



# RIGHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

(INCORPORATED)

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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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## 2015-2016 Officers

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Richard Sharp, Vice Pres. 586-4790

Richard Libby, Treas. 947-0498

Frank Scopa, Sec. 375-4748

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## MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday December 1st, Richland Public Library,  
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, December 15th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE-December 27th, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or

e-mail [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com)

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**MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:** There are six new members that joined for the month of November. The new members are David O'Brien (individual), Jason Fidorra (individual), Shane Scott (individual), Matt & Ashley Garlick (family), Jarrod & Darci Sazbo (family) and Tom Steinert (individual). Please welcome them to RRGc at the next general meeting. Jennifer Gardner remains the Chair of the Membership Committee and can be reached at "[JEN\\_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JEN_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM)". Jack Pickard will be the acting Chair of Membership Committee for the month of December.

**DECEMBER MEETING TOPIC:** Our guest speaker will be Mark Allen of Allen Marine Services. Mark will discuss cold water survival equipment and procedures for the hunter and fisherman. Given the time of the year and the outdoor conditions, survival can be a matter of minutes if the individual is not properly prepared.

**NOVEMBER MEETING SUMMARY:** There were 109 people present for the meeting. This included 29 visitors. Mike Estes asked Kirby Hammond to report on the Barker Ranch Duck Hunt invitation that was extended to RRGc for veteran members. Kirby informed the membership that recently joined-members Nick Kunde and Austin Johnson were selected to participate as well as himself. Kirby stated that the Barker Ranch personnel were very accommodating as well as the cooperative ducks and the hunt was successful. Mike Estes reported that he attended a USFWS Scoping Process Meeting for possible public access to the Rattlesnake Unit of HRNM or the ALE. Mike said that that are a significant amount of issues that need to be resolved in order for access to be allowed. He does not see unfettered access to be allowed given the sensitive nature of the flora. In addition, he informed those attending that Philip Buser, WDFW has requested volunteers for sagebrush planting at the Sunnyside Wildlife Area. There are 4,000 plants that must be planted.

## COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Mike Estes and Ben Burdett will conduct the annual audit of the RRGC financial records in January. Rick Libby will notify the committee when the December bank statements are received. The audit results will be published for both the Board and General Membership.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Richard Sharp reported that recruitment of candidates has just started and there is a candidate for Vice-President. Members that are interested in Board membership positions or officer positions should get in touch with Richard at either his cell phone (509) 552-6785 or at [ospreytallons@yahoo.com](mailto:ospreytallons@yahoo.com).

**INCORPORATION COMMITTEE:** Jeff Gardner will be setting up a committee meeting after Thanksgiving. The Articles of Incorporation will be revised and a draft will be discussed with Attorney Coke Roth to review for sufficiency and completeness as regarding the final submittal to the Washington Secretary of State for approval.

**GAME RECOVERY:** Chris Mosher reported that there have been four recoveries made in the month of November.

### **Event #75 - November 3, 2015**

On November 3, 2015 Larry Martin and Bob Scott were called to recover an elk which Don Hand, WDFW, found injured in a circle field near Horn Rapids south side of highway 240. Don dispatched the elk to put it out of its misery. The elk was a good sized bull and the antlers were taken by the WDFW. Bob, Larry and Don were able to recover approximately 200 pounds of meat that was delivered to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco. While processing the animal Don discovered the injury was a bullet wound

### **Event # 76 November 3, 2015**

WDFW Officer B Fulton contacted Chris Mosher on November 3 to process a confiscated bull elk that was illegally taken by a hunter. Chris processed the elk and delivered about two hundred pounds of meat to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco

### **Event #77 - November 14, 2015**

On November 14, 2015 at 2:55 pm Washington State Patrol Dispatcher requested RRGC to respond Both Paul Kison and Dave Myers responded to the site and processed the animal which was a small 4 point mule deer. Approximately 35 lbs. of meat was delivered to the Union Gospel Mission on November 15, 2015. The antlers were delivered to the WDFW office in Pasco.

### **Event #78 - November 20,2015**

WDFW Enforcement Officer Rob McQuary transferred a three-point mule deer buck to Mike Estes about 11:30 AM that was confiscated in north Franklin County on opening day of muzzleloader season due to a trespass issue. Officer McQuary removed the antlers. The deer was shot twice; one shot went through both front legs and the other went through the backstrap. Further, the hunter did not properly dress the animal. Forty-nine pounds of clean venison were salvaged and delivered to the Union Gospel Mission.

Approximately 484 pounds of meat was recovered during the past month. A sincere word of thanks to those who made the effort to recover the meat, process it and deliver it to the Mission.

**WILD GAME DINNER:** The 2016 Wild Game Dinner will be held March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Shilo Inn in Richland. Appetizers and no host cocktails will begin at 5 PM with dinner to be served at 6 PM. Tickets to the event will be available starting at the December meeting for \$20 per person or Dale Schielke can be contacted at (509) 375 0183. The event is for members and guests only, not open to the public at large. The restriction of members and guests only is driven by the County Board of Health rules that preclude serving non-inspected wild game to the public. A variety of wild game dishes and appetizers will be served. A number of door prizes, raffle prizes, and a silent auction will be available. The program at the 2016 Wild Game Dinner will be by local photographer John Clement. He will offer a multimedia digital slide presentation titled – “Photographing the Land and the Light” – creating Stories. John has a Masters of Photography Degree from the Professional Photographers of America. He has received over 60 regional, national and international awards for his work. One print, “Red Dawn” was named as one of the top photographs in the United States and has been hung in the permanent collection of the International Hall of Fame of Photography. We are looking forward to his presentation.

Paul Kison has agreed to accept the lead for soliciting, storing and organizing the donated items for the door prizes, raffles and silent auction. Paul reminds everyone that it is crucial that all prizes get to him by the day before the dinner. Paul can be reached at (509) 851-2634 (cell) or [pfkison@aol.com](mailto:pfkison@aol.com). John Prather will be assisting Paul with the prizes effort. There is a RRGC letter on RRGC letterhead that will explain and/or provide information for anyone soliciting donations. The letters will be made available upon request.

John Prather will be storing donated game meat for the WGD dinner. John will provide ice chests at each of the next four general meetings so that members can bring their donations to the general meetings. The following information must be provided for each wild game donation in order for the donation to be in compliance with WDFW regulations; Name of Hunter/Fisherman, Address, Hunting or Fishing License Number, Permit or Tag Number, the number and kind of animal provided, the date killed, the county and area in which taken and your signature. John has forms available, please have the information available in order for the forms to be completed when the meat is turned in. John can be reached at (509) 521 1593 (cell) or [cowboy\\_jp82@msn.com](mailto:cowboy_jp82@msn.com). There is an underscore after “cowboy and before jp82” in John’s email address.

Quality Trip rules were revised last year and are as follows;

- Only RR&GC members with current dues paid through April 2016 are eligible to purchase up to 2 entry tickets each.
- Tickets are \$25 each; the maximum amount to be reimbursed to the winner will be \$2,000.00.
- A minimum of 50 tickets and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. If less than 50 tickets are sold, a drawing for a winner will not be held. Members who purchased tickets will be reimbursed.
- Entrants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets in order to be eligible.
- RR&GC members with a family membership may also purchase two additional tickets for each eligible family member.
- The drawing will be held at the annual RR&GC Wild Game Dinner. The winner does not need to be present to win.
- The winner will select a partner who must be an eligible member of the RR&GC and who must also have participated in the drawing.
- An alternate winning ticket will also be drawn in the event the winner cannot take the approved trip.
- A written copy of the proposed trip with a verbal presentation is to be made by the winner or partner. This must be provided and presented to the RR&GC Board of Directors not later than the June Board meeting for approval.
- The winner must have confirmation of key trip logistics (e.g. guide services, airline tickets, lodging, etc.) by August 1, 2015 and the trip taken before December 31, 2015. If the trip cannot be confirmed prior to August 15, 2015, the winner shall forfeit the trip and the trip will be awarded to the alternate winning ticket holder. The alternate winning ticket holder will follow the same criteria as the original trip winner, with the alternate winner presenting his proposed trip copy with presentation to the RR&GC Board of Directors by the September board meeting.
- In the event that the approved trip cannot be taken, the winner shall notify the RR&GC President immediately upon the winner’s realization that the trip cannot be taken as approved.
- Quality trip funds will be allotted as reimbursements after the winner has paid for portions of the trip. For example, reimbursement for booking fees, airline tickets, etc. Note that a check for reimbursement will not be provided to the winner prior to incurring costs. A maximum amount of \$1,000 will be paid after the winner has incurred the initial trip costs. The balance will be paid upon completion of the reporting requirements.
- The winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership in either February or March 2016.
- The winners will provide a written summary of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and license costs,

name and addresses of lodging and guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club's website/Face Book page. (A good reference for the Quality Trip report format can be found on the Club's website.)

- The winner will sign and date a copy of these rules as an acknowledgement of understanding of the rules.
- The President of RR&GC will send a letter notifying the winner of the trip approval by the Board of Directors.
- The RR&GC Board of Directors may, if requested, modify these rules for special circumstances.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Richard Libby presented the Treasurer's Report for October at the November 17th Board Meeting. Rick informed the Board that the 2016 Use of Funds Meeting will be held at the December 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Discussion and approval of the 2016 Use of Funds will enable the Treasurer to make donations to the organizations in the amounts approved. It will also allow for expenses to be reimbursed and for payments to be made for various activities up to the approved amounts. If any members are interested in obtaining a copy of the monthly treasurer's report or would like to become involved in the Use of Funds determination, please contact Rick at [Big\\_guy@charter.net](mailto:Big_guy@charter.net). Rick Libby informed the membership that 2016 RRG and Remington Calendars are available for sale as well as RRG baseball caps, the Coyote Cook Book and the Duck Hunting Book. RRG is now able to use a Debit Card to conduct club business.

**RINGOLD HATCHERY FISH RECOVERY:** Dale Schielke reported that Ringold Springs Hatchery volunteer effort netted only 383 salmon and 143 steelhead on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. The previous week, approximately 1,300 salmon were removed from the trap. The steelhead were returned to Columbia Park in order for anglers to have another chance at catching them. Dale Schielke is the point-of-contact for both volunteer efforts. Dale can be reached at 509 375 0183. Dale will coordinate getting volunteers registered with the WDFW CERVIS system and recording volunteer hours.

**WOOD DUCK NEST PROJECT:** Dale Schielke informed the Board that WDFW will not require RRG to obtain a Scientific Collection Permit for the nesting box program. All activities will be coordinated through Jason Fidorra, WDFW District 4 Wildlife Biologist. RRG will continue to install cameras in active nesting boxes to video wood duck ducking jumps.

**HUNTERS EDUCATION:** Ron Ruth reported that the next Hunters Education Class will be in the spring of 2016. **Ron Ruth has requested all club members that have had access to the Hunter Education Room at Griggs via an issued key, please contact him at 509 628 1781. All keys must be turned in.** Please contact Ron Ruth at [ron-rose@frontier.com](mailto:ron-rose@frontier.com) if you are interested in becoming a hunters education instructor. All volunteers must be screened by WDFW. The procedure consists of filling out background check form. This is done to ensure classroom safety. Washington State requires that there be two screened persons in a classroom at all times.

**DATA MANAGEMENT:** (Repeat from last month) Russ Wyer and Sam Morrison have started the effort to convert RRG data to a dropbox. The end result will be a permanent electronic record of RRG records and operations that can be accessed by authorized officers and club members. It is expected that most of the information that needs to be made available to the general membership will be online within the next few months.

**CONSERVATION/HABITAT:** Larry Martin reported that he, Mike Estes and Dave Myers assisted WDFW with the habitat planting at the Sunnyside Wildlife Area last month. More than 2,100 of the 4,000 available plants were planted in two days. Species included Wood's Rose, Golden Current and Silver Buffaloberry. The plantings were to repair fire damage that occurred in 2014. Larry also reported that he, Larry Nogles, Bob Scott and Shane Scott repaired a damaged wildlife cistern at Chandler Butte near Benton City on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. A new metal frame with steel leg posts and new corrugated metal roof panels were installed. The effort totaled 43 man hours of work.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Richard Sharp provided an in-depth review of Steelhead Fishing techniques. He presented different rigs for different locations involving both boat fishing and shore fishing. A significant amount of information was presented. The different locations that he discussed were for the pool just above McNary Dam, the shore just below Wallula Junction, Ringold Springs Hatchery, and the Snake River above Ice Harbor Dam. His presentation lasted over an hour and as expected a tremendous amount of knowledge was shared. It is regrettable that the amount of information conveyed, cannot be properly condensed into a paragraph or two and still make sense and provide sufficient background on what was presented.

**BULLETIN HELP: Frank Scopa**

If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to Frank Scopa at [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com) with your email address. We are now current as to mailing addresses for the hard copies. We are down to 28 members receiving hard copies via the US Mail. New members will be added as the information is received. If you are receiving both a hard copy and an e-mail copy, please let me know. We are now mailing and/or emailing a copy of the monthly newsletter to the following organizations to keep them abreast of our activities; Ranch and Home, Sportsman's Warehouse, Griggs Ace Hardware and Columbia River Catering Co. The businesses listed have been sponsors in the past. When you do business with them, thank them for their sponsorship and let them know you belong to RRGc. The cut-off date for information for the December Newsletter will be December 27, 2015.

**DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:** Quantum 10'6" Spin-Casting Steelhead Rod with Okuma Reel and Columbia Basin Bait Premium Shrimp, won by Sam Morrison. Plano 3600 Tackle box full of steelhead fishing gear and Columbia Basin Bait Premium Shrimp, won by Kyle Carter, Plano 3600 Tackle Box full of steelhead fishing gear and Columbia Basin Bait Premium Shrimp, won by Jay Johnson, Plano 3600 Tackle Box full of steelhead fishing gear and Columbia Basin Bait Premium Shrimp, won by Jim Cartmell. Outdoor Life Bag with Columbia Basin Bait Premium Shrimp, won by Kyle Carter. Field and Stream Trout and Goose Bag full of steelhead fishing gear and Columbia Basin Bait Premium Shrimp won by Matt Garlick. Wool pair of fingerless steelhead fishing gloves and Columbia Basin Bait Premium Shrimp, won by Brad Johns, Champion Electronic Noise Reducing Ear and Eye Protection and Columbia Basin Bait Premium Shrimp, won by Regan Hurlburt. Mystery Box – Hawkeye Marine Electronics Portable Fish/Depth Finder, Three Blade Old Timer Style pocket knife and Columbia Basin Bait Premium Shrimp, won by Josh Larson. Richard Sharp Steelhead Fishing Tackle Rig, won by Bill Nixon, a visitor. Three Single Columbia Basin Bait Premium Shrimp bottles, Richard Williams, Ashley Carlick and Jay Johnson.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** December 15th, 7:00PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** January 5th, at the Richland Public Library at 7:00 PM.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH:** Paul Kison approaching a dead antlered mule deer with a WDFW Enforcement Vehicle in the background. The photo was taken by Dave Myers during the Game Recovery Event #77 near Mesa on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November.

**WANT ADS:**

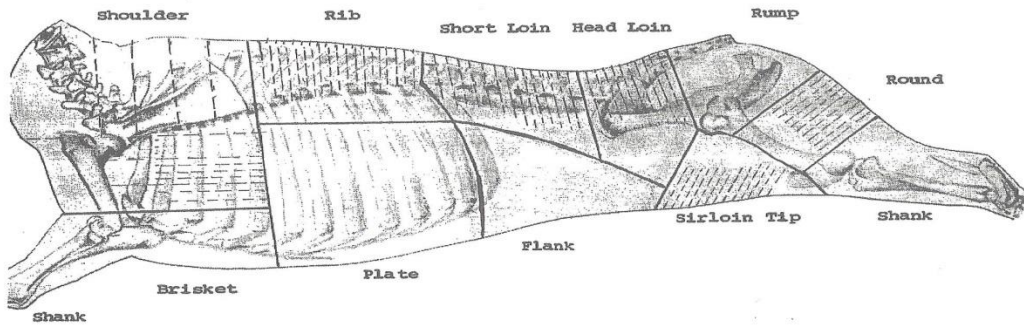
Harvey Huisingh has 45 pounds of 00 buck shot for sale. It is from the National Lead Co. and listed as "Hoyt". \$80 or best offer. Harvey can be reached at 509 943 9326.

Both Jack Pickard and Frank Scopa each have lead sleds that can be borrowed by club members only for sighting-in rifles. Jack can be reached at [jpgick66@gmail.com](mailto:jpgick66@gmail.com). Frank can be reached at [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com).



If you have anything that needs to be in the Want Ads section or information that you would like to convey to the general membership, please keep in mind that the cut-off date for inclusion is normally the Sunday after the Executive Board Meeting. Send your information to [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com)

Last Item: If you intend to donate meat or fish for the Wild Game Dinner, please keep the following requirement in mind. Information to be provided for all game meat donations indicating permission for the possession of game meat: Name of donor, address of donor, hunting/fishing license number, permit or tag number, the number and kind of animal provided, the date killed, the county and area in which taken and the hunter/fisherman's signature. John Prather will be providing freezer space again this year.



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