



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

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site – www.northwestgamerecipes.com

2016-2017 Officers

Richard Sharp, President	586-4790	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
Ben Burdett, Vice-President	582-0103	Frank Scopa, Sec.	438-9459

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – December 24th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

DECEMBER PROGRAM: The guest speaker for the December General Meeting will be Austin Rosborough. Austin is the Owner/Operator of Fatal Flight Guide Service. Fatal Flight Guide Service is located in Moses Lake. Austin will make a presentation on late season waterfowl hunting tips and techniques. Austin can be reached at 509 989 7190 or fatalflightguideservice.com

CONSERVATION /HABITAT : Larry Martin reports that guzzler repairs are in progress once again. On November 18th Larry and a crew of 6 additional volunteers repaired guzzler 192. Guzzler 192 is located in Walla Walla County in the Dodd Road and Britton Road area. Larry is always in need of volunteers to assist. Contact Larry at 509 545 9647 if you are able to donate a half day or so.

Additionally, Larry will be purchasing an additional game camera to record activities at a second guzzler. The funds for the second trail camera were provided by RRG funds. Larry is posting photos to the RRG Facebook page.

As previously reported, the \$2400 ALEA Grant that was awarded through WDFW is being utilized for repair materials for the guzzlers.

As shown below in the 2nd photos, this guzzler was in need of a serious rebuild effort. The entire roof structure or the rain collection surface was replaced.

Pictured below are volunteers (left to right) Bob Scott, John Prather, Mark Kerns, Dave Myers, Larry Noggles, kneeling is Gene Van Liew. Not pictured is Larry Martin.



GAME RECOVERY:

11-25-17, 10:30 pm. Larry Martin got a call from WDFW Sgt. Brian Fulton about 2 mule deer taken from a poacher. Brian brought the deer to Larry's house to be processed for delivery to the Pasco Union Gospel Mission, the deer were already gutted and the heads had been removed by the poacher. Larry stored the deer in a cool place outside until morning. The next morning John Prather and Larry de-boned the deer saving a little over 100 pounds of meat which was then delivered to the Mission.

Chris Mosher reported that there were other recovery efforts during the month of November. This is probably due to the change in the Washington State game recovery rules. If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris at 509 302 5171.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM: Gene VanLiew reports that tanks started going into the classrooms approximately the 1st of November. The first effort will be the sanitizing of the tanks followed by pH neutralization of the tank water. Benton Conservation District will be furnishing eggs as well as spawned fish for classroom dissections. Given the number of returning fish this year, both the number of eggs and fish for dissections may be reduced. The final numbers or eggs and carcasses are pending based on the final collection numbers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: You've heard it before and you'll hear it again and again. That's what we do, we volunteer. This time it is for the Sportsman's Show to be held in January at the TRAC. Volunteers will be needed to assemble the fishing pond on Thursday, January 18th. Assist with the fishing effort on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 19th, 20th and 21st. Disassembly and loading of the pond framing material will take place late Sunday afternoon. A sign up roster will be passed around at the December and January General Meetings. Marilyn Steele will be leading the overall effort for Lunker Lake. Gene Van Liew will lead the assembly and disassembly of the structure. Marilyn can be reached at

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There were no new membership applications for the month of October. Please keep in mind that without new membership and specifically younger members, RRGc will be in decline. It is becoming 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: Ron Ruth reported to the Executive Board that there would be no additional Hunters Education Classes until the Spring of 2018. Please contact Ron at 509 737 7350 if you are interested in volunteering and/or becoming a state certified instructor.

momhoops46@gmail.com. Gene Van Liew can be reached at 509 946 7738.

As with previous years, Dale Schielke will be demonstrating the assembly of Wood Duck Boxes. This is a hands-on experience for the kids where they get to assist in building spare boxes. Dale can be reached at 509 375 0183.

Last item for the Sportsman's Show, RRGC will be conducting the Pellet Gun Shooting Range. Ron Ruth has the lead on this and will need volunteers. Ron can be reached at 509 737 7350.

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 rrgsecretary@gmail.com. You will get quicker delivery and save us money.

501(C)(3) STATUS: Mike Estes and Rick Libby have been working this effort for several months since the Board and Membership approved the revisions to the RRGC Bylaws. Currently, RRGC has contracted with a consulting firm from Florida called CharityNET for assistance in this effort of dealing with IRS. The last item that needed to be addressed was a detailed conflict of interest clause. The revision to the conflict of interest clause has been approved by the Board and the complete package has been submitted to the IRS for review. The IRS has acknowledged receipt of our submittal. We now wait for review and approval. This effort has been in process for approximately four years. Hopefully the next step will be approval by IRS.

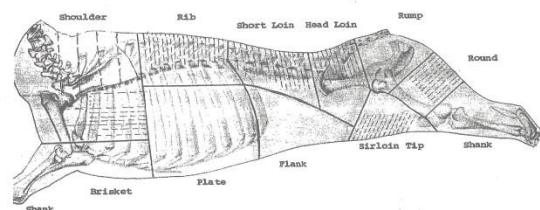
WILD GAME DINNER:

A. The speaker for the WGD will be Gary Lewis. A quick biography on Mr. Lewis is as follows; He is an outdoor writer for the The Bend Bulletin, a Contributing Editor for Successful Hunter Magazine, a host for Frontier Unlimited, a TV show and the author

of 16 books. He lives in Central Oregon with his wife and three camo-clad daughters. He will share his interesting experiences.

B. Attention deer, elk, duck, goose, and upland bird hunters. Also this is for walleye, bass, and salmon fishermen. Whether you shot it or caught it, we need your meat donations for the 2017 Wild Game Dinner. When you are successful on your outings, please consider sharing a portion of your bounty for the WGD. John Prather has graciously volunteered his freezers for storage of donated meat. Frozen meat can be transferred to John at any general membership or Board meeting or you can call John to make other arrangements. There will be ice chests at the Richland Public Library. 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. No ground meat, please due to the risk of contamination. John can be reached at (509) 582-2482 and Marilyn can be reached at 509 392 2128 or momhoops46@gmail.com. Game meat donations are needed. This is only November but the need will exist right up until the middle of March.

C. Cuts of Meat



D. Prizes for the WGD. Paul Kison and John Prather have started the annual effort to obtain donated prizes. Paul can be reached at his cell 509 851 2634 or pfkison@aol.com. John can be reached at his cell 509 521 1593 cowboy_jp82@msn.com. Members can obtain a RRGC donation letter signed by Richard Sharp for presentation to prospective donors. **NEXT BOARD MEETING:** December 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.

GENERAL MEETING RAFFLES: Given that the State of Washington requires a Gaming License for raffles, RRGc cannot continue our previous practice of conducting raffles at the General Meetings. It was decided that in order to fully comply with the State of Washington requirements, RRGc will apply at a later date for the license upon approval of our 501(c)(3) status by IRS. That's the reason why we have not had a raffle for a number of months. Please bear with us.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pasco's Chiawana High School has started up a Fishing Club. There are currently 16 or 17 members. They are looking for mentors and advisors. If you are interested in assisting, please contact me at rrgcsecretary@gmail.com and I will forward your information. As previously discussed, RRGc is interested in bringing in new and younger members to carry on with our mission.

If you have an idea for a RRGc function, please feel free to share your idea. One suggestion was a RRCG Scootney Fishing Derby for members and families only. This is currently in the planning stage for the spring. The main prize will be bragging rights plus an overnight camping trip and a fish fry.

WANT ADS AND SHOUT-OUTS:

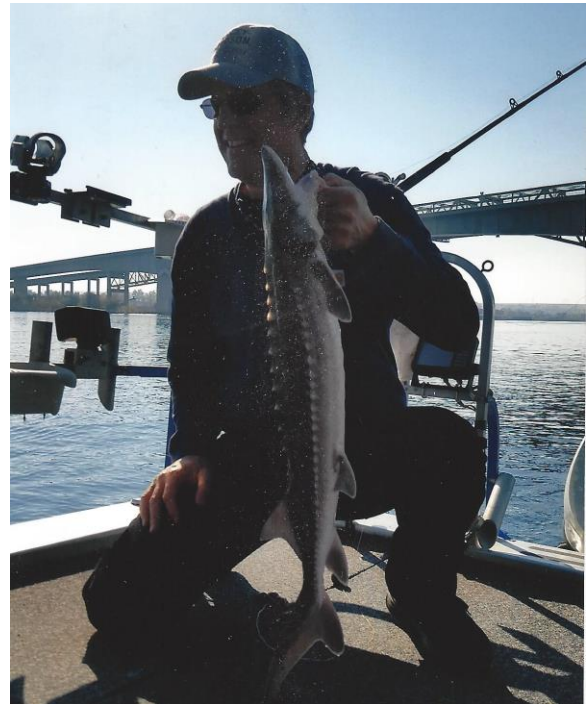
Rick Libby has a Lowrance CMS-525C DF Fish Finder/Chart Plotter/GPS for sale. The unit is complete with all cables, transducer and manual. \$125. Call Rick at 509 627 5461.

Ben Burdett is looking for antlers. If you have some that you would be interested in parting with, call him at 509 430 3832.

Thanks to Dale Schielke for the letter he wrote to Battelle requesting surplus equipment for use by RRGc. As a result of Dale's letter, four laptop computers were donated for official RRGc use. The computers are now in the hands of the following committees; the Prize Committee, Conservation/Habitat Committee, the Treasurer, and Salmon in the Classroom Committee. Additionally, two projectors were also donated. This equipment can only be utilized by RRGc for our official functions.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:

Greg Boeringa, with a small sturgeon that was released. The sturgeon was caught below McNary Dam. The photo was taken by Jeff Faulk.



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