



RIGHLAND 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
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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, February 21st, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Grigg's in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – February 23rd, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or

Email rrgsecretary@gmail.com

FEBRUARY PROGRAM:

The guest speaker for the February general meeting will be the 2016 quality trip winners Regan and Amelia Hurlbert. Purchase your quality trip tickets now for your chance at \$2,000 towards your dream hunting trip. Last year Regan and Amelia Hurlbert won the quality trip drawing and they chose to fund multiple duck and goose hunting excursions using the Burbank Guide Service. Past winners have taken trips to Alaska, Canada, and Mexico for their dream hunting and fishing expeditions. Tickets can be purchased now and the rules for the quality trip drawing are on the club website, below.

<http://rrgclub.tripod.com/qualitytrip/id23.htm>

WILD GAME DINNER:

We need wild game donations!!!

We are substantially lacking in our food supply for the wild game dinner. We are looking for venison, water fowl, pheasant, and fish. We will even arrange for pickup of your donation. Each donation must be tagged with the following information: donor's name, WILD ID number, species and cut of meat, plus the date 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.

Marilyn Steele will remain as the director again this year. Paul Kison and John Prather reported that they have started the solicitation of door prizes, raffle prizes or silent auction prizes for the dinner. If you are aware of an individual or

business that would be interested in donating a prize, you can obtain a letter on RRGC letterhead, stating our position/need, from Richard Sharp. Richard can be reached at 509 586 4790 or ospreytallons@yahoo.com. If you are able, please let John and Paul Kison (509) 545 6050 know if you are willing to help collect door prize donations for the WGD or if you know of a business that we should solicit for a prize. The WGD is a success each year only because of the generosity of RRGC members!

Worth Mathewson will be the guest speaker at the WGD. Worth Mathewson of Amity, Oregon has been selected as the program speaker for the Wild Game Dinner which will be held on March 25, 2017 at the Shilo Inn in Richland. Mr. Mathewson is an avid, life-long hunter and is field editor for *Delta Waterfowl*, an organization principally involved in funding postgraduate waterfowl research. He has written articles for more than forty magazines, is the author of five books, and has compiled or edited nine additional titles. He has hunted in several states and countries including a trek to Alberta and Saskatchewan this fall to pursue waterfowl. The title of his dinner presentation is "Birds: Hunttable and Non-Hunttable".

Dale Schielke will have WGD tickets available for sale. Appetizers and no host cocktails will be available starting at 5 PM, dinner will be served at 6 PM. Tickets to the event will be available at the December meeting for \$20 per person or contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183. You can purchase 10 tickets to reserve a table ahead of time. The event is for members and guests only.

The WGD is not open to the public at large; this is driven by Health Department rules that preclude serving non-inspected wild game to the public. A variety of wild game dishes and appetizers will be served.

NEW MEMBERS:

Albert Kruger, Charles Krause, and Darrel McLaughlin all joined as new members this past. Please welcome the new members to the club at our next meeting. All membership issues should be addressed to Jennifer Gardner at

jen_gardner11@yahoo.com. There is an underscore between jen and gardner.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS – Ron Ruth reported to the executive board that there will be one hunter safety class conducted during 2017 spring break. Ron Ruth reported that the class will be a daytime class. Further details will be forthcoming as the time for the class draws closer. Ron reported that WDFW furnished several new firearms to be used for the Hunters Education Range Day. Ron also informed the Board that there is a group in the Sunnyside area that would like to either get trained as Hunter Safety instructors or affiliate with RRGC in some manner to provide training in the Sunnyside area. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously for Ron Ruth to take the lead in this effort and report back to the Board as to the feasibility of training and further cooperation with the Sunnyside group.

The Hunter Education youth pheasant hunt is currently scheduled for February 18, 2017. WDFW has informed RRGC that WDFW will be providing all the birds for the hunt. This event will be coordinated between Limits Game Farm, Pheasants Forever, WDFW, and RRGC. We are planning on an enrollment of 25 students for the event from previous Hunter Education classes.

We need volunteers for hunter safety instructors and dog handlers, with dogs. Please contact Ron Ruth with your availability. Ron can be reached at 509 737 7350 (cell) or ron-rose@frontier.com.

JANUARY MEETING RECAP:

Dave Hedden gave an awesome presentation on winter walleye fishing. Dave spoke about the gear he uses, his strategies for what type of water to fish, different bait presentations, and how to fish the different seasons of walleye fishing.

This is Dave's gear list he recommends for fishing walleye



- Worm Harness- MBR843C- Shimano Curado Baitcaster. Med- Med/Hvy 7ft with sensitive tip 15-20lb green Power Pro.



- Jigging- WRR7000 GLX- Shimano Stradic 1000. 6'-7' Light- Med Spinning rod w/ 10lb high vis Power Pro

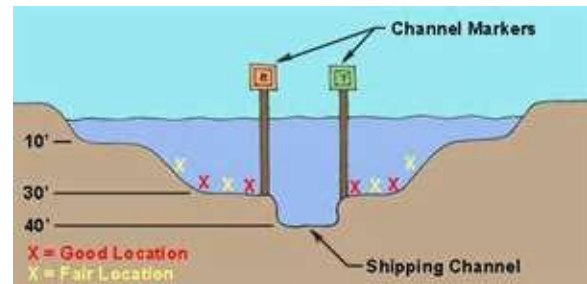


- Bladebait- Shimano Clarus 7'- Shimano Stradic 2500. 6 ½' to 7' Med-Heavy with a lighter tip. 15lb Power Pro



- Crankbait- CBR 843- Shimano Curado. Moderate Action 7'-8 ½' ft. Medium Baitcaster. Berkley IM7- Daiwa SG-17LCA line counter

Dave recommended fishing the seams in the current, drops, transition zones from slower to faster water, the back current on eddies, channel edges, bottom transitions from rock to sand, near structures, main river sunken islands, smaller rock piles, small rolling dips in the bottom.



Dave has offered a discount rate for guiding fishing services. Dave guides for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, and walleye. Please call Hedden's Northwest Sportfishing at (509) 521-8620 for guided fishing excursions or visit his website at

<http://www.heddensportfish.com/trips>.

WILD GAME RECOVERY:

On Monday January 9th at 11:30 am, Larry Martin got a call from WDFW Officer Kerry McLerran about a deer that was pulled from the icy Yakima River by Columbia Basin Dive and Rescue. The deer was successfully pulled from the river but was too far gone and died from hypothermia. Officer McLerran said everyone involved was disappointed that the deer did not make it but Columbia Dice and Rescue personnel were glad to get the practice in ice filled cold water rescue. Offer McLerran brought

the deer to Larry Martin's house. Larry salvages approximately 50 pounds of meat then delivered it to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco.

BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS:

If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and are able to receive a digital copy please contact the club secretary.

MEMBERSHIP: If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Jennifer Gardner, Membership Chair, at jen_gardner11@yahoo.com. There is an underscore between jen and gardner.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 21st, 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

MONTHLY PHOTO CONTEST:

Don't be shy! We would like to see the photos from your hunting and fishing excursions and

the monthly contest winner receives five free tickets for the raffle drawing at the next general membership meeting. Give your photo to Richard Sharp at any meeting or email it to rrgcsecretary@gmail.com. Submit as many entries as you want. Photo contest rules are on the RRGc web page. If you are receiving this newsletter electronically via email click on the link on the masthead

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: None this month.

WANT ADS: Club members looking to sell hunting and fishing supplies in the upcoming newsletter; contact the club secretary with a description and photos of the items for sale.

ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE:

Please use the rrgcsecretary@gmail.com account for all email inquiries and correspondence.