



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

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site – www.northwestgamerecipes.com

2016-2017 Officers

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

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday October 3rd, Richland Public Library,
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, October 17th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – October 22nd, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email rgcsecretary@gmail.com

OCTOBER PROGRAM: The guest speaker for the September General Meeting will be Don Hand of WDFW. Don's presentation will be the game forecast for the fall 2017 season. Anything you could possibly want to know about where to hunt will be presented this coming Tuesday evening. That's the theory part of the upcoming presentation.

CONSERVATION/HABITAT : Larry Martin reported that guzzler repairs would resume now that the weather has cooled off. Contact Larry at 509 545 9647 if you area able to donate a half day or so.

Larry also informed the Board that RRGc was the recipient of a biannual \$2,400 ALEA Grant.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. She can be reached at 509 375 7791. The listing of the new members for August and September are as follows; Dale Huff, individual membership, Chris Tannahill, individual membership and Travis and Errin Rydberg, family membership. Please welcome them at the next general meeting.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth reported to the Executive Board that there were 19 students that attended the Hunter Safety Class conducted during September. The class was conducted in the evening in order to accommodate older students. 16 students passed the class and have been awarded their certificate of completion by WDFW. This was the last class for 2017 as conducted by RRGc.

As with previous classes, the success of the students was dependent on the number of volunteer hours provided by RRG members as well as other qualified volunteers. Given that our pledge specifically charges RRG with educating future generations, it would be appropriate to name these volunteers. They are as follows; Ron Ruth, Steve Gaines, Howard Gardner, Craig Lewis, Don Board, Jack Pickard, Gary Scriven, Dale Schielke, Ben Burdett, Bob Margulies, Larry Martin, Dave Myers, John Prather, Mark Kimmel, Kelly Hector and Frank Scopa. Ron Ruth estimated that the number of volunteer hours for one class which involves at least 18 hours of classroom time and approximately 4 hours of range time, takes a minimum of 120 hours of volunteer effort. Additional thanks has to go to Griggs Department Store for the use of their classroom, WDFW for furnishing a game warden for the lecture as well as the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Association for the use of their range.

Amongst all of this positive news and for the first time, approximately one-third of the people that signed up for the class through the WDFW website, did not attend. We were not notified prior to the start of the class. We can accommodate up to 30 students. This caused those people on the waiting list to not be included in the class. We do not charge for the classes so while we consider this behavior to be rude, there was not much that could be done to change the outcome. If anyone has a surefire way of insuring that this does not happen again, please contact Ron Ruth.

Ron can be reached at 509 737 7350 (cell) or ron-rose@frontier.com.

GAME RECOVERY: Chris Mosher reported that there were no recovery efforts during the months of August and September to date. This is probably due to the change in the Washington State game recovery rules. However, with deer and elk season upon us, it is expected that this number will go up very soon. If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris at 509 302 5171.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: You've heard it before and you'll hear it again and again. That's what we do, we volunteer. This time it is for **Ringold Hatchery**

Volunteers are needed to assist WDFW staff at the Ringold Hatchery on Wednesday's starting November 1st and every Wednesday until November 22nd. Work starts about 8:30 AM until noonish and waders and rain jackets will be provided by WDFW.

Mike Erickson reports: "We have a lot of other activities going on with some adult handling on Monday's and Tuesdays prior to these dates as well. We have an adult handling study that is occurring with PNNL and this plans to go through the end of October on adults. Not sure how it is going to work out for the need of additional help or volunteers this year but I would encourage folks who are interested to call the hatchery ahead of time to see if there will be a need for volunteers on any of these days. We will be assisting ODFW each week on taking eggs from Chinook to meet some future Fall Chinook production for The Tribes of the Umatilla's. I'm not completely at grips as to how all this is going to work out this year so please understand we are taking things day to day and the overall forecast for Fall Chinook back to Ringold is not that great either. 3000-4000 total return estimated of which around 1500 total adult males and females will be needed for spawning purposes." Contact Mike Erickson at [509-269-4448](tel:509-269-4448) or email at mike.erickson@dfw.wa.gov

Dale Schielke is the Point of Contact for RRG. Dale can be reached at 509 375 0183.

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 rrgcsecretary@gmail.com. You will get quicker delivery and save us money.

WANT ADS AND SHOUT-OUTS

1. It takes a significant amount of time to put the newsletter together. Since I've resumed the duties of the Secretary, I've had to add this responsibility to other things going on in my life. I'm sure you noticed that there were no photos in this month's newsletter. The November newsletter will be back to the same level of excellence that Sam Morrison provided as secretary.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 17th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

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