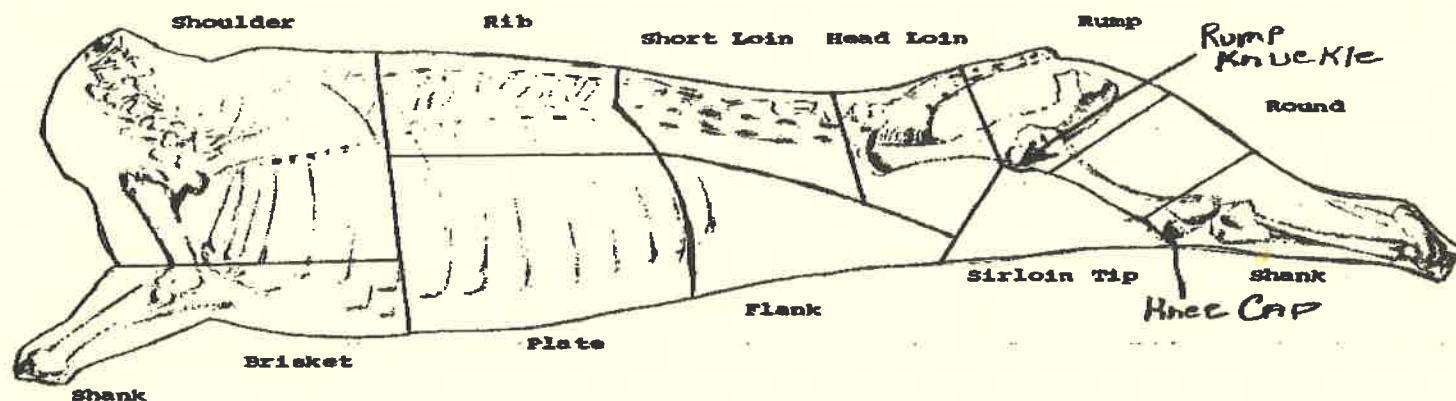


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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were seven entries in December. The winning photo in the hotly contested competition was submitted by Jerry Burke and shows Jerry with a 36 inch/20 pound mackinaw he caught in Flathead Lake, Montana on December 5, 2003. He was fishing between 45 and 100 feet of water using a 8 pound test line. Great fish - super smile. Jerry will win five free tickets to the January General Meeting raffle. The winning photo and the other entries can be viewed on the Club's web site at: <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub>.



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LUNKER LAKE AT TRAC - Friday, Saturday & Sunday - January 16, 17 & 18, 2004

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

- The first meeting of the new year will take place at 7:00 PM, Tuesday January 6 at the usual place the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.
- Connie Estep, curator for the CREHST museum, will be making a presentation (Mush on: Alaska by Dog Team) on her experiences dog sledding in Alaska. She started as a rookie dog musher hauling freight to the base camps on Mt. McKinley and then had her own five dog team for hauling water, commuting to work and recreational camping trips. She will discuss camping gear, outerwear, and care of dogs for outdoor activities in sub-zero temperatures. Connie is an active outdoors person who enjoys camping, snowshoe hiking, and bird watching. She also teaches birding classes for the Richland Parks and Recreation Department and has taught the Columbia Basin College course "Natural History of the Columbia Basin" for the past four years.
- After Connie's presentation, Club member Howard Gardner will present information on clothing for *active* hunters that wasn't fully discussed at the last General meeting.
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DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: - Club president Mike Estes opened the meeting. Howard Gardner conducted the elections for Club officers and trustees. The results are shown later in this newsletter.

• Program Chairman Russ Wyer introduced three speakers from the 'Sportsmans Warehouse' in Kennewick - Jackie Bennet the clothing manager, Caroline Kriete the footwear manager and Marcus Mutzatko from the hunting department. They discussed advances in clothing and footwear. They recommended polypropylene material because it is very good at wicking moisture away from the body and is highly recommended especially for garments next to the skin. An inner layer of polypropylene combined with a Merino wool layer is a good cold weather combination. 'WindPro' is a new polypropylene fabric that stops at least 95% of wind, however it is not recommended for heavy exercise use. A new brand name of woolen clothing, 'Sleeping Indian', was discussed. The speakers recommended the garment for cold weather use. It is processed from

wool gathered from the back of sheep and goes through 19 processing steps. A 'Sleeping Indian' shirt was passed around for inspection. The material is made in a camouflage pattern and is available at least as an outer jacket, trousers and shirt. It is fairly expensive and probably heavier than most synthetic clothing. The terms *water repellant*, *water resistant* and *waterproof* were explained. *Water repellant* garments will allow water to roll off but will leak, *water resistant* material offers no protection from rain, and *waterproof* material offers complete protection from rain. The most popular waterproof material is 'GORE-TEX', besides being waterproof it breathes and allows water vapor (perspiration) to pass through the material. There is at least one other material, 'OmniTech', comparable to 'GORE-TEX'. 'Thinsulate' insulating material is very popular and is available in values from 200 grams to 1200 grams. The lower value is good for cool weather and the highest value is used for cold weather conditions. Boots were extensively discussed, especially fitting of boots to the foot. 'Danner' boots were highly recommended by the speakers and the audience. Boot care was also discussed and samples of a new leather preservative were distributed. The speakers answered many questions and literature describing many products was made available.

● Raffle prize winners were: Jack Pickard who won a T-34 Motor Guide trolling motor, Paul Kison, Clare Cranston, Mike Estes and Harvey Huisingsh each won a Sportsmans Warehouse gift certificate for a pair of 'Wrangler' jeans, and Dan McGuire won a book.

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2004 CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: The following Club officers and board of trustee members for 2004 were elected to office at the December 3 General Meeting: We wish them a productive New Year.

President: - Paul Kison, **Vice President:** - Diane Warrant, **Treasurer:** - Lyle Gilk, **Secretary:** - Eddie Manthos; **Trustees:** Jerry Burke, Jeff Gardner, Bill Hays, Harvey Huisingsh, Dale Landon, Bill Lambert, Larry Martin, Dan McGuire, Karen Montgomery, Dana Mueller, Jack Pickard, Jim Shearer, Gene VanLiew, Wade Warrant and Ben Webb.

IN MEMORIAM - Howard Gardner - The Club was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Jim Martin on Dec. 12, 2003. Jim was 88 years old, had been a club member for 23 years and volunteered for many Club projects. He particularly liked to work on the Salmon Booth during the Sidewalk Show. Early on, he recognized the need for trays to carry the salmon from the cookers to the serving area and over the years provided and used three large sturdy plastic trays for this purpose. In later years, after his health failed and he couldn't work at the booth, he would buy whole salmon fillets for he and his wife to eat at home. Also, for several years he donated bird seed for Club members to use in bird feeders. Jim and his willingness to volunteer for club projects will be greatly missed

M McNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT: The January *Second Saturday Event* will take place January 10, 2004 from 9 am to noon at the McNary Education Center adjacent to the McNary Refuge headquarters at 311 Lake Road in Burbank. Jeff Van Pelt of the Umatilla Confederated Tribes will display artifacts found in the area and discuss problems of disturbing crime scenes as well as Native American burial sites. Mr. Van Pelt also tells some great coyote tales. The February *Second Saturday Event* will be at the same time and place on February 14 (Valentines Day) and features Duck Stamps and the Junior Duck Stamp program. The Second Saturday Events are free and open to the public. Bring your children, there is much for them to see and do at the McNary Education Center.

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USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING: A meeting of the Use Of Funds Committee will take place at Howard Gardners home at 1500 Woodbury St. in Richland on Tuesday January 27 at 7:00 PM.. Interested members should attend and help decide how Club funds will be allocated. Call Howard at 943-9084 and let him know if you will be attending.

YAKIMA SUBBASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE PLANNING BOARD MEETING: There will be a public information meeting of the Yakima Sub-Basin Fish and Wildlife Planning Board at the Richland Shilo Inn at 7:00 PM. Purpose of the meeting is to inform the public the Board's function. As many Club members as possible should attend.

LUNKER LAKE & SHOOTING RANGE INFORMATION: The Club will man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 11th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 16, 17 and 18, 2004 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 4 and 5 hour shifts. Some members have been contacted by Dennis Spore to help at Lunker lake. If you have not been contacted and you wish to volunteer please call Dennis at 627-0589. Your duties 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. The reactions of the children when they catch a fish are indescribable. The children and many parents are introduced to fishing at this event. Lunker Lake and the Shooting Range give us an opportunity to increase awareness of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. A group of about 6 volunteers or more will be needed Thursday morning January 15, starting at 9:00AM, to set up the fishing pond. During the show a minimum of 16 volunteers per shift will be needed to man Lunker Lake. Shift times are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Thursday the 15th for set up of the fishing pond. Shift times for Friday the 16th are 1-5 PM and 5-9 PM. Saturday the 17th, shifts will be from 10 AM-3 PM and 3-7 PM. Sunday the 18th, shifts will be from 10AM-2PM and 2-5 PM, the last shift will stay over at 5 PM to help disassemble the pond. The Air Rifle Shooting Range will be manned again this year under the direction of Clare Cranston. Please volunteer to work at Lunker Lake. It and the shooting range are both very worthwhile projects. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond/shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from Lunker Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Don't forget, call Dennis Spore at 627-0589, if you wish to volunteer. 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 handled a fish. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided for the volunteers.

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● Big Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Gerry at 545-6694 and offer your services, he needs people for all day March 27 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 people party for the dinner by obtaining a place card(s) from Jerry or his delegate. That is the only way that seats at the tables can be reserved. 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.

● If you are going to the dinner, please pay for your 2004 membership prior to the dinner. One of the major bottlenecks at prior dinners was the long line of people updating their membership. Many people have been forced to stand outside in a long line. Eliminate the bottleneck. Update your membership beforehand at the March General Meeting. Remember to be eligible for the Quality Trip and some of the door prizes your dues must be paid up through April 2005 (4-1-05).

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were five entries in January. The winning photo in the hotly contested competition was submitted by Richard Sharp and shows his son Travis with a limit of Mallards harvested in December. Richard will win five free tickets to the February General Meeting raffle. The winning photo and the other entries can be viewed on

the Club's web site at: <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub>.

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 him that he will receive recognition for his donation in the Big Game Dinner program. Obtain door prizes as early as possible When you obtain a door prize, call Gaylord Pyle at 948-2392. 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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12th ANNUAL COLUMBIA BASIN "FRIENDS OF NRA BANQUET and BENEFIT AUCTION Friday, March 5, 2004 Red Lion Hotel, Columbia Center, Social Hour 5:30 p.m. - Dinner at 7:00 p.m. - Auction to Follow. Call 509-946-4210

RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 27, 2004 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

● The February meeting will take place at 7:00 PM, Tuesday February 3 at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store. There will be two speakers, both Club members.

● The main speaker will be Lyle Gilk, last years Quality Trip winner. Lyle and his wife went trophy deer hunting on private property in northern Minnesota in November. Lyle will describe their preparations, the hunt and other details.

● The second speaker will be Howard Gardner who will discuss 'how to sell items on E-Bay'. Howard has been successful in selling items that he has accumulated over the years and that he has no use for.

● Tickets to the 2004 Wild Game Dinner will be on sale at the meeting. Price is still \$15.00/person. **Less than 90 tickets remain.** Buy them at the meeting before they are all gone.

● Tickets to the Quality Trip will also be available at the meeting.. See rules below.

● Many Club memberships will expire on April 1, 2004. Update your membership at the meeting. Annual dues are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family membership, three year memberships are \$40 (individual) and \$50 (family).If your membership has expired or will expire on 4-1-04, the expiration date on the mailing label to this Bulletin will be highlighted.

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

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: - Attendance at the January meeting was sparse because of cold snowy weather and icy/ snow covered roads. Paul Kison, newly elected Club President, opened the meeting. He thanked outgoing president Mike Estes and vice president Russ Wyer for their excellent leadership in 2003. Announcements were made by Mike Estes, Dave Myers, Dennis Spore and Larry Martin.

● Program Chairman/vice president Dianne Warrant introduced the main speaker of the evening CREHST curator Connie Estep. Connie spoke about her dog sledding experiences in Alaska in conjunction with a slide presentation. She explained that she worked as an Enforcement Officer at McKinley National Park during the *summer* season. During the off season she

worked for Denali Dog Tours, a one man outfit, for essentially room and board. Her job as a rookie dog musher was to haul freight in the winter season to the base camps on Mt. McKinley. Dog sleds were used to deliver supplies to the Park Service in McKinley National Park or to clients camping in the Park. The trip was about 200 miles long and took about 10 days in dog sleds that were either 8 or 12 feet long. The sled dogs they used were of no particular breed. Connie had her own five dog team she used for hauling water, commuting to work and recreational camping trips. She described the clothing they wore. Her parka was made of 60/40 material and their outer pants were made of a *shell* material. The hood on their parka had a fur ruff; wolverine fur was used because the frost formed from their breath fell off and did not build up a thick frost layer. Heavy sweaters were used inside the 60/40 parka and heavy wool 'Malone' pants were worn under the outer shell pants. She wore "Bunny Boots" on her feet. The boots were rubber on the inside and outside with a layer of one inch felt sandwiched between the inner and outer rubber layers. A thin sock was worn inside the boot. Frozen dried fish was fed to the dogs. During the dog sled trips she snacked on cheese, sausage cubes, "M&Ms" and 'Halloween' sized candy bars. She showed the tent, sleeping bag and stove she used during her camping trips. Slides of the Iditarod dog sled races were shown and she also described a dog sled race she participated in where she was the only female participant.

- The second speaker was Howard Gardner. He presented information on clothing for *active* hunters that wasn't fully discussed at the last General Meeting. He has subscribed to *Backpacker* magazine since 1963 and uses clothing, equipment etc. that have been tested and recommended by the magazine staff. The magazine has a web site at www.backpacker.com. Howard uses the 'layering' technique when actively engaged in the outdoors. The advantage to layering is that clothing layers can be added or subtracted as needed. Polypropylene material retains body odors and becomes foul smelling. An alternate material is *Koolmax* which has wicking properties equal to other synthetics and does not retain body odors. Howard prefers a wool netting undershirt to the synthetic materials. Wool does not readily retain odors and has good wicking properties. He likes to wear a wool shirt over his wool netting undershirt. He may also use a synthetic fleece garment that is warm, wicking and wind resistant. Depending on the weather he might wear a shell over the layered garments. He uses cotton chamois trousers, with cargo pockets, and a cotton jacket during early fall. During cooler weather he will use wool or fleece trousers and jacket. For stockings he uses a thin inner liner wicking sock with an outer polypro or merino wool/10-20% synthetic fiber sock. He wears polypro boxer shorts. He prefers boots that lace all the way to the toe and also uses boot pacs when necessary. He uses a product called *Freesole* which he uses to coat boot seams and stitches. Howard modifies much of the clothing that he wears to suit his needs. For instance he sews larger pockets to his shirts so that he can store larger items in the pockets. Both Connie and Howard demonstrated the materials they use. They answered many questions from the audience.
- Mike Estes was the winner of the raffle drawing for a break action pellet rifle.

WINDMILL RANCH HABITAT PLANTING PROJECT: A sagebrush planting project will take place Saturday, March 13 at the Windmill Ranch. Rocky Ross has 15 planter bars available; a minimum of that many workers plus two others to hand out the shrubs will be needed. If 17 workers show up, the project should be completed in a half day or so. More information and a sign up sheet will be available at the February General Meeting.

MARCH 20 HUNTER EDUCATION YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT: A pheasant shoot, organized by Clare Cranston, will be held Saturday March 20 for Hunter Education student graduates at Dave Piovesan's Limits Game Farm. The students will start the day at about 8:30 AM at the Connell Gun Club with a round of trap. They will then proceed to the pheasant shoot at the limits Game Farm. There will be three relays of students starting at about 10:30 AM.. A minimum of six coaches will be needed to accompany the students during the shoot. If you can volunteer to coach at the event please call Clare at 547-6273 or send e-mail to shawcran@owt.com. Please help to make this event a success and introduce youths to upland bird hunting. Pheasants will be provided by Dave Piovesan.

WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX INSPECTIONS: Wood duck nesting box inspections will start as soon as the weather allows. The inspections will consist of inspecting, cleaning out and repairing the boxes, if necessary, and adding fresh saw dust to each box. If you would like to participate, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183. A sign up sheet will be at the February General meeting for volunteers to sign up and indicate which dates (usually a Saturday) they can help.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MARCH GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, March 2, 2004, 7:00 PM - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 16, 2004, 7:00 PM - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March 24, 2004, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

12th ANNUAL COLUMBIA BASIN "FRIENDS OF NRA BANQUET and BENEFIT AUCTION Friday, March 5, 2004, Red Lion Hotel, Columbia Center, Social Hour 5:30 p.m. - Dinner at 7:00 p.m. - Auction to Follow. Call 509-946-4210

RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 27, 2004 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

FISHING KIDS EVENT - Saturday, May 8, 2004 - Family Fishing Pond, Columbia Park, Kennewick

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

● The March meeting will take place at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 2 at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.

● The speaker will be Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist. Paul's topic will be timely since spring is here. He will speak about local fishing prospects, fishing regulations changes, trout stocking schedules, spring chinook seasons on the Columbia and the Yakima rivers and walleye sampling projects. Additionally Paul will show us how to navigate the internet and where and how to get information about fishing conditions, prospects etc. He will bring his computer to the meeting and will connect to the internet and demonstrate how to access this information.

● Many Club memberships will expire on April 1, 2004. Update your membership at the meeting. Annual dues are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family membership, three year memberships are \$40 (individual) and \$50 (family). If your membership has expired or will expire on 4-1-04, the expiration date on the mailing label to this Bulletin will be highlighted.

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

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: - The meeting room was overflowing with attendees. Paul Kison, Club President, opened the meeting. Several announcements were made. The first speaker, Lyle Gilk, was the winner of the 2003 Quality Trip drawing. He gave a slide presentation showing the trip that he and his wife took in November to Minnesota to go deer hunting. They did not bag any deer but were able to see his ill mother and visit with relatives. They drove and cost of the 12 day trip was \$1,700.00. During their trip to and from Minnesota, they counted 78 road killed deer.

● The second speaker was Howard Gardner who spoke about his experiences selling items on ebay. Howard started selling items on ebay in 1999. He has sold elk and deer antlers, animal skulls, fishing lures (original lure box increases value), cameras, empty shotgun shell or rifle shell boxes, fired shotgun shells or rifle cases, firearm stocks, animal skins, anything sold by Herters, duck stamps, waterfowl bands, fishing rod and reels. He outlined the procedure for selling items on ebay.

BIG/WILD GAME DINNER!!: The Dinner will be held Saturday March 27. We still need duck and goose breasts, upland birds, halibut and steelhead. Call Jerry at 545-6694 if you have any meat/fish to donate.

● Big Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Jerry at 545-6694 and offer your services, he needs people for all day March 27 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. Bring a sharp knife and cutting board. If you work for a minimum of 2 hours or are a food donor you can reserve table places for up to an 8 people party for the dinner by obtaining a place card(s) from Jerry or his delegate. That is the only way that seats at the tables can be reserved. You must show up, sign up and check with the Dinner Chairman for confirmation. Ice chests & counter top electric ovens (roasters) are needed. Please bring them in the morning and tag them with your name and be sure to pick them up after the dinner. **A meeting of the cooks and others involved in the dinner will be held at the K of C hall in Richland at 7:00 PM Tuesday, March 9.**

● The speaker will be Larry Wayne Jones of Garden Valley, Idaho author of three award-winning musical videos of Larry and *Elvis* - perhaps the oldest wild bull elk in Idaho. He will have copies of his videos, CDs and award winning book for sale at the dinner.

● Eliminate a bottleneck at the door the night of the dinner and pay for your 2004 membership prior to the dinner.

● All the dinner tickets have been sold. There is a waiting list for tickets that might be returned. To get on the list, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183 or Eddie Manthos at 586-6009, if Dale is not available.

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Entry tickets for the 2004 Quality Trip can be purchased at the March General Meeting and at the Big Game Dinner, until the maximum of 100 tickets have been sold. The drawing for the Quality Trip will be held at the Big Game Dinner on March 27, 2004. The rules can be viewed on the Club web site under 'Club Activities'.

● Raffle winners were Dave Neff who won a 1 M candlepower portable searchlight, Vince Guerero - a battery charger, Frank Scopa - an ultralite rod and reel, Richard Sharp - a poncho, Mike O'Neill - a cleaning rod, Dave Myers - a calendar and Larry Martin - a foot warmer.

RICHARD FITZNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:-Howard Gardner- This year the scholarship was awarded to Keith Garner, a 3.68GPA undergraduate student in General Biology at Eastern Washington University. He plans on pursuing a Masters in Fisheries. The scholarship award is \$500.00 and was started in 1992 in memory of Richard Fitzner, a well respected biologist and Club member who died in a tragic plane crash. The awards go to students in a wildlife related field and is the tenth award we have made.

IN MEMORIAM:-Ev. Weakely- Ted Deobald, 77, of Richland, died on February 2, 2004. Ted had been a member since 1960 and was an active volunteer on many club events. He enjoyed hunting and fishing; especially from his boat. He also greatly enjoyed the Club picnics. He will be missed.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Pete Shaw, Kevin Grubbs and Gary Northrop all from Richland.

MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT: The March 13, 2004 Second Saturday Event will take place at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 from 9 am to noon. The topic will be *Walk among Wildflowers, Look out for Early Bloomers on the Trails and Off*. Tour the native plant restoration site at 9 am. Join the lookout for native flowers and invasive weeds at 10 am and see a wildflower slide show at 11 am. The Second Saturday Events are free and open to the public. Bring your children, there is much for them to see and do at the McNary Education Center, phone 509-543-8322 .

WINDMILL RANCH HABITAT PLANTING PROJECT: A sagebrush planting project will take place Saturday, March 13 at the Windmill Ranch. Rocky Ross has 15 planter bars available; a minimum of that many workers plus two others to hand out the shrubs will be needed. If 17 workers show up, the project should be completed in a half day or so. More information and a sign up sheet will be available at the March General Meeting.

MARCH 20 HUNTER EDUCATION YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT: A pheasant shoot, organized by Clare Cranston, will be held Saturday, March 20 for Hunter Education student graduates at Dave Piovesan's Limits Game Farm. The students will start the day at about 8:30 AM at the Connell Gun Club with a round of trap. They will then proceed to the pheasant shoot at the limits Game Farm. There will be three relays of students starting at about 10:30 AM.. A minimum of six coaches will be needed to accompany the students during the shoot. If you can volunteer to coach at the event, please call Clare at 547-6273 or send e-mail to shawcran@owt.com. Please help to make this event a success and introduce youths to upland bird hunting. Pheasants will be provided by Dave Piovesan and the harvested birds will be prepared for the March 27 Wild Game Dinner.

USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE: The committee met January 27 and came up with recommendations that were approved by the Board of Directors at the February 17 Board meeting.

<u>Item/Organization</u>	<u>January 2004</u>		
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Fitzner Memorial Scholarship (Annual award to a student in wildlife biology studies)	500	500	500
NRA Institute For Legislative Action (Fights the 2 nd Amendment battles)	200	200	300
NRA Foundation (Promotes firearm safety and shooting sports)	0	100	100
Columbia Dive Rescue (Rescue and body recovery)	250	300	300
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (Provides lobbying and grassroots support to protect sportsmen's rights)	250	250	250
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation (Conducts education, legal defense and research to protect sportsmen's rights)	250	250	250
Upland Wildlife Restoration Program (Supports local habitat development)	250	250	250
Delta Waterfowl (Works for a sustainable North American waterfowl population)	100	100	100
Youth Conservation Camp (10 total)-nominally six from Club and four from Hunter Ed. @ \$250 per camper	2220	2450	2500
Hunters Heritage Council (Promotion and political defense of hunting in Washington State)	200	250	250
USA Olympic Shooting Team (Donations are only source of funding)	100	100	100
McNary Environmental Education Center(MEECE) (Local environmental education facility)	100	100	100
Citizens for Responsible Wildlife Management (Funding lawsuit to overturn anti-trapping initiative, I-713)	100	100	100
Washington Wildlife Coalition (membership) (Promotes "Go Play Outside", a hunting, fishing and conservation initiative)	0	250	250
Travel expenses (Limited funding of expenses incurred from attendance at out-of-area meetings)	0	44.25	250
	Total Cost	4720	5444.25
	Total Allocation		5600

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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were three entries in February. The winning photo was submitted by Mike Estes and shows Mike and his son with a bag of ducks and upland birds harvested in December. Mike will win five free tickets to the March General Meeting raffle. The winning photo and the other entries can be viewed at www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub. Sean Carr was the photographer and the third hunter.



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students took home a cleaned pheasant(s) and the remainder were prepared and eaten at the RR&GC's Wild Game Dinner. One of the students, a fly tier, also took home a bagful of pheasant feathers. Each of the students, courtesy of Limits Game Farm and Ringold Pheasants Forever, were presented a beautiful, spectacular folding lock blade knife and sheath in a wooden presentation box. It was a very successful event and will be repeated on April 10 (see above for details of April 10 hunt).

MAY 8 FISHING KIDS EVENT: The Fishing Kids event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 8. It is one of a series of fishing events designed to give kids a hands-on fishing experience. For a \$5 registration fee, participants receive a "Fishing Kids" T-shirt and a Zebco rod and reel, which is theirs to keep. In addition, bait, floats and sinkers will also be provided. The Club is again actively participating in the event and will assemble the rods and reels prior to the event, man a fish cleaning station, patrol the shoreline to help and coach the kids, help distribute the rods and help wherever else needed. Please sign up to help at the April 6 General meeting or call Eddie at 586-6009 or send e-mail to emanthos@aol.com. Rod/reel assembly (about 1300) will take place at the WDFW facility at Pasco; volunteers that participated last year will be contacted as soon as the rods, reels and other hardware arrive. If you would like to help with this task call Eddie at 586-6009, assembly usually takes place on week days. Many other volunteers are needed to perform many other functions on May 8 such as Registration, Fish cleaning station, **Pond walkers (a.k.a. fishing tutors)**, Pole & Bait station and T-Shirt station. The best way we can help is to provide as many **Pond walkers (a.k.a. fishing tutors)** as possible; many of the kids and their parents have never fished before and they need guidance on how to bait a hook, set the bobber level, cast a rod, remove the fish etc. At least 50 volunteers are needed for this function. Volunteers should arrive at the park

before 7:30 a.m. Park in the lot just east of the concession stand and participate in orientation which will begin at 7:30 sharp. There will be four flights of 300 kids lasting for one hour and starting at 9:00, 10:30, 12 noon and 1:30 PM. Provisions will be made to have food/lunch available for the volunteers. Two Angler Education classes will be taught before the event, one at the Hunter Education Facility and the second at the Sportsman's Warehouse.

YAKIMA SUBBASIN PLAN MEETINGS IN TRI-CITIES: There will be two meetings in the Tri-Cities, both at the Richland Community Center at 500 Amon Road. The first meeting will be the 'Draft Yakima Subbasin Plan release and open house' on April 7, from 7-9 pm. The second will be the Draft Subbasin Plan Comment session and public hearings on April 21, 2004. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm and conclude at the end of the comments period. The public comment period for the Draft Subbasin Plan ends at 5 pm, April 23. For more information go to www.co.yakima.wa.us/yaksubbasin/.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 22, 2004, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
FISHING KIDS EVENT - Saturday, May 8, 2004 - Family Fishing Pond, Columbia Park, Kennewick

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

- The April meeting will take place at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 6 at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.
- The speaker will be Club member Richard Sharp who will discuss sturgeon fishing. Richard is an avid fisherman and hunter and pursues both very seriously and methodically. His presentation will be very interesting and should be particularly interesting to fisherman who have not fished for sturgeon and want to learn how to fish for them and what equipment they need. There are some big sturgeon in the Columbia and Snake Rivers and this is your chance to learn if you want to try fishing for them. Richard will also share his experiences fishing for other types of fish.
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MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT: - Paul Kison, Club President, opened the meeting to a standing room only audience. Several announcements were made. Dianne Warrant introduced Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW fish biologist. He gave a very good visual presentation, as he always does, and it was obvious that he spent a lot of time preparing it. He started off his talk by thanking Club members for helping the WDFW with walleye netting/sampling at Scootney Reservoir and gathering/cleaning out crappie fry at three Ringold rearing ponds last year and presented Appreciation Certificates to the participants.

- He discussed the catchable trout stocking schedules at ponds/lakes and where to find the information on the WDFW web site.
- Opening dates for some of the Seep lakes will be changed to April 1 from March 1 in 2005. Because none of the Seep Lakes were rehabilitated in 2003, fishing should be good at all of the lakes this year.
- Spring Chinook salmon opening dates will be issued in *Emergency Regulations* that are shown in local news media and on the WDFW web site. Local opening dates are usually mid-April. Paul explained that there are restrictions in the regulations that need to be adhered. This years Spring Chinook numbers are forecast to be the second highest since 1938. There may also be a Yakima River spring/summer fishery and it will be announced via an emergency regulation(s).
- Steel head fishing dates on the Snake River will be the same as last year and probably with a limit of three (fin clipped) hatchery fish. There will probably be a fall Columbia River steelhead fishery from the Highway 395 bridge to the wooden

Hanford power lines starting about October 1 and will be limited to steelhead with both the adipose and the right ventral fins clipped. Wild steelhead can not be retained at any time or any place.

● New regulations that will go into effect this year. Some of them are: there will be no hooks above buoyant lures, steelhead not hooked in the head or mouth must be released, hooked steelhead can not be removed from the water until it is determined if they are hatchery fish - wild fish will be released while they are in the water, there will be a minimum size of 9 inches and a daily limit of ten crappies in some lakes, walleye regulations on the Columbia River will be the same for the whole length of the river and there will be no limit on Channel Catfish in the Yakima River. Check the 2004-2005 fishing regulations pamphlet, when it is issued, for these changes and others.

● Paul brought the WDFW web site up on his visual presentation computer and demonstrated how to access all the information available on it. He answered many questions after his presentation and was applauded by the audience.

● Raffle winners were Joe Derousie who won a depth finder and a box of pistol shells, Al Eidson - a carton of .22 rifle shells, Dale Schielke - a rod rack, Dennis Rhoten - a box of pistol shells, John Pfeiffer - a box of pistol shells, a box of .22 rifle shells and a carton of BBs; Matt Cummings - a box of pistol shells and a box of shotgun shells, Larry Christensen - a box(s) of .22 rifle shells, Carl Stull - a box of shotgun shells and Mark Waller - a box of rifle shells and a carton of CO₂ Powerlets.

WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX INSPECTIONS: Wood Duck nesting boxes were inspected on 2/7/04 at Two Rivers and Burbank Heights, on 2/15 on the Yakima River from Horn Rapids to Twin Bridges, on 2/22 from Benton City to Horn Rapids and on 2/29 from Twin Bridges to Duportail. Dale Schielke calculated that 79 man hours of volunteer time were expended to perform the inspections. Helping Dale with the inspections were Doug Akers (twice), Gaylord Pyle, Jerry Burke, Ben Webb, and Paul Kison. A total of 108 boxes were checked. Fifty three boxes had been utilized by Wood Ducks, 15 had been used by Screech Owls and 4 boxes had been used by bees. One of the Screech Owls was banded. It had been banded June 9, 1991 at Badger, WA by Brett Tiller of PNL. At the time of banding the owl was too young to fly.

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Burbank WA 99323 from 9 am to noon. The topic will be "Songbirds are coming - Let's count the species". Other topics will be "Vertebrate Bones - Skeletons On Display - different animals same bones" and "Pioneering Environmental Groups". Bring the entire family, there are many children's activities and it is all Free and open to the public! The McNary Education Center, phone number is 509-543-8322

FISHERMEN ACCESS BRIDGE OVER HORN RAPIDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT CANAL: An access bridge to allow access to the Yakima River for fishermen was installed over the Horn Rapids Irrigation District Canal on Friday, March 12. To locate the bridge, turn west onto the road at the location of mile marker 22 on Highway 240, the bridge is about one mile from the highway. It is steel with a treated wood deck, about 40 feet long, and had been surplused by the City of Richland. It was transferred to the WDFW by the City of Richland and installed by Richland City personnel. Prior to installation, Richland Rod & Gun Club members and others cleared the area where the bridge was installed with chain saws, picks and shovels. The bridge was then skillfully lifted with a boom truck and lowered and placed in position by the Richland personnel. In the near future Club members will return and install a stairway fabricated from railroad ties down the steep bank leading to the bridge. Total time involved in site preparation and bridge installation was between 2 to 3 hours. Club members who participated were Paul Kison, Bob Henke, John Pfeiffer, Bob Zinsli, Bill Siefken, Jerry Zeitler, Bill Hays, Jeff Rampon and Eddie Manthos. The City of Richland and its personnel need to be commended for transfer and installation of the bridge. Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fisheries Biologist, was instrumental in arranging transfer of the bridge. Michael Crowder, General Manager of the Barker Ranch, arranged and planned the installation and supplied the tools and also doughnuts.

WINDMILL RANCH HABITAT PLANTING PROJECT: The habitat planting on Windmill Ranch was completed in about one hour on Saturday, March 13. About 1100 plants (800 Big Sage, 100 Snow Buckwheat, 100 Arrow leaf Balsamroot, 50 Palmer's Pensteman, and 21 Winterfat) were planted. The volunteers were Ev Weakley, Howard Gardner, Russ Wyer, Tom Bostrom, Paul Kison, Jerry Burke, Gene Van Liew, Larry Martin, Stephen Jette, Bob Kolowith, Harvey Huisingh, Bob Pittman, Tom Davis & his 3 daughters, Mary, Grace and Rachel; Dale Landon and Chris Landon with 3 buddies from his Ecology Club. They were Eric Johnson, Stephanie Thomas and Terry Reynolds from the Walla Walla area. I understand that Rocky provided a good lunch, as he always does, for all the workers. Later Rocky Ross, Bob Kolowith, Paul Kison and Gene VanLiew helped Bob Pittman plant 480 Four Wing Salt Brush shrubs in an enhancement project on the South end of the ranch..

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MARCH 20 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: Twelve Hunter Education student graduates from the Club's Hunter Education program participated in a pheasant shoot, organized by Clare Cranston, at Dave Piovesan's *Limits Game Farm* north of Mesa Saturday March 20. Two groups of 6 students participated. Before the pheasant shoot each group shot at least one round of trap at the Connell Gun Club. They then proceeded to the Limits Game Farm where they hunted in groups of three with hunting dogs and their handlers and a coach for each student. Prior to each hunt Dave Piovesan and his staff planted three pheasants for each student. The day started at 8:00 AM for the first group and ended about 2:30 PM for the second group. Every students cleaned birds, under the tutelage of Doug Piovesan (Dave's son). The students, their parents, dog handlers, coaches and other helpers were treated to Polish sausage hot dogs, hamburgers, chips etc and soft drinks prepared by chefs Barry McEachen and Ignacio Escalera (Mr. Nacho). The hamburger buns were donated by Joe Swan, Frontier Foods discounted the ground beef and sausages, and Paul's Minimart and Desert Tackle discounted the other food items. The food was purchased by the Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever and Limits Game Farm. Cost of the pheasants was paid by Lee Haberling (\$260), Limits Game Farm and the RR&GC Hunter Safety Program. Lee Magurk, Doug Piovesan and Dave Piovesan *planted* the pheasants. Dave and Mrs. Piovesan made sure that everything went off smoothly and were very gracious hosts. Volunteers that helped at the *Connell Gun Club* and at the hunt were *Clare Cranston, Ken Burgard, Lee Dean, Bud Jameson, Joe Russell*, Stephen Gaines, Don Benson, Don Grenseman, Ned Hutchins, Gary Scriven, Lyle Gilk, Eddie Manthos, Dusty and Erik Powers, Mike O'Neill, Michael K Wetzler, R.A. Margulies and Ron Ruth. Each of the



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2002-2003 DUCK BAND RESULTS:

Name	Where Harvested	Date	Information
Tim Tate	Columbia River	1/10/04	Male Mallard hatched 1997, banded 8/21/97 at Edmonton, AB - Canada
Robert Henke	Pasco	11/05/03	Male Mallard banded 8/10/03 4E of Mirror, AB
Sean Carr	Pasco	1/11/04	Male Mallard hatched 2003, banded 8/15/03 near Kootenay Flats, BC
Sean Carr	Pasco	1/11/04	Female Mallard hatched 2003, banded 7/15/03 near Cataldo, ID
Jeff Rampon	McNary NWR	1/24/04	Mallard drake hatched in 1999 or earlier, banded 8/12/2000 at Fairview, Alberta
Jeff Rampon	McNary NWR	1/10/04	Lesser Canada Goose hatched in 2000 or earlier, banded 7/9/2001 at Ophir, AK

MAY 8 FISHING KIDS EVENT: The Fishing Kids event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 8. Twelve hundred rods and reels were assembled by John Lavender, Gene VanLiew, Clare Cranston, Mack McDonnell, Jerry Zeitler, Jerry Burke, Ben Webb, Bob Zinsli, Eddie Manthos and Richard Ding. Rods & reels were taken home and assembled by Gaylord Pyle, Jerry Zeitler, Ben Webb, Jon Manthos, Jerry Burke and Richard Ding. The Club will

participate the day of the event (May 8) and man a fish cleaning station, patrol the shoreline as **Pond walkers (a.k.a. fishing tutors)** to help and coach the kids, help distribute the rods/reels and help wherever else needed (Registration or T-Shirt station). Many have already signed up to help. If you haven't volunteered, sign up at the May 4 General meeting or come down Saturday morning and help. Many of the kids and their parents have never fished before and they need guidance on how to bait a hook, set the bobber level, cast a rod, remove the fish etc. Volunteers should arrive at the park before 7:30 a.m. Park in the lot just east of the concession stand and participate in the orientation which will begin at 7:30 sharp. There will be four flights of 300 kids each lasting for one hour and starting at 9:00, 10:30, 12 noon and 1:30 PM. The best way we can help is to provide as many **Pond walkers (a.k.a. fishing tutors)** as possible, at least 50 are needed.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MAY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, May 4, 2004, 7:00 PM - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 18, 2004, 7:00 PM - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 19, 2004, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

FISHING KIDS EVENT - Saturday, May 8, 2004 - Family Fishing Pond, Columbia Park, Kennewick

MAY GENERAL MEETING

- The May meeting will take place at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 4 at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.
- The first speaker will be Tim Kopf, the Benton Conservation District Information and Educator Coordinator, who will give a short presentation and describe the functions of the local Conservation District.
- The main speakers are Lawrence Wolfgang and his wife. They have hunted many species in different parts of the world and will describe some of their experiences. Additionally they will discuss the different types of guided hunts and tours available and how to go about selecting a hunt and guide.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT: - Paul Kison, Club President, opened the meeting to a standing room only audience. Several announcements were made.

- Paul Kison discussed the "Elk Summit" meeting held at the Prosser Community Center, April 5th & 6th, concerning management of the elk herd on the Yakima/Rattlesnake Hills..
- Announcements were also made by Michael Crowder and Larry Martin.
- The many visitors present introduced themselves.
- Program Chairperson and Vice President Diane Warrant introduced Keith Garner who was awarded the RR&GC Richard Fitzner Memorial Scholarship this year. Keith is an undergraduate student in General Biology at Eastern Washington University with a 3.68GPA and plans on pursuing a Masters in Fisheries. Keith gave a short talk and described the various fisheries projects he has worked on and thanked the Club for the \$500.00 scholarship he received.
- Dianne then introduced the main speaker of the evening, Club member Richard Sharp, whose topic was sturgeon fishing. Richard described himself as a 'fishaholic' who loves to fish and does so at every opportunity he gets. He stated that he guarantees that a person can catch sturgeon if he follows his advice. Richard gave a very detailed presentation about the various aspects of sturgeon fishing. He likes to take 'new' people sturgeon fishing and about all he requires, in return, is a Subway sandwich and a root beer. He says there are two types of sturgeon - 'little ones' and 'big ones'. Sturgeon have spiny

appendages or spines on all four sides of the body with very sharp diamond like dangerous barbs. He passed out a table that showed the approximate weight of sturgeon compared to their length. It started at 20" and 2 lbs. and ended at 167"(13.9 ft.) and 1,506 lbs. A home made landing 'net' fabricated by Richard was demonstrated, it was really a lasso on a long handle that he uses to catch the fish by the tail. He showed the different types of 'rigs' that he uses when he fishes for sturgeon. He uses size 8/0-9/0 hooks for sturgeon. Different rod and reel combinations that he uses were shown; he prefers fiberglass rods. He stated that 'roll mop' is the basic bait that most sturgeon fishermen use and demonstrated how it is prepared and passed out the recipes he uses to prepare baits. He prefers fresh bait to old 'putrid' baits. Maps showing 'hot' fishing spots were projected on a slide screen, starting at McNary Dam and continuing upstream to the 'Jap Slough'. He also showed maps of areas suitable for fishing from the shore. Copies of these maps were handed out at the end of the meeting. He showed on a map the area where a giant sturgeon larger than 17 feet long frequents; he believes that he has hooked it but has not been able to land it. He ended his presentation showing a video of a sturgeon fishing trip below McNary Dam and upstream from the I-82 bridge. Both youngsters and adults were fishing in the boat. Several fish, large and small, were caught. The excited reactions of the fishermen while they were fighting the fish were visible and audible on the video. He answered many questions from the audience. His presentation ended about 10:00 PM, an hour longer than the usual meeting ending time. Even though the meeting was an hour longer than usual, hardly anyone left until it was over. Richard donated a certificate, for the raffle, good for one fishing trip with him..

● Raffle winners were Larry Martin who won a sturgeon rod and reel, Curtis Cleveland, Bob Henke's guest, won the Fishing Trip Certificate donated by Richard Sharp, Bill Lambert won two Videos and a pocket knife, Mack McDonnell won a video, John Scanland won 2 pocket knives; and Jim Roberts, Jeremy Siefken, Duane Sobotka, Bob Gough, Randy Cobble, and Bob Gifford each won a pocket knife.

LOST:- Howard Gardner- The two large (~22x26in.) yellow trays used to transport salmon from the cooker to serving area disappeared after the Wild Game Dinner. If anyone has them or knows their location, please call me on 943-9084. If I can't locate them, the Club will have to buy two more for use at the Salmon Booth and next years dinner.

APRIL 10 HUNTER EDUCATION YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT: A very successful pheasant shoot was held for 12 Hunter Education student graduates on Saturday April 10 at Dave Piovesan's Limits game Farm (www.limitsgamefarm.com). Thirty six pheasants were released and 24 were harvested. Two hunts were held this spring, March 20 and April 10, with twenty four students participating and harvesting 45 pheasants. Cost of the pheasants was provided by Lee Haberling from Kennewick, Dick Kohn from Othello, Frank Kelly from Walla Walla, Dave Piovesan and the RR&GC Hunter Education program. Ray Tuckett from Mesa provided some of the pheasants for the shoot. The Limits Game Farm, Dave and Pam Piovesan and son Doug, provided the hunt site, including a facility where the students registered, cleaned pheasants and ate the lunch provided by the Ringold Pheasants Forever Club and local merchants. Before the pheasant shoot, The Connell Gun Club provided a shotgun shooting range facility and clay pigeons for the students. The Tri Cities Silhouette Club provided range facilities for earlier student training and coaches at the pheasant shoot. The Ringold Pheasants Forever Club provided cooking and food for the students, parents, coaches etc. The Sand and Sage Retriever Club and the Tri Cities Ducks Unlimited provided dogs and coaches. Frontier Foods - Pasco, Pauls Mini Mart - Basin City, Mesa Grocery, and Joe Swan - Othello provided food, buns, pop, potato chips etc. for the lunches. Dog owners who provided dogs were Bob Marquilies, Jeff Rampon, Ron Ruth John Pfeiffer, all from the Tri Cities, Tina Bernsen from Moses Lake and Robert Moon from Connell. Coaches who participated in both hunts were Ken Burgard, Lee Dean, Clare Cranston, Ned Hutchins, Dusty Powers, Erik Powers, Steve Gaines and Lyle Gilk. Bob Jamison, Joe Russel, Mike Wetzler, Eddie Manthos, Mike O'Neal, Steve Roblyer, John Pfeiffer, Don Hartshorn and Don Board coached at one hunt. The barbecue cooks were Hugh McEachen, Barry McEachen, Gary Scriven, Casey Hill and Ignacio 'Mr. Nacho' Escalera. Each of the students, courtesy of Limits Game Farm and Ringold Pheasants Forever, were presented a beautiful, spectacular folding lock blade knife and sheath in a wooden presentation box. Last, but not least, Clare Cranston deserves a lot of credit and many thanks for organizing the hunts. **Thanks CLARE!**

VERY GENEROUS DONATION TO RR&GC HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM: After the April 10 pheasant shoot, in which his son participated, a very pleased father, Dave Praino, donated \$1,000.00 to the Club's Hunter Education Program. His letter to Clare Cranston stated the following: "This past Saturday, you and your team of volunteers provided my son, Hayden, with a very positive and rewarding experience. As a coach of youth athletics, I have witnessed all

to often how adult egos and eccentricities can ruin or taint the game for the child. Hayden's hunt, his first, was provided with genuine patience, care and knowledge of experienced hunters. For this I am grateful to all involved." There is not enough space in this newsletter to reproduce the entire letter. His letter ends with the following: "Please accept the enclosed donation so that your club might be more able to afford this experience to additional student hunters. You folks have a great program, and I sincerely feel that it would be beneficial to the sport if more students could be taught the correct way." Thank you very much Dave, your donation will be put to good use and your letter will make all the volunteers who participate in the program stand a little bit taller.

RINGOLD PHEASANTS FOREVER SHRUB PLANTING: On Saturday, April 17 the Ringold Pheasants Forever Chapter completed a shrub planting on the new circle food plot project recently completed on the Esquatzel waste way north east of Mesa and just east of where the old Game Department buildings were located. The Chapter repaired and renovated an old irrigation circle and pump and use it to water the food plot and shrubs planted Saturday. The Skagit Pheasants Forever Chapter provided funds to complete the project. About a dozen adults and a dozen boy scouts from Mesa participated to plant the shrubs. After the planting was completed the adults and boys were treated to a barbecue prepared by Barry McEachen and funded by Ringold Pheasants Forever. Three RR&GC members signed up to help, two became ill and only one participated.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Bryan Kerr & family and Craig Larsen & family from Richland, Greg Julian & family and Jim Saunders from Kennewick, Don Hall from Pasco, Robert M Tanner from West Richland and Doug Graef from Redmond, WA.

MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT: The May 9, 2004 Second Saturday Event will take place at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road (corner of Maple St. And Lake Rd.), Burbank WA 99323 from 9 am to noon. May 8, 2004. The topic will be Birds of the World International Songbird Migration. Birders will share field guides collected on field trips in Africa, Australia, Norway, Hungary, England, and South and Central America and compare species with those of North America and McNary National Wildlife Refuge. Worldwide postage stamps feature birds in lovely paintings. Birds are the most popular topic for stamp collectors; come view and compare amateur collections and other stamp specialties. Bring the entire family, there are many children's activities and it is all Free and open to the public! The McNary Education Center, phone number is 509-543-8322

FISHERMEN ACCESS BRIDGE OVER HORN RAPIDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT CANAL: Steps leading down the steep embankment to the footbridge and from the bridge to the river shore were installed Friday, April 9. Paul Kison, Mike Estes, Bob Zinsli, Bill Hays, Dan McGuire, Michael Crowder and Paul Hoffarth installed 45 railroad tie steps. Bob Zinsli donated five railroad ties and the Pasco 'Ranch and Home' donated twelve. Bob Zinsli and Paul Hoffarth painted the bridge. Four foot lengths of 'rebar', to anchor the railroad tie steps, will be installed probably by the end of the month.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-Clare Cranston- Hunter Education classes (Maximum of 32 persons each) are scheduled to start on May 10 and July 5. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Grigg's Store. Call Griggs 547-0566 to verify the date.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS:-Howard Gardner, Chief Instructor. The class started on Jan.26 and finished on Feb.9 after five three hour sessions. It included a Range Day at the Silhouette Club's facility with live firing of 22's, large bore rifle, 38 handgun, muzzle loading shotgun, modern shotgun, archery and a field course. A total of 32 students ranging in age from 9 to 64 were enrolled to start. Twenty two passed, 3 failed and there were 7 incomplete. Other instructors assisting in the class were Clare Cranston, Max Jones, Dusty and Eric Powers, Steve Roblyer and Jerry Zeitler. These gentlemen are to be commended for giving freely of their time to assist in this class. Many thanks.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in April. The winning photo was submitted by Mike Estes and shows Mike with a 3¾ lb. Largemouth he caught March 17. Mike will win five free tickets to the May General Meeting raffle. The winning photo and the other entry can be viewed at www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub.

WILD GAME DINNER: A little over 200 people attended the Wild Game Dinner on March 27. The food and hors'd oeuvres were great. The speaker was exceptional. Mike Estes was awarded the Gardner-Cranston Award. Bill Lambert and Bob Zinsli were presented the Club's Distinguished Service Award. Quality trip winner was Arlen Schade and the alternate was John Cummings.

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FISHERMEN ACCESS BRIDGE OVER COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT CANAL: Thanks to the efforts of Paul Hoffarth and Club member Bill Hays, the Columbia Irrigation District (CID) has given tentative approval to the placement of an access bridge similar to the one installed over the Horn Rapids Irrigation District (HRID) canal earlier. The City of Richland has another bridge similar to the one placed over the HRID canal and is willing to transfer it to Washington State so that the bridge can be installed over the CID canal. The City will probably also move the bridge to the canal site and place it as they did the other bridge on the HRID canal. Paul Hoffarth, WDFW Fisheries Biologist, is working on transfer of the bridge from the City to the State and other technicalities. The bridge will be downstream from the Wanawish dam and on the right bank (South, West) side of the Yakima River and about in the same locality as the HRID bridge. Both bridges will be accessible to fishermen and will be maintained by the WDFW as their other access sites are.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: -Clare Cranston- A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start July 5. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Grigg's Store. Call Griggs 547-0566 to verify the date.

MCNARY REFUGE MEETING: - Bill- Lambert - A meeting with Gary Hagedorn, Mid-Columbia River Refuges Manager, will take place at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 4 at the Refuge Headquarters at 2805 St. Andrews Loop in Pasco. The building is between the Red Lion Inn and the airport on the right hand side of the road. Possible topics to be discussed with Gary are: Hunting/restrictions on Casey Pond, Hunting/restrictions on the new pond resulting from highway construction on Two Rivers Unit, west of Highway 12, Feasibility of crop plantings west of Highway 12 on Two Rivers Unit and on Peninsula Unit and The lack of water on created wetlands on Wallula unit. Interested Club members are invited to attend. Bill has promised that he will bring doughnuts to the meeting.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in May. The winning photo was submitted by Mike Estes and shows a beautiful gobbler he harvested May 7, 2004 in Stevens county. Mike will win five free tickets to the June General Meeting raffle. The winning photo and the other entry can be viewed at www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

- JUNE GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, June 1, 2004, 7:00 PM - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
- BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, June 15, 2004, 7:00 PM - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - June 19, 2004, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
- ALLIED ARTS SIDEWALK SHOW-SALMON BOOTH - Friday & Saturday, July 23 & 24

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

- The June meeting will take place at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 1 at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.
- The first presenters will be Tim Kopf and Rachel Little from the Benton Conservation District. They will share information about educational studies where young students raised and released salmon fry locally.
- The second presenter will be Ray Wilson who will speak about the Washington State Wildlife Coalition and give us an update on the 'Go Play Outside' program. He will also discuss a pilot program that is being introduced, 'Washington National Archery in Schools Program' (NASP).
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

● **NOTE:** There will be no General Meeting in July or August. The July meeting is being replaced by the Sidewalk Arts Show salmon booth and the August meeting is being replaced by the Club Picnic/Salmon Barbecue.

MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- Paul Kison, Club President, opened the meeting with about 30 people present.
- Two visitors introduced themselves.
- Paul Kison discussed the May 8 Fishing Kids event and stressed that as many Club members as possible should volunteer to help, 1,200 kids have signed up to participate.
- Paul also announced that the Club will participate in the May 22-23 Washington Waterfowl Festival at the Benton County Fairgrounds. The event is being sponsored by Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited. The Club will have a booth at the Festival and a sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to sign up to work at the booth..
- Paul also discussed the Elk Summit Meeting held at Prosser April 5-6. The Elk Summit Final Report has been issued by CBSG and a copy can be obtained by calling 1-952-997-9800 or sending an e-mail to office@cbgs.org. The CBSG website is at www.cbgs.org.
- Tim Kopf of the Benton Conservation District was not able to attend and speak at the meeting.
- Dianne Warrant introduced the speakers, Larry and Mary Wolfram. Larry was a high school principal for 34 years and

the retirement gift he gave to himself and Mary was a trip to Africa. They hunted, fished and toured there for 30 days and harvested 12 animals. After his first trip he changed his safari guides and mode of operation and went on more tours. During one of his tours he took the world record Impala with 28⁷/₈ inch horns. The previous record was 50 years old and had 28 inch horns. Mary took the woman's world record Warthog during one of the tours. They will be leaving June 14 for an African safari trip. At the meeting they gave a very interesting slide presentation showing the places they have toured and the animals they have harvested. They also gave many tips and suggestions about what you need to do before you go on an African tour/safari.

- You need a certified birth certificate to obtain a passport. Ask for your passport 2-3 months before you need it.
- They made 'internet' plane reservations to secure the best ticket prices(s).
- Purchase travel (trip interruption) insurance for your trip. A membership to Safari Club International (\$75/year) is very useful, especially while in Africa. Check with your Health Insurance Company about coverage when in Africa or other foreign countries. Medication(s) must be in a labeled bottle with an accompanying prescription and a letter from your doctor explaining why you require the medications.
- Pick one rifle that you are comfortable with and can shoot well. Take 4 boxes of cartridges with you, packed separately from the rifle. You are allowed to take 3 suitcases with you on the plane, a gun case is equivalent to one suitcase. Clear your firearm(s) with customs the day before you leave.
- Have your trophies mounted/prepared in Africa, cost is 1/4 of USA cost. Have them crated and shipped air freight by the outfit that prepared the trophies.
- You do not need to take cash with you. Take credit cards, debit cards or Travelers Checks with you and notify the card or check companies when you will be gone.
- Larry and Mary answered many questions and passed out brochures describing the LJW ADVENTURES Big Game Hunting organization they operate. Their website is www.ljwadventures.com; their e-mail address is ljw@ljwadventures.com. Contact them if you have any questions or are interested in a safari or tour to Africa.
- Raffle winners were Bill Lambert who won a CUDA 168 Fish Finder, Lyle Gilk, Paul Kison and Vincent Guerrero each won a hunting or fishing video, Lou LaDouceur, Bill Lambert, Vincent Guerrero and Dale Schielke(2) won a pocket knife(s).

ANGLER EDUCATION CLASS: - Dave Myers - A Fishing Kids - Angler Education Class was held in the Hunter Education Facility at Griggs Department Store prior to the Fishing Kids Event. Ten youngsters attended all or portions of the three night instruction. They learned to cast their new outfits, to tie the Improved Clinch and Palomar knots, how to bait hooks with moldable power bait, salmon eggs and worms. They also learned about water safety, fish habitat, and fish biology. Club members helping teach the kids included Dave Neff, Claire Cranston, Ben Webb, Jack Pickard, Jim Shearer and Dave Myers. Also helping were Bob, Jori and Tanner Clark (Jori and Tanner recently placed in the Bass Masters casting kids competition in Oklahoma.) Griggs donated special coupons to the kids to help them on their way to a lifetime of fishing. The kids made use of what they learned at the Fishing Kids Event at Columbia Park on May 8.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Dale Andert from Richland.

FISHING PARTNER NEEDED: Gary Northrop, a new Club member, lost his regular fishing buddy and is looking for a new partner. He has a boat and equipment for bass, walleye, salmon, halibut and sturgeon fishing. Gary is retired and is a serious fisherman who has fished throughout the Northwest, parts of British Columbia and Alaska and several other continents. His favorite, for the past 40 years, is bass fishing. He is planning trips for salmon and halibut this summer including weekly bass trips and a couple of trips for 'springers'. If you are a non-smoker, like to 'B.S'. and willing to share expenses, give Gary a call at 628-1287.

MAY 8 FISHING KIDS EVENT: A total of 1,250 kids between the ages of 5-14 years old registered and participated in the Fishing Kids Event that took place at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond on a breezy Saturday, May 8 between 9:00 AM and 2:30 PM. For \$5:00 each kid received a Zebco fishing rod and reel with line, hook, sinker, float and bait and a Fishing Kids T-shirt. Participants started to line up early. The pond was closed Friday and stocked by the WDFW. Fishing Saturday was great and it appeared that all the kids were catching fish. It was a fantastic day for the kids in spite of the slight wind. There were many groups that helped to make the event a success. Members of the Walla Walla Walleye Club camped out at the pond Friday night and patrolled it to stop people from fishing before the event. Grigg's Shopping center prepared all

the signs. Griggs and the Sportsman's Warehouse donated baits and other tackle used by the kids and had numerous employees participate. The RR&GC was a major participant. We helped in planning of the event, handed out registration forms at Lunker Lake in January, assembled 1200 rods before the event and assembled about 100 rods the morning of the event. Twenty six Club volunteers helped at the event and were: Mike Estes, Russ Wyer, Bob Henke, Dennis Spore, Mack McDonnell, Clare Cranston, Eddie Manthos, Jon Manthos, Ben Webb and his grandson Zachary, Kevin Webb, Jerry Zeitler, Jim Shearer, Mike O'Neill, Maire O'Neill, Paul Kison, Rich Holten, Bill Lambert, Wade Warrant, Dianne Warrant, Dale Schielke, Dan McGuire, Gaylord Pyle, Lyle Gilk, Dale Landon and Richard Sharp. If I missed any of you, please let me know. Bill Lambert, Mike and Maire O'Neill worked at the fish cleaning station. Members of the Columbia Basin Flycasters also participated. It was a very satisfying day. There were many comments made by the kids parents about the great job the volunteers did in helping and teaching the kids how to fish. If we can get more financial sponsors, our goal next year will be 1400 kids. The event gets better and bigger every year.

MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT: June 12, 2004 at McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, Corner of Maple St and Lake Rd, Burbank WA, 9 am to noon.

'CELEBRATE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE'

Early peoples told amusing stories about how the earth came to be with actions and without words. Students from Columbia Elementary school in Burbank have been practicing emotions with body languages and facial expressions. They wrote poems, made masks and practiced rhythm and dance because early peoples used all those activities to tell their histories.

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Bring the entire family, there are many children's activities and it is all Free and open to the public! The McNary Education Center, phone number is 509-543-8322

SALMON BOOTH 2004: -Howard Gardner & Dale Schielke

The Allied Arts Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 23 & 24. The RR&GC will have the lead this year. Much help, about 70 volunteers will be needed. This is the Club's main money raising project for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July 22 from 6-8:00PM. The booth will operate from 9:00AM to 9:00PM on Friday July 23 and Saturday July 24. Shifts will be 9:00AM-1:00PM, 1:00PM-5:00PM, and 5:00-9:00PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00PM. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/03, will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and during which shift. To save the phone tree callers some time please call Dennis Spore(627-0589) or Dale Schielke to sign up for a shift(s). Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun. If for some reason you are not contacted, call Dennis or Dale. There will also be a sign up sheet at the June 1 General meeting. This year, 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. Those that would like to have that training and take the test to get a card can do so at the Allied Arts Gallery, 89 Lee Blvd., Richland on Tuesday, June 29 and Thursday, July 8, 2004 at 6:45PM sharp at the Allied Arts Gallery. Doors will be closed right at 7PM. Health card and testing cost \$10 but attendance only is free and open to all workers. If these dates are inconvenient, call the Benton Health Dept. on 582-7761 for other training and test dates. They are located at 800 W. Canal Dr., Kennewick. Cost of the Cards cost, \$10.00, will be reimbursed by the Club on request. See you down at the Booth.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is sponsoring 10 youth, nominally six from the Club and four from Hunter Safety Classes, to this year's Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island and the Inland Empire Natural Resources Camp at Lake Couer d'Alene. Dates of the Orcas Island Camp are July 18-24 for girls and July 25-31 for boys. A camper (boy or girl) must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. Older youth who have previously attended the Orcas Island Camp may be able to attend the Inland Empire Natural Resources Camp at Camp N-Sid-Sen at the eastern shore of lake Couer d'Alene, camp dates are June 13-19. If you know of a youth(s) who is interested in attending camp contact **Larry Martin at 545-9647** as soon as possible to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until 10 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from the Camp. Both Camps are very good and the kids really enjoy themselves. Those that have attended can't wait to go again the next year.



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

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ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - Friday & Saturday, July 23 & 24

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JULY GENERAL MEETING

- There will be no General Meeting in July or August. The July meeting is being replaced by the Allied Arts Show Salmon Booth on July 23 and 24 (see the article below for more information about the salmon booth). The August meeting will be replaced by the Club's annual picnic/salmon barbecue on Tuesday August 3 (see article below.)

JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT: - Paul Kison, Club President, opened the meeting with about 30 people present.

- Three visitors introduced themselves.
- Paul Kison stated that the May 8 Fishing Kids event was very successful and that there many comments from the kids parents about how much the kids enjoyed themselves and how helpful all the volunteers were and they expressed their thanks to the volunteers.
- Paul stated that the May 22-23 Washington Waterfowl Festival was not as well attended as anticipated. However it was a good start for the first time and it should grow in attendance and exhibitors in the future.
- It was stated that the prospects for installation of an access bridge over the Columbia Irrigation District canal appear to be very good. The bridge will be about 1/2 mile upstream from the Horn Rapids Irrigation District canal access bridge on the other side of the river.
- The first of three speakers to discuss opening of the Ice Harbor pool above Charbonneau and Levy parks to waterfowl hunting was Al Sutlick, Army Corps of Engineers Biologist. The other speakers were Gary Hagedorn, manager of the Mid-Columbia Refuges (USFWS), and Mike Livingston, local WDFW biologist. At present waterfowl hunting is closed within 1/4 mile of the Snake River from the Highway 12 bridge to Lower Monumental Dam. It is being proposed that the Snake River be opened to waterfowl hunting upstream from a line drawn between Charbonneau and Levy parks to lower Monumental Dam. The Corps is trying to determine how the public feels about opening of this area. Questionnaires for opening of the area or continuing closure of the area were at the Corps booth at the Washington Waterfowl Festival. One hundred and fifty signatures were for opening of the area and five signatures were for continued closure of the area. Al explained that the Ice Harbor pool is the only area on the Snake River dams closed to waterfowl hunting. If the area is opened, it will be monitored to determine if there are any deleterious effects on waterfowl. There were many questions from the

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JULY 9-11 TOYS FOR BIG BOYS SHOW: The Club will be participating in the 'Toys For Big Boys Show' at the NEW **3-Rivers Convention Center** on Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 9, 10 and 11. The Show organizer has offered the Club a booth at the show. Booth set up will be Thursday July 8. If you are willing to help during the booth set up on July 8 or help man the booth on July 9, 10 or 11, please call Paul Kison at 545-6050 or Clare Cranston at 547-6273. This is you chance to let the public know about the Club and also see the new Convention Center.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were four entries in June. The winning photo was submitted by Bob Kolowith and shows Bob with a 14 pound 33 inch Red Fish (a beautiful fish) he caught this spring in a coastal salt water marsh in the Charleston, South Carolina area. Other entries were submitted by Jack Pickard, Jerry Burke and Mike Estes. Bob will win five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting. The winning photo and the other entries can be viewed on the Club Website.

QUALITY TRIP: At the June Board of Directors meeting Jerry Bloom presented details of the Quality Trip that he and Arlen Schade, the 2004 Quality Trip Drawing winner, plan to take late in November. They will rifle hunt Whitetail Deer in East Tennessee hill country adjacent to the Smoky Mountains. It will be a maximum eight day hunt and the outfitter will be *Rocky Top Outfitters* from Pigeon Forge Tennessee. The hunt was unanimously approved by the Board. Good Luck to both of them.

SEPTEMBER 18 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education students is being planned for Saturday September 18. Clare Cranston is organizing the hunt and more details will be forthcoming in the August and September Club newsletters.

MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT: July 10, 2004 at McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, Corner of Maple St and Lake Rd, Burbank WA, 9 am to noon 509-543-8322 The subject will be:

'BONES AND ARTIFACTS - NO DIGGING ALLOWED'

audience directed to Al, Gary and Mike. The only apparent opposition to opening the area was from a group of goose hunters who were concerned that waterfowl hunting on the proposed area would impact their goose hunting success. A vote of all present was taken, 15 votes were for opening the area and 8 were for continued closure. Al said that the meeting results, the poll taken at the Waterfowl Festival plus other meetings and polls would be reported to the Washington State Fish and Wildlife Commission at their August 6 and 7 meeting with a request to open the area to waterfowl hunting. He also said that if there is additional input to opening or continued closure of the area, Don Krage or Mike Livingston of the WDFW should be contacted. Mike Livingston was present at the meeting and gave a short talk and answered questions about topics other than opening of the Ice Harbor pool. Gary Hagedorn announced that the Mid Columbia Refuges has initiated a planning process to review the wildlife, habitat and public use activities on the McNary and Umatilla National Wildlife Refuges. The planning process and issuance of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for each of the two refuges will take about three years. He invited the public to attend one of two Public Scoping Meetings and open houses at the McNary Refuge on June 16 or at the Riverfront Center in Boardman, Oregon on June 23. He passed out a Planning Update brochure and comment form and asked people to fill out the comment form and return it to the office in Pasco with their input. He also answered several questions from the audience.

● Dianne Warrant introduced the first of the scheduled speakers, Rachel Little from the Benton Conservation District. Tim Kopf, also from the Benton Conservation District, had to leave because of another meeting at 8:00 pm. Rachel opened her presentation by thanking Club members for making the May 8 Fishing Kids Event an exciting day for her children. She explained what a Conservation District is. Soil Conservation Districts were created by Congress in the 1935 Soil Conservation Act. The Benton Conservation District meets the first Thursday of every month at the Benton REA at 4:00 pm. She passed out a brochure that describes what the districts do. One of their functions is to work with schools in teaching hands-on environmental activities. She described a program where the Benton District worked with children in schools and helped them hatch and raise salmon fry in their class rooms. After the fry reached the survival stage they were released in the Yakima River on May 4. That day was a big event, hundreds of students traveled to Horn Rapids Park where they learned from activities and demonstrations about salmon and their environment. There were demonstrations about how salmon are tagged, presentations about the cultural significance of the fish and why it's important to have clean water. The event was written up in the *Tri-City Herald* and can be viewed at <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/tch/local/story/5038973p-4967391c.html>. Rachel explained that the district relies heavily on volunteers to help at these and other events. She described the costs for equipment such as the aquariums that are used in the classrooms. She gave an excellent informative presentation along with an impressive slide presentation

● The last speaker was Ray Wilson from the Washington Wildlife Coalition. He stated that the RR&GC has been a Coalition member since April, 2003. Eyes In The Woods is one of the programs sponsored by the Coalition. Over 30 Club members have participated and received certification in the *Crime Observation & Reporting* training class. Ray described an archery training class that is very successful in Kentucky. The classes are taught in the schools and are very popular. Twenty two schools are presently participating in the archery class program in Kentucky. The Coalition is in the process of offering similar classes in Washington State.

● Raffle winners were Dale Schielke - a Daisy Red Ryder BB air rifle and a pocket knife, Bill Lambert won 100-12 gauge shotgun shells, Gene VanLiew won two books and a sling shot, Dan McGuire, Mike O'Neill, Paul Kison and Frank Scopa each won a pocket knife.

SALMON BOOTH 2004:-Howard Gardner& Dale Schielke

The Allied Arts Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 23& 24. The RR&GC will have the lead this year. Much help, at least 70 volunteers will be needed. This is the Club's main money raising project for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July 22 from 6-8:00PM. The booth will operate from 9:00AM to 9:00PM on Friday July 23 and Saturday July 24. Shifts will be 9:00AM-1:00PM, 1:00PM-5:00PM, and 5:00-9:00PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00PM. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/03 will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and during which shift. To save the phone tree callers some time please call Dennis Spore(627-0589) or Dale Schielke to sign up for a shift(s). Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun. If for some reason you are not contacted, call Dennis or Dale. 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. Those that would like to have that training and take the test to get a card can do so at the Allied Arts Gallery, 89 Lee Blvd., Richland on Thursday, July 8, 2004 at 6:45PM sharp at the Allied Arts Gallery. **Doors will be closed right at 7PM.** Health card and testing cost is \$10.00 but attendance only is free and open to all workers. If this date is inconvenient, call the Benton

Health Dept. on 582-7761 for other training and test dates. They are located at 800 W. Canal Dr., Kennewick. Cost of the Cards, \$10.00, will be reimbursed by the Club on request. See you down at the Booth.

IN MEMORIAM: -- The Richland Rod and Gun Club was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Bruce Teeple after a long struggle with prostate cancer. Bruce joined the Club in 1960 and had been a club member for 44 years. He was Treasurer from 1974 through 1981 and was involved in many Club projects. He built the two cookers that we continue to use to cook salmon. The design was obtained from the Washington State Department of Fisheries. As I remember, Bruce had a great sense of humor and was fun to work with on Club projects. After retirement in 1981, he and Delia spent most of each year at South Twin Lakes near Inchelium, Bruce will be missed. (Howard Gardner)

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WASHINGTON WATERFOWL FESTIVAL: The Club participated at the Washington Waterfowl Festival held at the Benton County Fairgrounds on May 22 and 23. We had a couple of tables with displays of photographs entered in our monthly photo contest. A Wood Duck nesting box and charts showing where the boxes were installed. Tables showing results of nesting box inspections and assorted Wood Duck literature. Copies of "*Introducing the Richland Rod & Gun Club*" pamphlet were on the table for anyone that wanted one. There was also a computer *SlideShow* with 130 slides showing the various activities that the Club participates in. Paul Kison, Dale Schielke, Bill Hays and Eddie Manthos set up the tables and displays Friday afternoon before opening of the Waterfowl Festival. Wade Warrant, Dianne Warrant, Larry Martin, Eddie Manthos, Mack McDonnell, Dale Schielke, Mike Estes and Paul Kison. manned the booth on Saturday and Sunday. Clare Cranston, Lyle Gilk, Bob Margulies, Dusty Powers, Erik Powers and Don Hartshorn manned the *Washington Hunter Education Instructor's Association* pellet rifle range trailer.

DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: A duck banding project is scheduled for RR&GC youth, Ducks Unlimited Greenwings and other interested local youth 17 years of age and under on Saturday August 14. The banding is being sponsored/organized by the USFWS/McNary National Wildlife Refuge, the Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited chapter, Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club and RR&GC. Banding will take place at McNary Wildlife Refuge on Saturday August 14 starting at 8:00 AM. The youth will learn about the migratory habits of waterfowl and the importance of banding in waterfowl research and management. Meet in the parking lot at the McNary NWR Headquarters at Burbank, 600 Maple St. Come dressed (long pants and insect repellent) for the occasion and bring a duck call if you want to compete in the duck calling contest. The ducks will have been trapped earlier and the youth will help band the ducks. Other events that will take place that day are: Waterfowl ID, Wood Duck Box Demonstration and building, Duck and Goose Calling Demonstration, Water Dog Retriever Demonstration and Hunter Safety demonstration. **There will again be a duck calling contest for all youth that bring a duck call with them.** Contestants will be divided into three age groups: under 8, 8 to 13 and 14 to 17. Awards/prizes will be given to the winner(s) in each of the groups. There were ten entrants in last years hotly contested event. Some of the kids were darn good and much better than a lot of us adults. The Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever club will be there with water dogs for retriever demonstrations. Waterfowl mounts will be demonstrated. Dale Schielke will show wood duck nesting boxes, results from installed wood duck boxes and youth will help in building a new nesting box(s). Cold drinks and snacks will be provided for the participants. This will be an educational and fun project. It is a great opportunity for youth to learn about waterfowl and waterfowl banding. Don't miss out, be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 14. If you need more information call Jeff Rampon at 628-2802.



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"With this proposal, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will have launched over 60 new hunting and fishing programs on national wildlife refuges since 2001, enhancing access and opportunity for millions of Americans to enjoy their favorite outdoor traditions, said Service Director Steve Williams. "By providing greater recreational access through over 60 new hunting and fishing programs on national wildlife refuges, the President is expanding the number of citizen-stewards, hikers, anglers, bird-watchers and hunters who will visit, enjoy, and help care for these vibrant public resources," said James L. Connaughton, Chairman, White House Council on Environmental Quality.

The Service is proposing to add the following refuges and wetland management districts (WMD) to the agency's list of units open for hunting and/or fishing: Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in South Carolina; Mountain Longleaf NWR in Alabama; Red River NWR in Louisiana; Cypress Creek, NWR in Illinois; Huron, Lake Andes, Madison, Sand Lake, Waubay WMDs in South Dakota; and Devils Lake WMD in North Dakota. In addition, the Service is also proposing to expand recreational hunting and fishing opportunities on seven refuges in Nebraska, Texas, Tennessee, Indiana, Louisiana, Georgia, and South Carolina.

In 2003, there were 2.2 million hunting visits to national wildlife refuges and 6.6 million fishing visits. By law, hunting and fishing are two of the six priority wildlife-dependent recreational uses on national wildlife refuges, and individual refuges are encouraged to provide opportunities to hunt and fish whenever they are compatible with the refuge's conservation goals. The Service annually reviews hunting and fishing programs on national wildlife refuges to determine whether to add, modify or remove them.

The full text of the Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations can be found on the Internet by visiting <http://refuges.fws.gov> and clicking on the link to "Policies and Budget."

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS: If your membership has expired, the expiration date on this newsletter label will be highlighted. Annual dues are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family membership, three year memberships are \$40 (individual) and \$50 (family). Send your dues in to the address at the top of the newsletter.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, August 17, 2004, 7:00 PM - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

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MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER AUGUST SECOND SATURDAY EVENT:

August 14, 2004

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center

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PROTOTYPE DUCK BLIND BUILT BY CLUB MEMBERS: Staff at the McNary Wildlife Refuge stated to Club members at a meeting held in June that they were looking for a duck blind design to replace present structures installed at several of the blinds at the Refuge. The new structures, ideally, should be sturdy, economical, light weight and easily movable and functional. Bill Davis and Bob Henke put their heads together and came up with a prospective design. They fabricated a scale model and showed to the McNary staff who thought that the design looked very good. They then fabricated a full scale blind at Refuge headquarters at Burbank. The blind has room for a maximum of four hunters and a dog, an opening in the front for dog access and a bench for the hunters and dog. The structure can be moved relatively easily by two hunters and cost is about \$200. It is on display at the headquarters parking lot at Burbank. Bill and Bob would very much appreciate it if duck hunters would go out and look at the blind and let them or Refuge staff know what you think of the blind and any suggestions for improvements or changes. A good time to look at the blind would be on August 14 during the Youth Duck Banding.

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WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club sponsored nine youth to attend the Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Two girls, Mary and Ann Davis, attended the camp on July 18-24. Boys camp was July 25-31 and was attended by seven boys: Tate Golladay, Daniel Spore, Cody Klug, Jesse Williamson, Jacob Clark, Matt Schofstoll and Eric Hargraves

2003-2004 WATERFOWL HUNTING HARVESTS REPORTED: *A USFWS news release, July 22, 2004.*

- More than 13.4 million ducks were harvested in the United States during the 2003-2004 waterfowl hunting season, according to preliminary estimates compiled by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2003 hunters harvested more than 3.8 million geese, up 13 percent from nearly 3.4 million the previous year. The Service recently released a report estimating waterfowl hunting activity, success, and harvest, by species for the 2003 U.S. waterfowl hunting season.
- Duck hunters spent about 7.4 million days in the field in the 2003 migratory waterfowl hunting season, down from 7.6 million days of duck hunting during the 2002 season. Hunters spent 4.7 million days hunting geese, similar to 2002.
- In the Atlantic Flyway, more than 1.6 million ducks were harvested last season, down from 1.8 million the previous year. The 743,000 geese harvested in 2003 was down from 797,000 in 2002.
- In the Mississippi Flyway, nearly 6.8 million ducks were harvested, up from the nearly six million in 2002. The 1.5 million geese harvested was up from 1.2 million in 2002.
- In the Central Flyway, hunters bagged nearly 2.5 million ducks last season. This is down from the nearly 2.6 million in 2002. The 2003 harvest of 1.1 million geese was up from 979,000 in 2002.
- In the Pacific Flyway, hunters harvested a total of more than 2.4 million ducks, up from the nearly 2.3 million in 2002. The number of geese harvested, nearly 440,000, was up from 362,000 the year before.
- In Alaska, more than 71,000 ducks were harvested, down from nearly 75,000 in the previous season. The goose harvest at 6,900 was up from 6,000 in the previous year.
- Mallards were the most prevalent duck in the bag for hunters in the U.S., with more than 5 million birds harvested last season. Other species popular among waterfowlers were green winged teal with more than 1.5 million birds harvested; gadwall with nearly 1.5 million harvested; wood duck, at more than 1.2 million harvested and blue winged teal, with nearly 1 million harvested.
- Canada geese were the most prevalent goose harvested by hunters in the United States, with nearly 2.9 million birds harvested last season.
- The 1998 conservation order to expand light goose hunting is bringing the population down. According to mid-winter surveys, the population peaked in 1998 at more than 3 million birds. The population today is nearly 2.4 million birds. The biologists' target population is little more than a million birds. Light goose over-population has caused extensive damage in Arctic breeding areas.
- The Service generates the estimates contained in this report based on surveys of selected waterfowl hunters, through the cooperative State-Federal Harvest Information Program. These surveys allow state wildlife agencies and the Service to develop estimates of the number of all migratory birds harvested throughout the country, which helps the Service establish the next hunting season and maintain healthy waterfowl populations. The waterfowl hunter activity and harvest estimates for the 2003 hunting season are available on the Service's web site at <<http://migratorybirds.fws.gov/reports/reports.html>>.

THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO ADD 10 NEW HUNTING AND FISHING PROGRAMS ON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES AND WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS: *A USFWS news release, July 22, 2004*

The Bush Administration plans to open new hunting and fishing programs on 10 national wildlife refuges and wetland management districts in Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Carolina and South Dakota as part of its annual Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations. With the changes in this proposed rule, there will be 325

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ICE HARBOR POOL WATERFOWL HUNTING: According to the WDFW 2004 Migratory Waterfowl pamphlet, the Ice Harbor pool is open to waterfowl hunting upstream from a *line* running between shoreline navigation markers 4 and 5 at Levey and Charbonneau Recreation Areas.

YAKIMA RIVER BOAT ACCESS: The Richland City Council voted at their August 17 meeting to enter into a maintenance and operations agreement with the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the purpose of developing and maintaining water access points on the Yakima River at Hyde and Snively Roads. The WDFW will level, widen if necessary, gravel each of the access sites/ramps and maintain them. The two sites will be WDFW access sites and current WDFW Vehicle Use Permits will be required for all vehicles using the ramps.

ATTENTION HUNTERS USING GAME MANAGEMENT UNIT 372: If you are hunting in Game Management Unit 372, it is important to know that most of the lands within the unit are private. It is illegal to hunt or trespass on private lands without the permission of the landowner. The Thornton Unit of the Sunnyside Wildlife Area managed by the WDFW as well as section 16 owned by the Washington Department of Natural Resources is open to public hunting. These two parcels are surrounded by private land. A map of this area is shown on the Club's website at www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/. To view the map click on Bulletin and then click on Thornton Unit. Remember all coordinates (longitude and latitude) shown on the map are WGS84 (World Geodetic System 1984). (Information provided by Rocky Ross.)



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, September 7, 2004, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, September 21, 2004, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - September 23, 2004, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT Sept 18, Coaches Needed All Day, Call Clare at 547-6273

DUCKS UNLIMITED FALL HARVEST BANQUET Saturday Sept. 25, 5:00 pm Pasco Red Lion

Call Craig Johnson 509/943-5843 For Tickets

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

- The first meeting of the fall season will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, September 7 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the WalMart. The speakers will discuss the hunting forecasts for big game, upland game and waterfowl for WDFW Regions 1 and 3 including the USFWS Mid Columbia refuges.
- Pat Fowler, Region 1 biologist, will discuss general hunting prospects for upland game and big game in Region 1.
- Mike Livingston, Region 3 biologist will cover the hunting prospects for Region 3 upland game and big game.
- Gary Hagedorn, USFWS manager of the Mid Columbia River Refuges, will discuss waterfowl and upland bird hunting on the Toppenish, McNary, and Umatilla Refuges.
- The youth sponsored by the Club to attend the Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island in July of this year will be present and will share their experiences with us.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

SALMON BOOTH 2004: - Dale Schielke, Lyle Gilk, & Howard Gardner. In its 19th year, the Salmon Booth was successfully run under the Banner of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. This year the profit was in excess of \$4,700.00 to be shared equally by both clubs. "The Salmon Sandwich", in its sixth year, continues to be a good seller. A total of 540 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as dinners or sandwiches. Again, activities associated with the Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to the following great group of volunteers which includes members of both our Club and the Columbia Basin Flycasters: Lyle Gilk*, Evon Gilk, Dale Schielke*, Lou Ann Schielke, Howard Gardner, Mike McWethy*, Tom Davis*, Don Barnes*, Chris Barnes, Harvey Huisingh, Bob Zinsli*, Sharon Zinsli, John Pfeiffer*, Dave Myers*, Carol Myers, Sammi Myers, Mack McDonnell*, Frank Scopa, Dennis Spore*, Walt Allen, Harold Heacock*, Eddie Manthos, Nancy Manthos, Larry Martin*, Paul Kison*, Gene Van Liew, Mike Estes, Rich Holten, Pat Holton, Jeff Fulks, Margaret

Fulks, Russ Wyer, Gaylord Pyle, Ev Weakley, Jeff Rampon, Dennis Kreid, Sue Kreid, Jack Pickard, Reed Kaldor, Bert Turner, Mark Freshley, Monica Freshley, Dale Landon*, Wade Warrant*, Diane Warrant, Marilyn Steele, Gene Woodruff, Jeff Gardner, Karen Gardner, Richard Sharp, Lou LaDouceur, Ben Webb, Dale Andert, Bill Seifken, Brian Kerr, Jim Choate, Bob Gifford, Larry Worden, Dan Robertson, Rod Gilge, Kevin Grubbs, Jerry Caprio, Craig Larsen, Rocky Ross, Tom Kimball, and Hana Kimball. A very special thanks to Lyle Gilk for last minute co-chairing the booth with Dale Schielke in Howard's absence. Also thanks to Bob Zinsli for again providing ice for use in the booth and to John Pfeiffer for again managing booth setup, tear down and storage, no small task. As in previous years, we received a clean bill of health from the Benton-Franklin District Health Dept. Our extra effort in temperature control and cleanliness pays off. In addition, we get many compliments on the dinners/sandwiches from the many customers that come down year after year for the delicious salmon. Next year The Flycasters will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers. (*Indicates those working more than one shift.) Again, many thanks to Dale, Lyle and Howard for working so hard to organize the event and purchase and stage all the supplies needed to make the Booth a success. Dale and Howard have been doing this since the first Salmon Booth, many years ago. Without their direction it would be very difficult to hold a successful event. They put in many, many hours to make sure everything went off smoothly. Thank you very much!!

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic was held on Tuesday, August 3. The weather was hot, clear and not windy. Seventy three adults and 13 children attended. The alder smoked salmon was very good and there was plenty for second and third helpings, after every one ate as much as they could there were seven leftover cooked filets that were sold. The pot luck side dishes, salads and desserts were very good and plentiful. After we finished eating, the hotly contested annual liars contest was held There were 8 entrants and 9 lies told. The entrants were Mike Estes, Dale Schielke, young Geoffrey Martin, Richard Sharp (2 separate lies), Paul Kison, Dianne Warrant, Mack McDonald and Larry Martin. Winner of first place (Biggest Liar-\$30 gift certificate) was Mack McDonald, second place (Bigger Liar-\$20 gift certificate) was Mike Estes and third place (Big Liar-\$10 gift certificate) was Larry Martin. Many thanks to Dianne Warrant who organized the picnic and ran the liars contest. Paul Kison served large portions of the salmon. Dale Schielke and Eddie Manthos cooked the salmon. Dale transported the salmon cookers to the picnic Dave Myers transported them back to the storage site. We all ate well, listened to masterful lies and had a great time on a beautiful August evening.

2004 YOUTH DUCK BANDING AT McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: About 20-30 youth and 20-30 parents, grandparents and others attended the duck banding project at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday, August 14. Three youth and a grandfather traveled all the way from Ellensburg to participate in the banding and especially compete in the duck calling competition. FWS biologists Howard Browers and Molly Jacky, Refuge Manager John Gahr and Outdoor Recreation Planner Art Shine and David Linville helped at the banding. Only 4 ducks, all mallards, had been trapped earlier and were in a cage at the edge of the slough. One of the trapped ducks already had a band. Because of predators and the number of ducks present on the refuge, the number of trapped ducks was significantly lower than in previous years. As each duck was removed from the cage, Howard and Molly pointed out distinguishing characteristics of the duck that determined its age and sex and allowed the youth and adults to closely examine the ducks. Since there were many more youth than ducks the three ducks without a band were banded and a youth was allowed to carry one of the 4 ducks to the waters edge and release it.

- After the banding was completed, the youth were divided into groups that traveled to six different stations where they watched retriever dog demonstrations, learned how to call ducks, observed waterfowl mounts, learned about gun and hunter safety, observed a decoy made from reeds and how it was made, and learned about wood duck nesting boxes and helped build a box and walked to a nesting box installed in the refuge four years ago and checked out its interior.
- John Pfeiffer and Reed Round of the Sand and Sage Retriever Club and their retrievers put on retrieving demonstrations at the edge of the slough that were absolutely amazing.
- Tom Kinney of Still Life Taxidermy brought a number of mounts of various duck species and displayed them.
- Craig Johnson from the local Ducks Unlimited Chapter had a large display of different firearms and gun safety and Hunter Education literature (all obtained from Clare Cranston) that were made available to the youth. Craig answered many questions from the youth.
- Dale Schielke had a wood duck nesting box display along with instructions for building and installing the nesting boxes. Each of the groups participated in the construction of a new nesting box from pre-cut parts. After the box was completed they walked to a nesting box installed four years ago in reeds. They were able to climb a ladder and inspect the interior of the box.
- Greg Greger from The McNary Environmental Center MEECe had a display of duck decoys constructed from reeds. He

also demonstrated the construction of these decoys.

- Before the duck calling contest started, the three boys from Ellensburg, Ryan Carrothers, Spencer Slyfield and Tyler Bosco tutored and coached all the kids that were going to enter the calling contest. They demonstrated proper duck call handling and use, different types of calls used such as the feeding or high ball call and then worked with each youth until they were able to handle the call. Youth, without a call, were loaned one of the boys calls. After the instruction was over, the calling contest started. Judges were Howard Browers, Molly Jacky and John O'Leary from the local D.U. Chapter. There were 11 entrants, including the three coaches. There were five entrants in the age 8 and under group - Wyatt Galbreath, Dave, Carson and Emily Dubois and Sebastian Hernandez; four entrants in the 9-13 group - Gary Galbreath, Andy Pope, Josh Snyder and Spencer Slyfield; two entrants in the 14-17 group - Ryan Carrothers and Tyler Bosco. Winners were Carson DuBois from the 8 and under group, Spencer Slyfield from the 9-13 group and Ryan Carrothers from the 14-17 group. The three winners competed against each other to determine the Overall Champion who was Ryan Carrothers. Each group winner was awarded a certificate and a duck call, donated by the Sportsman's Warehouse. The Overall Champion, in addition to certificates and a duck call was awarded a dozen mallard duck decoys donated by Grigg's Shopping Center.
- The event was very successful and the weather was very cooperative. Jeff Rampon and John O'Leary did an exceptional job organizing and running the event. RR&GC Club members that helped were Dale Schielke, Eddie Manthos, John Pfeiffer, and Jeff Rampon. Many thanks to the Sand and Sage Retriever Club members John Pfeiffer and Reed Round and their retrievers, Tom Kinney from Still Life Taxidermy and staff from the McNary Refuge and MEECe volunteers. Once again it was a beautiful day, the kids learned a lot and had fun. We were impressed with the children's enthusiasm during the different events.

MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SEPTEMBER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT:

September 11, 2004, 9 am to noon-McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center

Corner of Maple St and Lake Rd, Burbank WA

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SEPTEMBER 18 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education student graduates is going to be held on Saturday, September 18. The event will take place above Mesa, Washington at the Limits Game Farm, Mesa Flats Preserve (just south of Limits Game Farm), Cox Farm (east of Limits Game Farm) and a farm just north of the Limits Game Farm. The event will start about 8:00 AM and last through the afternoon. Headquarters for the event will be at the Limits Game Farm located at the junction of Astoria Road and Lincoln Road, one mile north of the road 170 and Astoria Road junction. Road 170 is north of Mesa can be accessed by turning left (west) from State Highway 17 at the top of the hill north of Mesa. Limits Game Farm can also be accessed by turning right (east) at the junction of N. Glade Road and Road 170 at Basin City and then turning left (north) on Astoria Road.

Eighteen to 24 coaches/mentors will be needed that day. The coaches should be at the Limits Game Farm between 8:00 am-8:30 am. Each coach will accompany two students at the hunt site. Four students and two coaches will hunt at each site. A dog (hopefully a pointer) and dog handler will accompany each group. At the completion of their hunt, each group will return to the Limits Game Farm where the students will be instructed on how to clean and process their harvested birds. Lunch and refreshments will be provided for the students, parents coaches and dog handlers by the *Ringold Pheasants Forever Club*. Please volunteer to be a coach at this event, this is your chance to introduce youth to their first bird hunting experience that may get them started on a lifetime of bird hunting. A lot of planning and expense has gone into this event to ensure that it will be an unforgettable experience for the student graduates. Please call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or send e-mail to shawcaran@owf.com if you can volunteer or for more information. See you at the event



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, October 5, 2004, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 19, 2004, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - October 20, 2004, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

- Two topics will be discussed at the October General Meeting. Dr. Nelson from the Desert Veterinary Clinic in Richland will discuss "First Aid Safety" for dogs. Everyone who has a hunting dog should attend this meeting. The second speaker, Club member Jerry Zeitler, will discuss the care, handling, preparation and storage of wild game and fish.
- Chucks Meat and Lockers will not be able to freeze and store fish and game for the Wild Game Dinner. Fortunately, the Richland Knights of Columbus has offered the Club the use of a freezer for the freezing and storage of fish and meat for the Wild Game Dinner. Bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the General Meetings, the meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to the KofC where it will be placed in a freezer.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- President Paul Kison opened the meeting to a capacity audience.
- Paul thanked all those involved in the Sidewalk Arts Show Salmon Booth in July and the Club picnic/salmon barbecue in August.
 - Paul also described the Pelican-Cormorant Summit Meeting he and Mike Estes attended August 4.
 - He talked about the Youth duck banding that took place at the McNary Wildlife Refuge on August 14.
 - Paul said that the Columbia Irrigation District (CID) declined the opportunity to have a donated access bridge installed over their irrigation canal on the south side of the Yakima River. The bridge would have been utilized by fishermen to gain access to the Yakima River. They presently wade the canal to get to the river. Paul said that the Club would try again next year to see if the CID would allow the bridge to be installed.
 - Paul Hoffarth, the local WDFW Fisheries Biologist, announced that the WDFW is going to manage the Snively Rd. and Hyde Rd. access/boat ramps on the Yakima River. He solicited volunteers from the meeting to help on a trash cleanup project at both ramps on Friday September 10. Improvements will be made to the ramps after the trash is removed. The WDFW will manage and maintain the ramps for a ten year period. Paul also announced that he needs volunteers to help at a walleye sampling project at Scootney Reservoir on October 5 and 6. Sign up sheets for the trash cleanup project and walleye sampling project were passed around.
 - Dianne Warrant introduced the first speakers of the evening, youth that attended the Washington State Conservation Camp

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!: The hunting season has started and once again it is time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held in March of 2005. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear or boar, upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut, steelhead and salmon are also needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: (the diagram is shown on the Club's web page under 'Club News-Newsletter' and click on 'Other Club News'). After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General meeting that will be held on October 5 (see first item in this newsletter). Jerry Zeitler will collect the packages, place them in an ice chest(s) and then take them to the Richland Knights of Columbus where they will be placed in a freezer which the KofC has graciously offered to us. Additionally, come to the October General Meeting and listen to Jerry explain the care, handling, preparation and storage of wild game and fish. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing!

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR VETOES AMMO REGISTRATION BILL: A US Sportsmen' Alliance News Release, www.ussportsmen.org. California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has vetoed a bill that would have obstructed the purchase of firearm ammunition by law abiding citizens. California Senate Bill 1152, introduced by Sen. Jack Scott, D-Pasadena, would have required firearm owners to register and provide a thumbprint to vendors when purchasing handgun ammunition. Gov. Schwarzenegger vetoed the bill on September 20. The registration process would have required that sportsmen give their name, address, date of birth and driver's license number. Licensed hunters were exempted from the thumbprint requirement, but would have still had to register to purchase ammunition. No other state collects this information on ammunition sales. The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and other conservation groups called sportsmen to action to defeat SB 1152. It passed the Senate and Assembly this summer. Fortunately, Gov. Schwarzenegger saw no public safety benefit and vetoed the bill. He stated that the registration process has already been considered and rejected by the federal government as unworkable.

at Orcas Island, two girls and seven boys were sponsored by the Club. Eric Hargraves, Daniel Spore, Jacob Clark and Cody Klug were present at the meeting and discussed their camp experiences. Three of the boys stated that they would attend the camp again if they had the opportunity. Cody finally agreed that he would attend the camp as a counselor if he was given the opportunity. All of the youth and parents thanked the Club for sponsoring the youth to attend camp.

● Pat Fowler, Region 1 WDFW biologist stationed in Dayton, was the next speaker. He stated that mule deer numbers are down because of a three year fall drought. As a result hunt success has decreased 25-30%. Whitetail deer numbers in the foothills, the central district, along the Snake River and Spokane area are doing well and buck quality seems to be improving. The whitetail deer population in northeast Washington has not recovered since 1985-1986. Elk hunting will be about the same as it was in the last few years in central and southeast Washington. Bull elk numbers in the Wenaha have declined from 2000 to 500. As a result the number of elk hunters has also declined and elk hunting will remain the same as in the last few years. The elk population in northeast Washington is stable. The black bear population in the Blues is excellent. Berry patches in low areas are a good place to look for black bears. Pat stated that bear hunters should be careful **not** to shoot grizzlies, they are a protected species. Wild turkey populations are good. Chukar and grouse numbers appear to be down in the Blues. Pheasant numbers also appear to be down. The cougar population is doing very well.

● Mike Livingston, Wildlife biologist stationed in Pasco, gave the forecast for Region 3. If you are going to hunt GMU 372, Kiona, or GMU Region 371 the Yakima Training Center, you need to check the regulations for these units since they have changed. Mike stated that the Coluckum antlerless elk season is **closed**. The Ice Harbor pool is open to waterfowl hunting upstream from a *line* running between shoreline navigation markers 4 and 5 at Levey and Charbonneau Recreation Areas. The Moxee Reserve is closed to waterfowl hunting. He said there are many ducks holding on the Snipes Reserve which is open to hunting. Mule deer hunting should be unchanged from last year. He also said that this should be a good year for elk hunting. Forest grouse production was poor this year, pheasant hunting should be below average because of poor brood production. Chukar hunting will be poor to fair, however quail hunting should be good.

● Gary Hagedorn, manager of the Mid Columbia Refuges was the last speaker. He stated that the waterfowl seasons and limits for 2004-2005 are the same as 2003. A document entitled Waterfowl Population Status, 2004 which compiles data on population abundance and forecasts production for North American ducks, geese, and swans and other documents pertaining to waterfowl statistics can be accessed at <http://www.fws.gov/feature/baselinedata2004.htm>. The Toppenish Refuge should have water at the beginning of the waterfowl season and perhaps even earlier. The McCormack unit in Oregon will have a few more blinds. Casey Pond will have at least 2 blind sites. The Peninsula Unit will be open to waterfowl hunting seven days/week. Gary hopes that the Wallula Unit will have water during the waterfowl season if mosquitoes are not a problem because of the West Nile virus. A prototype blind built by Club members will be installed at Blind 6 on the McNary Burbank Slough Unit. Funding should be available after October 10 to build additional blinds. Gary made available tear sheets for each of the units.

● Gary, Pat Fowler and Mike Livingston answered many questions from the audience. **Mike Livingston requested that deer hunters hunting in Unit 381 save the heads of harvested deer and refrigerate them within 24 hours of harvest so that they can be tested for chronic wasting disease. Call Mike at 545-2201 if you have a head that can be tested.**

● Don McBride announced that the "9th Annual Salmon Derby" will take place on October 2 and 3. More information can be found at www.rc.net/knights/kc3307/derby.htm.

● Raffle winners were: Ron Harding who won a 'Motorola Talk About' and a pocket knife, Lyle Gilk - 400 .22 cartridges, Larry Martin - box of 12 gauge shells, Bob Henke - LL Bean Book and a pocket knife, Tim Clemons - game bag and a pocket knife, Paul Briggs and Paul Kison each won a game bag, Mike O'Neill, Mike Estes and Mack McDonnell each won a pocket knife.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Paul Briggs from Benton City and Dean R. Hibbs from Richland.

HYDE & SNIVELY ROADS ACCESS SITE CLEANUP: - Paul Hoffarth - Mike O'Neill, Dan McGuire, Bill Hays, Ben Webb, Paul Kison, and another unidentified gentleman aided with the clean up at Hyde and Snively Roads on Sept 10. Help was greatly appreciated. Hauled a full pickup load to the dump. Improvements to the areas should begin this month. Thanks

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Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Five entries were submitted in September. Jerry Zeitler is the winner with a photo showing Jerry with a 30 lb. king salmon he caught in Sitka, Alaska. Jerry will win five free raffle tickets at the October General Meeting. The winning photo and the runner-ups can be viewed on the Club Website.

SEPTEMBER 18 PHEASANT SHOOT FOR YOUTH AT LIMITS GAME FARM: Thirty one fortunate youth were treated to a pheasant shoot for stocked pheasants at the Limits Game Farm, north of Mesa, on Saturday, September 18. Hunter Education students, both boys and girls, from the Club's Hunter Education program and students from Walla Walla, Connell Lind, Othello and Moses Lake participated. The first of two groups group met at 7:30 at the Limits Game Farm barn. After they registered and listened to a safety lecture and discussion they went outside and practiced shooting at clay pigeons. Those who didn't have a shotgun were loaned one from a stock of shotguns provided by Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan. After they finished shooting at clay pigeons. They split up into groups of four or less. A coach was assigned to each group of two, and a dog handler with his pointer was assigned to the group of four. Two pheasants had been set out for each youth prior to the hunt. The group hunted behind the dog handler and his dog, two youth were behind the handler and the other group of two followed behind. As soon as a bird was pointed, one of the group of two was allowed to shoot at the flushed pheasant. After he shot, the other half of the pair got to shoot at the next bird. The second group then rotated to the front and hunted until they each had a shot at a bird. They then switched with the first group etc. until all the birds were flushed. The second group of youth showed up at 9:30 am, registered and listened to the safety lecture and discussion. They then took their turn shooting at clay pigeons. By the time they finished shooting. the early morning group had finished pheasant hunting and returned. Both groups, their parents, the coaches, dog handlers and other helpers then retired to the barn where two rows of tables had been set up. All were then treated to a lunch consisting of German sausage hot dogs, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, goose 'poppers', beans, potato chips and soft drinks. Everyone was able to go through the serving line until they were full. The food was great, especially the 'goose poppers'. They were consumed outside at the barbecue grill by the adults as soon as they were cooked and before the serving line was opened. After lunch, the morning group cleaned their pheasants and took them home. The second group went hunting and after they finished, cleaned the pheasants they shot. A total of 31 kids hunted and harvested 21 of the 62 birds that had been set out. Before they went home, each kid received a beautiful engraved golden lock blade knife in a wooden presentation box as a memento of the hunt, courtesy of the Limits Game Farm and the Ringold Pheasants Forever Club. Sponsors of the Pheasant Shoot were: Joe Swan, Mesa Grocery, Pepsi-Cola, PS Media, Richland Rod and Gun Club, Limits Game Farm, Frontier Fine Foods, Pheasants Forever - Ringold, Ritzville and Skagit Valley Chapters and Atomic Screen Painting. KNDU television was there and videotaped one of the hunting groups. There were many, many volunteers that helped, many were from the Mesa region. Volunteers were: Clare Cranston, Dave, Pam and Doug Piovesan, Ned Hutchins, Dusty Powers, Ken Burgard, Gary Scrivens, Don Hartshorn, Don Board, John Pfeiffer, Ray Vollert, Randy Atkins, Tony Umek, Dave Myers, Reed ?, Dave Thompson, Eddie Manthos, Doug Hilton, Scott Estes, Trek Davis, Craig Johnson, Jeff Rampon, Ron Ruth, Robert Moon, Lee Magouirk, Casey Hill, Tom Thompsen, Tina Bernsen, Tyler Bernsen, Derrick Charlton, Tony Anca, Barry McEachen, Ignacio Escelera (Mr. Nacho), Robert Escalera, Hugh McEachen, Bill Moulds and Reid Bevertage. Special recognition must be given to Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan who organized the event and solicited the many volunteers. Dave, his wife Pam and son Doug worked very hard to ensure that everything went smoothly. Last, but not least, Barry McEachen, Ignacio Escalera and his son Robert deserve a big pat on the back for the scrumptious feast they prepared.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES OCTOBER 9, 2004 in separate events

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- 8 AM RELEASE A REHABILITATED RAPTOR. SEE MIGRATING WATERFOWL
- 10 AM DEDICATE A COTTONWOOD. A SEEDLING FROM AN EASTERN COTTONWOOD THAT SHELTERED CAPTAIN MERIWETHER LEWIS WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF JIMMIE DITTMER AND TWO NATIVE PEOPLES WHO WERE KILLED IN 1806. Ceremony will be held west of the tule-mat teepee. SEE KNAPPING DEMONSTRATION. Knapping demonstration held east of the tule-mat teepee.
- 7:30 PM SEE THE STARS WITH THE TRI-CITIES ASTRONOMY CLUB, BRING A QUILT OR GROUNDCOVER and dress for a cool evening.

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NOVEMBER MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT:

November 13, 2004 at McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center,
Corner of Maple St and Lake Rd, Burbank WA, 9 am to noon. Phone: 509-543-8322

"Topics"

**"WHO WELCOMED PONCE de LEON, CORTEZ, COLUMBUS AND LEWIS AND CLARK?"
"SEE EXAMPLES OF ARTIFACTS NATIVE AMERICAN INDIANS GIFTED TO IMMIGRANTS FOR
CENTURIES"**

**"HEAR HOW INDIANS GUIDED EXPLORERS AND INVADERS"
FROM JOHN COX OF THE UMATILLA CONFEDERATED TRIBES AND OTHERS**

POTHOLES RESERVOIR HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: (Information was obtained from www.mardonresort.com) The Central Washington Fish Advisory Committee (CWFAC) has hired a consultant to handle the planning and permitting process for a habitat restoration project on Potholes Reservoir. Status at this time is: They are working with the Bureau of Reclamation and WDFW to determine the permitting path and discuss project goals and objectives. They are working with the two agencies to develop a use of authorization for placement of fish habitat including the type, number and location of the fish habitat. All of the necessary permits and approvals are expected to be issued for Project start-up in Spring 2005. As the project moves forward, the CWFAC will be looking for financial partners and new ideas to generate funding. Additionally we can expect that the RR&GC will probably be called upon to supply volunteers to help install the habitat structures.

GOHUNT THE WDFW'S COMPREHENSIVE MAPPING INFORMATION SITE: Hunters and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts will find multi-layered maps displaying game management unit (GMU) boundaries, deer and elk management areas, pheasant-release sites, and Private Land Wildlife Management Area (PLWMA) boundaries, as well as roads, topographical features and county lines. The site includes maps of major public lands, including WDFW wildlife areas and water-access sites, topographic maps and aerial photos. The interactive query feature allows users to retrieve stream names and information on wildlife area amenities. In addition, harvest statistics and hunting regulations are available by specific locale and species at



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, November 2, 2004, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, November 16, 2004, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - November 25, 2004, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- **Don't forget to vote before coming to the meeting.**
- The November meeting speaker will be John Umbarger who will discuss "Boat Safety for Hunters." This is a very timely topic because of the large number of waterfowl hunter fatalities and accidents during the last few years. The meeting will be Tuesday, November 2, 2004, at 7:00 pm at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility
- Chucks Meat and Lockers will **not** be able to freeze and store fish and game for the Wild Game Dinner. Fortunately, the Richland Knights of Columbus has offered the Club the use of a freezer for the freezing and storage of fish and meat for the Wild Game Dinner. Bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the General Meetings, the meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to the KofC where it will be placed in a freezer.
- **RR&GC 2005 calendars are here and can be purchased for \$3.00. Buy them early before they are sold out.**
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Vice President and Program Chairman Dianne Warrant opened the meeting. Attendance was lower than normal because of the presidential candidate debate being held that evening. Several announcements were made from the audience.

- It appears that many of the local pelicans have moved from the region, their numbers have greatly decreased.
- Mike Crowder from the Horn Rapids Irrigation District stated that there have been zero problems with fishermen crossing the irrigation district canal because of the access bridge installed last spring.
- The scheduled first speaker of the evening was not able to attend. Mike Livingston, district wildlife biologist for Benton and Franklin Counties, spoke instead about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Mike stated that the WDFW is continuing the sampling of deer and elk for CWD. There have been no confirmed cases of CWD. It is a disease of the central nervous system in deer and elk and was first identified in captive deer in Colorado in 1967. Since then it has been found in wild or captive deer in eleven states (Montana, Wyoming, Utah, South Dakota, Kansas, Minnesota, Illinois, Nebraska, New Mexico Oklahoma and Wisconsin) and in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Over 2,500 samples have been collected and analyzed in Washington. Mike needs help to set up and monitor check stations in GMUs 381 and 3081. Barrels will be set up at the stations for the collection of deer and elk heads, they will be checked twice a day. The volunteer(s) would receive \$10 for

each collected head. The heads will be collected during the general firearms season, late muzzle loader seasons or special permit hunts. The entire head is not necessary if the animal is a trophy. Mike will take heads from GMU 372 or other GMUs. The heads should be submitted within 24 to 48 hours depending on the temperature. Mike's phone number is 509-545-2201, call him if you have a head and he will arrange to have it picked up, remember to keep the head refrigerated.

● Jerry Zeitler was the second speaker. Jerry has been chairman of the Wild Game Dinner for 10 years. He spoke about the care of harvested wild game animals and fish. Jerry has done considerable research concerning the handling of wild game and fish. As Chairman of the Wild Game Dinner he has observed many instances of game and fish submitted for the Wild Game Dinner that were completely unacceptable and not usable. One example he gave was frozen fish lightly wrapped in newspapers. A good reference for the handling of game is *How To Prepare Game* by Jack L. Brimhall. Unfortunately the book is out of print, it however can be found at used book stores or by searching the Internet. He passed out diagrams showing "Basic Meat Cuts", "Bone Chart" and "Beef Chart Meat Cuts and How To Cook Them".

● Fish spoil very fast after they have been caught. They should be *bled* immediately, a good method is to clip the gills. They should be scaled, fileted and the skin should not be removed. Large trout, steelhead, salmon and halibut can be used at the Wild Game Dinner. The fish pieces should be frozen with the skin on after they have been wrapped in *Saran Wrap* and placed in a ziplok bag that has had all the air pressed out of it. Alternatively the fish pieces can be placed in a container to which water has been added and then frozen. Small trout are acceptable for the dinner, if the donor smokes them.

● Harvested upland game birds should be gutted as soon as possible to cool them out. At home the birds should be skinned out and cleaned to remove all feathers and bird shot from the meat. A good practice is to soak the cleaned birds in a solution of ½ teaspoon bleach in a gallon of water for 15 minutes. They should then be rinsed and again soaked in a clean bleach solution for another 15 minutes, removed, rinsed in water and drained.

● Hoofed game should be gutted, skinned as soon as possible, cleaned to remove dirt and hair and hung up to cool. Hearts, livers, etc. need to be cooled and then placed in a breathable cloth bag. If the meat is not cooled it will sour. The animal should be boned to reduce the volume and weight of the meat, if possible plenty of water should be used to clean the meat. The boned meat or the animal should be covered or placed in a cloth game bag to aid cooling and prevent contamination; black pepper can be used to discourage flies. Skinning, gutting and boning cuts the weight of the animal by about 50%. At home the animal is boned, if not boned earlier. The meat is then cleaned up as good as possible and as much fat as possible should be trimmed off the meat. Clean the meat thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with coated freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat. Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains. If the package is to be donated to the Wild Game Dinner, also mark the package with your name and hunting license number. Meat to be ground is mixed with 10% suet (beef), grind only the amount that you will be using. Other meat to be ground should be frozen and then thawed and ground with suet as needed. Jerry showed a roll of netting that he uses for the assembly of rolled roasts. The netting can be purchased at Chuck's or other meat markets.

● Raffle winners were: Dan McGuire who won a box of 12 gauge Faststeel shotgun shells and a knife, Mac McDonnell - a pair of Motorola Talkabout radios, Kelly Briggs - a Gazeteer, Vincent Guerrero, Mike O'Neill, Jack Pickard, Gene VanLiew and Jerry Zeitler each won knives.

SCOOTENEY RESERVOIR - WALLEYE SAMPLING PROJECT: Club members assisted the WDFW in a walleye sampling project at Scootenev Reservoir on October 5 and 6. Walleye and other fish were netted in gill nets. Two WDFW boats set out the nets and retrieved them about 24 hours later. All the fish in the nets were measured and some were weighed. Catfish, brown bullheads, lake whitefish, smallmouth, perch and crappie were some of the fish that were netted. Fish other than the walleye were then released. The walleye were then moved to the shoreline where they were measured, weighed, the ear bones and gonads removed, fat content measured and then fileted. Bill Hays, Bob Kollowith and Marla O'Neill worked on October 5 and Bob Kollowith, Marla O'Neil, Dianne Warrant, Gaylord Pyle and Eddie Manthos on October 6. Marla treated us to home made brownies on October 6. Besides Paul Hoffarth there were about a half dozen WDFW personnel there. The weather was great on both days: we had a lot of fun and we each received some walleye filets to take home with us. For your information the park and camping area at the reservoir have been greatly improved, the boat launch area at the park is really great, much better than the other two older ramps

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end of the waterfowl season.

DONATION TO CLUB HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM:

- The Connell Oil Company donated \$500.00 to be used in the Hunter Education Students Pheasant Hunts.
- Larry Griffin, Allstate Insurance agent, donated 40 dozen camouflage/hunter orange caps to the Club Hunter Education program. The caps will be presented to student graduates.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS:-Clare Cranston- The November Hunter Education class at Grigg's is full. There are no more classes scheduled until January of 2005.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Three entries were submitted in October. Dale Landon was the winner with a photograph of a 19 ½ inch rainbow trout he caught in the Yakima River this year on the third of October. Other entries were by Mike Estes and Jerry Burke. Dale will win five free raffle tickets at the November General Meeting. The winning photo and the runner-ups can be viewed on the Club Website.

RR&GC DONATES \$1,200 TO SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM PROJECT: Rachel Little from the Benton Conservation District described at the October Board of Directors meeting the Salmon In The Classroom project where the District and others work with children in schools and help them hatch and raise salmon fry in their class rooms. After the fry reach the survival stage they will be released in the Yakima River. Twenty two area schools are presently participating in the project. Eight additional schools have requested tanks for 2004-2005. Funds for six tanks have been obtained. Cost of each tank system is \$1,200. The Board of Directors unanimously voted that \$1,200 be donated for the purchase of a complete tank system. The system will be given to Hawthorn Elementary School in Kennewick.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION: Jim Shearer has been e-mailing information concerning State legislative changes or new laws to a member e-mail list. If you are on this list and your e-mail address has changed or if you would like to get on the list, send your e-mail address to goofus2@earthlink.net or phone the information to him at 585-3582.

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ACCESS TO RAILROAD POND HAS BEEN DENIED BY THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILROAD: The present access road to Railroad Pond is on property owned by the BN&SF Railroad. Because of liability concerns the present access road to the pond is **CLOSED**.

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DECEMBER MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT:

Information about the December 11 Second Saturday event was not available at the time the Club Newsletter went to the printers. Log on to <http://www.nwr.mcnary.wa.us/> to read the latest information about the event at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, Corner of Maple St and Lake Rd, Burbank WA Phone: 509-543-8322

SNAKE RIVER STEELHEAD CREEL SURVEYS: (From THE WFDW Web Site) (*This should be particularly interesting to Snake Rive steelhead fishermen.*). During the Snake River steelhead trout catch season, from September through mid-April, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) fish biologists team up with their colleagues from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to regularly check fishers along the Snake River and its major tributaries in southeast Washington (including the Touchet and Walla Walla rivers). These fishing creel surveys are usually conducted weekly, but are dependent on fishing pressure, weather, and staff availability. Additional creel data from the Clearwater and Salmon rivers in Idaho should be obtained from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The latest creel survey summaries are posted at:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/creel/snake/index.htm> and must be download as PDF files.

GOHUNT THE WDFW'S COMPREHENSIVE MAPPING INFORMATION SITE: The web site address for GOHUNT was left out in the November Newsletter. An easier way to access the site is to log in to the WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/> and click on the "GOHUNT icon" on the main page.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Rick Nelson from Richland

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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, December 21, 2004, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

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DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

• Dan Warehime will be the December General meeting speaker. Dan was the first person to go to the aid of his elk hunting partner, Wally Cash of Gillette, Wyoming, who had been attacked by a grizzly bear. The attack took place about 30 miles north of Jackson, Wyoming on September 20, 2004. Dan lives in Kennewick and will relate details of the attack and the rescue of Wally that took place that day. Attacks like this are possible anytime that we are in the wilderness. This is a meeting that we should not miss. A newspaper article describing the attack can be viewed at:

<http://www.tri-cityherald.com/tch/local/story/5609219p-5540646c.html>. The meeting will be Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at 7:00 pm at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility

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• Mack McDonnell stated that he has a freezer at home in which he can store about 300 pounds of game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner. The Richland K of C will be meeting the following week to decide what to do about their failed freezer.

• Program Chairman Dianne Warrant introduced Tim Kopf from the Benton Conservation District. Tim thanked the Club for the \$1,200 donation to the 'Salmon In The Classroom' project. He outlined the long term goals and objectives of the District and stated that the District is very interested in learning from the Club what other goals/objectives that the Club believes the District should consider. He passed out forms to the audience and asked that they list goals/objectives they consider important. The forms were returned to Tim who will tabulate the results.

• The final speaker, John Umbarger, was introduced by Dianne. His topic was: 'hunting fatalities related to water safety'. John is a member of the Columbia Basin Dive and Rescue Squad Board of Directors and is very cognizant of local water safety hunting fatalities. A couple of years ago five hunters in the Tri-Cities area were lost due to drowning while duck

hunting. They were all males and alone when they drowned. Duck hunters must wear life preservers whenever they are in a boat! John demonstrated an inflatable suspender like preserver, he was wearing, that fit around his neck and terminated in a waist belt and could be inflated manually or automatically with a CO₂ cartridge. This particular model would inflate to 2 to 3 inches in diameter and supply 22 to 23 pounds of buoyancy. Other inflatable flotation jackets/vests are available and can be purchased on line or mail order from Cabela's or Bass Pro Shops and probably locally. They can be auto inflating or manually inflatable. Other Coast Guard approved life jackets and vests are also acceptable **but are effective only if they are worn**. If you are in a boating accident stay with the boat, you have a better chance of surviving and a better chance of being spotted; a human body is much smaller than a boat. Hypothermia in addition to drowning is a hazard to boaters, especially if they are canoeing/kayaking. Warm liquids are one way of warming up hypothermia victims; coffee, alcohol or tobacco are **not** acceptable. Some safe boating tips are:

- Wear USCG approved life jackets that fit
- Take a buddy; do not drink alcohol
- Carry a Marine Radio and cell phone
- Carry signaling devices such as flares (also whistle or horn)
- File a float plan with a friend and list when, where, who, car/boat type, launch site
- Watch the weather - check before going
- Do not overload boat: people and gear (especially decoys)
- Have boat inspected: call Coast Guard Auxiliary at 586-1110 on Wednesday AM at USCG
- Take a boating safety class call: 372-1551 or 544-0935

John answered many questions from the audience and also made several informational handouts available.

● Raffle winners were: Lyle Gilk and Vincent Guerero each won a pellet rifle, Larry Martin and Rick Nelson each won a package of Brine Mix, Gerry Bloom a package of Pepper Jerky Mix, Dale Schielke a package of Jerky Mix, Don Knowlton a knife and Mike O'Neill three knives.

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HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: -Clare Cranston - The next Hunter Education classes (Maximum of 32 persons each) are scheduled to start January 17 and March 7, 2005. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Grigg's Store. Call Grigg's at 547-0566 to verify the date.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Four entries were submitted in November. Richard Sharp was the winner with a photograph of a huge king salmon he caught in September of this year in the Yakima River below Horn Rapids Dam. Other entries were submitted by Mike Estes, Bob Gough and a second entry by Richard Sharp. Richard will win five free raffle tickets at the December General Meeting. The winning photo and the runner-ups can be viewed on the Club Website.

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HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENT PHEASANT SHOOT:

● A special Hunter Education Student pheasant shoot was held on Saturday, October 23 at Dave Piovesan's Limits Game Farm north of Mesa. Derek Ward a 17 year old wheel chair bound Hunter Education Student graduate and a retired, handicapped WDFW Animal Control agent, Tim Flint, from Othello were special guests at the pheasant shoot. Nathaniel Chesley a 14 year old Hunter Ed. Student graduate from Kennewick also participated in the shoot; his brothers James and Zachariah were invited to participate and take the place of a Hunter Ed. Student graduate that was not able to attend. Susan Flint, the wife of Timothy Flint was also invited to participate.

● Before lunch all the participants practiced shooting clay pigeons at the Game Farm. About noon time, the shooters, guests and helpers were treated a hearty lunch prepared by Bob Piovesan and served by Dave Piovesan and his wife Pam. We 'pigged out' on Polish sausage hot dogs, cheeseburgers, beans, potato chips and soda pop or bottled water. Adults and youth, that wanted them, were also treated to "barbecued goose poppers" that had been prepared beforehand by Ignacio Escalera (Mr. Nacho) and barbecued by Bob Piovesan.

● After lunch and a safety talk-reminder, the hunters headed out to the draw where the pheasants had been stocked. Tina Bernsen and her son Bo were the bird dog (Tess) handler. Derek hunted out of a specially prepared ORV, similar to an *Alligator*, driven by his father James Ward. Tim Flint hunted out of his own ORV. The rest of us followed behind the the bird dog and hunters. It was a bright and clear beautiful fall day. After the hunt was over, about two hours, six rooster pheasants had been harvested. One of the six, a beautiful rooster, was harvested by Derek.

● Many people and businesses participated in this special pheasant shoot. Besides the RR&GC and Dave Piovesan's Limits Game Farm, other sponsors were: Connell Oil Co., Sunbelt Rentals, Rowand Machinery Co., Bob Koch (successful candidate for Franklin County Commissioner), Ringold Pheasants Forever Chapter and Joe Swan.

● Dan and Doug Piovesan, Bob Koch Lee Magouirk, Kurt Lacy, Bob Johnson, Bob Piovesan, Derek Charlton, Joe Pauly, Casey Hill, Mike Peterson, Eddie Manthos and especially Tina Bernsen helped. Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan organized the event and made sure that everything ran smoothly. Dave, his wife Pam and sons Dan and Doug worked very hard to make sure there were no glitches and that we felt like guests of the family.

● This is the second pheasant shoot that Dave has conducted this fall. The other shoot in September (the largest Dave has conducted) hosted 31 students. The October 23 shoot was featured in a November 13 Tri-City Herald article by Ken Hoopengartner. Hosting Hunter Education students pheasant shoots has become an occurrence that Dave looks forward to. Two shoots are scheduled for 2005, one in April and the other in September. More information about the Limits Game Farm, especially the special rates for youth hunters, is available at www.limitsgamefarm.com.

ANTI-HUNTING GROUPS PLAN MERGER: (An NRA-ILA news release) In a November 19 news release, the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA) reported that two vehemently anti-hunting groups have revealed their plans to merge. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) plans to join forces with the Fund for Animals to create a single, and they hope, stronger and better-funded, animal "rights" organization. The two groups are currently classified as "non-profit charities"--a designation that restricts the amount of money they're able to spend on lobbying. Under its new classification as a "social welfare program," the group will be able to spend much more on lobbying activities. While both groups have been outspoken in the past with respect to their opposition to hunting, the pending merger leaves no doubt as to where the new group will stand on the issue. Scripps Howard News Service reporter Lance Gay recently revealed that sources within both groups confirmed that the new organization would seek an **outright ban on bowhunting** as a first priority! It has also been reported that the new group will have combined assets in excess of \$95 million with which to fund its hunting-ban agenda. "The merger announcement serves as a wake up call to [bow] hunting groups to reunite to defeat what promises to be a powerful attack on our heritage from this monstrous anti-hunting group," said Rick Story, USSA's Senior Vice President. "To win, we will need to energize the vast grassroots network of sportsmen across this country." The USSA and the NRA ILA, will be keeping an eye on this developing story and keep us informed on future developments.