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(a) may be adopted as proposed; (b) may be modified; or (c) may not be adopted. The exception is that Commission action will be taken on Proposal #26 - No Annual Limit for Hatchery Steelhead- at the December meeting. This proposal, if adopted, would require changes in the catch record documents that require extra lead time. If adopted, this rule would take effect with the new 2003 license year beginning in April 2003. The Proposal Package can be viewed and/or downloaded at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/fish/regs/2003prop.htm>. The effective date of any other changes will be May 1, 2003.

**AMERICANS SPENT \$108 BILLION ON WILDLIFE-RELATED RECREATION IN 2001:** (A USFWS News Release) In 2001, 39 percent of all U.S. residents 16 years old and older participated in activities such as hunting, fishing and birdwatching according to the comprehensive "2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation." "This National Survey is created in a partnership effort with the U.S. Bureau of Census, and State fish and wildlife agencies, and has become one of the most important sources of information on fish and wildlife recreation in the United States," said Service Director Steve Williams. "It is a useful tool that quantifies the human economic impact generated by wildlife-based recreation. Federal, State, and private organizations use this detailed information to manage wildlife, market products, and look for trends." The 2001 Survey is the tenth in a series that began in 1955. The Survey reports that more than 34 million Americans fished, 13 million hunted and 66 million observed wildlife. These recreationists spent more than \$108 billion pursuing their activities. This expenditure accounted for 1.1% of the gross domestic product. Of the total amount spent, \$28.1 billion was trip-related, \$64.5 billion was spent on equipment and \$15.8 billion was spent on other items.

■ America's 34 million anglers spent \$35.6 billion in pursuit of their hobby. More than 28 million people went freshwater fishing, while nine million people went saltwater fishing. The Great Lakes, one of the most widely fished freshwater areas, attracted two million anglers.

■ Meanwhile, 13 million Americans age 16 or older hunted. They spent more than \$20 billion on their activities and equipment. Nearly 11 million hunters sought big game such as deer and elk on 153 million days. Roughly five million hunters pursued small game, including squirrels and rabbits, on 60 million days. Three million migratory bird hunters spent 29 million days hunting for birds such as doves and ducks. And one million hunters spent 19 million days hunting other animals such as raccoons and woodchucks

■ More than 66 million adults participated in feeding, observing, and photographing wildlife and spent \$38.4 billion. Nearly 22 million people, or 33 percent of this total, took outings of one mile or more away from home to participate in these activities. Nearly 63 million,

or 95 percent, enjoyed wildlife-related activities around their homes. Some 54 million enthusiasts fed birds and other wildlife around the home, while more than 42 million observed wildlife and 14 million photographed wildlife around the home. Almost 13 million people maintained plants or natural areas for the benefit of wildlife around the home, and 11 million visited public parks or natural areas to enjoy wildlife within a mile of home.

■ The release stated that, while the combined national economic impact of sportsmen is remarkable, it is even more important to recognize the impact at the state and local level. In Florida, recreational anglers spend three times more each year than the cash receipts for the state's orange crop. In Minnesota, sportsmen pay \$175 million in state sales, fuel, and income taxes equivalent to the salaries for 8% of the state's teachers. In Oregon, sportsmen support more jobs than are provided by Intel™, Nike™, Oregon State University and the University of Oregon combined. And in Montana, annual spending by sportsmen is nearly 3% of the entire Gross State Product.



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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, November 5, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, November 19, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - November 20, 2002, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

LUNKER LAKE AT TRAC - Friday, Saturday & Sunday - January 17, 18 & 19, 2003

### NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

● It is no secret that geese can be fickle and difficult to hunt; the presenter for our November meeting is a goose hunting specialist. RR&GC member Ben Holten has been guiding goose hunters for six years and is the owner of North Flight Waterfowl. Ben won 3rd place in the 2001 Washington State Goose Calling Contest and 7th place in the 2001 Pacific Flyway Regional Goose Calling Contest. Ben will discuss all aspects of a successful goose hunt including scouting, decoys and setup, blinds, and calling. Ben is able to take time from his busy schedule to present this program because Canada goose hunting is closed statewide from October 25 through November 8.

● Two young ladies, Vanessa and Victoria Manthos, who were sponsored by the Club to attend a Conservation Camp at Couer D Alene this summer and were camp counselors at the Orcas Island summer camp will give a short report on their experiences and the differences between the two camps.

● RR&GC/Remington year 2003 calendars will be available for \$3.00. They are excellent Christmas gifts for your hunting and fishing buddies.

● **Bring a prospective new member as a guest to the meeting and receive five free raffle tickets! More details at the meeting.**

**2002 Election:** Please do not forget to vote before coming to the November 5 General meeting. There are two sites on the Internet that can help you decide which candidates to vote for.

● The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance has a web site at <http://www.wlfa.org/>. Click on "The Alliance conducts candidate surveys to help sportsmen make decisions at polls".

● The NRA's endorsements for the election can be viewed at <http://www.nrapvf.org/>. You can view the candidates either by Zip code or by State.

### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

The meeting room was filled to capacity with salmon and steelhead fishermen waiting to hear the program for the evening, "Fall Salmon and Steelhead - When, Where, and How". The meeting was opened by President Gaylord Pyle who asked all

visitors and guests to introduce themselves. Announcements were made by:

- Larry Martin who described the evenings raffle prizes.
- Howard Gardner stated that there would be a meeting of the nominating committee for 2003 officers and board of trustees members at his home the following Tuesday. He described the duties of the officers and trustees. Dave Myers and Howard spoke of the importance of Club members becoming involved as officers and trustees.
- Howard Gardner announced that Fall 2002 edition of "Washington Hunting News - Game Trails" is now available at license dealers and can be downloaded from the Internet at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/wlm/game/hunter/gametrails/>.
- Gene VanLiew announced that Mike Ritter, Deputy Director of the Hanford National Monument, will present an overview of the Monument at the October Board of Directors meeting and answer questions from the audience. The meeting will be open to all Club members and guests.
- Program Chairman Mike Estes introduced the speakers of the evening Eldon Ladd and Lloyd Zinsli, both Club members.
- Eldon has devoted a lot of time and work accumulating and interpreting data related to fish passages over Columbia and Snake River dams for as long as fish numbers have been counted. He has published a book the "Steelheader's Reference Guide" - *Steelhead Catch Information Statistics for Determining Where and when to Catch Oregon and Washington Steelhead*. Eldon donated a book as one of the evenings raffle prizes. He stated that the best bets for catching salmon in our section of the state are September and October and for steelhead August through February. This year, fish passage at the dams has exceeded the past ten year averages. Steelhead numbers through the Snake River dams have been extremely high and it appears that the fish have been "boogieing" up the Snake. The fish have not been stopping or slowing down at the downstream reservoirs. Eldon passed out a handout showing the historical peak catch months for Washington steelhead at various Washington rivers and Columbia and Snake River reservoirs.

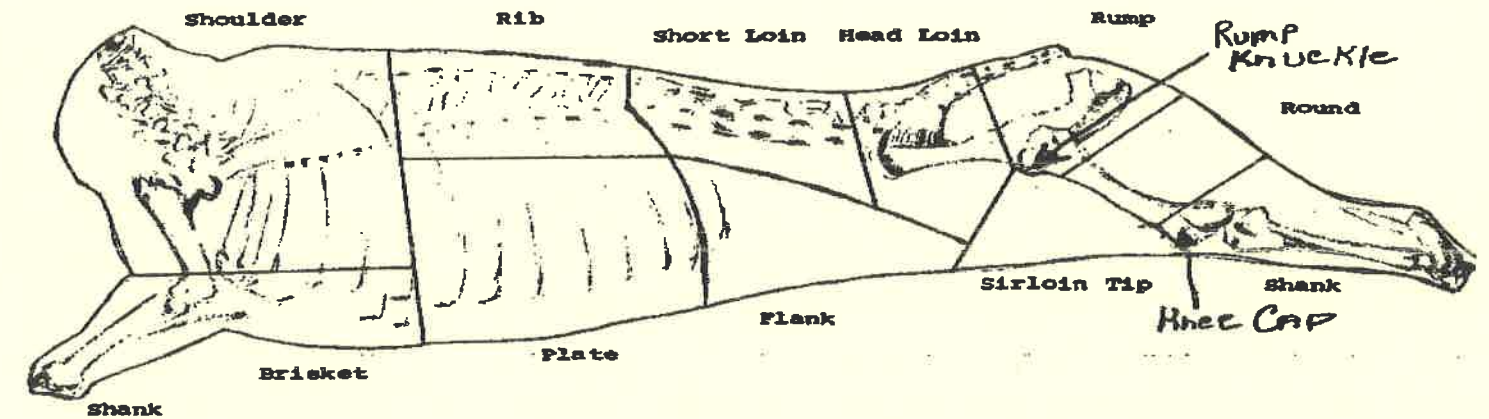
● After Eldon's presentation, Lloyd Zinsli spoke about the various fishing techniques that he uses when fishing for salmon and steelhead. Lloyd is also a licensed fishing guide and goes by the name of Captain Z. He generally fishes from a boat and uses medium to medium heavy (10 to 20 lb.) line. If he is fishing with a down rigger he uses 20-25 lb. Line. When fishing for steelhead he uses a lighter rod and trolls above McNary dam with *Magnum Wiggle Warts*, he "tunes" his lures to ensure that they run straight and with maximum action. When fishing on the Reach he generally "back trolls" and may add a crescent sinker about 5 feet above the lure to achieve a greater depth. He may also tie a swivel on the line above the lure and sinker, if present, to prevent milfoil from fouling the lure. He uses herring oil or shrimp oil as an attractant; he even uses herring oil when fishing for steelhead. There are two steelhead runs on the Snake River. The A run is a summer run that runs through about August 16 with fish averaging from 6 to 8 lb. The B run starts after August 16 and the fish average from 12-15 lb. He sometimes fishes a "drift" rig in which he uses a 4 inch hook with a shrimp or crawdad or eggs for salmon. A "corkie" is immediately above the hook and about 3 feet above the hook he ties a pencil lead to the line as a drop weight. He also uses a bobber or float rig in which he uses a jig, either hair or marabou, a "corkie" immediately above the jig, a bobber or float and a bobber stop set from 6-8 to 12-14 feet above the jig. He may also use a hook plus a weight in place of the jig and baits the jig or hook with eggs or shrimp (for steelhead.) He prefers a black marabou jig and does not use oil on it because he believes that the oil inhibits the jig action. He also prefers to use a jig, in place of a hook when the water is choppy. When the water is calm he adds action to the lure, especially marabou, by shaking the rod.

During the Hanford Reach salmon run he fishes 40 ft. deep holes for fish that he locates on his depth finder. He uses *Kwikfish* or *Mag Wiggle Warts* with a *Jet Diver* on the end of the line and the lure attached to a "slider" above the *Jet Diver*. He may also use a *Jet Diver* and eggs only. Using this *Jet Diver* technique he back trolls with from 50 to 100 ft. of line out. He may also use a down rigger with a 12 to 40 oz. ball instead of the *Jet Diver*. He does not allow bananas or any part of a banana on his boat when he is fishing. He washes his lures and does not handle them with bare hands when fishing. He passed some of his lures through the audience and asked they be handled as little as possible. Both Eldon and Lloyd answered many questions from the audience and told fish stories at the end of their presentations.

● Raffle prize winners were: Dan Sevcik - binoculars, John Pfeiffer - "Steelheader's Reference Guide" book by Eldon Ladd, Reese Bang - a Browning knife, Gene VanLiew - a book, Vincent Guerero, Dave Myers, Gene VanLiew, John Pfeiffer, Bill Lambert and Lloyd Zinsli each won a duck call.

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:** Rich Doyle from West Richland.

**SALMON DERBY RESULTS:** Over 220 anglers participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual KC/Tri-Cities Prep Salmon Derby, which was held in Richland, Washington on September 28-29, 2002. The event raised almost \$3,000 to benefit the Tri-Cities Prep Catholic high school in Pasco. The tagged fish was not caught, but one hundred thirty-five chinook salmon were weighed in during the derby. Kim Cline of Yakima landed the First Prize winner, weighing 41.8 pounds. Second Prize went to Dana Bowen of Pasco with 38.3 pounds. Dennis Morgan of Deer Park took Third, Fourth and Sixth Prizes at 32.4, 32.1 and 30.4 pounds, and a two-day total of 194.1 pounds. Michael Maloney of Bothell landed Fifth Prize with 30.8 pounds. Pasco's Pat Roach netted the Mystery Fish with a randomly selected winner weighing 11.3 pounds. In the youth category, 12 years and under, Seven-year-old Ian Lewis of Richland won first and second prizes with salmon weighing 19.2 and 18.7 pounds. Ten-year-old Caitlin McBride of Richland caught third place with 18.2 pounds. No other youth fish were caught, so the fourth through sixth prizes were drawn from among the youth entrants and awarded to Sierica Woods of Mattawa and Richland's Samuel Lewis and Kyle Saueressig. More complete results showing the prizes won by each contestant can be viewed at <http://www.rc.net.knights/kc3307/derby.htm>.

**Lunker Lake:** Mark these Lunker Lake dates on your calendar: Friday, Saturday & Sunday - January 17, 18 & 19, 2003.

**2003-2004 WDFW Sportfishing Rule Proposals:** (A WDFW News Release) The public hearing for these proposed rules will be held during the Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting on December 6 and 7 at the Skagit County P.U.D, 1415 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon, WA. The exact day and time has not yet been determined. Please check the Department's website or call the WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commission office at (360) 902-2449 prior to the meeting for details. Verbal testimony on the proposals may be presented at the hearing. Written testimony may be sent to Evan Jacoby, WDFW Rules Coordinator, WDFW, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501-1091 or to [jacobes@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:jacobes@dfw.wa.gov). All written testimony must be received by Mr. Jacoby by November 29. If you plan on attending, you may also submit written testimony at the hearing. Both written and oral testimony will be carefully considered. With one exception, final decisions on these proposals will be made at the public adoption hearing to be held in early 2003. At the adoption hearing, these proposals:

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proximity to riparian areas also raises the risk of destruction of adjacent fish and wildlife habitat by off-road travel, he said.

- Green Gulch Road will only be open to motorized vehicles under 48 inches wide (mostly All-Terrain-Vehicles) from October 1 through November 30, depending on fire danger and weather conditions. No vehicles over 48 inches wide (standard cars and trucks) will be allowed on the road at any time. When the smaller motor vehicles are allowed in October and November, they must be kept on the road and not beyond a posted parking area five miles in from the area's main road. No overnight parking or camping is allowed. Green Gulch Road is open year-round to foot and horseback travel. Dice said that if hunters, fishers, hikers, and other users of the wildlife area fail to obey the new rules as posted on site, the road may have to be closed completely.

**SUNNYSIDE WILDLIFE AREA INFORMATION:** (Rocky Ross) The Thornton Unit is part of the Sunnyside Wildlife Area and lies north of Prosser. To gain access to the central part of the unit, take Gap Road north from the main interchange on I-82 at Prosser. Go about 3.5 miles to Hanks Road. Turn right and go east on Hanks about 6 miles to Case Road. Turn left and go north on Case Road about 4 miles to where it turns right. At that intersection, Sharp Road continues north. Sharp Road runs about 1.5 miles before ending at an old Homestead. There should be "No Unauthorized Vehicle" signs at that location unless they have been torn down recently.

The Department of Fish & Wildlife has been trying to close this last section of road to eliminate littering and vandalism at the old homestead. More importantly, the road runs along a canyon with intermittent water and this canyon would be much more productive for wildlife if the constant harassment by vehicles was eliminated. Water in this area is extremely limited and the area would likely hold more deer, elk and upland birds if year around activity was reduced. Foot and mountain bike traffic would still be allowed. The closure will probably not occur before the 2003 hunting season.

**SECURITY CONCERNS LEAD TO HUNTING CHANGES ON MILITARY LANDS:** A WDFW News Release OLYMPIA - Hunters who like to hunt on one of the many federal military reserves in Washington state will face additional procedures to ensure base safety, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announced.

- In an effort to ensure security, Fort Lewis, the Yakima Training Center and the Naval Air Station Whidbey Island have instituted additional steps that hunters will be required to take to hunt on military lands in 2002. Hunters interested in accessing the Yakima Training Center will need to visit the Training Center's Operations Center for an orientation video and a recreation orientation card. Hunters are also required to sign in and out at the operations center each day and all vehicles must display a "Down Range" vehicle placard. Areas open to hunters are determined on a daily basis. More information is available online at <http://www.lewis.army.mil/yakima> on the Internet.



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### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The topic for our October meeting will be "Fall Salmon and Steelhead - When, Where, and How". Presenters will be Eldon Ladd and Lloyd Zinsli. Eldon will identify the fall fish runs up the Columbia, Snake, and Yakima Rivers and Lloyd will provide fishing tips that will improve your success in finding, hooking, and landing these big, beautiful fish. Bring your notepad to record the information and tips that will be presented. Both Lloyd and Eldon are Club members and very serious and experienced fishermen. Their presentation should be very timely because of the big salmon and steelhead runs now taking place. The meeting will be on Tuesday, October 1 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility starting at 7:00 PM.

### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

The meeting was opened by President Gaylord Pyle to a packed room. Several announcements were made.

- Gene VanLiew pointed out the importance of everyone attending the Hanford Monument Open House in Richland on September 9 and voicing their opinions concerning management of the Monument.
- Jeff Rampon gave a report on the very successful youth duck banding that took place at the McNary Wildlife Refuge on Saturday August 17. He thanked all those involved, passed photos of the banding event around and stated that the banding has become an annual event and will take place again next year.
- Larry Martin announced that 4 boys and 4 girls attended the Youth Conservation Camp at Orcas Island and that two older girls attended a Conservation Camp at Couer D Alene.
- 'Mack McDonnell' announced that the Annual KC/Tri Cities Prep Boosters Salmon Derby will take place on September 28-29. More information later in this newsletter.
- Jim Shearer spoke about the new rifle range that may be built in Richland. He said that the range may not be built because of the opposition of some of the Richland City staff. Because of their opposition, a \$50,000 IAC grant necessary for range construction may not be utilized and the range will not be built. He urged Richland City residents to contact their councilmen and ask them to support utilization of the grant and range construction. If the grant is not used by December it will go away and not be available at a later date.
- Gaylord thanked Howard Gardner and Dale Schielke for organizing and managing the successful July 26-27 Sidewalk Arts

Show Salmon Booth.

● It was announced that the 2003 Big Game Dinner is scheduled for **March 29, 2003**. A motion was made from the floor that John Clement be invited as the speaker at the dinner. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by a vote of the membership present at the meeting.

● Mike Estes announced that the meeting topic was the 'Fall Hunting Forecast'.

■ The first speaker was Pat Fowler, Wildlife Biologist from Region 1.

•He said that this years weather was good for upland birds. The number of birds is up and better than it has been for the last 5 to 8 years. Grouse numbers are good and number of pheasants is greater than it has been for the last few years. He stated that there are 400,000 acres of Feel Free To Hunt and Written Permission to Hunt lands in Region 1. Chukars have been impacted by Yellow Star Thistle and numbers are down where the thistle is present. Hungarian Partridges are coming back in Whitman County and they should be hunted at the edges of farmland and in the breaks. Quail numbers also appear to be very good. He said that turkeys are doing very well and appear to be everywhere. This years nesting hatch was very good and next springs hunting should be very good.

•Bear hunting should be very good and he suggested that orchards and berry patches be hunted. He stressed that hunters using predator calls should hunt in pairs and cover each others back. In the mountains he suggested that hunters spot and stalk bears.

•Buck deer numbers appear to be down, especially older bucks. In Central Washington, Whitman county and the south half of Spokane county hunting should be good for mule deer especially on private land. The Blues should be good for bucks in the foothills and in the breaks. The bucks would consist of 60% Mule Deer and 40% Whitetail.

•Elk herds are scattered in the NE part of the Region. Hunters need to scout before hunting and then hunt hard to be successful. In the Blues elk herd numbers are stable. In the Wenaha, the number of herds is down. Elk numbers appear to be up in the farmlands and in the Blue Creek unit. Elk hunting in the Dayton and Tucannon units will be poor because of severe poaching. Those units are closed to tribal hunting.

•Because of high mountain lion numbers, mountain lion hunters should do well.

■ Lee Stream, the Wildlife Program Manager from Region 3, was the second speaker.

•Lee reported that chukar numbers in Kittitas and Yakima Counties appear to be down. Kittitas has good turkey numbers and in Yakima County turkey numbers are down. Hungarian Partridge numbers are also down. Pheasant production in Yakima and Kittitas Counties was down this year. Quail numbers appear to be good.

•He reminded everyone that the daily Pintail duck bag limit this season is one bird through December 17. After that date, Pintails can **not** be harvested.

•Lee said that deer numbers are improving, but not significantly.

•Elk numbers are up in Yakima and Benton Counties and down in the Colockum. The Yakima elk herd is doing very well and number of bull permits has been increased.

■ Mike introduced Gary Hagedorn, Manager of the Mid Columbia River national Wildlife Refuge Complex, Dave Linehan and John Gahr from the McNary Wildlife Refuge. John Gahr is the acting manager of the McNary Refuge. Dave Linehan spoke about the changes/improvements at the Wallula Unit of the McNary Refuge. Five of six wetlands, that existed in the past but were eliminated as the course of the Walla Walla River changed, have been reestablished/constructed and completed. These wetlands will be open to waterfowl hunting this fall. Club members helped plant shrubs/trees at one of the wetlands this past spring

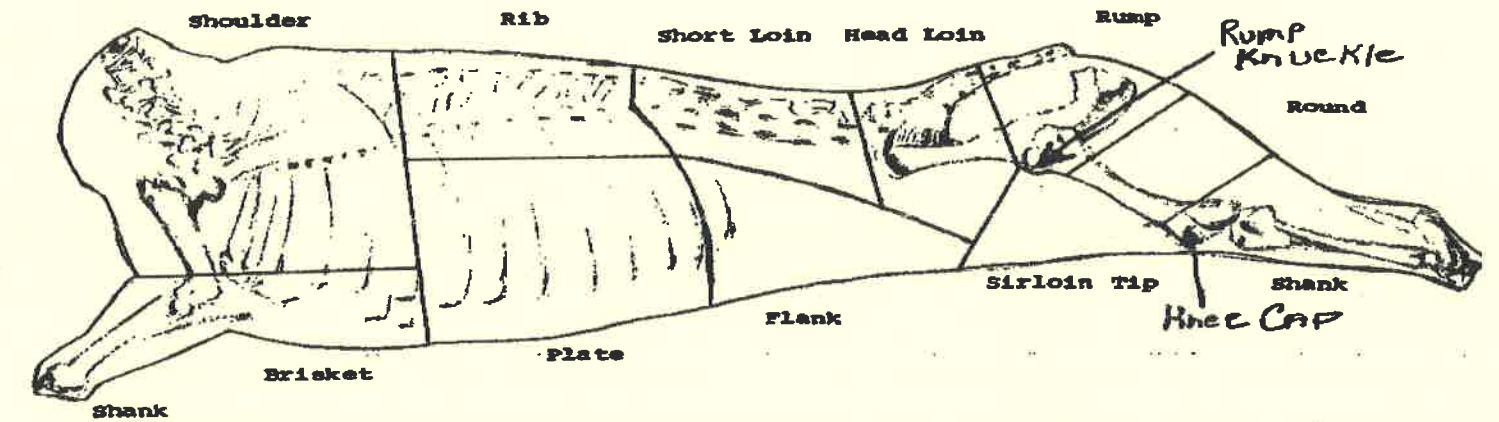
•The Toppenish Refuge will not have any water, because of drought conditions, until November. Gary Hagedorn announced that they do not plan to have drawings for blind sites, similar to the McNary drawing, and that hunting at the Toppenish Refuge will continue to be essentially on a first come first serve basis.

•Gary gave the Club five *Hunting Fee Waiver* Certificates for Club volunteers that worked at the McNary Refuge. Gary answered many questions from the audience. Hunting regulations for the McNary Refuge, Two Rivers Unit, Peninsula Unit and Burbank Sloughs; Wallula Unit and the Toppenish Refuge were made available to all present at the meeting. The regulations will also be available at each of the Club General Meetings until the waterfowl season is over.

● Winners of the raffle drawings were Tom Kimball who won a clay pigeon thrower, Clare Cranston - a Quantum bait casting rod & reel donated by Ev Weakely, Russ Wyer - a 'Jerky Master' kit, John Scanland - box of shotgun shells, Dan Alten - a shotgun cleaning swab/rope and a duck call, Jim Shearer, John Pfeiffer, John Hall, and Diane Warrant each won a duck call.

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**SALMON DERBY:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual KofC Tri-Cities Prep Boosters Salmon Derby will be held Saturday and Sunday September 28 & 29 on the Columbia River from McNary Dam to Wanapum Dam. Entry fee is \$25 per person, if purchased before 6 PM Thursday, September 26, 2002. Late entries are \$30 each and are allowed until 8 AM Saturday, September 28, 2002, LIMITED TO AVAILABLE TICKETS AND AT LIMITED LOCATIONS. Entry forms and information are available at Motyka's Fishing Post, Critter's Outdoor World, NW Marine & Sports, Sportsmen's Warehouse, Cascade Marina, Hole in The Wall and Plowog's (Desert Aire). There is a \$10.00 entry fee and special prizes for kids 12 and under. The *tagged fish* grand prize is a boat with motor and trailer from NW Marine & Sports. Prizes will be awarded for largest fish, highest total weight for the two day derby, closest fish to a drawn 'mystery weight', and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> largest fish. Additional prizes may be awarded depending on the number of prize donations. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the flip of a coin. This year the Derby fishing area is from McNary Dam to Wannapum Dam on the Columbia River. Derby fishing on the Yakima River, according to WDFW regulations, is allowed if there is an open season. For more information look on the Internet at <http://www.rc.net.knights/kc3307/derby.htm> or phone 943-0723.

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:** John Scanland from Kennewick.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were seven entries in September. The winner was Mike Estes with a photograph of two master anglers showing off a catch of catfish and smallmouth caught on the Snake River. Mike will win five free raffle tickets at the October General meeting. Bring your entries for October to the October 1 General Meeting. The winning photo can be viewed at the Club's web site at: <http://www.members.tripod.com/rigclub>.

**NEW VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS START NEXT MONTH ON CHIEF JOSEPH WILDLIFE AREA:** A WDFW News Release. ASOTIN - New vehicle restrictions will start October to protect habitat and public safety on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Chief Joseph Wildlife Area in SE Washington's Asotin County.

● Green Gulch Road, which runs from the wildlife area's headquarters buildings to Shovel Creek, has traditionally been closed to all motor vehicle traffic until October. It is currently in such poor shape that it is unsafe at any time for full-sized motor vehicle use. "Attempted use of the road by full-sized vehicles is hazardous," explained area manager Bob Dice. Its

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- The state of Oregon took similar action to ban its hunters from importing the head or spinal column of cervid species, including deer, elk or moose, hunted in other states or countries.
- Chronic wasting disease has not been detected in Washington, Oregon or Idaho. However, nine other states, including Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Nebraska, as well as the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, have found the disease in free-ranging or captive (farmed) whitetail deer, mule deer or elk.
- Washington is considered a low-risk state for chronic wasting disease because the state is geographically removed from areas where the disease has been detected and because game farming was banned here a decade ago. Although scientists do not fully understand how chronic wasting disease is transmitted, it is believed the transport of animals for game farming may have played a role in spreading the disease in other states.
- "Washington's action a decade ago to ban game farming appears to have been an important step in keeping our wild deer and elk herds free of this and other serious diseases," Koenings said. "This latest precaution in the handling of out of state carcasses will add another measure of protection."
- Chronic wasting disease, a disease of the central nervous system which causes deer and elk to waste away and eventually die, is believed to be caused by an abnormal prion protein but scientists are not yet certain how the disease is transmitted. There is no known vaccine, cure or currently available test for live animals.
- The disease is a form of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE). Other TSEs include bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), also known as mad cow disease, in cattle and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans. Currently, there is no documented evidence of humans contracting a TSE disease from eating the meat of infected deer or elk.
- Washington has increased monitoring for chronic wasting disease, sampling 750 hunter-harvested animals statewide last fall. State wildlife managers plan to test an additional 900 animals this season.

**CLUB WEB SITE ADDITIONS:** Photographs from the Salmon Booth event that the Club and the Columbia Basin Flycasters participated on during the Sidewalk Arts Show at the end of July are in the Club Web Site under Volunteer Work. Photographs from the Club picnic and the youth duck banding at McNary Wildlife Refuge will soon be posted. The web site address is: <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/>.

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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, September 3, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, September 17, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - September 18, 2002, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

HANFORD REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT OPEN HOUSE - Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, 4-9 PM

Consolidated Info Center, WSU Tri-Cities Campus, 2770 University Dr., Richland, WA

### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

If you haven't already finalized your hunting plans for opening day, or even if you have but would like a better feel for your chances of success or more information about the area you will be hunting, this program is for you. Pat Fowler and Lee Stream, wildlife biologists for the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, will present the annual fall hunting forecast for big game and upland birds in eastern Washington. Gary Hagedorn of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will discuss waterfowl hunting opportunities at McNary National Wildlife Refuge which also includes the Peninsula, Two Rivers, and Wallula units. Bring your notepad, maps, and questions and increase your chances for a successful hunting season. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 3 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility starting at 7:00 PM.

### SALMON BOOTH 2002: Dale Schielke & Howard Gardner

In its 17th year, the Salmon Booth was successfully run under the Banner of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. This year the profit was in excess of \$5,900.00 to be shared equally by both clubs. "The Salmon Sandwich" in its fourth year, continues to be a good seller. A total of 600 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 our Club and the Columbia Basin Flycasters: Mike McWethy, Marv Clement, Tom Davis\*, Don\* and Chris\* Barnes, Ed VanderVeer, Walter Chuck, Jay and Teresa Lavender, Jim Saunders, Mike Hall, Roger Otto, Tim Logan, Ben Pesek, Harvey Huisingsh, Stephen Bauman, Jerry Zeitler\*, Bob and Sharon Zinsli, John Pfeiffer\*, Dave Myers\*, Richard "Mac" McDonnell\*, Duane Sobotka, Frank Scopa, Craig Seal, Dennis, Debbie and Daniel Spore, Clare Cranston, Walt Allen, Harold Heacock\*, Eddie\* and Nancy\* Manthos, Lyle Gilk, Larry Martin\*, Paul Kison\*, Gene Van Liew, Steve Minnick, Mike\* and Karen Estes, Rich Holten, Bill Lambert, Jeff and Margaret\* Fulks, Russ Wyer, Gaylord Pyle\*, Ev Weakley, Jeff Rampon, Dennis and Sue Kreid, Lou Ann Schielke, Jim Shearer, Wes Bryan, Jack Pickard, Reed Kaldor and Bill Lambert. A special thanks to Dale Schielke and Dennis Spore for again coordinating the tough job of solicitation of volunteer workers for the Booth. Also, a special thanks to Bob Zinsli for again providing ice for use in the booth and to John Pfeiffer for again managing booth setup, tear down and storage, no small task. As in previous years, we received a clean bill of health from the Benton-Franklin District Health Dept. Our extra effort in temperature control and cleanliness pays off. In addition, we get many compliments on the dinners/sandwiches and many customers that come down year after year for the

delicious salmon. Next year The Flycasters will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers. \*Indicates those working more than one shift. **And especially, many thanks to Dale and Howard for working very hard to organize the event and purchase and stage all the supplies needed to make the Booth a success. They have been doing this since the first Salmon Booth, many years ago. Without their direction it would be very difficult to hold a successful event. They put in many, many hours to make sure the event went off smoothly. Thank you very much!!**

**RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC:** The annual picnic and salmon barbecue was held on Tuesday July 30. There were at least 91 persons attending. The salmon was cooked by Howard Gardner Dale Schielke and Jerry Zeitler. Howard, Dale, Gaylord Pyle and Gene VanLiew arrived early and set things up. Dale Schielke and Dave Myers prepared Dutch Oven dishes. Dale prepared *Apple-Dale* and Dave prepared an *Oatmeal Cake with penuche dressing*. Vice President Mike Estes was a very efficient salmon server and served very generous portions. Gaylord Pyle was the MC. There was plenty of salmon, side dishes, salads and deserts for all. There was enough for second helpings. There were quite a few smoked salmon filets that were not consumed and they were sold to attendees for \$8.00 per 2 filets.

- Rebecca Chuck, outgoing manager of the McNary Wildlife Refuge, was presented the Club's Distinguished Service award in recognition of the excellent job that she did in her tenure as manager of the refuge.
- The highlight of the evening was again the Liars Contest that was held after we finished eating. There were at least 13 contestants including little 10 year old? Taylor Pack who told a story about helping at home with the housework. When her story was completed she ran from the crowd and hid, she must have really told a whopper. After the stories were told, the winners were selected by applause from the audience. The Biggest Liar, first place, was won by Larry Martin, he won a \$30 gift certificate to Wal Mart. Second place, Bigger Liar, a \$20 gift certificate went to Mike O'Neill. Third place, Big Liar, and a \$10 gift certificate went to, Dale Schielke. Once again it was a very enjoyable evening, the weather was perfect, the food was great and the tales were many and tall. The sun was starting to set as we were leaving.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - Clare Cranston - A September Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled starting September 9. Classes for October and November are also scheduled starting on October 7 and November 18. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Department Store** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Grigg's Department Store.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:** Brian Vonderfecht of Richland

**2002 YOUTH DUCK BANDING AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:** At least 31 youth participated in this years youth duck banding project at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday, August 17. Parents, grandparents, friends and others were also present to observe the banding and other events that took place that morning. Age of the youths varied from toddlers to 16 years. About 35 ducks, all mallards had been trapped earlier and were in cages at the edge of the slough. The ducks were removed, one at a time, from the cages and handed to a youth that held the bird while it was banded. Parents and older siblings helped the younger children hold their duck. After banding, the youngster carried the bird to the waters edge where it was released to either swim or fly away. Rebecca Chuck, Howard Browers, John Gahr and Michael Swaim, all from the USFWS banded and identified the ducks. Rebecca Browers recorded the data for each duck. ● After the banding was completed, the youth were divided into four groups that traveled to four different stations where they watched retriever demonstrations, duck and goose calling, and observed waterfowl mounts and learned from Howard Browers how to identify different ducks.

- At the fourth station they learned about wood duck nest boxes and nesting successes. They also built, from pre-cut parts, a wood duck nesting box.. Each of them helped assemble , nail the sections together and install the removable roof. After they completed their box, they traveled to a wood duck box, installed last year, and inspected the inside of the box. They used a GPS instrument to lead them to the box.. They really got into putting the box together, especially the nailing.
- Joe Hanson demonstrated the duck and goose calling. Wayne Barrett, Joe Pearson and Larry Harper, members of the Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club, and their retrievers put on some very good retrieving demonstrations. Tom Kinney of Still Life Taxidermy brought a number of mounts of various duck species that were on display and were utilized by Howard Browers in his waterfowl identification presentation. Dale Schielke outdid himself with his Wood Duck nesting box demonstration and nesting box fabrication that all of the kids participated in. They were following Dale around as is he were the Pied Piper. Snacks and refreshments, including smoked duck, were available for all. The Kennewick Ducks Unlimited Chapter had name tags, participation certificates, posters, color books and other goodies for the kids to take home. Jeff Rampon did an exceptional job organizing the event. Club members that helped were Dale Schielke, Eddie Manthos, Bob Henke and John Pfeiffer. President Gaylord Pyle, Tim Clemons and Jon Manthos were on hand ready to help if needed. Once again it was a beautiful day, the kids learned a lot and had fun. We were impressed with the children's enthusiasm during the banding and different classes/events. It is obvious that more events like the duck banding, Hunter Education classes, pheasant shoots for Hunter Education graduates, Lunken Lake, Fishing Kids and summer camp scholarships need to be conducted for the youth. They will be the ones that will inherit our enthusiasm for hunting, fishing and the outdoors.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There was one entry in August. The winner was Jeff Gardner with a photograph of his son David holding a 25 lb. Salmon he caught in Eureka California. Jeff will win five free raffle tickets at the September General meeting. Bring your entries for September to the September General Meeting. . The winning photo can be viewed at the Club's web site at: <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub>.

**HUNTER EDUCATION EQUIPMENT LOANED TO SUMMER CAMP:** (Clare Cranston) Archery equipment, .22 caliber rifles and shotguns were loaned, for the third year, from the Club's Hunter Education Program for use in a firearms training and familiarization program to the Riverview Baptist Church (Pasco) youth summer camp held in June and July of this year. About 160-170 youth attended the camps. Training was conducted by the summer camp staff. The Church has an extensive youth program and this is the third year the firearms program was conducted at the camp.

**CLUB HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM RANGE DAY:** (Clare Cranston) Twenty nine Hunter Education students attended *Range Day* at the Connell Gun Club on Saturday August 17. They each shot 20 rounds from pellet rifles and six rounds from .38 caliber revolvers loaded with plastic bullets at targets. Each also shot one to two rounds from a black powder shotgun that they loaded themselves. Each student also shot at least ten rounds of trap, plus more, if they desired. They also participated in a *field course* shooting dummy ammo in a shotgun at simulated targets. Each was also able to use archery equipment to shoot at targets. Herman Enterprises had donated four 1100 pound (4'x4'x8') bails of grass hay that were used as a backstop. A local newspaper reporter was present at the event and wrote it up for his newspaper.

**HANFORD REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PLAN:** The management of the Hanford Reach National Monument, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), is asking the public, to help them shape the future management of the Monument as they develop the Hanford Reach National Monument Comprehensive Conservation Plan and the associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

- They want you to share your ideas by attending an open house on Monday, September 9 from 4-9 PM at the Consolidated Info Center at the WSU Tri-Cities Campus in Richland at 2770 University Drive. You can also share your ideas by attending an Advisory Committee Meeting the next day, September 10, at the same building from 9AM-4PM or by answering questions on a Comments form that can be downloaded from the Internet at <http://pacific.fws.gov/planning/hanforddocs.htm>, or picked up at the Monument office at Hanford Reach NM at 3250 port of Benton Blvd in Richland. The Comments form is in the Hanford Reach NM planning Update #1 August 2002 document.
- A planning workbook with more detailed information on the preliminary issues, concerns and opportunities will be provided upon request at the September 9 Open House or by contacting the Monument headquarters at 509-371-1801 or by fax at 509-375-0196. Many other documents and information can be downloaded from the Internet at the above internet address. These documents are also available at the Monument headquarters.
- It is imperative that as many Club members as possible should take the time to attend the Sept. 9 Open House and/or fill out and submit the Comments form. Make your views and suggestions known so that they can be used to formulate the Comprehensive Conservation Plan and EIS. Your input is **very important** to the Monument's future!

**Louisianans Lead in the 2001 Waterfowl Hunting Harvest:** - (A FWS News Release)

- Louisiana hunters led the nation by harvesting an average of more than 20 ducks apiece during the 2001-2002 hunting season for a total of 2 million ducks according to the preliminary estimates compiled by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Service recently released a report estimating waterfowl hunting activity, success, and harvest by species for the 2001 U.S. waterfowl season. "Despite mixed habitat conditions that contributed to a reduced harvest, it's encouraging that the total number of hunters rose slightly," according to Tom Melius, the Service's assistant director for Migratory Birds and State Programs. "We will continue to work with states and flyaway councils to increase migratory bird hunting opportunities while fulfilling our conservation responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act."
- In the Atlantic Flyway, more than 1.6 million ducks were harvested last season, down 13 percent from the 2000-2001 season. The average hunter harvested six ducks. South Carolina hunters led in the flyway, averaging nearly 12 ducks per person and harvesting 254,000 ducks total. Hunters took an average of 9.4 ducks each and harvested more than 6.6 million ducks in states along the Mississippi Flyway last season, down 16 percent from the previous season.
- In states in the Central Flyway, hunters bagged more than 3.4 million ducks last season. This is 6 percent more than the harvest in 2000-2001. Hunters averaged nearly 7.7 ducks each, also six percent more than the previous season. Hunters in Texas harvested nearly 1.5 million ducks, nine percent more than the previous season.
- In the Pacific Flyway, hunters harvested a total of nearly 2.2 million ducks total and nearly 9.3 ducks apiece last season. This is five percent down from the previous season's estimate. California hunters harvested the most ducks in the flyway, bringing in more than 964,000 ducks. Their average harvest fell three percent to nearly 12.9 ducks per hunter.
- Mallards were the most hunted duck in the United States, with more than 5.2 million birds harvested last season. Mallards were followed by gadwall at nearly 1.6 million birds, green-winged teal at more than 1.4 million birds, blue-winged and cinnamon teal at more than 1.3 million birds and wood ducks at nearly 1.1 million birds.
- The Service generates the estimates contained in this report based on surveys of selected waterfowl hunters, through it's Harvest Information Program. These surveys allow state wildlife agencies and the Service to develop estimates of the number of all migratory birds harvested throughout the country and national estimates that help the Service establish the next hunting season and maintain healthy waterfowl populations. The entire report, Preliminary Estimates of Waterfowl Harvest and Hunter Activity in the United States During the 2001 Hunting Season, is available on the Service's web site at <<http://migratorybirds.fws.gov/reports/reports.html>>.

**NEW CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE PRECAUTIONS ADVISED FOR HUNTERS HEADING OUT OF STATE:** OLYMPIA, August 23, 2002 - (A WDFW news release) State wildlife officials are urging residents heading out of state for deer and elk hunting to have their game processed before bringing it back home, to reduce the risk of introducing chronic wasting disease into this state.

- "We are confident Washington hunters will work with us to take preventive action in keeping our native deer and elk herds free of this terrible disease," said Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Director Jeff Koenings.
- Koenings said the recommendation to hunters is one of several steps the department is pursuing to ensure the state's deer and elk herds remain free of chronic wasting disease. In coming months the department expects to expand testing of animals for the disease, and prepare a contingency plan in case the disease is detected in Washington.
- Each year, tens of thousands of Washington residents head out of state to hunt. Specifically, those hunters are advised to have their out-of-state deer or elk carcasses boned out, cut and wrapped before bringing the game back home. Hides and antlers also may be brought back to the state, but if the antlers are attached to the skull plate, the skull plate should be thoroughly cleaned with household bleach before transporting it.

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**WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP:** As of July 16, four girls and 5 boys have applied and will attend the Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Two older girls attended the Inland Empire Natural Resources Youth Camp earlier at Camp N-Sid-Sen on the eastern shore of Lake Couer d'Alene on June 16-22.



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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

- AUGUST GENERAL MEETING - THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST. THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 3.
- BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, August 20, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - August 21, 2002, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).
- ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - Friday & Saturday, JULY 26 & 27
- RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC - Tuesday, JULY 30 AT SOUTH LESLIE GROVES PARK 6:00 PM
- MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DUCK BANDING - Saturday, August 17, 9:00 AM at Refuge Headquarters in Burbank.

### AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

There is no General Meeting in August. The August meeting is being replaced by the Club's annual picnic/salmon barbecue on Tuesday July 30 (see article below.)

**RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC:** The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 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 please bring a side dish to share, if your name begins with H through P bring a dessert and Q through Z bring a salad dish.. Bring your own utensils, including plates, also bring chairs, tables, blankets etc. in case there are not enough picnic tables. The park overlooks the Columbia River, has a children's play area, rest rooms, shade trees, wading pool and a horseshoe pit.

• The Annual Liars contest will take place by the horseshoe pit. 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, second and third place. Prepare your *tall tale* and see if it 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.

**SALMON BOOTH 2002** - Howard Gardner & Dale Schielke

It appears that we will barely have enough volunteers to work at the Salmon Booth on Friday and Saturday July 26 and 27. Shifts are 9:00AM-1:00PM, 1:00PM-5:00PM, and 5:00-9:00PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00PM. If you have not volunteered and are willing to help, call Dennis Spore at 627-0589 or Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** David Pearson & Family from Kennewick.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were two entries in July. Since each entry won the same number of votes, both entries were declared winners. The winners are Mike Estes with a photograph, taken by his wife Karen, of Mike holding two smallmouth bass he caught in the Columbia River. Jim Shearer was the other winner with a photograph of a young 14 year old fly fisherman, Drew, with a nice steelhead he caught on a fly. Drew practices catch and release. Mike and Jim will each win five free raffle tickets at the September General meeting. Bring your entries for July to the July Board Meeting or the July 30 Club picnic. The winning photos can be viewed at the Club's web site at: <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub>.

**DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:** - Bring your children, grandchildren and friends children to the duck banding project which is scheduled for RR&GC youth, Ducks Unlimited Greenwings and other interested local youth, 17 years of age and under. The banding is being sponsored/organized by the USFWS/McNary National Wildlife Refuge, the RR&GC, the Kennewick Ducks Unlimited chapter and Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever club. Banding will take place at McNary Wildlife Refuge on Saturday August 17 starting at 8:00 AM. The youth will learn about the migratory habits of waterfowl and the importance of banding in waterfowl research and management. Meet in the parking lot at the McNary NWR Headquarters at Burbank, 600 Maple St. Come dressed (long pants and insect repellent) for the occasion. The ducks will have been trapped earlier and the youth will help band the ducks. The day's schedule is:

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| Duck Banding---8:00 to 9:30                   | Waterfowl ID----9:30 to 9:45               | Wood Duck Box Demo-----9:45 to 10:00 |
| Duck Calling Demonstration-----10:00 to 10:15 | Retriever Demonstration-----10:30 to 11:15 |                                      |

Goose and duck calling will be demonstrated. The Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever club will be there with dogs for retriever demonstrations. Goose mounts will also be demonstrated. Dale Schielke will show the wood duck nesting boxes and results from installed wood duck boxes. Cold drinks and snacks will be provided for the participants. This should be a fun and educational project. It is a great opportunity for youth to learn about waterfowl and waterfowl banding. Don't miss this opportunity, be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 17. If you need more information call Jeff Rampon at 628-2802.

**U.S. SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE NEWS RELEASES:** The following news releases were submitted by Club member Jim Shearer. Titles of the releases are "Animal Rights Conference Encourages Terrorism, Unity and Legislative Action to Advance Movement" and "Animal Rights Movement Encourages Terrorism." Leaders of the animal rights movement who lectured at this year's national animal rights conference advocated terrorist acts, unification and increased legislative action as ways to achieve their goal to provide legal rights to all animals. A U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance staffer attended four days of the Animal Rights 2002 National Conference, a forum for sharing ideas and information about the animal rights movement. The event was held June 28 through July 3 in Washington, D.C. and sponsored by a number of national animal rights organizations. The staffer attended several workshop sessions despite repeated threats by organizers of physical harm against infiltrators.

●-Among conference highlights was a statement made by Captain Paul Watson, founder and president of a national animal rights group, The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. He said if a human died from one of his actions, he would consider it "collateral damage." Watson claims the U.S. government taught him this because it excuses the bombing of innocent women and children during time of war. He also commented that it is not possible to "commit violence against non-sentient objects. Property damage is not violence."

●-Co-founder of *Animals' Agenda* and conference speaker Jim Mason highlighted the importance of unifying animal rights supporters. He said the animal rights movement is up against a "cultural fortress" and must unite to strengthen.

● Wayne Pacelle, vice president of the Humane Society of the United States, sent out a call to increase legislative action on behalf of animals. He claims that the biggest failure of the animal rights movement has been "the failure to enact animal protection laws." He says the only way to be successful is "if communities get to know issues and try to influence the outcome" by voting and contacting their legislators. Pacelle mentions that the ultimate goal of the animal rights movement should be to "create a body of laws to protect animals from individuals."

● Paul Watson, founder of The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, one of the nation's most vociferous animal rights organizations, made a series of outrageous statements at the Animal Rights 2002 conference.

In one, he quoted Oklahoma City mass murderer Timothy McVeigh, who stated that he considered dead women and children to be "collateral damage" because the U.S. government considers the deaths of innocent civilians to be the unfortunate by-products of war. Watson's statement begs the question, "Why would a non-violent steward of animals choose to call upon the acts and words of McVeigh, one of this nation's most notorious contemporary figures?"

● Further examination of Watson's statements at the conference reveals that this alleged man of peace clearly puts political goals ahead of concern for people and their safety. Following are direct quotes from Watson's speech, transcribed from the audiotape of his remarks, offered for sale at the conference.

o "People always defend what they believe in with violence."

o In describing his perception of American views towards terrorism, Watson says, "There's nothing wrong with being a terrorist - as long as you win."

o "Between the year 1980 and the year 2040, we will eradicate, exterminate and destroy a great percentage of the species of plants and animals that are living on this planet. More species of plants and animals will be destroyed in this 60 year period of time, will be driven to extinction, than have gone extinct over the last 65 million years and that rate of extinction is unprecedented and we will be at fault for that. It is the greatest crime that any species on the planet has ever committed and we are in the midst of committing it. **So therefore, when you take this incredible crime of speciescide and destruction of life, what's the smashing up of a few laboratories in comparison to that?**"

o "You know I'm always asked that question - what if, what if, what if, what if the boat you ram, you kill somebody? What if I'm driving down the street and I hit somebody on the street? I can't help it. The difference is intent. Intent. Intent. That's what is concerned under the law. Is it my intent to kill people? Absolutely not. Is it my intent to save lives? Absolutely. And that is the difference."

o Recounting a conversation with a Norwegian Whaler, Watson shared this exchange-

Watson: "I measure intelligence by the ability to live in harmony with nature."

Norwegian Whaler: "By that criteria, cockroaches are more intelligent than you."

Watson: "Yeah, now you're beginning to understand what I'm saying."

o "There are 30 million plus species on this planet. They're all earthlings. They're all equal. And some are more equal than others, I admit. Earthworms are far more valuable than people."

o "I use Dr. Martin Luther King as my authority on what is violent and what is non-violent and he did say that you cannot commit an act of violence against a non-sentient object. In other words, destruction of property is not violence."

● These are just a few examples of the extreme nature of one of many Animal Rights 2002 conference speakers. They are sobering reminders of the radical nature of the animal rights movement. For more information about other convention proceedings, contact the U. S. Sportsmen's Alliance at (614) 888-4868 or visit its website, [www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org). The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance protects the rights of hunters, anglers and trappers nationally in the courts, legislatures, at the ballot, in Congress and through public education programs.

**FAREWELL TO WALTER & REBECCA CHUCK:** Club members Walter and Rebecca Chuck will be relocating to Oregon in August. Walter is an active Club member and on the Board of Directors. Rebecca is manager of the McNary National Wildlife Refuge and will be leaving her position in August and transferring to a new position in Oregon. She has worked closely with the Club and instituted the Youth Duck Banding Day that is being held at the Refuge every September. She also organized the Quarry Pond Cleanup that was held early in the spring before the pond was stocked with trout. This year she was instrumental in restoring wetland habitat on the Wallula unit of the Refuge. In addition to managing the Refuge she has also been managing the Peninsula, Two Rivers and the Wallula units of the Refuge. We wish Walter, Rebecca and their two children success and happiness in their move. The Club will miss them.

**HANFORD MONUMENT ISSUES DISCUSSION:** A meeting of RRGC officers and interested members will be held at the Richland Maintenance Facility at 7:00PM on Tuesday, August 6 to discuss and formulate the Club's position concerning key issues with respect to current and future use of the Hanford Reach National Monument. The purpose is to develop a "talking points" document that can be used in discussions with USF&W, DOE, WDF&W, other clubs, and the public. All Club members are invited to participate in the meeting.



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**WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP:** As of June 18, four girls and 5 boys have applied and will attend the Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island..

**MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (NWR) HUNT PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** Applications for advanced reservations for this falls waterfowl season at the McNary Refuge, Burbank Slough Unit, have been mailed out. Photocopies of the application can also be submitted. If you have any questions or did not receive an application and desire to receive one, call (509) 545-8588. Completed applications will be accepted starting July 5 and must be received no later than Sept. 3, 2002 at the USFWS-Mid Columbia River NWR Complex, PO Box 2527, Pasco, WA, 99302-2527. A \$3.00 non-refundable application fee must be submitted with the application. Reservation holders will receive numbers designating the order of blind selection.

- Blind fees for permittees and standby hunters are \$5.00 per hunter and payable at the time of the hunt. A \$50.00 season pass is available and can be purchased at the hunter check station. Holders of 'Golden Age' or 'Golden Access' cards pay half price for hunt fees (daily hunt fee or season hunt pass). There is no fee for youth hunters aged 15 years or younger.
- The hunter check station will be staffed from 1 ½ hours before legal shooting hours until 8:00am and 11:30am to 1:30pm on scheduled hunt days (Saturday, Sundays, Wednesdays, Thanksgiving Day and New Years Day).
- Upland bird hunting will be allowed from noon to the end of state shooting hours on Saturday, Sundays, Wednesdays, Thanksgiving Day and New Years day. No permit or check-in will be required for the 2002 season for upland bird hunters.

- This years Youth Hunt Days, at the McNary NWR, will be Saturday December 7 and Saturday December 28. Youths must be 10 to 17 years old to participate in this hunt, have a Hunter Safety Card and must be accompanied by an adult companion at least 21 years old. Youth Hunt reservation and blind fees will be waived for youth hunters and their companions. To apply for the hunt, send a standard post card with your name, address and words "McNary Youth Hunt Day" on it and designate which day you are applying for. Mail the post card to USFWS-Mid Columbia River NWR Complex, P.O. Box 2527, Pasco, WA 99302-2527. Applications must be received by November 15, 2002. There will be no standby drawing available for non-youth hunters. Adult applications for the youth Hunt Days will not be accepted.



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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JULY GENERAL MEETING - THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, July 16, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - July 24, 2002, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - JULY 26 & 27 (Friday & Saturday)

RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC JULY 30 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 26 and 27 (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 July 30 (see article below.)

**JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** The meeting was opened by Club president Gaylord Pyle.

- Gaylord welcomed all of the guests and asked them to stand and introduce themselves.
- Dale Schielke gave details about the July 26 and 27 Salmon Booth. A sign up sheet for volunteers was passed around.
- Jeff Rampon announced that there will be a duck banding project for youth at the McNary Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, August 17. A sign up sheet for volunteers was passed around.
- Gaylord said that the whereabouts of the Club banner and Club sign/plaque are unknown. Jack Pickard said that he has the banner and Paul Kison said that he has the sign. They will both be needed at the Salmon Booth.
- Gene VanLiew announced that he attended the May meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Hanford Reach National Monument. At the end of that meeting Gene gave a Public Comment to the Committee and stated that he had heard that the boat launch area just upstream and north of the Vernita Bridge had been cut back in area. He was informed that the area belongs to the U.S. DOE and is being managed by the WDFW. Both the DOE and WDFW representatives, at the meeting, stated that they were not aware of any changes in the size of the area. The area is apparently about 800 acres. After the meeting Gene learned that the boat launch area had been fenced off, because of severe littering including dumping of motor home sewage tanks on the ground, to about either eight or forty acres. Gene and other Club members are trying to determine what is actually going on in this area and what future plans for the 800 acre area and for a developed boat launch are.
- Dave Myers announced that the raffle for a four piece hand made fly rod that was auctioned off by his church group raised about \$1300.00. The wining ticket, unfortunately, was not one of those sold at the May General Meeting.
- President Gaylord Pyle urged Club members and other interested persons to attend the 7:00 PM June 13 Richland Parks

and Recreation Commission meeting at the Richland Council Chamber. Access to the east or left bank of the Yakima River in the vicinity of the Van Giesen Street Bridge will be discussed.

● Jim Shearer stated that he had just returned from a visit to the State of Nebraska and learned that the numbers of cougar and bobcat in the State have increased and are causing problems.

Program Chairman Mike Estes introduced the main speaker of the evening, Fred Carlson.

■ Fred works in the same general area Mike works in. Mike determined that she is a fisher person because the numerous plaques and trophies in her office and as a result invited her to be the speaker for this meeting. Fred is a member of the Columbia Basin Bass Club and has been the Club Ladies Champion for the last three years and has placed in the top ten overall members for many years. She showed several slides of fish that she has caught, mainly smallmouth bass. Her husband Terry was the fisherman in the family. Fred did not show much interest in fishing until Terry joined the Columbia Basin Bass Club at which time they both became more interested in bass fishing. She accompanied Terry on most of his fishing trips. He was an early riser, she however did not join him fishing until later in the morning. As time went on she became more competitive and soon she was also an early riser and fished with him all day. She likes and uses lighter gear than her husband uses. Her lure preference is for soft plastic baits especially soft tube baits. Her favorites are green colored baits and her favorite color is gray with blue and copper flecks. *Bruce's Baits* is her favorite brand and she has him make up special or favorite colors and designs for her. She fishes very slowly and believes that the slower you retrieve, the more fish you will catch. The Snake River is fished often by Fred. In fact the house they live in overlooks the Snake River. She fishes her lures at a depth of 15 to 19 feet. On the Potholes Reservoir she fishes over submerged boulders and beaver huts that they mark with a GPS. She and Terry just celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

■ Terry gave a short presentation about largemouth bass fishing in Mexico on El Salto lake, 75 miles north and east of Mazatlan in the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains. He fished it in January of this year for four days. It is a reservoir located in a canyon which when full has a surface area is 25,000 acres. It was at about 17,000 acres when they fished it in January. It contains Florida strain largemouth bass that grow at a rate of 2 to 2½ pounds per year. The bass were stocked in the lake in 1986 and primarily feed on tilapia. The lake record for largemouth is 18 lb.-6 oz. Terry and the fishermen with him caught 40-50 fish per person per day. All, except for one fisherman, caught fish up to 10 pounds. Terry caught an 11 lb.-6 oz. large mouth. He had 12 lb. test line on his reel when he lost a fish that must have weighed at least 13 lb. Next time he goes to Mexico he said he will fill his reel with 20 lb. test line. Lures/baits that they used were very large lizards, Rattle Traps, spinner baits, top water lures, crank baits and 12-13" plastic worms. Cost of the guided trip, everything included, except for tackle, was \$1295 for 4 days.

● Raffle drawing winners were Mike O'Neill - spinning rod & reel, Dale Schielke - Butch Welch cookbook, Mike Estes - spinning rod & reel, Lou LaDouceur, Terry Carlson, Luis Perez and Bill Lambert each won a duck call. Dale Schielke also won a carton of 500 .22 caliber rimfire cartridges.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Robert & Lynn Dejaille from Kennewick and Duane C. Sobotka from Richland.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - **Clare Cranston** - A July Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled starting July 15. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Department Store** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Grigg's Department Store.

**SALMON BOOTH 2002:**-Howard Gardner& Dale Schielke

We have received approval for our Salmon Booth in the Allied Arts Sidewalk Show on July 25,26&27 and need a lot of help, about 70 volunteers. This is our main money raising project for the year.

● Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July,25 from 6-8:00PM, 18 volunteers are needed.  
● The booth will operate, with 9-10 workers per shift, from 9:00AM to 9:00PM on Friday July,26 and Saturday, July,27. Shifts will be 9:00AM-1:00PM, 1:00PM-5:00PM, and 5:00-9:00PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00PM.  
● All club members that worked last year plus new members(since 7/01) will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and what shift. To save the phone tree callers some time, please call Dennis Spore(627-0589), shift coordinator, and sign up for a shift. Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun. If for some reason you are not contacted, call Dennis. As of June at least 18 more volunteers were needed for Friday 5-9PM and Saturday for all three shifts. If you are able to work these shifts, call Dennis at 627-0589.

● This year, 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 at 6:45PM sharp on Thurs. June 27 and Tues. July 9. No one will be admitted after the program starts at 7:00PM. If these dates are inconvenient, call the Benton Health Dept. on 582-7761 for the training and test

date. They are located at 800 W. Canal Dr., Kennewick. Card cost is \$8.00 which will be reimbursed by the Club on request. See you down at the Booth.

**RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC:** The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held on Tuesday July 30, 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 please bring a side dish to share, if your name begins with H through P bring a dessert and Q through Z bring a salad dish. Bring your own 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, wading pool and a horseshoe pit.

● The Annual Liars contest will take place by the horseshoe pit. 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, second and third place. Prepare your *tall tale* and see if it 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.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were three entries in June. The winner is Don Hand with a photograph of himself and his son Cody holding a stringer full of fish caught on Brownlee Reservoir in Idaho. Don will win five free raffle tickets at the September General meeting. Bring your entries for July to the July Board Meeting or the July 30 Club picnic. The winning photo can be viewed at the Club's web site <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/>.

**FOR SALE:** 1962 16' Shasta Travel Trailer, like new, original interior, new paint, everything works. Must see \$1200, call (509)967-2798.

**AWARDS -- HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS:** (From A WDFW news release) Club member Howard Gardner is one of nine Washington State hunter education instructors that were awarded awards of recognition and appreciation at a Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting at Olympia on June 7. According to the WDFW, the nine gentlemen typify the qualities commonly found among hunter education instructors throughout the nation: community service, a commitment to safety, dedication to the outdoors and hunting, an abiding interest in wildlife and conservation, and genuine respect for all outdoor recreationists. Howard was not able to attend the presentation and will receive his award at a later date.

**QUALITY TRIP:** Jerry Bloom presented plans to the Board of Directors for a five day Whitetail Deer hunt in Missouri in November at the June Board meeting. Arlen Schade was the winner of the Quality Trip raffle at the Wild Game dinner. He and Jerry will participate in the hunt. The Board unanimously voted to approve the hunt.

**DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:** A duck banding project is scheduled for RR&GC youth, Ducks Unlimited Greenwings and other interested local youth, 17 years of age and under. The banding is being sponsored/organized by the USFWS/McNary National Wildlife Refuge, the RR&GC, the Kennewick Ducks Unlimited chapter and Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever club. Banding will take place at McNary Wildlife Refuge on Saturday August 17 starting at 8:00 AM. The youth will learn about the migratory habits of waterfowl and the importance of banding in waterfowl research and management. Meet in the parking lot at the McNary NWR Headquarters at Burbank, 600 Maple St. Come dressed (long pants and insect repellent) for the occasion. The ducks will have been trapped earlier and the youth will help band the ducks. The day's schedule is:

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| Duck Banding---8:00 to 9:30                   | Waterfowl ID----9:30 to 9:45               | Wood Duck Box Demo-----9:45 to 10:00 |
| Duck Calling Demonstration-----10:00 to 10:15 | Retriever Demonstration-----10:30 to 11:15 |                                      |

Goose and duck calling will be demonstrated. The Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever club will be there with dogs for retriever demonstrations. Goose mounts will also be demonstrated. Dale Schielke will show the wood duck nesting boxes and results from installed wood duck boxes. Cold drinks and snacks will be provided for the participants. This should be a fun and educational project. It is a great opportunity for youth to learn about waterfowl and waterfowl banding. Don't miss this opportunity, be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 17. If you need more information call Jeff Rampon at 628-2802.

**BURLAP MATERIAL:** Gaylord Pyle has a large quantity of burlap *sheets* about 3 ft. wide by 10 ft. long. The burlap was used for hop sacks and is in good condition. If you are interested in obtaining some of this material call Gaylord at 948-2392.

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**WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP:** The Club is sponsoring 12 youth, nominally eight from the Club and 4 from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp are July 14-20 for girls and July 21 to 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 12 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes. (As of May 21, thirteen applications have been received by Larry. You can still apply and be on standby in case any of the applicants do not go. If you want to go to camp and are willing to pay your application fee of \$200.00, contact Larry so that he can submit the application for you through the Club and also see if car pooling can be arranged with the others attending.) The Washington State Conservation Camp is a very good and very comprehensive camp.

**FOR SALE:** Thompson Contender with four barrels and three scopes. The barrel caliber's are 357, 45 Colt, 222 and 8-30 Herter. Two of the scopes are Leupold the other is Busnell, all are 2.5X. There is a holster, hard carrying case and soft case for the extra barrels. There is additional equipment. Give me a call if you are interested at 627-3441.

**ALKALI DEER PERMIT HUNTING SEASON ON YAKIMA TRAINING CENTER:** A WDFW news release. Southcentral Washington's popular Alkali unit for special permit deer hunting has later seasons and limited scouting this year, due to increased military training and restricted access on the U.S. Army's Yakima Training Center. With the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) hunting rules pamphlet now available and hunters applying for special permits through June 23, WDFW district wildlife biologist Jeff Bernatowicz is fielding dozens of calls from hunters questioning the date changes. "This is a very popular hunting unit," Bernatowicz said, "and we want to alert hunters to these changes so permit holders are not caught by surprise."

Game management unit (GMU) 371, Alkali, in Kittitas and Yakima counties, has modern firearm deer permit hunts Nov. 28 - Dec. 7, muzzleloader deer permit hunts Dec. 8-15, and an archery deer permit hunt Dec. 16-29, as described on pages 32-33 of the rules pamphlet. All of those season dates are significantly later than usual because access to the Yakima Training Center, which encompasses most of GMU 371, will be extremely limited before November 28. Hunters who are successful in drawing permits will not have much, if any, scouting opportunity in the area prior to the seasons. Information on hunting and other recreational opportunities on the Yakima Training Center is available at <http://www.lewis.army.mil/yakima>



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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JUNE GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, June 4, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, June 18, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - June 19, 2002, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

### JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The topic for the June General Meeting is: "Bass Fishing Tips and Techniques" and will be presented by Fred Carlson. Fred is a member of the Columbia Basin Bass Club and has won many tournament trophies and club awards for her ability to catch large bass in local waters from Central Ferry to Crow Butte. Fred's husband, Terry Carlson, will share some highlights of his recent bass fishing vacation in Mexico. This will be the last General meeting until September. The Salmon Booth at the Sidewalk Arts Show will be the July Club activity. The Club picnic/salmon barbeque will be the August Club activity.

**MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** The meeting was opened by Club president Gaylord Pyle to a room overflowing with people.

- Gaylord welcomed all of the many guests and asked them to stand.
- Rich Holten announced that he was getting out of shotgun reloading and invited those present to help themselves to the various components and *goodies* he brought to the meeting.
- Dave Myers announced that he had raffle tickets for a four piece hand made fly rod that was being auctioned off by his church group.
- Eddie Manthos described the successful Fishing Kids event that took place May 4 at the Columbia Park pond. More information later in this newsletter.
- Dale Schielke explained the Club's Wood Duck nesting box program.
- Howard Gardner announced that there are two applicants for the Fitzner Memorial Scholarship.
- Russ Wyr described the Club website.

**Program Chairman** Mike Estes introduced the speakers of the evening, Dave, Mike and Levi Meseberg from the MarDon resort on the Potholes Reservoir. Mike explained that Dave and Mikes deceased father, Rod, was a good friend of the Club and had spoken to the Club several times in the past at General Meetings.

■ Dave was the first speaker and spoke about the highly successful net pen project at MarDon in which rainbow trout are raised, fed and then released into the reservoir where they are harvested by fishermen. The project was initiated 1995-1996 because of the high mortality rate of stocked trout due to predators such as cormorants. Three net pens were fabricated at a cost of about \$8,000.00. Fifteen thousand trout, averaging 13-15 fish per pound, were placed in each pen for a total of 45,000. The trout were released into the reservoir after a period of a year. The number pens was then increased to eight with a total of 20,000 fish per pen. One hundred sixty thousand trout were released in 1999, 2000 and 2001. At the present time there are

three pens at Mar Don with a capacity of 50,000 trout per pen. Trout released after a year in the net pens average about 10 inches and are of a size not attractive to most predators. Fishermen have been catching net pen raised trout that have grown to 1½ to 8 pounds per fish after they have been released. Dave also showed a video of the net pen facilities and trout.

■ Levi, Mike's son, spoke about the many different species of fish that are harvested in the Potholes Reservoir. Walleye, trout, perch, bass, bluegill and crappie are caught by fishermen. He showed some of the techniques, tackle and lures that he uses and passed his lures around. He also described the guided, non-guided waterfowl hunts and guided field hunts that Mar Don has available.

■ Mike talked about the crappie *rearing pond* that is being prepared in Lind Coulee where crappie will be raised and then released into the reservoir. He also spoke about the habitat addition and enhancements that MarDon is working on. The additions and enhancements are required because the reservoir is now *old* and the structure/cover that was in place originally has disappeared over the years and in many places was covered by ash during the eruption of Mount Saint Helens. The three speakers answered many questions from the audience both during and after the presentations. Brochures describing the Mar Don resort and the Potholes Reservoir were available. The address for the Mar Don Internet web site is [HTTP://www.mardonresort.com](http://www.mardonresort.com).

● Club member Jack Oppelt brought some smoked steelhead he caught and shared it with those attending the meeting. Thanks Jack, it was very good.

● Raffle drawing winners were Walter Chuck who won a float tube and Jeff Gardner who won the book *Courage To Be Free* written by Charlton Heston..

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Tim Logan from Richland and R. Wade and Diane Warrant also from Richland.

**Wild Game Dinner:** Omitted from the previous Newsletter was recognition of the Distinguished Service Awards "Youth Hunting Supporting" given to:

● Ken Burgard who has, for the last 5-6 years, donated two rounds of trap to Richland Rod and Gun Club Hunter Ed students that score at least 93% on their exams. He and his wife also treated the students to a barbeque after the shoot.

● Dave Piovesan who donated the use of his shooting preserve and his assistance for a Hunter Ed student( those who scored at least 93% on the exam) pheasant shoot last September.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - Clare Cranston - Hunter Education classes (Maximum of 32 persons each) are scheduled for May, June and July starting June 10 and July 15. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Department Store** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Grigg's Department Store.

**WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES:** - Dale Schielke - The nesting season is in progress. Some of the last boxes checked had eggs that had been laid this season. We successfully converted 50 boxes from tree mounted to post mounted to squirrel proof the boxes. A late July or early August survey of the converted boxes on the lower Yakima is hoped to review the effectiveness of this project. A grant application has been submitted to convert additional boxes for next year.

**MAY 4 FISHING KIDS EVENT:** About 800 kids between the ages of 5-14 years old registered and participated in the Fishing Kids Event that took place at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond on Saturday May 4 between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. For \$5:00 each registered kid received a Zebco fishing rod and reel with line, hook, sinker, float and bait. Kids who pre-registered also received a Fishing Kids T-shirt. The line of kids waiting to pick up their rods/reels and T-shirts was at least 100 yards long before the line was opened before the 9:00AM starting time. At the end of the first shift at 10:00 AM over 450 kids had registered and were fishing. The shore line was full of shoulder to shoulder kids. At about 12:15 PM all of the 800 rods/reels were gone. The pond was closed Friday and stocked by the WDFW. As a result, fishing the next day was fantastic and it seemed that all the kids were catching fish. One kid came up to the registration line and showed off his limit of 5 fish that he caught in seven casts with a fly rod and flies that he tied himself. Many kids caught large trout that weighed over 1 pound. It was a fantastic day for the kids. There were many groups that participated and made the event a success. The RR&GC was a participant. We helped in planning of the event. We also handed out more than 250 registration forms at Lunker Lake in January. We assembled the 800 rods, reels hooks sinkers and floats prior to the event at the WDFW office in Pasco. Paul Hoffarth, the local fisheries biologist, helped set up space in their garage for assembly of the tackle. Paul was instrumental in making sure that the rods, reels and other paraphernalia were available when we needed them. It took four shifts of about 4 hours each with 4 to 5 people present at each shift to assemble the rods; two of us also took 50 rods and reels home to assemble. Besides Paul Hoffarth, Clare Cranston, Jim Shearer, Gaylord Pyle, Mack McDonnell, John Lavender, Jack Oppelt, Gene VanLiew, Gerry Zeitler and Eddie Manthos helped assemble the rods. Saturday morning, Bill Lambert, Jeff Gardner, Russ Wyer, Dennis Spore and his son, Mack McDonnell, Bob Zinsli, Lorna, Victoria and Vanessa Manthos, Michael O'Neill, Russ and Leila Brown, Paul Kison, Barry Jackson, Jim Shearer and Eddie Manthos showed up and worked at various jobs. We registered kids, passed out rods, assembled and repaired rods

and reels, patrolled the shoreline and helped the participants and cleaned fish. Bill Lambert cleaned fish all morning and was helped by Russ Wyer and an unknown volunteer until 1:00PM. Most of us left about 1:00PM. Some stayed longer, I know that Gerry Zeitler patrolled the shoreline and cleaned fish until 2:30. It was a very busy day and we all left with a satisfied feeling. Many thanks to WalMart of Kennewick and a FISH'N ♣, a new fishing store in Pasco located at 3616 W Court St., Suite G; both stores donated the many night crawlers used by the kids..

**ANGLER EDUCATION CLASS:** An Angler Education Class was held at the Hunter Education facility at Griggs on May 1, 2, and 3. Russ Brown was the chief instructor. Richard Weaver, also a certified instructor, Clare Cranston, Jim Shearer, Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist (our district), and Jim Bird, head of the WDFW Angler Education program assisted. Nineteen students participated and completed the course. They pre-registered for the Fishing Kids event at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond that took place the next day and received their T-shirts and rods and reels at the class and were able to walk in and start fishing the next morning at starting time. The class was a big success. Highlight of the class was the dissection of a fish by Paul Hoffarth, the kids crowded around, were spellbound and asked many questions during the procedure.

**RICHARD FITZNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**-Howard Gardner- This year the scholarship was awarded to William Moore, a 3.8GPA graduate student in Resource Management at Central Washington University. His Masters Thesis is on mule deer in central Washington. The scholarship award is \$500.00 and was started in 1992 in memory of Richard Fitzner, a well respected biologist and Club member who died in a tragic plane crash. The awards go to students in a wildlife related field.

**PACK BOXES AVAILABLE:**--Howard Gardner Through son-in-law Dennis Siscomb, Club Member Dick Petty has made available six pack boxes for use on horses or mules. The rugged, well constructed boxes, made from 3/8in. plywood, are ~17in. deep, 13in. wide and 31in. long. Members interested should contact President Gaylord Pyle(948-2392, cell phone) and at the June Club meeting where the boxes will be displayed, a drawing will be held with the winner getting his a choice of all or some of the boxes. Any left will go to the next person drawn and so on. Thanks to Dennis and Dick for making the boxes available.

**SALMON BOOTH 2002:**-Howard Gardner& Dale Schielke

We have received approval for our Salmon Booth in the Allied Arts Sidewalk Show on July 25,26&27 and need a lot of help, about 70 volunteers. This is our main money raising project for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July,25 from 6-8:00PM. The booth will operate from 9:00AM to 9:00PM on Friday July,26 and Saturday, July,27. Shifts will be 9:00AM-1:00PM, 1:00PM-5:00PM, and 5:00-9:00PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00PM. All club members that worked last year plus new members(since7/01) will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and what shift. To save the phone tree callers some time please call Dennis Spore(627-0589), shift coordinator, and sign up for a shift. Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun. If for some reason you are not contacted, call Dennis.

This year, 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 at 6:45PM sharp on Thurs. June 27 and Tues. July 9. No one will be admitted after the program starts at 7:00PM.. If these dates are inconvenient, call the Benton Health Dept. on 582-7761 for the training and test date. They are located at 800 W. Canal Dr., Kennewick. Cards cost \$8.00 which will be reimbursed by the Club on request. See you down at the Booth.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were four entries in May. Since there were no entries in April, two winners were selected. Wes Bryan was one winner with a photo of his two sons Drew and Will and 10 trout caught on Mother's Day at Spring Lake in the Tucannon. The largest trout was 19" long and weighed 4 pounds. The second winner was Gaylord Pyle with a photo showing Gaylord with a turkey he harvested this spring. The other two turkeys in the photo were harvested by Jeff Gardner and Walter Chuck. Wes and Gaylord will each win five free raffle tickets at the June General Meeting. Bring your entries for June to the June General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at the Club's web site <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/>.

**PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET:** Don't forget, the Pheasants Forever Banquet is June 15, 4:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus in Richland. Hunting and Fishing Trip Raffles and more. Contact Bill at 582-1863 for tickets and information.

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**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were no entries in April. Bring your entries for May to the May General Meeting

**MAY 4 FISHING KIDS COLUMBIA PARK FAMILY FISHING POND EVENT:** The *Fishing Kids* event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday May 4. It is one of a series of fishing events designed to give kids 'a hands-on fishing experience.' For a \$5 registration fee, participants receive a "Fishing Kids" T-shirt and a Zebco rod and reel, which is theirs to keep. In addition, bait, floats and sinkers will also be provided. The Club is participating in the event and will man a fish cleaning station, patrol the shoreline to help and coach the kids, help distribute the rods and help wherever needed. A number of Club members have signed up to help. If you would also like to help call Eddie at 586-6009 or send e-mail to emanthos@aol.com. Volunteers should show up at the fishing pond by 7:30 AM to help set up. We will probably stay until about 1:00 PM when the event will be over.

**WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP:** The Club is sponsoring 12 youth, nominally eight from the Club and 4 from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp are July 14-20 for girls and July 21 to 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 12 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 very good and very comprehensive camp. If your son, daughter or grandchild is eligible to go to the camp or if you know of another youth(s) that would enjoy and benefit from the Camp. Call Larry now to request a registration form.

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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MAY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, May 7, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 21, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 22, 2002, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

### MAY GENERAL MEETING

"Fishing at Potholes Reservoir" will be the topic of the May 7 meeting. Mike, Dave and Levi Meseberg of Mar Don Resort will be the presenters. Whether your interest is crappie, bass, walleye, bluegill, perch or trout; May and June are good fishing months for all and excellent for most. One hundred twenty thousand net pen raised trout have been released in Potholes Reservoir each of the last three years. The Mesebergs will provide fishing tips; discuss changes in the fishing regulations as respects bass, walleye, and crappie and may even touch on some migratory waterfowl and bird hunting opportunities that exist in the fall at Potholes Reservoir.

**APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** The meeting was opened to a full house again by Club president Gaylord Pyle.

- Gaylord welcomed all the visitors and asked that they introduce themselves, there were at least a half dozen.
- Gerry Zeitler gave a short update of the March 23 Wild Game Dinner and announced that there would be a meeting of the cooks and others that participated in the dinner on Tuesday April 9.
- Bob Pittman thanked all the volunteers that participated at the March 9 Windmill Ranch work party. The volunteers stated that Bob should have no problems soliciting volunteers in the future, if he supplies stew as good as what they had that day.
- Jim Shearer stated that SB 5831, the I-713 replacement, was not passed by the Washington State House of Representatives because the Bill was not allowed to come up for a vote on the House floor. It will still be on the agenda however for the next session of the legislature.
- Clare Cranston described the Hunter Education Student Graduates pheasant hunt that took place on David Ochoas's Mesa Flats Hunting preserve on March 30. Twenty students participated in the hunt and 13 pheasants were harvested. Clare is a member of the the Fresh Water Fisheries Advisory Committee and gave an update of the Committee's activities. He also discussed some of the changes in the 2002-2003 fishing regulations.
- Clare announced that he is organizing an Angling Education class that will take place May 1, 2 and 3 at the Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco. A *Fishing Kids* event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday June 4. The Club will participate in the event by assembling 800 rods and reels prior to the event and then assisting on the day of the event at the pond. A sign up sheet for volunteers was circulated.

- Larry Martin also discussed two habitat projects to take place at Windmill Ranch on April 6 and April 20. Volunteer sign up sheets for both events were circulated.

- Mike Estes announced that he was appointed to the Public Use and Access subcommittee of the Hanford National Monument Advisory Committee.

Program Chairman Mike Estes introduced the main speaker of the evening, Paul Hoffarth WDFW Fish Biologist for Benton and Franklin Counties.

- Paul announced that a spring Chinook Salmon fishery is being planned for the Yakima River in 2002. The final dates for the fishery had not been announced at the time of his talk. Paul can be contacted at 545-2284 for latest information concerning the fishery. The *mid* section of the Yakima from Granger to below Rosa Dam will be open for Chinook fishing.

- Paul stated that the season would probably open April 21 and continue to June 15. The section from the SR 223 bridge at Granger to about 3500 feet below the Rosa Dam will be open. These locations will be marked with signs.

- Last year, 2001, 508,000 spring Chinook entered the Columbia River; in 2002 it is predicted that 418,500 will enter the Columbia. In 2002, 21,500 spring Chinook migrated up the Yakima River; this year the forecast is for 21,800.

- Two *hatchery* spring Chinook **only**, of 12 inch minimum size, per day can be harvested. The season limit is ten spring Chinook. Bait is allowed. Only a single point **barbless** hook with a hook gap of 3/4 inch or less can be used. **Fishing for steelhead is closed.**

- Paul showed slides of a map(s) of the Yakima River, open to fishing, and pointed out *promising* areas to fish. He also showed how to access the river at the different areas he *pinpointed*. These directions to the access areas are in the Club web site under Newsletter/Current Activities.

- He reminded anglers that if they fish the bank opposite I-82 from Union Gap to Granger they must possess a Tribal license from the Yakama tribe in addition to the WDFW fishing license.

- How to fish for spring Chinooks was also discussed. Spinners in #4 size in blue or green (Blue for *Vibrax*) are favorites. Spoons, herring, eggs, shrimp are some of the other baits/lures used. The fish appear to be shore oriented. During dusk and dawn, tailouts are fished by many anglers. During daylight, *structure* is fished by many. Paul suggested that river flow be taken into consideration when deciding where to fish. River flow conditions can be accessed on the Internet at <http://wa.water.usgs.gov/realtime/current.html>.

- Paul also mentioned some of the 2002 fishing regulation changes. Final and more complete fishing regulations will be available at license dealers before May 1 and are also available on the WDFW web site..

There will be a 5 fish limit for bass, fish between 12 to 17 inches must be released and only one fish over 17 inches can be retained.

Channel catfish will have a 5 fish limit.

Walleye will have a 5 fish limit with a minimum size of 16 inches. Only one fish over 22 inches can be retained.

- There will probably be a fall Chinook Salmon season above Richland.

- Paul answered many questions at the end of his presentation and again reiterated that if you have any questions about the local fishery, call him at 545-2284.

Mike introduced Club member Eldon Ladd who gave a short update presentation about the salmon fishery in the lower Columbia.

- Eldon related his observations about this springs fishery in the lower Columbia.

- He reminded anglers that Drano and the Wind River are closed on Tuesday night and all day Wednesday because these areas are reserved for the Yakama Indians.

- *Wiggle Warts*, the original design and slightly improved, will soon be available as *Brad's Wigglers*.

- Eldon has observed that the action of a *Vibrax* spinner can be improved by bending the shaft ahead of the spinner so that the spinner is at an angle to the shaft.

- Raffle drawing winners were: Bill Lambert - a float tube, John Probson - a \$30.00 WalMart gift card., Kyle Logan - a fishing cap, Ev Weakley - lens cleaner, Dennis Spore - mini flashlight sheath, Matthew Logan and Joe Cortez - a large bag of smoked goose breasts, Matthew Logan - a book about Deschutes River fishing, Mike O'Neil - a book about drift boats and Mike Estes - a container of gun bluing.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Robert C Hermann from Kirkland, WA, Patrick Shearer from Kent, WA, Martin L Rockwell from Sultan, WA, Douglas R Hitchcock from Bellevue, WA, David Piovesan from Mesa, WA, Merrill Saleen from McCall, ID, Jeff Martin from Richland and Donny J Martin from Pasco.

**WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX INSPECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS:** - Dale Schielke - Thanks to SMK Construction Company, a sheet metal firm in Pasco, for donating 35 predator guards for squirrel proofing wood duck nesting boxes. The guards would have cost several hundred dollars if purchased. Ninety five percent of boxes installed several years

ago along the lower section of the Yakima River have been used by squirrels. The RR&GC received a grant from the waterfowl artwork program to purchase materials for relocating boxes from trees to posts in an effort to squirrel proof them. As of mid April, 161 boxes have been checked, 58 had signs of wood duck use, 14 with screech owl use, 1 kestrel, 4 with bees, 11 lost to the fire along the Walla Walla River, and 45 have been converted to post mounted as part of our squirrel proofing project. We are experimenting with several types of posts and predator guards to determine the most effective method for keeping squirrels and other predators out of the boxes. New nesting sign observed in some of the last boxes checked indicate the wood ducks have started the 2002 nesting locally.

WILD GAME DINNER: About 310 people purchased tickets and attended the Wild Game Dinner, quite a few more than the 260 we thought were going to attend. There was plenty of hors'd oeuvres and food for all, unfortunately we ran short of bottled water and soft drinks. Larry Martin was awarded the Gardner-Cranston Award and Paul Kison was awarded the Club's Distinguished Service Award. Winner of the quality trip was Arlen Schade and the alternate was Chris Foster. Twenty five year member belt buckles were presented to Dr. Robert Franco, Bob Lyness, Lou LaDouceur, Eddie Manthos and Jack Oppelt.

HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT HUNT: A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education student graduates was held at Dave Ochoa's Mesa Flats Hunting preserve on Saturday March 30. A total of 20 students participated. It was a beautiful warm almost cloudless day that started off with the students shooting a round of trap at the Connell Gun Club. They then moved to the Mesa Flats Hunting Preserve where they shot in 3 separate groups in a picked corn field bordered by cover on two sides. A total of about 42 pheasant roosters, provided by Dave Ochoa, were released for the hunters just prior to each hunt. Hunting dogs were provided by John Silko, Lyle Gilk., Ken Burgard, Neal Hutchins, Don Calmus and John Shade. A total of 13 birds were harvested by the students. Barey and Hugh McEachen and Ernie Weir from the preserve assisted Dave during the hunt. Barey McEachen prepared a sumptuous barbeque for the students, their parents and all the helpers that assisted at the Connell Gun Club and at Mesa Flats Hunting Preserve. Clare Cranston planned and organized the hunt. Assisting Clare, in addition to the dog handlers were Gaylord Pyle, Eddie Manthos, Jim Shearer, Andrew Powers, Jack Henderson, Dusty Powers, Gary Ahzinger and John Dyes. The hunt was a success, some of the students harvested their first game bird and it was obvious by the smiles on their faces (and their parents) that they were well pleased. The smiles were all that the many helpers needed to make their day! A big thanks to Dave and his assistants for making this hunt a worthwhile experience for all that were involved.

WINDMILL RANCH HABITAT PROJECTS: - Two habitat planting projects took place in April at the Windmill Ranch. Rocky Ross was in charge of both projects.

- The first project was on April 6 and 1300 sagebrush and 100 buckwheat plants were planted in an area adjacent to where sagebrush had been planted in the spring of 2001. Volunteers who helped were Lannie Smith, Paul Kison, Dennis Spore, Gene VanLiew, Eddie Manthos and Larry Martin. Rocky supplied doughnuts, soft drinks and oranges for the volunteers. The project was completed about 1:00 PM. We were very fortunate to be able to observe Sandhill Cranes and other migratory waterfowl that were stopping over at the ranch on fields all around us.

- The second project took place on April 20 in a field just off the road leading to and adjacent to the parking lot where hunters register prior to hunting. A total of 1485 shrubs consisting of 350 Caragana, 165 Woods Rose, silver and russet 350 Buffaloberry, 400 Golden Currant, 165 Woods Rose and 270 Skunkbush Sumac were planted into plastic strips that were laid last fall. Four hundred Rocky mountain Juniper and 350 Multiflora Rose had been planted earlier that week. This was the last scheduled shrub plot planted under the Snake River Mitigation program. We were fortunate enough to meet John Andrews, Region 1 Manager (Spokane) of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. John worked along with the rest of us and worked just as hard as we did and perhaps a little bit harder. Other volunteers were Lannie Smith, Gary Hagedorn, Gene VanLiew, Dennis Spore, Eddie Manthos, Barry Jackson, Gerry Zeitler, Dale Landon, Chase Santille, Mike Schmitt, Wes Bryan and his sons Will and Drew. Rocky furnished doughnuts, sandwiches, soft drinks and oranges for the volunteers. The weather for both the April 6 and 20 plantings was almost ideal; clear, cool in the morning and warming up as the day went on.

GUZZLER REPAIR PROJECT: A guzzler damaged by a range fire last year in the hills above the Prosser area was repaired by Don Hand, Cody Hand, Jerry Massey, Gene VanLiew Larry Noggles and Larry Martin. The sheet metal roof, support posts and wooden framework were replaced. Don Hand was in charge of the project.

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**APRIL 20 WINDMILL RANCH HABITAT PLANTING PROJECT:** Rocky Ross is planning to have a second shrub planting party on Saturday, April 20. The shrubs will be planted into plastic strips that were laid last Fall on the Windmill Ranch, and will be the last scheduled shrub plot planted under the Snake River program (truly a historic event). Volunteers need to meet at the Shell gas station near the TRAC facility at about 8AM and then leave from there to travel to Windmill Ranch. You can sign up to work at the April 2 General Meeting or call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009..

**WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX INSPECTIONS:** Dale Schielke - A total of 142 boxes have been inspected. Fifty showed evidences of wood duck nesting, 12 were used by owls, one by kestrels, 4 by bees and 11, adjacent to the Walla Walla River, had been damaged by fire. Eleven boxes were installed on *pest proof* posts. Dale was assisted by Dana Mueller, Mike and Mark Tomsinski, and Bob, Tim and Gary Elder.

**DUCK BAND RESULTS:** Only two bands were reported for ducks harvested this year.

- Walter Chuck shot a mallard on 12/12/01 that had been banded 7/27/2000 in Alberta Canada and hatched 1999 or earlier. Walter also harvested a mallard with a band that was worn smooth indicating that it was on the bird's leg for at least 10 years.
- Mike Estes harvested a mallard drake on 1/1/2002, that had been banded as an adult bird near Tilley Station, Alberta, Canada on 8/14/2001 and hatched 2000 or earlier.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were four photo entries in March. Jeff Gardner was the contest winner with a photograph of a 6x6 bull elk skeleton he found while hunting in Idaho. The elk had been killed by a tree that fell on it. Jeff will win five free raffle tickets for the March General Meeting raffle. All contest photos will be on display at every General Meeting. Bring your photograph entries to the March General Meeting. View the photo at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/>.

**SAFARI CLUB BANQUET:** A banquet will be held June 1 by the local Safari Club at the Pasco Double Tree. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Contact Mark Cook at 582-4760 for tickets and/or more information.

**KARL MALONE YOUTH CONSERVATION INITIATIVE:** Thanks to the generosity and backing of the Hall of Fame bound Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz, along with support from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and participating conservation organizations, some lucky youth will have a chance at a hunt of a lifetime, all expenses paid. All youth ages 14-19 are welcome to submit one application with a five-dollar handling/donation fee. Application deadline is April 15, 2002. Go to [www.muledeer.org](http://www.muledeer.org) and click on the Karl Malone Youth Conservation Initiative for details.



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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MARCH GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 2, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, April 16, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 24, 2002, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

Fishing & Hunting Licenses Expire April 1

### APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The April General Meeting will take place at the Richland Maintenance Facility on Tuesday April 2 at 7:00 PM. Paul Hoffarth, a local fish biologist with the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife will be the speaker. If you missed the opportunity to fish for Chinook salmon on the Yakima River last spring, don't make the same mistake again this year. Come to the meeting where Paul will share information on where, when, and how to pursue these brutes. He will also discuss other local fishing opportunities and review recent regulation changes. If you are a fisherman, this is one meeting you don't want to miss.

**MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** The meeting was opened by Club president Gaylord Pyle to a stand up audience.

- Visitor Keith Clark and new members present introduced themselves.
- Jim Shearer gave an update on Washington Senate Bill 5831 which will replace I-713 if it is approved by the legislature. He circulated a sheet for members to sign up and receive SB5831 updates via e-mail.
- Don Moody of the local National Wild Turkey Federation chapter announced that they will be holding a banquet on March 30. For further information and tickets contact him at 543-9866.
- Gerry Zeitler gave an update on the status of wild game for the Wild Game Dinner. A meeting of cooks, helpers etc, will be held on March 12 at Gerry's home.
- Walter Chuck announced that there will be a habitat planting on Saturday March 16, 2002 at 9:00 a.m at the Wallula Unit of McNary Refuge. Help is needed to plant willows, cottonwoods and other riparian trees in the newly restored wetland project, on the south side of the Walla Walla River. This will be a good opportunity to tour the new restoration project before it is flooded.
- Jeff Rampon announced that he was looking for 14 year and older youths with Hunter Safety cards to help at an AKC Retriever Hunt Test sponsored by the Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club on March 30 and 31 at Scootney Reservoir.
- Howard Gardner described the Citizens For Responsible Wildlife Management organization and made a motion that the

Club donate \$100.00 to the organization. The motion was seconded and the members voted unanimously to approve the motion. Howard also mentioned that no applications were received for the Fitzner Memorial Scholarship. However a professor at WSU informed Howard that he might have interested applicants. For this reason the deadline for applications was extended to April 30.

- Eddie Manthos announced that Clare Cranston informed him that there will be a Hunter Education Student graduates pheasant hunt at David Ochoa's Mesa Flats Hunting Preserve on March 30 and that bird dogs and their handlers and other helpers will be needed. The hunt will start off with a round of trap at the Connell Gun Club. Clare is also planning to conduct an Angler Education Class on May 1, 2 and 3. He will need help from anglers during that class. The Fishing Kids event will take place at the Columbia Park pond on May 4. The Club has committed to assembling 850 rods and reels prior to the event. Volunteers will also be needed on Saturday, May 4 at to help at the pond.

- Dale Schielke announced the results of Wood Duck nesting box inspections to date.

- Gene VanLiew announced the details of the scheduled May 9 Windmill Ranch habitat project. A volunteer sign up sheet was circulated.

- John Silko announced that he had Wild Game Dinner tickets and applications for the Quality Trip for sale.

- Mike Estes introduced the main speakers of the evening, year 2001 Quality Trip winners Leo Pfeifer and John Arrabito.

- Leo explained that this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quality Trip in 20 years that he was fortunate enough to participate in. Leo and John left Seattle **Sunday, June 23** and arrived in Anchorage Alaska the next morning at 1:45 AM. They rented a truck and drove to Soldatna where they ate breakfast at 5:00 AM. They arrived at the the lodge (All Alaska outdoors, Inc.) they were staying at in the afternoon and moved into their cabin. That afternoon they went clam digging at low tide and harvested 45 clams in an hour. Leo and John, mainly Leo, did most of their cooking in the cabin during their entire stay.

- **Monday** they fly fished for sockeye salmon on the Kenai River and only caught one fish because the river, due to warm weather, was at flood stage.

- **Tuesday** they fished for King salmon with a guide and two other fishermen from Minnesota. They only caught one fish.

- **Wednesday** they flew to Wolverine Creek Lake. Sockeye swim up the creek into the lake to spawn. Each of the four fishermen caught 12-15 sockeye and kept a limit of three fish each.

- **Thursday** they fished the Kenai again for 7 hours and got no strikes.

- **Friday**, their last day of King fishing, they boated upstream to Bing's Landing where John caught a 40 pound King.

- **Saturday**, they fished for Halibut on Cook Inlet. Their originally scheduled boat was unavailable because of engine problems that injured the skipper while he was attempting to repair it. Their replacement boat was an old wooden displacement type hull. However, they did much better than the fishermen in other boats that day. It took them 2½ hours to arrive at where they fished. They both did very well. John caught a 65 and 35 pound halibut and Leo caught a 55 and 30+ pound halibut. Two more fish over 50 pounds were also caught; their last fishing day was 12 hours long.

- They showed many slides of their trip. Leo's camera was lost overboard with many of the trip pictures. They also showed a promotional video that was mailed to Leo especially for the meeting. Both Leo and John were very pleased with the Lodge. The Lodge vacuum packed and froze their cleaned fish. They also donated 50 pounds of sockeye for the Club's picnic barbeque in August. Cost of the trip was about \$1495.00 each plus transportation. The Lodge is All Alaska Outdoors, Inc., Soldotna, Alaska and their phone number is 1-800 646-HUNT.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** David C. Hetzer from Richland, Michael O'Neill and family and Randy Jorissen both from West Richland.

**CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED FOR COURT ACTIONS:** - Howard Gardner. Soon after Initiative-713(Anti-Trapping) was approved in Nov. 2000, the Citizens for Responsible Wildlife Management(CRWM) initiated law suits challenging the legality of it and Initiative-655 which banned the use of hounds for bear and cougar. Both suits are getting to the hearing stages and the CRWM is in great need of funds to continue. Even if I-713 was overturned by the current legislature, the suit on I-655 will continue. At the March General meeting a motion was approved to contribute \$100.00 from the Club to support the law suits. I would like to encourage Club members to contribute on their own to support the CRWM in their court actions. The CRWM has been involved in both Initiatives since they were approved for listing on the ballot( since 1996 for I-655) and have carried the fight almost single handedly. The Club has contributed in the past to the Initiative battles. They are deserving of our support. Your contributions should be sent to:

CRWM Legal Fund, P.O. Box 14245, Tumwater, WA 98511-4245

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**USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE:** The committee, consisting of Howard Gardner Lyle Gilk and Mike Estes met in January and came up with the following recommendations that were approved by the Board of Directors at their February meeting. The last item in the list was approved by the membership at the March General Meeting.

| Item/Organization  | Contributions(\$) |      |
|--|-------------------|------|
|  | 2001              | 2002 |
| Fitzner Memorial Scholarship<br>(Annual award to a student in wildlife biology/studies)                                | 0                 | 500  |
| NRA Institute For Legislative Action<br>(Fights the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amendment battles)                                 | 200               | 200  |
| National Shooting Sports Foundation<br>(Has programs attempting to enlist new hunters)                                 | 100               | 200  |
| Columbia Dive Rescue<br>(Rescue and body recovery)   | 250               | 250  |
| U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance<br>(Provides lobbying and grassroots support to protect sportsmen's rights)                  | 250               | 250  |
| U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation<br>(Conducts education, legal defense and research to protect sportsmen's rights) | 250               | 250  |
| Tapteal Greenway<br>(Dedicated to a trail along the Yakima R. from Richland to Benton City)                            | 50                | 50   |
| Upland Wildlife Restoration Program<br>(Supports local habitat development)  | 324               | 250  |
| Delta Waterfowl<br>(Works for a sustainable North American waterfowl population)                                       | 50                | 100  |
| Youth Conservation Camp(12 total)-nominally eight<br>from Club and four from Hunter Ed. @ \$175 per camper             | 2200              | 2400 |
| Hunters Heritage Council<br>(Promotion and political defense of hunting in Washington State)                           | 100               | 200  |
| USA Olympic Shooting Team<br>(Donations are only source of funding)  | 100               | 100  |
| McNary Environmental Education Center(MEECE)<br>(Local environmental education facility)                               | 0                 | 100  |
| Pheasant Rearing-Steven Leibing, Eagle Scout Project   | 200               | 0    |
| Citizens for Responsible Wildlife Management   |                   | 100  |
|  | Total Cost        | 4074 |
|  | Total Allocation  | 4950 |

**WINDMILL RANCH HABITAT PROJECT:** A crew of seven volunteers consisting of -Mike Estes, Harvey Huisingh, Bill Lambert, Mack McDonnell, Bob Pittman, Gene Van Liew and Ev Weakely worked at the Windmill Ranch on Saturday, March 9 to find and remove trash consisting of wire, steel posts, large rocks, big holes, or anything else that would damage a tractor and flail mower that will be used later in the year to knock down perenial pepperweed and Russian thistle. They did find and remove aluminum cans, bottles etc., but not as many as they anticipated. After the trash was removed the workers feasted on an excellent hot beef stew prepared by Bob Pittman. The stew was more than ample payment for the work they performed. Bob is a very good cook and was thanked by all. The cleaned up area will be treated with herbicide in the fall to kill the pepperweed and thistle. The following spring the area will be planted with seed that will produce habitat more conducive to pheasants.

**McNary Wallula Unit Habitat Planting:** Seven volunteers worked at the Wallula Unit of the McNary Refuge planting shrubs on Saturday March 16. John Pfeiffer, Bill Lambert, Rich Doyle, Jon, Victoria and Vanessa Manthos, Eddie Manthos, Hayley Wyant and USFWS personnel planted wild rose, hawthorne and serviceberry shrubs as part of a newly restored wetland project. The area is just south of the Walla Walla River and can be accessed from Game Department Road off Highway 12 to Walla Walla.. Water was being pumped into the project as we were planting shrubs.





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**THE LEGISLATIVE CORNER SB 5831** This is the time of year we all take notice of what our Washington State legislature is going to come up with for new laws, taxes, etc that we may or may not agree with, including restrictions/changes to hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation activities that we love and participate in. One of the reasons we joined the Richland Rod & Gun Club is to support these activities and ensure that unnecessary and frivolous laws/regulations are not put into effect. This year the I-713 anti trapping bill is up for review in the State legislature because animals are digging up lawns, play grounds and athletic fields. The sponsors want to make changes to I-713 to eliminate the live trapping of gophers and moles from the bill. The Washington State senate passed a bill SB5831 (Allowing the use of body-gripping traps under certain circumstances) which would replace I-713 and allow the trapping of moles, gophers and other nuisance animals. The Bill (SB5831) is now in the Washington State House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee. Club members need to contact their State Representatives and urge them to support SB5831 and vote for it. District 8 (Benton County) Representatives are Shirley Hankins (hankins\_sh@leg.wa.gov) and Jerome Delvin (delvin\_je@wa.leg.gov). District 16 (Franklin & Walla Walla Counties) Representatives are Bill Grant (grant\_wi@leg.wa.gov) and Dave Mastin (mastin\_da@leg.wa.gov) You can contact them by hotline at 1-800--562-6000 or by e-mail (see address in parentheses after representative's name) and inform them how you feel about SB5831 ASAP as the legislation is moving fast.. Access <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/billinfo/dspBillSummary.cfm?billnumber=5831> on the Internet to learn more about SB5831 and determine its status.

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**RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday March 23, 2002 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**

### MARCH GENERAL MEETING

- Presenters for the March 5 General Membership meeting will be Leo Pfeifer and John Arrabito. Leo was the lucky winner of the RRGc Quality Trip last year and John was his lucky partner. Leo and John will share their photo slides and experiences of their fishing trip to Alaska last June. The trip included three days on the Kenai River fishing for King Salmon, a float plane flight to an Alaskan lake to fish for Sockeye salmon and halibut fishing at Homer.
- Tickets for the March, 23 2002 Wild Game Dinner will be on sale at the meeting. Ticket cost is unchanged from previous years, \$15.00 per person. Buy your and your guests tickets early. Tickets purchased after the General Meeting (March 5) will **not** be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing. **All unsold tickets and the money received for sold tickets should be brought to the General Meeting so that a general accounting of the tickets can be made and the stubs for the Early Bird Drawing can be removed. If you are not able to come to the meeting, please call Gerry Zeitler at 545-6694 so that he can determine how many tickets have been sold.**
- Year 2002 Club calendars are still available.

**FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** The Meeting was opened by Club president Gaylord Pyle to a packed house. Visitors and prospective new members identified themselves. There were several announcements:

- Mike Estes explained the rules & regulations that presently apply to the Hanford Reach Monument and Saddle Mountain Refuge.
- Wild Game Dinner Chairman Gerry Zeitler explained that duck breasts and halibut are in very short supply for the dinner and that all donations for the Wild Game Dinner be taken to Chuck's Meat and Lockers as soon as possible so that an accurate estimate of the food available for the dinner can be made. Gerry also announced that Chuck's will remain open for two more years under the present management. The announcement was greeted with applause from the audience. A sign up sheet for Wild Game Dinner volunteers the was circulated through the audience.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were four photo entries in February. Jeff Gardner was the contest winner with a photograph of his 3 ½ year old son Brandt hugging/holding a sucker fish caught in the Yakima River. Jeff will win five free raffle tickets for the March General Meeting raffle. All contest photos will be on display at every General Meeting. Bring your photograph entries to the March General Meeting.

**Club Web Site - The Club now has an Internet web site at: <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/>.**

- John Silko, acting for Treasurer Lyle Gilk who could not attend, announced that he had tickets for the Wild Game Dinner and entry tickets for the Quality Trip drawing. John also reminded members to solicit door prizes for the Dinner.
- Gaylord thanked Dennis Spore for soliciting and organizing the volunteers for Lunker Lake. Dennis reported that there were only about 200 fish left in the pond Sunday night after the event was over. Dennis reported that this years Lunker Lake was probably the most successful one held. About \$1,000.00 was netted.
- Gaylord also reported that the Club now has a web site that was developed by Russ Wyer. It can be viewed at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub>. Russ has been using photographs from the Club photo contest but needs additional wildlife or scenic habitat photos from Club members to be used in the web site. Winning photos from the monthly Club Photo contest will also be displayed on the site. The monthly Club newsletter will also be on the web site but in a slightly different format.
- Larry Martin discussed the two upcoming habitat projects at Windmill Ranch on February 23 and March 9. Purpose of the projects will be to locate and remove large objects, especially metallic, from the sites. After the cleanup each site will be cultivated with a flail mower and planted at later dates. Larry would like to locate and use metal detectors at each site to facilitate the location of removal of metallic objects. If you have a metal detector or know of someone that would loan his detector, call Larry at 545-9647. Call Larry at the same number if you want to volunteer. Larry will contact all volunteers for information on where to meet and at what time. Wear work clothing, gloves etc. and bring a rake, shovel, pick or hoe. Bob Pittman said he will bring a pot of chili and pinto beans. You bring your own drinks, coffee etc.
- Rocky Ross announced that he is seeking volunteers for a sagebrush planting habitat project at Windmill Ranch on April 6. About 1600 to 1800 sagebrush plants will be planted. There will be more information in the April Newsletter.
- Gaylord thanked the volunteers who moved the Hunter Education furniture and other equipment into Griggs. The first class was started on January 28 at Griggs in the new classroom and everything is running smoothly.
- Bill Lambert announced that there will be for a habitat planting project at Wallula HMU in the area burned over this past summer. More information later. There will not be a litter clean up at Quarry Pond.
- Dale Schielke announced the latest results of Wood Duck nesting box inspections.
- Mike Estes introduced the main speakers of the evening Guy Larang and Bruce Duncan. Guy hunts cougar in Idaho with Bruce Duncan, caribou in the NW Territories, mule deer in Montana and has hunted in seven African safaris. Guy has his own cougar hounds and has hunted cougar with Bruce. Bruce had been assisting the Arizona Game & Fish Dept. with a cougar tracking and tagging project and was able to take time off and participate in the presentation. Bruce announced that he brought some cougar meat with him that he was donating to the Club Wild Game Dinner. Bruce also donated, to the Dinner, a guided bobcat hunt. Guy announced that he would be willing to help anyone with the planning of an African hunt.
- The presentation started off with a video presentation of cougar hunting in Idaho. At least 6 cougars were harvested in the video over a period of about seven years. Hounds were utilized in all the hunts to track and tree the cougars. All the hunts, in the video, took place during the month of January in deep snow. Bruce spent most of the evening before a hunt scouting for fresh cougar tracks. At daylight the hounds were turned loose on the trail. After the cougar was treed, the hunters caught up with the hounds and held them until the cat was dispatched either with a rifle or revolver. The cougars were large, much larger than I envisioned. The best part of each of the hunts was the baying of the hounds especially when the sound echoed through the deep woods. Watching the video was almost like being there.
- The second video series showed a caribou hunt in the North West Territories that took place in 1997. The hunt(s) took place while the caribou were migrating. The hunters in the party harvested between 2 to 3 caribou per day. The meat was left with the natives. The racks were retained by the hunters. Some of the animals and their racks were enormous.
- The last video series was excerpts from African hunts where rhinoceroses, leopards, sables wildebeests, warthogs and other game animals were hunted. Other animals such as elephants were video taped. It was obvious that these hunts were truly safaris. Many thanks to Guy and Bruce for taking time out to come and share their experiences with us. Many of us can only dream about hunts like these.
- Raffle winners were Ev Weakely who won a soft sided tackle box. Mack McDonnell and Walter Chuck each won a spinning rod and closed face reel combination. Ev and Mack returned their prizes with the stipulation that they be used as door prizes for the Wild Game Dinner. Thank you.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Richard K. Sharp from Kennewick and Barry Jackson from Richland.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - **Clare Cranston** - Hunter Education classes (Maximum of 25 persons each) are scheduled, starting March 11 and April 15. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Department Store** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Grigg's Department Store.

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!!!:** We are still looking for donations of game meat for the Big Game Dinner that will be held

March 23, 2002, especially boneless elk roasts, duck breasts and upland bird breasts. Other game meat, salmon and halibut can also be used (**NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE**). Duck and goose breasts and halibut are in short supply Instructions for preparing and wrapping your donation were shown in the December and January monthly Bulletins. Take the game meat/fish to Chucks Meats) in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chuck has control of the key. (**Chuck has announced that they will remain open under the present management for two more years**). Make sure that your packages are marked as to what they contain and with your name and hunting license number. If you have any questions or can't get the meat to Chuck's, call Gerry Zeitler at 545-6694. All donations will be greatly appreciated the night of the Wild/Big Game Dinner.

- **Speaker at the Dinner will be Pat Thompson, "The Mischief Maker", he is exceptional at telling Campfire Stories.**
- Big Game Dinner Chairman Gerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Gerry at 545-6694 and offer your services, he needs people for all day March 23 starting at 8:00AM. Tasks will include preparation of potatoes, Hors D'oeuvres, salmon, table arrangements etc. You are also welcome if you can help for part of the day. 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 for storage of food and ice and to keep food warm. Please bring them in the morning and tag them with your name and be sure to pick them up after the dinner.

- If you are going to the dinner, please pay for your 2002 membership prior to the dinner. One of the major bottlenecks at prior dinners was the long line of people updating their membership. Many people have been forced to stand outside in a long line. Eliminate the bottleneck. Update your membership beforehand at the March General Meeting. Remember! To be eligible for the Quality Trip and some of the door prizes your dues must be paid up through April 2003 (4-1-03). Your membership expiration date is shown on this Bulletin mailing label and will be highlighted if it is less than 4-1 03.

● All Club members should be alert for the opportunity to solicit and obtain door prizes for the Big 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 Big Game Dinner program. Obtain the door 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 John Silko at 627-1241. Remember that it is up to the Club members to obtain the prizes. Without donations there will not be many door prizes at the dinner.

**QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES:** Entry tickets for the 2002 Quality Trip can be purchased at the March General Meeting and at the Wild/Big Game Dinner, until the maximum of 100 tickets have been sold. The drawing for the quality trip will be held at the Wild/Big Game Dinner on March 23, 2002. The rules are shown below and are identical to last years.

1. Only Club members with 2002 dues paid through April 1, 2003 are eligible to purchase entry tickets.
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. Each member may purchase 2 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 drawing will be held at the March 23, 2002 Wild/Big Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 2003 Wild/Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
11. The trip must be approved by the Board of Trustees not later than the June Board meeting or the trip will be forfeited.
12. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.

- **WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX INSPECTIONS** Dale Schielke - A big THANK YOU to Stan Jones, Mike Estes, Barry Jackson, Larry Martin, Gene VanLiew, and John Pfeiffer for helping on the wood duck box maintenance trips to date. So far we have checked 115 boxes. Of these 47 had signs of wood duck use, 9 screech owl use, 3 with honey bees, 11 were lost to the fire along the Walla Walla River, and 11 have been converted to posts along the Yakima River. We have about 40 more boxes to squirrel proof with posts as part of our grant project with the Department of Fish and Wildlife. If you are interested in helping on a outing in March or April call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

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RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday March 23, 2002

### FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

- The topic for the February meeting will be "Hunting Opportunities Outside of Washington". The presenter will be Guy Larango of Spokane. Guy will share highlights of his varied hunting experiences which include cougar hunting in Idaho, trophy mule deer hunting in Montana, caribou hunting in the Northwest Territories, and seven African safaris. Guy also traps raccoons, skunks, coyotes, and other problem animals for the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife in the suburban areas surrounding Spokane. Guy has his own cougar hounds and has guided with Bruce Duncan, brother of RRGCC trustee Robbin Duncan. Bruce is currently assisting the Arizona Game & Fish Dept. with a cougar tracking and tagging project and is hopeful that the project will be completed in time for him to accompany Guy to our meeting and participate in the presentation.
- If you have game meat or fish for the Wild/Big Game Dinner and have not been able to take it to Chucks bring it to the meeting and Gerry Zeitler will place it in an ice chest and take it to Chuck's.
- Tickets for the March 23, 2002 Wild/Big Game Dinner will be on sale at the meeting. The price is still \$15.00 per person. Club members, their families and members guests can attend the dinner. Buy your tickets early.
- Year 2002 Club calendars are still available.

**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** The December General Meeting was opened by Club president Gaylord Pyle. Visitors and prospective new members identified themselves. There were several announcements:

- Dennis Spore reported on the status of Lunker Lake volunteers. Clare Cranston is taking care of obtaining the Pellet Range volunteers.
- Gerry Zeitler said that game meat and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner are very slim. Donors need to get their donations into Chuck's as soon as possible so that we can determine if we need to purchase domestic meat in its place. He also announced that he needs volunteers to smoke meat and fish since Jim Choate has moved from the Tri-Cities. If you can smoke meat or fish, contact Gerry at 545-6694.

### U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE LOOKING FOR HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS ON PRIVATE LANDS

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is looking for a few good habitat restoration projects on private lands. The FWS has a program called "Partners for Fish and Wildlife" which offers technical and financial assistance to private (non-federal) landowners to voluntarily restore wetlands and other fish and wildlife habitats on their land. The emphasis is on reestablishing native vegetation and ecological communities to benefit fish and wildlife, in concert with the needs and desires of private landowners. Restoration projects can include restoring wetlands, planting native vegetation, fencing and planting to restore riparian areas, and other related activities. Landowners can continue to hunt and fish the property and they are not required to open the restored lands to public access. Financial assistance agreements take the form of a voluntary cooperative agreement, with the landowner usually providing 50% of the restoration cost either in cash or in-kind services, and the landowner can not damage or destroy the project for at least 10 years. Almost any land that has been subjected to intensive land use like haying, grazing etc. may have restoration potential. If you have or know of some private land that could benefit from this program, please call Rebecca Chuck or Howard Browers at the Mid-Columbia River Refuges office, at 545-8588. More detailed information about the program will be available at the February General Meeting.

**DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED:** Attention all duck hunters! If you harvested a duck or goose with a leg band or collar, notify Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto: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 the March newsletter. Thus far we have one entry from Mike Estes and one from Walter Chuck. Walter also harvested a mallard with a band that was worn smooth indicating that the band was on the bird's leg for at least 10 years.

- Clare Cranston announced that he will need volunteers to paint the space that will be utilized at Grigg's Department Store for the Club's Hunter Education Program. The facility should be ready for the first class this year on January 28.
- Clare also described the "10<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia Basin Friends of NRA Banquet and Auction." For more information, see insert.
- Bob Pittman, a new Club member and a member of the S.E. Washington Alliance For Pheasant Habitat described a pheasant habitat site preparation project on the WDFW Windmill Ranch. The project encompasses two plots for a total of about 30 acres. The site preparation will consist of workers traversing on foot, inspecting and removing debris such as fencing, and other objects. After the plots have been inspected and cleaned up, they will later be prepared for planting with a flail mower. A motion was made and seconded from the floor that the Club participate in the projects and the membership unanimously voted to support the project. One plot will be prepared on Saturday February 23 and the second on March 9. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers. Larry Martin, 545-9647 is the contact for the two projects, call Larry if you want to volunteer. Wear work clothing, gloves etc. and bring a rake, shovel, pick or hoe. Bob Pittman said he will bring a pot of chili and pinto beans. You bring your own drinks, coffee etc.
- Mike Estes, Club Vice President and Meeting Chairman introduced the speaker of the evening, Jim Shearer. Jim is an accomplished fly tier, member of the Club and the Columbia Basin Flycasters. He started his presentation by showing three displays of various types of hooks, English style, dry fly and wet fly hooks. The hooks varied in size from the smallest to the largest and also in heavy, medium and light strengths/weights. Jim showed a selection of hackles and other feathers and hairs used in fly tying and talked about colors that are effective. He also showed the various tools that he utilizes during tying, i.e., scissors, bobbins, hair stackers, whip finishing tool, a fly tying vise, tying thread etc. A video camera was focused, closeup, on the fly and fly tying techniques that Jim demonstrated and the image was shown on a large video monitor so that everyone could observe. Jim tied three different flies, a nymph, a dry fly and a streamer. While he was tying the flies he demonstrated the techniques used, such as winding tying thread on a hook, applying dubbing, tying hackles, tying the *parachute* on a parachute fly and finishing the head on a fly with a whip finisher. Jim does not use head cement to finish the fly head. It was obvious to all that Jim is an accomplished and knowledgeable tier. The equipment, tying vise and tools, that he used were of best quality and made us novice tiers very envious. Jim also donated a dozen flies that were part of the raffle prizes at the end of the meeting.
- Raffle winners were :Mike Estes - a dozen flies tied by Jim Shearer, Stephen Bauman a \$50 gift certificate to Richland Trustworthy Hardware and a large Jig Saw puzzle, Tim Clemons - a \$30 gift certificate to Grigg's Department Store and a McNary Refuge 'Hunter Fee Waiver Certificate'.
- After the meeting was concluded, about 8:30 PM, WDFW game biologist Don Larsen explained the Mandatory Hunting Reporting program and Hunter Reporting Form and answered questions about the form and assisted hunters needing help.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Bob Pittman from Richland (Bob is associated with the S.E. Washington Alliance For Pheasant Habitat), Jerry Burke from Burbank, Tom W Halecki from Richland, Harvey Huisingh from Richland, Craig Seal from Pasco and Stephen Bauman from Pasco (Stephen is a newly certified Hunter Education Instructor who will be working in the Club's Hunter Education program).

**LUNKER LAKE:** Lunker Lake and the Pellet Rifle Range appeared to have large attendances at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 18, 19 and 20 at the TRAC. We do not have attendance figures, etc. as yet for the three days. Someone left a bag with a towel, pliers and a book at one of the Exhibitor booths. Considering the contents it likely belongs to someone that helped at Lunker Lake. If you think it is yours call Dennis Spore at 627-0589

- A big thank you to Star Rentals & Sales for donating the rental cost of the submersible sump pump used to aerate the water in the Lake during the Sportsmen's Show. Bill Young, Manager, was very generous in this donation which would have cost around \$120.00 for a four day rental. As a partial thank you, Meryl Shuyler sent four complimentary passes for the Show to Mr. Young.

**USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE:** The Committee will meet at Howard Gardners home (943-9084) on February 12 at 7:00 PM.

**CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS:** I forgot to list Past President Paul Kison in the January Bulletin as one of the Board of Directors volunteers for the year 2002.

**HUNTER EDUCATION FACILITY:** - The first Hunter Education Class of 2002 is being held in Grigg's Department Store starting January 28. Other classes are scheduled, starting March 11 and April 15. Class Hunter Education fee is \$5.00 and registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Department Store** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco.

Gaylord Pyle and Clare Cranston painted the classroom on January 15 and a hard working crew consisting of Clare Cranston, Howard Gardner, Gene VanLiew, Howard Gerards, Jim Shearer, Gaylord Pyle, Gerry Zeitler, John Pfeiffer, Eddie Manthos and Grigg's employees worked Tuesday January 22 transferring furniture and other equipment and materials from a storage facility into the new classroom facility at Grigg's Department Store in Pasco.

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!!:** We are still looking for donations of game meat for the Big Game Dinner that will be held March 23, 2002, especially boneless elk roasts, duck breasts and upland bird breasts. Other game meat, salmon and halibut can also be used (**NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE**). **Up until January 15 there was hardly any game meat or fish in the locker at Chucks Meats.** Instructions for preparing and wrapping your donation were shown in the last two monthly Bulletins. Take the game meat/fish to Chucks Meats in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chuck has control of the key. Make sure that your packages are marked as to what they contain and with your name and hunting license number. If you have any questions or can't get the meat to Chuck's, call Gerry Zeitler at 545-6694 **If you cannot make it to Chucks, bring your game meat or fish to the February 5 General meeting.** All donations will be greatly appreciated the night of the Wild/Big Game Dinner.

**Speaker at the Dinner will be Pat Thompson, "The Mischief Maker", he is exceptional at telling Campfire Stories.**

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- **C W "Butch" Welch Donation:** (Dale Schilke) The speaker from last years Wild Game Dinner, C W "Butch" Welch, has just released his third cookbook - "Cee Dub's Ethnic & Regional Dutch Oven Cooking". On page 100 is the fish chowder recipe that our chef Bob Hinkle shared with Cee Dub. He has a companion tale discussing obtaining the recipe at the dinner and dividing it by 10 and then taking half to fit into a deep 14" Dutch Oven. Cee Dub has generously donated two of his newest cookbooks for this year's dinner. If you would like one you can order it from his web site at <http://www.ceedubs.com/> or come to the Wild Game Dinner and hope you get lucky! PS if you had previously signed up for Cee Dub's newsletter and are not currently receiving it, it is due to a computer virus that wiped out all his hard drive and all the files containing our e-mail addresses. You can get back on the mailing list by signing up again on the web site.

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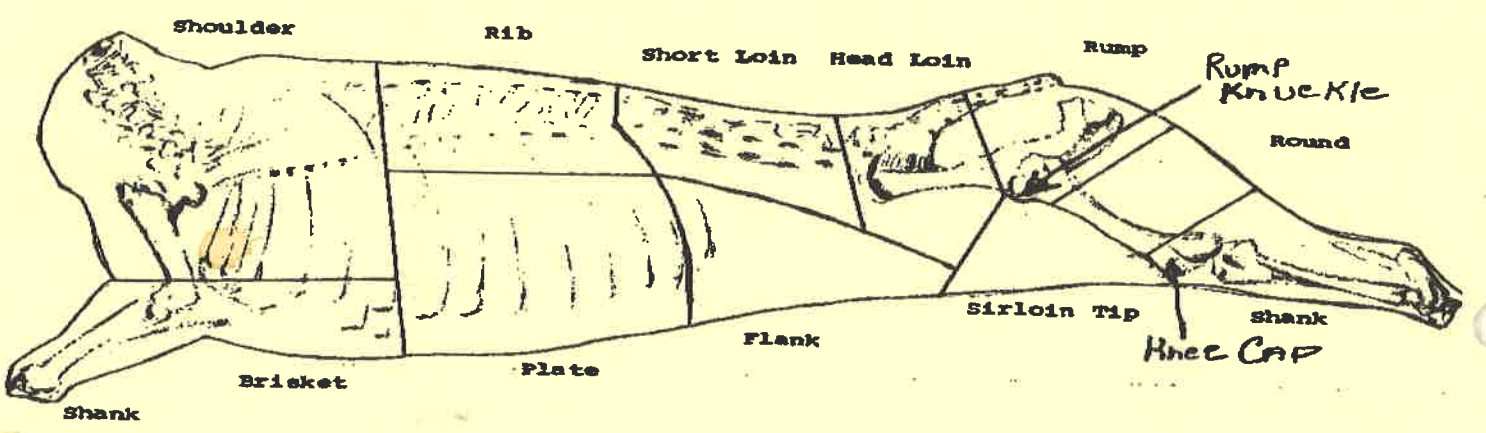
**WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX INSPECTIONS:** Inspection of Wood Duck nesting boxes has started, if you are interested in helping call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

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**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. Last year we reported information about three ducks with leg bands.



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| Lyle Gilk, Treasurer (627-3341)                 | Eddie Manthos, Secretary (586-6009)   |
| Jack Pickard, Membership Information (582-5397) |                                       |

### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

- JANUARY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, **January 8, 2002**, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
- BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 15, 2002, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 24, 2002, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
- LUNKER LAKE - Friday, Saturday & Sunday - January 18, 19 & 20, 2002
- BIG GAME DINNER Saturday March 23, 2002**

**NOTE THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD ON NEW YEARS DAY JANUARY 1. IT WILL BE HELD ONE WEEK LATER ON TUESDAY JANUARY 8.**

### JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

• The January General Meeting will be on **Tuesday January 8**, instead of Tuesday New Years day, at the Richland Maintenance Facility at 7:00 P.M. The speaker will be Club member Jim Shearer who is also a member of the Columbia Basin Flycasters. Jims topic will be *fly tying*. He will discuss basic fly tying techniques and equipment such as hooks, fly tying vises, bobbins etc., fly tying materials such as feathers, hair and synthetic materials and other items. Jim has been tying flies for over 50 years and enjoys teaching others, mostly children, how to tie flies. He has demonstrated fly tying yearly in Montana at the International Federation of Fly Tiers show and tied flies in Oregon and Idaho at annual mini conclaves for the National Federation State shows. He has also tied at the King Dome for crowds during the Washington annual sportsman show. Jim enjoys bird hunting, coyote hunting, rifle shooting and fly fishing. He is known in commercial fly tying as The Fly Barm, which he operates as a commercial fly tier from his home. Jim still gives fly tying lessons on request and will begin giving fly tying lessons as a side line starting in January 2002. He ties special order flies by request. If interested, call him at (509)585-3582.

This is a timely meeting since the hunting season is winding down and fishing is around the corner. During the break between the two seasons, you can use what you learned from Jim to tie flies that you can use in the coming months.

• WDFW staff will be available at the conclusion of the meeting, about 8:30 PM to assist you with your mandatory hunting reporting. See the enclosed insert for additional information.

- Howard Gardner shot a partially white turkey this fall. He will have the fanned tail, wings and photos on display at the meeting. A tail and wings from a turkey with normal coloring will also be displayed for comparison.
- Tickets for the March 23, 2002 Big Game/Wild Game Dinner will be on sale at the meeting. The price is still \$15.00 per person. Club members, their families and members guests can attend the dinner. Buy your tickets early.
- Year 2002 Club calendars are still available for \$3.00 each.

**DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** The December General Meeting was opened by Club president Bill Lambert.

● The first order of business was the election of Club officers and directors. There was no candidate for vice president. A motion was made and carried to unanimously accept the three candidates for president, secretary and treasurer. There were 17 candidates for the 15 member Board of Directors. Ballots for the Board of Directors were passed out to Club members and voted upon. Results of the election are shown later in this newsletter.

● Guests at the meeting introduced themselves.

● Carleen Gonder, a Refuge Officer at the Hanford Reach National Monument and the Saddle Mountain National Wildlife gave a presentation concerning regulations at the Monument. She stated that coyotes cannot be hunted on the Wahluke Unit. Only shotguns, bows and arrows or muzzle loaders can be used during WDFW regulated hunting seasons. At present it appears that there are no written regulations specific to the Monument/Wahluke that are readily available to the public. Carleen said that she would provide the Club with regulations or guidelines for the Monument/Wahluke. At present it apparently is up to the individuals that access and use the Monument to inquire at the USFWS headquarters in Richland to learn what they can and cannot do. There were many questions to Carleen that were asked and answered.

● Howard Gardner and Larry Martin were the main speakers and they gave a presentation about coyote hunting. Because of the topic the meeting room was filled to almost overflowing. There were many visitors that came just for the presentation. Howard and Larry started off their presentation by showing and demonstrating the various calls that they use and believe me they had quite a variety. Howard demonstrated an electronic call of his own and demonstrated a second electronic call that was borrowed. They also showed the different firearms that they use. Howard likes the 220 Swift and prefers a 40 grain Nozzler Ballistic Tip bullet that he handloads. Larry likes a 0.17 caliber cartridge with a 25 grain bullet that has a muzzle velocity of about 4000 fps. Shotguns with shot sizes from #00 to #2 can also be used. Howard likes to use a home made *shooting stick* with his rifle. The shooting stick is made from two dowels, painted dark, and held together with an elastic band that can be moved up or down to vary the elevation of the rifle. They also discussed the use of camouflage, especially for the face. Face masks or face make up can be used. Masking scents such as skunk oil were also discussed. There were also some coyote pelts on display. Doug Flohr, a WDFW enforcement agent and formerly an animal control agent described how to flesh hides and showed a fleshing tool that he used. There were many questions from the audience; some of the audience also related their coyote hunting experiences. After the meeting ended, Howard and Larry demonstrated the skinning of a coyote that was shot the day before. The demonstration was outdoors on the back of Howard's pickup truck on a cold, windy and wet night. About a half dozen of the audience stayed to watch the demonstration. I watched it from the inside of an automobile parked next to Howard's truck. Many thanks to Howard and Larry for their presentation, they put a lot of thought and work preparing the presentation.

● Raffle winners were: Jeff Gardner - a \$50 gift certificate to Critter's, Paul Kison a \$20 gift certificate to Critter's, Gene VanLiew a \$10 gift certificate to Critter's, Mike Estes a Belt Pack donated by Magellan GPS, Dennis Spore and Jim Shearer each won a McNary Refuge 'Hunter Fee Waiver Certificate.'

**LUNKER LAKE INFORMATION:** The RR&GC will man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 9th consecutive year at the *Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show* on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 18,19 and 20, 2002 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 4 and 5 hour shifts. Some members have been contacted by Dennis Spore and Howard Gardner to help at Lunker lake. If you have not been contacted and you wish to volunteer please call Dennis at 627-0589. Your duties 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. The reactions of the children when they catch a fish are indescribable, each kid is different. The children (and many parents) are introduced to fishing at this event. Lunker Lake and the Shooting Range give us an opportunity to increase awareness of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. A group of about 6 people will be needed Thursday morning January 17, starting at 9:00AM, 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 19th, shifts will be from 10 AM-3 PM and 3-7 PM. Sunday the 20th, shifts will be from 10AM-2PM and 2-5 PM; the last shift will stay over at 5PM to help disassemble the pond. The Air Rifle Shooting Range will be manned again this year under the direction of Clare Cranston. Please volunteer to work at Lunker Lake. It and the shooting range are both very worthwhile projects. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond/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. Don't forget, call Dennis Spore at 627-0589, if you wish to volunteer.

**CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS:** The election for Club officers and board of trustees for the year 2002 was held at the December General Meeting. The results are: President - Gaylord Pyle, Vice President - Mike Estes, Treasurer - Lyle Gilk, Secretary - Eddie Manthos. Trustees are: Wes Bryan, Walter Chuck, Tim Clemons, Mark Cook, Steve Dart, Robbin Duncan, Jeff Gardner, Rich Holten, Eldon Ladd, Dale Landon, Larry Martin, Steve Minnick, Jim Shearer, Gene VanLiew

and Russ Wyer. The Past president is Bill Lambert and the volunteers are: Clare Cranston, Howard Gardner, Herald Heacock, Dave Meyers, Jack Pickard, John Pfeiffer, Rocky Ross, Dale Schielke, John Silko, Dennis Spore, Ev Weakley and Jerry Zeitler. At the December Board meeting Treasurer Mike Estes volunteered to be Vice President and Lyle Gilk volunteered to become Treasurer. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept Mike and Lyle as Vice President and Treasurer.

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**LYNX HAIR CONTROVERSY:** The controversy concerning the planting of Canadian Lynx hairs samples on *rubbing posts* by federal and state wildlife biologists has been widely reported in the news media including the "Tri City Herald". The Club is aware of the controversy and is closely following the investigation of it. Additional information can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/do/newreal/dec2001a.htm> and at <http://www.cbbulletin.com/>, click on 'The CBB' link and access the 12/21/2001 #2 news story for more information.

**HUNTER EDUCATION FACILITY:** - A hard working work crew consisting of Clare Cranston, Howard Gardner, Gene VanLiew, Howard Gerards, 'Mack' McDonnell, Carl Stull, Jim Shearer, Don Hartshorn, Gaylord Pyle, Gerry Zeitler, Craig Seal and Eddie Manthos worked from about 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Friday December 14 dismantling the Hunter Education Facility at Big Pasco and moving it to a storage facility at Grigg's Department Store in Pasco. Material such as 23 bales of straw and plywood sheets were moved to the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Club range off of Kahlotus Highway. Earlier that week John Pfeiffer moved the **Salmon Booth** from Big Pasco to the Columbia Basin Flycasters storage facility. A **Big** vote of thanks to the Mayflower Moving Van Company for allowing us to use one of their moving vans to move all of the equipment from Big Pasco to Griggs. Grigg's Department Store will allow us to set up a new Hunter Education Facility in their Pasco store. The new facility should be ready for classes by January.

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!!!:** The hunting season has started and once again the Club is looking for donations of game meat for next springs Big Game Dinner that will be held March 23, 2002. The game meat includes waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear or boar, upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut, steelhead and salmon can also be used. 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: (see the diagram below). 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. Finally, clean the meat 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