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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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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – October 2nd, 7:00 PM, Richland Public Library

BOARD MEETING- October 16th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for November is October 28th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email rrgsecretary@gmail.com

OCTOBER PROGRAM: The subject for the October membership meeting will be Furs and Nuisance Wildlife. The presenter will be Doug Stanley. Participants from this summer's youth conservation camp will also be present at the meeting to share their camping experiences.

RRGC HISTORY: This is a repeat from last month. Howard Gardner and Russ Wyer are still compiling 73 years of the history of RRG. 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. Given the amount of effort to copy and reproduce the historical data that the effort is taking a very long time. However, our social media is intended to relay current information to members and site visitors.

CONSERVATION AND HABITAT: Larry Martin provided the following information and photos of the guzzler work performed. 8-31 Greg Herrin and Larry Martin inspected and cleaned guzzlers 140, 141, 142, 145, 146 and 154. These guzzlers are in Walla Walla county Dodd road area. Saw bobcat tracks at a guzzler. These guzzlers were put in next to habitat plots that RRG helped put in many years ago. 13 man/hrs.

9-6 Jerry Bloom, Gene Van Liew and Larry Martin inspected and cleaned guzzlers 44, 45, 52 and 53. These guzzlers are located in Benton County south of Prosser off Lincoln, Farnum, Young and Burt James roads. Guzzler 53 has a broken apron frame board that will be replaced in the future. We had to walk into these guzzlers as much as a half mile. 21.5 man/hrs.

9-18 Larry Martin checked out guzzlers 125, 195 and 279 which were hit by wildfire a couple weeks ago south of Kennewick. 125 not damaged, 195 and 279 rain catching aprons damaged and need refurbish. Also inspected and cleaned guzzlers 126 and 127 which are in the general area but not hit by fire. 6 man/hrs.

9-19 Gene Van Liew and Larry Martin refurbished fire damaged guzzler 279 south of Kennewick, repaired the apron frame and installed all new metal posts to replace damaged wood posts. As we have seen before the posts catch fire first then burn the frame. Now with the metal posts we should see less damage from a wildfire. 15 man/hrs.



Before



After with Gene Van Liew



One of two blue racer snakes in the guzzler.

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 Gallegos, 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 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.

My apologies to Ambrose Gallegos, I misspelled his name in last month's newsletter. Everyone likes to have their name spelled correctly as well as pronounced correctly.

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

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 reported that the last Hunter Education class of the year ended yesterday. 31 enrolled, 3 were no-shows, and 4 persons failed the class. Those who failed were all very young. Ron thanked the volunteers who helped with the class. The next Hunter Education class will be during spring break next March. Ron said that a pheasant hunt for 24 of the top finishers from this year's Hunter Education classes will be held

in January or February 2019 at Limits Game Farm north of Mesa.

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

BARKER RANCH DUCK AND GOOSE

HUNTS: Michael Crowder of Barker Ranch has once again offered an opportunity to RRGC to fill one space in the ranch's Veteran's Waterfowl Hunt on October 17th. Additionally, they are offering one space (1 youth and 1 adult) in the Youth Waterfowl Hunt on November 3rd.

At this time, we do not have the particulars but if you are a disabled veteran and have not participated in this hunt, please contact Vice-President Richard Sharp. We will update the information as the selection process becomes available. Expect to receive an e-mail regarding this.

DUCKS UNLIMITED will have their Tri-Cities Fall Banquet on Saturday, October 27th at the Shilo Inn in Richland. Tickets are available through www.ducks.org/washington/events/42591/tri-cities-dinner, or through Victoria Percifield 509 492 1730 or Craig Johnson 509 547 7400.

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. Registration will be open for up to 30 persons.

Ron is in the process of applying for a NRA grant to provide shooting supplies for the Intro to Firearms classes being conducted. Thank you Ron for your initiative in this matter. Please remember that Ron and a couple of volunteers can't do this all alone.

GAME RECOVERY:

There was no game recovery this past month.

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

RRGC WEB PAGE: Russ Wyer and Greg Boeringa continue their efforts to now improve and maintain the webpage for RRGC. 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 RRGC 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 October 16th 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: 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. Winners for the September meeting are as follows; Bucket Seat – Dave Myers, Shortbus Flasher/Superbait Kit – Jim Cartmell, 11” Pro Chip Flasher/Super Kit – Amy Rosen, Fish N Chip Flasher/Super Kit – Richard Sharp, 50+Diver/Kwickfish/Spin-Glo- John Watts, Floatfishing Kit – Monty Kelsey, Shooting Vest – Larry Martin, Spinner – Maurice Duffield and the Mystery Box – Marilyn Steele.

WOOD DUCK BOXES: Dale Schielke reported that he is still working on a new broadcast platform for the upcoming spring hatches. He also reported that a revision to his ALEA grant was requested and approved to purchase five geo-locating bands to put on wood duck hens next spring. The bands are made in England and cost \$126 each. Barker Ranch may purchase three more and Washington Waterfowl Association may purchase one or two. The bands have to be recovered to download the data showing where and when the birds traveled. It is hoped that because some of the hen wood ducks use the same nest boxes most years that the bands can be recovered before the approximate two year battery life expires.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Volunteer opportunities are available at the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge. If you are interested please contact Denise McInturff. Denise can be reached at 509 546 8332 (office). Her email address is denise_mcinturff@fws.gov.

2. McNary Duck Conservation Day - Dale Schielke reported 36 kids plus parents and other adults attended the Duck Conservation Day at McNary NWR on September 8. Participation may have been low due to a concurrent event in Columbia Park called Riverfest and because there was no duck banding due to an avian botulism outbreak at the refuge. Dale, John Pfeiffer, Mark Kerns, Ron Ruth, John Merk and Mike Estes represented RRGc at the event.

3. Big game hunting seasons are starting up. Please keep in mind the need for game meat for the Wild Game Dinner to be held in March. We

have storage facilities available so please consider donating fish, fowl or game.

4. 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.

5. President’s 2018 Initiatives. Last month Mike brought up the subject of the appropriate level of RRGc involvement in proposed local and regional projects that could impact habitat for wildlife. This month Mike encouraged Board member awareness and involvement in public event and discussions pertaining to these issues. He read a short letter that Howard Gardner sent to Congressman Dan Newhouse pointing out that removal of dams on local rivers would require power generation alternatives that could have negative impacts on wildlife and wildlife habitat. Mike emphasized that we need to communicate with our elected officials and let them know when we support positions they are taking on issues like preservation of dams, returning management of wolves to state wildlife agencies, fighting against reintroduction of grizzly bears to Washington, and purchase of key properties to benefit wildlife.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



Photo by Shannon Lackey. Dakota Schneider set up a crawdad trap at Lake Roosevelt. He was able to catch 15 to 20 per hour and fed his family of 20 plus people. This is one of the skills he learned at the Youth Conservation Camp this past summer. Well done Dakota.

SHOUT OUTS AND WANT ADS

1. Thanks to Ron Ruth for applying for a NRA grant to support the Intro to Firearms class with an ammunition request.

2. Thanks to Mike Crowder, General Manager of Barker Ranch for the generous offer for the Veterans Hunt and the Youth Hunt.

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