



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- <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/>

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – January 8th, 7:00 PM, Richland Public Library

BOARD MEETING- January 15th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for February is January 27th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

JANUARY PROGRAM: The subject for the January general membership meeting will be Jerrod Bailey of the Washington Predator Hunting Association. Jerrod's presentation will be how to get started hunting apex predators, equipment needs and preferences in addition to calling strategies. Jerrod will take questions if there is a sufficient amount of time after his presentation.

IN MEMORIAM: John Prather informed me that his mother passed away on the 21st of December. John sent the obituary to share with the membership of RRGC. Dolores joined RRGC in early 2018.

“With broken hearts, the family of Dolores Ruth Prather announces her passing at the age of 83 on December 21, 2018, at Platt Valley Medical

Center Brighton, Colorado. She was born in Seattle, Washington on January 23, 1935 to Henry and Elise Miller. She was youngest of three children. She loved to travel. She lived in several states from Washington, California, South Carolina, Texas, Arizona, and to lastly settle in Colorado. She was an artist and loved to paint, draw, and crochet. She also loved to take pictures of the places she visited and crafted those pictures into cards to send to her many family members and friends. She loved to read mystery books and play cards especially cribbage. She loved hunting, fishing and camping with family and friends. She loved football and despite living in Denver was an avid Seattle Seahawk and Washington Huskies fan. She was an active member of the Lions Club in every town she lived. She had many jobs during her life, but ultimately found her

passion in Construction as an Assistant Electrical Engineer. She attended the Mountain View Lutheran Church in Thornton, Colorado. She was married for 25 years to Jimmie Ray Prather and they had five children. She leaves behind two daughters Katherine Phillips and JoAnne Koenig, two sons Richard Prather and John Prather, seven Grandchildren, Sarah, Brian, Sabrina, Ashley, Jessica, John Michael, Fiona, five great grandchildren Karter, Trinity, Lilliya, Brody, Lexi, and three nieces Janet, Nancy, Diane and one nephew Larry. Her brother Jack Miller, sister Barbara Hebert, and son Anthony Ray all preceded her to their heavenly home. She made many friends during her life through her travels and all will miss her greatly.”

RRGC extends its condolences to John and his family.

NOMINATIONS: Our Bylaws require the President to appoint a Nominating Committee not later than January of each year for elections that will be held at the March general membership meeting. Any interested and willing member is eligible to serve on the Board of Directors as an Officer or Trustee. This year the Nominating Committee will focus on identifying candidates for Vice-President, Secretary, and Trustee. The Secretary takes notes and issues meeting minutes for Board of Directors meetings and issues the monthly newsletter. The Vice-President serves as our program chair and is expected to succeed to the Presidency the next year. Trustees are expected to participate in Board meetings where attendance is important because a quorum of the Board is required to conduct business, and to provide leadership for RRGc committees and projects. If you are interested in serving as an Officer or Trustee, please contact Mike Estes (551-9066) or Richard Sharp (551-6785).

ADVISORY: The January General Meeting will be held on January 8th in lieu of January 1st. Please adjust your schedule appropriately.

If you have any questions as to scheduled meetings please check the RRGc website <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/>.

LUNKER LAKE: Jack Pickard will be the Chair for Lunker Lake in January. Jack is looking for volunteers for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Thursday will be the erection of the pond. Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be fishing. Late Sunday afternoon/evening will be the tear down of the pond and area clean-up. Jack can be reached at 509 627 9244. Jack will have a sign-up sheet at the General Meeting. Please be generous with your time.

As a reminder, Jack has provided the following notes for the volunteers. Bring your own hook remover or pair of pliers and a hand towel. Please enter through the south side of the middle of the building which is the Exhibitor Entrance. Please check in with whoever is in charge of your shift since your name is on the roster of volunteers. Food, water and soft drinks will be provided for the shift volunteers. Come early and stay late to enjoy the show but please be on time for your shift.

Ron Ruth is in need of additional volunteers for the Target Range. Please contact Ron at 509 737 7350 if you are able to volunteer.

Every child exposed to fishing at Lunker Lake or shooting at the Target Range is a potential future hunter/fisher. Perhaps because of their interest they will bring their parent to our organization.

CONSERVATION AND HABITAT: Larry Martin provided the following information and photos of the guzzler work performed since the newsletter was sent out in December.

12-7 Larry Martin borrowed Ron Ruth’s trailer and picked up a used fiberglass guzzler tank and top from Brian Wake’s farm shop. Big thanks to Brian for donating this tank after removing it because of a crop change.

12-8 Boy Scout Zackary Nelson and his crew J. Brody, Aidan Conklin, Greg Herrin, Duncan Gill, Larry Martin, Bill Nelson, Lori Nelson, Greg Payne and Sam Payne refurbished guzzler #6 which is located 3/10 of a mile up a canyon off Weber Canyon road southeast of

Benton City. This was the hardest guzzler repair to date. All of the materials had to be carried in as well as the tools up a treacherous canyon bottom. The work site was 3/10 of a mile from the road. The digging was in very rocky soil which was difficult. The bank was also repaired since it was sluffed off at the guzzler. All of the replaced and destroyed material had to be hauled out as well as the old fiberglass tank. The material was hauled down to the trucks and delivered to BDI Disposal for disposal.

12-9 Zackary Nelson, Bill Nelson, Greg Payne and Larry Martin returned to guzzler #6 and restrung the fencing and replaced the burned off wooden posts with T-Posts. As with the guzzler materials, the old fence posts were then hauled down to the truck.

12-19 Larry Martin inspected and cleaned guzzlers 3, 17 & 35. These guzzlers are located southeast of Benton City off of Dennis road and West of Benton City off of Yakitat road below Chandler Butte.

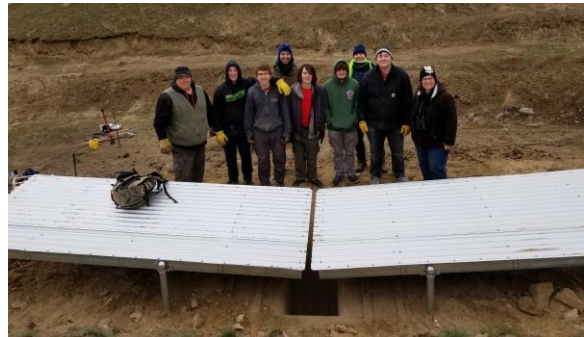
Before Photo



In Progress Photo



After Photo



Larry can be reached on his cell phone at 509 521 2554 if you are able to volunteer.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There were no new members for the month of December. Renewal notices will be sent out in February for 2019.

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: The next Hunter Education class will be next April during the 2019 School Spring Break. The class will be a

daytime class and the dates will be April 1st through the 5th of April. Range day will be on April 6th. Volunteers will be needed for several of the classes as well as the Range Day.

Ron informed the Board said that a pheasant hunt for the top finishers from this year's Hunter Education classes will be held February 16th at Limits Game Farm north of Mesa. Presently there will be 75 birds furnished with more possible as well as some hens. Eligible graduates of the Hunters Education will be contacted around the January/February timeframe and invitations will be extended to 30 graduates of the previous classes.

Ron expects to learn this month if his application to the NRA Foundation for hunter education supplies has been approved.

Ron started a program for Hunters Education graduates that do not have opportunities to hunt. The Richland Rod & Gun Club (RRGC) had its kickoff of the "No Bird Hunter Left Behind" this

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 has been no announcement as to whether an Introduction to Firearms Class for the Spring 2019 will be held.

RRGC HISTORY: This is third repetition of the same post from the past few months. It is reinforce to the membership the amount of effort Howard Gardner, Russ Wyer and Greg Boering are making to compile 73 years of the history of RRGC. They are transferring old documents into electronic data as a means for saving our legacy. Their efforts are being published on the Club's website in the History Section. Please keep in mind that our social media is intended to relay current information to members and site visitors. Greg has posted the following notice in the History section so that anyone who visits/views the history section will know that the effort is not complete but remains a "Website Under Construction".

GAME RECOVERY:

Chris Mosher reported that one deer was recovered in late November by Paul Kison.

A reminder that if you come across a fresh road kill game animal and are able, please claim the animal and notify Chris Mosher. Please stay with the animal while waiting for someone from RRGC game recovery to show up. If the animal is seriously injured, inform the local police authority so that they or WDFW can dispatch the animal. 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.

If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris Mosher at 509 302 5171.

NONPROFIT STATUS: A strategy for future fund raising must be addressed. All fund raising must be in accordance with the law for 501(c)(3) organizations. Any member who has any ideas that they wish to share are urged to contact Mike Estes. New membership and fund raising are paramount for the continued existence of RRGC.

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.

RRGC WEB PAGE: Russ Wyer and Greg Boeringa continue their efforts to improve and maintain the webpage for RRGC. It will now be updated and revised as necessary. The website is www.richlandrodandgun.org/. Please visit the site and review what is available on site. Of note is an RRGC calendar that is updated regularly. If you are aware of information that needs to be added to the calendar, please use the website links to contact either Russ Wyer or Greg Boeringa.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be January 15th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter 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. (I've surfed this section several times and there are some incredible recipes available.) Please share your recipes.

RAFFLES: Raffle tickets are \$1/each, 5 for \$3.00 or 10 for \$5.00. And you can select the Mystery Box which could change your life forever. Winners for the December meeting are as follows; Folding Stool – Frank Scopa, Pink Mity-Mite Fishing Rod – No name. Trail Camera – Richard Sharp, 6' Folding Table – Chris Mosher, Winter Walleye Kit – Monte Kelsey, Mossy Oak Tool Set – Gerald Hayes, Propane Heater – Marilyn Steele, Bird Bath Feeder – Packy Lackey, Mystery Box – Al Casebere.

WOOD DUCK BOXES: Dale Schielke reported that he is still working on a new broadcast platform for the upcoming spring hatches. He also reported that a revision to his ALEA grant was requested and approved to purchase five geo-locating bands to put on wood duck hens next spring. The bands are made in England and cost \$126 each. The geo-locater bands have not been delivered yet. Barker Ranch is purchasing eleven more. The total number of geo-locating bands ordered is sixteen. The bands have to be recovered to download the data showing where and when the birds traveled. It is hoped that because some of the wood duck hens use the same nest boxes over multiple years that the bands can be recovered before the approximate two year battery life expires.

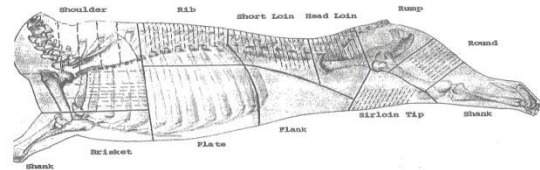
Dale will have his wood duck display at the Sportman's Show this month. Both he and John Merk will handle the display.

WILD GAME DINNER: Dale Schielke has contacted Mr. John Kruse of North Western Outdoors for him to be our guest speaker for the WGD. RRGc members are probably familiar with Mr. Kruse's program on KONA radio (610 AM). Mr. Kruse is both the host and producer of the show. More information will be provided over the next several months as regarding Mr. Kruse and his background.

The Wild Game Dinner will be held on March 23rd at the Shiloh Inn, located in Richland. Tickets will be available at the January meeting. If you want to reserve a table, you must buy 10 tickets. Contact Dale for further information. He can be reached at 509 375 0183.

Big game hunting seasons have wrapped up. Please keep in mind the need for game meat for the Wild Game Dinner. We have storage facilities available so please consider donating fish, fowl or game. 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.

Please contact John Prather regarding the donor door prize request letter. We are able to provide verification of our Tax Exempt Status.



Sausage making for the WGD will take place on the 9th of February at John Prather's house in Finley. 10 to 15 volunteers will be needed for the 6 to 8 hour effort to make enough sausage for the dinner. John's address is 215107 E. Game Farm Road, Kennewick. (The address will be listed monthly until the sausage is made).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **USE OF FUNDS:** Rick Libby prepared a list of agencies/organizations that have received funds from RRGc in the past year or previous years. The list was sent to Board members prior to the November Board meeting. The Use of Funds requests have been approved. If you are interested in knowing the results, please contact Richard Libby, Treasurer 947-0498.

2. RRGc was approached by two teachers from Jason Lee Elementary School to provide a portion of the funding they need to establish an archery club. Their intent is to offer archery to

students starting in the 4th grade through the 6th grade. At the present time, they have obtained funding from their PTA and they have received approval from the Richland School District for the establishing the club. RRGCC is providing \$780 to this effort through the Use of Funds.

3. Denise McInturff, USFWS Park Ranger at the McNary NWF has requested RRGCC assistance in planning and conducting a youth fishing day that Quarry Pond this coming spring. Mike Estes informed her that he would present this to the Board for discussion. There exists a concern that all of volunteer efforts can burnout our club membership. Look for more discussion on this item over the next month or so.

4. Gene Van Liew informed the Board that salmon egg delivery for Salmon in the Classroom will take place January 3rd through January 7th. There are two additional schools participating this year. Gene is always looking for assistance. He can be reached at 509 578 6811.

5. KOE Kids Fishing Event will take place at the Family Fishing Pond on Friday April 12th and Saturday, April 13th.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



Dave Myers with his first striped bass, caught 10/17, False River, Sacramento Delta, CA. Hooked on a Zara Spook. Photo by Jim Harmon

SHOUT OUTS:

1. Thanks to Dale Schielke for taking over the Secretarial duties at the December Board Meeting. I firmly believe that he performed in a manner that far exceeds my efforts and capabilities. Mmmmmmmmm.

2. After reviewing Larry Martin's account for the effort put forth by Eagle Scout Candidate Zachery Nelson for his Eagle Scout Project, I'd like to commend Zachery for his effort. Larry Martin has been maintaining guzzlers for years. Per Larry, this was the most difficult site to reach, repair and rebuild. Kudos to Zachery and his crew for an outstanding effort.

WANT ADS:

For sale: empty Remington shell hulls for a 12 gauge shot gun. 2 3/4 inch high brass. 8 point crimp. Four hundred once-fired hulls for \$20.00. More available if interested. John Propson, 509-947-2964.

Game Limits Farm has a Winter Hunt Special pheasant hunt going on presently. The special started on the 17th of December but as of the 2nd of January, continues. Contact Dave Piovesan at 509-265-4578.

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