



# **RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB**

**(INCORPORATED)**

**A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization**

**P.O. BOX 337**

**RICHLAND, WASHINGTON 99352**

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.

June 2022, Volume 77 No. 6

Club Website- [www.richlandrodandgun.org](http://www.richlandrodandgun.org)

Club Facebook- [www.facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub](https://www.facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub)

2022 Officers

Dustin Ney, President (509) 827-7670     Richard Libby, Treasurer (509)947-0498

Matt Cummings, Vice-President (509)967-3370     Carla Boeringa, Secretary (509) 375-7791

## **MEETINGS AND DEADLINES**

Next General Meeting – June 7th, 7:00 PM at Richland Public Library

Next Board Meeting- Tuesday June 21st, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

May Newsletter Contribution Deadline is June 22nd email:

[admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org)

---

## **General Meeting June 7th**

The Richland Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm proudly presents Tyler Lawson! Tyler is a local Competitive Tournament Participant and will literally be putting on a clinic on Pre and Post Spawn Bass Tactics we can all use here in our back yard fishing various scenarios in the Columbia Basin. Tyler is generous enough to share his several years of competitive fishing knowledge fishing for Bass from the bank or boat, fishing structure, and what types of baits to use dependent on the time of year and water temps. Bring a friend or two and come see us and Tyler Lawson at 7pm at our monthly, free to the public, meeting at the Richland Public Library, see what the Richland Rod and Gun Club is all about and learn how to catch more and bigger bass. There will be sure to be plenty of great stuff in the raffle at the end of the meeting that also might up your game on the water! See you all there!

---

### **Get Involved!!!!**

The Richland Rod and Gun Club is a volunteer organization. We have many activities throughout the year to get involved in. Did you know the Club takes care of over 400 guzzlers? Larry Martin heads this volunteer activity. If you would like to volunteer to help, call Larry at 509-521-2554. He is always looking for more helping hands!

### **RRGC Wood Duck Project**

The box checks/banding efforts to date have resulted in 72 wood duck hens having new bands installed, recapturing 31 hens previously banded, 35 boxes with a wood duck nest in progress, 10 boxes that had wood duck hens that had hatched out, and banding 12 screech owl owlets that were big enough to get bands. There have been 3 boxes with cameras that have recordings of the "jump." Currently there are 4 boxes with cameras awaiting the duckling hatch; see [www.rrgcwoodducks.org](http://www.rrgcwoodducks.org) for links to watch the live stream.

### **Hunter Ed**

Ron Ruth has set the dates for the next Hunter Ed classes. This summer it will be August 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> with range day on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The fall evening class will be Sept 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> with range day being on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. He will start sign ups one month ahead of the class on WDFW.wa.gov

### **Fishing**

The fishing season is on and there is great fishing to be had. Be sure to check for emergency rule changes any time you are heading out on the water. WDFW's website has all the information, or you can sign up to receive their emails to keep you posted and up to date. Be safe out there!

### **Save the date for the annual Richland Rod and Gun Club Catfish Challenge and potluck fish fry June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>!**

For those who have not participated yet we want to see you turn out this year at least for the weigh-in spectacle and fish fry at 3pm on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Cummings Property at 73534 N. Pederson Rd. West Richland, WA., 99353.

In years past we've seen hundreds of pounds of catfish piled up at weigh-in right before our fish whispering past President Richard Sharp puts on a show filleting, frying, grilling, and blackening a large portion of the catch of the day. It doesn't get any fresher than that folks at home and by the time everyone brings their signature side dish, the potluck meal on the bank of the Yakima River is by far sure to be the best on this stretch of river. Matt also will have whole barbequed chicken and home-made fresh cut fries. Folks with last names beginning with A-M please bring a side salad or dish, those with last names beginning with N-Z please bring a desert (we planned it that way so Dale Schielke might bring his famous homemade Dutch oven cherry cobbler). We eat a little closer to 4pm after the weigh-in and quick program to announce the winners of the Catfish Challenge.

### **The rules: for the catfish challenge**

1. In order to be officially in the RRGCC Catfish Challenge you must be a member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club or invited as a guest of a member of the RRGCC.
2. Participants must first inform either Richard Sharp by text at (509) 551-6785 or Matt Cummings by text at (509) 948-4905. You will get a response with an official Catfish Challenge number indicating you are an official participant.
3. The tournament starts at 3pm on June 17<sup>th</sup> and ends at 3pm on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Meaning you can only fish during that 24-hour window of time.
4. Any waters are open.
5. You can fish as an individual or a team of two.
  - a. Most people grab a buddy and fish in a team of two.
6. The prize is for the biggest catfish brought to the weigh-in location no later than 3pm at 73534 N. Pederson Rd. West Richland, WA., 99353.
  - a. The prize the same as the entry fee. Nothing. You will be famous for at least that moment in time, and we will make a mention of it in our monthly newsletter as well as plaster Facebook with your picture and the good news unless of course you object to that.

### **How to get there:**

The best way to get to the Cummings Property is to come off of Van Giesen St. in West Richland onto Gross Cup Blvd. and head North to N. Pederson Rd. to the Fire Station at the intersection of 62<sup>nd</sup> and N. Harrington. Follow the signs from there. **Google Maps** also will take you right to the property. Just make sure to turn down the gravel driveway towards the river at the Richland Rod and Gun Club signs.

**We hope to see you all there!**





**Photo of the month**



This is Lynsi Barger assisting with wood duck banding. The photo was taken by her mother Cecelia Barger. Their family is one of the new members of the Richland Rod and Gun Club.



Honorable mention photos of Mike Estes with his turkeys.