



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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2015-2016 Officers

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Richard Sharp, Vice Pres. 586-4790

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Frank Scopa, Sec. 375-4748

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday February 2nd, Richland Public Library,
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, February 16th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE-February 21st, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or

Ben Burdett at 582-0103 or e-mail secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: There are three new members that joined for the month of January. The new members are John Evans (individual), Gabriel Hall (individual) and Steve Heath (individual). Please welcome them to RRGc at the next general meeting. Jennifer Gardner remains the Chair of the Membership Committee and can be reached at JEN_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM. Jack Pickard has been assisting with the Membership Committee duties. Jack can be reached at 582-5397 or Jlpick66@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY MEETING TOPIC: Our guest speakers will be former RRGc president Jeff Gardner and Membership Committee Chair Jennifer Gardner. Their program topic will be their report for the Quality Trip that they won at last year's Wild Game Dinner. They went to Alaska this past summer for salmon and halibut fishing. They made the trip a family affair with their two teenage sons. They fished out of Soldotna on the Kenai River on the Peninsula. They spent three days fishing the Kenai River near Soldotna for sockeye and charter fishing for halibut and lingcod out of Homer! They will provide information as to costs and points of contact for their trip.

Richard Sharp will also present a "Tip of the Month". Richard's tip will be how to set up a stinger hook when bait fishing.

There were a total of 120 attendees at the January General Meeting. Of those in attendance, it was estimated that there were approximately forty visitors. Richard will again promote the program with flyers at local sporting goods stores and the Tri-City Herald will be requested to publish a meeting announcement on the Saturday prior to the meeting.

JANUARY MEETING SUMMARY: The speakers for the meeting were Ross Carrigan and Tracy Kim. Both gentlemen are very knowledgeable and experienced in walleye fishing. Ross stated that he fishes for walleye at least three times a week. Both anglers indicated that they prefer shorter fishing rods for quicker hook sets. Tracy uses 8' Lamiglass Rods while Ross does not have a brand preference. Ross recommends 14# Power Pro Line with a 10# leader while Tracy recommends 20# Power Pro Line with a 17# leader. Both recommend Quantum flipping switch bait casting reels for one handed operation. In the colder weather, both recommended worms bounced along the bottom. They start out at a depth of 25' and start to work their way up to where the fish are holding over the bottom. Their recommendation was to check the worm every 15 minutes or after every strike. The largest worm size available is important to Tracy but not to Ross. Tracy will also use glitter on the worms. Both try to keep the line at a 45 degree angle from the back of the boat. The hook is embedded to collar on the worm and both use a float method to keep the rig off of snaggy bottoms. They recommend a #4 hook for a stinger hook.

If bouncing a worm along the bottom does not produce results, they will change to jigging with the same type of rod and reel set-up. As a rule of thumb, they utilize one ounce of weight for every ten feet of depth that they are fishing in due to the current. They both noted that it was important to keep all slack out of the line when jigging. The jigging motion only has to be a short distance. They will start out jigging immediately behind the boat and increase the angle out from the rear of the boat.

Both anglers state that they regularly refer to U-Tube for information. They also utilize previously set way-points in their GPS/Fish Locators in order to fish proven locations. They both use Lowrance TR-1 auto-pilot.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

AUDIT COMMITTEE: As of the January Board Meeting, Mike Estes and Ben Burdett had completed approximately 80% of the annual audit of the RRGC financial records. This is an annual requirement per the RRGC bylaws and must be conducted in January. The audit results will be published for both the Board and General Membership.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Election of Officers – Call for Nominations

The annual election of officers and Trustees will occur at the March general membership meeting. Elections will be held for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus fifteen (15) Trustees. These 19 people, plus the Immediate Past President, will comprise the Board of Trustees who will govern RRGC business and financial affairs until the April 2017 RRGC general membership meeting. Richard Sharp has been appointed to chair the Nominating Committee for this election. Please contact Rich by phone (551-6785) or e-mail (ospreytallons@yahoo.com) to express your interest in serving as a Trustee for the coming year or to obtain answers to any questions you may have about the duties of the Board of Trustees. Richard reported that recruitment of candidates has started. There is at least one candidate for each officer's position but there is a request for additional nominations. Members that are interested in Board membership positions or officer positions should get in touch with Richard. You can also talk with Richard at the General Membership Meeting if you are interested in easing into a leadership position. Don't be shy. This is a good way to show your support for RRGC.

INCORPORATION COMMITTEE: Jeff Gardner has committed to the follow-through for both our Non-Profit Status with IRA as a 501(c)(3) organization as well as our corporate status with the State of Washington. The Articles of Incorporation are being revised and a draft will be discussed with Attorney Coke Roth to review for sufficiency and completeness as regarding the final submittal to the Washington Secretary of State for approval. The follow-up to the incorporation will be a determination as to whether RRGC applies for 501(c)(3) non-profit status from IRS.

GAME RECOVERY: Chris Mosher reported that there have been no recoveries since the beginning of December.

USE OF FUNDS: The following information is provided in order for the general membership to be aware of RRGC's funding of a wildlife related scholarship. Howard Gardner and Mike Estes have been actively involved with establishing revised criteria for the selection and awarding of the Richland Rod and Gun Club Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Many of the revisions were based on information obtained from the Safari Club International. Emphasis was placed on the applicant providing information that would demonstrate a pro-hunting viewpoint of wildlife management based on the core principles of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. Contact was made with the University of Idaho to solicit applications from students taking wildlife related curriculum in the Fish and Wildlife Sciences Department. Deadline for submission of the applications is April 15, 2016. Mike Estes can be contacted at 509 582 2212 if you are interested in reviewing the revisions. Howard has informed the University of Idaho that the scholarship will be available for the fall term of 2016. If you are aware of someone who may qualify, please get in contact with either Mike or Howard. Howard can be reached at eiwoh3@frontier.com. The Board is actively looking for members that would like to be appointed to the Scholarship Committee to assist in the review and selection of applicants. Mike and Howard have provided revised applications instructions, a revised application form and a revised student essay format. The deadline for the completed application is April 15th.

WILD GAME DINNER: The 2016 Wild Game Dinner will be held March 19th, 2016 at the Shilo Inn in Richland. **WE ARE IN NEED OF DONATIONS OF FISH, FOWL, ELK, VENISON AND OTHER GAME MEAT.** Appetizers and no host cocktails will begin at 5 PM with dinner to be served at 6 PM. Tickets to the event will be available at the January meeting for \$20 per person or from Dale Schielke, who can be contacted at (509) 375 0183. The event is for members and guests only, not open to the public at large. The restriction of members and guests only is driven by the County Board of Health rules that preclude serving non-inspected wild game to the public. A variety of wild game dishes and appetizers will be served. A number of door prizes, raffle prizes, and a silent auction will be available. Marilyn Steele is the Chair for the WGD. Marilyn has asked for volunteers for the food preparation and kitchen help. If you are able to volunteer, please contact her at (509) 392-2128 or momhoops@hotmail.com. (You can send Marilyn an email by clicking on the hyperlink.) Marilyn is maintaining the volunteer list.

The program at the 2016 Wild Game Dinner will be by local photographer John Clement. He will offer a multimedia digital slide presentation titled – “Photographing the Land and the Light” – creating Stories. John has a Masters of Photography Degree from the Professional Photographers of America. He has received over 60 regional, national and international awards for his work. One print, “Red Dawn” was named as one of the top photographs in the United States and has been hung in the permanent collection of the International Hall of Fame of Photography. We are looking forward to his presentation.

Paul Kison has agreed to accept the lead for soliciting, storing and organizing the donated items for the door prizes, raffles and silent auction. Paul reminds everyone that it is crucial that all prizes get to him by the day before the dinner. As of the January Board Meeting, nine door prizes had been donated. Paul can be reached at (509) 851-2634 (cell) or pfkison@aol.com. John Prather will be assisting Paul with the prizes effort. There is a RRGC letter on RRGC letterhead that will explain and/or provide information for anyone soliciting donations. The letters will be made available upon request.

John Prather will be storing donated game meat for the WGD dinner. John will provide ice chests at each of the next two general meetings so that members can bring their donations to the general meetings. The following information must be provided for each wild game donation in order for the donation to be in compliance with WDFW regulations; Name of Hunter/Fisherman, Address, Hunting or Fishing License Number, Permit or Tag Number, the number and kind of animal provided, the date killed, the county and area in which taken and your signature. John has forms available. Please have the information available in order for the forms to be completed when the meat is turned in. John can be reached at (509) 521-1593 (cell) or cowboy_jp82@msn.com. There is an underscore after “cowboy and before jp82” in John's email address.

Quality Trip rules were revised last year and are as follows;

- Only RR&GC members with current dues paid through April 2017 are eligible to purchase up to 2 entry tickets each.
- Tickets are \$25 each; the maximum amount to be reimbursed to the winner will be \$2,000.00.
- A minimum of 50 tickets and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. If less than 50 tickets are sold, a drawing for a winner will not be held. Members who purchased tickets will be reimbursed.
- Entrants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets in order to be eligible.
- RR&GC members with a family membership may also purchase two additional tickets for each eligible family member.
- The drawing will be held at the annual RR&GC Wild Game Dinner. The winner does not need to be present to win.
- The winner will select a partner who must be an eligible member of the RR&GC and who must also have participated in the drawing.
- An alternate winning ticket will also be drawn in the event the winner cannot take the approved trip.
- A written copy of the proposed trip with a verbal presentation is to be made by the winner or partner. This must be provided and presented to the RR&GC Board of Directors not later than the June Board meeting for approval.
- The winner must have confirmation of key trip logistics (e.g. guide services, airline tickets, lodging, etc.) by August 1, 2016 and the trip must be taken before December 31, 2016. If the trip cannot be confirmed prior to August 15, 2016, the winner shall forfeit the trip and the trip will be awarded to the alternate winning ticket holder. The alternate winning ticket holder will follow the same criteria as the original trip winner, with the alternate winner presenting his proposed trip copy with presentation to the RR&GC Board of Directors by the September board meeting.
- In the event that the approved trip cannot be taken, the winner shall notify the RR&GC President immediately upon the winner's realization that the trip cannot be taken as approved.
- Quality trip funds will be allotted as reimbursements after the winner has paid for portions of the trip. For example, reimbursement for booking fees, airline tickets, etc. Note that a check for reimbursement will not be provided to the winner prior to incurring costs. A maximum amount of \$1,000 will be paid after the winner has incurred the initial trip costs. The balance will be paid upon completion of the reporting requirements.
- The winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership in either February or March 2017.
- The winners will provide a written summary of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and license costs, name and addresses of lodging and guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club's website/Face Book page. (A good reference for the Quality Trip report format can be found on the Club's website.)
- The winner will sign and date a copy of these rules as an acknowledgement of understanding of the rules.
- The President of RR&GC will send a letter notifying the winner of the trip approval by the Board of Directors.
- The RR&GC Board of Directors may, if requested, modify these rules for special circumstances.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Richard Libby presented the Treasurer's Report for December at the January 19th Board Meeting. If any members are interested in obtaining a copy of the monthly treasurer's report or would like to become involved in the Use of Funds determinations, please contact Rick at Big_guy@charter.net. Rick Libby informed the membership that 2016 RRGc and Remington Calendars are available for sale as well as RRGc baseball caps, the Coyote Cook Book and the Duck Hunting Book. RRGc is now using a Debit Card to conduct club business.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth last reported that the next Hunters Education Class will be in the spring of 2016. **Ron Ruth has requested all club members that have had access to the Hunter Education Room at Griggs via an issued key, please contact him at (509) 628-1781. All keys must be turned in.** Please contact Ron Ruth at ron-rose@frontier.com if you are interested in becoming a hunters' education instructor. All volunteers must be screened by WDFW. The procedure consists of filling out background check form. This is done to ensure classroom safety. Washington State requires that there be two screened persons in a classroom at all times.

DATA MANAGEMENT: Russ Wyer and Sam Morrison have proceeded with the effort to convert RRGc data to an electronic drop box. The end result will be a permanent electronic record of RRGc records and operations that can be accessed by authorized officers and club members. The next drop boxes to be converted will be that of Committee Chair positions.

CONSERVATION/HABITAT:

Cisterns - Larry Martin reported that cistern work will commence in the spring with the first date, (weather permitting) to be the 13th of February. Larry can be reached at 509 545 9647. His email address is ljmartin49@charter.net. Larry needs to know in advance who will be volunteering. Larry will provide further details at the General Meeting.

Wood Duck Project - It is that time of year when we start annual maintenance of the 400+ wood duck nest boxes in and around the Tri-Cities. The maintenance includes changing out cedar shaving nesting material, recording data from the past years usage, and replacing or repairing boxes as needed. Trips will be on weekends and during the week as volunteers are available, some on land and others from the boat from now until April. If you are interested in assisting with the annual maintenance effort, please contact Dale Schielke at 509-375-0183 or dahlialou@msn.com.

CONSERVATION CAMP: It is expected that the annual conservation camp will be held over two separate weeks in July. More details will be made available as they become known.

LUNKER LAKE: RRGc performed admirably but the results as to number of kids that fished, fish caught, fish not caught, prizes winners, etc. will not be known for several days. The results will be made available in the next RRGc newsletter.

BULLETIN HELP: Frank Scopa

If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to Frank Scopa at secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com with your email address. We are now current as to mailing addresses for the hard copies. We are down to 27 members receiving hard copies via the US Mail. New members will be added as the information is received. If you are receiving both a hard copy and an e-mail copy, please let me know. We are now mailing and/or emailing a copy of the monthly newsletter to the following organizations to keep them abreast of our activities; Ranch and Home, Sportsman's Warehouse, Griggs Ace Hardware and Columbia River Catering Co. The businesses listed have been sponsors in the past. When you do business with them, thank them for their sponsorship and let them know you belong to RRGc. The cut-off date for information for the March Newsletter will be February 21, 2016. We will now be sending our electronic copies of the newsletter via our new G-Mail account. Please continue to use the secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com for any correspondence for the Officers or Board Members.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS: Matt Cummings provided eleven door prizes that were walleye fishing related. The items and winners are as follows; Diawa Walleye Fishing Pole Combo, David McCarthy (visitor), Eagle Claw Walleye Fishing Pole Combo with micro-tackle box, Troy Dickerson (visitor), Eagle Claw Walleye Fishing Combo with micro-tackle box, Wendy Brockman (visitor), Plano Micro tackle Box with Walleye Fishing Tackle, Nick Kunde, Plano Micro Tackle Box with Walleye Fishing Tackle, Dave Green (visitor), Plano Micro tackle Box with Walleye Fishing Tackle, Jim Fertig (visitor),

Craig's List Special, Tackle Box, Jim Fertig, (visitor), Craig's List Special, Tackle Box, Nick Kunde, Bushnell Binocular Caddie, James Scott, Tascon Trail Cam, William Wildenborg (visitor) and the Mystery Box, Wayne Heinz (visitor).

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 16th, 7:00PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: March 8th, at the Richland Public Library at 7:00 PM.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: Bob Kolowith with a four by four mule deer taken in Oregon. The buck was shot in 2013 but was allowed to be entered by a vote of the Board and Special Volunteers.

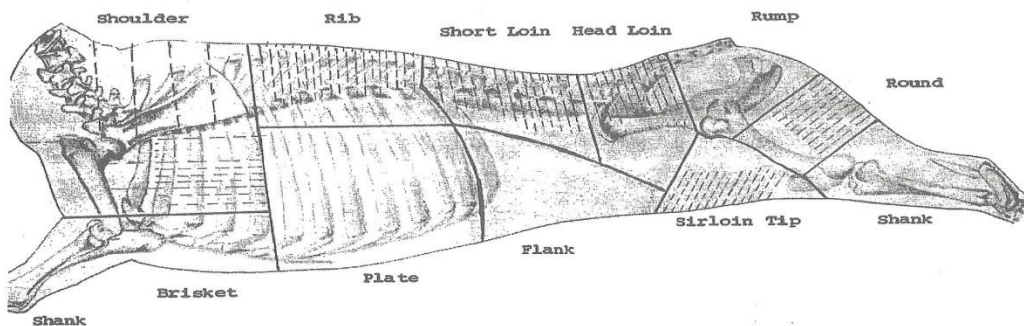
WANT ADS:

Harvey Huisingh has 45 pounds of 00 buck shot for sale. It is from the National Lead Co. and listed as "Hoyt". \$80 or best offer. Harvey can be reached at 509 943 9326.

Both Jack Pickard and Frank Scopa each have lead sleds that can be borrowed by club members only for sighting-in rifles. Jack can be reached at jlpick66@gmail.com. Frank can be reached at secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com.

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

Last Item: If you intend to donate meat or fish for the Wild Game Dinner, please keep the following requirement in mind. Information to be provided for all game meat donations indicating permission for the possession of game meat: Name of donor, address of donor, hunting/fishing license number, permit or tag number, the number and kind of animal provided, the date killed, the county and area in which taken and the hunter/fisherman's signature. John Prather will be providing freezer space again this year.



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