



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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Club Website- <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/>
 Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

2018-2019 Officers

Mike Estes, President	582-2212	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
Richard Sharp, Vice-President	551-6785	Frank Scopa, Sec.	438-9459

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – December 4th, 7:00 PM, Richland Public Library
 BOARD MEETING- December 18th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for January is December 23rd, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or
 Email rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

DECEMBER PROGRAM: The subject for the December membership meeting will be Kirby Hammond and Richard Sharp’s report for the 2018 Quality Trip. The intrepid duo fished up and down the Washington State coast. Part of the purpose for the trip was to scout out facilities and fishing opportunities and inform the RRGc membership about what they found and what services were available. The other part of the trip was to goof off for a week and fish.

ADVISORY: The January General Meeting will be held on January 8th in lieu of January 1st. Please adjust your schedule appropriately.

If you have any questions as to scheduled meetings please check the RRGc website <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/>.

LUNKER LAKE: Jack Pickard will be the Chair for Lunker Lake in January. Jack is looking for volunteers for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Thursday will be the erection of the pond. Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be fishing. Late Sunday afternoon/evening will be the tear down of the pond and area clean-up. Jack can be reached at 582-5397. Jack will have a sign-up sheet at the General Meeting. Please be generous with your time.

CONSERVATION AND HABITAT: Larry Martin provided the following information and photos of the guzzler work performed since the newsletter was sent out in November.

11-3-18 Zackary Nelson, Bill Nelson, Lori Nelson, Duncan Gill, Sam Payne, Greg Payne

and Larry Martin assembled rain catchment frames for upcoming guzzler number 6 repair 22 man/hrs.

11-10-18 John Prather, Zackary Nelson, Steve Antonissen, Tom Klein, Monte Kelsey, Bill Watson, Zackary Nelson and Larry Martin refurbished guzzler 280 with complete new rain catchment aprons and some fiber glass repair on the tank. 40.5 man/hrs.

11-24-18 Zackary Nelson, Bill Nelson, Sairaghav Gubba, Daniel Nelson and Larry Martin delivered frames, leg posts, and corrugated sheet metal to guzzler 280 job site which is 3/10th mile (hand carried) off Weber Canyon road south east of Benton City. All this work Zackary has been doing is part of his Eagle Scout project.



Before Photo



After Photo

Larry can be reached on his cell phone at 509 521 2554 if you are able to volunteer.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There were no new members for the month of November.

Please keep in mind that without new membership and specifically younger members, RRGC will be in decline. It is has become time for the younger members to take over leadership positions. This can be done through involvement and participation in Board and committee activities. RRGC needs more younger and actively involved members.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: The next Hunter Education class will be next April during the 2019 School Spring Break .

Ron informed the Board said that a pheasant hunt for 24 of the top finishers from this year's Hunter Education classes will be held in January or February 2019 at Limits Game Farm north of Mesa. Eligible graduates of the Hunters Education will be contacted around the January/February timeframe and invitations will be extended.

Ron started a program for Hunters Education graduates that do not have opportunities to hunt. The Richland Rod & Gun Club (RRGC) had its kickoff of the "No Bird Hunter Left Behind" this past week. Dakota Schmeider was selected as the candidate for the trial run. We went up to Limits Game Farm and had Dave Piovesan put several pheasants out for our hunt. It was 35° F and clear weather, couldn't get any better for bird hunting. Dakota was successful in shooting his first pheasant during the hunt. Dakota and his peanut gallery, mother and sister, all had a good time. This was the first hunt under the new program and with the support of the RRGC, Pheasants Forever, and Limits Game Farm I look forward to many more hunts. – Ron Ruth

Please contact Ron at 509 737 7350 if you are interested in volunteering and/or becoming a state certified instructor.

INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS:

Ron Ruth – There will be no Introduction to Firearms Class for the balance of 2018. There

was only one response to the class announcement.

Ron has applied for a NRA grant to provide shooting supplies for the Intro to Firearms classes that will be conducted in the future. Thanks to Ron for his initiative in this matter. Please remember that Ron and a couple of volunteers can't do this all alone.

RRGC HISTORY: This is third repetition of the same post from the past few months. It is reinforce to the membership the amount of effort Howard Gardner, Russ Wyer and Greg Boering are making to compile 73 years of the history of RRGC. They are transferring old documents into electronic data as a means for saving our legacy. Their efforts are being published on the Club's website in the History Section. Please keep in mind that our social media is intended to relay current information to members and site visitors.

GAME RECOVERY:

Chris Mosher reported that no game was recovered during the past month.

A reminder that if you come across a fresh road kill game animal and are able, please claim the animal and notify Chris Mosher. Please stay with the animal while waiting for someone from RRGC game recovery to show up. If the animal is seriously injured, inform the local police authority so that they or WDFW can dispatch the animal. A permit must be obtained from WDFW online within 24 hours. If the animal is left on the side of the road, it will be claimed by others and the Union Gospel Mission will not reap the benefit of a resource.

If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris Mosher at 509 302 5171.

NONPROFIT STATUS: A strategy for future fund raising must be addressed. All fund raising must be in accordance with the law for 501(c)(3) organizations. Any member who has any ideas that they wish to share are urged to contact Mike Estes. New membership and fund raising are paramount for the continued existence of RRGC.

BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS: If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to rrgcsecretary@gmail.com. You will get quicker delivery and save us money.

RRGC WEB PAGE: Russ Wyer and Greg Boeringa continue their efforts to now improve and maintain the webpage for RRGC. It will now be updated and revised as necessary. The website is www.richlandrodandgun.org/. Please visit the site and review what is available on site. Of note is an RRGC calendar that is updated regularly. If you are aware of information that needs to be added to the calendar, please use the website links to contact either Russ Wyer or Greg Boeringa.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be December 20th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

WILD GAME RECIPES: It has been requested that members forward their favorite wild game recipe for inclusion in our newsletter and website for sharing.

RAFFLES: Raffle tickets are \$1/each, 5 for \$3.00 or 10 for \$5.00. And you can select the Mystery Box which could change your life forever. Winners for the November meeting are as follows; Portable chair/pad – Richard Sharp, Portable chair/pad – Monte Kelsey, Head Lamp – Jason Niebuhr, Orange Blind Knife – Matt Johnson, Fleece camo hood/warmers – Kirby Hammond, Stabil 360 Marine Gas Treatment – Richard Sharp, 12 gauge bore sake cleaner and liquid gold – Will O'Brien, Floating shotgun case – Phil Morton, Big Game Knife/Saw Set – Tyler Davis, Steelhead Kit/Shrimp – Greg Boeringa, Hubbard Squash – Jason Niebuhr and the Mystery Box (2 inflatable duck decoys) – Todd Hennick.

WOOD DUCK BOXES: Dale Schielke reported that he is still working on a new broadcast platform for the upcoming spring hatches. He also reported that a revision to his ALEA grant was requested and approved to purchase five geo-locating bands to put on wood

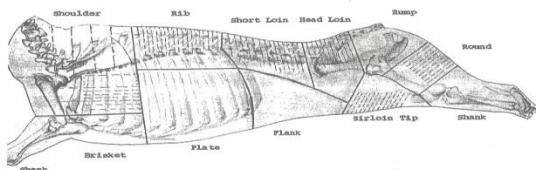
duck hens next spring. The bands are made in England and cost \$126 each. Barker Ranch is purchasing eleven more. The total number of geo-locating bands ordered is sixteen. The bands have to be recovered to download the data showing where and when the birds traveled. It is hoped that because some of the wood duck hens use the same nest boxes over multiple years that the bands can be recovered before the approximate two year battery life expires.

WILD GAME DINNER: Dale Schielke has contacted Mr. John Kruse of North Western Outdoors for him to be our guest speaker for the WGD. RRGc members are probably familiar with Mr. Kruse's program on KONA radio (610 AM). Mr. Kruse is both the host and producer of the show. More information will be provided over the next several months as regarding Mr. Kruse and his background.

The Wild Game Dinner will be held on March 23rd at the Shiloh Inn, located in Richland.

Big game hunting seasons are starting to wrap up. Please keep in mind the need for game meat for the Wild Game Dinner to be held in March. We have storage facilities available so please consider donating fish, fowl or game. Each donation must be tagged with the following information: donor's name, WILD ID number, species and cut of meat, plus the date and location taken.

Please contact John Prather regarding the donor door prize request letter. We are able to provide verification of our Tax Exempt Status.



Sausage making for the WGD will take place on the 9th of February at John Prather's house in Finley. 10 to 15 volunteers will be needed for the 6 to 8 hour effort to make enough sausage for the dinner. John's address is 215107 E.

Game Farm Road, Kennewick. (The address will be listed monthly until the sausage is made).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. HANFORD REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT RATTLESNAKE UNIT: There is a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Public Access (DSEIS) for Rattlesnake Mountain. The USFWS is taking comments regarding access up until November 28th. You can access the DSEIS at www.fws.gov/refuge/hanford_reach beginning the 12th of November. Comments and questions can also be emailed to hanfordreach@fws.gov or by calling (509) 546 8333. The view from the old observatory location is quite impressive.

2. USE OF FUNDS: Rick Libby has prepared a list of agencies/organizations that have received funds from RRGc in the past year or previous years. The list was sent to Board members prior to the November Board meeting. Any member that would like to be involved in the determination of distribution of the funds is asked to contact Richard Libby, Treasurer 947-0498.

3. RRGc has been approached by two teachers from Jason Lee Elementary School to provide a portion of the funding they need to establish an archery club. Their intent is to offer archery to students starting in the 4th grade through the 6th grade. At the present time, they have obtained funding from their PTA and they have received approval from the Richland School District for the establishing the club.

4. Melissa Huston has accepted an offer to fill a vacant position on the Executive Board. Melissa will hold the position until the next election to be held in March of 2019. She will be eligible to run for a full term position. All other RRGc members are eligible to run for both officer positions and Board positions in March. Please let Mike Estes know if you are interested.

5. Columbia Basin Dive Rescue (CBDR) is a local organization that we have provided \$300 annually through our Use of Funds. Currently CBDR is raising funds for the purchase of aside

scan sonar. Phil Morton of both RRG and CBDR made a presentation at the Executive Board in which he requested additionally funding from RRG. The Executive Board will address this in the next Board Meeting. However, RRG members can donate privately. The link for CBDR is info@cldr.org.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



Photo by Mike Estes
Dakota Schneider on the Barker Ranch Youth Hunt. This was his first duck/goose hunt. Well done Dakota and Huck (dog).

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SHOUTS OUT:



Dakota’s mother, Shannon Lackey, has asked that a shout out be given to Greg Boeringa for his involvement with Dakota’s earning the Rattlesnake Shooting Facility Youth Trophy. Greg used his time and funds to take Dakota to the range for the .22 cal rifle matches. Also pictured is George Hager.

WANT ADS: None this month

