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Fishing Regulation Changes - Dave Myers

WDF&W is proposing several changes in the 1995 fishing regulations for both freshwater and saltwater. Many of these changes will affect local waters. The overall trend appears to be aimed at protecting salmon runs. Because there are salmon in the Columbia and Snake Rivers much of the year, these changes will alter the way many of us fish for Steelhead. Amongst the proposed changes are: closure of the Snake River to night fishing; mandatory use of barbless hooks below the Blue Bridge between Kennewick and Pasco; hook size restrictions on sinking lures (maximum 4/0); and single hooks only on sinking lures. The RRGCC Board has responded to the proposed changes based on input received at the December general membership meeting. However, each letter written by an individual counts as heavily as one written by an organization. You are encouraged to share your feelings regarding these proposed changes by writing to Evan Jacoby, Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA, 98501-1091.

Early Application Deadline for 1995 Hunts

The application deadline for special permits for deer, elk, moose, goat, sheep, and cougar will be March 31, 1995. Hunters who are selected for special permits will receive notification by May 31. Previously, notice was not received until September which often didn't leave much time for planning what could be a once in a lifetime hunt. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss the application deadline next spring.

Hunter Education - Anita Gahimer

Changes result in new challenges. The recent acquisition of Wheeler's Gun Shop by Phil's Sporting Goods has displaced the Hunter Education classes from the basement at Phil's. The room will now be used as a gun repair shop. RRGCC sponsors 11 hunter education classes a year. Each class meets four evenings a week for two weeks and averages 20 to 25 students. We are looking for permanent class space where the training materials can be stored on site, but will accept a temporary facility as necessary. If you know of a suitable facility or would be willing to help in the search, please contact Anita Gahimer (943-0855) or Clare Cranston (547-6273). Thanks to Phil for donating the space for this valuable program for the past several years and best wishes to him on his expanded business endeavors.

JANUARY, 1995

1994 Officers

Jack Pickard, President (582-5397) Anita Gahimer, Vice President (943-0855)
Tom Davis, Treasurer (946-7747) Mike Estes, Secretary (582-2212)

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting - Tuesday, January 3, 1995, 7:00 p.m. - Richland Public Library

Board Meeting - Tuesday, January 17, 1995, 7:00 p.m. - Richland Public Library

Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday, December 17, 1995, call Dave at 375-0343, evenings

January General Meeting

Happy New Year to all you outdoor enthusiasts! John Westland, Flycasting and Flyfishing Instructor, will be the guest speaker at our January meeting. John has been a fisherman since childhood and for the last twenty-five years has devoted himself to mastering the art of flyfishing. He has traveled around the world flyfishing many of the most famed destinations; catching on a flyrod a large variety of fish such as Barracuda, Trevally, Wahoo, Salmon and Dolly Varden. John has fished and studied with many legendary modern masters of flyfishing and now specializes in teaching flyfishing and flycasting, and is also owner and operator of the Clearwater Fly Shop on West First Avenue in Kennewick. John will entertain us with tales and stories, a slide show, tips and secrets, and gear, gear, gear!!!

Join us on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Richland Library Gallery Room for the best in fly fishing. Tickets for the Big Game Dinner and the Quality Trip will also go on sale at the meeting. Ticket quantities are limited for both of these activities so we recommend that you plan to get yours early. Only members who have paid their 1995 dues will be eligible to purchase Quality Trip tickets so check your mailing label on this newsletter to see when your membership expires. Additional details about the Quality Trip rules and the Big Game Dinner are included in other articles in this newsletter.

As a final reminder, this meeting may be your last chance to pick up a 1995 Richland Rod & Gun Club calendar. Cost is only \$3.00 and there are only a couple dozen left, so don't delay.

December Meeting Highlights

"Fred" the robotic decoy deer attracted plenty of attention from the bad guys in southeastern Washington this last fall and he has the scars to prove it. Sergeant Jim McColgin of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife shared many stories about arrests and convictions. Violators had their firearms seized, paid an average fine of \$550, and in most cases were assessed an additional \$100 for damages to the decoy. WDF&W is allowed to keep the damage assessments and has already collected more than enough money to replace "Fred" or to build another decoy.

Use of the decoy is labor intensive because it takes a three or four man detail to act as observers and to man a chase vehicle. In spite of that, Jim would like to expand the program to include a coyote decoy and a few pheasant decoys. Jim requested assistance from RRGCC, so if you are an amateur taxidermist or can provide pheasant skins or a good coyote hide and would be willing to help with this project please contact an RRGCC officer to volunteer your help.

Prize winners for the evening were Lisa Fitzner, fishing rod and reel; Rocky Ross, a boot hanger; and Arlen Schade, a set of coyote calls and calling video.

1995 Officers and Trustees

Officers and Trustees were elected at the December meeting. Many thanks to these members for stepping to the front and agreeing to provide leadership to our Club during the coming year. Special thanks to our 1994 Officers and Trustees for a job well done! And a very special thank you to each and every member of last year's Board of Directors who has agreed to serve another year, often in a different capacity, as an officer, trustee, committee chair, or special volunteer!

<u>President:</u>	Anita Gahimer	<u>Trustees:</u>	Bill Lambert
<u>Vice President:</u>	Dick Bickerstaff		Dennis Shore
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dave Myers		Lyle Gilk
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mike Estes		Everett Weakley
<u>Past President:</u>	Jack Pickard		Eddie Manthos
<u>Special Volunteers:</u>			Don Board
	Clare Cranston		Dale Landon
	Dale Schielke		Rocky Ross
	Jack Hampton		Dwight Hughes
	Howard Gardner		Frank Case
	Larry Martin		Don Frick
	Arlen Schade		Don Hand
	John Pfeiffer		Tom Davis
			Ben Webb
			Jerry Zeitler

Hunter Ethics

Big game violations, trespass, and property damage by "slob hunters" this year have had detrimental effects on the landowner relations that RRGCC and other responsible parties have worked very hard to foster. Unless action is taken to weed out the "bad apples", law abiding hunters can anticipate less and less access to private property. The RRGCC Board has approved a letter to Governor Lowry expressing our concerns and recommending additional enforcement positions in the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show

RRGC will once again man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show that will be held on January 20, 21, and 22, 1995 at the Benton-Franklin County Fairgrounds and it will require lots of volunteers. Last year we worked more than 70 three and four hour shifts. The phone tree has been activated and you can expect a call. This is a lot of fun, introduces kids to fishing in a favorable setting, and gives us an opportunity to increase awareness of the Richland Rod & Gun Club. Workers should plan to arrive 15 minutes before the start of the shift to receive their free pass and should come equipped with pliers, a hand towel, and safety glasses. You can sign up at the January meeting or call Jack Pickard at 582-5397 to get on the list early and reserve your favorite shift.

1995 Big Game Dinner

The Richland Rod and Gun Club social event of the year is set for Saturday, March 11, 1995, at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are \$12.50 each again this year and will not be sold at the door. Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. The program will be a slide show by Tim Christie, a professional wildlife photographer from Post Falls, Idaho. Tickets may be purchased at the January meeting or by mailing payment to RRGCC, P.O. Box 337, Richland, Washington 99352. Mail orders will be honored subject to availability of unsold tickets.

Meat donations are still being accepted for this event, especially elk roasts and game birds. Meat should be left at the RRGCC locker at Chuck's Meat and Lockers, 17 E. 1st Avenue, Kennewick. Contact Jerry Zeitler (545-6694), Big Game Dinner Chairman, to volunteer your help with this event.

Quality Trip Drawing Rules

1. Only members having their 1995 dues paid through April, 1995 will be eligible to purchase entry tickets.
2. Tickets are \$20 each. The value of the trip has been increased to \$3,000.
3. A minimum of 50 entry tickets must be sold; maximum sold will be 100.
4. Each member may purchase two (2) tickets; with a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents may also purchase two each.
5. You must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
6. Winners will present a program at a General Meeting of the membership about their adventure.
7. The drawing will be held at the Big Game Dinner on March 11, 1995. You need not be present to win.
8. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club and who must also have participated in the drawing.
9. An alternate will be drawn in the event the winner is unable to go. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must be a club member and have been in the drawing.
10. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 1996 Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
11. The trip must be approved by the Board not later than the June meeting or it will be forfeited.
12. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting - February 7, 1994, 7:00 PM - Benton Co. PUD Auditorium, Kennewick
Board Meeting - February 21, 1994, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library
Bulletin Deadline February 24, 1994, call Dave at 375-0343 evenings

February General Meeting

Time: 7:00 pm - Benton County PUD, 10th and Highway 395, Kennewick
Topic: Grizzly Bears in Washington Speaker: Joe Scott, Greater EcoSystem Alliance

Joe will be discussing the proposed release of Grizzlies in Washington as well as predator/elk relationships in the Blue Mtns and just what the Greater EcoSystem Alliance is all about.

January Meeting Notes:

The club was privileged to have John Westlund of the Clearwater Fly Shop share his experiences of flyfishing for monster bonefish on Christmas Island. Stalking fish in crystal clear water, casting to individual fish, hookups followed by pulse-pounding runs. John offered some advice on avoiding sunburn using a product called "Aloegator" this stuff must be good to keep him from being fried to a crisp in the tropical sun while on the water all day, everyday for a week.

Winners of door prizes included: Mike Estes, jumper cables; Richard Bada, fishing rod; John Pfeiffer, fillet glove; W.R. Hodges, ice fishing stand; and Leo Pierce, club calendar.

New Members:

We welcome two new members this month! Please join with us as we welcome A.O. Garratt of West Richland, and L.H. Giese of Kennewick.

Upcoming Firearm Safety Class: Contact--Clare Cranston 547-6273.

Women and girls only firearm safety class, register at Phils Sporting Goods, Pasco. Mondays and Tuesdays starting January 30, for three weeks; classes 6-9 pm at 907 W. Nixon, Pasco, WA. Range activities on February 10, 6 - 9 pm, Pasco Rifle and Pistol (rifle and pistol training by Tri-Cities best), range day February 11. The field course (includes shotgun) and centerfire rifle firing.

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(Lunker Lake cont.)

Sixty-seven dedicated club members donated over 350 man-hours to the effort. Special thanks to:

Eddie Manthos	Jerry Zeitler	Don Frick	Howard Gardner
Dwight Hughes	Bob Lyness	Jim Martin	Loris Brinkman
Russ Thorson	Gary McFarland	Ev Weakley	Gordon Hanson
Don Hall	Jack Hampton	John Nesbitt	Anita Gahimer
Jim Jeffs	John Propson	Mark Townsend	Jerry Massey
Frank Case	Isaac Case	David Koontz	Kevin Kytola
John Hall	Neal Sullivan	Dan Sullivan	Carl Robbert
Steve Friar	Dick Biggerstaff	Joe Carello	Kim Carello
Don Morris	John Cummings	Gene Van Liew	Mary Lou Van Liew
Doug Schuetze	Don Hand	Scott Rasley	Dave Myers
Duane Faletti	Lou LaDouceur	Dale Landon	Chris Landon
Richard McFall	Dale Schielke	Ben Webb	Kevin Webb
Mike Estes	Scott Estes	Roy Brogdon	Stan Brogdon
Lyle Gilk	Sean Carr	Angela Carr	John Pfeiffer
Larry Campbell	Dale Campbell	Rocky Ross	Arlen Schade
Larry Martin	Jeff Fulks	Calvin Fulks	Jack Oppelt
Ken New	Jack Pickard		

RCW (Revised Code of Washington) Revision: Contact Clare Cranston 547-6273

Club members Clare Cranston and Phil Van Noy are deeply involved in the RCW revisions that will eventually combine the regulations of the old Departments of Game and Fisheries. The original committee of which they are members has been shrinking due to the commitment of time that is necessary. Clare is seeking any club member who would like to participate, and has the time, to join with him and Phil in this important task. Meetings are generally held in Ephrata and last from about noon until everyone gives up for the day. The meetings are during the week to accommodate our dedicated state employees, so any volunteer will need a day a month to donate.

Recent Hunter Education:

A total of 54 students were instructed in Hunter Education in two classes held at Phil's Sporting Goods an in Benton City. Club members teaching in the classes were Don Board, Clare Cranston, Anita Gahimer, Jerry Zeitler and Howard Gardner. Other local instructors included: Ray Eisle, Frank Flynn and Max Jones. Many thanks to these willing volunteers who give so freely of their time to train future hunters. If you are interested in becoming a Hunter Ed. Instructor, contact Howard Gardner or Clare Cranston.

Advanced Hunter Education:

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has announced a major change in this program that will make completion of this course a bit easier. The classroom time will now be via a video tape presentation. You send for the tape, watch it and then return it within 48 hours. Testing will be done at a regional office. Bad news is the Tri-Cities applicants will have to travel to take the test.

Habitat Projects: Contact Larry Martin

It is almost springtime and we are starting to consider habitat projects that are coming up. Rocky Ross (Snake River Mitigation Lands Habitat Specialist) has two projects on the burner one in Franklin County and one in Whitman County. He could use help on both. The Franklin County project is on the Windmill Wildlife Management Unit (Booker Ranch) between Mesa and Basin City. Work will likely start the last week of February and last into mid-March. He has scheduled 7 acres of plastic and plantings. The Whitman County project is along Rock Creek, about 14 miles SE of St. John. This effort will result in 14 acres of shrubs being planted. Don Hand (Benton County Habitat Specialist) has several smaller projects in the offing. A sign-up sheet will be available at the General Meeting. This work can apply toward the conservation portion of the Advanced Hunter Education program.

The March meeting will include a presentation by the U.S. Forest Service on upcoming Blue Mountains habitat projects (elk and turkey). Sign ups for those projects will be initiated at the meeting.

Reminder to Special Hunt Appliers:

The rules have changed this year and your applications for special hunts, Does, Cow Elk, Multi-branched antler Elk, Sheep, Goats, etc. must be in by the end of March. Make your plans now and put in your applications.

Interesting Notes:

If you are a winter boater don't fall overboard. The winter months take a serious toll almost 35% of winter boating accidents result in death. Source U.S. Coast Guard

Just how dangerous is hunting? The National Safety Council has determined that you are about 270 times safer hunting than playing football, and almost 20 times safer even than fishing.

In Memorium:

The Club was deeply saddened by the passing of long-time member John Williams on Dec. 22, 1994. John had been a loyal club member for over 35 years. During those years he participated in many club functions and projects. John was a gunsmith, and in that capacity he repaired the firearms of many club members. He was widely recognized for his craftsmanship. John and his amiable disposition will be greatly missed.

Big Game Dinner Contact--Jerry Zeitler

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Big Game Dinner. Tickets are still available for club members and their special guests. This years event will be held March 11, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, ByPass Highway, Richland. Ticket sales have taken off like a gaggle of frightened geese; so if you haven't purchased yours, get to the February meeting and get them there.

Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation. Please contact Jerry and offer your services, he needs people for all day on March 11. If you are still hoarding some meat, the club has a special locker at Chuck's Meats in Kennewick. There will be a special something for one of the meat donors.

Jim Choate is the official smoker of Hors D'voers for the banquet. He is seeking those

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with meats to smoke (fish, ducks, pheasant, quail, goose, etc.). Jim will need some lead time to get all the wee beasties of the game family smoked up before the dinner, so please get your donations to him soon. Jim lives at 28009 Reata Rd, Kennewick, his phone number is 627-5250.

Quality Trips:

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Other Happenings: Friends of the NRA Banquet, March 3, 1995, Cavanaugh's, contact Chet Organ at 946-4210. Tickets are: \$25 ea. for NRA members and spouses; \$60 for non-members (price includes NRA membership).

Columbia Basin Flycasters Annual Banquet, Feb 8, 1995, tickets are available at Clearwater Fly Shop and BB&M. The cost is \$18.

Politics: Hanford Reach designation as Wild and Scenic River is desperately in need of a congressional sponsor. Call or write Richard "Doc" Hastings and/or George Nethercutt and urge them to be the ones. We may even be able to get Senator Patty to support this one, write her too.

Richard "Doc" Hastings 1229 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 (202)225-5816	George Nethercutt 1527 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 (202)225-2006
Slade Gorton 730 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 (202)224-3441	Patty Murray 302 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 (202)224-2621

Lunker Lake, TriCities Sportsmans Show:

Another successful year of caring for Lunker Lake is under the club's belt. Final accounting is not in at press time, but we have the fun to report. Over the 3 days of the show a total of 1024 rainbow trout were taken by hoards of happy young (and old) fisherman. Many thanks to the merchants and club members who supplied bait and hooks and to the Kennewick Irrigation District that supplied the pump to clean the whole operation up. Specific merchants included: WalMart, Kennewick; Phil's Sporting Goods, Pasco; Payless Drug, Kennewick; and Cascade Toy and Sport, Yakima.

The board voted at the January meeting to donate funds raised in this effort to the Bailie Memorial Ranch, Basin City. The Bailie Memorial Ranch provides a place for youngsters to get a strong restart in life, at the same time they provide over 1000 acres of land to the register to hunt program.



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March General Meeting

Topics: Private Game Management Areas--Mark Quinn, DFW Ephrata
USFS Habitat Projects--Fred Higgenbotten, USFS Pomeroy
1994 Quality Trip Report--Arlen Schade and Jerry Bloom
1994 O'Dell Lake Quality Trip--John Cummings

February Meeting Notes:

An informative and controversial program was presented by Mr. Joe Scott of the Greater Ecosystem Alliance (GEL). The GEL is heavily involved in restoring or enhancing grizzly bear populations in north-central Washington. The area that the GEL is lobbying to have declared grizzly habitat includes approximately 6.5 million acres extending from I-90 to the Canadian border. In the proposed area the GEL estimates there are as many as 23 grizzly bears. This estimate is based on sightings and other less direct evidence.

Declaration of a grizzly bear enhancement area would severely restrict access to the affected lands. It would necessitate numerous road closures to provide the bears with the seclusion they require. Hunting and fishing access would be curtailed, requiring that once automobile accessible areas would have to be reached on foot. It is likely that some level of permitted entry would be enacted.

The GEL appears to be one of the organizations that advocates banning the use of dogs and bait in pursuing any bear as one can never be sure when a grizzly might be chased or tempted. The last legally taken grizzly in Washington was killed in 1967. The grizzly was declared as threatened in 1975 and remains threatened in the lower 48 states.

Club members are reminded that it is illegal to kill a grizzly under any circumstances. Please make yourselves aware of how to tell a grizzly from a black bear.

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(50th Anniv. cont.) unrecognized. What triggered the recognition was a list of the clubs officers dating to 1945 that I gave to Anita at the January board meeting. She took one look and observed "It's our 50th anniversary." Well, I have added names to that list for years and it never dawned on me that our 50th year was approaching and was in fact this year. Now some of our more sensitive club members may have been able to recognize the significance of 1945-1995 but not this old codger.

With the recognition that it is our 50th, it gives me pleasure, as a club member for 42 of those 50 years, to reflect on the accomplishments of the club. To recount specific accomplishments over the years would be a huge task because accomplishing things has been our trademark. Rather, it is better to identify the basis for our outstanding record; it lies in the many dedicated club members who have contributed their time and energy to furthering the clubs objectives. It has been my privilege to work with most of them on behalf of the club. Through their efforts and our long-time supportive relationship with the Dept. of Game and now the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife we have worked to keep as much land as possible open for public hunting and fishing. We have recognized the benefits of wildlife habitat and continue our efforts to expand and maintain areas of good habitat. Finally, we have supported good wildlife management practices and enforcement of game laws.

Along the way we were named the state's Outstanding Sportsmens Club by the Washington State Sportsmens Council several times and last fall were honored by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife as the "Organization of the Year". OUTSTANDING! In closing, all I can say is "Keep up the good work!" Challenges to the future of public hunting and fishing are mind boggling and require our constant effort.

Want ads:

2 complete halibut rigs, 6'6" rods, Daiwa Sealine 610 reels, 80# dacron line, \$125 each.
Penn 309 reel, \$25. Contact Roy Brogdon, 627-6505 evenings.

New Members:

We welcome one new member this month! Please join with us as we welcome Steve Chastain and family of Prosser.

Firearm Safety: Contact--Clare Cranston 547-6273.

An opportunity has arisen with the Port of Pasco to use a building at the Port's Big Pasco facility that will be dedicated to firearm safety instruction. The Port is willing to donate the use of space in Warehouse #5. With some minor modification a 2800 square foot, three room facility will be available. The club, along with Phil's Sporting Goods, is pursuing this space. We will likely need club members to help set the space up once it is available. Many thanks to Clare Cranston and Phil Van Noy for their efforts in locating this space.

Habitat Projects: Contact Larry Martin

Lots of opportunities are available to help plant and maintain habitat plots. Even before you get this bulletin the first effort at the Windmill Ranch has been done. Several club members got together with Rocky Ross on February 25 to lay out plastic mulch in the first of many efforts there. Rocky will be using uniformed help from the Coyote Ridge Corrections facility to do most of the planting at Windmill and in Whitman Co.

On March 25 there will be a project off Dodd Rd in Walla Walla County. Susan Nostrant is the DFW lead on this effort. Many hands can be used in this all day project. Larry will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting.

Sometime in March the McGee Elementary School habitat project will move into its next phase. The club is donating about \$250 worth of shrubs for this effort. Some club members will be needed to provide guidance to the students. This is an excellent opportunity to put forth a positive image to these potential hunters.

April/May is the timeframe for checking out and repairing the 68 dryland guzzlers scattered around Benton County. Don Hand will be looking for lots of help. Word to the wise bird hunter: knowing where these guzzlers are can place you in the right hunting area in the fall.

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Politics:

Our friendly local legislature is in session and a myriad of bills that impact hunters, fishermen and firearms owners have been put forth. A synopsis of those bills and the clubs stance (where we have one) follows:

- SB 5108 Deletes first time hunter requirement of Hunter Safety Certification. Club advises against.
- SB 5023 Requires class before purchase of a handgun, no monies provided for such a program. Club advises against.
- SB 5154 Deletes commission authority to establish hunter orange requirement. Club advises against.
- SB 5171 Gives commission authority to establish hunter orange requirement. Member call.
- SB 5312 Establishes minimum age of 10 for hunting; under 14 must be with guardian. Bill is being revised to eliminate under 10 restriction, if this happens club advises support. Member call.
- S 1126.1 Establishes wildlife commissions authority. This bill gives commission authority to set seasons, appoint director, etc. Takes politics out of wildlive appointments. Club strongly supports!
- HB 1540
- SB 5777
- SB 5492 Amends existing law to make it unlawful to hunt bear using bait; and makes it unlawful to pursue or hunt bear, cougar, bobcat, or lynx with the aid of a dog or dogs. Makes certain wildlife crimes involving big game or endangered species either a class "C" (first offence) or "B" (subsequent offences) felony, making future ownership of a firearm illegal. Club advises against as now written.
- SB 5560 Establishes, by law, the length of elk seasons. This bill goes directly against the wisdom of SB 5777 and HB 1540. Club strongly against!
- SB 5625 Would permit current year legal licensees to hunt to end of migratory waterfowl season without purchase of new license. Club strongly against!
- HB 1010 Removes enforcement authority from DFW. Club strongly against!
- HB 1061 Provides for free licenses to some hunter education instructors. Club strongly against.
- HB 1617 Abolishes acquisition of lands by public agencies. Club strongly against!

Look for updates at the March meeting. Over 300 bills potentially affecting hunting or fishing have been offered up.

50th Anniversary - Howard Gardner

It takes a woman! We are fortunate to have Anita Gahimer as our president (the first woman to hold that office) in this our 50th anniversary year. In fact without the female propensity to remember birth dates, anniversaries, etc. the clubs 50th may have gone



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting - May 2, 1995, 7:00 PM - Benton PUD, 10th and Hwy 395, Kennewick
Board Meeting - May 16, 1995, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library, Richland
Bulletin Deadline - May 23, 1995, call Dave at 375-0343 evenings

May General Meeting

Rod Nichols: Idaho Department of Fish and Wildlife, Columbia and Snake River Salmon Enforcement Group. Mr. Nichols is involved in the protection of the endangered runs of the Columbia and Snake Rivers. He will discuss activities such as the drawdown of reservoirs, protection of smolts from irrigation intakes and a variety of related topics. As a wildlife professional, he will provide us with a wildlife bias on the operation of salmon protection activities.

April Meeting Notes:

Club members were provided with the skinny on where fishing will be good throughout eastern Washington. All of the reports were furnished by just one of the WDFW regions. It seems that there are budgetary problems within the department and contact with the public after hours is off limits.

Editors Note: Club members are encouraged to express their concern to Department officials about the continuing reductions in staff and the ability of available staff to perform their functions with the guidance they are being given. First it was the reduction (or capping of FTEs) in the Enforcement Branch and now it is elimination of Department blessings for biologists and fisheries personnel to meet with the public after normal working hours. Political motives appear to be doing the most damage to our wildlife heritage.

June Meeting Plans

A representative of the Lower Columbia Audubon Society will present a program on the Hanford Reach. Preservation of this body of water is of interest to all of us. The program will provide an overview of what the reach has to offer, and what we can do to help preserve it. The Audubon Society has been the spearhead in moving the Reach toward protected status. Make plans now to attend and be sure to include your family members.

Club Picnic

The annual club picnic will be held on August 8. Mark the date on your calender now so you won't miss it. More details in upcoming bulletins.

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(Want ads cont.) Estate Inventory (All New Merchandise): Leather shooting gloves (summer \$15, winter \$20) medium only; Browning invector choke tubes (12, 16 and 20 gauge) \$13; Wigwam over calf dress socks, size 13-15, \$3; extra barrels for Browning Auto 5 and B-80, and Remington 870, \$90; Auto 5 Stocks/forends, \$120/\$50; rifle and shotgun chambering reamers; straight taper and expanding reamers; leather holsters (snub nose type \$5. others \$15); RCBS reloading dies and other items; Fox single trap stocks; Perazzi stocks. Dale Schielke 375-0183

New Members:

Three new members are welcomed this month. They include: Steven Allen of Richland, Mel Ming of Pasco, and Dick and Sharon Rhodes of Pasco. Look them up at the next meeting and welcome them aboard.

Firearm Safety: Contact--Clare Cranston 547-6273.

The club has signed a lease with the Port of Pasco for space in Warehouse No. 5. This space will be used for Hunter Safety Instruction. We are in need of volunteers to get the space into shape for the next class. The space is about 2400 sq. ft, and is a building within a building. A series of work parties will be needed to fix the place up. The first party is Saturday April 29 at 8:00 am. Bring gloves, extension cords, skill saws, drills, 1 x lumber, paint rollers, etc.

Habitat Projects: Contact Larry Martin

May is the timeframe for checking out and repairing the 68 dryland guzzlers scattered around Benton County. Don Hand will be looking for lots of help. Word to the wise bird hunter: knowing where these guzzlers are can place you in the right hunting area in the fall. Times and meeting places will be announced at the May meeting. Be sure to sign up.

Lisa Fizner is organizing a sagebrush replanting project on the Fitzner-Eberharg Arid Lands Ecology reserve in the near future. Contact Larry if you are interested in participating.

Lisa has reported that there will be a meeting with the owners of land that borders the F-E ALE reserve. This meeting could well resolve just who will hunt elk around the perimeter of that massive habitat area. Contact Lisa for more information.

Habitat Volunteers

Three habitat projects this year have made use of club volunteers.

On February 25, five club members along with Rocky Ross (also a club member) put down plastic mulch for a tree and shrub planting. Participating members were: Anita Gahimer, Larry Martin, Larry Noggles, Ev Weakley and Jerry Zeitler. A good time was had by all and Larry Martin found a new use for his mountain bike when he used it to push down the plastic between the planting rows. It was reported that he looked like a geek.

On March 25, twenty-one club members weeded and replanted plots on the Easterday Farms. Don Hand and Rocky Ross led the effort. Assisting were Clyde Allen, Jerry Bloom, Frank Case, Bill Eberhart, Brian Eberhart, Jordan Case, Duane Feletti, Jack Hampton, Kris Hand, Anita Gahimer, Larry Martin, Don Moody, Charles Morbeck, Larry Noggles, Dennis Spore, Chris Stand, Gene Vanliew, Mary Vanliew and Jerry Zeitler. Don and Khris Hand provided barbequed venison burgers for the crowd.

On April 8, 18 club members and several members of the Walla Walla Pheasants Forever Club helped in planting two plots at Grandview Farms in Walla Walla Co. Club members were Clyde Allen, Mike Estes, Duane Feletti, Brian Fullgrabe, Eric Fullgrabe, Megan Fullgrabe, Jack Hampton, Jessica Herrick, John Hayner, Eddie Manthos, Jon Manthos, Donny Martin, Larry Martin, Jim Saunders, Chris Strand, Gene Vanliew and Jerry Zeitler. The effort was directed by Suzanne Nostrant and Scott Rasley.

All tolled this amounts to 45 man-days put into habitat restoration activities. A full nine weeks of volunteer time. Thanks to all of you. You should note that some names are repeated: Larry Martin and Jerry Zeitler (3 times); and Larry Noggles, Anita Gahimer, Duane Feletti, Gene Vanliew and Rocky Ross (2 times).

Other Habitat Issues

At the April board meeting a motion was passed to formally oppose the loss of habitat and wetlands through development of land in north Richland. The Richland Housing Authority has ignored wetlands protection and disregarded the State Environmental Policy Act. The club is preparing a formal letter demanding that an environmental impact statement be prepared and submitted. Board member Ev Weakley noted that 34 different bird species use the property behind the Richland Safeway, the birds share the property with at least two mammal species and two reptile species.

(Habitat Issues cont.) A word of warning to club members! The state Growth Management Act requires that public meetings be held to assure that the public's needs are met during periods of urban expansion. There has been NO support for wildlife issues at the meetings held to date. The only persons to show up have been the developers who have no respect for the riparian zone. Be aware that 97% of wildlife species use this critical area around stream and lake banks. **WRITE TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND DEMAND PRESERVATION OF THE RIPARIAN ZONE.** Look for announcements of meetings in the paper and then attend, get your views recorded officially. We have to get involved or the ecosystem will be developed out of existence.

Other Politics

The Bill to preserve the Game Commission and expand its role and responsibility needs your support. Call 1-800-562-6000 and tell your state senator to support SHB 1540. We need pressure brought to bear on our democratic senators as they are holding the key.

SHB 1151 will lower the concealed weapons application fee to \$35 and reapportion the fee monies to appropriate agencies. Support this bill.

SHB 1104 will repeal the "Open Carry Provision" of last sessions gun control act.

The toll-free number can be used to recommend votes on just two bills each time it is called. Please support SHB 1540. The number is available during working hours only.

Washington State Sportsmens Council Summer Youth Camp Contact Larry Martin

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Big Game Dinner Contact--Jerry Zeitler

A final thank you for the Big Game Dinner. LouAnn Schielke her calligraphy capability to prepare individual notices of appreciation to the providers of door prizes. This was a significant donation of her talent and time. Many, Many Thanks to LouAnn. It seems that volunteering is a way of life for the entire Schielke family.

Fun Night Out

If you missed the fun the last time around, don't miss it this time. Friday, May 5, 1995 at the Arthur E Fuller Auditorium, Kennewick High School, **A Fine and Pleasant Misery**, by Patrick F. McManus. This is a one-man show that will have you laughing until you hurt. If you like McManus' stories, this will make them come alive. A must see!

Want Ads:

Used Motorguide III, electric trolling motor, 28# thrust, 36 inch shaft, foot pedal control with bow mount, \$150 obo. John Cummings 627-4112

Wanted: Jig head molds, interested in any size. John Cummings 627-4112

Complete halibut rig, 6'6" rod, Daiwa Sealine 610 reel, 80# dacron line, \$125. Penn 309 reel, \$25. Contact Roy Brogdon, 627-6505 evenings.

AKC Registered Chesapeake Bay Retriever pups, champion blood lines, born 3/20/95 available 5/8/95, two females left, \$300 each. Matt Cummings 943-3370



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting - June 6, 1995, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library, Richland
Board Meeting - June 20, 1995, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library, Richland
Bulletin Deadline - June 23, 1995, call Dave at 375-0343 evenings

June General Meeting

Kathy Criddle - Audubon Society: Kathy is an extremely active proponent of preserving the Hanford Reach as a Wild and Scenic River. She will present a program on what the reach is and what it means to the ecosystem of the mid-Columbia. The Richland Rod and Gun Club has been cooperating with the Audubon Society in this important project. Come and find out what the reach has for you and what you can do to help assure its preservation.

Steve Hope - CH2M Hill Hanford: Steve is a fisheries biologist working for the Hanford Environmental Restoration Contractor. He has recently completed the first phase of a project to ascertain the effects of Hanford groundwater contamination on juvenile salmonids. His project is centered around the 100-H Area immediately upstream of the White Bluffs ferry landing. Steve will present us with the results of his study to date.

May Meeting Notes:

Rob Nicols of the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game presented an informative program on the Salmon Enforcement Program directed at protecting salmon runs headed for Idaho waters. He pointed out the 4-H approach to the program: Habitat--key to both wild and hatchery survival; Hydropower--a major factor in the decline of salmon stocks and in the management of water supplies; Hatchery--artificial run propagation and genetics manipulation; and Harvest--limiting the catch (both commercial, sport and native American).

Rob noted that there were between 500 and 700 irrigation intakes along the Snake and Columbia Rivers. Screens are required on all of these, but not always present. It was interesting that Rob noted that when the screens were missing and the farmers informed, they were quick to "replace" them.

It was an excellent multi-media presentation. Many thanks to Rob.

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(May Mtg Cont.) Jack Fletcher was awarded a 25-year Membership recognition. Thanks again for all the years of club support.

July Meeting Plans

Tradition has it that there is no meeting in July, this will continue. However, we might be able to have a club gathering at a fishing hole. If anyone is interested in a mid-July outing call Jack Pickard or Dave Myers before the scheduled June board meeting. Announcements will be in the July bulletin.

July is the month for the Allied Arts Show. We will be needing club volunteers to man the booth, prepare salmon, set up and tear down. This is the major fund raiser for all club activities. Please volunteer, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183. Remember to check the expiration date on your Department of Health Food Handlers Card. Renewal classes will be offered at least twice in July. Special sessions at Allied Arts Center on Lee Blvd are July 6 and July 12. Be there by 6:45 pm because the doors are locked at 7:00. If you cannot attend one of these special sessions, call the Health Department at 582-7761. Note: Board Members call your phone tree list.

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New Members:

Richard A. (Mac) McDonald, 152 Hills West Way, Richland. Welcome to the club Mac.

Firearm Safety: Contact--Clare Cranston 547-6273.

The first Hunter Education Program is underway at the new Big Pasco facility. Many thanks to the members who turned out and helped fix the place up. Work still remains, but the urgency of the moment is over. This is likely the only dedicated Hunter Ed. facility in the nation. We are planning to have an open house and dedication in the near future. Announcement will be in the bulletin.

We are in desperate need of additional instructors! If you are a hunter and enjoy your hours afield, please consider sharing the thrills of your experience with the next generation. This is your prime opportunity to make an impression on the next generation of hunters. Without them our sport could be a thing of the past.

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Habitat Volunteers

One habitat project was conducted in April. The McGee Elementary School project completed another phase with the help of club members Jack Hampton, Larry Martin, Everett Weakley and Jerry Zeitler. Work was done under the direction of Tom Latimer an ex teacher from McGee. About 60 students participated in the effort

planting about 350 plants. A TV camera crew was in attendance and the kids and the RRCG made the evening news.

Politics

The Bill to preserve the Game Commission and expand its role and responsibility recently passed the house and senate. The bill was passed as an initiative to the people and it will be on the November ballot. Already there has been some media opposition to the proposal, saying we need strong central government not a citizen committee. We all recognize that not a single deer, elk, pheasant, quail, duck, salmon, trout or steelhead votes in this state. They need your support. This issue needs to be raised in the editorial columns of the states newspapers. So sharpen your pencils and start writing. Our goal is to depoliticize the management of fish and wildlife in this state. We are not necessarily out to just promote more opportunities for us to hunt or fish.

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Department of Fish and Wildlife Reserve Officers Program

Have you wanted to assist the DoFW in an official role? The opportunity is now available. It is not just a matter of signing up and going to work however. Each candidate will be screened by department personnel, take a significant amount of course work (including tests), and purchase his or her own uniform and associated equipment. Jim McColgin, Benton County Enforcement Officer has more information. Jim is a regular at our meetings, if you are interested, look him up, and get the data you need.

Upcoming Events

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The Hanford Reach opens to fishing on June 15.

Free Fishing Days June 10 and 11.

National Hunting and Fishing Day--September 23, 1995

Want Ads:

FREE American Rifleman Magazines, all issues 1975 through 1978, Russ Thorson 943-3838.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting - NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Board Meeting - July 18, 1995, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library, Richland
Bulletin Deadline - July 21, 1995, call Dave at 375-0343 evenings

July General Meeting

REMEMBER!!! No meeting in July or August.

June Meeting Notes:

Kathy Criddle - Audubon Society: Kathy presented an informative program on the Hanford Reach. Excellent photographs of the variety of wildlife and history to be seen on a trip on the Hanford Reach. Her program once again pointed out the need to work hard to preserve this important habitat. Kathy even joined the club after the meeting.

Steve Hope - CH2M Hill Hanford: Steve presented an informative program on what the DOE Environmental Restoration Program is doing to determine the effects Hanford is having on the salmon runs. He provided a scientific approach being used to ascertain the concentrations of dissolved chromium reaching the river through discharging groundwater. Club members learned a great deal about the life cycle of the fall chinook salmon.

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As of bulletin time there are enough people to set the booth up, but we are short help on all shifts during the working shifts on Friday and Saturday. This is an opportunity to make money for the club, but more importantly it is the clubs

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(Events cont.) opportunity to experience the judges capability this last month. If you enjoy superb outdoor cookery, don't miss this event. I think that I will compete just to see how it works.

National Hunting and Fishing Day--September 23, 1995

Want Ads:

M-1 Garand, \$350 call Dwight Hughes 547-5229

Sako Finnbear, 25-06, Baush and Lomb 3x9 scope, New and in box, \$1100, call Lyle Gilk 627-3441

Wanted: Youth model shotgun, 20 ga. call Rocky Ross 545-4898.

SAVE YOUR CLUB \$\$

Have you moved recently? Had your phone number changed? Going away for an extended period? If you can answer yes to any of these items, please take a moment and contact the membership chairman, Jack Pickard at 582-5397, or drop us a note at PO Box 337, Richland, WA, Attn. Jack Pickard. We want to keep you informed with our bulletins, but every bulletin that comes back costs us another \$0.32. It doesn't seem like much but it sure adds up. The Bulletin is the major expense of the club, if we are to keep the dues as low as possible we need your help.

major public showing. We need you and your sport needs you, please come out and help.

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New Members:

Please welcome new members Kathy and Jim Criddle, 1319 Perkins Ave, Richland and John M. Silko, 2028 Trevino Ct., Richland.

Firearm Safety: Contact--Clare Cranston 547-6273.

The club is desperately in need of additional instructors for this important effort. Clare has been doing the lion's share of the instructing in this continuing program. If you like to hunt, you have a morale obligation to share your sport with the younger generation and help to assure your continued privileges. Please (I am begging here) consider taking the necessary classes and the test and become an instructor. If there are enough of us, no one will have to burn themselves out.

The club has what is probably the only dedicated teaching facility in the country for firearm safety instruction, it would be a shame for the most active organization in the state to fall flat on its face by failing to use it, for a lack of volunteers.

Habitat Projects: Contact Larry Martin

June 10 was the day of a major habitat project. Fifteen club members performed a check and repair of guzzlers in the Horse Heaven Hills. These guys checked and cleaned 15 guzzlers. They repaired the fences at three sites. Jack Pickard and Gene Van Liew were able to locate 2 guzzlers that had not been found in previous years. Gene had his GPS along and was able to pinpoint their locations so these guzzlers will not be lost again. Larry says the work crew will not be giving out the exact locations, if you want to know them, you will have to work on a crew. ~~Reports are that some of the guzzlers are heavily used and others are not.~~ The spring rains have assured an adequate supply of water in each of the units. Game and non-game species seen on the outing included: coyotes, rattlesnake, curlews, owls, chukar and lots of wildflowers. Two units were found that will require major workover next spring.

Politics

The Northwest Power Planning Council is updating and improving its Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program with projects and policies to protect and enhance the region's fish (the once that stick around all year) and wildlife. The council finished the salmon and steelhead plan last year. This is not the first time the council has acted on behalf of the region's fish and wildlife. While Endangered Species Act petitions on behalf of salmon attract most of the public attention, it is important to note that other fish and wildlife have been affected by development in the northwest as well. The council and federal, state and tribal fishery agencies is also working to protect these species. Some are either on or being considered for ESA listing. A 60 day public comment period is now underway, with plans to make a final decision in July.

Referendum 45

The legislature passed SB 6074 on May 23, 1995. The bill is now called Referendum 45. Sections 1 and 46 of that referendum are repeated below. We need to actively support passage of this bill in November.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature supports the recommendations of the state fish and wildlife commission with regard to the commission's responsibilities in the merged department of fish and wildlife. It is the intent of the legislature that, beginning July 1, 1996, the commission assume regulatory authority for food fish and shellfish in addition to its existing authority for game fish and wildlife. It is also the intent of the legislature to provide to the commission the authority to review and approve department agreements, to review and approve the departments budget proposals, to adopt rules for the department and to select commission staff and the director of the department.

The legislature finds that all fish, shellfish, and wildlife species should be managed under a single comprehensive set of goals, policies, and objectives, and that the decision-making authority should rest with the fish and wildlife commission. The commission acts in an open and deliberative process that encourages public involvement and increases public confidence in department decision making.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 46. This act shall be submitted to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the next succeeding general election to be held in this state, in accordance with Article II, section 1 of the state constitution, as amended, and the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.

Odell Lake Trip

Club members Dennis Spore, Ben Pesek, Dave and Carol Myers took the trips won at the Big Game Banquet. The trip was taken on June 24 and 25. Everyone managed to catch a nice Mackinaw Trout. The fish ranged in size from about 17 pounds (Carol) to about 5 pounds (Ben). The Kokanee were suffering from a severe case of lockjaw (Mike Jones description).

We had a couple of wonderful meals together as Mike and Dave combined on dinner with a dutch oven feast that included roast beef, Texas Ranger Beef Pie, and chocolate and fresh raspberry cake. Ben and Dennis provided a wonderful breakfast on Sunday morning. It was a good outing and promises to be a return event next year.

Mike Carter, member from Vancouver, was at the lake too. It is interesting that Mike, a die-hard kokanee fisherman, arranged with a youngster to go fishing Sunday morning at 4:30 am. He told the kid (Mike Penry) to be there on time as he would only wait for 5 minutes. Well, young Mike was there but older Mike happened to oversleep. Its terrible to make a gung-ho young fisherman wait for the older guy to get his beauty rest. I am sure that none of the rest of us would ever do a thing like that.

Washington State Sportsmens Council Summer Youth Camp Contact Larry Martin All spaces for this annual outing have been taken. Larry reports that even has the first application for next year. Nine boys and two girls will be attending this camp under club sponsorship.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting - CLUB PICNIC, AUGUST 8, 1995, HOWARD AMON PARK
Board Meeting - August 15, 1995, 7:00 PM - Hunter Ed Facility, Big Pasco
Bulletin Deadline - August 22, 1995, call Dave at 375-0343 evenings

August General Meeting

REMEMBER!!! No meeting in August (Picnic Time).

Allied Arts Salmon Booth

By the time you read this our main fund raiser for the year will be history. Dale Schielke and Howard Gardner have been the moving forces behind this major effort. The club is deeply grateful for their efforts.

August Meeting Plan (contact Dick Biggerstaff 946-4255)

We will be having the annual club picnic on August 8. The picnic will be held at the southern (largest) Gazebo, near the wading pool, in Howard Amon Park. Note: This is a different location than in the recent past. The Gazebo is near the tennis courts and baseball field at Howard Amon. Access is via Lee Blvd off of George Washington Way.

For just \$3 per person (\$1 for kids under 12) we will provide the BBQ'd salmon, beverages, bread, condiments such as tarter sauce, lemons, butter, etc. Attendees/families should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for their dish. If your family name starts with A through L, please bring a dessert dish to share; if your name begins with M through Z please bring a salad dish. Everybody--bring your on utensils (otherwise you eat with your fingers).

Other items which you may choose to bring for your own use: lawn chairs, blanket, sun hat, swim suit (wading pool), horseshoes, frizxbee, volleyball, etc. The park has a children's play area, restrooms and shade trees as well as tennis courts. Bring the kids!

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Washington State Sportsmens Council Summer Youth Camp Contact Larry Martin
Two girls and nine boys were sent off to camp this past month. The response has been excellent. So excellent in fact that your Board of Directors has decided that some additional restrictions on who we send are in order. Beginning in 1996, youth who apply for camp will have to be members of the club. Membership may be individual or through a family membership.

Members with rural route addresses:
It has come to our attention that many rural route addresses have been recently changed to street addresses. If you are one of those "lucky" persons who got a new address without packing a single moving box, please make sure that the club has that new address. Board members have been calling, but you may have been missed. Please call Jack Pickard (582-5397) or Dave Myers (375-0343) with the change; each correct address saves the club about one dollar in mailing fees.

Eagle Scout Project
Kevin Jones of Scout Troop #249, Christ the King Church, Dale Schielke-scoutmaster, presented the board with a proposal to help finance the construction of Wood Duck nesting boxes to be placed locally. Kevin was very thorough in his presentation, having costed out all of his materials, presenting the construction plans and answering general questions. The board voted to approve up to \$60 toward his project. If club members desire to help, they can contact Dale at 375-0183.

Upcoming Events
The Benton-Franklin Area will host a Dutch Oven Demonstration and Cooking Competition this August 26. Range and Home is the sponsor and will be providing the appropriate prizes. If you want to test your culinary expertise in camp cookery, this is your chance. Entry fees are \$10 for the Nervous Novice class or the Full Meal Open class. Nervous Novice entrants may prepare either a dessert or main dish. Open class entrants must prepare a main dish, dessert and yeast bread. If you are interested call Ken Wise, 783-3796. Entry is limited to 20 teams and the fees go up on August 19th. Call now if you want to participate.

Volunteers wanted
The Pasco Parks Department is looking for volunteers to help put in additional lights at the Pasco Boat Basin. If you are interested, call Rocky Ross 545-4898.

Want Ads:
Wanted: .308 Norma Magnum reloading dies. 586-0611

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September General Meeting

Mike Czebotar and Mark Wells--Practical Shooting Association, Mike and Mark will present a program on the firearms, techniques and targets of the practical shooter. To the extent possible, they will demonstrate the ins and outs of this sport. The program will have a follow-on if enough interest is shown. A range day at the Rattlesnake Mtn Shooting Facility with live fire. If you've ever wondered what to do with that handgun, here is an opportunity to learn from the experts.

We are looking forward to having some of the youngsters that the club sponsored to the Washington State Sports Council camp. They will tell us some of the things they learned and what they have done with their new knowledge.

Club Officers:

Dick Biggerstaff, our vice president since January, has informed the board that he will be unable to continue in that office. Dick is in the process of starting his own small business and will be directing most of his energy in that direction. We appreciate what Dick has done in the way of organizing meetings (VP gets all the speakers) and in planning and carrying out the picnic last month.

The board has approached Harold Heacock to take over the duties of VP for the remainder of the year. Harold is a long-time member of the club and a past president. His generous acceptance of the vice presidency is much appreciated. There will be some changes though to accommodate Harold's busy schedule. The board meeting will be advanced one week to the second Tuesday of the month. Doing this will allow Harold to continue his involvement in another board on which he has served for over 20 years. We admire his longevity in that post and hope that he will consider a long stint with us as well. Thanks

Want Ads:

For Sale: 50 duck and 8 Goose floating decoys, with "dog-ear" weights. \$5 ea or \$250 for them all, home made rebar fram and blind cover thrown in. 5000BTU catalytic heater, \$10. Ron Nielson, 1876 Fowler, Richland, 735-7827.

Allied Arts Salmon Booth

Because of the combined efforts of both the Columbia Basin Fly Casters and the Richland Rod and Gun Club we have completed another successful Salmon BBQ fund raiser! Both clubs have an additional \$3,064 in their bank accounts. Over 700 pounds of fresh salmon fillets were cooked and served to about 1,500 satisfied customers. Our thanks to the volunteers, many who worked multiple shifts, listed below - we couldn't do it without you:

Walt Allen, Larry Campbell, Gerald Bloom, Don Frick, Oran Dodson, John Bloom, Jeff Fulks, Howard Gardner, Loris Brinkman, Gordon Hanson, Tom Brown, Jack Hampton, Lee Harrington, Jim Corless, Bob Henke, Bob Hinkle, Max Kreiter, Eddie Manthos, Richard Henderson, Bob Lyness, Charlie Morbeck, Jim Martin, Carol Myers, Jeff Martin, Bob McPhee, Dick Nightengale, Larry Martin, Lou Ann Schielke, Dave Myers, John Pfeiffer, Wally Sheely, William Savely, Ben Schielke, Larry Worden, Dale Schielke, Bob Zinsli, Jeff Schmaltz, Mike Schmitz, Doug Schuetze, Dan Stepnewski, John Fletcher, Clare Cranston, Lee Harrington, Dennis Kreid, Tim Logan, Don Leyson, Bob Lyness, Bill Mandell, John Manthos, Eileen Mandell, Mac McDonnell, John Propson, Bill Stinson, Rocky Ross, Dave Thonn, Everett Weakly, Karen Schielke, Ellen Bentley, Van Briggs, Sandy Briggs, Mike Estes, Leila Brown, Russ Brown, Bert Cushing, Tom Logan, Jeff Gelhaus, Harold Heacock, Dave Koontz, Jack Pickard, Paul Logman, Lynn Logman, Dave Roha, Dennis Spore, Bill Thoreson, Tim Wiberg, and Gene Woodruff.

Club Picnic:

About 80 members gathered in Howard Amon Park on August 8 for BBQ salmon and other wonderful goodies. Many thanks to Dick Biggerstaff for organizing and arranging the party. Folks came early and stayed late. The fish was superb, most of us were on a feeding frenzy and there were only limited left-overs.

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The club Board of Directors has voted to send some monetary support to this effort but to concentrate on the home front. The board authorized local expenditure of up to \$500 to promote passage of Referendum 45. We can not do it by ourselves. If you truly believe in the pledge then we all need to work together to get this legislation passed. Wildlife cannot speak out for themselves so we must do it for them. A letter writing campaign to the Herald and other newspapers is in order. We will try to help you by providing ammunition for your letters. Those hints will be in next month's bulletin.

Upcoming Events

October Meeting: Annual Game Forecast

November Meeting: Ray Wilson, Washington State Archery Assoc. will discuss the arrival of the "Bunny Huggers" in Washington State.

New Members:

A hearty welcome to new members Leland Coleman and family of Kennewick and Britt Martin and family of Richland.

Hunter Education:

Classes are going great in the new facility at Big Pasco. Board members, those who don't teach Hunter Ed anyway, took a tour of the facility before last month's board meeting. This is really a nice place. Lot's of space, all of the teaching aids, many firearms available during classes, restrooms and even a place for parents to wait if they don't join their kids in the classes. Even with all the good things at the facility, Hunter Ed. is suffering from a lack of range facilities for the practical part of the class. Clare Cranston has been conducting range days long before the state mandated them and then rescinded the mandate.

A committee has been formed to meet with the officers of the various shooting clubs, notably the Tri Cities Silhouette Club and the Tri Cities Shooting Assoc. to attempt reaching an equitable solution to getting on a range. In the interim, the club has authorized the purchase of several Marksman, break-action, single-stroke pellet rifles for use within our teaching facility. We will be needing volunteers to construct appropriate target holders and pellet stops.

Fishing:

Salmon season officially opened on August 16, but the fish have yet to join us on the river. Fish counts are increasing rapidly and the outlook is good to excellent for steelhead with the jury still out on salmon. Bonneville has been showing 2,000 to 6,500 steelhead a day for almost two weeks, salmon counts have made it over 2000 fish per day for several days as of this writing. A word of caution: DOE will be conducting salmon redd surveys and tests (Steve Hope of CH2M Hill reported at an earlier meeting this year). The Grant County PUD has tentatively agreed to hold the daytime water flow to about 60,000 cubic feet per second starting in mid-September. They will make up for these low flows in the evenings and nighttime hours. The time for a crest to pass from Priest Rapids to the shallows above the Hanford powerlines is about 5 hours. Watch your water depths on the way home or you may be supporting Durfee's propellor repair more than you desire.

Of immediate note is that steelhead are reportedly being taken at Drano Lake, many folks fish at night with shrimp held close to the bottom.

Hunting:

September 1 is the start of morning dove season. This is a good opportunity to get out in the field and remind yourself that you should spend more time practicing. Grouse Season and early partridge season are just around the corner too. Early buck season and the archery elk season will likely be underway before you get this bulletin.

Other Outdoor Things:

If you like huckleberries, this is a good year to combine an early grouse hunt with something more guaranteed. Huckleberries are in good supply in the higher elevations of the Cascades. (I even saw a grouse when the wife and I went picking in mid-August.) If you go to the Gifford Pinchot Nat'l Forest you will need a personal picking permit which must be gotten at the Packwood Ranger Station. It is free after you get there. Boy, am I glad I don't get all the government I help pay for.

Volunteers wanted

The club has been approached to operate the Lunken Lake for the upcoming TriCities Sportsmen Show. The event will be held at the new TRAC facility at Rd 68 in Pasco on January 19-21.

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Hanford Reach News

I heard on the Farm Network News that Senator Gorton will vote on the Hanford Reach Wild and Scenic River designation however the people of Benton and Franklin Counties tell him to vote. This means it is letter time to Senator Gorton. Start licking stamps, everyone who supports the reach must write the good senator and let him know how he should vote. It would be good to let Mr. Hastings in on your feelings too.

Hunter Education:

Classes are continuing in the new facility at Big Pasco. The current class has over 30 would be hunters in it. Clare Cranston is doing a great job. Clare has expanded the facility to allow the students to shoot pellet rifles and archery equipment in the building as part of Range Days. The club has purchase several Marksman Pellet Rifles for this activity. We may have to have a club meeting and competition one of these days.

Fishing:

Salmon season is in full swing and should be reaching its peak about the time you get this news letter. Water temperatures have been rather high with the warm weather, it was

nearly 70 degrees at White Bluffs last week. As reported last month, you will definitely need to watch the flow, or launch at the White Bluffs ferry landing. I recorded just 3 feet of water between the wooden power lines and the ferry landing on the 14th. It was even shallower off of Locke Island. If the water cools down a bit fishing will be better. I have seen several nice fish taken, and even got one in the net (40#). Most of the fish, so far, have been taken early in the morning before the sun is beating fully on the water.

Hunting:

September 23 was the start of the early partridge season in southeast Washington. If you are in good physical condition this is a great outing. Bird counts were reported as spotty due to the spring rains wiping out many young birds. If you are going, remember the moleskin for the blisters on your feet and take lots of shells. Dove season is over for another 11 months. If you plan on helping the Blue Mountain elk herd by slaying a black bear this year--you must purchase a bear tag by October 13.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting - OCTOBER 3, 1995, 7:00 PM RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, GALLERY ROOM
Board Meeting - OCTOBER 10, 1995, 7:00 PM - IT Corp., 1045 Jadwin, Suite C, Richland
Bulletin Deadline - OCTOBER 20, 1995, call Dave at 375-0343 evenings

October General Meeting

Annual Hunting Forecast: Representatives of the Department of Fish and Wildlife will be at the meeting to discuss hunting prospects for this season. Region III will be represented by Roger McKeel and Julie Atwood, Region I is not able to attend, but has provided information which will be available, Region II has not responded as of this writing.

The club copy of the Washington State Gazeteer will be at the information table. If you want to know where the Snake River Mitigation properties are, you can look them up. Bring your own copies and duplicate the maps if you desire.

September Meeting Report

Mike Czebotar and Mark Wells--Practical Shooting Association, Mike and Mark put on a program on what it takes to be a practical handgun competitor. Something that impressed everyone I talked to is the number of rounds these gentlemen used in a one year timespan--21,000 rounds. That is a lot of time at the reloader! But if one shoots at a rate of 9 rounds in 4.2 seconds the 21,000 rounds is being scored in about 163 min and 20 sec. And these guys hit what they aim at. WOW!!!

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A good big game roast is the Sirloin Tip. This roast is boneless, relatively tender but dry so it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, wheter he cuts his own meat or not can remove this roast as follows: (see diagram) after skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animals kneecap. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45 degrees and cut out.

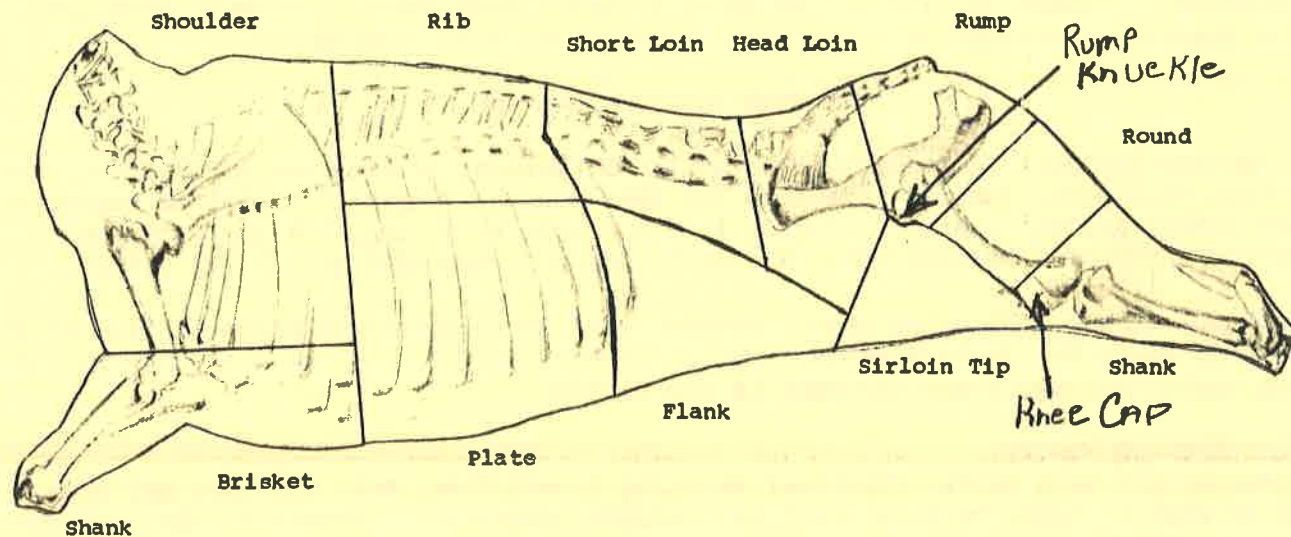
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BASIC CUTS



New Members

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Politics

REFERENDUM 45

Last month we reported that the club Board of Directors voted to send some monetary support to this effort but to concentrate on the home front. Well we found out that if we spend more than \$100 directly from the club on the campaign then we must officially register as a Political Action Committee with the state Election Control Board. So we donated the entire \$500 that was authorized to the Fish and Wildlife Alliance PAC to avoid the paperwork. The Fish and Wildlife Alliance will then turn around and spend much of the money in our local area. But, we still need you to join in a letter writing campaign to the Tri-City Herald.

What will Referendum 45 do for you?

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Board Meeting - NOVEMBER 14, 1995, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library, Conf. Rm., Richland
Bulletin Deadline - NOVEMBER 17, 1995, call Dave at 375-0343 evenings

November General Meeting

Ray Wilson, Washington State Archery Assoc. will be with us to discuss the activities of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) in Washington State. Ray will be telling us about PETA's tactics and goals to eliminate hunting as a valid sporting activity. PETA is the group that got bear hunting with dogs or bait outlawed in California and Oregon. You need to be informed in order to fight for your rights. Be sure to come.

October General Meeting

Annual Hunting Forecast: Representatives of the Department of Fish and Wildlife were present to discuss hunting prospects for this season. About the only bright spots in eastern Washington appear to be chukars north of Vantage, pheasants in southern Benton County and the general waterfowl populations.

The Umatilla Refuge has opted for consistent regulations across all of the area's huntable refuge sites. These consistencies include: 25 shells (1 box) per hunter and access from 5 am to 1 1/2 hours after sunset.

Lisa Fitzner requested that waterfowl hunters keep an eye out for banded geese that are originating in Columbia Park. If sightings become numerous there is a chance for an early (September) goose season in coming years.

As elk season comes upon us, please remember that most of the state is spikes only. Over 150 mature, branch antlered bulls were killed illegally in the Oak Creek Drainage alone last year. Protect your hunting area, report poachers. These people are hitting the legal, ethical hunter below the belt. Let's hit back, and get them prosecuted!

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Upcoming Events

General Election: November 7, 1995 Remember to vote before coming to the meeting. There will be a special doorprize for those who wear their "I Voted" sticker.

Hanford Reach News

It seems our only friend (on this issue) in congress is non other than Sen. Patty Murphy. Sen Gorton and Rep. Hastings seem convinced that our local government is the best means of managing the Hanford Reach. I am unconvinced. Have you looked closely at Horn Rapids Park or Columbia Park lately? How fast is the county commission moving toward providing support for the Rattlesnake Shooting Facility (Part of Horn Rapids Park)? They haven't been able to decide where to cut the budget let alone what needs to be done to assure financial stability for the county.

Fishing:

Salmon season is over now. I hope you had the opportunity to hook up with one or more of these grand fish before the season ended. Fishing will move to Steelhead in the coming weeks. Fish counts have been dropping as the season progresses. Many fish are available along the Snake River for those willing to take a drive. I have had good success in the Lower Monumental Pool around Lyon's Ferry and the mouth of the Tucannon River. Fishing should be good above Little Goose Dam too. Remember to fish the structure, fish are hanging around those breaks in the bottom contour. Trolling with wiggle warts or bobbing with a shrimp seems to be working. Keep those hooks extra sharp!

Hunting:

Everything is in full swing. Ducks, geese, pheasants, quail, chukar, deer, elk, bear, you name it and there is a season open somewhere within driving distance. You know, the worst thing about October is that it is at least 60 days too short. The fish are biting and there are critters to chase, what is an outdoors type of person to do?? My advice--turn off the football games and just go do it!

Door Prizes:

Thanks to Larry Martin we have been having some really great door prizes. October winners included: "Lucky" Lyle Gilk, a workmate "Shop Boy"; Dick Biggerstaff a Prestone anti-freeze change kit; and Dave Myers, two Zebco 33 fishing outfits.

Remember to look for the special "I Voted" door prize at this month's meeting.

For Sale:

3 Split Bamboo Flyrods, 1-Granger Champion, 1-H&I, one unknown manufacturer, two outfitted with Perrine automatic reels. Best offer over \$150 each, will sell separately. Dave Myers 375-0343.

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December General Meeting

Bruce Hancock will give a presentation on a unique wildlife call at this month's meeting. The "Calls-M-All" is America's first all in one game call that can be used to imitate vocalizations of numerous game birds and animals. Bruce has a promotional video that has actual footage of elk, turkey, whitetail, pronghorn and coyote all responding to this simple call.

Bruce is a very energetic and interesting speaker and is an expert on the use of this call. He has also offered to donate back to the club, 25% of any sales he makes to club members. He will sell the call itself for \$8.95 or the call and an instructional tape for \$18, which is less than the store price. Don't miss this entertaining presentation. Buy one for your special hunting buddy, or bring him along and let him buy you one.

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It was really good to see the turn out of club members who had voted. Everyone who attended and was of voting age had voted. One hundred percent, wow! Winners of the "I voted" door prizes were Eddie Manthos, a leatherman pocket tool, and Ev Weakley, a guided steelhead trip. Ev donated his prize to Jack Pickard and Jack managed to hook and boat a nice (lively) wild steelhead on November 11. Thanks to voting wildlife supporters, Referendum 45 passed with a 60% favorable vote.

Ray Wilson, President of the Washington State Archery Assoc. presented an excellent program on the next MAJOR issue to strike out at sportsmen of Washington. It seems that PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) is preparing for an initiative battle for next November's ballot. The issue will deal with hunting of bears. We anticipate that the bill will seek to ban the use of dogs or bait to take a bear. This may not seem to bad to some, but it is the tip of the iceberg! PETA is fanatical in their belief that owning or using an animal is the equivalent of human slavery. Ray is a local sportsman who has seen the results of similar ballot issues that passed in California and Oregon. He has solicited our help, collectively and individually to battle this damning legislation. To quote Ray, "Make no mistake, this issue is just not about bears and

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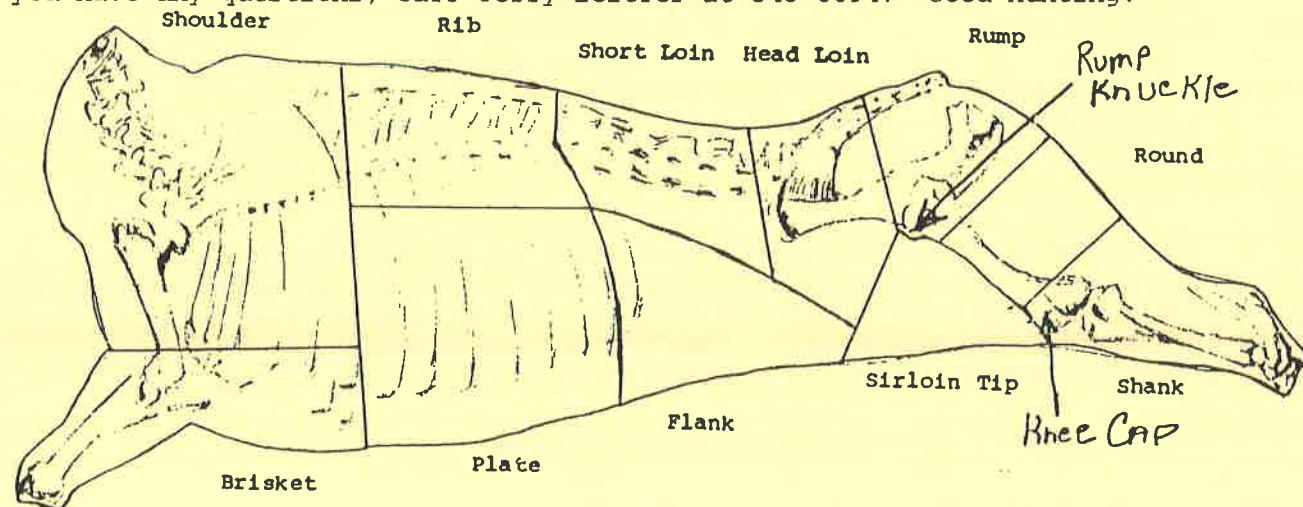
Ray warned that PETA and their allies the HSUS (Humane Society of the U.S.), Fund for Animals, Animal Legal Defense Fund and the list goes on (there are over 7,000 animal rights groups active in the U.S.) are gathering funds by seemingly innocent means. Be on the lookout, these people are not friends of the hunters. Most of the signatures for the initiative will be gathered in the Seattle-Tacoma Area. We will be keeping you abreast of this issue as it develops. We MUST be vocal on this issue.

ATTENTION HUNTERS: With the opening of the 1995 hunting season the RR&GC is looking for donations of game meat for next spring's Gig Game Dinner. This includes waterfowl, upland game birds and relatively clean, boneless big game roasts. (NO HAMBURGER PLEASE)

A good big game roast is the Sirloin Tip. This roast is boneless, relatively tender but dry so it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not can remove this roast as follows: (see the attached figure) after skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animals kneecap. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45 degrees and cut out.

Another good boneless roast is the round which can also be cut out in about the same way.

Finally, clean the meat thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out from around the meat. Seal with tape and mark the package as to what it contains and with your name and license number (that keeps it legal). You can then take your roast(s) to Chucks Meats in Kennewick where the club has a locker (Number I-40). Chucks has control of the key. If you have any questions, call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694. Good Hunting!



Upcoming Events

Club Election: December 5, 1995 Club elections for officers and board members will be held at the general meeting. A number of club members have said yes to the nominating committee and will stand for election at this month's meeting. They are:

President:	Harold Heacock	Board Members:	Don Hand, Lyle Gilk
V. President:	Paul Logman		Dale Landon, Rocky Ross, Dennis Spore,
Secretary:	Eddie Manthos		Ev Weakley, Ben Webb, Don Board, Jerry Zeitler,
Treasurer:	Mike Estes		Sean Carr, Tom Logan, Gaylord Pyle, Larry
Past Pres:	Jack Pickard		Haynor, Harold Giese, Roy Brogdon

Volunteers: Howard Gardner, Larry Martin, John Pfeiffer, Dale Schielke, Dave Myers
Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Work Party: December 2, 1995, Pasco Hunter Ed. Facility, Big Pasco Building 5. 8:00 AM. The facility is in need of some work to protect the interior. We need your help, bring your hammers, staple gun (with staples), pliers, ladders and a willing attitude. If you can not be there right at 8 o'clock, come a little later the work will still be there. If you have not visited the building, this is your chance.

Lunker Lake: Our participation in this event is coming fast. The RR&GC has been asked to run the kids fishing pond at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show. It will be Jan 19-21, 1996 at the TRAC in Pasco. The opportunity is yours to pass on a smile and a good time to many a young angler, so please keep your calendar free for these dates. We will be in contact shortly after the holidays. Thanks.

Black Powder Seminar: The club is considering sponsoring a seminar put on by the National Blackpowder Organization. The program will be held if 25 people sign up and make a deposit of \$25, total fee is \$50 for two-days instruction. Mid-April is the time frame. All aspects of blackpowder will be covered, rifle, shotgun and handgun. The opportunity to purchase Thompson Center firearms is a part of the program. If you are interested, stop at the information table at the December meeting, or stop by Phil's Sporting Goods and sign up.

Fishing:

If you have wondered how to tie a snell, your chance to learn is coming. Part of many of our club meetings in the next year will feature "How To" mini-seminars. This month is on snelling and sharpening hooks. This will be a hands on activity so come and learn how it is done.

Slack-water steelheading has been a bit on the slow side lately. The rain of the last weeks has muddied the water and scattered the fish. If you go out, you will have to look hard for the fish. Water temperatures are still in the low 50's and high 40's, so when you find a willing fish, it is likely to be lively.

I heard of a few walleye being taken below McNary. The fisherman said he was trolling a spinner and worm combination. As the water cools you may want to go to a jig and worm combination.

If you can't bear to leave the flyrod alone, give Rocky Ford a try. The spring-fed creek is warm enough to have bug hatches every month of the year. Just remember, you must keep your feet dry on that stream, no wading. Take your bifocals, you will need them to tie on those microscopic flies that those trout seem to prefer.

Hunting:

Everything is in full swing. Ducks and geese are the most plentiful and the liberal limit this year can result in a full freezer. Pheasants are a bit harder to find, but a good bet are those brushy draws that surround the wheatfields in Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin Counties. Don't be surprised if you jump a few quail and partridge in those areas too. Big game is pretty much down to archery and muzzleloader seasons so if you chase the beasties with primitive firearms we wish you luck.

Door Prizes:

Mike Estes took home a shop vacuum, Bill Lambert a Swiss Army Knife and Doug Schuetze a folding shovel.

Programs and Activities:

If you have a special program or want some kind of activity, contact a board member, we are in the process of planning the year's meetings and would like your input.

For Sale:

Lincoln Arc Welder 40/180 AC Step Welder, \$175. Bob McPhee, 943-7681