



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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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JUNE GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday JUNE 3, 7:00 p.m. at Benton County PUD
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, June 17, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE, June 18. CALL Eddie AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

- The June meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 3 at the **Benton County PUD at 10th and Hwy 395**. The PUD building is in Kennewick on 10th St. Turn east on 10th from Hwy 395 and stay in the right hand lane on 10th, the building is immediately on the right. Directions to the PUD are also at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id22.htm> .
- Come to the June General Meeting and find out how to catch a Northern Pikeminnow (a.k.a. Squawfish). John Hone with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service will be the speaker. He will provide an instructional fishing clinic and discuss everything you need to know to catch and get paid for catching a Northern Pikeminnow(s). The 2014 season for the fishery started May 1 and will end September 30, 2014. The minimum Size is 9 inches and you can earn \$4 per fish for the first 100 fish, \$5 per fish for 101-400 fish, \$8 per fish for 401 and above and **TAGGED FISH** rewards are \$500 per tagged fish. The Program is in effect from the mouth of the Columbia River to Priest Rapids Dam and from the mouth of the Snake River to Hells Canyon Dam. It is funded by BPA and pays anglers for each Northern Pikeminnow that they catch 9 inches or longer. Come early and get a good seat.
- Bring a guest(s) to the meeting and he/she will receive five free raffle tickets.
- As usual there will be a very good selection of raffle prizes, probably many related to Pikeminnow fishing.

CLUB NEWSLETTERS: Because newsletter printing and mailing costs had risen to greater than \$3,000.00 last year, we are discontinuing mailed newsletters. Newsletters are being e-mailed to members that have an e-mail address. If you are receiving your newsletter by mail and you have an e-mail address, please let us know your e-mail address so that we can send you the newsletter via e-mail. Send your name and e-mail address to rroguc@aol.com .

MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- President Kirby Hammond opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to an audience of about eighty five people at the Benton County PUD in Kennewick. Eight visitors, including former Club member Jim Choate and his brother Joseph, introduced themselves and each received five free raffle tickets.

Keith Sharp stated that he caught a fifteen pound salmon earlier in the day.

Gene Van Liew described today's Salmon Summit that took place at Columbia Park. Many Club members participated at three salmon fry release stations, one at the boat ramp next to the Blue Bridge, another further upstream and a pit tagging station. The salmon fry releases were over by about 9:30AM. The weather was beautiful, sunny, warm and no wind. The second day of the Salmon Summit took place the next day. There were a lot of very happy kids and teachers that participate at the salmon fry release and the many learning stations and exhibits.

Gene also stated that the Special Needs Kids fishing event for about 150 kids will take place Friday afternoon at the Columbia Park Kids Fishing Pond. The next day, Saturday, the Kids Fishing Day for kids 5-14 years of age will also take place at the Columbia Park Kids Fishing Pond. About 1,200 kids are expected to participate. The KOE (Kids Outdoor Experience) is the sponsor and organizer. The Club is a major participant also. There will be four shifts of 300 kids that will fish that day.

It was announced that there was a Game Meat recovery event April 25 where 200 lbs. of elk meat were taken to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco.

It was announced that there will be a national Handgun tournament at the Rattlesnake Shooting Range May 17 and 18.

Jerry Caprio was presented the club's Distinguished Service award and Mike Estes was presented the Lifetime Member Award.

Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes.

- After a short break, Matt Lucas introduced the speaker of the evening, Bruce Hewitt, owner of *GOING FISHING GUIDE SERVICE* whose topic was springer salmon fishing. This is the third time he has spoken to the Club. He has over 14 years of guiding experience. He started his presentation by emphasizing that we can get more fish if we refine our techniques such as using rubber gloves when handling lures, fishing line, baits etc. and washing down the boat interior with water and *Simple Green* before you get off. When fishing for springer salmon he uses 5 ft. long leaders, later in the year he changes to 7 foot long leaders. He used to use braided line but then he changed to monofilament because he believed the braid trapped contaminants that might spook the fish. He demonstrated how he rigs his line/lures. He uses the egg bumper knot at both ends of his line. He also demonstrated how to tie the egg bumper knot with a giant fishing hook. He also demonstrated how he ties a herring to a (2/0) hook. He uses a 30 in. *dropper*. He brines his herring and uses a *miter cut* to cut the filet from the herring. He believes that the miter cut and brining result in a longer spin life. A flasher can also be used. He uses a *scent bomb* above bait offerings. He also uses a bead above a lure to prevent milfoil from fouling the lure. He stated that springers like to hug the shoreline. When it comes to baits (lures) he prefers herring pattern Kwikfish and big lip baits. He likes *Miracle Thread* by *Atlas* for wrapping filets. He also stated not to overlook trolling above dams with spoons. When he cuts herring filets he uses krill in his salt brine solution which is 1 cup rock salt dissolved in water plus ½ bottle krill nectar. His last thoughts were to use a bright orange or green orange Spin-Glo. On a bright day use a chrome lure with an orange top. Be observant and use field glasses. As expected there were many questions and answers. When asked what is a good substitute for *Flatfish*, his answer was "*Kwikfish*, and it is better in fast water."

- Raffle Prize Drawing Winners were: Fred Porter who selected the Shore Salmon Fishing Kit including rod, reel and all kinds of fishing goodies, Matt Lucas won a salmon flasher kit and 12 volt electric filet knife, Dewey Woolum won a box of Sporting Clay Pigeons and an Auto Thrower, Chris Mosher won a pair of Ducks Unlimited truck floor mats, Joe Choate won a "Pop Up garbage can, Dan Sevcick won a Walleye worm harness kit, Tim Nolan won two fresh salmon steaks with herbs and veggies, Gaylord Pyle won a Spin Seat, Allen Rogers won a trailer alignment kit and lucky Doug Nolan won the Mystery Box that contained a toilet seat and lid.

● **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Joseph and Anita Choate from Kennewick, James Choate from Burbank, W.G. Edmonds from Benton City, and Doug and Jeannie Nolan and Family from Richland.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: For 61 years, the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp (formerly known as the WA State Junior Sportsmen's Conservation Camp) has been educating the youth of the Pacific Northwest about the outdoors and how to enjoy and preserve it for future generations. And what a beautiful place to learn at Orcas Island, in the San Juan Islands of Washington State! Camp is held at the Camp Moran Environmental Learning Center in Moran State Park. The Washington State Youth Conservation Camps instruct campers from ages 12 to 16 in areas such as Mountain Hike, Ecology, Archery, Fisheries, Fly Tying, Fly Casting, Water Safety, First Aid/CPR, Firearms Safety, Marine Biology, Survival, Game Management, and Leadership. The Richland Rod and Gun Club annually sponsors six youth to the Camp. The Camp dates for 2014 are July 13-19 for Girls Camp and July 20-26 for Boys Camp. The camper (boy or girl) must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the Camp start date. If you know of a youth(s) who is interested in attending Camp, contact Larry Martin at 545-9647 to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until six eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper(s) to and from Anacortes. More information is available at: <http://www.washingtonconservationcamp.org>

IN MEMORIAM OF DAVID THONN: Members of the Club were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of David Thonn on May 6, 2014. David joined the club in March 1954 and was a loyal member for 52 years. He received the 25 year belt buckle in 1979. Over the years, he participated in a number of club projects. In 1955, the club decided to raise money through a raffle to send two hunters to Canada on a moose hunt to obtain meat for the Big Game Dinner, as it was known in those days. A drawing was held, and David and Howard Ellsworth were selected to be the moose hunters. They were both successful and so there was plenty of moose meat for the dinner. This was the start of an annual club sponsored hunt/fishing trip now known as the Quality Trip. David was an avid hunter and reloader and when I decided to start reloading, I was referred to him for advice on the purchase of reloading components. He advised purchase of a Herter's Super Model 3 press for resizing and loading plus a Belding and Mull powder measure. Purchased in 1960 both continue to serve me reliably. David will be missed. (Howard Gardner) =

● **GAME RECOVERY EVENT # 54:**-Friday April 25, 2014 - Larry Martin. Around 9:30am I got a call from Sgt. Brian Fulton with the WDFW. He said there was a bull elk hit by a car on the east bound lane of I-82 at the Dallas Road exit. He said it looked salvageable and asked if our crew could come and salvage the meat for the Mission. He also said that the Department of Transportation was at the scene. I told Brian we would come and get the elk. I called Jim Cartmell who said he would help and could meet me at Fred Meyers in Richland. While Jim and I were on our way to the scene Chris Mosher called saying he heard about the elk and would meet us there at the scene. The bull was quite large with small nubbins for antlers which were just beginning new growth. The Department of Transportation employee parked his large truck with yellow flashing lights a ways behind our vehicles to protect us as we worked at the shoulder of the road. The three of us made pretty short work of boning out the elk and putting the meat in bags. When we were finished the DOT employee helped us drag the carcass down over the embankment. We took approximately 200 pounds of meat to the Mission around noon

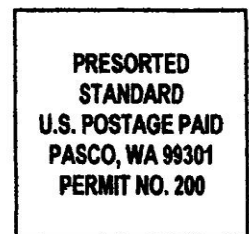
● **CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** A total of six photos were entered in the May contest, two photos each was entered by Hellen Newman, Richard Sharp and Dale Schielke. Hellen Newman was declared the winner and she will receive five free raffle tickets at the June General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm> . Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (a jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

SALMON SUMMIT: The Salmon Summit took place Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6 and 7 at Columbia Park in Kennewick. Salmon fry raised by grade school students were released into the Columbia River at the boat ramp by the Blue Bridge and two other upstream locations. Salmon that had been pit tagged were released between the other two locations. There were also forty learning stations and exhibits that the children could view or participate in. The weather was fantastic, both days sunny and warm, and NO WIND. Volunteers that worked at the event and number of days were: Jerry Capprio, Mike Estes, Howard Gardner, Kae Hopkins, Jim Cartmell (2), Kirby Hammond (2), Paul Kison (2), Eddie Manthos (2), Larry Martin (2), Jack Pickard(2), Fred Porter (2), Jim Reynolds (2), Paul Seuberlich (2), Ben Webb (2), Bob Zylman (2), Dave Myers (2), John Pfeiffer (2), Bob Kollowith (2), and Gene Van Liew (2). Bob took photos of all the events and Gene Van Liew was instrumental in helping plan the event. Both Gene and Bob were there all of both days. Gene has been very instrumental in planning, coordinating and organizing club volunteers to help at the many events that took place before the Salmon Summit. He has been involved in the Salmon In The Classroom project since its inception. Photos Taken at the Summit can be viewed at:

https://www.facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub#!/pages/Benton-Conservation-District/190914800969399?hc_location=stream .

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TOP SHOT HUNTERS COMPETITION: Date for the TOP Shot Hunters Competition event is Tuesday, July 1 starting at 6:00 PM. The event will take place at Tri City Metallic Silhouette Shooters Association. More information for the event will be e-mailed to club members.

DUCK CAM NEWS: The Kestrel hatch is underway (May 25, ~8:30 AM) at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc> - 3 babies so far. The parents will be feeding the babies for ~30 days. Check out the action!! Wood Duck hatches from two other nesting boxes have been documented thus far.

2014 SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS & KIDS! FISHING DAY: Friday evening May 9, a total of 142 Special Needs kids fished for stocked Rainbow Trout at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond. The event was under the auspices of the Arc of Tri-Cities; the Richland Rod and Gun Club supplied the fishing rods and reels, bait, volunteers to help the kids fish and the KOE (Kids Outdoor Experience) helped organise the fishing event. The kids were able to keep the fishing tackle, fish, if they wanted them, and other goodies. Both the kids and the volunteers had a very good experience.

● The next day, 1,050 kids in four shifts participated in the Kids! Fishing Day at the Fishing Pond. Both the RR&GC and the K.O.E. were sponsors of the event. A total of 783 fish had been tagged when the fish were stocked. Youth that caught a tagged fish were able to claim a prize. At the end of the event 235 tagged fish had been caught.