



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization

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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- <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome>

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site – www.northwestgamerecipes.com

2018-2019 Officers

Mike Estes, President	582-2212	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday June 5th, Richland Public Library,
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—June 19th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for July is June 24th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

JUNE PROGRAM: The subject will be firearms, buying, selling and collecting. The presentation will be by Matt Cieslar, owner of Talos Tactical located in West Richland. In addition to buying, selling and collecting firearms, Matt will also discuss the facts, legal requirements and myths of suppressors.

RRGC HISTORY: Howard Gardner has asked that members be made aware the History of Hunter Education in the Richland Rod and Gun Club is published on the Club's website in the History Section.

CONSERVATION /HABITAT: Larry Martin and his band of volunteers have been extremely in May. Larry reported that during a check of Wood Duck Boxes on the Walla Walla River, merganzers were found to be using

several of the wood duck boxes. This has not been observed before.

Larry provided the following information as to maintenance and repairs of the guzzlers.

1. May 2nd, John Merk, Greg Herrin, Mark Kerns and Larry Martin refurbished guzzler 160 complete with new rain catchment aprons.

2. May 16th, Ron Ruth, Greg Herrin, Mark Kerns and Larry Martin refurbished guzzler 159 with new complete rain catchment aprons. (Both guzzlers 159 and 160 are located on Northern Pacific Railroad property southeast of Burbank. Both guzzlers had age related damage.)

Larry has been putting out game cameras at some of the guzzler locations and the photos provided below are the results.

Larry provided the following narrative. Our trail cameras were set up at two guzzlers for a couple of weeks, we captured thousands of pictures of wildlife using the guzzlers returning again and again such as, dark-eyed junco, white-crowned sparrow, song sparrow, robin, dove, magpie, black-headed grosbeak, goldfinch, yellow-rumors warbler, starling, horned lark, great horned owl, pheasant, mice, badger, coyote, antelope and elk, also a couple large frogs. We didn't see deer at these two locations.

BADGER



ANTELOPE



PHEASANTS



GREG HERRIN, JOHN MERK, LARRY KERNS AND LARRY MARTIN



NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There is one new member for the month of May. The new member is Trevor Guest (1 year individual membership), Please welcome him at the next general membership meeting.

Please keep in mind that without new membership and specifically younger members, RRG 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. RRG needs more younger and actively involved members.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth reports that the next Hunters Education Class will start on the 25th of June as a daytime class. Range day will on Friday the 29th and the final exam will be on Saturday the 30th of June. Sign up's will be through the WDFW website. The last class for the year will start 10th of September as a night time class. Online enrollment for the June class will take place in early June.

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 a second Introduction to Firearms Class. The class will be held on the 2nd of June at the Griggs Hunter Education Classroom. Ron will ensure that there are announcements placed in the Tri-Cities Herald. As with the first class, Tri-City Metallic Silhouette will provide the range training. Ron has stated that he will need volunteers for the classroom training.

GAME RECOVERY:

There was no game recovery for the month of April. If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris Mosher at 509 302 5171.

A reminder that if you come across a fresh road kill game animal and are able, please claim the animal while waiting for someone from RRGc game recovery to show up. 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.

Chris has obtained four kill permits for nuisance deer in the area above Ringgold Hatchery. If he is able to fill the permits, the meat will be donated to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco.

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.

501(c)(3) STATUS: Now that we are a Tax Exempt Organization, RRGc must make some decisions how we can best utilize our status. If you have any ideas, please forward them to Mike Estes at estes.mike@frontier.com. Good ideas come from everywhere.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

2018 RRGc Memorial Scholarship - The Board of Directors has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Sebastian Ianora for his senior year of studies at the University of Idaho. Sebastian is majoring in Fire Ecology and Management with a minor in Forest Resources. Sebastian was raised in Marin County, California where he was a 4H member, an Eagle Scout, and enjoyed fishing with his father. He is an academic tutor at U of I and has spent his last two summers, and this upcoming summer, on a wildland engine crew with the Idaho Department of Lands. We wish Sebastian well in his studies and in achieving his career goals.

If members are aware of college students with majors related to outdoor activities, please make them aware of this opportunity for next year. RRGc will make a scholarship award(s) next spring with the notice being made in January 2019.

RRGC WEB PAGE: Russ Wyer and Greg Boeringa continue their effort to develop a webpage for RRGc. It is not complete but remains a work in progress. At the Board Meeting, Russ Wyer stated that the website is still undergoing Beta Testing. Thank you gentlemen for the effort.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be June 19th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' 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. To date, there have not been any postings other than Richard Sharp's recipes. (I'M STILL WAITING.)

RAFFLES: Given that the State of Washington requires a Gaming License for raffles, RRGC was unable to conduct raffles at the General Meetings. Since our 501 (c)(3) status was approved by the IRS, RRGC is now in the process of applying for a gambling license. The application process is somewhat cumbersome since there is not only legal compliance but the investigation of the organization and certain officers and individuals within the organization. If any of the members have any questions regarding RRGC's involvement with the process, please direct your questions to Mike Estes. If any of the RRGC members would like to become involved, again, direct your inquiry to Mike Estes.

There were 6 door prizes won at the May General Meeting. The items and winners were as follows; 1. Large Mouth Lure Kit, Doug Schuetze, 2. Small Mouth Lure Kit, Mike Estes, 3. Survival Axe/Knife Kit, Russ Wyer, 4. Survival Knife, Larry Martin, 5. Fillet Board, David O'Brien, Mystery Box (Lure), Greg Boeringa.

WOOD DUCK BOXES: Dale Schielke has provided numerous photos, videos and live video feeds for several wood duck boxes. Dale has moved video cameras from different boxes as the ducklings have made the jump in order to keep the feed current. Per the information provided by Dale, the Wood Duck hatch started approximately the 28th of April. Since then, there has been a succession of recorded hatches that have been shared with the world through the live feed via ustream.tv/channel/rrgc-duckam.

Within 24 hours of an entire clutch of eggs being hatched, the ducklings will make the jump. Dale placed cameras at several locations to record both the hatch and the jump. An amazing sequence and an outstanding effort by Dale the the other volunteers that assisted in addition to the schools and home schoolers that got involved.

In addition to wood ducks, there are screech owls, kestrals and now merganzers using the boxes.

SCREECH OWL OWLET



HOME SCHOoled STUDENTS



SALMON BOOTH: Yes indeed, it is getting to be that time of the year when our thoughts must turn to smoked salmon and BBQ chicken.

Those thoughts must also include standing on your feet flattening out your arches for four to eight hours serving the public some of the finest smoked salmon available anywhere. Now that you are properly attuned to what is coming, there will be volunteer sign-up sheets available at the June General Meeting. If at all possible, please sign up for food handlers training through the Benton County Board of Health Department. You can get additional information on the classes at 509 582 7761 or by going online to www.countyoffice.org/benton-county-health-department-kennecook-wa-1ef/. This is our most important fund raising event of the year and many volunteers will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Mike Estes informed the Executive Board that he wants to activate the committees as annotated in the amended bylaws. In order for this to happen, there will need to be additional active members involved. Mike will be contacting members to ask for their assistance and further involvement.

2. **New Member Applications:** A motion was made from the floor to approve the membership of Trevor Guest. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

3. The following was provided by Mike Livingston from WDFW.

As a representative of a Sportsman Group affiliated with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), we want to let you know about a new product aimed at helping Washington hunters – the Hunting Regulations web map. WDFW launched a full version of their browser-based hunt regulations web map on April 20. This application was designed to assist hunters by providing easier and more convenient access to Washington’s hunting regulations.

The mobile-friendly web map, available online at <https://geodataservices.wdfw.wa.gov/huntregs/>, is accessible anywhere with an internet connection and allows hunters to find permit and general season hunts based on location, date, weapon choice, and more.

The application includes:

- Hunting information for all game species and seasons (the current release does not yet include migratory waterfowl, upland game, or spring black bear permits. Other caveats are described in the web map help section).
- An interactive map to explore and find specific hunting regulations.
- Details on harvest (weapon type, date range, and more), including hunt notes specific to individual permits.
- Public and private land hunting opportunities

We are hoping you’ll help us spread the word about this new tool for hunters to use. Thanks in advance!

SHOUT OUTS AND WANT ADS:

Shannon Lackey is a member of RRG. She is involved with Home Schooling her children as well as others. She has been very active in the RRG Wood Duck effort this year and banding banding screech owls. As part of the Home School curriculum, the students will be working on boating safety as well as boating etiquette. They have acquired kayaks but they are in need of personal floatation devices as well as safety whistles. The sizes they need are toddler to 2XL. If you are able to help, please contact Shannon at shannonlackey347@gmail.com

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



**DAVE BOERINGA AND SPOTTED
SHRIMP TAKEN FROM THE
ANACORTES ISLANDS**

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