



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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Club Website- <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/>
 Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

2018-2019 Officers

Mike Estes, President	582-2212	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – September 4th, 7:00 PM, Richland Public Library
 BOARD MEETING—August 21st, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for September is August 26th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or
 Email rrgsecretary@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: Chris Turvey of Columbia River Guide Service will be our speaker for September. Chris will present tips and techniques for fall salmon success. Chris is based in Yakima and fishes mainly the Columbia River.

RRGC HISTORY: This is a repeat from last month. Howard Gardner and Russ Wyer are still compiling 73 years of the history of RRGc. They are transferring old documents into electronic data as a means for saving our legacy. Their continuing efforts are being published on the Club’s website in the History Section.

CONSERVATION AND HABITAT: Larry Martin reports the Boy Scout Zackary Nelson and his Dad, Bill Nelson went with Larry to

inspect guzzler #6 for a complete refurbish. Zack is going to use this project for his Eagle Scout project. This guzzler is located south east of Benton City in the Horse Heaven Hills. It was completely destroyed by fire. Larry recorded 9 manhours and 52 vehicle miles for the inspection.

Larry will start the monthly guzzler work as soon as the weather cools off. He will also be looking for volunteers. Larry can be reached on his cell phone at 509 521 2554 if you are able to volunteer.

YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: Larry Martin reported that five boys were sponsored by RRGc this year. Attendees were Daxton Cummings, Ambrose Gagallagos, Micah Little, Dakota Schmeider and Braydon Wodtli.

Congratulations to Brock Thornton who has attended camp three times previously, was asked to be a camp counselor. In addition, Brandon Niebuhr and Gage Jenson also served as a camp counselors. Brandon was sponsored by RRGc for several years. Congratulations are also extended to Sammie Thornton (Brock's sister) for being selected as a camp counselor for the girls camp. The kids that attended will be making their camp presentations at the October General Meeting. It is remarkable that kids that we have sponsored previously are now counselors so they are giving back to the program. Well done.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There are no new members for the month of August.

Please keep in mind that without new membership and specifically younger members, RRGc will be in decline. It is has become time for the younger members to take over leadership positions. This can be done through involvement and participation in Board and committee activities. RRGc needs more younger and actively involved members.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth reports that the last class for the year will start 10th of September as a night time class and will run through the 17th of September. Since this is a night class, the classroom sessions will be shorter with a sixth classroom session. Classes will start at 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Range day will start at 8:00 AM and should be complete by 11:00 AM. Online enrollment for the September class will take place in late August.

Please contact Ron at 509 737 7350 if you are interested in volunteering and/or becoming a state certified instructor.

INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS:

Ron Ruth – There will be a third Introduction to Firearms Class on the 20th of October. Ron will need volunteers to assist with the classroom training. Ron reported that there have been a lot of positive comments from those that have attended. RRGc will handle the classroom portion of the instruction and Tri-Cities Metallic

Silhouette Shooting Association will handle the field exercise.

GAME RECOVERY:

Larry Martin received a phone call from Washington State Patrol about a road kill on Hwy 240 at the 22 mile marker near Snively Road. Larry found the mule deer doe and with the help of a WSP patrolman, was able to move the deer to a safer location in order to salvage the meat. Larry estimates that approximately 40 pounds were recovered and delivered to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco.

If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris Mosher at 509 302 5171

A reminder that if you come across a fresh road kill game animal and are able, please claim the animal and notify Chris Mosher. Please stay with the animal while waiting for someone from RRGc game recovery to show up. If the animal is seriously injured, inform the local police authority so that they or WDFW can dispatch the animal. A permit must be obtained from WDFW online within 24 hours. If the animal is left on the side of the road, it will be claimed by others and the Union Gospel Mission will not reap the benefit of a resource.

BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS: If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to rrgsecretary@gmail.com. You will get quicker delivery and save us money.

501(c)(3) STATUS: Russ Wyer generously donated his fishing boat to RRGc. The boat, , motors, trailer and all accessories were offered for sale. The 1999 16' Smoker Craft Spitfire Model was sold for \$6,800 to a family in Pomeroy. The sale of the boat netted RRGc approximately \$6,100 which will go toward funding programs and activities allowed by our federal tax exempt, non-profit, status. Let Russ know that you appreciate his generosity. I am amazed at his generosity and I've told him once already. Please feel free to thank him personally.

RRGC WEB PAGE: Russ Wyer and Greg Boeringa continue their efforts to now improve and maintain the webpage for RRG. It will now be updated and revised as necessary. The website is www.richlandrodandgun.org/. Please visit the site and review what is available on site. Of note is an RRG calendar that is updated regularly. If you are aware of information that needs to be added to the calendar, please use the website links to contact either Russ Wyer or Greg Boeringa.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be September 18th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

WILD GAME RECIPES: It has been requested that members forward their favorite wild game recipe for inclusion in our newsletter and website for sharing

RAFFLES: Given that the State of Washington requires a Gaming License for raffles, RRG was unable to conduct raffles at the General Meetings until we received clarification from the State of our status. Well we have now received clarification and once again we will be conducting raffles at the general meetings without restrictions since the dollar value does not exceed state reporting and licensing requirements. The tickets will be \$1/each, 5 for \$3.00 or 10 for \$5.00. And you can select the Mystery Box which could change your life forever.

WOOD DUCK BOXES: The wood duck nesting season is over. Dale efforts captured 14 wood duck hatches/jumps. The video feed that allowed the live jumps to be fed to the internet. The Upstream feed will not be available next year. Dale will be looking for another video feed.

SALMON BOOTH 2018: These are the final numbers for the 34rd Anniversary of the Salmon Booth in the Art in the Park. We were impacted this year by the HOT weather. Late afternoon and evening sales were minimal to non-existent. However, each of the two clubs received \$2,423. This was pretty much an average year.

We showed a profit because of our volunteers. Thanks to all who spent time before, during, and after the event.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: On August 7th, we held our annual smoked salmon and BBQ chicken picnic. Approximately 25 members showed up for the pot luck dinner. The temperature was somewhat tolerant. Those that attended feasted on world class smoked salmon plus our BBQ chicken. It is surprising that more members don't take advantage of this occasion to enjoy the fellowship of RRG and some incredible food.

In a tradition that goes back decades, there is the annual forum for truth tellers as regarding their prowess for fishing and hunting. In a truly unique display of honesty, forthrightness and imagination, Mike Estes won first place for telling the truth about a visit to Richard Sharp's house. It was truly amazing. I was in awe of Mike's presentation, descriptive phrasing and truthfulness. Mike won first place as judged by those in attendance. Dave Myers came in second with a tale about sharing his field rations with the local fauna and their cooperation in return. Dale Schielke came in third with his story about a pheasant hunt in Montana. Dale related how he was able to free a deer from a barbwire fence and how the deer demonstrated his appreciation for Dale's assistance by scaring up pheasants for Dale and his party to hunt. However, not all went so well in Dale's tale when a hawk decided to retrieve Dale's pheasants.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. In a matter that was overlooked last year in 2017, it came to my attention that our own Gene VanLiew was the recipient of a Conservation Special Service Award. Gene was nominated by Benton Conservation District for this statewide award. The award reads as follows:
"Gene VanLiew has served as a force for conservation for over two decades. Gene has impacted natural resource conservation in south central Washington by maintaining wildlife guzzlers, servicing wood duck boxes, and participating in bird banding and fish sampling.

Gene is also dedicated to passing on the tradition of conservation. His legacy of service includes educating youth, minorities and underrepresents populations and introducing them to conservation ideals. Since 2003, when he first learned of Benton Conservation District's "Salmon in the Classroom" program, Gene's volunteer commitment has fueled the program's growth from only 5 classes to 180 classes. He is a critical contributor to youth conservation programs that serve over 10,000 youth annually. Gene is an almost relentless advocate for the Benton Conservation District, recruiting and training other volunteers, organizing events, promoting district programs and securing donations, thereby multiplying his individual impact. The breath of his service includes projects and programs with Benton Conservation District, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Fish & Wildlife Service and non-government entities such as Richland Rod & Gun Club and Taptal Greenway. He is a treasure within the conservation community, a man who gives selflessly of his time and talent."



Congratulations Gene.

2. Volunteer opportunities are available at the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge. Possible activities are pending dates and confirmation, Duck Conservation Day. RRGCC will be involved if this occurs. Refuge Clean-Up Day. Environmental Education Center at the McNary NWR in Burbank. This would occur from July to October. Please contact Denise McInturff. Denise can be reached at 509 546 8332 (office). Her email address is denise.mcinturff@fws.gov.

3. McNary Duck Conservation Day - RRGCC is working with staff at McNary Refuge to coordinate a Duck Conservation Day for kids on

Saturday September 8th. Activities proposed include duck banding, retriever dog demonstration, wood duck nest boxes, what do duck eat, and a taxidermist demonstration. Volunteers are needed for the different venues and to work with the duck traps several days before the event. If you would like to help contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

4. In the August Board Meeting, Mike Estes brought up the subject of RRGCC involvement in river shore/habitat development based on the pro/con impacts to our interests as an outdoor organization. Of interest are purchases, sales or transfers of shore line or tracts of habitat. The general theme from the discussion was that RRGCC could get involved officially if there was an impact to access to areas that were previously available. Columbia River shoreline in the Tri-Cities was brought up since the property is federally owned but leased to local municipalities. If the transfers to local municipalities were to occur, shore line properties could be sold outright and the public would be denied access. Responses would have to be official based on the situation. Club members have the right to respond personally.

5. From the Tri-City Herald there was a short article about Washington State WDFW perhaps buying parcels of land to improve and preserve habitat for the wildlife and wilderness areas. Information can be obtained from bit.ly/WAlandproposals. Comments can be submitted to lands@dfw.wa.gov by Nov 2nd.

SHOUT OUTS AND WANT ADS:

Club member Mic Keating has a boat for sale. Here are the particulars:
 2012 – 18.5 Jet Craft by Kingfisher (Aluminum)
 2012 Yamaha 115 Main
 2012 Yamaha 9.9 Kicker
 2012 Minn Kota Power Drive V2 with remote Steering, hand held
 Two Scotty Electric Down Riggers
 Lowrance Elite 7 Chirp
 Canvas with Down Curtain
 Easy Load Trailer with Tongue Break
 ASKING PRICE \$24,950
 Mic can be reached at 206 660 8994 (Cell)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Carla Boeringa with two very large Dungeness crabs she harvested at Eliza Island on August 5th. Photo by Greg Boeringa.

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