on Scooteney Lake Tuesday, October 2. Gaylord Pyle, Kent Pyle, and Harvey Huisinh participated the next day, October 3. The weather was cool and windy on Tuesday and only 55 walleye were netted. The next day, Wednesday, was beautiful and 155 walleye were netted. Walleye, perch, bass and whitefish filets from the netted fish were given to the volunteers to take home.



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Hanford Reach National Monument Seeking Volunteers:

The Hanford Reach National Monument is seeking volunteers for two upcoming projects related to restoring areas burned by wildfires during 2005, 2006, and 2007.

● Root Dipping

We are hand-planting 550,000 native shrub seedlings in areas burned by wildfires during 2005 and 2006. The project will help repair shrub-steppe habitat that is important to a wide variety of bird, mammal, reptile, and insect species. Volunteers would help by dipping seedling roots into a mycorrhizal solution designed to enhance nutrient and water uptake and plant survival rates. The work requires some hiking and physical activity such as lifting boxes of plants, bending, and stooping. Weather conditions could be cold, wet, and windy. Planting is scheduled to begin November 27 and continue through December 7, 2007.

● Sagebrush Seed Collecting

The Monument also needs help to restore areas that burned during the 2007 wildfire season. We need volunteers to help collect sagebrush seed from Saturday, January 5 – Sunday, January 13, 2008. The collected seed will be grown into seedlings for hand-planting next year. Seed collection sites are near the Saddle Mountains off of Highway 24. Volunteers need to be prepared to spend a day outside in January's potentially cold, windy and wet weather conditions.

● For more information about these projects or to sign up for one or more days, please contact either Paula Call or Howard Browers at 509-371-1801, or email them at paula_call@fws.gov or howard_browers@fws.gov.

NOVEMBER MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

December 8, 2007 ,9 am to Noon "Kid's Program"

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).

CLUB DONATES \$500.00 TO SALMON IN CLASSROOM PROJECT: At the November 19 Board of trustees meeting the Trustees unanimously voted to donate \$500.00 to the Benton County Conservation Association to be used for procurement of fish tanks and/or ancillary equipment for the Salmon In The Classroom Project..

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING - December 4, 2007, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, December 18, 2007, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -December 18, 2007, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
 LUNKER LAKE/TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW AT TRAC January 18, 19 &20, 2008

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The last meeting of 2007 will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, December 4 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart.
- The "Tip of The Month" mini presentation will be replaced by a short presentation by the two youth, Cody Carr - son of Sean Carr and Mason Nelson - son of Craig Nelson, that participated in The Barker Ranch Youth Day duck hunt on October 28. They will relate their experiences and impressions of that days duck hunt and the activities following the hunt.
- The main speaker will be Gary Loomis the founder of GLoomis Rods. Gary was diagnosed with cancer several years ago, and at that point he sold GLoomis to Shimano and began The 'Fish First' organization (<http://fishfirst.org/>). Gary will speak about the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA). The CCA is a non-profit organization (<http://www.joincca.org/>) comprised of 17 coastal state chapters spanning the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic and Pacific coasts. CCA has been active in virtually every national fisheries debate since 1984 and has participated productively in state and federal fisheries management issues for longer than two decades. CCA continues to operate as a three-tiered organization, affecting issues on the local, state and national levels.. CCA-PNW (Washington and Oregon) is an advocacy group for salmon, steelhead, and our other Northwest fish. Its goal is to give voice to this precious resource that cannot defend itself against destruction (www.ccapnw.org).

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The meeting was opened by Club President Dale Landon. There were 70 attendees present, extra chairs were brought in to seat the overflow audience. Eleven visitors introduced themselves and three of the eleven submitted Club membership applications that night. It was obvious that the main speaker, Richard Sharp, draws a big audience.

● Dale Landon stated that the raffle and the auction for the two Barker Ranch Youth Day Duck Hunts grossed the Club \$655.00. Rick Nelson described the raffle drawing and auction held at the Sportsman's Warehouse on Sunday, October 28.

● Rick Nelson announced that the Washington State Sportsmen Show will be held January 18, 19 & 20 at TRAC and passed around volunteer sign-up sheets. The Club will be involved in assembling, taking down and manning Lunker Lake. The pellet rifle range will be set up and manned mainly by Hunter Education staff and Club volunteers. Rick also announced that the December 4 General Meeting speaker will be Gary Loomis founder of Gloomis Rods who will speak about the Coastal Conservation Association.

● Dianne Warrant, President of the GOPaw organization and outlined the 'youth and parents' event that will be held at the Kennewick Fairgrounds May 16 & 17, 2007.

● Other announcements were made by Jack Pickard, Richard Sharp, Lyle Gilk, Howard Gardner and Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist.

● Program Chairman Rick Nelson introduced the speaker of the evening, Club member Richard Sharp, Richard presented the Tip of The Month and described his 'Tuna Ball' recipe. Richard developed this recipe that he uses when fishing for salmon both in the Yakima and Columbia Rivers. He showed photos of salmon he caught with them. The recipe is very simple, only three ingredients are required: a can of the cheapest grade Tuna in water (the cheaper the better), two tablespoons of brown sugar and a teaspoon of salt. Squeeze the water out of the tuna and add the brown sugar and salt, mix thoroughly, compact tightly and form into 5 to 6 round balls. Wrap a ball into fine netting such as used for salmon eggs and tie unto a hook or lure.

● Richard's main topic was steelhead fishing. He showed the tackle and equipment he recommends for steelhead fishing with a float, all those items were in the first prize package for the evenings raffle drawing. He likes a long (10 to 12") lighter action rod, a quality spinning reel with quality 10# monofilament spinning line, a small float with a large *corkie* and a bead that will not pass through the rod eye with an opening small enough to stop the bobber stop knot on the line. Quality strong Crane swivels, #4 Gamakatsu Octopuss hooks, hand tied jigs on Gamakatsu jig hooks with a rattle, a bottle of 'Mike's Shrimp Gel Scent' 1/4 to 3/8 oz. egg sinkers, a snubber knot protector made from a very short length of surgical tubing and a SpinNGlo lure. Also a hook file and a product called 'Umpqua Bug Flote' that is wiped on the monofilament line to prevent it from sinking; he does not use 'Chap Stick' because he believes it's odor repels steelhead. A one quart jar of shrimp in curing liquid (donated by Sportsman's Warehouse) and an ice chest to hold the shrimp and other items that need to be kept cool plus a folding stool to sit on while waiting for the steelhead to strike.

● B run steelhead move through the Snake River from the end of October to the end of December. When the water temperature drops to a the low 40s, the steelhead stop moving upstream and mill around until late winter/early spring when the water temperature rises and the steelhead start moving upstream again. Richard believes this is the time of the year when some really nice steelhead are caught. He also showed a couple of rigging systems for boat fishing or bank fishing.

● Richard suggested that shrimp should be fished shallower when it is windy and the water is choppy. On bright days he suggest that the line/leader between the float and lure/shrimp be painted with a black Sharpie marker to hide the bright light transmitted down through the monofilament line. Lures or shrimp should not be fished lower than ten feet because steelhead do not ravel much lower than 10 feet deep. He showed sketched maps of the area above Ice Harbor Dam, area above McNary Dam and Ringold and pointed out areas that are usually productive for steel head. His presentation lasted until 9:20 PM and almost everyone stayed. Many, many questions were asked and answered.

● Raffle winners were Greg Baker who selected the steelhead fishing package with all the items shown in Richard's talk, Ben Webb, Brian Miller and Jack Pickard each won a "steelhead rig package" assembled by Richard Sharp, Jenny Panther - a Gerber Rugged Knife set, Mike Maul and Lou LaDoucer - a pair of gloves donated by Stellar Industrial/Safety Supply (Rick Conant), Shan Belew - a Gerber Pack Saw, Tim Sumner - a vest, Sierra Duncan - a certificate for a \$20.00 haircut and a jar of marinade, Randy Hudson - a container of 'Boraxo' and Ryland Duncan - a 2008 calendar.

CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEE ELECTIONS: Election of Club Officers and Trustees for 2008 will be conducted at the December 4 General Membership meeting. The following slate of officer candidates has been assembled by the Nominating Committee. The trustees list of nominees will be announced at the General Meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor, subject to concurrence by the person nominated. Nominees will be introduced prior to the election.

President: Dale Landon*
Vice President: Rick Nelson

Secretary: Eddie Manthos*
Treasurer: Lyle Gilk*

2007 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RANGE: Dates for the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show at TRAC including Lunker Lake and the Pellet Range are January 18, 19, and 20, 2008. The Club will man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 15th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 18-20 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will

be needed to man the pond in 4 and 5 hour shifts. Some members have already signed up and some have been contacted by Rick Nelson to help at Lunker Lake or Clare Cranston to help at the Air Rifle Range. If you have not volunteered and you wish to volunteer please call Rick Nelson at 628-2636 or Clare Cranston, for the Air Rifle Range, at 547-6273. Your duties at Lunker Lake will consist of baiting the hook for each child, removing the fish, after it is caught and placing it in a plastic bag after you have dispatched it. You will get a big kick out of working with the kids. A group of about 6 volunteers or more will be needed **Thursday morning January 17**, starting at 9:00 AM, to set up the fishing pond. During the show a minimum of 16 volunteers per shift will be needed to man Lunker Lake. Shift times are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Thursday the 17th for set up of the fishing pond. Shift times for Friday the 18th are 1-5 PM and 5-9 PM. Saturday the 20th, shifts will be from 10 AM-12:30 PM, 12:30-3:30 PM and 3:30-8 PM. Sunday the 21st shifts will be from 10 AM-2 PM and 2-5 PM, the last shift will stay over at 5 PM to help disassemble the pond. The Air Rifle Shooting Range will be manned again this year under the direction of Clare Cranston. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond or shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from Lunker Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Lunker Lake volunteers should wear eye protection, bring a needle nose pliers or hemostat to remove the hook from the fish and bring a towel(s) to wipe your hands after you have handled a fish. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided for the volunteers. More information about the show is at www.shuylerproductions.com/. More information and sign up sheets will be presented at the December and January General Meetings.

CLUB SALMON DERBY: The Club salmon derby ended October 20, 2007. There were only two fish entered in the Derby, both by Marilyn Steele. Marilyn will win all the entry fees from the 2006 and 2007 Derby. More information about the Derby will be announced at the December General Meeting.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!: The hunting season has started and once again it is time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held in March of 2008. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut, steelhead and salmon are also needed. **Donations thus far have been very slim, please get them in as soon as possible.** A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: (the diagram is shown on the Club's web page under 'Club News-Newsletter' and click on 'Other Club News'). After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (**NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE**). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: John D. Nelson and Shawn T. Belew from Richland and H. Jim Cartmell and Cathey Bogert from Kennewick All four attended the November General Meeting.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start February 29, 2008. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in the in the November Photo Contest. Sean Carr entered a phot of his son Cody with the ducks he harvested at the November 10, 2007 Barker Ranch Youth Duck Hunt. Marilyn Steele entered two photos of a salmon she caught September 29, 2007 at the Jeff Johansen Memorial Fishing Derby. The photograph entered by Sean Carr was the winner. Sean will win five raffle free tickets at the December General Meeting. View the photos on the Club's website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/trgclub/id23.htm>.