



## RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY DEFEND FROM WASTE, THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY; ITS AIR, SOILS, AND MINERALS; ITS FORESTS, WATERS, AND WILDLIFE. I WILL HELP EDUCATE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO BE RESPONSIBLE CARETAKERS OF THE RESOURCES OF AMERICA.

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### 2019 Officers

Richard Sharp, President	551-6785	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Board Meeting- March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

Newsletter Deadline for April is March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Call Shannon Lackey at 948-3320 or

Email: [rrgsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rrgsecretary@gmail.com)

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**MARCH PROGRAM:** Presenting for us this March is our wonderful member and our Region 3 WDFW Biologist Paul Hoffarth. He will be giving this year's fishing forecast. Now just remember don't shoot the messenger for delivering the PNW agreed to limits, changes and seasons these are set by OR, WA, ID commissioners along with the PNW Tribes. Good or bad Paul is only here trying to help us all out and has advocated for us very well over the years! I heard some interesting intel about some rules being overturned so I for one am looking forward to the presenter. If we are short, Richard Sharp will be presenting on trout fishing as well.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Carla received 2 new memberships for the month of February:

Duane Schulz & Family; Brian Howald & Family please welcome them when you see them.

**WILD GAME DINNER:** We are currently in need of more Elk and Deer Roasts; as well as more bobcat, Salmon and of course prize donations. This dinner is put on by the generosity of all of our members and we do appreciate every little bit. You might not think that piece of meat would go that far, but it does. Please consider digging in that freezer just one more time. The 2020 Wild Game Dinner will be held March 21, 2020 in Building #4 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. If you have Google maps on your car GPS or phone you can search for "2020 RRGWGD" it is a list made by Shannon Lackey and should have a bumblebee photo. When the list comes up you can click on the "view map". When the map

loads you click on the “drop pin” box. It should open up the directions from your current place to the WGD. Marilyn has worked out with the fairgrounds to where we will be able to drive up to building #4 to drop off and then park the cars in the main LARGE parking lot. Also, there is a parking lot next to the fair office that is closer in which we can park people that need to be closer (such as those with disabled parking permits). This dinner is for members and guests ONLY and there will now be lanyards for ALL attendees so our security knows who belongs and who is crashing the party. This year we will also be selling tickets for beer and wine purchase to make it seamless at the bar. Hors d’oeuvres will be at 5:00 pm and Dinner at 6:00 pm followed by our speaker, raffles and silent auction (so bring your billfold). Our guest speaker this year will be Mr. Bill McIrvin of the Diamond M Ranch, talking about his experiences with the wolf population on their cattle ranch near the USA/Canadian border. **Tickets are officially SOLD OUT!** John Prather, Ashley Reser, Ben Burdett, Ron Ruth and Paul Kison are the WGD Prize Committee and are soliciting donations for the annual banquet. All donations are tax deductible and one of the Committee members will give you the solicitation letter for your tax filings. If you or your business want to contact the Lead Prize Chair John Prather at (509)521-1593 or [cowboy\\_jp82@msn.com](mailto:cowboy_jp82@msn.com).

**UPCOMING WGD DATES:** For clarification purposes Ben Hooper’s House is at 41530 S. Morton Rd. Kennewick, WA 99337. John Prather’s Shop is at 215107 E. Game Farm Rd. Kennewick, WA 99337. And the Fairgrounds are mentioned above.

- Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 5PM– Sausage Grinding (John’s)
- Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 12PM- Sausage making (John’s)
- Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 12PM- Sausage Cooking (Ben’s)
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> 10AM-Smoking&Trout Cakes(Ben’s)
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 10AM-Mincemeat 101 (Ben’s)
- Mar 8<sup>th</sup> 10AM- Pheasant Prep (Ben’s)
- Mar 20<sup>th</sup> 2PM- WGD set up at (Fairgrounds)
- Mar 21<sup>st</sup> 8AM- Cook and Prep (Fairgrounds)
- Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> WGD Clean up

**WOOD DUCK PROJECT:** Dale Schielke reports that a total of 259 wood duck nesting

boxes have been checked and cleaned. Which puts him at 54% complete for the cleanout period before nesting season kicks off. His volunteers and him have been stacking the miles this last month! In March he will put on presentations and builds at a few middle schools, participate in science nights and present and build with local homeschoolers at Grigg’s. All this while still cleaning out boxes and adjusting and setting camera equipment up, as well as preparing and helping with all of the WGD prep. Thank you, Dale for keeping us all humble in our services, we appreciate you! You can see his streaming areas on YouTube at: [WOOD DUCK PROJECT](#)

**NASP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The National Archery in the Schools Program or NASP for short; is holding a competition for local schools to compete on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Enterprise Middle School in West Richland. Anyone wishing to Volunteer can contact Dale Schielke at (509)375-0183.



(Todd and Elijah Woollum)

**RRGC WEB PAGE:** [richlandrodandgun.org](http://richlandrodandgun.org) has had Over 7,463 visits. Photos, news, trips, or tutorials can all be added to the website from our members just email them to: [admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org).

**KOE FISHING EVENT:** At the General Membership Meeting on march 3<sup>rd</sup> Gene Van

Liew will have the sign-up for the rod building lists. This year you have the option of taking them home to put together or signing up to do them in a rod building party! We were graciously offered by a new member: Jerry Myhres of Affordable RV and Auto Repair; to use one of his bays for a large gathering for pole building! ARC Fishing day will be April 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 any special needs are welcome to register through the ARC of Tri-Cities. Volunteers are needed by 3:30PM so fishing can commence from 4-6PM. Volunteer dinner to follow. Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> kids fishing day starts at 7AM for volunteers and the first flight of fishermen start at 8 AM and continue until 3 PM. This is a long-standing event that has been down at the Columbia Park Kids Fishing Pond since its inception. A very good time for volunteering to help teach the youth in the community how to fish.

**NOMINATIONS:** Our Bylaws require the nominations of all our Executive Officers and Trustees to be voted on by the general membership in March. On Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> we will hold that vote in accordance. Please attend to cast your vote and meet new Board Members and Officers.

**IN MEMORIAM OF JERRY ZEITLER:** The Richland Rod and Gun Club offers their condolences on the passing of Jerry Zeitler on Jan. 5, 2020 at the age of 91. Jerry joined the Club in September, 1956 and worked on the following activities: Atomic Frontier Days Exhibit in July, 1957, With the Landowner Sportsman Relations Committee in March 1957 to plant shelter-belts on a number of farms North of Pasco, Was a Captain on the Clubs annual fundraising project in April 1959, Chaired the Fish Committee in 1961 managing the area bass transplanting and gave fishing demonstrations to local Boy Scout troops. Was Co-Chair of the Hunting Sign Distribution program for the irrigated Land north of Pasco in September, 1962, Elected Treasurer in 1960, Elected Vice President and Program Chairman in 1963. In mid-1963 he left the Tri-City area to take a job in Ellensburg and came back in 1992 becoming active in the following areas:

elected to the board of trustees from 1992 through 1996 and then became a Special Volunteer until he retired, Cooked for the Wild Game Dinner in 1992 and 93 and was Chairman of the very successful and well organized Dinners from 1994 to 2010 (17 years), Cooked salmon most years from 1992 to 2011 for the Club's Salmon Booth at Richland's Allied Arts Festival in July, He also cooked salmon most years from 1992 through 2007 for the Club's Annual Picnic, Stored the salmon cookers and would bring them to an Event as needed, Starting in 1992 he was an annual Instructor in Hunter Education teaching Muzzleloader Safety and assisting on Range Day, Worked on a habitat planting project in Walla Walla County in 1993 and in Benton county in 1994 and 1995, Worked on the Pathway to Fishing Program at Walmart in 1994, In 1996 contributed a tip on the use of a hairspray to keep burrs and snow from adhering to the hair on a dogs' coats and feet. In September, 1998, he was part of a group of Club members that cooked 550 lbs. of salmon for a two day Indian, "Return of the Columbia River Salmon Powwow", that Chrest Museum supported. The Club received a Richland Rod and Gun Club engraved brick at the Museum commemorating their effort, In June 1999 he was part of a group of Club members that barbecued steak for the FFA Youth that had just spent a week building and installing guzzlers in WDFW Regions 1,2 and 3. He assembled rods and worked at the Kids Fishing Day at the Pond in Columbia Park for several years. On three separate occasions starting in 2008, he was part of a group of Club members that catered a Salmon and Chicken Barbecue for about 400 Battelle employees, Worked at the Salmon Summit in June 2009, the Woman and Youth Introduction to Firearms class in July 2009 and assisted in the Wild Game Recovery of a roadkill bull elk in 2010. He also assisted youth fishing in Lunker Lake and the Pellet Rifle Range at the Sportsmen's Show in Pasco. In view of the above activity he earned the following awards: Distinguished Service Award in 1995, 25-year Buckle Award in 1996, Life Member Award in 2000 and the Gardner-Cranston Award in 2001. People with his level of activity don't come along very often. It was

my privilege and pleasure to have hunted and fished with Jerry for 63 years. We had many great experiences and a lot of fun along the way. The fishing was fly casting, spinning and trolling for salmon. The hunting were birds both upland and water fowl plus goats, deer and elk. It was hard work at times because until the last three years we hunted elk together we boned and backpacked them out. He will be missed.

Howard Gardner

**IN MEMORIAM OF RUSS WYER:** The Richland Rod and Gun Club was deeply saddened by the passing of Russ Wyer on January 26, 2020. Russ joined the Club in 1998, was elected to the Board of Trustees in the years 2000, 01, 02, elected Vice President and Program Chairman in 2003 and then back as a Trustee for 2004-2007. He then became a Special Volunteer from 2008-14 and Trustee in 2015-16 and 2018-19. He participated in the following club activities: Quarry pond cleanup project: April 2000, 2001; Salmon Booth: July 2000, 01,02,04,07 to 18; Windmill Ranch Habitat Planting Project: March 2001,04; Tri-Cities Kids Klassic Fishing Event: May 2001,02,04,05,06,08 to 13; Lunker Lake: March 2011,12,13,14; First Annual Fall Salmon Derby: November 2011. In 2002 Russ completed development and installation of the Club's webpage and starting in January 2003 the URL was included in the heading of the Bulletin. This was a very important asset in providing access to, and publicizing the Club's activities and projects. In February 2003, Russ was part of a group of Club members that received a thank you from the Project Leader of the Hanford Reach National Monument for their help in sagebrush rehabilitation on 1600 acres that were burned in a large fire. In April 2008, at Russ Wyer's instigation, the Board voted to develop a "Northwest Wild Game Cooking" website. Club members were requested to submit their favorite wild game/fish recipes. In September 2008, Russ published the Northwest Game Recipes website which includes not only the recipes but a number of related topics which includes all of the steps involved in processing wild game from field to freezer, very comprehensive, seven different categories. In May 2009, Russ created

a website where club members can buy, sell or giveaway outdoors related items. In December 2009, Russ said that a new Wine, Beer and Wild Game section is now in the Recipes website. In August 2010, Russ announced that three new recipes from the 2010 Wild Game Dinner are now included in the Recipe website. In May 2011, Russ announced his "How to Cook a Coyote" cookbook, it also includes how to cook other uncommon critters, \$5.00. In October 2011, Russ asked Club members to bring in historical photos and other information that can be used to update older Club information. In May 2012, Russ began assembling Club history information obtained by Howard Gardner into Timeline, History Events and Notable Members. In May 2013, Russ announced that the Club was now on Facebook. The URL for Facebook is given as part of the Club's heading in the Bulletin. In March 2014, at the Annual Wild Game Dinner Russ was given the Gardner-Cranston Award not only because of his leadership and hard work in getting the Club into the world of the Internet, but for his continual annual support of many of the Club's activities and projects. In August 2015, Russ instigated the formation of a committee to establish a path forward for the recording of RRGc activities resulting in the development of an electronic history of the Club. In November 2015, under Data Management, Russ and Sam Morrison started the effort to convert RRGc data into a Dropbox. A permanent accessible electronic record of RRGc activities. Russ made sure all members of the board were able to access this information to keep them apprised of the past events and how things worked throughout the years. In July 2018, Russ and Greg Boeringa completed an upgrading of the Club webpage. What is now the [www.richlandrodandgun.org](http://www.richlandrodandgun.org) was a culmination of many years of Russ trying to push the club to forefront of technology and with the passing of a torch, Greg took it to the user-friendly updated version it is today. In July 2018, Russ and Howard Gardner initiated compilation of the history of the RRGc from documentation and Bulletins that go back to 1945 when the Club was formed. In August 2018 Russ donated to the Club his boat, motor and trailer with a value of about \$6000. In November 2019, Russ and



Howard Gardner completed the History of the Richland Rod and Gun Club from 1945 to present and installed it on the Club's website. We were very pleased with the result. It was my pleasure to work with Russ on many of his projects. What few disagreements we had on sequence or content were easily and amicably resolved. Sometimes with a lot of laughter, he was fun to be with. His untimely passing left a void for me with no one to talk with or consult with on a wide variety of topics. He will be missed.

Howard Gardner

**GUZZLERS:** Thursday 2-20-20 Larry Martin and his grandson Bryce who was visiting from Kansas assembled frames for guzzlers 78 and 197 then on Friday 2-21-20 repaired both guzzlers; each having one badly damaged rain catchment apron, both had been hit with farm equipment previously. Costs to repair weren't too high, because we were able to salvage some of the apron posts and we used sheet metal that John Merk had donated. These guzzlers are Southwest of Kennewick Badger Canyon road area. Larry also stated that we will need volunteers for helping in the effort to replant native plants in the Burbank area around Dodd Rd. As well as checking a few guzzlers in that area. and our club along with the local Pheasants Forever Chapter will be participating with a biologist with the WDFW. Any questions? Call Larry Martin at (509)545-9647.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The next Board Meeting will be March 17th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter Education Room, Pasco. **All RRG members are invited to attend.**

#### **FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

**RECAP:** Dave Myers and Dale Schielke had a great time in South Dakota on their Quality Trip won at the 2019 WGD. They gave us tips on saving money and sightseeing along the way. They were successful in their planned pheasant hunts and arrived home with bounty and funds to spare! So, they did the only they could think

of; they planned another hunt at our very well-loved Limits Game Farm LLC. You can find It here: [Dave and Dale's Rooster Road trip](#)

#### **ZEITLER'S AMMO/COMPONENTS SALE:**

At Jerry's request, Howard Gardner and Larry Martin conducted the sale in Jerry's barn. It took several days to find and sort through all of the ammunition and components. It was all segregated into groups of cases, bullets, primers, powder, hulls and wads. Then it was grouped into individual calibers/hulls, loaded or reloaded and labeled for ease in buyer examination and selection. There was also a separate section for reloading, including presses, dies, powder measures and a scale. Plus, two lead sleds for bench rest shooting, and other odds and ends. Rocky Ross joined us later as an advisor and cashier. The sale started at 9 AM on Saturday, February 8 and there was a steady stream of customers until about 11 o'clock when it began to taper off. It never got crowded enough to consider limiting the number of customers on some sort of schedule. We shut down at noon, boxed up the items that hadn't sold to free up the tables that we brought from home to display the items. Rocky totaled up the sales and it came to \$1142 which we turned over to Mary Zeitler who was very pleased. As I was leaving, a locksmith (Robert Davis) that helped us gain access to Jerry's gun safe, pulled up and wanted to see the sale items that were left. I took him out to the barn and I showed the boxed items as best I could. After about 10 to 15 minutes, I asked him what he was interested in and he offered \$200 for all the leftovers which I accepted. So, another \$200 can be added making a total sale of \$1342. In addition, there were a number of collectible items (Herters) that I removed before the sale and will sell them on eBay to add to the total. A huge factor in the number of potential customers that came to the sale, was Club Secretary Shannon's email announcements on the sale to the RRG members and the TCMSA members. Many thanks to you Shannon!

Howard Gardner

**VETERANS RECREATION GROUP:** There has been considerable interest in the forming of a group of just veterans within the club. The

function of the group will be to assist with club projects and to enhance hunting and fishing opportunities for veterans and disabled outdoorsman. If you are interested please call Bill Lambert at: (509)308-3657.

**FEBRUARY RAFFLE WINNERS:** Therma Seat-Chris Mosher; Danielson Billie Clug- Chris Mosher; Cyclops 1400 Lm Flashlight- Chris Mosher; 2 Gl. Rubbermaid Jug- Gerald Hayes; 4 Qt. Canteen- Carry Butler; Rowan Tackle Bag- David Miller; Big Game Quarter Bags- Duane Schulz; Igloo Sportsman's Lunch Bag- Bill Lambert; Crawfish Trap- Marilyn Steele; SlumberJack Cot- Gerald Hayes; Stansport Porta Toilet- John Prather; Ruko Large Folding Knife- David Miller; Calcutta Fish Cooler-Chris Mosher; Mystery Box-Ben Burdett.

**RRGC SPONSORED PHEASANT HUNT:**

This year's 2020 Hunter Ed Pheasant Hunt was held on February 15th at the Limits Game Farm. There were 34 hunter ed students present this year. The first group, started out at the Connell Gun Club with some clay bird shooting to warm the students up for their hunt. After clay bird shooting the first group went down to Limits Game Farm and was given a safety briefing for the upcoming hunt then paired up with mentors and dog handlers and proceeded to their hunting location. This year we had a couple of different hunting areas from the past couple of years that added some interesting opportunities. The second group of students, arrived around 10 am at the Connell Gun Club and proceeded to shoot clay birds warming them up for their hunt. After the second group finished shooting clay birds, they went down to Limits Game Farm and were met by the first group of students coming back from their hunt. At that time, all the students attended a "hunting clinic" put on by Aaron Garcia of WDFW. At the end of Aaron's presentation WDFW game enforcement officer Josh Beltz spoke to the students about his role as a game enforcement officer. After the clinic everybody met in the main building where an awesome lunch was provided by Limits Game Farm and Pheasants Forever (PF). This year we fed over 114 people. The chicken, Tri Tip, and all the fixings were attacked and nobody left the dining hall hungry. After lunch the second group

of students was given a safety briefing for their upcoming hunt and paired up with mentors and dog handlers and proceeded to their hunt. Around 4:00 pm the afternoon hunters were back at Limits Game Farm with their harvest of birds. WDFW provided over 110 pheasants that were released for the two hunting groups. The weather was good except for the wind. This caused many challenges for the hunters, mentors, birds, and especially the dogs. That's why they call it hunting not harvesting! A lot of shooting was done by all the students and a lot of ammo was expended!

Special thanks goes out to several of the sponsors of this year's hunter ed pheasant hunt: McCary Meats for supplying Tri Tip, Ringold PF Chapter for purchasing and preparing the food, Connell Gun Club for providing the facilities and clay bird thrower, WDFW for putting on the hunting clinic, providing the birds, and to Josh Beltz, enforcement officer, for his presentation, Eppich Grain for their monetary donation to PF to cover some of the food expenses, Les Schwab for their donation of drinking water, Richland Rod and Gun Club for providing guns to those students that didn't have one, and the ammunition for the clay bird shooting, and a very nice monetary donation, and Griggs Department Store in Pasco for the hunting ammunition and clay birds. Additionally special thanks to Wade and Angie Conant for all the behind the scene help and providing the eye and ear protections, over 25 individuals who volunteered this year as either mentors or dog handlers, several PF volunteers who helped with the set up of the dining hall, did all the cooking, planted the pheasants, and showed the hunter ed students how to clean birds. And last but certainly not least a very special thanks to Dave and Pam Piovesan of Limits Game Farm for all the help, coordination, facilities, and making sure this year's hunter ed pheasant hunt was a success. Thanks to everybody!

Ron Ruth  
Hunter Ed Instructor

**GAME RECOVERY:** This last month Chris Mosher spoke with WDFW and Brian of Brian's Butcher Block. He found out that we need a "qualified" butcher and a whole lot of information printed on a heat transfer sticker

(you see these on your ground beef packages). He has the heat transfer reem but is now in search of the small printer to be either donated or purchased by the club, so that we may continue our game recovery donations. If you would like to help with game recovery contact Chris at 302-5171.

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

**THROWBACK TO ANOTHER YEAR:** In June 2011, the Moonlight Catfish Derby sponsored by the Richland Rod and Gun Club was held at Columbia Point to acquire spawning-age class channel catfish to be planted at the juvenile pond in phase two of the Columbia Park pond enhancement project. A total of 98 catfish was transported to the pond by Paul Hoffarth and Tammy Gish from the Department of Fish and Wildlife who donated their time to ensure safe transport was possible.



(Paul Hoffarth 2011)

### HARLEY'S CORNER:



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

### PHOTO OF THE MONTH:

The 2020 Hunter Ed Pheasant Hunters

