



# RIGHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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Club Website- <http://rgclub.tripod.com/clubhome>

Club Facebook Site – [www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub](http://www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub)

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site – [www.northwestgamerecipes.com](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com)

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#### 2016-2017 Officers

Richard Sharp, President	586-4790	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
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#### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday September 6th, Richland Public Library,  
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, Sept. 20th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Sept. 23rd, Call Mike Estes at 551-9066 or

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**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM:** Don't miss this presentation on September 6 if you are, or want to become, a salmon fisherman. Geraldo Reyes of Flatout Fishing will discuss Fall Chinook Salmon fishing tips and techniques that you can use to improve your success on the river this fall. Gerry is an experienced local fishing guide who specializes in salmon and steelhead fishing. Check out some of his photos at [www.facebook.com/flatoutfishingNW](http://www.facebook.com/flatoutfishingNW) if you need to get pumped up about the fall salmon season that is about ready to shift into high gear.

**SALMON BOOTH at ART IN THE PARK:** The 32th Anniversary of the Salmon Booth in the Art in the Park Show is "in the books." This year RRG and Columbia Basin Fly Casters will each receive \$1,926.73. The net profit is one of our worst years ever, probably due to the extreme heat on Friday. The "Salmon

Sandwich", in its 18th year, continues to be a good seller. The third year of the Chicken Dinner provided a non-fish alternative that also contributed. A total of 295 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as sandwiches or dinners, and 78 pounds of chicken thighs and breasts were BBQ'd for dinners. We estimate that we served about 300 salmon dinners, 340 salmon sandwiches, 80 chicken dinners, 360 bottles of water, and 300 fountain drinks. We continue to get many compliments on the dinners and sandwiches.

We would like to give *special* thanks to Lance Sawyer, Columbia River Catering Company, for providing space at the Shilo for us to store the salmon and to marinate the fillets. Also a big THANK YOU to Grigg's Ace Hardware for the loan of their towable Traeger grill used for cooking the chicken. John Pfeiffer and his

“booth crew” again did a great job with the booth setup, tear down and storage - thanks. Thank you Frank Scopa for the loan of your Smoke Vault used for hot holding and the Honda generator for supplemental power. We also appreciate the loan of the enclosed trailer from John Prather that was used for secure storage of supplies at the park – thanks! Thanks also to Gaylord Pyle for the many years of providing a storage container to store our cookers and associated equipment/supplies needed for the booth. Lastly but not least, thanks to Dale Schielke for his tremendous leadership for the event again this year and to Dave Myers for being the co-chair for the Salmon Booth operation.

Activities associated with the Salmon Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to a great group of volunteers which includes the following members of both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and Columbia Basin Fly Casters: John Pfeiffer(2), Mike Evans(2), Paul Kison(2), Dale Schielke(8), Jack Pickard(2), Russ Wyer, Gene VanLiew(2), David Myers(8), Carol Myers(2), Mike Estes, Dan Robertson, Larry Martin(2), Jeff Fulks(2), Margaret Fulks(2), Frank Scopa(3), Richard Santos, Diana Santos, Dennis Collins(2), Jim Loomis, Terrell Finger(2), Jerry Zietler, Mike Wade(2), Duane Horton, Rick Libby(2), Sam Morrison, Bob Schultz, Ray Williams(2), Jim Saunders, Tim Lynch, Tony Umek, Lou LaDouceur, Neil Sullivan, Ben Burdett(6), Joe Delaney, Ron Ruth, Ted Lewis, Ben Webb, Gaylord Pyle, Ted Poston(2), Kathy Poston(2), Rusty Morlan, Leslie Morlan, Vince Pickering, Jeff Dowley, Marilyn Steele((2), Jennifer Gardner, Jeff Gardner, Carla Boeringa, Greg Boeringa, Rocky Ross(2), Pam Anderson, Larry Dow, Mike Schmitz, and Richard Sharp(4). The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered.

Thanks again to all the volunteers and contributors that made the Salmon Booth a success! The revenue contributes to our ability to send kids to Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island each summer.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS:** On line registration is now open on the WDFW web site <http://dfw.wa.gov/hunting/huntered/classes/basic.php> for the last scheduled RRCG Hunter Education class of the year. The class starts on Monday, Sept. 12 and continues through Saturday, Sept. 17. Class times will be from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM Monday through Friday. The exam will be on Saturday morning at 8:00 AM with Range Day to follow at the Tri-City Metallic Silhouette Club range starting at noon. **NEW MEMBERS:** Two new members were approved at the August Board of Directors meeting. Please join us in welcoming Justin Engel of West Richland and Ray Wildung of Richland. Justin and Ray each signed up for 3 year memberships.

#### **MCNARY NWR WATERFOWL LOTTERY**

The application deadline for the McNary NWR waterfowl hunt lottery for the 2016-2017 season is 3:30 PM on September 9, 2016. There is a non-refundable, \$12 lottery entry fee for online registrations. The fees are higher if you complete a paper registration or pay by check. The McNary Headquarters (Fee Hunt) Unit is open for hunting three days per week – Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday – as well as Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day. No adult reservations are accepted for the Youth Hunt Day, November 12, 2016. There is a daily hunting blind fee for each hunter (reservation holder and standby recipients) and guests, payable at the time of the hunt, of \$14 (\$7 for America the Beautiful Senior or Access card holders). There is no fee for hunters aged 15 years and younger. To learn more about how the McNary NWR waterfowl hunting lottery works or to enter the lottery, go to [www.fws.gov/McNary/lottery](http://www.fws.gov/McNary/lottery).

**RRGC CLUB PICNIC/BBQ RECAP:** About 60 members and guests enjoyed a sunny but breezy evening at Leslie Groves Park for the annual Club picnic on August 2. Thanks to Dale Schielke and Dave Myers for cooking up the tasty salmon and chicken; to Ben Burdett, Frank Scopa, and Rich Sharp for assisting with getting supplies to the park and set up for the dinner; and to Treasurer Rick Libby who always ends up being the last to get to eat at the picnic and

the Wild Game Dinner. Johnathen Jencks, Frank Scopa's grandson from Anchorage, Alaska, gave a summary of his experiences the prior week at Youth Summer Camp on Orcas Island. The winner of the Liar's Contest was young Joshua Hall who maintained great eye contact with the audience. Second place was awarded to Mike Estes and third place went to Larry Martin. It was a fun evening with plenty of good food and lively conversation.

**CONSERVATION/HABITAT:** Larry Martin checked for guzzler damage from the Benton City McBee Grade fire on August 2. Guzzlers #4 and #5 were hit: #4 is already scheduled for complete repair and #5 with its metal legs came through with only a small 2" burn hole at the edge of fiberglass top. On August 15, Larry checked guzzler #214, also near Benton City. Guzzler #214 was not hit by recent fire but may have been hit in past fires. It needs all new catchment aprons, although it is still catching some water, and also needs 4 new corner posts for the perimeter fence. Larry recently discovered this guzzler by Google Earth satellite.

**DONATIONS FOR WILD GAME DINNER:** It is still summer but hunting seasons are quickly approaching and are as little as a few days away. If you are successful, please consider sharing a portion of your bounty for the Wild Game Dinner. As per last year, John Prather has graciously volunteered his freezers for storage of donated meat. Each donation should be tagged with the following information; donor's name, WILD ID number, species and cut of meat, plus the date taken. Fish, waterfowl, upland birds, deer, elk, bear, moose, and almost everything other than skunk will be appreciated. No ground

meat, please, due to the risk of contamination. John can be reached at (509) 582-2482.

**BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS:** If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to [secretary.rrgc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@gmail.com). You will get quicker delivery and save us some money. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Jennifer Gardner, Membership Chair, at [jen\\_gardner11@yahoo.com](mailto:jen_gardner11@yahoo.com).

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** September 20, 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

**OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING:** October 4 at 7:00 PM at the Richland Public Library. WDFW District 4 Wildlife Biologist Jason Fidorra will present the **Fall Hunting Forecast**. WDFW Region 3 Director Mike Livingston will update us on the status of the "**Washington's Wild Future**" initiative. Mark your calendar now so that you don't miss this meeting.

**FOR SALE:** Danner Pronghorn GTX boots, size 11-1/2 EE, 400 gram Thinsulate, Gore-Tex, Mossy Oak Breakup pattern, style #42284. Two pair, each worn only once. \$200 new per pair at Sportsman's Warehouse. Sell for \$100 per pair. Call Jack at 627-9244.

#### **WANT ADS AND SHOUT OUTS**

If you have anything that needs to be in the Want Ads section or information that you would like to convey to the general membership, please keep in mind that the cut-off date for inclusion is normally the Sunday after the Executive Board Meeting. Send your information to [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com) or [rrgcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rrgcsecretary@gmail.com)

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH:** Frank Scopa and his grandson, Johnathen Jencks, in Seward, Alaska on August 15, 2016 standing in front of a display of halibut, salmon, and lingcod they caught on a fishing trip earlier that day. Congratulations Frank and Johnathen!



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