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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, January 4, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 20, 2000, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

TRI CITIES SPORTSMENS SHOW (LUNKER LAKE) AT THE TRAC - January 21, 22 and 23, 2000

RR&GC BIG GAME DINNER - SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2000

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

The first meeting of the year 2000 will be Monday, January 4, 7:00 PM at the Gallery Room of the Richland Public Library. We will have two speakers, both Club members. The first speaker will be Mike Estes and his topic will be "Planning Your Out-of-State Hunting Trip for the Year 2000". The second speaker, Bill Lambert, will put on a demonstration on "How to Put Life into Your Decoy Spread". Be sure to come to the first meeting of the millennium. We will have two good speakers, both with timely topics. Tickets for the Big Game Dinner will also be available at the meeting. You will also be able to sign up for the Quality Trip, details for which are shown later in this Bulletin.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The meeting was opened by Club president John Silko. There were several announcements.

- Jack Pickard, Chairman of the Fishing Committee read proposed responses from the Club to the The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission on proposed sportfishing rule changes. There was some discussion concerning the rule changes and the membership unanimously voted to accept the responses and forward them to the Commission.
- Howard Gardner announced that Jack Flynn is looking for some fisherman that are interested in going Peacock Bass fishing in South America. Howard had brochures available explaining the accommodations etc.
- Jerry Zeitler announced that the lockers at Chuck's Meats in Kennewick are as bare as Mother Hubbards Cupboard. There are no game meats or fish in them for the upcoming Big Game Dinner. Don't forget to get your donation(s) in as soon as possible.
- President John Silko asked if there were any hunting or fishing tales to be told. There were no fishing stories but there were several hunting stories. If the stories are true, there should be adequate game meat for the dinner.
- John Silko gave a resume of this years General meetings and the events that Club Members participated in. The membership became better informed of the various Club activities.

- The election for Club officers and trustees was held. Your President for 2000 is Paul Kison, the Vice President is Bill Lambert. The complete results are shown later in this Bulletin.
- Program Chairman Paul Kison introduced the evening's main speaker Mark Bales of the Central Washington Mountain Rescue from Yakima. He has been a member since 1974. Members of Mountain Rescue are Mountaineers. There are about 40 Mountain Rescue teams in the U.S and 7 to 8 in Washington State. The teams do travel to rescues in other regions or states if they are needed. The Central Washington team performs about 20-25 rescues/searches a year. They are all volunteers and purchase their own equipment and the transportation van in which their equipment is stored and transported. Hunters are some of their best *clients*. Snowmobilers are starting to upstage the hunters however. Mark showed both slides and a video. The slides showed some of the training that Mountain Rescue members receive. The video showed precautions that people venturing into the mountains should take. Many of the precautions are common sense. We tend to forget that the weather on a mountain can change very rapidly and many of us are not prepared for these changes and do not carry clothing, shelter and extra food necessary for survival if the weather turns ugly and we are forced to stay on the mountain longer than we planned. His presentation was very timely and reminded us of the precautions we should take whenever we are in the wilderness and hopefully reminded us that we are not immortal. Paul Kison passed out copies of the "Basic Level Course of General Back Country Safety".
- Winners of the raffle drawings were Paul Kison - a .22 caliber pellet air rifle and Howard Gardner - Tasco Binoculars.

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, band/collar identification and your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird). The information will be collected and reported in this newsletter at the end of the waterfowl season. So far we have three bands reported. There are probably more that have not been reported, call them in now.

LUNKER LAKE INFORMATION: The RR&GC will man the Luncker Lake Fishing Pond and the air rifle shooting range for the 7th consecutive year at the *Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show* on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 21, 22 and 23, 2000 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 4 and 5 hour shifts. The phone calling tree is being activated. You can expect a call asking you to volunteer. The Fishing Pond is a lot of fun, it introduces kids (and many parents) to fishing and gives us an opportunity to increase awareness of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. The air rifle shooting range will be manned again this year under the direction of Clare Cranston. A group of about 6 people will be needed Thursday morning January 20, starting at 9:00AM, to set up the fishing pond. During the Show a minimum of 16 volunteers will be needed to man Luncker Lake per shift. Shift times are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Thursday the 20th for set up of the fishing pond. Shift times for Friday the 21st are 1-5 PM and 5-9 PM. Saturday the 22nd, shifts will be from 10 AM-3 PM and 3-8 PM. Sunday the 23rd, shifts will be from 10-2PM and 2-6 PM; the last shift will stay over to help disassemble the pond. Please volunteer to work at Luncker 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. Profits from the two events are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation camp.

CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: The election for Club officers and board of trustee members was held at the December General Meeting. The results are: President - Paul Kison, Vice President - Bill Lambert, Treasurer - Mike Estes, Secretary - Eddie Manthos. The Trustees are Tim Clemons, Stephen Dart, Rick Freeman, John Hall, Lyle Gilk, Ben Holten, Don Knowlton, Larry Martin, Britt Marlin, Pascal Mouette, Jack Pickard, Dennis Spore, Dan Sullivan Russ Wyer and Allen Yonk. The retiring president is John Silko and the volunteers are Clare Cranston, Howard Gardner, Jack Hampton, Herald Heacock, Dale Landon, Richard McDonnell, Dave Meyers, John Pfeiffer, Dale Schielke, Rocky Ross, Ev Weakley and Geny Zeitler.

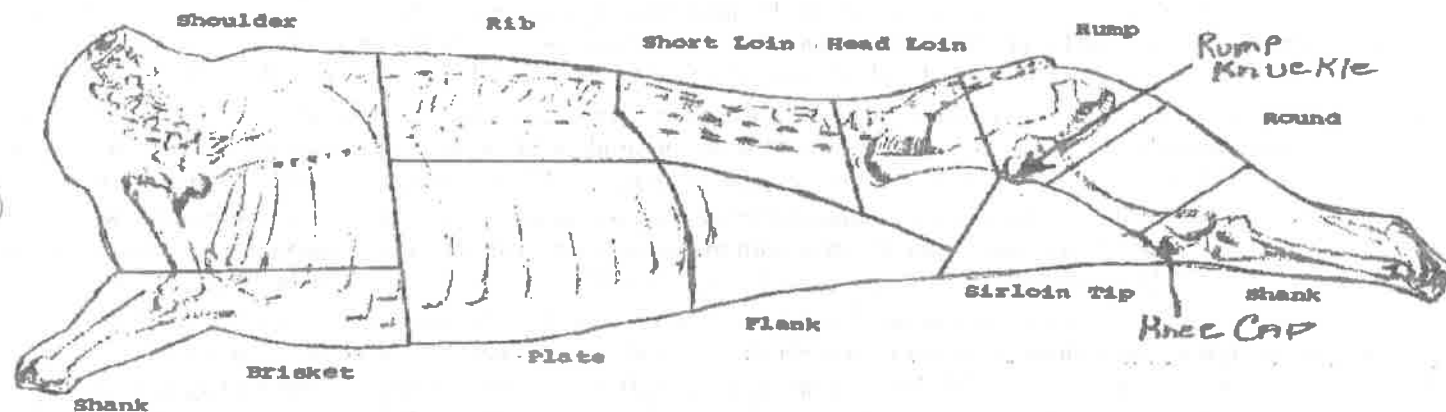
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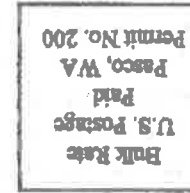
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ANIMAL RIGHTS TERRORISTS ISSUES DEATH THREAT TO DOVE HUNTING PROPONENTS A WLFA Alert
Leaders of the effort to legalize mourning dove hunting in Iowa were stunned December 8, 1999 as a letter containing an explicit death threat arrived in the mail. Recipients of the death threat were all members of the Iowa Committee for the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America (WLFA). The letter warned, "We know where you live. Stop your actions now..." and threatened, "If you do not stop, your homes will be firebombed...your children's and grandchildren's throats will be slit..." The terrorist letters shocked the Committee. "You'd like to think that this sort of thing is just a hoax, but the letter was very explicit about my kids, both of whom are very young," said Rick Tebbs, Ft. Madison resident and spokesman for the Iowa Committee. "Quite frankly, my wife and I were unnerved." Another Committee member echoed Tebbs feelings. "It really concerns me that a few mourning doves would be deemed worthy of bombing my house and threatening my children and grandchildren," said Doyle Adams, an Indianola resident, and former staff member with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. "These people are obviously very sick." Tebbs reported that all recipients of the letter have filed police reports in their hometowns as well as with the Des Moines police, the Iowa Attorney General's office and the FBI. Tebbs, Adams and the rest of the committee all agree that the letters provide additional motivation to push for the dove bill, expected to be debated as the Iowa House of Representatives reconvenes in January. "We've been saying all along that opponents of dove hunting are largely animal rights extremists who are out of touch with Iowa's traditions and values" explained Tebbs. "This incident just proves how radical some animal rights folks can be when it comes to animal issues." Some animal rights extremists go beyond threats, however.

The US Department of Justice in 1997 reported that there have been at least 313 instances of animal rights terrorism in the United States resulting in more than \$150 million in damages to research labs, farms and more. Most believe it is only a matter of time until human lives are lost to this violence. FBI Director Louis Freeh categorized the animal rights groups performing these violent acts as "the most recognizable single issue terrorists of the present time."

RAINWATER RANCH PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE: The Rainwater Ranch "Management Plan Scoping Document" will be discussed on January 25, 2000 at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Youth building in Dayton Washington from 6 PM to 10 PM. Comments from the public concerning the Scoping Document will be accepted and discussed. Call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 to obtain a copy of the document.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES - Many memberships will expire on April 1. There are still some of us who are one or two years delinquent. Your membership expiration date is shown on this Bulletin mailing label. If your membership date has expired, the expiration date on the label will be highlighted. To be eligible for the Quality Trip and some of the Big Game Dinner door prizes your dues must be paid up through April 2001 (4-1-01). Please pay your dues early, especially if you plan to attend the Big Game Dinner. Eliminate the bottleneck at the dinner, update your membership beforehand at the February and March General Meetings. Membership dues are: Individual: \$15 or \$40 for 1 or 3 years or Family: \$20 or \$50 for 1 or 3 years.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: - Tom Kimball of Richland.

NRA BANQUET ATTENDEES WANTED: Three to thirteen members of the RR&GC are needed to attend the Friends of The NRA Banquet on March 3. Ten Club members are needed to reserve a RR&GC table at the Banquet to be held at Cavanaugh's, seven members have signed up. Three more members are needed for one table. Cost of the tickets is \$25 per person. Call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 to reserve a ticket. If ten additional members request a ticket, the Club can be represented with two tables. Information about the banquet is in the insert included with this Bulletin.

CORPS/USFWS ANNOUNCEMENT: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have signed a Cooperative Agreement transferring management of several popular wildlife & recreation areas to the Service, announced Lt. Col. Bill Bulen, Commander of the Corps' Walla Walla District, and Gary Hagedorn, USFWS Manager of the Mid-Columbia River Refuges. Under the agreement, the Peninsula, Two Rivers, Wallula, and Stateline wildlife management areas will be managed by the USFWS out of the adjacent McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank. In 1954 all of these areas were designated wildlife lands to compensate for wildlife habitat lost during the construction of

McNary Dam. The lands will continue to be managed for wildlife habitat and public recreational purposes including hunting and fishing. The agreement includes roughly 12,000 acres of lands and waters along the Columbia and Walla Walla rivers. This action culminates a long negotiation process which included public meetings in the Tri-Cities and Walla Walla in May 1999. The action is supported by the Washington and Oregon Fish and Wildlife Departments. The agreement calls for the Service to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan through a public input process to help guide the management of the wildlife areas. Gary Hagedorn, new manager for the area, said his goal will be a seamless transition in which wildlife habitat is protected and enhanced while continuing to offer access to popular outdoor recreation activities available now, such as hunting, fishing, and birdwatching. For further information contact Gary Hagedorn, manager of the Mid-Columbia River Refuges Office in Pasco, at (509) 545-8588, or the Corps District's Public Affairs Office in Walla Walla, at (509) 527-7020.



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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The February General meeting will be 7:00 PM Tuesday, February 1 at the Gallery Room of the Richland Public Library. Last years Quality Trip winners, Keith Brady and Leo Pfeifer will be the speakers and they will discuss their moose hunting trip, early in October, SW of Fort McMurray, Alberta. They flew from Fort McMurray to their hunting site in the Athabasca Valley. Unfortunately they were unsuccessful. Besides discussing the moose hunt they will discuss elk and deer hunts they made in Washington and Idaho. They have a lot to talk about and have plenty of exceptional slides illustrating their trips. Tickets for the March 25 Big Game Dinner will be available at the meeting.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The meeting was opened by Club president Paul Kison.

- Paul announced that the Club is again manning Lunker Lake at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on January 21-23 and volunteers are needed at the pond. Members will be contacted by phone to volunteer.
- It was announced that tickets for the Big Game Dinner are available for purchase.
- John Silko presented plaques for the Gardner-Cranston award for Exemplary Volunteerism to Howard Gardner and Clare Cranston. Eddie Manthos, the 1999 award winner, was presented a plaque and a carved Pintail trophy (a traveling award) The trophy will be returned at the 2000 Big Game Dinner and presented to the winner of the 2000 award.
- Winners of the Club photography contest for the preceding four months were Mike Estes, Howard Gardner, Larry Martin and Gaylord Pyle. Each of the winners received 5 raffle tickets for the raffle held at the end of the meeting. The winning photographs were on display at the meeting.
- Vice President and Program Chairman Bill Lambert introduced Club member Mike Estes, the first speaker of the evening, whose topic was "Planning Your Out-of State Hunting Trip for the Year 2000".
- Mike gave a very good talk. His main emphasis for having a successful hunting/fishing trip was "Be at the Right Place at

the Right Time". A good successful trip requires proper planning including: 1) *How* (how to get there), 2) *What* (what do you want to do - hunt, fish, photography etc.), 3) *Where* (where you will go to) and 4) *When* (when you will be there and for how long you will stay). Other considerations are: 1) will your trip be guided or not guided, 2) what equipment do you have and what equipment may you need to purchase or rent, 3) expected weather conditions at the time of the trip, 4) remoteness of the region you plan to hunt and finally 5) **COST**. Sources that may have information about the trip are 1) other hunters, 2) game departments or tourist bureaus, 3) land owners, 4) sports shows, 4) magazines and 5) the Internet (especially Internet search engines). Things that you need to think about are: 1) don't restrict yourself to places that you have visited, 2) keep your ears and eyes open and learn all you can about where you think you may want to go, 3) put all the information and facts together that you have accumulated, 4) think about how to manage your budget (do you want save and wait or do you want to borrow and do it right away), 5) don't forget to file hunt applications, 6) have a fall back position if things don't fall in place, check out your guide and air taxi thoroughly (talk to people who have used these services), 7) collect data (animals or fish harvested in prior years, success ratios etc.), 8) secure maps, 9) check on airlines, firearm and shipping regulations (you need to get your fish or game home), 10) make and use equipment lists etc, and last but not least 11) make your reservations early. The information Mike provided was very good, he has gone on quite a few hunts and knows what he is talking about. It was very obvious that Mike is a very organized individual and as a result he has enjoyed a lot of good hunting and fishing trips.

- The evening's second speaker was Bill Lambert. Bill organized a display of four different motorized duck decoys that have become very popular this season. The motorized decoy is part of a normal decoy spread and sits on a stake that is pushed into the water. The wings on the duck rotate continuously and appear to be very successful enticing ducks to decoy. The first decoy was a "Roboduck" that can be purchased locally for about \$220.00, it has a rechargeable battery. Club member Russ Wyer displayed a motorized duck that he built at a cost of about \$20.00. Club member John Pfeiffer displayed a "Miracle Duck" that can be purchased for about \$170.00 and runs about 7 hours on a set of batteries. Walter Chuck also displayed a home made motorized duck that he built himself and is a second generation decoy. All four of the decoys appeared to be running very well. Bill also showed several attachments that can be installed on a normal decoy to give it motion. One was ball shaped and the other was a round flat shaped attachment, both are battery powered and are installed inside a decoy to impart motion to it. He also showed a torpedo-shaped propellor driven attachment that can be attached to the outside of a decoy and allows it to circle around an anchor. They attachments cost from \$13.00 to \$20.00. He also showed an arrangement where a string is attached to an anchored decoy and motion is imparted to the decoy by jerking on the string. The displays were excellent and were closely examined by those present.

- Raffle winners were Tim Clemons - a \$30.00 gift certificate to Critters, Clare Cranston - a \$20.00 gift certificate to Critters and Larry Martin - a predator call.

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CONDOLENCES- The Club was saddened to learn of the death of Gordon Hanson's wife Jewel who passed away on Nov.22, 1999.

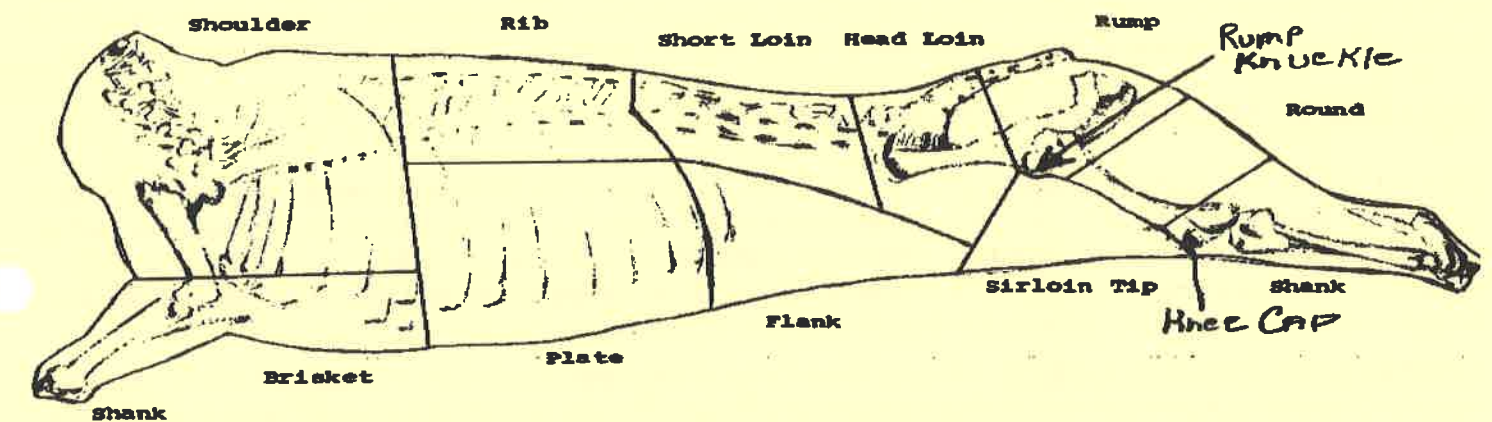
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GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, March 7, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 21, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March 23, 2000, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

8th ANNUAL COLUMBIA BASIN FRIENDS OF THE NRA - BANQUET & AUCTION FRIDAY MARCH 3 - CAVANAUGH'S IN KENNEWICK

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION AND WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS-FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET-

March 10, 2000 Shilo Inn Richland. Call Russ or Leila Brown at 627-1218 for Information or Tickets

BIG HORN SPORTS AND RECREATION SHOW Spokane Fairgrounds March 16-19

RR&GC BIG GAME DINNER - SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2000, Richland Knights Of Columbus Hall

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

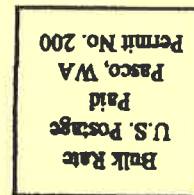
The March General Meeting of the Richland Rod and Gun Club will be held at the Gallery Room of the Richland Public Library at 7:00 PM on Tuesday March 7. This meeting is The Annual Fishing Forecast (one month earlier than usual) and will consist of three speakers, one each from Regions 1, 2 and 3 of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Glen Mendel from Region 1 who lives in Dayton will give a presentation entitled "Good News-Fish Population Increases" and discuss some good fishing prospects in his area. Joe Foster from Ephrata (Region 2) will discuss fishing prospects in his area. Jim Cummins from Region 3 will discuss the best 3 or 4 fishing prospects in his area including Cle Elum and the upper Yakima River areas. Tickets for the March 25 Big Game Dinner will be available at the meeting. Tickets purchased after this General Meeting will not be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club President Paul Kison opened the meeting. He thanked all the volunteers that worked at Lunker Lake and the Air Rifle Range. Paul stated that his daughter caught one of the big trout in Lunker Lake.

- It was announced that the USFWS will be managing Two Rivers HMU, The Peninsula HMU, The Wallula HMU and Stateline HMU-now called the *Three Rivers Unit*.
- A draft letter to Jeff Haas (USFWS) and Dale Bambrick (WDFW) with the Club's recommendations for relocation and elk control on the ALE was read. A motion was made and seconded that the letter/recommendations be approved. Those present, at the meeting, voted unanimously to approve and send the letter.
- Program Chairman Bill Lambert introduced the main speakers of the evening Keith Brady and Leo Pfeifer. They described

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DUCK BAND RESULTS: Seven hunters harvested banded ducks (all mallard drakes) this hunting season. Results are shown below:

Name	Where Shot	Date Shot	Information
Dom Duncan	Near Burbank	10/24/99	Hatched 1995, banded 8/13/95 near Wyndel, B.C.
Dom Duncan	Near Burbank	11/06/99	Hatched in 1998, banded 11/8/98 near George Lake, ALTA
Mike Estes	Burbank	11/06/99	Hatched in 1995 or earlier, banded 8/26/96 11S Seven Persons, ALTA
Tim Clemons	Above McNary Dam On Columbia River	11/22/99	Hatched 1995 or earlier, banded 8/30/96 at East Mills Lake, NWT
Nikki Manthos Dyke	Columbia/Walla Walla Rivers	11/27/99	Hatched in 1998 or earlier. Banded 8/21/99 West of Peace River, ALTA
Jon Manthos	Near Burbank on Columbia River	12/21/99	Hatched in 1998 or earlier. Banded 4/15/99 near Hay Lake, ALTA
Wes Bryan	Benton County, Umatilla NWR	01/08/00	Hatched 1998 or earlier. Banded 9/4/99 near Kootenay Flats, BC

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their moose hunting trip on October 2, 1999 SW of Fort McMurray, Alberta in the Athabasca Valley. They flew from Fort McMurray to their hunting site in the Athabasca Valley. Unfortunately the weather was bad at their hunting site. They did not harvest any moose. One person from another hunting party at their camp did harvest a moose. The hunting party prior to their arrival did harvest some moose. They had numerous slides showing the scenery, hunting camp and accommodations. They also brought some deer-meat pepperoni sausage to the meeting and shared it with us.

• Winners of the raffle drawings were: Don Hand - binoculars, Orville Long - a *Micra* pocket tool, Bill Lambert - a sharpening tool, Mac McDonnell - a sleeping bag mattress, Dale Schielke - a *Red Head* cap, Jack Pickard - 2 jars of *Power Bait*, Clare Cranston - 2 jars of *Power Bait*, Mike Estes - 2 jars of *Power Bait* and Ben Pesek - 1 jar of *Power Bait*.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Scott Novak from Kennewick, John L. Austin and Family from Richland, Eldon C. Ladd from Richland and Gerald Moran from Kennewick.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS-Howard Gardner, Chief Instructor. The class started on Jan.10 and finished on Jan. 31 including a range day at the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting facility. A total of 28 students ranging in age from 8 to 42 participated. Other instructors helping in the class were: Clare Cranston, Lyle Gilk, Don Hartshorn, Max Jones, Steve Roblyer, Carl Stull, Dennis Spore and Jerry Zeitler. John McIntosh, State Wildlife Agent from Benton Co., visited and discussed firearms safety, hunting accidents and answered questions.

NEW INTERNET WEB PAGE: The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) has developed a web site where hunters can obtain regulations and license information for all 50 states. The address is www.huntinfo.org. Many license application deadlines are coming up in the next few months and it might be an easier way for hunters to obtain information and application forms than calling long distance. The page has numerous links to other sites. It does shows links to all of the 50 States Fish and Game web sites. Thanks to Mike Estes for informing us about the web site.

CLUB SPONSORED OUTDOOR PHOTO CONTEST WINNER: Winner of the February entries for the photo contest is Don Hand. Don will win 5 raffle tickets for the March General Meeting. His photograph and other entries will be on display at the March General Meeting. Bring your entries to the meeting and submit them to John Silko.

BIG GAME DINNER: • The 50th Annual Wild Game Dinner will be held at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday March 25. Ticket cost is the same as the last 3 years, \$15.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale at the March General Meeting. Eligibility deadline for the *Early Bird* door prize drawing is the March 7 General Meeting. The social hour will start at 6:00 PM with dinner scheduled at 7:00 PM. The program speaker will be Dr. Dennis Dauble, his topic will be: "*Aquatic Resources of The Hanford Reach-From Algae To Fish To Man.*" Tickets can also be purchased from Mike Estes at 582-2212 and other Club Board members.

• Big Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Jerry at 545-6694 and offer your services, he needs people for all day March 25 starting at 8:00AM. 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 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

• If you are willing to donate a door prize for the dinner or if you know of anyone who is willing to donate a door prize, please contact John Silko at 627-1241.

• **Elk meat (roasts), migratory waterfowl and upland birds** are still needed for the Big Game Dinner. Instructions for packaging and identifying the game are in the last two to three Bulletins. Take the packaged meat to Chuck's Meats in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chuck has control of the key. Jerry Zeitler has several packages in the locker without the donors names. Please call Jerry at 545-6694 and identify your package(s) so that you can get credit for them in the Food Donors Drawing.

If you are going to the dinner, please pay for your 2000 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 2001 (4-1-01). Your membership expiration date is shown on this Bulletin mailing label.

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Entry tickets for the 2000 Quality Trip can be purchased at the March General Meeting and at the Big Game Dinner, until the maximum of 100 tickets have been sold. The drawing for the quality trip will be held at the Big Game Dinner on March 25, 2000. The rules are shown below and are identical to last years.

1. Only Club members with 2000 dues paid through April 2001 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 25, 2000 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 2001 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

RICHARD FITZNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Howard Gardner - The seventh annual scholarship was awarded to Gerald Turner, a student at Eastern Washington University. There were a total of four applicants, three from WSU and Turner from EWU. All were outstanding students, but Turner had the edge with his extensive wildlife related field experience, a good deal as a volunteer. The \$500.00 annual award, started in 1992, is given to a student in Wildlife Biology/ Management to memorialize Richard Fitzner, a well respected biologist and Club member, who died in a tragic plane crash.

USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE - The annual meeting was held on Jan. 11, 2000. In attendance were: Mike Estes, Howard Gardner, Paul Kison, Jack Pickard, Larry Martin, and John Silko. The following recommendations for uses of Club funds were made and approved by the Board of Trustees at the January 19, 2000 Board meeting:

Item/Organization	Contributions	
	1999	2000
Fitzner Memorial Scholarship at WSU	\$500.00	\$500.00
NRA Inst. For Legislative Action	200.00	200.00
NRA Political Victory Fund	0.0	200.00
National Shooting Sports Foundation	50.00	100.00
Columbia Dive Rescue	250.00	250.00
Wildlife Legislative Fund of America	250.00	250.00
Wildlife Conservation Fund of America	0.0	250.00
Tapteal Greenway	50.00	0.0
Upland Wildlife Restoration Program	250.00	250.00
Delta Waterfowl	50.00	50.00
Hanford Reach	100.00	0.0
Youth Conservation Camp(12 total)(-nominally eight from Club and four from Hunter Ed.) @ \$175.00 per camper	2100.00*	1575.00(6+3)
Kettle Range Conservation Group	0.0	100.00
Mapping Software(Guzzler&Wood duck)	0.0	150.00
Warm Water Fish Advisory Comm.(Meseberg Memorial)		300.00**
Wash. Firearms Rights Coalition(WFRC)		50.00**
Total Allocation	\$3800.00	\$4225.00
Total Actual Expenditure	\$2750.00	

*Used \$1050.00 for six campers, ** Already contributed

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 4, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - Franklin County PUD Auditorium, 1411 W Clark in Pasco

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, April 18, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Seminar Room

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 20, 2000, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

APRIL GENERAL MEETING - SPECIAL MEETING FOR WOMEN

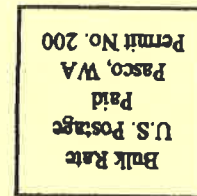
The April General Meeting of the Richland Rod and Gun Club will be held at the Franklin PUD Auditorium 1411 W Clark in Pasco at 7:00 PM on Tuesday April 4. Clark Street is one block north of W. Lewis Street and the PUD is at 14th and Clark.

• Before the main speakers presentation, Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge volunteer Glenn Gilcher will be presented an award by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS). Glenn is well known by duck hunters as the check station attendant who counted birds and ran the hunt program at the Refuge's Paterson hunt unit for the last ten years. What many don't know, is Glenn worked every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, starting sometimes before 5 AM, not for pay - but as a volunteer. Now 80 years old, Glenn has decided to sleep in on duck hunting days starting next season. To recognize his years of outstanding volunteer service for hunters and the wildlife resource, the Club will host the award ceremony. After Glen has received his award from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service the Club will honor him by presenting him with the Club's Distinguished Service Award. Those of you that have hunted the Paterson Unit of Umatilla Refuge won't want to miss this meeting. Please come and honor Glen and wish him many years and a happy retirement. I'm sure he will be glad to see all of us. The scheduled main meeting will follow the presentations.

• **All wives, daughters, mothers, friends and visitors are invited and urged to attend the special main meeting for women.** The topic is Women in the Outdoors - National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF). The presentation will be given by Russ and Leila Brown who have participated as Fly Fishing Instructors at the Women in the Outdoors in Spokane and realized that this program would be great for the Tri-Cities. If your father or another adult male taught you to hunt or fish before your 15th birthday, you fit the national profile of today's outdoor sportsperson. Chances are though, if you are a woman, you did not have opportunities to learn about hunting, fishing, or conservation as a child. The National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) has developed a program designed to offer women ages 14 and over the opportunity to gain valuable in-the-field skills in an environment that encourages fun and success in the outdoors. This exciting program, Women in the Outdoors, targets women who want to learn outdoor skills through inexpensive, one-day work shops addressing such topics as, fly-fishing, stream ecology, wild turkey hunting, canoeing, habitat improvement, Dutch

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Washington Columbia River tributaries above Bonneville Dam: Information from the WDFW Web Page.

- Wind River - Open from the boundary markers/buoy line at the mouth to 400 feet below Shipperd Falls from April 1 through June 30 and from the High Bridge upstream to boundary markers below the Carson National Fish Hatchery from June 1 through June 30. Daily limit 2 salmonids (chinook greater than 12 inches or hatchery steelhead greater than 20 inches). Night closure and Non-buoyant lure restrictions will be in effect. The river between 400 feet below Shipperd Falls and the High Bridge is closed to all angling.
- Little White Salmon River (Drano Lake) - Open from the markers on points of land located downstream and across from the Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery to the Highway 14 Bridge from April 1 through May 21. Daily limit 2 salmonids (chinook greater than 12 inches or hatchery steelhead greater than 20 inches). Night closure and non-buoyant lure restrictions will be in effect.
- Klickitat River - Open from the Fisher Hill Bridge downstream to the mouth Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only from April 1 through May 31. Daily limit one salmonid (chinook over 12 inches or hatchery steelhead over 20 inches). Night closures and non-buoyant lure restrictions will be in effect.
- White Salmon River - Open from the boundary markers downstream from the Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge upstream to the powerhouse April 1 until further notice and from the powerhouse upstream to 400 feet below Condit Dam April 1 through June 15. Daily limit one salmonid (chinook over 12 inches or hatchery steelhead over 20 inches). The river from Condit Dam downstream to the powerhouse is closed to all fishing from June 16 through November 15 under permanent regulations.

BIG GAME DINNER QUALITY TRIP AND MEMBERS ONLY DRAWING WINNERS: Winner of the Quality Trip at the March 25 Big Game Dinner is Rich Holten, alternate is Clarence Corriveau. Winner of the Sportsman-Landowner Upland Game Bird Membership is Bill Lambert. Winner of the Fishing Trip for Two (Salmon or Sturgeon) is Chris Foster.

oven cooking, plant identification, survival, archery, and shooting sports, etc. Since the program started in 1998, over 10,000 women have joined the organization.

- One-day workshops are being developed for spring and fall in the Tri-Cities, by the local NWTF Columbia Basin Chapter, Women in the Outdoors. The Columbia Basin NWTF, Women in the Outdoors, welcomes you to participate. If you can not attend the meeting and you are interested, please feel free to call Leila at 627-1218 for more information.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club President Paul Kison opened the meeting. The three speakers were WDFW biologists from Regions 1, 2 and 3 who discussed the fishing forecast and good fishing prospects in their respective regions. Glen Mendel - Region 1, Joe Foster - Region 2 and Jim Cummings - Region 3 were the speakers.

- Glen Mendel stated that the fish counts on the Touchet River appear to be increasing. He also gave fish stocking figures for several of the lakes/ponds in Region 1, including the Tucannon lakes, Fish Hook Pond, Bennington Lake, Quarry Pond and Fish Hook Pond. Most of the lakes will be stocked twice and the fish will include some adults and in some cases triploids. Stocking numbers and dates can be viewed on the WDFW web page at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/>. The lower Walla Walla River and its mouth, lower Tucannon and mouth of the Grande Ronde should be good for steelhead. The Grande Ronde River should be good for steelhead in the fall.

- Joe Foster from Region 2 passed out maps of some of the lakes in Region 2. He stated that the Quincy lakes, especially Burke and Quincy should be good later this spring, early to mid April. In the Potholes seep lakes North & South Teal and Herman lakes were rehabilitated and should be good later this spring, early to mid April. Good reports have been coming for Heart lake. Good fishing is expected for the April opener at Sun lakes and the Okanogan lakes. Fishing for Cutthroat trout at Lenore will be slow. High water temperatures in 1998 caused mortality rates up to 70%. The stocking rate at Lenore has been increased from 40,000 to 70,00 fish. However the stocked fish will take time to grow and fishing will be slow until the fish have grown to harvestable size. Both Evergreen reservoir and Red Rock reservoir contain good numbers of Tiger Muskies, some up to 30 inches long. Perch up to 10 inches long are being caught in the south end Moses lake and at the Alder Street bridge. Crappie numbers appear to be increasing in Moses lake. Fishing for Rainbow trout at Pot Holes reservoir continues to be good. Lenice, Nunally and Merry lakes will be rehabilitated at the end of March.

- Jim Cummings from Region 3 passed out copies of three documents. He announced that Bull Trout and some Mid Columbia Steelhead are listed as either threatened or endangered. There probably will be a spring salmon season at Ringold starting about May 1. The Yakima River from Rosa to Easton Dam is open year-round for catch and release fishing and barbless single hook. This stretch of the river contains wild Rainbow and is fished by many fly fishermen. The Cle Elum River, above the reservoir has good populations of Rainbow Trout in the 6-10 inch range. The high elevation hike-in lakes should also provide good fishing later in the year. Rattlesnake Creek which empties into the Naches River should be good for Rainbow and Cut Throat Trout. The Teanaway River and Nanum Creek should be good fishing for trout and should be accessed from Forest Service land since the mouth is in private land. Fishing for Kokanee or Silver Salmon should be good in Rimrock Lake, and the Cle Elum and Kachess Reservoirs. Please check the 1999 and 2000 Sport Fishing Rules to make sure that you are following any special regulations and opening and closing dates. **Also remember your fishing license expires March 31, 2000!** Several announcements were made after the fishing presentations.

- Howard Gardner announced that there is an "Anti-Trapping" initiative, Initiative 713, being circulated for signatures. The initiative is sponsored by 'Animal Rightists'. Do not sign the Initiative!

- Dale Schielke announced that two more sections of Wood Duck nesting boxes need to be inspected, one section is on the Yakima River and the other is on the Walla Walla River. Two more trips will also be required to install new nesting boxes. Dale and Larry Martin inspected a section of nesting boxes right before President's Day, February 21. Please call Dale at 375-0183 if you are able to help inspect or install new nesting boxes.

- Winners of the raffle drawing were: Larry Martin and Gerald Bloom who each won a rod case. Russ Wyer won a calendar.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Robbin Duncan & Family from Benton City, Lloyd Zinsli from Richland and Walter Chuck from Pasco.

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COLUMBIA RIVER CLOSURES TO ALL SPORTFISHING AROUND RINGOLD HATCHERY (A WDFW News Release) **OLYMPIA**—All sport fishing closed March 22 in the Columbia River from 1,000 feet above the Ringold Hatchery outlet to 1,000 feet below the outlet until further notice. The entire river within those 1,000-foot boundaries is closed to all fishing. This emergency closure is necessary to protect steelhead that are listed as "endangered" by the federal Endangered Species Act.

TWO EASTON PONDS CLOSED TO PERMIT REINTRODUCTION OF COHO TO YAKIMA: (A WDFW News Release) **OLYMPIA** — Easton Ponds 1 and 2 off Interstate 90 in Kittitas County will be closed to fishing until June 10 as part of an effort to reintroduce coho salmon in the Yakima River basin. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) in conjunction with the Yakama Nation will use the two ponds to acclimate 250,000 coho smolts, which will then have direct access to the Yakima River. The ponds will be closed to fishing from March 23 through June 9 during the acclimation process, but will reopen June 10 for a "free fishing weekend." Easton Pond 3 will not be involved in acclimating the smolts and will remain open during the closure of Ponds 1 and 2. Jeff Haymes, a WDFW salmon biologist, said the Yakima River once had the largest coho salmon population of all the mid-Columbia River tributaries, before it disappeared in the early 1900s. "Reestablishing coho salmon in this drainage would restore these salmon to part of their historical range," he said.

HABITAT PLANTING PROJECT: Larry Martin announced there will be a habitat planting project on Saturday April 1 in the Paterson area. The plastic has been laid, the project will consist of digging holes through the plastic and planting trees/shrubs. Don Hand of the WDFW will be in charge. Meet at the "Truck Scales" off Highway 14 near Paterson at 8:30 A.M. Bring gloves, clothing, water and a lunch. Call Larry at 545-9647 to sign up and to learn more details. See you there.

GUZZLER REPAIR PROJECT: Eagle Scout candidate Austin Mohr has undertaken a guzzler repair project as his "Service Project", the guzzlers are located in the Prosser area. One or more guzzlers will be repaired. Don Hand of the WDFW will have an ATV to transport the repair materials to the guzzler sites. Austin is in charge of the project and needs some help. Meet at the Conoco station off Highway I-82 at the Mile 96 interchange at 8:30 on Saturday April 8. Bring gloves, clothing, water and snacks. Call Larry Martin at 545-9647 to sign up for the project and learn more details.

QUARRY POND CLEAN UP PROJECT: RR&GC members and USFWS employees from surrounding refuges got together Saturday morning February 26 and cleaned up litter and garbage from Quarry Pond. After Quarry Pond was cleaned up several members went to Casey's Pond boat launch and parking lot and cleaned that area up. Club members that participated were Bill Lambert (Coordinator), Clarence Corriveau, Gaylord Pyle, Tim Clemons, Rocky Ross, Mike Estes, Russ Wyer, and Paul Kison.

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- An experimental nest box design intended primarily to reduce starling use while still being acceptable to wood ducks and not allow access by raccoons.
- A panel discussion with the audience on reducing competition and predation associated with nest boxes. Most discussion centered on starlings, their biology, their preferences and dislikes, and reducing their use of nest boxes. Methods and predator guards to reduce raccoon (especially) and other predation on nesting wood duck hens and eggs were also discussed.
- Wood duck feeding behavior and food habits in riparian areas of central California during fall and winter. This is the only wood duck diet study that has been done on the west coast.
- The workshop wrapped up with an excellent presentation on the raptors (kestrels, screech owls, and barn owls) that use wood duck nest boxes. The speaker produces lots of wood ducks but he's modified boxes to produce lots of barn owls too. He entertained the audience with stories about these raptors nesting biology, behavior, and his encounters with them.
- The next conference will be held in two years.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, May 2, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - RR&GC HUNTER SAFETY FACILITY,
BIG PASCO E. AINSWORTH AVE. MIDDLE OF WAREHOUSE 5

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 16, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Seminar Room

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 26, 2000, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

MAY GENERAL MEETING

The May General Meeting of the Richland Rod and Gun Club will be held at the RR&GC Hunter Safety Facility, in Big Pasco on E. Ainsworth Ave. in the Middle of Warehouse 5 at 7:00 PM. Greg Hughes of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will be the speaker. Greg is the new project leader of the Arid Lands National Wildlife Refuge Complex and he will have a slide presentation that will show what exists in the Complex today and what future plans for the Complex are. The Complex includes 1) the ALE, 2) McGee Ranch/River Lands, 3) Columbia River Islands, 4) Wahluke Wildlife Recreation Unit and 5) Saddle Mountain Unit.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club President Paul Kison opened the meeting and gave a short report about the Big Game Dinner that was held on March 25.

- Larry Martin gave a short report on the habitat planting project at Agrinorthwest farms, above Plymouth, that was held on Saturday April 1. He also said that it appeared that there would be sufficient volunteers for the guzzler repair project on Saturday April 8 above Prosser.
- Paul Kison gave a short description of the elk roundup that occurred on the Arid Lands Ecology unit (ALE) in March. There was a 5-10% (17) loss in animals during the roundup and relocation. A total of 156 elk were relocated. Four of the animals perished after they were released. Next year, the animal loss should be less than 5% because of the lessons learned during this years roundup. It appears that there were 1,000 elk on the ALE instead of the 850 estimated before the roundup.
- Bill Lambert gave a report on the tree planting project at Paul Logman's property on April 1.
- Larry Martin announced that the dates for this years youth Conservation Camp at Orcas Island will be July 16-22 for girls and July 23-29 for boys.
- Paul Kison presented Lyle Gilk with the Club's Distinguished Service award.
- Dale Schielke reported that Eagle Scout candidate Michael Pease and others installed 20 Wood Duck nesting boxes on April 2.
- Paul Kison introduced Gary Hagedorn, manager of the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Gary honored Glen Gilcher by presenting him a beautiful framed print of a Blue Heron in recognition of his ten years of volunteer service for the USFWS at the Paterson and other units of the Wildlife Refuge Complex. He was the check station attendant

who counted birds and ran the hunt program at the Refuge's Paterson hunt unit for the last ten years. Glen is now 80 years old and still recovering from knee replacement surgery. After the presentation from Gary, Paul Kison presented the Club's Distinguished Service Award to Glen. Many Club members that hunt Paterson know Glen very well and will miss him, especially after the hunt when we would stop and talk with Glen and swap stories. We wish him many years and good health.

The evenings main speakers were Russ and Leila Brown who are members of the RR&GC, the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) and the Columbia Basin Flycasters. They are fly fishing instructors for *Women In The Outdoors* (WIO) in Spokane. Russ is the president of the local NWTf. The NWTf is the sponsor of the WIO in all 50 states.. Leila is a co-sponsor. There are over 20,000 members of the WIO. A local WIO was formed in December of 1999 that meets at Russ and Leila Brown's home the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Russ and Leila explained that a WIO Workshop is planned for this fall in the Tri Cities. Leila introduced Jane Freeman, co-chair of the Inland Empire chapter of the WIO in Spokane. The Spokane chapter has been in existence for 2-3 years. It had 21 members this fall and has now grown to 45 members. Jane introduced Carrie McKinley, the Washington State Event Coordinator, also from Spokane. She has been a member of the NWTf and the WIO since 1992. She enthusiastically explained the reasons she enjoys both organizations. Women in the Outdoors, targets women 14 years of age and up, who want to learn outdoor skills through inexpensive, one-day work shops addressing such topics as, fly-fishing, stream ecology, wild turkey hunting, canoeing, habitat improvement, Dutch oven cooking, plant identification, survival, archery, and shooting sports, etc. Annual membership in the NWTf is \$25.00 and \$25.00 for the WIO. Contact Leila Brown at 627-1218 for more information about the WIO

There was a special free raffle drawing for women attending the meeting. Winner was Mary Peterson who selected binoculars as her prize. Winners of the regular raffle were Bill Lambert who won a turkey call and a Monopoly bass fishing game. Karen Estes won a gift certificate for two to the Red Robin.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Det Wegener & Family and James A. Farran from Benton City; Chris Foster & Family and Richard T. French from Richland; and Jaime Zeisloft, Mark Sims and Butch Grego from Kennewick.

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PLYMOUTH AREA HABITAT PLANTING PROJECT: RR&GC members participated with Boy Scouts and other youth, *Pheasants Forever* members and Agrinorthwest employees on Saturday April 1 to plant about 3700 plants on two habitat plots on DNR land leased by Agrinorthwest. A total of at least 43 volunteers showed up and worked for about 4 hours. After the plantings were completed, Agrinorthwest provided lunches for all the workers. The plots are unique in that they will be irrigated. In fact as soon as the plants were planted, the sprinklers were turned on to "water the plants in". Don Hand and Mike Keller of the WDFW and Tim Kopf of the Benton Conservation District were present and coordinated the project. Volunteers representing the RR&GC were: Larry Martin, Mack McDonnell, Eddie Manthos, Wes Bryant and his 6 year old son Drew, Gene VanLiew, Jordan Case, Jerry Bloom, Lou LaDouceur, Terral Finger, Eldon Finger, Joe Cerna, Larry Hayner, and Phil Hight.

GUZZLER REPAIR PROJECT: Two guzzlers (cisterns) damaged by a grass fire were repaired on April 8. Repair materials and transport to the guzzlers was provided by WDFW Habitat Specialist Don Hand. The repair was Eagle Scout candidate Austin Mohr's "Service Project". The guzzlers are located on the hills above Prosser. Volunteers from the Club

were Larry Martin, Paul Kison, Gerald Moran, Britt Marlin and Gene VanLiew. Other volunteers were Austin Mohr, Carl Mohr, Bill Eberhardt, B.J. Kroll, Sean Gehler and Greg Richart. The project started at 8:30 AM and lasted until 4:00PM.

PAUL LOGMAN WORK PARTY: Four Club members, Dennis Spore, Mike and Karen Estes and Bill Lambert, participated in the tree planting at Paul Logman's burned out property on April 1 and 2. A total of 28 volunteers were present to plant 4800 trees. All of the volunteers, Paul and his wife Lynn worked very hard both days to finish the planting.

2000 BIG GAME DINNER: The first RR&GC Big Game (Wild Game) dinner of this century was held on March 25, 2000. Attendance was lower than normal. The food, as always, was exceptional. The door prizes were good but fewer than usual, because of the competition from other banquets. Dr. Dennis Dauble gave a very good talk about the aquatic resources of the Hanford Reach. Dinner chairman Jerry Zeitler deserves a large vote of thanks for organizing the dinner. John Silko did an exceptional job as chairman in charge of getting the prize donations. Club president Paul Kison presented outgoing president John Silko with a beautiful engraved, oak saw scrolled plaque. Dale Schielke received the Gardner-Cranston award for exemplary volunteerism. Dale Landon received the RR&GC Distinguished Service Award. Jack Hampton also received the Distinguished Service Award earlier because he was not able to attend the Dinner. Lyle Gilk also received the Distinguished Service Award, since he was not able to attend the dinner he was presented the award at the April General Meeting. Jerry Zeitler was presented the Life Member award.

Winners of the *Members Only* drawings were Bill Lambert who won A Sportsman-Landowner Upland Game Bird Membership and Chris Foster won a Fishing Trip for Two for salmon or sturgeon with Lip Lock Guide Service. The *Early Bird* drawing was won by Dennis Spore who received a framed print. Leo Pfeifer won the *Food Donors* drawing. The *Volunteer Workers* drawing was won by Jeff Fulks who received a framed print. John Silko won the kitchen help drawing. The *Dinner Committee Cooks* drawing was won by Jim Choate who received a \$40.00 gift certificate to O'Henrys. The Top Volunteers Drawing was won by Howard Gardner who received a GPS unit donated by Jerry Zeitler. Raffle drawing winners were Mike Estes who won a Gun Locker donated by Ranch & Home Supply Inc. and Harold Heacock who won a Columbia River/Hanford Reach tour for two from Columbia River Ventures.

Winner of the Quality Trip was Rich Holten and Clarence Corriveau is the alternate. There were a total of 56 entries in the drawing for the Quality Trip. A total of 212 dinner tickets were sold.

WEST COAST WOOD DUCK WORKSHOP #3: Dale Schielke participated in the workshop held on the Washington-Oregon border in Vancouver, WA on February 25 and 26. (The following information was excerpted from a report by Paul C. Fielder the Work Shop Coordinator.) The NW Power Planning Council graciously donated \$1,500 toward workshop expenses. Forty-one people attended this third wood duck workshop held in the Pacific flyway. Ten attendees were from Washington, 11 from Oregon, and 20 people made the trip north from California. The only negative aspect of this workshop is that more people were not present to hear the excellent presentations that the speakers provided.

Eleven speakers presented 15 talks and conducted panel discussions on dump nesting and reducing competition and predation in nest boxes. Enthusiasm and interest was high among all that did attend. The workshop ran from 8:30am to 5:00pm both days, but discussions about wood ducks went well outside these time limits. Topics presented were:

- The biology and natural history of the wood duck.
- DNA and how it is able to differentiate genetic traits of wood ducks from California and Washington.
- How to manage a wood duck nest box program, the right way!
- Wood duck brood habitat use and survival in California determined by radio telemetry with the hens and ducklings. Tricks, tips, and tools for effeciently handling and banding wood ducks.
- Wood duck banding and general recovery patterns of woodies banded in California.
- "Dump nesting" panel discussion, what it is, the factors that influence it, the positives and negatives of it. and what managers can do to influence it. It appears that dump nesting is natural with woodies and increases overall production.
- Wood duck and hooded merganser similarities and interactions.
- Other cavity nesting ducks in the world and the results of graduate work with cavity nesting goldeneyes in Canada.
- Wood duck biology and nesting in central Washington sparse habitat. Tips & tricks to maximize production were shared.
- 200 plus nest box program in conifer dominated NW Washington and the screech and saw-whet owls that often nest in their boxes.
- Nest boxes in SW Washington, the habitat there, successes and plans for expansion, and sneak methods for making wood duck observations.
- One-man wood duck nest box program data, in the central Willamette Valley of Oregon, that just seems to keep expanding and expanding.

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- The basic courses that you can get certified to teach include Basic Rifle(14 hours), Basic Pistol (10 hours) and Basic Shotgun (10 hours.).
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- The Home Firearms Safety course is an excellent four hour course for novice gun owners or people interested in learning the basics of firearms safety.
- The 12 hour Personal Protection course covers the knowledge and skills needed for the safe and effective use of a handgun for self-defense in the home.
- There are two new reloading courses available which teach reloading metallic cartridges or shotgun cartridges. • Muzzleloader training is also available from NRA certified instructors for muzzleloading rifle, muzzleloading pistol or muzzleloading shotgun.

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- The three hour "Refuse To Be A Victim" seminar covers a variety of topics, including: the psychology of criminal predators, security in the home, on the phone, in your car, on the street and information about self-defense training and personal protection devices

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- The Eddie Eagle course is taught in two different formats, the 45 minute format and the 5 day format (the 5 day format can be shortened to 1-3 days.) Those formats are taught at three different grade levels: Level 1: Preschool - Grade 1, Level 2: Grades 2 - 3, Level 3: Grades 4 - 6.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, June 6, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, Gallery Room

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, June 20, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - RR&GC HUNTER SAFETY FACILITY,
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - June 21, 2000, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - JULY 28 & 29 (Friday & Saturday)

RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC AUGUST 1 (Tuesday) 6:00 PM

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The June General Meeting of the Richland Rod and Gun Club will be held at the Gallery Room of the Richland Public Library at 7:00 PM. "Dog Training and Care" will be the program topic for the meeting.

- Jane Borghese, a licensed dog trainer will start the meeting off with some tips on Obedience Training.
- A representative from one of the local dog clubs will give a presentation on how to train your dog for Dog Trials.
- A third speaker will be introduced at the meeting, as of the writing of this newsletter his appearance has not been confirmed.

Club members at the meeting will be asked to voice their opinion(s) about disposition of the Hanford Reach so that we can formulate the Club's position concerning the future of the Reach.

This will be the last General Meeting until September. The July General Meeting is being replaced by the Allied Arts Show Salmon Booth on July 28 and 29. The August General meeting is replaced by the Club's annual picnic/salmon barbeque on August 1. More information on the Salmon booth is shown below. Information for the August picnic will be in the July newsletter.

MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club Vice-President Bill Lambert opened the meeting and introduced the speaker of the evening Greg Hughes of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS). He is the Project Leader of the Arid Lands National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Greg replaced Dave Goeke the former Project Leader who retired. Greg has been in the Tri-Cities for only a couple of months and came here from another USFWS refuge. He has been with the USFWS for 15 years and was the former Deputy Project Leader of the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge in Othello. He is also an avid upland bird hunter. Kathy Criddle, an Information and Education Specialist at the Complex accompanied Greg and assisted him with his presentation. Cathy's son was sponsored by the Club to attend the ORCAS Island Conservation Camp when she was a RR&GC member. Jeff Haas who spoke to the Club a year ago at the June General Meeting is still with the Complex as a Deputy Project Leader. The Complex office is located in the SAIC building in Richland at 3250 Port of Benton Blvd. The Complex includes

1] the ALE (77,000 acres), 2] McGee Ranch/River Lands (90,000 acres), 3] Columbia River Islands, 4] Wahluke Wildlife Recreation Unit (576,000 acres) and 5] Saddle Mountain Unit (37,000 acres). Greg showed several slides showing the location and features of the various units. He also had a large map showing each of the units and their physical location in relation to each other. He explained that an internal draft of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Complex will be completed in June or July of this year and the Club is welcome to review and comment on the Plan when it is issued. There were many questions from the audience including elk hunting on the ALE, fishing on Saddle Mountain lake downstream from Vernita Bridge and between Highway 24 and the Columbia River, Columbia River access in the Reach, etc. Kathy Criddle said that there are many opportunities, listed below, for volunteers to work at the Complex.

- **Rush Skeletonweed Removal:** Work parties are needed to help eradicate this invasive perennial weed with hand spraying from the Fitzner Eberhardt Arid Lands Ecology Reserve in April, May & June. This is one of the prettiest times of the year to be on ALE and this effort is a very worthy cause. **June 17**
- **Yellowstar Thistle:** Volunteers are needed to survey for and flag the invasive weed Yellowstar Thistle on the Wahluke Wildlife Recreation Area. Work dates are in the process of being arranged. Please sign up to participate in this important management effort.
- **Boundary Signs:** Volunteers are needed to set posts and boundary signs around the refuge. Although not glamorous this is one of their most important projects. These efforts take place during the week when time permits. They would like to have a list of volunteers who would be willing to be called from time to time to help.

If you are willing to help, contact Kathy at: **Kathy Criddle, Information and Education Specialist, Arid Lands National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 3250 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, WA 99352. Phone 509/371-1801 or e-mail: Kathy_Criddle@fws.gov.**

CONDOLENCES - Bob Lyness's wife Dorothy passed away on April 20, 2000. The Club extends its deepest sympathies.

SIDEWALK ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH 2000: - Howard Gardner & Dale Schielke. We have received approval for our Salmon Booth in the Allied Arts Sidewalk Show on July 27, 28 & 29 and need a lot of help, about 70 volunteers. The RR&GC and Columbia Basin Fly Casters are again sponsoring the Salmon Booth. The RR&GC will have the lead this year. This is our main money raising project for the year.

- Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July, 27 from 6-8:00 PM (18 workers).
- The booth will operate with 9-10 workers per shift from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Friday July, 28 and Saturday, July, 29. Shifts will be 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM, and 5:00-9:00 PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00PM.

All club members will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and what shift(s). **Retirees** are especially needed for the first two shifts on Friday. Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun. If for some reason you are not contacted or just want to volunteer, call Dennis Spore (627-0589), our shift coordinator, and give him your shift preference.

This year, only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a *Food Servers Card*". Shift workers are not required to have a *Food Servers Card*". If you have a *Food Servers Card*" check its expiration date. If your card is expiring or you don't have one and would like to have that training and take the test to get a card, you can obtain a current card at a special test session that will be held for Sidewalk Arts Show workers at the Allied Arts Gallery, 89 Lee Blvd., Richland at 6:45 PM sharp on Thurs. June 22 and Tues. July 11. 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.

25 YEAR RR&GC BELT BUCKLES: - This year we have eight Club members each of who have been in the Club for 25 years. Including these, there has been a total of 42 members over the years who have reached this level of membership and many have been officers and board members. The eight new recipients of the 25 year belt buckles are: Russ and Leila Brown, Al Garrett, Robert McDonald, Dave Myers, John Nesbitt, Arlen Schade and Carl Wheeler Sr. These people are to be congratulated for their years of service. Presentation of the buckles will be made at the June meeting.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS: - **Clare Cranston** - A Hunter Education class, starting Monday July 10, is scheduled at the RR&GC Tri-Cities Training Facility at the Port of Pasco (Maximum of 25 persons each). There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084.

FIREARMS NEEDED FOR HUNTER EDUCATION FACILITY: The Hunter Education Facility was broken into and entered in May. Eighteen firearms, shotguns, rifles and sidearms were stolen. These weapons were not functional and incapable of being fired. None of the functional firearms and air rifles were stolen. They were locked in a safe and attempts were not made to break into the safe. Other equipment such as VCRs, television sets etc. were staged on a table, by the thieves, in a room next to the entry door but were not stolen. Apparently the thieves were scared off by the Port Security patrol. The stolen weapons were used as training aids for the students. If you have any shotguns, rifles or firearms that you are willing to donate to the Hunter Education Facility please call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or Howard Gardner at 943-9084.

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RR&GC CAPS: The Club has a new shipment of caps with the Club logo imprinted on them. There are some new style caps in this shipment. The camouflage caps are *Mossy Oaks* patterns, different from the previous caps. They come in both a ventilated style and solid cloth style suitable for colder weather. They are really nice. Cost is \$5.00 each and they must be good since ten caps were purchased at the May General meeting. Come to the June General meeting and buy one before they are all gone.

INITIATIVE 713: Initiative 713 is being circulated for signatures. The title of the Initiative is *"Shall it be a gross misdemeanor to capture an animal with certain body-gripping traps, or to poison an animal with sodium fluoroacetate or sodium cyanide."* **Do not sign this initiative!** The full text of Initiative 713 can be viewed on the internet at http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/1999-00/initiatives/700-724/initiative_713_01192000.txt. An I-713 Fact Sheet is available on the internet from the WDFW at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/factshts/i-713.htm>. The purpose of the Initiative is to eliminate trapping in the state and to eliminate trade in fur bearing animals.

- In its current form, Initiative 713 does not propose restrictions to cage or box traps, suitcase-type live traps for beaver, or common rat and mouse traps. However, most trappers choose not to use live traps because the bulk and size of the traps make them difficult to transport to remote areas and because some species seldom enter live traps. All other traps that "grip" any part of an animal's body, including the types of traps currently used for most species, would be prohibited by the initiative. Traps commonly used to control populations of moles and other small mammals (gophers, etc.) on private property would be prohibited.

- Initiative 713 would make it unlawful to buy, sell, or otherwise exchange a raw fur from a mammal that has been trapped with any foot-hold or other body-gripping trap. Mammals taken because of damage, human health and safety, or other excepted situations could not be sold, regardless of special permits, therefore most animals would be discarded.

Do Not Sign Initiative 713. Study the two internet references above and learn for yourself why it should not be signed.

HOW TO BECOME AN NRA CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR: - Wendell Joost. The following information was received from Wendell Joost. Wendell is an NRA certified instructor and Training Counselor (instructor trainer) and can be reached at PO Box 13666, Mill Creek WA 98082 or via email at: wendellj@oz.net. The information received was condensed so that it could fit in this Bulletin. If you would like a copy of the original text contact Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com. Teaching NRA basic firearms courses is an excellent way to take the NRA message to the general public - after all, the NRA is recognized as the nationwide leader in teaching basic firearms safety. Some instructors even say that teaching NRA basic courses is the ultimate in grassroots Second Amendment activism.

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YAKIMA RIVER CANYON TROUT FISHING TRIP: Dale Bambrick, former WDFW Region 3 Director and now affiliated with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), has volunteered to guide a trout fishing trip down the Yakima River canyon. Dale is an avid experienced trout fisherman and knows the Yakima River canyon well. The Club Board of Directors has decided to sell raffle tickets to RR&GC and Columbia Basin Flycaster members to select the fortunate fisherman to go with Dale. Cost of the raffle ticket will be \$5.00 and there will only be a maximum of 100 tickets sold. Winner of the raffle will be drawn at the September 5 RR&GC General meeting. The fishing trip will take place in October of this year. The lucky fisherman will only have to provide his own tackle, lunch and transportation to the canyon. Dale will provide the boat and his expertise to the lucky fisherman. This is too good an opportunity to miss. The tickets are being printed and will be available at the Salmon Booth and August 1 Club picnic. You can also call Paul Kison at 545-6050 or Eddie Manthos at 586-6009. Buy your raffle ticket early.

QUALITY TRIP APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Rich and Ben Holten, winners of this years Quality Trip Drawing outlined their trip at the June Board of Directors meeting. The Board approved the trip. Rich and Ben will travel to Alberta in September to fly fish, hunt geese and ducks and hopefully hunt sharptail grouse. We wish them successful fishing and hunting on their trip.

PLYMOUTH AREA HABITAT PLANTING PROJECT: I just recently learned that the person most responsible for the success of the Plymouth area habitat planting project, mentioned in the May 2000 Club Bulletin, was the Tri-Cities Unit Land Manager with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Toby McKay. Toby contacted Don Hand (WDFW) and Tim Kopf of the Benton Conservation District to see if they could help him in any way, which is how WDFW and the Conservation District became involved. The person most responsible for the success of the project was Toby. Toby and the DNR deserve many thanks for all the hard work and time that they spent planning and implementing this project. They have done a very good thing for us by getting the landowner to open this land up for public access.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - July 19, 2000, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com
ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - JULY 28 & 29 (Friday & Saturday)
RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC AUGUST 1 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 28 and 29 (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 August 1 (see article below.)

JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club President Paul Kison opened the meeting.

- He discussed and passed out a form for Club members to fill out. There was a total of ten questions on the form that required a yes or no answer and there was space for members to elaborate on three of the questions and express their views in more detail. Purpose of the form was for the Board of Trustees to determine the memberships' views on several topics. A copy of the form and the results are shown below.
- Al Garrett, Bob McDonald and Dave Myers were presented 25 year belt buckles by Paul Kison. Carl Wheeler Sr. was not able to attend and was presented his belt buckle at his residence by Howard Gardner.
- Bill Lambert introduced the main speaker for the evening, Jane Borghese, who discussed obedience training of dogs. Her personal dog is a Vizla. Jane has been teaching obedience training in the Tri-Cities for the past 10 years. She is currently teaching Basic and Pet Manners for the Humane Society. She also teaches puppy classes for the Meadow Hills Veterinary Center. She is a member of the National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors and the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. She discussed dog training at various ages and different phases of training. Methods for correcting your dogs bad habits were reviewed as well as how to praise/reward your dog. It was very obvious that Jane was well experienced in training dogs. She develops a bond with the pet and it goes out of its way to please her. Praise and rewards, such as treats, are the methods she uses. She very seldom, if ever, uses punishment as a way of disciplining the pet. The pet performs to please her and one of her discipline methods is to ignore the pet. She also discussed obedience trials and agility training trials where a dog negotiates/runs through an agility course with its trainer guiding it.

- Bill Lambert discussed an article in the April Issue of "**OUTDOOR LIFE**" entitled "Timed Training". The article discussed what training should take place at different ages.
- Mark Buckmeister from the Southeast Washington Retriever Club was in attendance to answer questions about field trial and hunt tests which are alternatives to hunting with your dog(s) during the off season.
- Jerry Zeitler discussed various aspects of dog nutrition and what the best diets are. Jerry owns a dog that is allergic to commercial packaged dog foods. As a consequence he had to do a lot of research to come up with a diet that his dog could eat. In the process he discovered that commercial dog foods are not the panacea they are claimed to be. He makes up his own food for both of his hunting dogs based on the information he learned during his research. Two good books that address dog feeding/nutrition are: "**The Holistic Guide for a Healthy Dog**" by Wendy Volhard, Kerry Brown DVM and **Dr. Pitcairns Guide to Natural Health for Dogs and Cats**" by Richard Pitcairn DVM and Susan Hubble Pitcairn.
- Winners of the raffle drawing were Jerry Zeitler who won a musical replica of a Largemouth Bass and Richard Badda who won a Dog Identification Chip and installation.

IN MEMORIAM: The Club was deeply saddened by the death of Club member Jack Hampton. Jack passed away at the age of 81 on June 23, 2000, after a lingering illness, at home in the arms of his daughter and granddaughter. He was very active in the Club and received the **Life Member** award from the Club in March of this year. He joined the Club in 1984 and quickly put his vast knowledge of plants shrubs and trees to good use in habitat work for the Club. In addition to being Chairman of Habitat Planting he was House Committee chairman for many years. In some of the wildlife areas close to the Tri-Cities he almost single handedly supplied shrubs and trees for the plantings; in particular the habitat work at the McGee Elementary School in Pasco. Jack received the Club's Distinguished Service Award in 1993. Our deepest sympathies go to his family and his many friends. Jack will be long remembered.

CONDOLENCES - Gene VanLiew's wife Mary Lou passed away on June 5, 2000. The Club extends its deepest sympathies.

RICHLAND ROD AND GUN CLUB MEMBER SURVEY (JUNE 6, 2000): Results of a members survey taken at the June 6, 2000 General Meeting are shown below.

	YES	NO
1. Breach the Snake River dams? _____	1	26
2. Breach the Columbia River dams? _____	0	27
3. Should returning salmon be "clubbed"? _____	0	27
4. Should we continue to release hatchery fish? _____	27	1
5. Should we promote "wild" fish and exclude hatchery fish? _____	2	26
6. Should the Hanford elk be hunted on the ALE? _____	22	5
7. Are the Hanford elk being transported to the right areas, currently Selkirks in Pend Oreille County and Lick Creek in Asotin County? _____	9	10
8. Should the Hanford Reach be a national monument? _____	10	15
9. Should the Hanford Reach be controlled by the federal government _____	12	
or the state of Washington along with the county governments? _____	11	
10. Should the Indians be forced to use the new larger mesh size gill nets which were purchased for them by the federal government? _____	26	1

SIDEWALK ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH 2000: - Howard Gardner & Dale Schielke. We have received approval for our Salmon Booth in the Allied Arts Sidewalk Show on July 27, 28 & 29 and need a lot of help, about 70 volunteers. The RR&GC and Columbia Basin Fly Casters are again sponsoring the Salmon Booth. The RR&GC will have the lead this year. This is our main money raising project for the year.

- Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July, 27 from 6-8:00 PM (18 workers).
- The booth will operate with 9-10 workers per shift from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Friday July, 28 and Saturday, July, 29. Shifts will be 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM, and 5:00-9:00 PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00PM.

All club members will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and what shift(s). **Retirees** are especially needed for the first two shifts on Friday. Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun. If for some reason you are not contacted or just want to volunteer, call Dennis Spore (627-0589), our shift coordinator, and give him your shift preference.

This year, only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a *Food Servers Card*". Shift workers are not required to have a *Food Servers Card*". If you have a *Food Servers Card*" check its expiration date. If your card is expiring or you don't have one and would like to have that training and take the test to get a card, you can obtain a current card at a special test session that will held for Sidewalk Arts Show workers at the Allied Arts Gallery, 89 Lee Blvd., Richland at 6:45 PM sharp on Tues. July 11. 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.

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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. Dates of the Camp are July 16-22 for girls and July 23-29 for boys. A camper must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. In order to be eligible for sponsorship to the summer camp the youth's parent must be a Club member or the youth must be a Club member. Contact **Larry Martin at 545-9647** to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until the first 8 eligible applications, from the Club, are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes. There was a shortage of campers last year at the Camp. So far the Club has received eight applications. 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 and request a registration form. As of June 20 there were 8 applicants for camp, 6 boys and 2 girls. There are two more possible applicants.

LUNKER LAKE 2001: Dates for next years Lunker Lake are Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 19, 20 and 21.

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National Hunting Policy Coalition Members Testify at House Subcommittee Hearing: A news release from the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America (WLFA).

- Leaders representing business, state wildlife agencies and conservation organizations were in Washington, D.C. July 21 to push Congress to protect hunting on federal land. They testified before the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans for the Hunting Heritage Protection Act (H.R. 4790).
- Three members of the WLFA's National Hunting Policy Coalition, a group of nearly seventy sportsman organizations, were called upon to testify during this hearing. Coalition members speaking included Dick Cabela on behalf of Cabela's, Inc. and WLFA; Frank Blaha for the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS); and David Waller, director of the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division and president of the International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies.
- Cabela, having a personal and professional interest in this legislation, "strongly supports enactment of H.R. 4790." He said, "the policy of no net loss of hunting opportunities codified in H.R. 4790 would benefit not only those who hunt, but those who depend on hunting and hunters for their livelihoods."
- Rep. Don Young (R-AK), Chairman of the House Resources Committee and co-sponsor of the bill, also sees the "no net loss" provision as a vital element of this legislation. Young said, "the no net loss language means if government closes lands to hunting, government must redesignate or open new lands to hunting."
- Testimony from the FNAWS representative followed a similar tone. Blaha said, "The Hunting Heritage Protection Act takes positive steps towards acknowledging the hunter's role in conserving our country's public lands and native species." He emphasized that supporting the Hunting Heritage Protection Act "is the least the federal government can do in return for the work hunters have done to protect the lands they use."

- Opposition to the Act surfaced during the hearing. A witness from the Clinton administration and Wayne Pacelle, vice president of the Humane Society of the United States, spoke out against the bill. Despite the resistance, Committee Chairman Young said it is "my intention, if everything works out, to take this thing to the floor." He plans to move the bill out of the full House Resources Committee on Wednesday, July 26. WLFA and other coalition members hope this legislation will move through the House and on to the Senate Resources Committee within the year.

• The Wildlife Legislative Fund of America (WLFA) is a national, non-profit organization based in Columbus, OH which provides legislative, legal defense and public education services to defend and advance sportsmen's rights in Washington, D.C. and in the states.

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION: If the expiration date on your bulletin address label is marked in red, your membership has expired. Dues are \$15/year or \$40/3 years for individuals or \$20/year or \$50 for 3 years for family membership. Please call Jack Pickard at 582-5397 to renew your membership.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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NRA INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION COURSE LABOR DAY WEEKEND (SEP 2,3,4) The following information was received from Wendell Joost. Wendell is an NRA certified instructor and Training Counselor (instructor trainer) and can be reached at PO Box 13666, Mill Creek WA 98082 or via email at: wendellj@oz.net.

- "If you are an experienced shooter, interested in helping teach new shooters, you might want to consider becoming an NRA certified instructor. If you're like most shooters, you are already taking people to the range for their first shooting session.
- Are you up to date on the latest shooting techniques? Do you have liability insurance to cover you while you're teaching a new shooter? If you get certified as an NRA instructor, you will be up-to-date on the latest instructional and shooting techniques. Also, as an NRA certified instructor, you are eligible for special instructor insurance programs through the NRA.
- The Ephrata Gun Club is sponsoring an NRA Instructor Training Course over Labor Day Weekend (Sep 2,3 & 4). This three day course will offer you the option of getting certified to teach one of the groups of courses listed below:
 - Home Firearms Safety and Basic Pistol and Personal Protection
 - Home Firearms Safety and Basic Rifle
 - Home Firearms Safety and Basic Shotgun
 - Home Firearms Safety and Muzzleloading Rifle
 - Home Firearms Safety and Basic Pistol and Muzzleloading Pistol
- The instructor training course will be held at the Ephrata Gun Club, Ephrata, WA. The Ephrata Gun Club is about 100 miles north of the Tri-Cities.
- The cost for this instructor training course is \$100 - this is a non-profit course - the \$100 pays for expenses and course materials - all the instructor trainers are volunteers.
- You must register in advance. Please contact the registrar, Cambria Leonberger at (425) 836-3902 or email: cambrialeonberger@hotmail.com to register or for more information."

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS: - Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class, starting Monday August 7, is scheduled at the RR&GC Tri-Cities Training Facility at the Port of Pasco (Maximum of 25 persons each). There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084.

PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET/FUND-RAISER: There will be a Three River Chapter of Pheasants Forever Banquet and auction in the Tri-Cities this year. The event will take place at the TRAC facility in Pasco on Saturday September 16. A Browning BPS shotgun will be raffled off during the banquet, raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. For more details and to purchase tickets call Tim Clemons at 547-6626.

DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET/FUND RAISER: There will be a Ducks Unlimited banquet and fund raiser at Cavanaugh's in Kennewick on Friday September 29. For more information and to purchase tickets call Bill Lambert at 628-1243.

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 and Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited chapters. Banding will take place at McNary Wildlife Refuge on Saturday August 19 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. Bring a pair of gloves if you have one. The ducks will have been trapped earlier and the youth will band the ducks. In addition to the banding there will be a duck calling demonstration by Joe Hanson who won second place at the Washington State Duck Calling Championship at Mount Vernon during the Skagit County Waterfowl festival. There will also be water dog retriever demonstrations. 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 19. The project should be completed by noon. If you require more information call Mike Estes at 582-2212.

WORK PARTY NEEDED TO ASSEMBLE FISHING DECK FOR QUARRY POND: The USFWS/McNary National Wildlife Refuge is going to install a "Disabled Accesible" fishing deck at Quarry Pond. The fishing deck will be assembled on Saturday September 16. Volunteers are needed for a work party to assemble the deck. The USFWS will install the piers for the deck and construct an access way to the deck. If you can participate in this project or require more information call Mike Estes at 582-2212. This is a very worthwhile project. Quarry Pond is heavily fished in the spring and it is very difficult for disabled persons to access and fish the pond.

YAKIMA RIVER CANYON TROUT FISHING TRIP: Dale Bambrick, former WDFW Region 3 Director and now affiliated with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), has volunteered to guide a trout fishing trip for two down the Yakima River Canyon. Dale is an avid experienced trout fisherman and knows the Yakima River canyon well. The Club Board of Directors has decided to sell raffle tickets to RR&GC and Columbia Basin Flycaster members to select the fortunate fisherman to go with Dale. Cost of the raffle ticket will be \$5.00 and there will only be a maximum of 150 tickets sold. Winner of the raffle will be drawn at the September 5 RR&GC General meeting. The winner will also select a partner to accompany him or her on the trip. The fishing trip will take place in October of this year. Date for the trip will be determined by the winner and Dale Bambrick. The lucky fishermen will only have to provide their own tackle, lunch and transportation to the canyon. Dale will provide the boat and his expertise to the lucky fisherman. This is too good an opportunity to miss. The tickets are available now and will be available at the Salmon Booth and August 1 Club picnic. You can also call Paul Kison at 545-6050 or Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 to purchase a ticket(s). Buy your raffle tickets early.

SIDEWALK ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH 2000: If you have not volunteered to work at the Salmon Booth on Friday or Saturday July 28 and 29 please call Dale Schielke (375-0183) or Dennis Spore (627-0589) as soon as possible. There are several shifts that are short of the necessary number of workers.

MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (NWR) HUNT PERMIT APPLICATIONS: Applications for advanced reservations for this falls waterfowl season at the McNary Refuge have been mailed to last years applicants. If you did not receive an application and desire to receive one, call (509) 545-8588 as soon as possible. Completed applications must be received no later than Sept. 1, 2000 at the USFWS-Mid Columbia River NWR Complex at Pasco, WA. This will be the third year that the advance reservation system will be in effect. The application form is free, a \$3.00 non-refundable application fee must be submitted with the application.

- This years youth hunt day, at the McNary NWR, will be Saturday December 2. 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 to USFWS-Mid Columbia River NWR Complex, P.O. Box 2527 - 2805 Saint Andrews Loop, Pasco, WA 99302-2527. Applications must be received by November 1st, 2000.

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organized to make voters aware of the consequences if it is approved in November. If not controlled by trapping, beavers cause extensive damage by felling trees and flooding in urban areas; muskrats burrow in dirt filled dams resulting in their collapse and flooding; increases in predators such as coyotes, racoons and skunks affect populations of other wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds) and cause problems in urban areas. Trapping over the years has been demonstrated to be an essential wildlife management tool in addition to providing a renewable source of beautiful furs. All Club members are strongly urged to vote against this initiative and likewise their family and friends. In addition, members are urged to make a contribution to help get information out (TV spots) that will lead to defeat of the initiative. At the Aug. 15 Board meeting, trustees voted to send \$100.00 to support defeat of the initiative. Checks can be made out to: "Citizens for Responsible Wildlife Management" and mailed to that organization at: Box 212, Nordland, WA 98358. Lets get behind this group and not have another wildlife fiasco like the ban on use of hounds for bear and cougar which was partially overturned by the legislature this year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LOOK FOR ZEBRA MUSSELS IN WASHINGTON WATERWAYS:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) needs volunteers to sample the state's lakes and rivers for zebra mussels, a non-native nuisance species that could threaten native fish and wildlife, clog power plant and public water intakes, and damage boats. Volunteers with boats or shoreline property are most in need, although anyone interested can help. Boaters are needed to tow specially designed plankton nets to collect samples that are analyzed for evidence of zebra mussel "veligers," the larval, free-floating, non-shell form of the species. Shoreline property owners are needed to suspend bricks or tiles off docks or shorelines, checking them regularly for any attachments of mussels. Other volunteers can walk beaches or shorelines looking for rocks or other materials with attached mussels.

Some WDFW biologists are volunteering time above and beyond their normal work for plankton net tows in various waters, according to Pamela Meacham, WDFW's Aquatic Nuisance Species Assistant Coordinator. The Spokane Tribe has also volunteered to sample nine sites along Lake Roosevelt and the Grant and Chelan County Public Utility Districts are sampling eight to 12 sites each along the Columbia River. "But we need help on those and other waters from many more people who are concerned about protecting Washington's fisheries and water systems," Meacham said. "So far we have no evidence of zebra mussels in our waters, but we need to be on top of the situation if they're ever found because they spread so quickly and can be so costly to handle." Zebra mussels are native to the Black, Caspian and Aral Seas and were first

introduced to the Great Lakes in 1986 in ships' ballast water. They quickly spread and are now found in at least 20 eastern states and two Canadian provinces. They have been found on trailered boats entering California. They spread by attaching to boats and other water based recreational equipment and fishing gear that have been in zebra mussel-infested waters and not cleaned before being launched in other waters. Zebra mussels threaten native fish and wildlife by consuming available food and smothering native mussels. Boat owners, shoreline property owners, fishers and fishing clubs, and other interested parties can volunteer for zebra mussel monitoring by calling Meacham at 360-902-2741 in Olympia.

2000-2001 WATERFOWL SEASONS ADOPTED BY COMMISSION: The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission during a three-day meeting ending August 12 adopted a 107-day hunting season for most species of ducks, geese and other waterfowl as allowed under federal rules. The season will run statewide from Oct. 7-18 and from Oct. 21-Jan 21. A two-day closure was set to allow hunting to begin on a Saturday and end on a Sunday, while observing federal season-length limits. They also expanded the waterfowl youth hunt from one day to two to coincide with other youth game bird seasons scheduled Sept. 23-24.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday September 5 2000, 7:00 P.M.-RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, Gallery Room

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, September 19, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - Paul Kison's Home, 3006 Road 101, Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - September 21, 2000, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET AT THE TRAC (Saturday) SEPTEMBER 16, 2000.

DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET at CAVANAUGHS (Friday) SEPTEMBER 29, 2000.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The annual hunting forecast will be in September, one month early, so that archers, muzzle loaders and other early season hunters can obtain forecast information before their hunts. The meeting will be at the at the Richland Public Library Gallery room at 7:00 PM on Tuesday September 5. The speakers will be Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife representatives from Regions 1, 2 and 3; Pat Fowler from Region # 1, Mark Quinn from Region #2 and Don Larson from Region #3. They will discuss and explain the hunting prospects in their respective regions. The hunting forecast will cover both big game and upland game birds in eastern Washington. Each district will present expected numbers of each species and hunter prospects. Any changes in hunting regulations will also be discussed. Don't forget, the hunting forecast is one month early this year. The raffle for the Yakima Canyon fishing trip with Dale Bambrick will be held during the meeting. Tickets will be on sale prior to the raffle. Details are below

YAKIMA RIVER CANYON TROUT FISHING TRIP: Dale Bambrick, former WDFW Region 3 Director and now affiliated with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), has volunteered to guide a trout fishing trip for two down the Yakima River Canyon. Dale is an avid, experienced trout fisherman and knows the Yakima River canyon well. The Club Board of Directors has decided to sell raffle tickets to RR&GC and Columbia Basin Flycaster members to select the fortunate fisherman to go with Dale. Cost of the raffle ticket will be \$5.00 and there will only be a maximum of 150 tickets sold. Winner of the raffle will be drawn at the September 5 RR&GC General meeting. The winner will also select a partner to accompany him or her on the trip. The fishing trip will take place in October of this year. Date for the trip will be determined by the winner and Dale Bambrick. The lucky fishermen will only have to provide their own tackle, lunch and transportation to the canyon. Dale will provide the boat and his expertise to the lucky fisherman. This is too good an opportunity to miss. The tickets are available now and will be available at the September General Meeting. You can also call Paul Kison at 545-6050 or Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 to purchase a ticket(s).

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The annual picnic and salmon barbecue was held on Tuesday August 1. There were 72 adults and 10 youth attending. The salmon was cooked by Jerry Zeitler, his helpers were Dale Schielke and Eddie Manthos. Dale was the salmon server and he served generous portions. Vice President Bill Lambert was the MC. Dale Schielke and Frank Scopa prepared fruit cobbler Dutch Oven dishes. There was plenty of salmon and deserts for everyone including seconds. We ran out of salads before everyone was served and next year we will adjust the alphabet breakdown to try and ensure more salads. The highlight of the evening was the Liars Contest that was held after we finished eating. There were plenty of contestants(liars). After the stories were told, the winners were selected by the audience. The Biggest Liar, first place, was won by Larry Martin, for his efforts Larry won a \$30 gift certificate to Critters Outdoor World. Second place, Bigger Liar, a \$20 gift certificate went to young Mark Scopa.. Third place, Big Liar, and a \$10 gift certificate went to the perennial liar winner, Mike Estes. After the contest we observed Ron Jackson and Mark Buckmaster put on a retriever dog demonstration. Once again it was a very enjoyable evening, the weather was perfect, the food was great and the tales were tall.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: - Robert Newell from Richland. Robert is the president of the Columbia Basin Flycasters.

WILDLIFE LEGISLATIVE FUND OF AMERICA OUTDOOR SPORTSMEN'S NEWS HEADLINES:

Hunting Protection Act sent to the House: The Hunting Heritage Protection Act has strong support in the US House of Representatives. Introduced in late June, this bill has made it through the House subcommittee hearing and now the House Resources Committee voted to send it on to the House floor. Contact your representative and ask him or her for a commitment for a yes vote when the measure reaches the House floor.

Federal Disaster Relief Agency Partners with Antis: The mission of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, an independent agency of the federal government, reporting to the President is to offer disaster relief and help communities become disaster-resistant. In an attempt to encourage disaster-planning provisions for animals, FEMA has built a partnership with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA). Write to FEMA at 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472 to express your dissatisfaction with the situation.

CLUB SPONSORED OUTDOOR PHOTO CONTEST: There were no photo entries this summer. With the hunting season starting soon, there should be plenty of entries this fall. There are three photo contest winners, Mike Estes, Dave Myers and Mike Estes from April, May and June. Winners are. Dave will receive 5 free raffle tickets and Mike 10 for the drawing at the September General Meeting.

WILDERNESS FIRST AID CLASS: The Intermountain Alpine Club (hiking, climbing, cross-country skiing) is sponsoring a Wilderness First Aid Class, to be taught by the Wilderness Medicine Institute, on October 14 & 15 in Pasco. This two-day class teaches skills for dealing with illnesses/injuries when you are hours or days away from emergency medical help. A course description and outline can be found on WMI's web site: <http://wmi.nols.edu/> The class will cost about \$100 per person; reserving a space in the class requires a \$50 deposit. There are a few spaces left in the class. To sign up, or for more information, call Mark Hoza at 375-5705.

PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET/FUND-RAISER: There will be a Three River Chapter of Pheasants Forever Banquet and auction in the Tri-Cities this year. The event will take place at the TRAC facility in Pasco on Saturday September 16. A Browning BPS shotgun will be raffled off during the banquet, raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. For more details and to purchase tickets call Tim Clemons at 547-6626.

DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET/FUND RAISER: There will be a Ducks Unlimited banquet and fund raiser at Cavanaugh's in Kennewick on Friday September 29. For more information and to purchase tickets call Bill Lambert at 628-1243.

DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE A SUCCESS: -. About 80 people, including at least 40 youth, participated in duck banding at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday August 19. The refuge parking lot was filled to capacity with participants vehicles before 8:00 AM. Puddler magazine, a Greenwing magazine, and posters showing all the duck and goose species were available for each the youngsters. Two duck traps were utilized, the first-adjacent to the parking lot-contained numerous ducks, both mallards and wood ducks. The second was empty. The first trap contained enough ducks to satisfy all the youth which varied in age from pre-school to

teenagers. Some of the birds were juveniles and the adults were in the molt which made age and sex identification more difficult than might have been expected. The youngsters held the birds while the data were recorded and the bands installed, then they got to release the ducks back to the wild. Many, many pictures were taken. After the banding was completed, attendees traveled from the refuge parking lot out to the second trap in the refuge, which was empty. Refreshments including smoked duck, prepared by Mike Estes, were available for all at the second site. A duck calling demonstration was presented by Joe Hanson who won second place at the Washington State Duck Calling Championship at Mount Vernon during the Skagit County Waterfowl festival. Joe's young son, carried by his dad in a back pack, helped his dad by blowing on his own call during the demonstrations. Bill Hayes put on a water dog retriever demonstration with his Chesapeake retriever Megan. Dale Schielke showed a Wood Duck nesting box display. Many thanks to Rebecca Chuck, Howard Browers and Art Shine of the USF&WS for their efforts to make it a special day. Howard Brower's wife, Rebecca, recorded the information for each of the banded ducks. Club and DU members who assisted were Mike Estes, John Pfeiffer, Bob Henke, Dale Schielke and Jon Manthos. Mike Estes was instrumental in publicizing and organizing the event with the USFWS. This was the second duck banding at McNary in two years and attracted over twice as many participants as last year. Next years event is being looked forward to by all that attended this year.

SALMON BOOTH 2000: Dale Schielke & Howard Gardner - This year marks the 15th time we have co-sponsored the Salmon Booth with the Columbia Basin Flycasters. The first time was in 1985 and except for 1988 has been continuous and very successful. This year was better than last year with a profit of \$6726.16 to be shared equally by both clubs. "The Salmon Sandwich" continues to be a good seller. A total of 650 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as dinners or sandwiches. Again, activities associated with the Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to a great group of volunteers. In particular, thanks are due to:

-Jerry Zeitler, who for years has not only stored the cookers but transported them back and forth to the Booth,
-John Pfeiffer, who also for many years has been responsible for Booth setup and take down, and transport and storage in the Hunter Education facility in Big Pasco,
-Bob Zinsli, again, for providing ice which helps to increase our profit,
-Dennis Spore, for bringing two loads of salmon and chopped cabbage to the Booth on Friday.

The following volunteers includes members of both our Club and the Columbia Basin Flycasters: John Pfeiffer, Jim Saunders, Dave and Carol Myers, Richard McDonnell, Dennis Spore, John Hall, Lou LaDoucer, Dick Nightengale, Clare Cranston, Charlie Morbeck, Walt Allen, Bob Zinsli, Clif Graber, Harold Heacock, Eddie and Nancy Manthos, Bob Lyness, Sharron Taff, Lyle and Evon Gilk, Steve Anthony, Larry Martin, Gene Woodruff, Paul Kison, Jerry Zeitler, Don Hand, Gene Van Liew, Dave Thonn, Rusty and Leslie Morlan, Todd Woolum, Don Board, Albert Davis, Rocky Ross, Larry Worden, Mike and Karen Estes, Mike McWethy, Rich Holten, Bill Lambert, Steve Friar, Jeff and Margaret Fulks, Russ Wyer, Dick Nicklas, Mike Schmidts, Don Rude, Bob Hinkel, Gordon Hanson, James Ayers, Bob Newell, Don Knowlton, Jim Martin, Dennis and Sue Kreid, Chuck Rawls, Dan Stepnewski, Chase Freeman, Larry Barrett, Jerry Caprio, Lou Ann Schielke, Lea McKinnis, Rick Freeman, Mark Sims, Jim Choate, Bill Brower, Tim Clemons, Britt Marlin, Wes Bryan, Jack Pickard, Reed Kaldor and Ellen Bentley. In perhaps a precedent setting move, Orville Long couldn't work in the booth because of a troublesome foot, but he came down and donated \$10.00 to the success of the Booth. Great idea Orville. Next year the Columbia Basin Flycasters will take the lead. Thanks again to a great **group of volunteers**. *And especially many thanks to Dale and Howard for organizing the event and for purchasing and staging all the supplies needed to make the Booth a success. Without their help it would be very difficult to hold a successful event. Thank you very much!!*

Firearms Donation For Hunter Education: - Howard Gardner, In view of the need to replace the firearms that were stolen from our Hunter Ed facility, Jeff Schmaltz former Club President(1986) has donated two dandies. One is very interesting, a Meridan Special, double barrel, 12 gauge shotgun with Damascus barrels and exposed hammers made by The Meridan Firearms Co., Meridan, CT, Pat'd July 9 1907. It is nonfunctional and will be used to make students aware of the potential hazards of shooting this type of firearm as well as what a Damascus fabricated barrel looks like. The other firearm is a functional break action 410. It is a Stevens Model 940E and has an exposed hammer with the opening lever on the right side rather than on top behind the hammer. It takes both 2 ½ and 3in. shells and will also be very useful for demonstrating different types of actions and for students to become familiar with during handling sessions. The Club is very grateful to Jeff for these additions to our Hunter Education training aids. Mrs. Vivian Heckart of Richland also donated a Savage bolt action rifle with a split barrel. Bill Lambert was instrumental in obtaining the rifle from Mrs. Heckart. After reading the above, I decided to donate a .410 Mossberg bolt action shotgun to the cause. MANY THANKS!

WORK PARTY NEEDED TO ASSEMBLE FISHING DECK FOR QUARRY POND: The USFWS/McNary National Wildlife Refuge is going to install a "Disabled Accessible" fishing deck at Quarry Pond. The fishing deck will be assembled on Saturday September 16. Volunteers are needed for a work party to assemble the deck. The USFWS will install the piers for the deck and construct an access way to the deck. If you can participate in this project or require more information call Mike Estes at 582-2212. This is a very worthwhile project. Quarry Pond is heavily fished in the spring and it is very difficult for disabled persons to access and fish the pond.

INITIATIVE 713- THE ANTI TRAPPING INITIATIVE: The antis have obtained enough signatures, mainly in the I-5 corridor, to get it on the November ballot. A grass roots organization: "Citizens for Responsible Wildlife Management" has been

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PeTA Preaches Anti-Fishing Message to Students: Outside of two Missoula, Montana elementary schools, two PeTA supporters, one dressed up as a fish, passed out stickers and paper binoculars "for looking, not hooking." Principals at both schools complained about the activities, but since the protestors were not on school grounds, they could not be forced to leave. The Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks manages the Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs program. Agency spokesman Bill Thomas called PeTA "a well-financed group of people coming to Montana and coming up with reasons why we should change our values."

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED FOR SOME PHEASANT RELEASE SITES: Earlier this year, all WDFW pheasant release sites were evaluated by WDFW staff for nontoxic shot use, including surrounding public lands where released birds are hunted. Not all sites present potential problems. At the April 2000 Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting, 10 sites were converted to nontoxic shot use based on a high potential for ingestion of lead by wildlife (for example, sites where waterfowl use sheet water or flooded grain fields). These sites will be posted and are listed below. The Fish and Wildlife Commission also directed WDFW to evaluate the use of nontoxic shot for all hunting in the future. WDFW is currently preparing a report to assess the need for nontoxic shot restrictions for hunting all game species. This report will be completed by the end of the year. If you hunt any of the following areas, you may possess and use only approved nontoxic shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzle loading) for all small game hunting.

Eastern Washington

- Sunnyside Wildlife Area
- Two Rivers & Wallula Units of USFWS McNary Wildlife Refuge
- Bridgeport Bar segment of Wells Wildlife Area
- Driscoll Island, Hegdahl, & Kline Parcel segments of Sinlahekin Wildlife Area



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

- GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday October 3, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - RR&GC HUNTER SAFETY FACILITY, BIG PASCO E. AINSWORTH AVE. MIDDLE OF WAREHOUSE 5
- BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 17, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Room 110.
- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - October 26, 2000, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The October General Meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. on October 3 at the Club's Hunter Safety Facility at Big Pasco.

- The youth who attended the Youth Conservation Camp at Orcas Island will be the first item on the agenda. They have been invited to attend the meeting and share their summer camp experiences with us. Come early and show them that you are concerned with their future and interested in their activities.
- The next speaker will be Gary Hagedorn of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Mid-Columbia River Refuges. He will show a video produced by the USFWS titled Ducks Fall Flight Forecast. He will also describe any changes at the Umatilla, McNary Refuges and the Three Rivers Unit (Two Rivers, Peninsula and Wallula units).
- The main speaker of the evening will be Frank Flynn who will speak about Peacock Bass fishing in South America. Details for how to arrange a fishing trip for Peacock Bass, approximate costs and other details will also be explained by Frank.
- Club calendars for the year 2001, will be available for \$3.00 each.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- The meeting was opened by Club president Paul Kison. Paul announced that there were still tickets available for the Yakima River Canyon Trout fishing trip. The drawing for the winner would be at the end of the meeting.
- Mike Estes announced the salmon booth results and Club picnic results. He also gave the results of the Duck Banding Day at McNary Wildlife Refuge on August 19.
- Howard Gardner read a draft letter to the "Responsible Citizens For Wildlife Management" concerning Club support for defeat of Initiative 713. A motion was made from the floor, seconded and unanimously approved that the letter be sent. Text of the letter is: "In action taken at our Sept. 5, 2000 Club Meeting, the Richland Rod and Gun Club formally endorses the Campaign to defeat Initiative 713 and gives permission to use the Club's name in support of this activity." The letter was mailed the next day..
- First speaker of the evening was John Easterbrooks Regional Fish Program Manager from Region 3, District 4. John made some announcements concerning upcoming salmon and steelhead fisheries in the Yakima and Columbia rivers starting September 16 and October 1. More information about these fisheries is shown later in this Bulletin.
- Second speaker was Rocky Ross who substituted for Pat Fowler of Region 1 who was unable to attend the meeting.

- ▶ Rocky stated that Ruffed Grouse and Forest Grouse both have good population levels in the Blue Mountains and should offer good hunting success. Blue Grouse will be in the high ridges.
 - ▶ Pheasants had a poor first hatch because of the weather, but the second hatch appears to have had good success.
 - ▶ Quail numbers are based on August levels and appear to be good.
 - ▶ Chukar hunting will probably be fair to slightly better than last year. Hungarian Partridge numbers appear to vary depending on location.
 - ▶ Turkey populations peaked last year and will probably be lower this year because of poor hatching.
 - ▶ Black bear populations are healthy and mountain lion numbers are very high. Deer hunting, for both mule and whitetail, should be good on the breaks of the Snake River.
 - ▶ Elk population is down because of elk calf predation.
- The next speaker was Don Larson who covered both Regions 2 and 3. Mark Quinn of Region 3 was unable to attend.
- ▶ Don stated that waterfowl production was up.
 - ▶ Upland game bird numbers are down because of unfavorable spring weather. There appear to be many quail.
 - ▶ In region2, pheasant hunting will be better than last year, but still not great.
 - ▶ Farm raised pheasants will be planted again this year in the same places and about the same numbers.
 - ▶ The Sunnyside, Two Rivers and Wallula units will require non toxic shot for small game hunting.
 - ▶ In Region 2 it appears that deer hunting should be great except for the Chelan area because of fires there earlier.
 - ▶ The Yakima elk herd is the same as last year. The Colockum herd is down in numbers because of elk predation.
 - ▶ There was an extended discussion between Don and the audience about the Rattlesnake mountain elk herd. Especially about trapping versus hunting of the herd to reduce elk numbers.
- Mack McDonnell announced that the 5th Annual KC/Tri Cities Prep Boosters Salmon Derby will be held on September 30 and October 1. Entry fee is \$25 and tickets can be purchased from Motyka's, Critter's, Phil's, Hole In The Wall, Cascade Marina and NW Marine & Sports. More information is at <http://www.rc.net/knights/kc3307/derby.htm>.
- The drawing for the winner of the Yakima River Canyon Fishing Trip was Mike Estes.
- Raffle drawings winners were Bob Lyness who won a \$30 gift certificate to Ranch and Home Supply and Walter Chuck who won two drawings - a \$30 gift certificate to Columbia Grain and Feed and a trigger lock donated by John Silko.

FIREARMS DONATION FOR HUNTER EDUCATION - Howard Gardner - Last months bulletin described two firearms that Jeff Schmaltz donated. Well, through Jeff's influence, his step son William Sperry donated an essentially new Marlin semi automatic 22. It is a Model 75C with a Micro-Groove Barrel, tubular magazine and a Simmons 4x15 scope. The firearm is in great shape with no dings or mars. It is a valuable addition and will be very useful for instruction purposes. Thanks William and Jeff for the donation of this fine firearm.

"WESTERN WASHINGTON GOOSE MANAGEMENT AREA 2 GOOSE IDENTIFICATION TEST" Rocky Ross will be administering this test again this year in the Tri-Cities. More details about the test are on pages 8 and 9 of the "Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons" pamphlet. Contact Rocky at 545-4898 to learn the test date and location. It will be up to the applicants to obtain the training materials listed on page 9 of the pamphlet.

INITIATIVE 713: Initiative 713 is the anti trapping initiative. It will be on the November ballot. The Club Board of Directors advises and requests all Club members and their family and friends to vote **against** the initiative. The initiative title is "Shall it be a gross misdemeanor to capture an animal with certain body-gripping traps, or to poison an animal with sodium fluoroacetate or sodium cyanide.". An I-713 Fact Sheet is available on the internet from the WDFW at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/factshts/i-713.htm>. The purpose of the initiative is to eliminate trapping in the state and to eliminate trade in fur bearing animals. If the initiative is passed, homeowners would be prohibited from trapping moles or gophers that might be damaging their back yard.

WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS-WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN: The Columbia Basin Chapter of the NWTF Women in the Outdoors is offering a Workshop For Women at the McNary Wildlife Refuge at Burbank on Saturday October 21. Eight different courses such as Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, Survival and Photography and Plant Identification are the three hour courses that are offered. Plant Identification, First Aid and Hiking/Backpacking are 1 1/2 hour classes that are offered. Cost of the Workshop is \$40.00 and includes classes, food (continental breakfast and lunch), a t-shirt, a Membership in Women in the Outdoors (4 issues of WIO magazine, Outdoor Chatter and The Gobbler newsletter) and more. The Workshop will begin at 8:00 AM and continue till 5:30 PM. Meals and the first assembly will be in the McNary Environmental Education Center Building located adjacent to the refuge headquarters parking lot. For more information contact Karen Brown at (509)907-9215.

QUARRY POND DISABLED ACCESSIBLE FISHING DECK: The September 16 work party to assemble the Quarry Pond Disabled Accessible fishing deck was cancelled until probably March of next year. Everything didn't fall into place so that the deck could be assembled on the September date.

LOWER YAKIMA RIVER OPENS FOR SALMON FISHING: Two sections of the lower Yakima River opened September 16 to sport salmon fishing.. The fishing season will be from September 16 - October 31. Both coho and fall chinook salmon can be caught. Fishing is allowed from Highway 240 bridge at Richland to 400 feet below Prosser Dam and from the eastbound lane of Interstate 82 bridge at Union Gap to 400 feet below Roza Dam (See page 114 of WDFW 2000 "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet). The reason for the action is that harvestable numbers of hatchery-origin fall chinook and coho will return to the Yakima River this fall as the result of Yakima Fisheries Project hatchery production programs managed by the Yakima Nation Fisheries Resources Program, with WDFW cooperation. **Steelhead fishing remains closed.** There is a two salmon daily catch limit. Coho and chinook salmon may be retained. All steelhead must be immediately returned to the water unharmed. Trout daily catch limit remains two fish, 12-inch minimum and 20-inch maximum length (See page 14 of the WDFW 2000 "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet for other rules).

LOWER NACHES RIVER OPENS FOR SALMON FISHING: The Naches River below the confluence with the Tieton River will opened to sport salmon fishing on September 16. Selective gear rules remain in affect for all species, including salmon. Two salmon daily catch limit. Coho and chinook salmon may be retained. The season is from Sept. 16 through Oct. 31, 2000. Both coho and chinook salmon may be caught. Fishing is allowed from the mouth of the Naches River to the confluence with the Tieton River (near the junction of U.S. Highway 12 and State Route 410). The reason for the action is that harvestable numbers of hatchery-origin fall chinook and coho will return to the Naches River this fall as the result of Yakima Fisheries Project hatchery production programs, managed by the Yakima Nation Fisheries Resources Program in cooperation with WDFW. Other information: Fishing is closed for a distance of 400 feet below the Naches-Cowiche Diversion Dam (near Highway 12 "Twin Bridges") and the Wapato Diversion Dam, which is 0.4 mile downstream from Tieton River confluence. **All Naches River tributaries remain closed to salmon fishing.** For additional information on the salmon fishery, see "Selective Gear Rules" and "Harvest Rules" on pages 13 and 14 of WDFW's 2000-01 "Fishing in Washington" pamphlet. **Steelhead fishing remains closed.** All steelhead must be immediately returned to the water unharmed. Trout daily catch limit remains two fish, with a 12-inch minimum and 20-inch maximum length. (See WDFW 2000 "Fishing in Washington rules pamphlet, page 109.)

RINGOLD AREA OPENS FOR FALL STEELHEAD FISHING: A 32-mile section of the Columbia River from the U.S Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco to the Old Hanford Townsite wooden powerline towers is being opened for steelhead fishing. Wild steelhead must be released. Hatchery steelhead with missing adipose or ventral fin clips may be retained (see WDFW "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet, "Wild Steelhead Release", page 13). The season is from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2000. There is two fish daily catch limit of hatchery steelhead only! Fishing is allowed on the Columbia River only from U.S. Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco to the Old Hanford Townsite wooden powerline towers, a distance of 32 river miles. The reason for the action is that approximately 3,000 hatchery steelhead released from Ringold Springs Rearing Ponds are expected to return to this section of the Columbia River. Most of the fish will be concentrated in the Ringold area. The National Marine Fisheries Service has agreed that impacts of this fishery to Upper Columbia (U.C.) steelhead will not exceed acceptable limits and that these hatchery fish, in excess of broodstock requirements (approx. 250 fish), are not necessary for recovery of endangered U.C. steelhead stocks.

Based on the 10-year average (1990-1999), 88 percent of U.C. steelhead pass Priest Rapids Dam (PRD) by the end of September. The upstream boundary of the fishery is 35 miles downstream of PRD. WDFW estimates that more than 50 percent of the steelhead that pass PRD after September 30 will be upstream of the open fishing area on Oct. 1. Consequently, a maximum of 6 percent of the fish landed by anglers may be U.C. stock. Assuming 1,500 steelhead are caught, the maximum number of U.C. fish that would be caught is 90. Eighteen (20%) of these fish may be wild, and two hooking mortalities may result, even with "wild steelhead release". Seventy-two (80%) hatchery-origin U.C. steelhead could potentially be harvested or 4.8 percent based on a 1,500-fish harvest. Incidental take of U.C. steelhead would be less than 0.88 percent if the PRD run size is more than 8,425 (10-year average).

THE HUNTING HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT, H.R. 4790 IS LIKELY TO GO TO THE HOUSE FLOOR FOR A VOTE! H.R. 4790, the legislation introduced to protect hunting on the nation's federal public lands, is likely to be voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives, at the earliest, on September 27, 2000. The WLFA is calling for all sportsmen and sportswomen to contact their U.S. Representatives and ask them to commit to a YES vote on this bill.



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SALMON DERBY RESULTS: The Knights of Columbus fund raiser Salmon Derby was held on September 30 and October 1 on the Columbia River from Richland to Priest Rapids Dam. Derby results are:

- No one caught the tagged salmon and as a result there was not a winner of the Grand Prize a \$25,000 Boat, Motor, and Trailer package.
- Winner of the First Prize-largest fish- was Dale Reiman of Pasco with a 34.6 lbs. salmon. Second Prize winner was Bud Osborn of Kennewick with a 34.2 lbs. salmon. Third prize winner was Bonnie Norton of Richland with a 33.8 lbs. salmon. Fourth Prize winner was John Walkup of Kennewick with a 32.6 lbs. fish, Fifth prize winner was Rocky Crisp of W. Richland with a 32.2 lbs. fish and Sixth Prize-went to Tracy Berger of Yakima with a 32.0 lbs fish.
- Tournament Prize winner, two day total weight, was Woody Turentine of Renton, WA with a total of 93.1 lbs. of salmon.
- Youth Prize Winners-Age 12 and under-were: First Prize-David Pierce from W. Richland 25.4 lbs, 2nd prize Michael Maloney from Bothel, WA 25.1 lbs, 3rd prize Ian Lewis from Richland 20.5 lbs, 4th prize Marissa Ledgerwood from Kennewick 15.8 lbs, 5th prize Zack Schaff from Richland 9.1 lbs, and 6th prize Ian Lewis from Richland 2.5 lbs. Thanks to Don McBride for the results.

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS: A nominating committee to select Club officers and board of directors for year 2001 will be meeting in November. More members need to participate as officers and board members to make the Club a success. Please consider participating either as a Club officer or Board member. Participation can be personally rewarding. Many of the Board members and officers have been in office for quite a while and

new blood is needed. If you wish to serve as vice president, treasurer, secretary or a member of the Board of Directors please call Paul Kison at 545-6050 or Howard Gardner at 943-9084 and let them know that you would like to be considered as a nominee. If you have any questions about the duties/responsibilities of an officer or Board member call Paul or Howard or question any of the present officers or board members.

INITIATIVE 713-THE ANTI TRAPPING INITIATIVE: Don't forget to vote NO on Initiative 713 the Anti Trapping Initiative

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday November 7, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - RR&GC HUNTER SAFETY FACILITY, BIG PASCO E. AINSWORTH AVE. MIDDLE OF WAREHOUSE 5

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, November 21, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Room 110.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - November 23, 2000, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

LUNKER LAKE - Friday, Saturday & Sunday - January 19, 20 & 21, 2001

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- Main speaker at the November General Meeting will be Don Larson from Region #3 of the WDFW. His topic will be "The Future of Non-Toxic Shot and Mechanical Duck Decoys in the State of Washington." At the April 2000 Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting, 11 sites were converted to nontoxic shot use based on a high potential for ingestion of lead by wildlife. These sites are posted and listed in the new waterfowl and upland game seasons pamphlet. After discussing a statewide ban on lead shot earlier this year, the Fish and Wildlife Commission has taken a more measured approach to potential regulations involving lead shot. At their August meeting, commissioners reviewed a draft timeline to implement a potential ban on lead shot. After reviewing the issue, the Commission directed staff to continue with a planned review of lead shot impacts on wildlife before any further discussion or action is taken. Staff are collecting scientific information and will prepare a report before the end of the year. After the Commission reviews the report, they will decide whether further action is appropriate.

Don will be able to report on the status of the review and also on studies on the effect(s) of mechanical duck decoys on the harvest of waterfowl. This meeting will be the place for to voice any input that you have concerning the banning of lead shot and possible restrictions on the use of mechanical decoys.

- There will also be at least one other speaker at the meeting
- Year 2001 Club calendars have arrived and will be available for \$3.00 each. Buy extras to give to your hunting/fishing buddies as Christmas gifts.
- The meeting will be on Tuesday November 7 at 7:00 P.M. at the Club's Hunter Education Facility at Big Pasco.

Be sure to vote before coming to the meeting. The election results will influence your right to keep and bear your firearms and your ability to hunt and fish in the future.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- President Paul Kison opened the meeting. He announced that he will be meeting with a Tri-Cities Herald reporter and a person in favor of the Anti-Trapping Initiative, I-713. He asked for a Club member(s) to accompany him to the meeting on October 13. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the pros and cons of I-713.

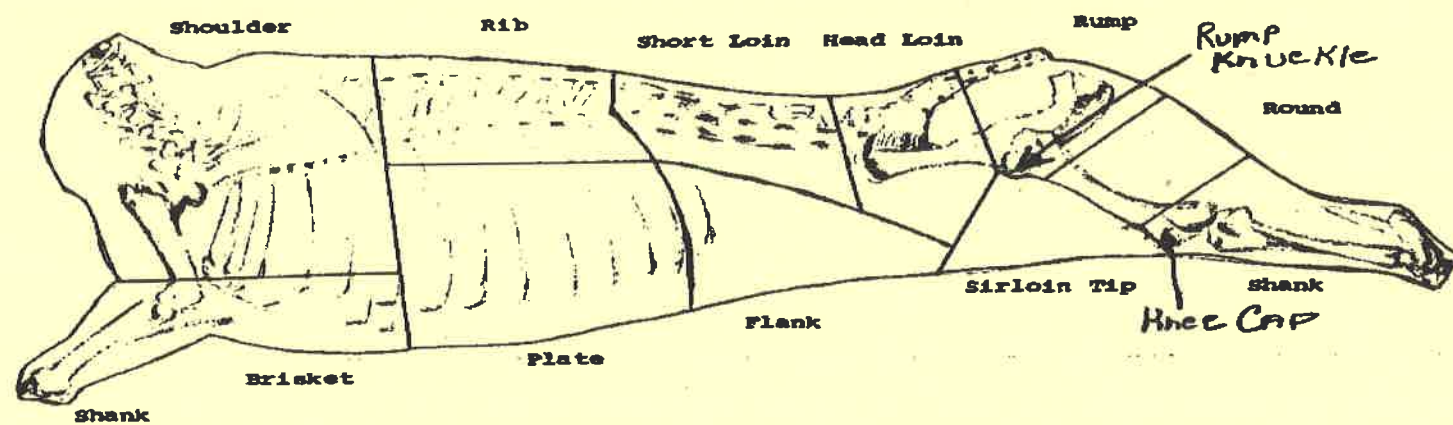
- Program Chairman Bill Lambert introduced the youth who attended the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp at Orcas Island this summer. Mark Tomsinski, Vanessa and Victoria Manthos, Tod Anthony, and Cody Boschert were present and related their experiences. Tod Anthony was nominated, at Camp, to be a counselor next summer. All the youth stated that they wanted to attend next years camp and thanked the Club for sponsoring them. Each of the youth was presented a Club cap.

- Bill Lambert introduced the main speaker of the evening, Frank Flynn. Frank has fished for Peacock Bass in the Amazon River in Brazil several times. In fact he just returned home from a fishing trip there a week or so before his presentation. He fishes on the Amazon River which is 416 miles long. Fishermen fly to the fishing site and live on a large barge fitted with a tent. They fish out a bass boat outfitted with a 90 HP motor and a two way radio. Lures used by the fisherman are musky sized top water plugs. They use 65 to 80 lb. test line because of the fighting ability of the Peacock Bass. The worlds record for Peacock bass is 28 pounds. There are three varieties of peacock bass: speckled, bar and butterfly. Fly fishing for Peacock bass is becoming increasingly popular. Frank stated that anglers usually catch 35-40 fish per day and the fish average from 8 to 20 pounds. Water level of the river is very important and Frank stated that the best fishing is usually from the middle to the latter part of January. According to Frank the cost of a guided trip from Miami is from \$4,000 to \$4,500 for 5 ½ days of fishing.

- I received a letter from Frank Flynn on October 21 in which he stated that he has confirmed a January trip to the Amazon. The outfitter is Ron Speed, a good outfitter that Frank has gone with several times. As a group, the price is \$2,950.00, about \$1,200.00 to \$1,500 below normal costs according to Frank. The guides have all told Frank that January is the best time of the season and that you can expect "to catch several really big fish". The trip will include 5 ½ days of fishing. The guide will reserve six spots for Frank until November 10. If you are interested call Frank at 783-6337.

- Winners of the raffle, \$30, \$20 and \$10 gift certificates to True Value Hardware in Richland, were: Gene VanLiew, Nancy Manthos and Dave Myers.

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TAKE CARE OF THAT GAME MEAT!: (This sounds like a good booklet for all hunters. Many of us are not too careful about how we take care of game meat after we harvest it.) Hunting always requires some advanced planning and equipment check. Big game hunting requires some special preparation in the event you are successful. Hunting is not over until you have completed the process of dressing, transporting and caring for the animal. For many hunters these final important tasks are often the most daunting of the hunt. The Washington State University Cooperative Extension has an excellent booklet entitled, *Big Game from Hunt to Home*, by W. Daniel Edge, Jan R. Busboom and Carolyn A. Raab. This 44-page booklet has many very helpful hints and instruction for all hunters, experienced and novice. It is available from the Bulletins Office, Washington State University, P.O. Box 645912, Pullman, Washington 99164-5912 or via telephone 1-800-723-1763. Its modest price of \$2.50 plus handling is well worth the investment.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS: Winners of the September and October Club photo contest are Gaylord Pyle and Eddie Manthos. Each will receive 5 free raffle tickets for the November General Meeting raffle.

KENNEWICK KIDS KLASSIC FISHING EVENT: This fishing event, C.A.S.T. "Catch A Special Thrill" FOR KIDS, took place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday October 7. It was one of a series of fishing events designed to give kids a hands-on fishing experience. The Kennewick event was part of a series of fishing events in which for a \$5 registration fee, participants received a "Kids Classic" T-shirt and a Zebco rod and reel, which is theirs to keep, or they may bring their own fishing gear and participate in all the activities at no cost. In addition, bait, floats and sinkers were also provided. Kids also had a chance to test their new skills in the Bassmasters Casting Contest, a Bassmasters fishing tournament was taking place on the Columbia River at the same time. A thousand rods and reels and T-shirts were on hand for the kids. The WDFW also stocked the pond the day before with fish. Over 500 children participated, plus at least that many parents, grandparents and aunts & uncles. The fish were not cooperating and everyone did not catch a fish. However there were smiles on the kids faces and many of the adults also. The comments were all positive, with many parents seeking out volunteers and thanking them personally for their efforts. Unfortunately there were not enough volunteers to patrol the lake and help teach the kids on how to catch a fish. The volunteers, present, were kept busy handing out T-shirts, rods & reels and bait, floats etc.. There were only two or three volunteers available to patrol the pond. The event will be repeated next spring and hopefully there will be more volunteers available to help and coach the kids. C.A.S.T. for Kids, located in the Seattle area, organized the event and secured the rods, reels, T-shirts and fishing gear. Their executive director Jim Owens was present to ensure that everything ran smoothly. There were many local organizations that participated at the event. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties were a major helper, they rigged up most of the rods and reels before the morning of the event. The RR&GC representative for the event was Don Knowlton and Club members Russ Brown, Buddy Davis and Eddie Manthos assisted on the day of the event.

COHO & FALL CHINOOK FISHING EXTENSION:

- Coho and fall chinook salmon fishing will be extended through November 15 in the Yakima River from the eastbound lane of the Interstate 82 bridge at Union Gap to 400 feet below Roza Dam. Harvestable numbers of hatchery salmon, primarily coho, will return to the middle reach of the Yakima River this fall as the result of Yakima Fisheries Project hatchery production programs managed by the Yakama Nation Fisheries Resources Program, with WDFW cooperation. Coho are returning late and few have been caught during the current September 16 - October 31 season. Additional fish are available for harvest prior to the onset of spawning activity There is a two-salmon daily catch limit. The salmon season in the lower Yakima River from the Highway 240 bridge at Richland to within 400 feet below Prosser Dam, will close as scheduled on October 31. Steelhead fishing remains closed. All steelhead must be immediately returned to the water unharmed. All Yakima River tributaries (such as Ahtanum Creek and Wide Hollow Creek) remain closed to salmon fishing. The trout daily catch limit remains two fish, 12-inch minimum and 20-inch maximum length (See WDFW 2000 "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet, page 114).

- Coho and chinook salmon fishing will also be extended through November 15 on the Naches River from the river mouth to the confluence with the Tieton River (near the junction of U.S. Hwy. 12 and State Route 410). below the confluence with the Tieton River. The river is closed to all fishing for a distance of 400 feet below the Naches-Cowiche Diversion Dam (near Hwy. 12 "Twin Bridges") and Wapatox Diversion Dam (downstream 0.4 mile from Tieton River confluence). All Naches River tributaries remain closed to salmon fishing. Selective gear rules remain in effect. See WDFW's 2000 "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet for details. Harvestable numbers of hatchery salmon, primarily coho, will return to the Naches River this fall as the result of Yakima Fisheries Project hatchery production programs managed by the Yakama Nation Fisheries Resources Program, with WDFW cooperation. Coho are returning late this year and few have been caught during daily catch limit. Fishing for trout and other game fish closes on October 31; all game fish caught, other than salmon, must be released unharmed during the two week salmon season extension (See "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet, page 109). Steelhead fishing remains closed. All steelhead must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

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- **Other information:** Studies indicate sturgeon populations have been growing between Bonneville and McNary dams under the harvest guidelines.

SNAKE RIVER STEELHEADERS REMINDED TO RELEASE SALMON: A WDFW News Release, Oct. 31, 2000 Steelhead trout fishers are reminded to release any salmon accidentally caught in the Snake River and its tributaries. Fall chinook salmon are abundant in the Snake River system this year, but are not legal to keep and must be carefully released, said Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife fish biologist Glen Mendel of Dayton. The abundance, especially in the jack salmon age class of two to three-year-olds, is due to increased releases of chinook from WDFW and Nez Perce Tribe acclimation sites above Lower Granite Dam, and favorable ocean conditions. The Snake River system also has some coho salmon from Nez Perce Tribe releases in the Clearwater River in Idaho. They also must be released if caught. The Snake River steelhead run has been strong this year with catch rates of less than ten hours per fish on the mainstem and the Grande Ronde River. News of the hot fishing has drawn more inexperienced anglers who may not be able to correctly identify chinook or coho salmon, and may not be releasing fish properly.

The following are identification keys:

- A steelhead trout has a square tail, many small spots on the upper body, a white mouth inside, and a short and deep anal fin (bottomside fin near tail) with eight to 12 rays.
- A chinook salmon has a forked tail, scattered large spots on the upper body, a black mouth inside, and a long and shallow anal fin with 14 to 19 rays.
- A coho salmon has a forked tail, scattered small spots on the upper body, black mouth with white gums inside, and a long and shallow anal fin with 12 to 17 rays.
- Barbless hooks are required for fishing steelhead on the Snake River and its tributaries to aid in the safe release of wild steelhead and other salmon which cannot be kept. Only hatchery steelhead, marked by missing adipose fin (topside fin near tail), can be kept.

If a salmon or wild steelhead is caught, here's how to release it unharmed:

- Keep the fish in the water at all times.
- Avoid touching the fish, if possible, by using a de-hooking device to remove the hook.
- If you must handle the fish, wet your hands before touching it to avoid removing its protective slime layer.
- If the fish is exhausted, cradle it in the water and rock it back and forth to help it re-establish its equilibrium before releasing it.



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GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday December 5, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday January 2, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, December 19, 2000, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Room 110.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - December 20, 2000, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

LUNKER LAKE - Friday, Saturday & Sunday - January 19, 20 & 21, 2001

RR&GC Big Game Dinner - March 24, 2001

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- Speakers at the December General Meeting will be Don Larson from Region #3 of the WDFW and Paul Hoffarth WDFW regional fish biologist.
- Don will address four topics. 1)the future of non-toxic shot in Washington State, 2)mechanical duck decoys, 3)status of the Hanford elk herd and 4)status of a proposed Wind Farm south of Kennewick at Nine Canyon.
- Paul Hoffarth will speak about the fall run of Coho Salmon on the Yakima and Naches Rivers
- Year 2001 Club calendars are available for \$3.00 each. Buy extras to give to your hunting/fishing buddies as Christmas gifts.
- The meeting will be on Tuesday December 5 at 7:00 P.M. at the Gallery Room of the Richland Public Library
- Tickets for the March, 24 2001 Big Game Dinner will go on sale at the meeting. Ticket cost is unchanged from previous years, \$15.00 per person.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING: The January General Meeting will be at the Richland Public Library Gallery Room on Tuesday January 2, at 7:00 PM. Speakers will be Club members Rich and Ben Holten winners of the Club Quality Trip. They will discuss their early goose and duck hunting trip and fishing trip to Alberta in September of this year.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

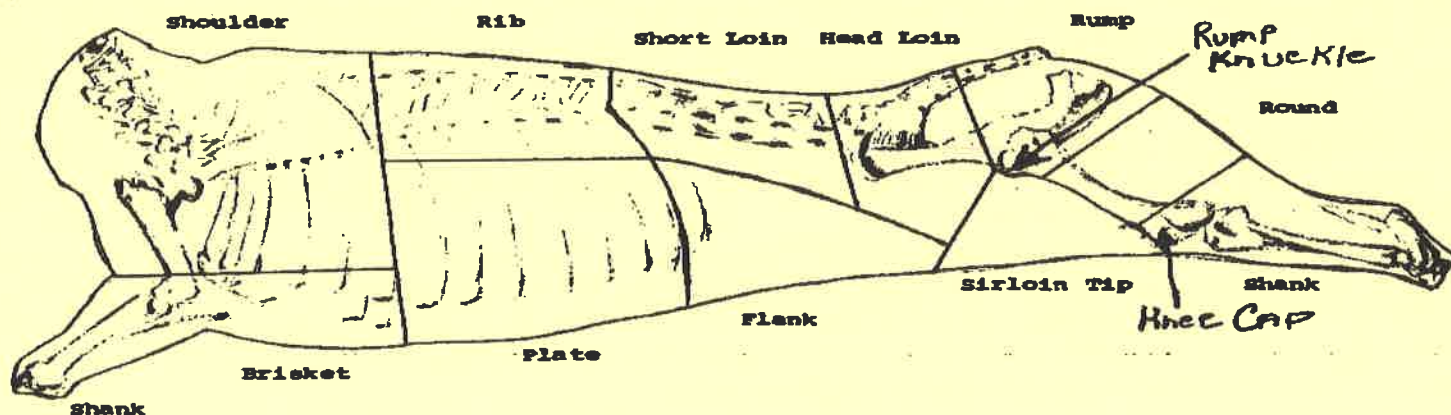
- President Paul Kison opened the meeting and announced that the scheduled speaker was not able to attend. A program about black powder shooting was presented instead.
- Paul introduced Paul Hoffarth a WDFW Fish Biologist that is now stationed in Kennewick. Paul assumed this position on November 1. Prior to moving to Washington he worked in Tennessee in a similar position.
- Paul spoke about the upcoming Big Game Dinner on March 24, 2001. He asked that Club members be aware of opportunities to solicit door prizes for the event, especially while they are Christmas shopping and purchasing gifts. He suggested that his would be an opportune time to solicit door prizes.
- Paul described the meeting and discussions he had with a Tri-Cities Herald reporter and others concerning the

Anti-Trapping Initiative, I-713 on October 13.

- Program Chairman Bill Lambert introduced the three speakers that talked about black powder shooting.
- Don Board and Don Hartshorn, Club Hunter Safety Instructors, were the first speakers and spoke at length about safety while handling, loading and shooting black powder rifles and shotguns. They stressed that old black powder firearms may be unsafe to shoot. Black powder is extremely corrosive both before and after it is fired. Twist or Damascus steel barrels, commonly used in early black powder weapons, can be severely damaged from corrosion and be unsafe to fire. Old black powder firearms should be thoroughly inspected before they are fired, preferably by an experienced black powder shooter or gunsmith. They discussed the hazards of black powder, especially when compared to smokeless progressive gun powders. Procedures for cleaning black powder weapons were discussed in detail. The different steps and equipment needed to load black powder weapons were demonstrated. Various black powder weapons, belonging to the speakers and Club members were shown. Both speakers stressed the importance of wearing safety glasses when firing black powder weapons.
- Paul Weeks spoke about modern in-line black powder rifles, showed several weapons and different projectiles that are be used.
- After the presentations by the three speakers there were many questions asked and lengthy discussions. The meeting lasted about an hour past the normal quitting time of 9:00 PM.
- Raffle winners were: Mike Estes-spinning rod and reel, Lyle Gilk-and John Pfeiffer both won an 8x21 Tasco binocular, Stephen Wray and Dale Schielke each won a predator call.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS: - Howard Gardner, Chief Instructor. The class started on Nov.6 and finished on Nov.20 including a range day at the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility. A total of 34 students ranging in age from 8 to 23 were registered to start. Twenty four finished with 21 passing and 16 of those scored 90% or higher on the exam. One 8 year old and two 9 year olds failed, not too unusual with students that young. Other instructors helping in the class were: Clare Cranston, Don Board, Lyle Gilk, Don Hartshorn, Max Jones, David Oakley, Aaron and Andrew Powers, and Jerry Zeitler. These gentlemen are to be commended for giving freely of their time to assist in these classes. Many thanks!

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FOR SALE:

- Smith & Wesson Model 66 stainless revolver, .357 caliber. Comes with full cordura shoulder holster, leather belt holster and 68 rounds of HP ammo. Perfect condition. \$340 or best offer. Call Rocky at (509) 545-4898.

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- Browning Citori Lgting Field, 12 Ga., 28" barrel, Invector choke tubes, 3" chamber. New In Box - \$1095.00
- Custom 03-A3, 30-06 rifle, checkered walnut stock, Timney trigger, Weaver Scope mounts - \$230.00
- Hi-Standard 22 caliber semi automatic pistol, Model HD Military, w/holster, Hd. case. - \$395.00

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 seven ducks with leg bands.

HUNTER EDUCATION FIREARM DONATION: Many thanks to Keith Brady for donating a mint condition Marlin 22 rifle to the Club's Hunter Education program. Keith obtained the rifle at a Friends of The NRA Banquet and had never fired it. If any other members or friends of the Club have a firearm that they are willing to donate to the Club's Hunter Education program, call Clare Cranston (547-6273) or Howard Gardner (943-9084). You will receive a Thank You and Acknowledgment letter, from Clare, that you can use for documenting your donation.

LUNKER LAKE INFORMATION: The RR&GC will man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and the air rifle shooting range for the 8th consecutive year at the *Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show* on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 19, 20 and 21, 2001 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 4 and 5 hour shifts. The phone calling tree is being activated. You will receive a phone call asking you to volunteer at the fishing pond. Your duties will consist of baiting the hook for each child and 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 doing it. 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. Lunker Lake and the Shooting Range gives 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 18, 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 18th for set up of the fishing pond. Shift times for Friday the 19th are 1-5 PM and 5-9 PM. Saturday the 20th, shifts will be from 10 AM-3 PM and 3-7 PM. Sunday the 21st, shifts will be from 10AM-2PM and 2-6 PM; the last shift will stay over at 6PM 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 the two events are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation camp. Call Dennis Spore at 627-0589, now, if you wish to volunteer.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were no entries in November. Bring your entries to the December General meeting.

FISHING RULE CHANGE STURGEON RETENTION PERIOD EXTENDED FROM JOHN DAY DAM TO McNARY DAM: Nov. 2, 2000 A WDFW News Release

- **Action:** The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is extending the number of days when sport anglers may retain sturgeon on a section of the Columbia River.
- **Effective date:** Immediately, until further notice.
- **Species affected:** White sturgeon
- **Location:** Anglers will be allowed to retain one sturgeon per day caught in the Columbia River, from John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam, including tributaries.
- **Reason for action:** Less than 80 percent of the 560-fish harvest guideline for the waters between John Day Dam and McNary Dam was expected to be taken by November 1, when the retention period was scheduled to end.