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2012 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RIFLE RANGE: The 20th Annual Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show will open Friday, January 17, 2013 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco and run through Sunday, January 20. The Club will again man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 20th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on the three days. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond and pellet rifle range. Volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 3 to 4 hour shifts. Some members may have already signed up. If you have not volunteered and you wish to volunteer please call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 or Don Board at 586-7157 for the Air Rifle Range. Your duties at Lunker Lake will consist of baiting the hook for each child, removing the fish, after it is caught, and placing it in a plastic bag, after you have dispatched it. You will get a big kick out of working with the kids. A group of about six volunteers or more will be needed **Thursday morning January 16**, starting at 9:00 a.m., to set up the fishing pond. During the show a minimum of 16 volunteers per shift will be needed to man Lunker Lake. Shift times for set up of the fishing pond are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday the 17th. Shift times for Friday the 18th are 1-4:30 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. Saturday the 19th shifts will be from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 12:30-4 p.m. and 3:30-7 p.m. Sunday the 21st, shifts will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2-5 p.m., the last shift 4:30 p.m. to finish (about 7 p.m.) will stay over to help drain and disassemble the pond. The Air Rifle Shooting Range will be manned this year under the direction of Don Board. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond or shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from Lunker Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Lunker Lake volunteers should wear eye protection, bring a needle nose pliers or hemostat to remove the hook from the fish and bring a towel(s) to wipe your hands after you have handled a fish. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided for the volunteers. More information about the show is at www.shuylorproductions.com/

More information and sign up sheets will be at the December and January General Meetings. The Show will be open to the public Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. General admission to the public will be Adults: \$8.00, Children 6-12: \$4.00 and Children under 6: FREE Special Admissions: Friday - Seniors 60+: \$4.00 and Sunday - Family Day: 2 adults, 2 children (6-12): \$18.00. Parking is free. Members of Military - Show your military ID and receive \$1.00 off admission. One time daily admission for the public will get you in all three days for one low price!



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Club Web Site - <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome>

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site - www.northwestgamerecipes.com

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. at Kennewick Elks Lodge
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - December 20, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The December meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 4 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm
- The speaker for the General Meeting will be Club member Jerry Zeitler who will discuss the care, handling, preparation and storage of wild game and fish. Jerry was the chairman of the Wild Game Dinner for many years.
- The Tip of The Month speaker will be Don Board, the Club's Certified Hunter Education Instructor. Don will describe the status of the Club's Hunter Education program and the need for new instructors. This is a very serious situation. There may not be any Hunter Education classes offered in the Tri-Cities next year. If we are not able to recruit new instructors, the program will cease to exist. Instructors must be at least 21 years of age, keenly interested in promoting safety, wildlife conservation and responsible outdoor behavior and willing to teach or assist in at least one class per year.
- Bring a guest(s) to the meeting and receive five free raffle tickets
- As usual there will be a very good selection of raffle prizes selected by Richard Sharp.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- Jeff Gardner, Club President, opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to a full house. Guests introduced themselves and were informed that they had five free raffle tickets waiting for them at the back table. Announcements were made by Richard Sharp who described the results of the October 20 *Largest Steelhead Contest* and enumerated the evening's raffle prizes. Mike Estes described the latest game meat recovery and announced that WDFW Enforcement Officer Brian Fulton was promoted to Sergeant and that a new Enforcement Officer was assigned to the local enforcement staff. Jeff Gardner reminded everyone to bring Wild Game Dinner meat donations to General and Board meetings.

● After a short break, Hunter Education Instructor Don Board spoke about the need for new instructors. Eleven hundred students have received their Hunter Education certificates from the Club's Hunter Education program. Both youth and adults have participated in the classes. Classes consist of six sessions that run from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. with a Saturday range day that runs from 8:00 A.M. to 2 or 3:00 P.M.. Don also described the requirements and the procedure for becoming an instructor. Several questions were asked from the audience and answered.

● After a short break, Jeff introduced Jon Forbes, owner of "Columbia PigSticker Guiding Services." His topic was 'Proper techniques for catching Winter Steelhead in the Reach and specifically the Ringold Area.' He moved to the Tri-Cities in 1995 and started out fishing the Ringold area with an orange Wiggle Wart. His next step was *Drift Fishing* from the shoreline at Ringold among all the other fishermen. He is a firm believer in having everything ready to go before he starts fishing. He doesn't like wasting time rigging everything when he arrives at his fishing location. He uses two light action 9 foot Berkley rods with 15 lb. braided line and 8 lb. monofilament leader equipped with a snap swivel on a Pflueger 6725 reel. He uses a slinky instead of pencil lead. His lure is a # 8 or #10 *Corky* with black, red or purple yarn. He tips his hook with shrimp, placed in salt overnight, and leaves the shrimp head on. Early in the morning before the fish are spooked, he fishes close to shore. He stated that the fish seem to slow down as the water cools. He uses different scents and does not have a favorite but may experiment until he finds an effective scent. When fishing from a boat, floating, back trolling or trolling, he uses a bobber with a jig or corky and yarn. He uses shrimp and scents when salmon show up, Steelhead disperse and he uses a double hook which consists of a #2 to #4 hook attached to a section of monofilament line tied to the *Corky* or jig hook. He stated that he does **not use frozen** shrimp. Jon appears to be a down to earth fisherman and concentrates on fishing techniques that are very effective for him. He answered many questions from the audience and stayed after the meeting to answer more questions. Jon can be contacted at (509)713-0949 or e-mail at Info@ColumbiaPigSticker.com. His web site is www.ColumbiaPigSticker.com. He guides for salmon, Steelhead, sturgeon, shad, bass and catfish depending on the time of the year.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Jennifer Gardner and Bill Holland who selected an Allen Sports Bucket, Richard Gies selected a 12-gauge shotgun Gunslick Cleaning Kit, John Nelson won a "Warm" box with gloves and socks, Ron Ruth selected a Marine Sta-Bil gas stabilizer, Brian Miller selected Realtree truck floor mats, Larry Marti selected the 8 ft. Steelhead rod/spinning reel with accessories for float and bead fishing at Ringold, Jim Cartmell selected the 8 ft. Steelhead rod/spinning reel with accessories for drift fishing at Ringold, Brian Miller selected the Mystery Box which contained a compass and a \$25.00 gift card at Wholesale Sports, Corey Manlove selected a double blade axe, Russ Wyer and Paul Meir each won a machete, and Bruce Hewitt and Gerald Caprio each selected a *Movers Blanket*.

GAME MEAT RECOVERY: #45 - October 29, 2012

On October 29, 2012 Bruce Wade, Paul Kison, and Mike Estes went on an elk recovery with USFWS officer Richard Bare. It was a 7x5 bull elk near Wallula that appeared to be injured or wounded. After Officer Bare dispatched it, the response team learned that it had a severely malformed rear hoof that was badly infected. The animal appeared to be malnourished. The team decided not to salvage the meat due to concerns about how far the infection may have spread through the meat. The head was removed and the antlers were retained by Officer Bare. All of the Meat Recovery events are shown at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id87.htm>.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Bruce V. Hewitt and family and Brian Millar, both from Burbank.

LARGEST STEELHEAD CONTEST: (Richard Sharp) The Largest Steelhead contest was held October 20th 2012. The weather was anything but nice with a cold front moving in and bringing with it 15-20+ mph winds and rain with overcast skies. Seventeen dedicated anglers fished hard to bring in the largest Steelhead of the day. The tournament began at 12:00 midnight Saturday morning with many anglers braving the elements in the early morning hours. Fishermen worked the McNary pool area and Walla Walla river with a few fishing the Ice-Harbor pool. Approximately 10 anglers fished together at McNary where the winning fish was taken by Desirae Baird who fished with her partner Kyle Peasell. They braved the wind and rain under a tarp all through the night and when the fish was caught the other contestants conceded their loss and did not return to the scales. Richard Sharp and Rick Mares fished the Ice Harbor pool and each landed large unclipped Steelhead that were released. The weigh-in was at 4:00 p.m. and Kyle and Desi stormed in with just minutes to spare, since no other fish were brought to the scale Desirae's fish of 10 lb. -5 Oz was declared the winner. Richard Sharp prepared scrumptious Chili and cornbread for the returned contestants and the

volunteers Kirby Hammond, Ben Webb and Jim Cartmell who helped me produce this tournament. All who participated had a great time!! Photographs of the event can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id191.htm>.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!: The hunting season is starting and it will be time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held March 23, 2013. Donations of game meat including waterfowl and other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar, upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts and steaks are desired. 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: See instructions on Club Website at: <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>. 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 or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing! There will be ice chests at the monthly General Meetings for Wild Game Dinner meat donations. Call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 if you cannot bring the meat to the meeting to arrange for pickup of the meat.

DALE SCHIELKE AWARDED FIELD AND STREAM HERO OF CONSERVATION AWARD:

"Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2012 Hi Dale! Congratulations for being selected as a Hero of Conservation in the December 2012 issue of Field & Stream Magazine! It's our continued pleasure to recognize individuals such as yourself who are committed to preserving natural resources across the United States. To reward your contributions to the environment you will be receiving a \$500 grant to use toward your conservation efforts. I have attached a W-9 for you to complete and send back to me. At your earliest convenience, please complete this document and send back via fax, mail or email. If you prefer for the check to go directly to your organization, please provide the org. name, address and Tax ID number. Once I've received it back I will be able to submit the paperwork required on my end to have your \$500 prize/grant sent out to you."

Lynsey White, Events and Promotions Coordinator, Field & Stream-Outdoor Life-Shot Business (Dave Myers nominated Dale and the Youth Education and Wood Duck Enhancement Project and Clare Cranston twisted Dave's arm to submit the nomination to Field and Stream magazine.)

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

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Two Club members entered photos in the November contest. Al Casebere entered two photos taken during his September 2012 Alaskan salmon fishing trip. Richard Sharp entered a photo of Keith Sharp and dog Raven with a limit of three pheasants taken at Big Flat November 10. Richard also entered a photo of Kirby Hammond duck hunting from the handicap blind at the Peninsula on November 18. Kirby harvested one duck with one and the only shot. It was a bad day and the ducks were not flying. The winner was Richard Sharp's photo of Keith Sharp. Richard will win five free raffle tickets at the December General Meeting. All the photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (a jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED: Attention all duck hunters! If you harvest or have harvested a duck or goose with a leg band or collar, notify Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com with the following information: species, sex, where and when harvested, your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird) and when you receive the information, where and when the bird was banded. The information will be collected and reported in this newsletter at the end of the waterfowl season.