



## Celebrating 75 years of RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY DEFEND FROM WASTE,  
THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY; ITS AIR, SOILS, AND MINERALS;  
ITS FORESTS, WATERS, AND WILDLIFE. I WILL HELP EDUCATE FUTURE GENERATIONS  
TO BE RESPONSIBLE CARETAKERS OF THE RESOURCES OF AMERICA.

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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – March 2<sup>nd</sup> via Zoom Meeting

Board Meeting- March 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM, Zoom Meeting

Newsletter Deadline for April is March 22<sup>nd</sup> email: [admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org)

General Meeting – April 6<sup>th</sup> via Zoom Meeting

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### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

March 2, 2021 our Annual meeting via ZOOM features guest speaker J-Rod, his topic will be Night Walleye vs Day Walleye fishing. Prior to that will be election of officers and trustees to the board. Look for your email invitation or go to the meeting from the link on the RRGCC calendar. There is only space for 100 guests, it is first come first served, the zoom meeting will open at 6:50 PM

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING](#)

**KOE Fishing Event** the KOE fishing event is on! It will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Steele is working on getting the rules for how to host the event within the mandates together. Volunteers will be needed to help with putting poles together, security after the fish are put in the pond and of course at the event itself. We will try to keep you informed on the website.

**LUNKER LAKE:** Due to Covid-19 restrictions, with no assurances of an end to the restrictions, the Sportsman Show has been permanently cancelled for this year.

**Wood Duck Project** - Volunteers have been busy with annual maintenance on the 515 RRGc wood duck nest boxes in the Tri-Cities area. As of February 17th, 57.5 % of the boxes had been checked , documented usage from last nesting, old nesting material removed, and fresh nesting wood shaving installed. In some cases, repairs are made or new side access doors installed. The shorter poles and side access doors have allowed volunteers to complete more boxes per day and will expedite nesting checks and hen banding in May and June. Boxes remaining to be checked, as weather allows, are boxes checked with a boat on the Yakima River from Benton City to the mouth plus Sunnyside/Grandview and a few at Barker Ranch. COVID restrictions have limited volunteer involvement, but individuals that are interested can contact Dale Schielke 375-0183. Thanks to recent volunteers John Merk, Blaine Schwartz, Mark Kerns, Mac Ryan, and Dale Schielke.

**Horse Heaven Wind Farm Proposal by Scout Energy** There is currently a proposal for a maximum of 244 wind machines in the Horse Heaven Hills. They are not going through Benton County, but our commissioners are trying to put together an actual in person public comment hearing. Whether you agree or not, do contact Benton County commissioners and let them know how you feel. If they can get a public hearing set up, we will put it on the website calendar. [Commisioners@benton.co.wa.us](mailto:Commissioners@benton.co.wa.us)

**HARLEY'S CORNER:**  
Would you like to be featured? Color one of the many coloring sheets available at [Harley's Corner](#) and turn them in via email to [rrgcharleyscorner@gmail.com](mailto:rrgcharleyscorner@gmail.com)

**RRGC WEB PAGE:**  
The domain [richlandrodandgun.org](http://richlandrodandgun.org) is now being used to send RRGc bulk emails to our membership because free gmail is unfriendly to large distribution lists. We now offer the convenience of membership dues payment online. Credit cards and Debit cards are accepted, or you may use your existing PayPal account. Your transaction will be securely processed by PayPal but there is no requirement to have an account or to sign up. RRGc Zoom meetings are posted on the Calendar at [www.richlandrodandgun.org/calendar](http://www.richlandrodandgun.org/calendar)

**Photo of the month contest:** submit your outdoor recreation photo along with the name of the photographer, the date taken and description of subject to [admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org) The winning photo will be featured in a blog post and in the newsletter.



This Photo of the month winner was taken by Greg Boeringa on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 near Plymouth WA. The subject is shad fishing with niece Hailey Rae.

**Leave bird feeders down until April 1 to protect wild birds from deadly salmonellosis**

Continued reports of sick or dead birds at backyard feeders across Washington and

other northwest states are prompting the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to recommend people continue to leave their wild bird feeders down another month, or take extra steps to maintain them.

“You can help to stop the spread of salmonellosis by discontinuing backyard bird feeding until at least April 1, to encourage birds to disperse and forage naturally,” said WDFW veterinarian Dr. Kristin Mansfield.

The department first asked residents to remove or clean feeders in February in response to a die-off of finches, such as pine siskins, as well as other songbirds. Salmonellosis, a common and usually fatal bird disease caused by the salmonella bacteria is to blame. When birds flock together in large numbers at feeders, they can transmit the disease through droppings and saliva.

The first signs that a bird may have salmonellosis is often a seemingly tame bird on or near a feeder. Birds infected with salmonella become very lethargic, fluff out their feathers, and are easy to approach. Unfortunately, at this point there is very little people can do to treat them. The best course it to leave these birds alone and report them, and dead birds, to [WDFW's online reporting tool](#).

### **Celebrating 75 years**

#### **Richland Rod and gun Club**

Create an interesting and unique logo or banner celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and send the image to [admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org) it will be presented to the board and if it is selected as “The official 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary art” you will experience recognition, gain stature in the RRGc and feel great when you see your creation in use!

### **WDFW NORTH OF FALCON MEETING**

We invite you to participate in the North of Falcon process. You can learn about the upcoming meeting schedule [here](#). It is important for us as sportfishermen and hunters to participate where we can to help make a difference. At the moment the meeting for our area is scheduled for Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am – 1:00 pm.

### **WDFW seeks comments on 2021-2023 hunting seasons**

WDFW is seeking comments on the second round of alternatives for the upcoming 2021-23 hunting seasons. The hunting season proposals [are available on WDFW's website](#) for the public to provide comments through Thursday, March 4. We want to thank the more than 2,700 people who provided their perspectives during the initial comment round. Your participation helps us better understand your priorities, and now we ask you to help us fine tune the recommendations that we'll present to the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission for consideration in March and April.

**Animals drink**, thank you Larry Martin.

