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Volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 2 ½ to 4 hour shifts. Some members may have already signed up. If you have not volunteered and you wish to volunteer please call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 or Don Board at 586-7157 for the Air Rifle Range. Your duties at Lunker Lake will consist of baiting the hook for each child, 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 working with the kids. A group of about six volunteers or more will be needed **Thursday morning January 19**, starting at 9:00 a.m., 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 for set up of the fishing pond are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday the 19th. Shift times for Friday the 20th are 1-4:30 p.m. and 4-8 p.m., Saturday the 21st, shifts will be from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 12:30-4 p.m. and 3:30-7 p.m. Sunday the 22nd, shifts will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2-5 p.m., the last shift will stay over at 4:30 p.m. to help drain and disassemble the pond. The Air Rifle Shooting Range will be manned this year under the direction of Don Board. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond or shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from Lunker Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Lunker Lake volunteers should wear eye protection, bring a needle nose pliers or hemostat to remove the hook from the fish and bring a towel(s) to wipe your hands after you have handle a fish. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided for the volunteers. More information about the show is at www.shuylrproductions.com/. More information and sign up sheets will be presented at the January General Meeting. The Show will be open to the public Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. General admission to the public will be Adults: \$8.00, Children 6-12: \$4.00 and Children under 6: FREE Special Admissions: Friday - Seniors 60+: \$4.00 and Sunday - Family Day: 2 adults, 2 children (6-12): \$18.00. Parking is free.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m. - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 18, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

- The January meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 3 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceed to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm
- The first General Meeting of 2012 starts off with a program about long range high power rifle shooting. The guest speaker for the January 3rd meeting will be John Julian from the Tri-City Shooting Association. John is the chairman of the high-power committee and shoots competitively. He will be speaking about high power shooting, in particular, reading the wind, use of trigger control and other opportunities that exist for hunters and others interested in shooting high power rifles.
- The Tip of The Month speaker will be Club member Clare Cranston who will discuss the care, cleaning and storage of shotguns, rifles and side arms. His topic is timely since many shotguns and rifles will be cleaned and stored at the end of hunting seasons.
- RR&GC 2012 calendars may still be available at the January General Meeting.

• March 24, 2012 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$20.00 each will be on sale at the January meeting. Club members and nonmembers can purchase tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the February and March General Meetings if available. For more information, contact Dale at 375-0183.

• **Price of the Quality Trip Drawing entry tickets is \$25.00 per ticket. Entry tickets for the 2012 Quality Trip can be purchased at the January, February and March General Meetings and at the Wild Game Dinner until the maximum of 100 tickets has been sold. See more information at the end of the Newsletter.**

• **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

• **Bring Wild Game Dinner donation package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer.**

• As usual Richard Sharp will have a very good selection of raffle prizes for the hunter and the fisherman.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

• The last meeting of 2011 was opened by Club president Gaylord Pyle to a full house at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. After the Club Pledge, many visitors introduced themselves. Announcements were made by Kirby Hammond, Howard Gardner, Dale Schielke, Marilyn Steele who solicited volunteers for Lunker Lake and the Wild Game Dinner, DonBoard solicited volunteers

for the pellet rifle range at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show and announced a December 8 meeting for Hunter Education instructor volunteers at the Hunter Education facility, Mike Estes spoke about the Club's Game Recovery program, Gaylord Pyle said that a speaker for the Wild Game Dinner had not been selected, Richard Sharp enumerated the evening's raffle prizes and Gene Van Liew spoke about the Salmon In the Classroom project and discussed the Draft Elk Population Control Hunt Plan for the ALE and requested the audience to look at the Draft Proposal available at <http://www.fws.gov/hanfordreach/management.html> and comment on it.

● After a short break to allow the audience to buy raffle tickets, Vice President & Program Chairman Jeff Gardner introduced Mike Estes, the Tip of The Month speaker, who discussed Duck Hunting Cold Weather Survival. Mike related several incidents that had occurred to him while duck hunting. The point he made was that hunters and fishermen need to be aware that a combination of cold temperatures, wind and exposure to water can be deadly. Survival time, when wet, is 15-30 minutes at a temperature of 20° and a wind speed of 20 mph. Mike stated that you should **not** get wet, carry a stick/staff when in water, wear *wind stopper* clothing and have dry clothes handy. Hunting or fishing with a buddy(s) is a necessity during cold weather.

● Jeff Gardner was the first main speaker of the evening and discussed coyote hunting. Jeff shoots about 10-15 coyotes a year and discussed the different rifles he uses including a shotgun. He stressed that you must be familiar with your rifle because of the different distances coyotes are shot. A rangefinder in conjunction with the BDC reticle on his rifle scope is used and necessary. The clothing he utilizes are waterproof wind stopper camouflage (including caps and gloves). The different terrains he hunts and the different set ups he uses were also discussed. The different calls he uses, including electronic calls and their placement were demonstrated and discussed. He stated that strong winds are not desirable when coyote hunting. Techniques he uses when coyote hunting were also described. He answered several questions from the audience and he did say that he does not like hunting coyotes at night because of the uncertainty of what might be shot.

● The second speaker was Richard Sharp who discussed one of his favorite topics, Secrets for Bank Fishing Winter Steelhead at Charboneau Park and McNary Dam. He opened his presentation with a photo of a 48" long wild Steelhead he caught with 4 lb. line on a noodle rod. Because it was a clipped fish he released it and was not able to weigh it. Before he goes fishing, he washes his hands with powdered *Boraxo* to remove traces of odors that spook fish. He gasses up his truck and boat engines the night before he fishes so that his hands do not smell of gasoline. An odorless liquid fly floatant is used on his line instead of chapstick or other material to keep the line behind the float from sinking. He uses two different fishing techniques. One is a jig and shrimp behind a round unweighted float. The other technique requires two separate shrimp each on a *double* hook behind a pencil float. Rigging diagrams for both methods were shown. He coats the line between the jigs or two hooks with a black Sharpie to make the line less visible. *Gamakatsu* hooks are the only hooks he uses and he keeps them sharp with a hook file. He also uses *Gel Scent* on the jig and the two shrimp hooks. He prefers 3/8 oz jigs when jig fishing and trims the jig hair so that the shrimp is not hidden, he does not pull the shrimp head off. He makes his own jigs and incorporates a rattle in the jig body that makes the jig more attractive to fish. He uses *ultra glitter* in conjunction with *Gel Scent* as an attractant with both systems. The glitter is available at *Walmart* or fabric shops and comes in silver, gold and blue colors. He smears *Scent Gel* on the jig body/shrimp or shrimp and then sprinkles the glitter over the *Scent Gel* and rubs it on. As the lure is sinking the glitter falls off and simulates bait fish scales that fall off when bait fish are being attacked. Richard also shared his Shrimp Cure Formula shown here: 1 lb. shrimp/prawns, 2-qts distilled water, 3-cups fine sea salt, 1/8-cup sodium nitrite, 1/4-cup sodium sulfite, 1/4-cup white sugar, 1-tablespoon sodium metabisulfite, 1/2-teaspoon Monster bite, 1 tablespoon Red Bad-Azz bait dye, 1-bottle Beau-mac red dye, 1-drop blue food color. Mix all the ingredients except the Beau-mac red dye. Dissolve it in some distilled water first and then slowly add to the mixture while stirring. Make sure you wear latex gloves while preparing the cure. Lastly Richard showed where to fish above McNary Dam and above and below Ice Harbor Dam. It was a lengthy presentation and hardly anyone left. Richard stayed and answered many question and was the last one to leave.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: lucky Bill Lambert who selected an 8 ft. graphite spinning rod and reel with a lure kit assembled by Richard Sharp, Pete Edwards selected the 6 ½ foot medium action, fast tip rigged walleye jigging rod and reel, Lyle Gilk and Blaine Kenton each won a 5-gal Remington Sport bucket, Fay Lyon won an Allen scoped rifle case and a Caldwell XLA bipod, Briant Charboneau won an Allen shotgun case, Richard Gies won a Field Line camo backpack, Kirby Hammond won a compartmented plastic box containing Steelhead goodies and lures. David O'Brien won a 30-piece emergency road kit and Tim Esparza (a new member) selected the Mystery Box which contained two \$5.00 scratch tickets. Many thanks to Richard Sharp for selecting the great raffle prizes and conducting the raffle.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in the December contest. John Cooper entered a photo of a whitetail buck he harvested Thanksgiving weekend northwest of Missoula Montana. Jeff Gardner entered a photo of his son Brandt with a very large smallmouth bass he caught on the John Day River in Oregon in August. The fish was released and wasn't weighed. The winner was the photo taken by Jeff. Jeff will win five free raffle tickets at the January General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: Don Board

● Classes are scheduled to start March 6 and April 2, 2012. All class registrations are at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 p.m. over two weeks with a Saturday on the range

● A Paradigm class is scheduled to take place April 7. Paradigm Classes are one (1) day, open to students 16 or older. Students must study at home prior to class and pass the knowledge test upon arrival

"HOW TO COOK A COYOTE" COOKBOOK: Tired of eating beef - try Coyote. The Club's latest cookbook, compiled by Russ Wyer, "*How to Cook a Coyote*" will tell you all you need to know about cooking a Coyote and includes 22 additional recipes for other unique animals such as cougar, crow, buffalo tongue, bear, sturgeon and other critters. The book will be available at General and Board meetings at a cost of \$5.00.

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.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Tim Esparza and Family from Richland, Al Poletski and Bill Sullivan from West Richland.

LONGEST TAILFEATHER BRAGGING CONTEST: The Board of Directors decided at their October Meeting to hold a Longest Pheasant Tail Feather Bragging Contest. Bring your longest pheasant tail feather to the December and January General Meetings. It will be placed on a bragging board with your name and harvest details.

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Price of the Quality Trip Drawing entry tickets is \$25.00 per ticket. Entry tickets for the 2012 Quality Trip can be purchased at the January, February and March General Meetings and at the Wild Game Dinner until the maximum of 100 has been sold

1. Only RR&GC members with current dues paid through April 1 of following year(2013) are eligible to purchase up to two entry tickets each. Example: A member must have dues paid through April 1, 2013.
2. Tickets are \$25.00 each, the value of the trip (maximum amount reimbursed to the winner) will be \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. If less than 50 tickets are sold, no winner will be drawn and members who purchased tickets will be reimbursed.
4. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
5. RR&GC members with a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents (18 years or older) may also purchase up to two tickets each.
6. The drawing will be held at the annual March 24, 2012 RR&GC Wild Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
7. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the RR&GC and who must also have participated in the drawing.
8. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner's trip cannot be taken as approved. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a RR&GC member and also have participated in the drawing.
9. A written copy and a presentation in person (winner or partner) of the proposed trip must be provided to the RR&GC Board in either the May or June Board meeting for Board approval.
10. The winner must have confirmation of key trip logistics (e.g., guide services, airline tickets, lodging, etc.) by August 1 and the trip taken before December 31 of the year of award. If the trip cannot be confirmed in the allotted time frame (prior to September 1). The winner shall forfeit the trip and the trip will be awarded to the alternate. The alternate will follow the same criteria as the original trip winner, with the alternate presenting his proposed trip to the RR&GC Board by the September board meeting.
11. In the event that the approved trip cannot be taken, the winner shall notify the RR&GC President immediately upon the winner's realization that the trip cannot be taken as approved.
12. Quality trip funds will be allotted as reimbursements after the winner has paid for portions of the trip. For example reimbursement for booking fees, airline tickets, etc. Note a check for reimbursement will not be provided to the winner prior to incurring costs without Board approval.
13. The winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership in February or March prior to the next RR&GC Wild Game Dinner.
14. The winners will provide a written summary of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and license costs, name & addresses of lodging & guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club website. A good reference for the report format are previous Quality Trip reports that are on the website.
15. The winner will sign and date a copy of these rules, as an acknowledgment of understanding of the rules. The President of the RR&GC will send a letter notifying the winner of the trip approval.
16. The RR&GC Board may, if requested, modify these rules for special circumstances.

2012 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RIFLE RANGE: The 19th Annual Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show will open Friday, January 20, 2012 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco and run through Sunday, January 22. The Club will again man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 19th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on the three days. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond and pellet rifle range.



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FITZNER-SPORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Howard Gardner The 22nd annual Fitzner-Spore Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Keith J. Korell an undergraduate student in Wildlife Resources and Fishery Resources at the University of Idaho and will receive \$1000. The annual award, started in 1993 and increased from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 in 2008, is given to a student(s) in a Wildlife related field to memorialize Club members Richard Fitzner, a well-respected Wildlife Biologist who died in a tragic plane crash and Dennis Spore, Club officer and Special Volunteer.

All Club members should be alert for the opportunity to solicit and obtain door prizes for the Wild Game Dinner. While you are shopping for hunting, fishing and outdoors equipment or patronizing a restaurant or other business, don't be too bashful to request a door prize from the merchant. Inform them that they will receive recognition for their donation in the Big Game Dinner program. Obtain door prizes as early as possible. When you obtain a door prize, notify Pa Kison at pfkison@aol.com or call 851-2634. Remember that it is up to the Club members to obtain the prizes. Without donations there will not be any door prizes at the dinner.

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- Because of upcoming spring walleye fishing, the February General Meeting will be very timely. The speaker will be Robert Crow, a Professional Walleye Angler who will discuss Tips and Techniques for catching more and bigger walleye, where to go, when to go and what to use, etc. He is a resident of Paterson, WA and is #17 in the current walleye rankings. Walleye circuits that he has participated in are the In-Fisherman PWT and the FLW Walleye Tour. He is sponsored by Yar Craft Boats and Yamaha Outboards.
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- As usual Richard Sharp will have an excellent selection of raffle prizes.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

• Club president Gaylord Pyle opened the first meeting of the year to about fifty-five participants. After the Club pledge Jim Ballard a visitor introduced himself. Dale Schielke announced that youth will be assembling Wood Duck nesting boxes at the Tri-Cities Sportsman Show at TRAC from 11 to 4 Saturday, January 21. Dale also stated that inspection and repair of 400 installed Wood Duck nesting boxes will start sometime in February. Don Board solicited volunteers for the pellet rifle range

at the Sportsman Show. Marilyn Steele passed around sign-up sheets for Lunker Lake Volunteers at the Sportsman Show and volunteers for the March 24 Wild Game Dinner. She stated that an ice chest for Wild Game Dinner meat donations was in the lobby. Chris Webb encouraged Club members to renew their membership before the night of the Wild Game dinner. Mike Estes gave an update of the Club's Game Recovery program. Kirby Hammond showed one of the posters that will be installed at Wholesale Sports, Ranch and Home and Griggs. The poster will show/advertize Club activities and meeting dates. He asked that members submit photos of recent Club activities to Russ Wyer or Eddie Manthos for inclusion on the posters. Don Board solicited volunteers for the pellet rifle range at the Sportsman Show. Lyle Gilk stated that Quality Trip drawing tickets for \$25.00 each will be available at the February and March General Meetings. Richard Sharp enumerated the raffle drawing prizes.

● After a short break, Jeff Gardner introduced John Julian from the Tri-City Shooting Association. John is the chairman of the high-power committee and shoots competitively. Web site address for the Club is www.TCSA.info. John became interested in high power rifle shooting about 12 years ago and started out with an M-1 Garand rifle he purchased for \$300.00. He started off his presentation by describing the three basic shooting positions - Off Hand, Sitting and Prone. He also described the three types of rifle matches - Conventional High Power, Palma and F Class. John showed the various rifles he uses plus accessories such as shooting mat, spotting scope, shooting glove or mitt, shooting glasses, sling, shooting jacket and ear protection. He described the differences between Service and Match rifle competitions. Match type ammunition requires closer tolerances such as bullet and powder weights, bullet dimensions and conformation which result in higher ballistic coefficients. John loads all his ammunition. He also described the desirable characteristics of spotting scopes, such as eye relief, magnification and objective quality. The scope is not used only to determine where a bullet lands but is also used to determine wind velocity and angle and mirage characteristics. Offhand-standing, Sitting and Prone shooting positions including body placement were explained and discussed. Metal sight alignment and different sight types were explained and discussed. It was mentioned that focusing on the front sight is very important. Reading of wind and mirages, including wind swirling and mirage flags was also explained. There was much information given out by John and he answered many questions during and after his presentation. We thank him for coming to the meeting and informing us about high power rifle shooting and hopefully making us better shooters. Because of the many questions asked and the length of the presentation the Tip of The Month presentation was not given.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Jerry Bloom who selected a 6 ½ ft. walleye jig rod & reel with a jig kit, Pat Travis won a San Angelo shooting vise, Kirby Hammond won a San Angelo shooting rest, Leon Kollman won a Winchester adjustable shooting rest stick, Ken Poletski won a Peak Jump auto start system, John Pfeiffer won a Bunker Hill Alert System and insulated Hunter Seat, lucky Bill Lambert won a Duel Maglite flashlight kit, Jim Cartmell won an insulated Hunter Seat, Mike Estes won some Steelhead rattle jigs and jar of cured shrimp (both made by Richard Sharp) and J.C. Sullivan selected the Mystery Box which contained an aerosol can of *Liquid Gold* polish. Many thanks to Richard Sharp for selecting the great raffle prizes and conducting the raffle.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were three entries in the January contest. John Cooper entered a photo of Dr. John Fodor from Sunnyside with 5X5 bull elk he harvested on opening day in Montana. John got his elk two days later. Jerry Bloom entered a photo of himself and a Mule Deer he harvested November 20, North of Bozeman Montana. Jeff Gardner submitted four separate photos of himself with an elk, his wife Jennifer with an elk, his son Brandt with a Mule Deer and Brenden Burton with his first deer that he harvested with a special doe permit at Kahlotus. Jeff's four photos were declared the winner. And he will win five free raffle tickets at the January General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

Winter Birds at McNary Wildlife Refuge Saturday, February 18, 9am – 12pm

Join us to learn more about the winter birds of the Mid-Columbia. The WSU Raptor Club will be present to display live birds, including a golden eagle. Videographer Gaylord Mink will share his films of Bald Eagles and Northern Harriers. Participants will have a chance to join the Great Backyard Bird Count going on nationwide Feb. 17-20. No experience necessary! The count will be led by the Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society. Binoculars, spotting scopes and bird guides will be available. Afterward, join the Friends of the Mid-Columbia River Wildlife Refuges for their Annual Meeting. Food and beverages will be provided and the meeting will conclude by 1:00 P.M. Questions? Call 509-546-8300

This event is sponsored by the Friends of Mid-Columbia River Wildlife Refuges in partnership with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

THANK YOU: A big thank you to Dee Perala and Devin Drobny for their donation to the Club of a CD with photographs taken of the boys at the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp in July of 2011. The photographs document their week at the camp and the many activities they participated in. Dee is Jerry Zeitler's daughter and Devin is one of the youth the Club sponsored to the camp.

SALMON EGGS DELIVERED: Chinook salmon fish eggs for the 2012 Salmon In the Classroom project were delivered to twenty-eight schools in Richland, West Richland, Kennewick and Finley and the aquarium at the Ranch & Home store in

Kennewick January 15. Twenty-eight schools each received 100 eggs, two of the schools with larger tanks received 200 eggs each. Hatch time for the eggs will be about January 26. Eight volunteers participated and used a total of 19 hours and 211 miles to deliver the eggs. Volunteers were Lyle Gilk, Barry Gilk, Paul Kison, Bob Kolowith, Jim Reynolds, Gene Van Liew, Ben Webb and his wife. Rachel Little provided delicious cookies for all the volunteers. This is the beginning of 2012 Salmon In the Classroom Project and the egg delivery was greatly appreciated by the Benton Conservation District

LONGEST PHEASANT TAIL-FEATHER CONTEST RESULTS: Six feathers were entered and the Contest winner was Dale Schielke whose feather was measured at 22-3/4". Other entrants and their feather lengths were: Richard Sharp at 22-5/8", Dave Myers at 22-1/4", Leo Pfeifer at 22-1/4", Travis Sharp at 22-1/8" and Dave Laugaery at 22". Dale was presented a Winner's Certificate by Richard Sharp.

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● A Paradigm class is scheduled to take place April 7. Paradigm Classes are one (1) day, open to students 16 or older. Students must study at home prior to class and pass the knowledge test upon arrival

"HOW TO COOK A COYOTE" COOKBOOK: Tired of eating beef - try Coyote. The Club's latest cookbook, compiled by Russ Wyer, "How to Cook a Coyote" will tell you all you need to know about cooking a Coyote and includes 22 additional recipes for other unique animals such as cougar, crow, buffalo tongue, bear, sturgeon and other critters. The book will be available at General and Board meetings at a cost of \$5.00.

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.

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QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Price of the Quality Trip Drawing entry tickets is \$25.00 per ticket. Entry tickets for the 2012 Quality Trip can be purchased at the January, February and March General Meetings and at the Wild Game Dinner until the maximum of 100 has been sold

1. Only RR&GC members with current dues paid through April 1 of following year(2013) are eligible to purchase up to two entry tickets each. Example: A member must have dues paid through April 1, 2013.
2. Tickets are \$25.00 each, the value of the trip (maximum amount reimbursed to the winner) will be \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. If less than 50 tickets are sold, no winner will be drawn and members who purchased tickets will be reimbursed.
4. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
5. RR&GC members with a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents (18 years or older) may also purchase up to two tickets each.
6. The drawing will be held at the annual March 24, 2012 RR&GC Wild Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
7. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the RR&GC and who must also have participated in the drawing.
8. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner's trip cannot be taken as approved. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a RR&GC member and also have participated in the drawing.
9. A written copy and a presentation in person (winner or partner) of the proposed trip must be provided to the RR&GC Board in either the May or June Board meeting for Board approval.
10. The winner must have confirmation of key trip logistics (e.g., guide services, airline tickets, lodging, etc.) by August 1 and the trip taken before December 31 of the year of award. If the trip cannot be confirmed in the allotted time frame (prior to September 1). The winner shall forfeit the trip and the trip will be awarded to the alternate. The alternate will follow the same criteria as the original trip winner, with the alternate presenting his proposed trip to the RR&GC Board by the September board meeting.
11. In the event that the approved trip cannot be taken, the winner shall notify the RR&GC President immediately upon the winner's realization that the trip cannot be taken as approved.
12. Quality trip funds will be allotted as reimbursements after the winner has paid for portions of the trip. For example reimbursement for booking fees, airline tickets, etc. Note a check for reimbursement will not be provided to the winner prior to incurring costs without Board approval.
13. The winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership in February or March prior to the next RR&GC Wild Game Dinner.
14. The winners will provide a written summary of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and license costs, name & addresses of lodging & guides, photos and other details. The report



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MARCH GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 6

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March 22, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 24, 2012 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

- The March meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceed to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm
- Last years Quality Trip winners Bill Tanner and Lyle Gilk will discuss the guided goose hunts and pheasant hunts they participated in.
- The Tip of The Month speaker will hopefully be Club member Clare Cranston who will discuss the care, cleaning and storage of shotguns, rifles and side arms. His topic is timely since many shotguns and rifles will be cleaned and stored at the end of hunting seasons. Clare was not able to give his presentation at the last two General meetings because of time constraints.
- **March 24, 2012 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$20.00 each will be on sale at the meeting.** Club members and nonmembers can purchase tickets at the meeting. Purchase your tickets early before they are sold out. For more information, contact Dale at 375-0183.

• **Entry tickets for the 2012 Quality Trip can be purchased at the March General Meeting and at the Wild Game Dinner until the maximum of 100 tickets has been sold.** Price of the Quality Trip Drawing entry tickets is \$25.00 per ticket. The rules can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/qualitytrip/id23.htm>.

- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**
- **Bring Wild Game Dinner donation packages to the Meeting. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. So far meat donations have been very slim, we need the meat now so that we can plan the Dinner menu.**

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- Club president Gaylord Pyle opened the meeting to a packed house. Announcements were made by: Lyle Gilk, Dale Schielke, Don Board, Clare Cranston, Marilyn Steele, Gene Van Liew and Richard.
- Jeff Gardner introduced Robert Crow, a 14 year veteran walleye fishing guide from Paterson. He discussed techniques for local walleye fishing in the Spring, Summer and End-of-Year. Jig fishing is popular now. There are many types of jigs; his favorite is a tinsel jig, usually 1/2 oz. He uses a Tru-Turn trailer hook with jigs and short piece of night crawler with the end

CLUB HISTORY: (Howard Gardner) With respect to the brick that the Club has at the CREHST (Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology) Museum, below is a copy of the letter that we got from the director at Crehst plus a copy of a photo including the brick (that will be shown in the Club's website). As I remember, the brick came about when the director, in appreciation for our cooking the salmon, asked if they could do anything for us. And I said: "how about a brick?"

In addition to cooking salmon in September 1998 we did it again in September 1999. In musing about the Club's ownership of the brick, one could observe that we have a vested interest in the future of the CREHST Museum and its incorporation into the Hanford Reach Monument's Museum to be located at the west end of Columbia Park.

Sept. 21, 1998

Dear Howard,

What can I say? All of you from the Rod and Gun Club were lifesavers for CREHST and the PowWow. You saved us from potential liability claims and established a reputation for your Club as being THE best salmon chefs in the area. You also established for CREHST the quality we wanted for this first event.

I have ordered a brick for our walk way engraved with Richland Rod & Gun Club. Howard, again thank you for providing unlimited hours of help. I have heard nothing but the best about the quality of the salmon. Do you share your secret marinade recipe???

Sincerely,

Gwen Leth, Director

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WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES INSPECTIONS: (Dale Schielke) Eighty three boxes from a total of 388 boxes have been inspected. Fifty five of the 83 boxes (66.3%) were used by Wood Ducks. Three boxes were used by Screech Owls. Three hundred eighty unhatched Wood Duck eggs were found in the inspected boxes. Thirty nine boxes contained membranes and a total of 201 membranes (on the ground and in boxes) were found. Thus far fifty man-hours were spent during the inspections. If you would like to participate in the inspections, contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

of the nightcrawler buried in the trailer hook. He also trolls with jigs. Scent is added to lures in winter. He also bottom bounces (1 oz.) jigs. He uses *Fire Line* on his reels and from 8 lb. to 14 lb. monofilament line for his leader. During the summer season, after the spawn, he fishes with blade bait lures and a jig snapped 12" to 18" behind the blade bait. If he is trolling he uses about a 1/2 oz. lead weight. He likes *Colorado* style spinner blades and chartreuse or blue/silver color are his preferences. He keeps track/records where he has caught walleyes and returns to those locations when he is fishing. A good GPS instrument is a necessary tool for him. He also utilizes a good fish finder, he recommend that you get the best you can afford. After the short break there was a question and answer period when he took comments and answered many questions. On exhibit were the fishing tackle and many different lures and accessories he uses; may of the audience took photos of his lures, etc. with their cell phones. He guides around the McNary Reservoir and can take up to three fishermen with him. His address is Crow's Guide Service, P.O. Box 164, Paterson, WA 99345. Phone 509-947-1250, e-mail - robertcrow_1975@yahoo.com. Robert is a serious down-to-earth, innovative and meticulous fisherman. Because of the many questions asked and the length of the presentation the Tip of The Month presentation was not given.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Tony Schinnel who selected the 8' Walleye trolling Kunan rod & reel with tackle assembled by Richard Sharp, Jennifer Gardner selected the 6 1/2' Daiwa jig blade/bait rod and reel with tackle assembled by Richard Sharp, Dalton McManoman selected the Ultra-Light Mity Mite fishing rod & reel, Daile Prettyman selected the Smoke'n fold electric smoker, Briant Charboneau won a Gun Master toolbox cleaning kit, Tom Ford won a Plano scoped hard gun case, Gaylord Pyle won a Rapala electric filet knife set, Rudy Sehlm won a Rapala fisherman's filet/tool set and picked the Mystery Box which contained a McNary to Bonneville t dam river map, Pete Robison won a Berkley 50 lb. weigh scale/knife set, Dan Art and Lyle Gilk each won a Berkley multi-purpose fish light, Kirby Hammond won an insulated fishing/seat bucket and Teresa Schott and Paul Seuberlich each won RR&GC 2012 calendar. Many thanks to Richard Sharp for selecting the great raffle prizes and conducting the raffle.

THIRD ANNUAL MITY MITE DERBY: The Derby will take place Saturday, May 12. Derby details are shown on the Club's website at <http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id186.htm>.

WILD GAME DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Wild Game Dinner Chairman Marilyn Steele is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Marilyn at 392-2128 and offer your services, she needs people all day March 24 starting at 8:00AM. Tasks will include preparation of potatoes, Hors D'oeuvres, salmon, table arrangements etc. 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 up to an 8 persons party for the dinner by obtaining a place card(s) from Marilyn or her delegate. That is the only way that seats at the tables can be reserved. You must show up, sign up and check with the Dinner Chairman for confirmation. Ice chests & counter top electric ovens (roasters) are needed for storage of food and ice and to keep food warm. Please bring them in the morning and tag them with your name and be sure to pick them up after the dinner.

● All Club members should be alert for the opportunity to solicit and obtain door prizes for the Big Game Dinner. While you are shopping for hunting, fishing and outdoors equipment or patronizing a restaurant or other business, don't be too bashful to request a door prize from the merchant. Inform them that they will receive recognition for their donation in the Big Game Dinner program. Obtain door prizes as early as possible. When you obtain a door prize, call Paul Kison 851-2634. Remember that it is up to the Club members to obtain the prizes. Without donations there will not be any door prizes at the dinner.

PRE WILD GAME DINNER MEETING: A meeting of members involved in the Wild Game Dinner including cooks, helpers etc. will be held at 7:00 P.M. March 13 at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Robert T. Laughery from Yakima, J.C. Sullivan, Jim Sullivan and Doug McManamon from West Richland and Dan Hart and Roger and Teresa Schott from, Richland

The following Use of Funds determination for the Club was approved at the February Board of Directors meeting
USE OF FUNDS (Feb 2012)

ITEM/ORGANIZATION	BUDGET/COST			
	Actual 2010	Budget 2011	Actual 2011	Budget 2012
CONTRIBUTIONS:				
NRA Institute for Legislative Action (Fights the 2nd Amendment battles)	300	300	0	400
NRA Foundation (Promotes firearm safety and shooting sports)	100	100	0	0
Columbia Dive Rescue (Rescue and body recovery)	300	300	300	300

U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (Provides lobbying and grassroots support to protect sportsmen's rights)	275	250	250	250
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation (Conducts education, legal defense and research to protect sportsmen's rights)	250	250	0	0
Delta Waterfowl (Works for a sustainable North American waterfowl population)	100	100	100	100
Coastal Conservation Alliance (Membership)	100	100	0	100
USA Olympic Shooting Team (Donations are only source of funding)	300	100	100	100
Sub Total	1725	2000	750	1250

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Fitzner Memorial Scholarship (Annual award to a student in wildlife biology studies)	3000	1000	1000	1000
Youth Conservation Camp 4 campers @ \$250 per camper	500	1000	1000	1000
McNary Environmental Education Center (FMCWR) (Local environmental education facility)	100	100	0	200
Salmon in the Classroom (Maintenance of equipment)	1000	1200	1200	1400
KOE Youth Fishing (Fishing kids)	500	500	4000*	500
Youth Pheasant Hunt	300	400	300	500
Introduction to Firearms (Women & Youth)	250	300	0	300
Hunter Education	0	500	0	0
Sub Total	5650	5000	7500	4900

MISCELLANEOUS:

Habitat Projects (wood duck-150, trail camera-238) (Supports local habitat development, as needed up to \$250.00)	0	250	388	500
Game Recovery (Salvage big game for Union Gospel Mission)	0	0	0	100
Travel expense (limited funding of expenses from attendance at out-of-area meetings)	135	200	0	
Sound System	960	0	0	
Guest Speaker (travel, meals)	0	200	0	0
Fishing Derbies	300	500	120	500
Hall Rental (regular club meetings)	0	600	500	500
Paint ball (moose mover)	0	250	250	0
Keep Hope Afloat (four signs)	0	0	893	0
Feather Contest (longest tail feather)	0	0	50	50
Sub Total	1395	2000	2201	1650

Total Cost	8770	10451
Total Allocation	9800	8300

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries, both from Richard Sharp, in the February contest. The winning photo was of a 12 lb. Walleye caught by Mike Stocke with a *Hotlips* plug at the McNary Tailrace. The other photo was Kirby Hammond reeling in a Steelhead caught with a *Hotlips* plug also at the McNary Tailrace. Richard will win five free raffle tickets at the March General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

MARCH HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT CANCELLED: The pheasant shoot for Hunter Education student graduates is cancelled because there are no pheasants available.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 19, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

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There will be two speakers at the meeting.

• The first speaker will be Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist who will present his annual Eastern Washington fishing forecast/prospects for 2012. His presentation will include forecasts for trout, spring chinook, summer chinook, Steelhead and other information. He will discuss/explain Fishing Regulation changes for 2012-2013. Come early so that you can get a seat up in front.

• The second speaker, Tracy Zoller, has been guiding for 35 years in the Klickitat area. Tracy will discuss tips and tactics to help you be more successful in the turkey woods! His sons Ben and Levi will amaze you with their turkey calling!

• **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

• As usual Richard Sharp will have an excellent selection of raffle prizes, probably slanted toward both fishermen and turkey hunters.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

• Vice President Jeff Gardner opened the meeting and after the Club Pledge one visitor introduced himself. Pat McBernie, a visitor, spoke about youth gun accidents that have occurred lately and possible ways to minimize them. Announcements were made by Eddie Manthos, Lyle Gilk, Dale Schielke Marilyn Steele Larry Martin, Mike Estes and Richard Sharp. Gene Van Liew announced that 1,500 rods, reels and tackle for the May 4 and 5 Kids Fishing Days should arrive before March 26. Gene also stated that a fish tank with a salmon fry in it is on display at the Ranch & Home store in Kennewick.

• Howard Gardner, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, announced the nominees names for the 2012 Club Officers and Board of Trustees. A motion was made and seconded from the floor and unanimously approved by members present that the nominees be unanimously accepted. The officers and nominees are:

• President-Jeff Gardner, Vice President-Fay Lyon, Treasurer-Lyle Gilk, Secretary-Eddie Manthos.

• Board of Trustees Jerry Caprio, Mike Estes, Tim Esparza, Paul Gaither, Gary Hagedorn, Kirby Hammond, Jeff Johnson, Richard Libby, Larry Martin, Doug McManamon, Eric Nield, Neil Sullivan, Gene Van Liew, Bruce Wade and Chris Webb.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Dave Farmer and family from Kennmore, WA, Jerry Hipp and family from Pasco, Francis Edwards, Jeff Morrow and Don Klempke and family from Kennewick,

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2012 WILD GAME DINNER: Congratulations to Doug Hitchcock winner of the 2012 Quality Trip drawing, Roger Schott is the alternate. Congratulations to Paul Seuberlich who was awarded the Distinguished Service Award and to Lyle Gilk, Gene Van Liew and Dale Schielke who received the Life Member award.

• We were very fortunate that long time Club member Delia Teeple joined us at the dinner. Delia and her husband Bruce join the Club in 1960. Delia was the treasurer from 1970 to 1972 and Bruce was the treasurer from 1974 to 1980. Delia was very involved in all Club functions especially the Wild Game Dinner, Club Picnic and other events that involved cooking.. She was the inventor of the *Secret Sauce* for our salmon barbecue. We were all very happy to see her again. Even after many years, I recognized Delia immediately.

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● Jeff Gardner introduced the Tip of the Month speaker Club member Clare Cranston whose topic was "Care and Cleaning of Firearms". He demonstrated his techniques with a 20 gauge over and shotgun. He mounted the barrels(s) of the shotgun on a gun vise. The interiors of the barrels were cleaned by swabbing them ten strokes with cleaning rod and a brass brush wetted with full strength *Simple Green*. They were then swabbed back and forth several times with a patch(s) over the brush or a 20-gauge jag until the patches came out clean. The interior and exterior of the barrel were sprayed with *Liquid Gold* furniture polish to lubricate and protect the metal. Liquid Gold can also be used to protect the wooden stock. He lubricated the barrel lugs and locking mechanism with Rem-Oil. After a weapon is cleaned and lubricated, the trigger should be snapped on an empty case to relieve the trigger spring tension. Clare also related the technique used to apply Cold Blueing on metal where the blueing has worn off. Clare recommended that a cleaned gun should not be stored in a closed gun case, especially in a humid environment. Clare also learned at a Warm Water Fisheries Committee meeting in Olympia that five hundred Triploid Trout will be stocked in the Columbia Park Youth Fishing Pond this fall.

● Jeff introduced Bill Tanner, the 2011 Quality Trip winner and Lyle Gilk. They, mostly Bill, described the guided goose and guided pheasant hunts they participated in. Their guide was Dave Neff from the Fishhook Ranch Outfitters, Dave was the November General meeting speaker that discussed goose hunting and must have impressed Bill and Lyle since they picked him as their guide. In 1960 Bill was exposed to goose hunting in West Tennessee and since then he has always wanted to go goose hunting. He took advantage of this opportunity and opted to go goose hunting. He and Lyle met Dave at 5:30 A.M. for their first goose hunt. They laid out 70 stuffer goose decoys and settled back in their layout blinds at the edge of a circle. About 6,000 ducks were in the circle and left early. It was a *bluebird* day and geese would not decoy except for a group of three. Bill because of a bad back was very uncomfortable in the layout blind. On December 7 they hunted in a pit blind at the South side of a circle. Four geese were harvested that day, Lyle got his limit. They then tried hunting for stocked pheasants with Dave. Bill and Lyle each harvested two pheasants. Bill and Lyle were very impressed with Dave's attention to details and were very impressed with Dave's pointing Labrador retriever. A better trip description with photos is on the Club's website at

<http://rrgclub.tripod.com/qualitytrip/id37.htm>

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Bill Sullivan who selected a Rapala 6' light rod and spinning reel/trout kit (assembled by Richard S harp) and a bucket, Paul Seuberlich selected the Rapala 6' light rod and reel/bass-panfish kit (assembled by Richard Sharp), Jerry Hayes selected a Rapala electric filet knife and an electric rotary tool kit, Richard Sharp won Dalton McManoman selected a Flambeau tackle satchel, Richard Sharp won a Coleman *BIG MAN* Chair seat and a Berkeley floating fish light, Ron Ruth won a Winchester gun cleaning kit /gun sock, Tim Esparza John Pfeiffer each won a Haul Master magnetic light tow kit Francis Edwards won an American flag kit, Marilyn Steele selected the *Mystery Box* which contained a *prospector gold pa.* and an *Orion Locate 4* hand-held signal pack. Each of the winners also received a 24K gold plated *Eagle Claw* Hat Hook/Tie Clasp. Many thanks again to Richard for selecting a fantastic array of prizes.

2012 FISHING DERBIES: Details for the three 2012 Fishing Derbies (3rd Annual Mity Might Derby May 12, Moonlight Catfish Derby June 1 & 2 and One Day Steelhead Derby October 20) can be viewed on the Club's website at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/contests.htm>

WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES INSPECTIONS: (Dale Schielke) Three hundred and eighteen boxes from a total of 388 boxes have been inspected. One Hundred and forty-eight of the boxes were used by Wood Ducks, 100 boxes contained membranes. Sixty-nine boxes were used by owls, two of the boxes contained Saw Whett owls and the remainder contained Screech Owls that are banded by Dale. Nine hundred unhatched Wood Duck eggs were found in the inspected boxes. One hundred boxes contained membranes and a total of 573 membranes (on the ground and in boxes) were found. Thus far 365 volunteer hours were spent during the inspections. If you would like to participate in the inspections, contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

PHOTOS OF 2012 WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES: (Dale Schielke) Pictures of the 2012 Wood Duck Nest Box Annual Maintenance activities can be viewed at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/117192327371579506910/2012WoodDuckNestBoxOutings>

MARCH GUZZLER REPAIR: (Larry Martin) - A work party repaired cistern #21, March 10, near Prosser which had been damaged by fire a few years ago. We replaced the burned off wood legs with legs made of 3" aluminum sprinkler pipe filled with dirt which are very strong and won't burn next time a fire comes through. We also repaired the fiberglass tank top with new fiberglass cut to fit the damaged sections. The following eight people volunteered their help; Bill Cherwien, Harvey Huising, Bob Kolowith, Larry Martin, Dave Myers, John Nelson, Larry Noggles and Gene Van Liew. The two land owners, Keith Burkhardt and Jim Moon, cooperated and allowed us to cross their property to get close to the cistern. We had a great time, good weather and finished the repair quite quickly, having eight people really helped because we hand carried the repair equipment

a couple hundred yards down a steep hill.

DUCK BAND INFORMATION FOR YEARS 2010 & 2011

Name	Date Harvested	Place Harvested	SPECIES/SEX	Age	Where Banded
Mike Estes	10/18/2009		Green-wing Teal Female	Hatched in 2008 or earlier	Banded: 8/18/2009 35 miles WNW of Anchorage, Alaska
Mike Estes	1/18/2010		Mallard Male	Hatched in 2006 or earlier	Banded: 8/17/2007 11 miles south of Harrah, Washington
Dave Miller	1-28-2010	Snake River across from Fishhook park	Duck	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	Band #1837-69211
Dave Miller	1-23-2010	Columbia River by Indian Island.	Goose	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	Band #0958-78637
Scott Estes	12/4/2010	MCNARY WILDLIFE REFUGE	Mallard	Hatched in 2011	SOUTH LATERAL A, YAKIMA COUNTY
Dave Piovesan	1/23/2012	9 mi W of CONNELL,	Mallard	Hatched in 2003	15 E SANDPOINT, IDAHO
Kirby Hammond	1/1/2012	30 mi N of Columbia River, Benton County Ringold Wildlife	Hen Mallard	Hatched in 2011	Hay Lake 5N 4 W Fairview, Alberta Canada
Bob Kollowith	1/1/2012	5 miles N of Paterson	Male GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE	HATCHED IN 2002 OR EARLIER	54 (4 mi) W OPHIR, ALASKA
Terral Finger	1/27/2012	Ridge Unit, Umatilla NWR	Male Mallard	Hatched in 2008 or earlier	Banded 08/10/2009, 11 N of Scandia, Alberta

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in the March photo contest. Richard Sharp entered a photograph of himself with two steelhead he caught Saturday, March 17 at Ringold Springs with a *bead* behind a float in 1½ hours. Mike Estes entered a photograph of himself with a salmon he caught at the Hanford Reach October of 2011. Mike's photograph was declared the winner. Mike will win five free raffle tickets at the April General Meeting. The two photos and a photo of two Steelhead Richard Sharp caught March 18 at Ringold Springs can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm> Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

2012 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RANGE: Lunker Lake was a huge success. About 1,800 rainbow trout were placed in the pond Thursday, Jan 19. One hundred and sixty five of the fish were tagged as they were placed in the pond. The Sportsmen Show was open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan, 20-22. Sunday night after the vent was over 146 fish were left in the pond. Kids that caught a tagged fish received a gift that was donated by Shuyler Enterprises - the show sponsor, Griggs, Wholesale Sports, Ranch and Home, Dairy Queen, Wordens Lures, Columbia Basin Flycasters and the RR&GC. In spite of the snowy roads, the total number of fish caught was probably a record. In addition to Lunker Lake the Club also participated in the Pellet Rifle Range. Saturday eleven Wood Duck nesting boxes were built by kids under the supervision of Doug Akers and Tim Clemons. Lunker Lake volunteers from the Club and number of shifts worked were: Howard Gardner (3), Gene Van Liew (3), Bob Kolowith, Paul Kison, Ben Webb (2), Jim Reynolds(2), Kirby Hammond (2), Chris Webb (1), Jerry Zeitler, John Pfeifer, Rick Corson, David O'Brien, Russ Wyer, David Myers (2), Lavera Wade, Bruce Wade, Andrew Templeton, Austin Templeton, Tim Lynch (2), Duane Woolum, Lyle Gilk (3), Lloyd Zinzli, Paul Seuberlich, Richard Sharp, Marilyn Steele (5), Harvey Huising, Jerry Bloom, Jim Cartmell, Neil Sullivan (2), Rob Thornton, Rick Libby (2), Tim Sumner (2), Brandon Sumner (2), Karen Estes, Mike Estes, Larry Martin (2), Rick McFall, Gaylord Pyle (2), Joe DeRousie, Luke DeRousie, Alaena Sharp, Travis Sharp (2), Rick Harrington, David McDonald (2), Mrs. David McDonald (2), Rocky Ross, (2) Jack Pickard (2), Steve Friar, Fred Porter, Tim Esparza (2), Bill Siefken, Al Poletski, Bradley Poletski Levi Garcia, Cory Manlove, Beman Perkins, Roger Schott, Teresa Schott and Glen Bethman. Other Lunker Lake volunteers were K.C. Hooper, Rich Westeberg, Janelle Howell, Mark Ingleman, Wes Rawlings, Curtis King, Wayne Cosby, Carl Pool, Larry Richards, Colby Richards, Martin Powers, Jerry Freye and Kenneth Blaine (2). Pellet Rifle Range volunteers were Don Board (3), Clare Cranston, Teresa Frase (2), Lule Gilk, Don Hartshorn (2), George Hledik (3), Dwayne Hughes, Jason Kimmel, Mark Kimmel (2), Bob Marguiles, John Prather (2) and Ray Vollert.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Dave Farley and family from Kennmore, WA, Jerry Hipp and family from Pasco, Francis Edwards, Jeff Morrow and Don Klempke and family from Kennewick,

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"HOW TO COOK A COYOTE" COOKBOOK: Tired of eating beef - try Coyote. The Club's latest cookbook, compiled by Russ Wyer, "How to Cook a Coyote" will tell you all you need to know about cooking a Coyote and includes 22 additional recipes for other unique animals such as cougar, crow, buffalo tongue, bear, sturgeon and other critters. The book will be available at General and Board meetings at a cost of \$5.00.

CLUB HISTORY INFORMATION REQUEST: If you have any photos of old Club events or articles referring to old Club functions please bring them to Club General or Board meetings. If you have digital photos (.jpg file), e-mail them to rroguc@aol.com along with a description of the photo. We are in the process of updating the Club's history records/information.

• Information obtained thus far is on the Club's web site at: <http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhistory/>
The History is divided into three sections: Timeline, History Events and Notable Club Members. The third section is commemorative to Lowell Johnson. Much of the information obtained this far is from Howard Gardner. Russ Wyer has done a fantastic job organizing the information.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MAY GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 1

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

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

MAY GENERAL MEETING

The May meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 1 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceed to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm.

There will be two speakers at the meeting. One will discuss Spring Chinook Plunking and the other speaker will discuss Spring Bass Opportunities.

- Club member and resident salmon and Steelhead expert, Richard Sharp will discuss Spring Chinook *Plunking*.
- Bob Atkins from the Columbia Basin Bass Club will discuss local Spring Bass opportunities.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**
- As usual Richard Sharp will have an excellent selection of raffle prizes, probably slanted toward both Chinook Plunking and Bass Fishing.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

• Thanks to Jeff Gardner for providing me his meeting notes. I was not able to attend the meeting.

• President Jeff Gardner opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. After the Club Pledge, updates from the various Club committees were given. Don Board the Club Hunter Education chief instructor updated us about proposed changes to the Washington State Hunter Education program. He read a letter that will be sent to the State regarding the Club's position on the proposed changes. Doc Lowry made a motion that the Clubs unanimously support the letter. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the members present. Larry Martin stated that a project to repair and upgrade will take place Saturday the 7th of April and asked for volunteers to sign up and help. Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes. He also reminded everyone about the May Mighty Might fishing event, Moonlight Catfish Derby in June and the Steelhead Derby in October. Dale Schielke stated that 360 of the 388 Wood Duck nesting boxes had been checked. There was evidence that 159 of the boxes had been used by Wood Ducks, 585 membranes were present, 3 boxes had bees, 78 had screech owls. Total of 396 volunteer hours had been donated.

• The first speaker was Paul Hoffarth - District 4 Fisheries Biologist. Paul discussed the various runs estimates for fish heading up the Columbia this year. About 314,200 Spring Chinook are estimated and 483,500 Fall Chinook are forecast.

He also discussed the other salmon opportunities such as the Sockeye runs which are estimated at 462,000 this year.

● After a short break the second speakers, Tracy, Ben and Levi Zoller, three generations of hunting and fishing guides in the Klickitat area, were introduced. They discussed turkey hunting. Their tips included going to a high point and making locator calls in the evenings, scouting and knowing what areas are holding birds and not overcalling. Their favorite turkey decoy was made by Zink. Tracy's sons Ben and Levi demonstrated their prowess with mouth diaphragm calls. Number 5 shot is their favorite for turkey hunting. A lot of information was given out by the three. Besides guiding for spring turkey hunts they also provide guided Klickitat River salmon and Steelhead fishing trips from June through November and River-Side lodging. They have a fantastic web site at <http://www.adventurefishing.net/>. Their phone number is 509-369-2366 and Tracy's e-mail address is tracy@adventurefishing.net.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Paul Seuberlich who selected a Turkey kit (stool, face mask, decoy and shot shells), Al Highwayman selected a double blade axe, Gary Finn won a single blade axe, Dale Schielke won a driveway alert system, Dennis Larson won Caldwell ditched shooting bags, Jerry Hayes got a Mity Might fishing rod and reel, Dave Meyers won a Salmon Boat Kit, Robert Teasle won a Salmon Plunking Kit - he also selected the Mystery Box that contained a survival knife and fire starter. Many thanks again to Richard for the fantastic selection of prizes.

WASHINGTON STATE CONSERVATION CAMP: For more than 60 years, the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp (formerly known as the WA State Junior Sportsmen's Conservation Camp) has been educating the youth of the Pacific Northwest about the outdoors and how to enjoy and preserve it for future generations. And what a beautiful place to learn at Orcas Island, in the San Juan Islands of Washington State!!! Camp is held at the Camp Moran Environmental Learning Center in Moran State Park. The Washington State Youth Conservation Camps instruct campers from ages 12 to 16 in areas such as Mountain Hike, Ecology, Archery, Fisheries, Fly Tying, Fly Casting, Water Safety, First Aid/CPR, Firearm Safety, Marine Biology, Survival, Game Management, and Leadership. The Richland Rod and Gun Club annually sponsors four youth to the Camp. The Camp dates for 2012 are July 15-21 for Girls Camp and July 22-28 for Boys Camp. The camper (boy or girl) must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the Camp start date. If you know of a youth(s) who is interested in attending Camp, contact Larry Martin at 545-9647 to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until four eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper(s) to and from Anacortes. More information is available at <http://www.washingtonconservationcamp.org/>.

WDFW GAME MEAT RECOVERY: Event #33. At 11:10 P.M., April 11, 2012 Lyle Gilk received a call from State Police Dispatch, requesting recovery of an Elk 4 miles east of Burbank, WA. on Highway 124, Walla County. Paul Kison, Larry Martin and Lyle Gilk responded and recovered the 4 year old Bull Elk. The elk was skinned and quartered road side. The meat was transferred to Wagland Meats, Basin City, WA. With final delivery to The Union Gospel Mission. Three hours were expended on recovery at the site. Note: McClure meats has been sold and is now operated by Wagland Meats. Wagland does not have a contract with the Union Gospel Mission

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Derby location is Columbia Point Gazebo by bridge. For the Potluck A-J bring salad, J-K bring main dish & R-Z bring dessert
1. Open to Club members, Richland Rod & Gun Club accepts no liability. Hours 6:00A.M., Registration and Draw; 7:30A.M. Flight, Weigh in at 4:00P.M., closed after 4:00. P.M.
2. Entry Fee Option! Pot Choice? \$10.00 Big Fish, \$5.00 Multiple Species
\$5.00 Total Accumulated Fish, \$2.00 + Pot Luck Fish for BBQ
3. All Rod & Reel Combos must be Mity Mite equipment. No braided line (monofilament only!)
4. Mighty Mite Combos can be provided with \$15.00 retainer. Forfeited if broken.
5. Personally purchased Mity Mite equipment must be submitted for inspection by judges.
6. Trophy/Cash awarded for Largest Fish/Total Weight less winning large fish and Multiple Species.
7. Only Sport Fish may be entered.
8. Bait allowed.
9. Each contestant weighs only the fish they caught.
10. State Regulations are in effect.
11. Areas to fish: All waters Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla Counties.
12. Individuals can choose/draw for Team Mate. Children 14+ considered adult. Under 14 may be in addition to team.
13. Fish retained will need to be cleaned for Fish Fry at Potluck after weigh-in (don't keep them too small.)

5. Good Sportsmanship/honesty and laughs a must.
16. Testimony of Trials, Failures and Triumphs during dinner.

APRIL GUZZLER REPAIR: (Larry Martin) The second guzzler repair project of 2012 took place Saturday, April 7. The work party gathered at the B&B Farms south of Finley to repair cisterns 131, 132 and 133 which were damaged by fire last summer. Cistern 131 needed to be completely replaced, cistern 132 just needed one leg replaced and cistern 133 needed a new fiberglass tank top plus a complete new rain catcher. We only planned on repairing two of the cisterns on this day but by lunch time we had finished two so we decided to keep going. By the time we began working on the third repair everything seemed to fall into place and we flew through the installation, even though it was the most severely damaged. Workers were Richland Rod & Gun Club members Bob Kolowith, Fay Lyon, Larry Martin, Dave Myers, Gene VanLiew and land owner Brian Wake. We worked hard but had a good time and enjoyed the good weather and some great scenery from the hills above the Columbia River.

2012 SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS & KIDS! FISHING DAY

- **Friday evening** May 4 there will be a fishing event for Special Needs Kids at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond from 4.00 to 7P.M. About 250 kids are expected. Many volunteers are needed at this event and should be at the Fishing Pond by 4:00 P.M. This will be the fourth Special Needs Kids fishing event. All the previous events were very successful and attendance has been increasing with each event. More volunteers will be needed this year because more Special Needs Kids are anticipated. There will be complimentary snacks at the Park for volunteers after the event is over.
- The Kids! Fishing Day, formerly the Fishing Kids, will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 5. This year's goal is again 1,200 children in four shifts starting at 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., Noon and 1:30 P.M.. Many, many volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help at the pond. **Volunteers should be at the Fishing Pond by 8:00 A.M. Saturday morning for an orientation session.** Volunteers should bring an orange vest, if they have one, a hemostat or needle nose pliers to remove the fish hook from the fish and eye protection. Bring suitable clothing, in the past the weather has been 'ustery and even rainy. A complimentary light lunch will be served to volunteers at the Park. on May 5. After the event Marilyn Steele and Dale Schielke will have some delicious dishes prepared for the volunteers similar to what we had last year.
- Sign up to volunteer for either or both events at the May 1 General Meeting or call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 if you would like to participate. **Many volunteers are needed for both events and especially for the Saturday event.**
- **Volunteers that have assembled rods and reels must return them to the Columbia Park Pond area Friday, May 4 at 4:00 P.M. or Saturday, May 5 before 8:00 A.M..**

SALMON SUMMIT

The Salmon Summit will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 and 2 at Columbia Park in Kennewick. Salmon fry raised by grade school students will be released into the Columbia River at the boat ramp by the Blue Bridge.

- Volunteers will be needed, both days and should meet at the boat ramp by 8:00 A.M., to help with the fry release. The fry release should be over before noon both days. After the fry release volunteers may leave or are welcome to stay and help at some of the event exhibits.
- Keep track of your mileage and volunteer hours. This is the termination of the 2012 Salmon In The Classroom project. The Club is a major participant in this event, we need all the volunteers we can get. Call Gene Van Liew at 946-7738 if you want to participate. Bring an orange vest, if you have one. Also bring warm clothing because it can be very windy at the event.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in the April photo contest. Dale Schielke entered four photos of himself and Dave Myers on a pre-Mity Might fish outing at Thompson Seeps where they caught bass, Crappie and bluegill (all four counted as one entry). John Copper entered a photo of his ten year old grandson Brandon with his first carp caught at Burbank on July 31, 2011. John Coppers' photo was declared the winner. John will win five free raffle tickets at the May General Meeting. All the photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rrguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

2012 WILD GAME DINNER: I forgot to mention in the April bulletin that Gaylord Pyle was awarded the Gardner Cranston Award at the March 24th Wild Game Dinner. Congratulations Gaylord you are more than worthy of the award.



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JUNE GENERAL MEETING - **MONDAY, JUNE 4 (please note date change!)**

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, June 19, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

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

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- BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.
- Come to the June General Meeting and find out how to catch a Northern Pikeminnow (a.k.a. Squawfish). John Hone with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service will be the speaker. He will provide an instructional fishing clinic and discuss everything you need to know to catch and get paid for catching a Northern Pikeminnow(s). The 2012 season for the fishery started May 1 and will end September 30, 2012. The minimum Size is 9 inches and you can earn \$4 per fish for the first 0-100 fish, \$5 per fish for 101-400 fish, \$8 per fish for 401 and above and TAGGED FISH rewards are \$500 per tagged fish. Come early and get a good seat.

MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- President Jeff Gardner opened the meeting to about 60 participants. Several visitors introduced themselves and picked up their five free raffle tickets. Gene Van Liew described the first day of the Salmon Summit, which took place today, May 1. About 720 students participated at the event. Gene thanked the fifteen volunteers from the Club that helped the students release the salmon they raised in their classrooms into the Columbia River. The last day of the Salmon Summit will be tomorrow, May 2. He also requested that the volunteers who assembled 1,600 rods/reels for the Kids! Fishing Day to bring them to the Fishing Pond Friday, May 4, and Saturday morning May 5. Announcements were also made by Marilyn Steele, Richard Sharp, Rick Corson, Dave Myers who stated that the Top Shot event will be Friday, July 6 starting about 2:00 p.m.; Larry Martin stated that one youth that has volunteered for the Orcas Island Summer Conservation Camp and that there are slots open for three more youth.

Jeff Gardner introduced the first speaker, Bob Adkinson a long time member of the Columbia Basin Bass Club. He is a firm believer in life jacket safety. He started out by talking about spring-time bass fishing. During the pre-spawn, bass move into the shallows and his favorite lure is an Old Ugly watermelon colored tube bait. He uses Lure Sauce attractant sold by Big Bite Bait Co. His second choice is a Carolina Rig and he uses a Zoom marking pen to paint about 1/2 inch of the lure's tail. He uses a McStopper float above the rig. Number three choice is a Hildebrand spinner bait with an erratic retrieve. He likes a silver

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MITY MIGHT FISHING DERBY RESULTS: - Richard Sharp- At 7:00 am on a gorgeous day 24 participants snacked delicious muffins and breakfast scones baked by Marilyn Steele. Everyone then set out to prove their skill with the infan. Mity Might fishing rod and reel combo! The weather sunny, with light winds and a temperature of 76 degrees. What else could a fisherman ask for a perfect fishing day. Only eleven of the 24 competitors were successful, probably because of muddy water and cold water temperatures. Whatever the reason, fishing was slow. Top honors went to Neil Schmeck from Renton Washington who joined the Club just to enter the tournament. Fishing with Darren Mayer they only hooked one fish but it was it a big one, a 13.2 lb. channel catfish, a Mity Might tournament record. Dave Myers took the accumulated weight and multi species trophies with a catch of bluegill, bass and crappie with a total weight of 6 lb. 8oz. Other fish brought in were by Travis Sharp with a 2.1

lb. bass, Dalton McManamon with a 2.1 lb. of trout, Jeff Gardner and Brenden Burton with catfish totaling 15.3 lbs., Ben Webb with 5 bass at 3.1 lb., Bob Kolowith with bluegill and Dale Schielke with the one and only bluegill caught after the loss of the stringer with a total of .3 oz. Over all there were 33.11 lbs. of fish brought to the scales. They were filleted washed and fried. After noon was perfect! Plenty of food, good conversation, laughs and companionship. Overall a very relaxing afternoon. Appreciate your efforts. A description of the event and photos can be viewed at: <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id188.htm>.

blade on a sunny day and gold-colored blade on a dull day. His fourth choice is a crank bait with a soft tipped rod and monofilament line. His 5th choice is a *Thing*, a dark colored plastic worm with green watermelon and red watermelon flakes. He uses an Alabama Rig with three hooks instead of the normal five hooks with the *Thing*. Needless to say there were many questions asked and discussions with the audience. He gave a very good presentation, there were many bass fishermen present and there were many questions and discussions.

● Richard Sharp was the second speaker and he started out his presentation by describing the upcoming Catfish Derby. He then started his Salmon Plunking Presentation, this is the second time he has talked a bout salmon plunking which is entirely different from Spring bass fishing. He described the rod, reel, line and other tackle he utilizes. He showed the homemade rod holder that he uses and that was part of the "salmon plunking rod and reel raffle prize package. He spoke about the different baits he uses - cut herring bait, salmon /Steelhead eggs, tuna ball and anchovy. He showed the different rigging set ups with pyramid sinkers (4, 6, & 8oz), spreader bars (commercial & home made), *three wire rig*, and last but not least the bell that tells you when you have a fish on. There were many questions asked and answered.

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ALEA 2012-2013 APPLICATION - YOUTH EDUCATION AND WOOD DUCK ENHANCEMENT. The ALEA Grant proposal, submitted by Dale Schielke, for Youth Education and Wood Duck Enhancement 2012-2013 was funded for \$897 next year. In fact our application was ranked #2 out of the 66 proposals submitted. All the requests totaled \$760,979, but only \$192,534 was available to award.

● Project Summary - This project will provide educational opportunities for youth that assist in building 25 new wood duck nesting boxes by giving the future outdoors enthusiasts a better understanding of wildlife conservation principals through active participation in improving limited and critical nesting habitat for wood ducks. Additionally the project will perform annual maintenance on approximately 400 existing wood duck nest boxes located in the Tri-City area.

INVITATION TO ICE HARBOR DAM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Ice Harbor Lock and Dam is celebrating 50 years of service to our region and the Nation.

You're invited to the 50th anniversary celebration.

Saturday, June 16, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. Celebration Ceremony at the Dam

11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Open House.

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SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS AND KIDS! FISH-IN 2012: The Kids Outdoor Experience (KOE) organization was instrumental in organizing and financing both events that took place at the Columbia Park Fishing pond.

● The Club also participated. About 1,400 spincast rods, reels and tackle were assembled by Club members Larry Martin, Ben Webb, Paul Seuberlich, Lyle Gilk, Jerry Zeitler, Paul Kison, Dave Myers, Howard Gardner, Jeff Gardner, Gaylord Pyle, Fay Lyon, Rick Nelson, Bruce Wade, John Nelson, Jerry Burke, Bob Kolowith, Dan Charboneau, Russ Wyer, Clare Cranston, and Gene Van Liew.

● This year Dale Schielke organized an event where 190 of the lunker trout stocked in the pond were tagged for various prizes. Each numbered tag was associated with a specific prize. Only 57 of the 190 tagged fish were caught during the two events and hence there were numerous unclaimed prizes. During the Special Needs Kids event on Friday, eight prizes were awarded. On Saturday, 49 prizes were awarded for a two-day total of 57 prizes and their donors listed below:

1 Bike - Walmart/RR&GC	4 Hot Cars/Cool Treats T-shirts - Dairy Queen
4 Tackle boxes w/ extras inside - RR&GC	18 Mini Blizzard - Dairy Queen
1 Rod/Reel/Tackle Box combo - RR&GC	4 Fanny Tackle Packs w/extras inside - Griggs
1 Hot Dog & Drink certificate - KOE	1 Lanyard with tools - Griggs
5 Box Monofilament Lines - Griggs	1 \$5 gift Certificate - Ranch & Home
5 Rooster Tail Lures - Worden's/Yakima Bait	1 \$10 gift Certificate - Ranch & Home
11 Caps - Griggs & Ranch & Home	

Some unclaimed prizes were returned to the donors, Griggs requested their unclaimed prizes be saved for next years event, the unclaimed prizes purchased by the Club were returned for credit.

Volunteers, at the hatchery, to assist WDFW to catch/load the lunker trout were Dale Schielke, Dave Myers, Paul Kison, Tim Esparza, and Ted Poston (CBFC). Paul Hoffarth and a couple of his crew did the fish tagging at the pond.

● The Special Needs Kids event took place Friday afternoon, May 4 at the Fishing Pond in Columbia Park. At least 150 participated, their ages varied from about three years to 35 years. They were given a free rigged spincast rod and reel and bait. There were many volunteers from the many organizations that made the event a success. Volunteers from the Club were: Jerry Burke, Mike Estes, Jeff Gardner, Jennifer Gardner, Brandt Gardner, Brendon Burton, Bob Kolowith, Rick Libby, Douglas McManamon, Dave Myers, John Nelson, John Pfeiffer, Dave Piovesan, Pam Piovesan, John Prather, Dale Schielke, Paul Seuberlich, Richard Sharp, Marilyn Steele, Neil Sullivan, Bruce Wade, Lavera Wade, Dianne Warrant and Wade Warrant. This event will be an annual event, thanks to the many sponsors that participated.

● The 'Kids! Fish-In' event took place the next day, Saturday, May 5. At least eleven hundred kids between the ages of 5-14 years old participated in the event that was also held at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond. For \$10:00, each kid that participated received a spincast rod and reel with line, hook, sinker, float and bait. Kennewick Parks and recreation did a fantastic job setting up at the park and cleaning up after both days events. The pond had been closed earlier in the week after it had been stocked by the WDFW with a multitude of rainbow trout including 4,500 lunkers. Many of the participants stayed after the end of the event and came back and fished on Sunday and the following weeks. There were many volunteers that helped from several organizations. The RR&GC was a major participant. Many Club members, spouses, sons and daughters helped at the event. Club volunteers were Jerry Burke, Rick Corson, Paul Kison, Bob Kolowith, Jerry Caprio, Mike Estes, Rick Libby, Tim Lynch, Fay Lyon, Dave Miller, Mona Miller, Dave Myers, Carol Myers, Rick Nelson, John Pfeiffer, Jack Pickard, Fred Porter, John Prather, Roger Schott, Theresa Schott, Dale Schielke, Paul Seuberlich, Richard Sharp, Bruce Wade, Russ Wyer, Dianne Warrant Wade Warrant and Jerry Zeitler.

● Volunteers that were at the Park to patrol the pond on Wednesday were Ken Johanning, Marilyn Steele, Rick Corson, Frank Leifheit and John Prather. Thursday volunteers were Vick Parks, Rick Corson, Marilyn Steele and Ken Johanning.

Marilyn Steele prepared snacks for the Friday volunteers after the Special Needs Kids event. Marilyn Steele and Dale Schielke prepared snacks for the Saturday Fish! In Kids event during and after the event.

Grigg's Shopping center (Rod Nolan and other store employees) prepared all the signs, donated plastic bags, helped procure the rods/reel/s tackle and supplied the baits used in the events.

SALMON SUMMIT: The Salmon Summit took place Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 and 2 at Columbia Park in Kennewick. Salmon fry raised by grade school students were released into the Columbia River at the boat ramp by the Blue Bridge. During the two days more than 1,000 students participated in the release and the many other events that were staged for them. Once again the weather was windy and cool.

● Club members that helped were Jim Pilger, Lyle Gilk, Clarence Corriveau, Kirby Hammond, Bob Gough, Jerry Caprio (2), Fred Porter (2), John Pfeiffer (2), Neil Sullivan (2), Jerry Burke (2), David Oakley (2), Paul Seuberlich (2), Paul Kison (2), Ben Webb (2), Marilyn Steele (2) and Gene Van Liew (2). Bob Kolowith took photographs of all the events both days

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The event will take place at Tri City Metallic Silhouette Shooters Assoc. There will be several competition events.

- Center fire (varmint and big game). Five targets, 10 available shots, must break the target, timed. Least time wins in case of a tie. Distance is 200 yards for varmint rifle, 100 yards for big game rifle.
- Shotgun. Ten targets, 20 available shots, must break the target, no "do-overs" (if the bird is called and thrown but not shot at, it is a miss), timed. Least time wins in case of a tie.
- Handgun. Five targets, 10 available shots, must break the target, timed. Least time wins in case of a tie. Distance is 50 ft.
- Muzzle Loader. Five targets, 10 available shots, must break the target, timed. Least time wins in case of a tie. Distance is 50 yds.
- Archery. Five targets, 10 available shots, must break the target, timed. Least time wins in case of a tie. Distance is 30 yds.
- Rim-fire (.22 caliber). Five targets, 10 available shots, must break the target, timed. Least time wins in case of a tie. Distance is 50 ft.
- Targets. With the exception of the Rim-fire, all targets will be standard ATA clay pigeon. For the Rim-fire, target will be a standard Kingsford brand charcoal briquette. Non shotgun targets will be suspended and subject to wind influence. The target must be broken and fall from the suspension system to count. There is no penalty for taking a second shot, but they will be counted and used as a secondary tie breaker should that be necessary.

WDFW GAME MEAT RECOVERY: Event #34. At 1130 A.M. on 17 June 2012, Lyle Gilk received a call from Richard Bare L/E Officer for the Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He asked Lyle if he was available to process a deer and Lyle replied that he would. Lyle inquired where the animal pick-up would be and the condition of the animal. Mr. Bare stated the animal was still alive and that he needed to dispatch it as it was entangled in the top of an eight foot deer proof fence. The deer was caught in the game fence on Missionary Ridge in Burbank, WA. Mr. Bare stated that he would meet Lyle at the Headquarters building for the Mc Nary Wildlife area. Lyle met him at the Headquarters and was escorted to the maintenance facility. Mr. Bare had been kind enough to field dress the deer, a young mature Mule Deer doe. The deer was hanging on a hoist at the maintenance facility. Lyle skinned the deer and boned it out. He transported the meat to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco in iced coolers. Mr. Bare took the carcass and stated that the coyotes would have a feast on the remains.

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SALMON BOOTH 2012: - The Allied Arts 'Art in the Park' 2012 Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 27 & 28 at the usual location in Howard Amon Park in Richland. The Richland Rod & Gun Club will have the lead this year. This is the main money raising project of both Clubs - the RR&GC & The Flycasters for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday, July 26 from 5:30-8:00 P.M.. The booth will operate from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28. Shifts will be 9:00 A.M.-1:00:00 P.M., 1:00-5:00 P.M. and 5:00-9:00 P.M. both days with tear-down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00 PM. The fish will be prepared at the Richland Knights of Columbia Hall at 6:00 P.M. Thursday, July 26. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/11, will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and during which shift. If you have not been contacted and are willing to work' call Dale Schielke at 375-0183 or Howard Gardner at 943-9084. Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun plus you get a gratis salmon lunch at the end of your shift. Only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a Health Card. Shift workers are not required to have Health Cards. Notify Dale Schielke at 375-0183 if you have a current Health Card since it is desirable to have a second person with a Health Card at each shift. If you desire to obtain a Food Worker Health Card, classes are usually held on Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. or 3:00 p.m. at the Benton-Franklin Health District, Environmental Health Office, 7102 W Okanogan Pl., Kennewick. The Food Worker Card class is a one-hour presentation on food safety basics given by a local health inspector. After the class, you will take a written test on the material. Plan on 1.5 hours to attend the class and take the test. Call 509.460.4205 to verify class dates and register. They require a Photo ID, phone number, birth date, and work location. All Salmon Booth workers are urged to attend. Health Card; testing cost is \$10, payable by cash or money order only. The Club will reimburse the fee if you obtain a Health Card

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Chris Mosher from Burbank.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: Don Board - A class is scheduled to start July 9, 2012. All class registrations are at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 p.m. over two weeks with a Saturday on the range.

HUNTER EDUCATION UPDATE: - Don Board Certified Instructor #6285 - There has been much concern about the direction Hunter Education is taking here in Washington State. It appears the Federal Government is putting pressure on the State WDFW to make the performance of teaching hunter education more and more difficult. You may have heard about the requirement to allow only disabled firearms in the class room or the requirement to have a "Certified First Aid Provider" in attendance at all classes. There is even a recommendation that any firearms donated to the class for instructional purposes become the property of the State WDFW and must be submitted to them for inspection to assure they are disabled, after which they will be redistributed as they (the WDFW) deem appropriate.

I have many issues with the "Policy Manual" as being wrote. However, we all should be aware of the wording as currently available. Please read and see what is happening. The internet address is: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/huntered/instructors/index.html> and the item to review is the Draft Policy manual on the right side of the page.

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DUCK POPULATIONS HIT ALL-TIME RECORD: (Excerpted from a Delta Waterfowl press release.) - North America's total spring duck population is the highest ever recorded, according to the annual Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey released July 3..

Conducted each May by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Canadian Wildlife Service, the survey puts the duck population at 48.6 million birds. That represents a 7 percent increase from 2011's record number of 45.6 million.

"This is the highest duck count since we started the survey in 1955," says Dr. Frank Rohwer, Delta Waterfowl's scientific director. "We had excellent wetland conditions in 2011, the second-highest pond count ever. So last year, we made a pile of ducks. This year, we're counting them."

Mallards, blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, gadwalls, canvasbacks, northern shovelers and scaup are all up significantly from last year, with both species of teal and shovelers at all-time highs. Blue-winged teal are estimated at 9.2 million, green-winged teal number more than 3.4 million and shovelers now top 5 million.

Mallard breeding numbers sit at 10.6 million, a 15 percent increase over 2011 and 40 percent over the long-term average.

Gadwall increased 10 percent over last year, and now total 3.5 million. The population is nearly double the long-term average for gadwalls.

American wigeon are up slightly to 2.1 million, but are still 17 percent below their long-term average.

Scaup numbers are up 21 percent to 5.2 million, the seventh-straight year that the bluebill count has gone up. Scaup are at their highest breeding population since 1991.

Redheads declined slightly to just under 1.3 million, but still registered the second-highest population estimate in

the history of the survey. Canvasbacks jumped 10 percent to 760,000, the fourth-highest count on record.

Pond Counts Down. - While the total breeding population is strong, the news is different for breeding habitat. The survey is calling 2012 an "average to below-average" year for moisture. The total pond count for prairie Canada and United States combined has dropped 32 percent, from an estimated 8.1 million ponds last year to 5.5 million this year.

"The ponds that are dry are the important ones for ducks — the temporary and seasonal wetlands," Rohwer says. "We kept the large ponds, but lost the small ponds



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING - THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, August 21, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

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

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

- There will **not** be a General Meeting in July or August. The August meeting will be replaced by the Club's annual picnic/salmon barbecue on Tuesday, August 7 (see the article below.)

JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- President Jeff Gardner opened the Monday, June 4 meeting to about 50 participants. Ten visitors introduced themselves. Announcements were made by Dave Myers who described a rattlesnake immunization vaccine for dogs. Information is available at www.rattlesnakevaccinations.com. He also announced the details for the Top Shot event that will be held July 6. More information is later in this Newsletter. Richard Sharp described the results of the Moonlight Catfish Derby that was held June 1 and 2. Larry Martin described the details for the youth Summer Conservation Camp that will be held at Orcas Island in July. The Club is sponsoring four youth to the Camp. Three youth have signed up. More details later in this Newsletter. Lyle Gilk announced that the Club Picnic and Salmon BBQ will be August 7. Lyle also announced that for this meeting, Club caps were on sale for \$1.00 off at \$5.00. Howard Gardner announced the dates for the Salmon Booth. Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes.

- Fay Lyon introduced the tip of the month speakers Lyle Gilk and himself. They demonstrated the Work Sharp Knife and Tool Sharpener. It sharpens and hones virtually all knives including serrated blades and edged tools. The sharpener includes two guides which cover a wide range of blade styles. Included are six abrasive belts with three grits. They demonstrated the sharpener on several knives. Both Lyle and Fay recommend the sharpener. It lists for about \$69 at Griggs, Ranch and home also stocks the sharpener and replacement abrasive belts.

- Jeff introduced Bob Hone from the WDFW. Mr. Hone described the Pikeminnow Reward Program which runs from the first of May to the end of September. The Program is in effect from the mouth of the Columbia River to Priest Rapids Dam and from the mouth of the Snake River to Hells Canyon Dam. It is funded by BPA and pays anglers for each Northern Pikeminnow that they catch 9 inches or longer. Rewards range from \$4 to \$8 per fish depending on total number of fish caught by the angler. Specially tagged fish are worth \$500 each. Millions of salmon and Steelhead juveniles are eaten by Pikeminnow. The Program goal is not to eliminate Pikeminnow but to reduce the average size and cut down on the number of larger, older fish. Since 1990 more than 3.9 million Pikeminnow have been removed from the two rivers by the Program. Bob passed out a brochure detailing all the program specifics such as Sports Reward Fishery Rules and Regulations, Registering, Checking in fish, Mailing vouchers and special tag vouchers, location of registration stations and hours of operation. All this information is also available at www.pikeminnow.org. There is also a Pikeminnow Hot Line at (800) 858-9015. He passed out a weekly

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RICHLAND ROD AND GUN CLUB 2012 TOP SHOT COMPETITION JULY 6, 2012 RESULTS: The 2012 version of the RR&GC Top Shot competition was held July 6 at the Tri-City Metallic Silhouette Shooters Association range. It was a hot (~100°) afternoon and the shooting was tough. Seventeen people signed up and fourteen showed up for the competition. Six venues were shot, with winners in five of those venues (there were no successful shooters in the Varmint category). Everyone had the same opportunities, and any ties were broken based on the time it took to complete the venue. The shotgun competition was particularly tight with four shooters (Larry Morgan, Doc Laughery, Leon Kollman and Dale Schielke) scoring perfect tens and only 18 seconds separating these hot shooters; in the end, Larry came out on top with 10 broken birds in 1 minute 0.3 seconds from first to last shot. In the center-fire (hunting) venue the top shot was Don Board breaking 5 targets with six shots. In the handgun venue, top shot was Kirby Hammond breaking 4 targets in 2 minutes 16.7 seconds. In the rim-fire venue, top shot was Fay Lyon, pulverizing 5 charcoal briquettes in just 33 seconds. Archery ended with a tie between Richard Sharp and Chris Mosher, each breaking one target (time was not an issue as they had to retrieve their arrows in order to get 10 shots in. Dale Schielke put together a wonderful Cashew-Pheasant dish for those shooters who were able to stay long enough to partake. We are hoping Dale submits the recipe for the club website.

WASHINGTON STATE CONSERVATION CAMP: Four youth, two girls and two boys, attended the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp at Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands of Washington State at Camp Moran Environmental Learning Center in Moran State Park. Allyssandra Niebuhr from Prosser and Morgan Smith/Nelson from Sumner were the two girls who attended Camp July 15-21. Jacob Nichols from Pasco and Brandon Niebuhr from Prosser attended boys camp July 22-28.

2012 FISHING DERBIES: Details for the two completed 2012 Fishing Derbies, the 3rd Annual Mity Might Derby and the Moonlight Catfish Tournament and the one day Steelhead Derby to be held October 20 can be viewed on the Club's website at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/contests.htm>.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The Hunter Education students pheasant hunt is scheduled for September 15. The Women & Youth Introduction to Firearms event will take place Saturday, October 13. More details will be provided later.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: Don Board - A class is scheduled to start August 6, 2012. All class registrations are at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 p.m. over two weeks with a Saturday on the range.

HUNTER EDUCATION MANUAL UPDATE: - The new WDFW Hunter Education Instructor Policy Manual has been issued and can be viewed at http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/huntered/instructors/files/policy_2012.pdf. The manual is eighty pages long.

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 7 starting at 6:00 P.M. at South Leslie Groves Park. (Leslie Grove 1). For \$3.00 per person, (\$1.00 for children 12 and under) the Club will provide Alder Smoked Salmon, beverages and condiments such as tartar sauce, lemon juice etc. Attendees/each family should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for your dish. If your family name starts with **A through J bring a salad, K through P bring a dessert and Q through Z bring a side dish.** Bring your own eating utensils including plates. Also bring chairs, tables, blankets etc. in case there are not enough picnic tables. The park has a childrens play area, rest rooms, shade trees and wading pool. There will also be some organized contests/games to give you a chance to show off your skills.

● The Annual Liars contest will take place after we have eaten. Anyone present can enter. Tell your *tall tale* and it will be judged in competition against all the others. Gift certificate prizes will be awarded for first (\$30), second (\$20) and third place (\$10) liars. Prepare your *tall tale* and see if you can top the others. Directions to the picnic are: from George Washington Way, turn east (toward the river) on Newcomer Ave. Continue to Harris Ave. Turn left at the "T" onto Harris and continue to Park St. (about one block). Turn right onto Park St. and follow it to the parking lot for South Leslie Groves Park. The aroma of alder smoke and barbecued salmon will lead you to the picnic.

McNARY WILDLIFE REFUGE KIDS DUCK CONSERVATION DAY AUGUST 11

Come to this very popular annual event, Saturday August 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the McNary Wildlife Refuge located at 64 Maple Street in Burbank, Washington. From the Tri-Cities, take I-182 east (becomes Highway 12 outside of Pasco). Just over the Snake River Bridge, exit onto Highway 124 east toward Waitsburg. Travel 1½ miles and turn right on Lake Road. The Education Center is approximately 1 mile further on the right side. Please note the revised access due to the new overpasses!

Observe how ducks are banded, identify waterfowl, learn how to call geese and ducks, observe how ducks are retrieved with a Labrador retriever, help build a Wood Duck nesting box, observe pond life through a microscope, check the contents of an installed Wood Duck nesting box, observe how native Americans made waterfowl decoys, also observe how a modern waterfowl decoy is made, watch a taxidermist prepare a life like mount of a waterfowl, learn about firearm safety and much more. Members from Ducks Unlimited, the Richland Rod and Gun Club, the Sand and Sage Retriever Club, McNary Wildlife Refuge staff, and Friends of the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuges will be on hand to teach youth of all ages about waterfowl conservation. Duck-banding will begin at 8:00 a.m. sharp and last about 30 to 40 minutes, followed by the other demonstrations and activities. Kids that participate in all the activities are eligible for prize drawings.

Tickets will also be given to the youth for prize drawings. The event is free, open to the public. Parents are especially encouraged to bring their children to learn about wildlife in the waters surrounding the Tri-Cities. A map with directions is available at www.fws.gov/mcn?ary/documents/m?cnary-direction?s.pdf. For more information, call 509-546-830.

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO SET WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS:

OLYMPIA-July 26, 2012. - The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission is scheduled to conduct a public hearing and take action on proposed 2012-13 migratory waterfowl hunting seasons during a public meeting in Olympia Aug. 3-4.

The commission, a nine-member citizen panel appointed by the governor to set policy for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), will also receive briefings on a variety of management issues.

The commission will convene for its regular meeting in Room 172 of the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington St. S.E. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. both days. An agenda for the meeting is available on the commission's website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/commission/>.

Under waterfowl seasons proposed by WDFW, most hunting opportunities in Washington would be similar to last year. The general duck season would be open for 107 days - from Oct. 13-17 and from Oct. 20-Jan. 27. A special youth hunting weekend also would be scheduled for Sept. 22-23. According to aerial surveys, a record number of ducks, approximately 48.6 million, were on the breeding grounds in Canada and the United States this spring.

As in previous years, goose hunting seasons would vary by management areas across the state, but most would open in mid-October and run through late January. One change this year would remove bag limits and an early season closure for scaup, which have significantly increased in numbers throughout North America, including Washington.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, September 4, 7:00 p.m. at Kennewick Elks Lodge

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, September 18, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - September 18, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

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- The September program will be the 2012 hunting forecasts for big game, upland game and waterfowl.. Mike Livingston, local Wildlife Biologist will be the presenter.
- As usual there will be a very good selection of raffle prizes selected by Richard Sharp.

GRIGGS SECOND ANNUAL SALMON DERBY: The Club voted to support the KOE/Griggs 2nd Annual Salmon derby with volunteers to cook and serve the awards dinner on Sept 29th. A sign-up sheet for the volunteers will be at the September General meeting. Profits from the Derby will be donated to the Kid's Outdoor Experience, KOE, a local non-profit organization that supports the Annual Fishing Kids Event at the Columbia Park Pond and other youth events. **If you can help call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.**

The actual derby will take place Sept 14-15, 21-22 and 28 29. The weigh in and BBQ Dinner will take place Saturday, September 29.

FOR SALE: Winchester Model 70 Featherweight, "pre-64" (manufactured in 1953), 308 Win caliber, Redfield mounts, Hertel & Reuss 4x81 scope. Used but in very good condition and comes with sling, and part box of ammo. \$700.00 Contact Dale Schielke 375-0183

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2nd ANNUAL OUTDOORS MAN EXPO AT TRAC: The EXPO will take place at TRAC Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 7, 8 and 9. Show hours are Friday Noon to 8 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Admission is Adults-\$5.00, Juniors (6-16)-\$3.00 and children under5-free. One time daily admission gets you in free all three days for one low price. **FREE PARKING!**

Show Features: Dock Dogs of the Tri-Cities, Gun Show, Tons of Gear at Discount Prices and Outdoor Gear Swap Meet.

• Activities in Arena: - BBQ Cooking Area with Free Daily Classes, - ATV Demonstrations, - Rock Wall - Gun Show and Dock Dogs of the Tri-Cities

Giant Fishing Demonstration Tank (schedule TBA), ATV dealers, Free BBQ Classes, Daily Door Prizes.

Grand Door Prizes: - 1 Day Steelhead Fishing Trip for 4 with Beamer's Hells Canyon Tours and - Log Bed Frame from American Rustics.

At the show you'll find a wide variety of products and retailers all under one roof, and offering special low prices!

• Clare Cranston needs volunteers to man a youth crossbow range Saturday, September 8 at the Outdoorsman Expo at TRAC. If you are able to help, call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or sign up at the September general Meeting..

SALMON BOOTH 2012: - Dale Schielke & Howard Gardner In its 27th year, the Salmon Booth in the Art in the Park Show was successfully operated under the Banner of the Richland Rod & Gun Club. This year the profit was \$4848.46 to be shared equally by our Club and the Columbia Basin Fly Casters. The "Salmon Sandwich", in its 13th year, continues to be a good seller. A total of 404 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as sandwiches/dinners. Again this year, Dale arranged for the Club to marinate and store the salmon at the Knights of Columbus facility in Richland. This worked out exceedingly well and we got the work done in record time. A special thanks to Everett Weakley for opening the facility at critical times for our use.

Activities associated with the Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to the following great group of volunteers which includes members of both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and Columbia Basin Fly Casters: Ben Webb, Jerry Zeitler, John Pfeiffer(2), Eddie and Nancy Manthos, Paul Kison(2), Rich Holten(2), Ev Weakley(2), Dale Schielke(7), Jack Pickard, Bob Kolowith(3), Jerry Caprio, Russ Wyer, Mike McWethy(2), Clint and Margie Worcester, Paul Seuberlich, Lyle Gilk(2), Gene Van Liew(2), David(2) and Carol Myers, Bob Gough(2), Alan Darnell, Jim Saunders, Paul Gaither, Rocky Ross, Margaret Gass, Wade and Diane Warrant(2), Neil Sullivan(2), Marty Ottem, Kirby Hammond, Gerald Hayes, Bruce Wade, Bud Heiman, Reed Kaldor, Mike Estes, Dan Robertson, Sheldon Coleman, Larry Martin(2), Jeff and Jennifer Gardner, Don Barnes, Dennis Kreid, Richard Sharp(2), Dave Oakley, Mike Stocke(2), Russ Brown, Tom Logan, Tim Esparza, John Propson, Marv Erickson, Dennis Dauble, Don Board, Fay Lyon, Debbie Spore, Richard and Nancy Weaver, John Mucha, Duane Horton and Howard Gardner(3). The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered.

A special thanks to Dale Schielke for coordinating the tough job of solicitation of volunteer workers for the Booth, purchasing salmon and supplies and also for management of the Booth. Also, to Howard Gardner for purchasing supplies and co-chairing the Booth. A special thanks to John Pfeiffer for again managing booth setup, tear down and storage, no small task. Also, to Ben Webb for again picking up the chopped cabbage and sauce for the coleslaw on the first day of Booth operation.

We again received a clean bill of health from the Benton-Franklin District Health Dept. for our operation of the cooking and serving activity associated with the Booth. Our extra effort in temperature control and cleanliness pays off. We continue to get many compliments on the dinners/sandwiches and many customers come down year after year for the delicious salmon. Next year the Columbia Basin Fly Casters will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers especially Dale and Howard, without their efforts the event would not be as successful as it has been every year.

KID'S DUCK CONSERVATION DAY: At least forty-five youth, their parents, grandparents and others attended the Kid's Duck Conservation Day (formerly Greenwing Day) at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday, August 11.

- This year a *Passport* was again issued to each youth as they arrived. It listed six different stations/events that each youth could participate in. They were: 1. Duck Banding, 2. Dog's and Calls, 3. Decoys and Safety, 4. Pond Life, 5. Nest Box and 6. Prizes and Drawings

- FWS Biologist Heidi Newsome assisted by two FWS personnel explained why ducks are banded and information obtained from banding. She showed a map that illustrated where ducks banded at McNary have been observed and a second map showing where ducks banded at other locations have been observed at McNary. Tools used in banding birds as large as an eagle and as small as a finch were demonstrated and passed around. Unfortunately only one duck, a young wood duck had been trapped. The youth were able to examine the young bird before it was banded and released.

- After the ducks were banded the youth split up into groups and participated at the other stations listed on the *Passport*.

- Members of the Sand and Sage Retriever Club, John Pfeiffer, Jay Southwick and Ken Reasoner put on exciting demonstrations of water dogs retrieving multiple dummies thrown into the pond or placed on the shore. One of the members put on a duck and goose calling demonstration of.

- Native American Decoys, Decoy Wood Carving, Gun Safety (Lyle Gilk) and Taxidermy were shown in the Environmental Center and Deck.

- Club and DU member Dale Schielke had a wood duck nesting box display in the breeze way with instructions for building and installing the nesting boxes and other information. The youth participated in the construction of new

nesting boxes from precut parts. They also were able to inspect the interior of a nesting box installed several years ago next to edge of the pond.

- The Pond Life demonstration exhibit was equipped with eleven microscopes where kids could observe the microscopic critters in the pond water. Several FWS staff were present to help the kids.

- Coca-Cola donated bottled water and soft drinks for the thirsty youth, visitors and helpers.

- Completed *Passports* and raffle tickets given to each youth allowed them to win prizes donated by the Richland Rod and Club, Griggs, Clare Cranston and Ducks Unlimited.

- It was a beautiful day, there were many youth that learned about wildfowl and the event surpassed the expectations of everyone.

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic was held Tuesday, August 7 About 54 Club members and guests attended. The weather was beautiful and hot. The alder smoked steelhead and chicken breasts, prepared by Dale Schielke were great and served as soon as they were ready. Jeff Gardner served generous portions and there was enough, plus more, for everyone. The pot luck side dishes, salads and desserts were again excellent and plentiful. There were four entrants, Bruce Wade, Bob Kolowith, Richard Sharp and Alan Casebere Winners of the annual Liar's Contest were: Liar's contest winners were: First Place (Biggest Liar-\$30 gift certificate) Richard Sharp, Second Place (Bigger Liar-\$20 gift certificate) Alan Casebere and Third Place (Big Liar-\$10 gift certificate) Bob Kolowith. During Richard's tall tale, a little girl entranced by the story, walked up to Richard and volunteered to put her hand in the box supposedly containing a Sasquatch egg. Her parents, not Club members and picnicking close by, watched as their daughter came up and checked out the box. I guess that shows how good a story teller Richard is.

SEPTEMBER 22 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT HUNT: A pheasant hunt for Hunter Education students will take place on Saturday, September 22 at the Limits Game Farm just North of Mesa, if you can help please call Don Board at 586-7157 or Clare Cranston at 547-6273. Club members are welcome and encouraged to come and observe the event and see what it is all about.

CATERED SALMON & CHICKEN BARBECUE: - A Salmon & chicken BBQ lunch will be catered by the Club Thursday, September 18 for Battelle employees at the Battelle Picnic Park. Alder smoked barbecued skinless-boneless chicken and sockeye salmon, baked beans, cole slaw, bread rolls, cookies and soda pop and bottled water will be served. Preparations for the event will start at 8:00AM, food will be served about 11:30 A.M. and the event should be over about 1:30 P.M.. If you can help call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

CLUB HISTORY INFORMATION: If you have any photos of old Club events or articles referring to old Club functions please bring them to Club General or Board meetings. If you have digital photos (.jpg file), e-mail them to rroguc@aol.com along with a description of the photo. We are in the process of updating the Club's history records/information. Information obtained thus far is on the Club's web site at: <http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhistory/>

The History is divided into three sections: Timeline, History Events and Notable Club Members. The third section is a commemorative to Lowell Johnson. Much of the information obtained this far is from Howard Gardner. Russ Wyer has done a fantastic job organizing the information. Five updates have recently been added to the History Events site, they are *Wild Game Dinner 1971 - 1981*, *Wild Game Dinner 1984*, *Guzzler Construction Mid-1980's*, *Wild Game Dinner 1985*, *Club BBQ and Awards 1985 and 25 Year Belt Buckle Award 1985*. Take a look at them and see what the Club did in the past. If you are old, you might recognize yourself in some of the photos.

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UPCOMING EVENTS: The Women & Youth Introduction's to Firearms events will take place Saturday, October 13. More details will be provided at the October General Meeting.

RINGOLD CRAPPIE HARVEST: Mike Erickson from the Ringold Springs/Meseberg Hatchery is seeking 5-8 volunteers for a Crappie harvest that will be occurring at the hatchery, 1871 Ringold River Rd. Mesa WA 99343, on October 8th and 9th. He expects that they may need fewer individuals on the 8th. He says that this is a great activity to get involved in. They have harvested these ponds in the past and had a lot of people standing around, on the other hand they have had a lot of people very busy during the drawdowns. At any rate they will be hosting a BBQ lunch on the 9th for the folks attending or helping out for this much bigger day.

A volunteer registration form is required for each individual wanting to help out. If someone has volunteered at the hatchery in the last year there will be no need to fill one out. If it has been over a year or a you are first time volunteer the form will need to be completed, it will be better if it's done prior to showing up. The form can be obtained on-line at: http://wdfw.wa.gov/enforcement/advisory_group.html, download the form by clicking on Volunteer Worker Registration Form (MS Word) under FORMS & ADVISORY GROUP INFORMATION on the right hand side of the page. Bring the filled out form with you or scan and e-mail it back to Mike at MikeErickson@dfw.wa.gov. Personal Items needed for this activity may include Knee boots, Hip waders or Chest waders but not necessary, they will find you something to do. This is a great opportunity for Master hunters looking to get some volunteer time as well. Mike Erickson, FHS-4 Ringold Springs & Meseberg Hatchery, Ph 509-269-4448. Mike is looking forward to seeing you there.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There was one entry in the September photo contest. Richard Sharp entered a photograph Gaylord Pyle with a 49" Sturgeon he caught at MCNARY on September 15. Richard will win five free raffle tickets at the October General Meeting. The photo can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm> Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (a jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.



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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - October 24, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

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- The speaker for the General Meeting had not been selected at the time this Newsletter was taken to the printer. An e-mail message will be sent to members with an e-mail address as soon as the speaker has been selected.
- Three youth sponsored by the Club to attend the Orcas Island Summer Conservation Camp held at the Camp Moran Environmental Learning Center in Moran State Park in July. They will be present at the meeting to share their experiences with us. Please attend and show them that we support our youth.
- As usual there will be a very good selection of raffle prizes selected by Richard Sharp.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- Jeff Gardner, Club President, opened the meeting with the Club Pledge. About 45 members were in attendance, there were no guests. Jeff stressed that members should invite guests to attend the meetings so that they can observe all the activities of the Club. Each guest will receive five free raffle tickets. Announcements were made by Gene Van Liew who announced that the Benton Conservation District is very grateful to the Club for our involvement in the Salmon In The Classroom project. Preparation for the 2013 project will start in October with the setting up of about 40 fish tanks in the Tri-City area. Dave Myers announced that Clare Cranston became ill the day after the Club Board meeting and was hospitalized for four days. As a result Clare will not be able to attend and organize the Cross Bow shoot at the Outdoors Man Expo at Trac Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 7, 8 and 9. Dave volunteered to take Clare's place and solicited volunteers to the Expo. He passed around a sign-up sheet. Dave also announced that the Pheasant Hunt for Hunter Education students will take place September 22 at the Limits Game Farm. Student coaches and other help are needed at the Hunt. He passed around a sign-up sheet for that event.

Larry Martin announced that he had photographs taken with a trail camera at a guzzler(s). He said that it is surprising how many animals visit the guzzlers. Mike Estes stated that a letter from the Club Board of Directors was sent to the WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commission concerning the August 2012 Draft version of the WDFW Hunter Education Instructor Policy Manual that is scheduled to become effective September 1, 2012. The letter stated that no further Hunter Education classes will be scheduled or conducted by the Club pending resolution of what the Club considers to be significant concerns with the WDFW Hunter Education Instructor Policy Manual.

Dale Schielke solicited volunteers for two September catering/cooking events. One will be a September 18 salmon/chicken BBQ lunch for Battelle employees at the Battelle Picnic Park. The other will be Griggs Second Annual Salmon Derby where the Club will cook and serve food for the September 29 Awards Dinner. Kirby Hammond described the evening raffle drawing prizes.

- Mike Livingston, the local Wildlife Biologist was not able to attend the meeting because he was called out of town to a meeting in Olympia. Don Hand, local Fish and Wildlife Biologist stationed in Pasco and Ryan Stutzman, Private Lands Biologist stationed in Prosser substituted for Mike and gave the presentation Mike prepared.

- Jeff introduced Don Hand, the Region's Deer and Elk Specialist. He described the forecasts for big game in Klickitat, Yakima and Benton/Franklin counties. The Yakima deer herd has decreased 40% - 50% because of hair loss that started in 2004 due to an exotic louse. The five-year success rate average is about 5%. Deer numbers in the Tri-Cities district in Benton and Franklin Counties are good because of resident herds and migratory deer. GMU 381 has a high number of deer with a ratio of 19 bucks per 100 does. The Colockum and Yakima elk herds should provide good hunting because elk numbers have increased. This year the Yakima herd had a ratio of 16 bulls and 38 calves per 100 cows and the Colockum ratio is 7 bulls and 29 calves per 100 cows. The Rattlesnake/ALE elk herd was 719 animals in January with a ratio of 46 bulls and 41 calves per 100 cows. Hunting is not allowed on the ALE. It is a challenge to find a place to hunt off the ALE. Private lands can be hunted with a Landowners Hunt Permit (LHP). Don was questioned about the status of the 99 antelope release two years ago on the Yakama Indian Reservation. He replied that the animals have scattered and there is a small herd in the Sellards Road area. Release of additional antelope on the reservation this year was cancelled because of problems trapping the out-of State animals.

- Ryan Stutzman addressed the waterfowl and upland birds prospects. Pheasant numbers should be relatively good this year due to favorable weather this spring. Pheasant numbers on the Yakama Reservation are up about 10% and are a good indication of pheasant numbers outside the reservation. About 3420 pheasants will be released in Region 3 this year in four scheduled releases. Pheasants will not be released at Ringold this year due to US Fish and Wildlife Service policy. Ryan reminded us that non-toxic shot is not allowed on release sites. The list of release sites was not on the WDFW web Site as of mid September. Ryan stated that quail, chukar and Hungarian Partridge number should be better than last year. He stated that dove success was high at dove banding sites. He also reminded us that Eurasian Collared Doves can be hunted year round with no bag limits. Collared Doves are larger than Mourning Doves and are lighter colored with a flat tail instead of a pointed tail. They have a ring around their neck that cannot be observed when they are flying. Their call is also different than the call of the Mourning Dove. Local waterfowl numbers will vary depending on location. Local birds wise up after a few weeks and are much harder to decoy. Ryan also discussed the different land access programs that the WDFW is involved in. Much more information about the programs is available at http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/hunting_access/private_lands/. More information about hunting prospects is at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/prospects/>. Don and Ryan gave very good presentations and the slide show prepared by Mike Livingston was great.

- Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Marilyn Steele won a Guided Salmon trip with Captain Z's for Fall Chinook (\$150 value), Kirby Hammond picked an 8' steelhead rod & reel rigged for Steelhead with accessories, Rick Libby won the salmon grab bag, Russ Wyer won a three piece Smith & Wesson knife set, Gerald Hayes won a Gun Slick universal gun care kit with accuracy targets, Steve Maeir won a Hunter Specialties Game Hanging kit, Mike Estes won a machete and Paul Kison won a framed large print.

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GAME MEAT RECOVERY: Event #36 - August 4, 2012 - Paul Kison received a call from the Franklin County Sheriff's office at 10:30 PM on August 4, 2012 about a 2-point mule deer buck that had been struck by a vehicle. Paul contacted Larry Martin for assistance and they responded to the recovery location one and a half miles east of North Glade Road on Ironwood Road (about a mile west of Clark Pond) in Franklin County. An officer dispatched the injured deer. Paul and Larry dressed the deer and delivered the de-boned meat to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco. The antlers were transferred to WDFW employee Don Hand

GAME MEAT RECOVERY: Event #37 - September 14, 2012 Mike Estes was contacted by WDFW Enforcement Officer Brian Fulton during the afternoon of September 14, 2012 requesting assistance with a buck mule deer fawn. The fawn was found in the possession of a person who was not authorized to possess wildlife. WDFW attempted to place the fawn with a wildlife sanctuary but they were not successful so a decision was made to dispatch the fawn. Officer John Horn transferred the carcass to me. I processed the deer and the meat will be delivered to the Union Gospel Mission. All the recoveries and their descriptions can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id87.htm>.

CATERED SALMON & CHICKEN BARBECUE: - A Salmon & chicken BBQ lunch was catered by the Club Thursday, September 18 for Battelle employees at the Battelle Picnic Park. Alder smoked barbecued skinless-boneless chicken and sockeye salmon, baked beans, cole slaw, bread rolls, cookies and soda pop and bottled water were served starting at 11:30 A.M. Club members who helped at the event were Tim Esparza, Gaylord Pyle, Dale Schielke, Lou Ann Schielke, Gene Van Liew, Bob Gough, Lyle Gilk, Bob Kolowith, Paul Kison, Jeff Fulks, Margaret Fulks, Gerald Caprio, Marilyn Steele, Mike Estes, Eddie Manthos and Paul Seuberlich. Dale planned and organized the event and worked very hard to ensure it was a success. There was plenty of food for all. Many came back through the line for seconds or thirds. Many raved about the food and the event that the RR&GC provided for them.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK: Help celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week at the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Activities include: Tree planting 9a-2p, Song bird banding 9a-11p, Pond life 10a-12p. Guided nature walks TBD, Kayak tour TBD, Burrowing owl talk 11a *, Refuge open house 9a-2p *, (* Activity at Refuge Headquarters)
Activities will be at the Hunter Check Station on Patterson Ferry road, unless otherwise noted.
Umatilla NWR is located at 72650 Riverview Lane, Irrigon, OR 97844,
The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 509-546

LARGEST STEELHEAD CONTEST: The contest will take place Saturday, October 20 from 12:01 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Registration is at the October 2 General Meeting, October 19, 4:30 to 6 P.M. at the Columbia Point Gazebo # 4. Or call 554-6785. Locations to fish are all eligible waters of Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla counties and State regulations apply. The winner will receive *Option Pot* donations and a trophy. Other prizes will depend on number of participants and *Option Pot* contributions. All of the Fishing Contests can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/contests.htm>.

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HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS NEEDED: At the present time the Club has only one certified Hunter Education instructor. Some of the other instructors we had have retired and other instructors have moved or cannot instruct for various reasons. Don Board, the remaining instructor, will also retire in a year. Younger Club members are needed to step up to the plate and volunteer to become instructors. Females as well as males can become instructors. Instructors must be at least 21 years of age, keenly interested in promoting safety, wildlife conservation and responsible outdoor behavior and willing to teach or assist in at least one class per year. Don will be this month's tip of the month speaker at the General Meeting and describe the situation we are in and the instructors duties and qualifications.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Four Club members entered photos in the October contest. John Copper entered two photos taken at Astoria while fishing salmon with Dan and Neil Sullivan in August. The Janke family and their 5 year-old son are in the photos. Doc Laughery entered three photos taken this year in Saskatchewan of a waterfowl hunt showing White Front Geese, Sandhill Cranes and Canada Geese harvested by five hunters. Jeff Gardner entered two photos, one showed his son Brandt with a 3x3 Mule Deer harvested in Oregon and the second photo showed his son Brenden with a 3x3 mule deer harvested on State land in Prescott Unit. John Prather entered a photo of himself and a deer he harvested by Wind Dust Park. The winner was John Cooper who will win five free raffle tickets at the November General Meeting. All the photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (a jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

2013 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW: The scheduled dates for the Sportsmen Show and LUNKER LAKE January are January 18-20, 2013. These are also the dates that the Club will need many volunteers for Lunker Lake and other events.

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.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, November 6, 7:00 p.m. at Kennewick Elks Lodge

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

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

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The November meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 6 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm
- The speaker for the General Meeting had not been selected at the time this newsletter was taken to the printer. An e-mail message will be sent to members with an e-mail address as soon as a speaker has been selected.
- The Tip of The Month speaker will be Don Board, the Club's Certified Hunter Education Instructor. Don will describe the status of the Club's Hunter Education program and the need for new instructors. This is a very serious situation. There may not be any Hunter Education classes offered in the Tri-Cities next year. If we are not able to recruit new instructors the program will cease to exist. Instructors must be at least 21 years of age, keenly interested in promoting safety, wildlife conservation and responsible outdoor behavior and willing to teach or assist in at least one class per year.
- Bring a guest(s) to the meeting and receive five free raffle tickets
- As usual there will be a very good selection of raffle prizes selected by Richard Sharp.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- Jeff Gardner, Club President, opened the meeting to an overflow audience with the Club Pledge. Jack Donnelly from the Elks Club welcomed the crowd and enumerated the numerous projects they sponsor such as scholarships for students, sponsoring 10 to 15 families at Christmas, grants for the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation and other projects. He also reminded us that the hall can be rented for wedding celebrations and other events by contacting the Lodge at 735-6035. Numerous guests introduced themselves and learned that they were eligible for five free raffle tickets. Announcements were made by Marilyn Steele about Wild Game Dinner meat donations; Paul Hoffarth announced the October 16-17 walleye survey at Scootney Reservoir and solicited volunteers. Mike Erickson from the Ringold Fish Hatcheries spoke about the Warm Water fisheries programs and the October 8 and 9 crappie harvests and the need for volunteers. Jeff Gardner spoke about the September 18 two hour meeting with WDFW representatives, Club Board members and Hunter Education instructors and other area Hunter Education instructors. It appears that our existing Club Hunter Education instructors and many area instructors will not be teaching classes because of changes in the newly issued (September 1) Hunter Education Policy Manual. The Club will be attempting to recruit new instructors so that the RR&GC Hunter Education can continue. Dale Schielke thanked volunteers that participated in the

September 29 Second Annual Salmon Derby Awards Dinner and the September 18 Catered Salmon/Chicken BBQ. Richard Sharp described the October 20 Largest Steelhead Contest and solicited fishermen to participate in event. He also described the evening's raffle prizes.

● Allysandra and Brandon Niebuhr, grandchildren of John Cooper, and Jacob Nichols, three of the four youth that attended the Orcas Island Summer Conservation Camp held at the Camp Moran Environmental Learning Center at Moran State Park in July attended the meeting and related their experiences. All three stated that they were very impressed with the Camp and learned a lot. They all stated that they would like to return to the Camp next year if possible and thanked the Club for sending them to the Camp.

● After a short break Jeff introduced Bruce Hewitt, owner, of "Going Fishing Guide Service." His topic was Tips and Tactics to catching Salmon and Steelhead in the Hanford Reach. Bruce has more than 40 years experience fishing for salmon, Steelhead, and trout on Pacific Northwest rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. He is a fishing guide on eastern Washington rivers and reservoirs for salmon, Steelhead, walleye and sturgeon. He also guides in Kenai, Alaska for salmon and halibut. He started his presentation by discussing how to rig up for salmon in the Reach. He discussed the use of *Super Baits*, large inline flashers in combination with lures and downstream trolling. Water flow in the Reach fluctuates daily and he suggested that during fast flows to fish in shallower water, especially Steelhead holes. He stressed that the reel drag setting is very important. Different set ups such as different colored flashers are important. It was evident that Bruce is a very methodical/experienced fisherman. He recommended the use of *Miracle Thread* for wrapping baits on lures and that new lures should be tuned before they are used. He washes his lures with *Simple Green* before they are used. He stated that there are many tricks that can be used when fishing. He answered many questions from the audience. It was a very good presentation especially for experienced fishermen. Bruce has a website at www.catchingmorefish.com. His e-mail address is goingfishing@catchingmorefish.com and phone numbers are 509-430-6448 and 509-542-1266.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Nick Windsor who selected an 8' Steelhead float/bobber spinning rod and reel/accessories, Ben Webb picked the 8 1/2' trolling/casting rod with Shimano reel rigged for night trolling/lighted lure, Dean McDaniels won a salmon fishing tackle bag, Leo Kocher won a Berkley digital weight scale & knife, Kirby Hammond won a Smith and Wesson knife set, Clare Cranston won a Shooters Ridge adjustable shooting stick, Shannon Nichols won a Coleman head lamp and lantern set, Mike Erickson won a Kodiak padded rifle case and Real Tree truck floor mats, Richard Sharp won a survival knife, Gerald Hayes won a machete, Jim Cartmell and John Pfeifer each won a camouflage Movers Blanket, Hipolito Valez (a new member) won a Lifeline two day survival pack, John Nelson won a Flambeau tackle bag and Marilyn Steele selected the Mystery Box that contained Nose Hair Trimmer.

IN MEMORIAM OF DOROTHY GARDNER: Members of the Club were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dorothy Gardner. She married Howard on December 20, 1951. They moved to Richland in February 1952 where they were both employed by General Electric at Hanford. She retired after the birth of her son, the first of three children and became a housewife. Howard joined the RR&GC in late 1952. Dorothy participated in many Club events with Howard. The family enjoyed many camping and fishing trips in Washington State and the western U.S. She was known by many Club members and their wives and we offer our sincere condolences to Howard and the family. May her memory be eternal

TRAIL CAMERA/GUZZLER-PHOTOS: Russ Wyer has developed a new *web page* for Guzzlers and Trail Camera photos. Larry Martin staged a Trail Camera at various guzzlers installed and maintained by the Club and some of the photos are shown on the Club's Web site and can be viewed under Club Projects and is listed as a new item. Click on Wildlife Water or the following <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id192.htm> to get to the new page. The photos are amazing and show what guzzlers are accomplishing.

GAME MEAT RECOVERY: Event #38 Paul Kison was contacted Saturday, October 13, by Brian Fulton of WDFW who indicated that a two-point buck had obviously been poached and left in the field because of the three-point minimum requirement in Franklin County. A local farmer found the deer in the early PM and contacted Brian. Brian and the farmer had gutted the deer to preserve the meat. The deer was by the Pasco Kahlotus highway near Dalton Lake/Big Flat. Paul recovered the deer Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 3:30 PM. Brian removed the antlers prior to transfer of the animal. The boned meat was transported to the Union Gospel Mission in the AM of October 14, 2012.

Event #39 Mike Estes received a call from WSP Dispatch at 9:25 PM on Friday, October 19, that WDFW Enforcement Officer Kerry McLerran had confiscated an illegally harvested two-point mule deer buck near Lyons Ferry. Mike met Officer McLerran at the District 4 office in Pasco to transfer the deer. Mike processed the deer and delivered more than 50 pounds of deboned meat to the Union Gospel Mission. Arrangements will be made with Officer McLerran to transfer the antlers to WDFW.

Events #39-#42 From 20, October to 23 October Lyle Gilk received three calls from WA State Patrol dispatch and one from Regional Dispatch asking if he could accept a Deer that had been illegally shot. He was told that the animal was being returned

to the Tri Cities by Officer John Horn. Lyle contacted Officer Horn who agreed to drop the deer off at Lyle's house. Immediately after he got off the phone with Officer Horn, he received a second call from WA State Dispatch that Officer McLerran also had an illegally shot deer. Lyle requested Dispatch to have the Officer call him. McLerran called and Lyle told the officer that he could take the animal and asked if he would drop the deer off at his house which he did. Larry Martin and Bruce Wade assisted in skinning and deboning the two animals.

On October 21, Lyle was contacted by WDFW Enforcement Officer Brian Fulton who asked Lyle if he would accept an illegally shot deer and could he take it. Lyle agreed and Officer Fulton dropped the animal off at his house. Bruce Wade assisted with meat preparation.

Regional Dispatch contacted Lyle on October 23 and requested assistance with a deer on the Plymouth Highway in Paterson, WA. Dispatcher stated that the deer was still alive. Lyle agreed to take the deer if the on County deputy would stand-by until he got there. Deputy Jason Erickson agreed and Lyle responded and picked up the deer 8 miles North of Plymouth. The Deer was processed at Lyle's home with the assistance of Bruce Wade.

All the deer were in prime condition and the estimated weight of meat delivered to the Union Gospel Mission was 210 pounds of deboned meat. Thanks to Club members Larry Martin and Bruce Wade for their help. Thanks also to the Washington State Department of Fish and Game for their cooperation in bringing the deer to Lyle's home. A big Thank You to Mike Estes for ram rodding this Meat Recovery Program for the Richland Rod And Gun Club. All the recoveries and their descriptions can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id87.htm>.

Event #43 Mike Estes received a call the evening of October 26 that USFWS Enforcement Officer Richard Bare had confiscated an illegally harvested two-point mule deer buck near Patterson Slough in Benton County. Mike took possession of the deer from Officer Bare at a location south of Kennewick. Mike processed the deer and delivered the deboned meat to the Union Gospel Mission. Officer Bare retained the antlers and other confiscated materials as evidence.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Shannon Nichols & Family from Pasco, Ron Ruth from West Richland,, Hipolito Velez from Kennewick and Graham Benson Jr. and Steve Minnick. from Richland.

SECOND ANNUAL SALMON DERBY BANQUET VOLUNTEERS: Club volunteers that helped at the banquet were: Bob Kolowith, Carol Myers, Dale Schielke, Dave Myers, Gaylord Pyle, Gene VanLiew, Jeff Fulks, Margaret Fulks, LouAnn Schielke, Paul Seuberlich, Jerry Caprio and Marilyn Steele.

HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT HUNT: The hunt took place September 22 at the Limits Game Farm just North of Mesa. Ten students participated. Before the hunt they traveled to the Connell Gun Club where they shot clay pigeons from different stations. They then proceeded to the Limits Game Farm where the hunt originated. They were registered, issued safety glasses, a hunter orange vest and participated in a safety lecture by the Hunter Education Staff. They were then divided into three groups and assigned coaches. After the hunt the students, coaches and observers were served lunch at the Game Farm barn. Club volunteers that assisted in the hunt were Don Board, Bob Kolowith, Dale Schielke, Dave Myers, Gene Van Liew, Lyle Gilk, John Prather, Mark Kimmel and Fay Lyon. Dave Piovesan organized the hunt and supplied the birds. Pam Piovesan set up the serving line and made sure that there was always plenty of food and drinks available, made sure all of the Registration Forms were filled out and presented each of the students a *Pheasants Forever* lock blade pocket knife.

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