



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

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

Board Meeting- May 21st, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

Newsletter Deadline for June is May 26th, Call Shannon Lackey at 948-3320 or

Email: rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

MAY PROGRAM: The subject for the May General Membership meeting will be Spring Catfish Tactics presented by: Mike Posey of Ache'n Arms Guide Service. He will take questions if there is a sufficient amount of time after his presentation.

LIFE MEMBER AWARD: Russ Wyer was presented a Life Member Award by outgoing President Mike Estes at the April General Membership Meeting. Russ joined the RRGc in 1998, and has served almost continuously as a Trustee and Special Volunteer from 2001 to present. Russ served as Vice President in 2003, received the Distinguished Service Award in 2006, and received the Gardner-Cranston Award for Exemplary Volunteerism in 2014.

YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: Each year the RRGc sponsors youth to attend camp at no cost other than a recap of their adventures at the end of summer. The Girls Camp will run from July 14-20 and the Boys Camp will be July 21-27. Larry Martin is awaiting 4 applications for each camp from any youth members that would like to participate in the youth conservation camp at Camp Moran on Orcas Island. Information on applying is on our Club Website www.richlandrodandgun.org or contact Larry Martin at (509)521-2554

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There were seven new memberships for the month of April, they were; Gary Clark, Austin Templeton, Rick Jones/Shelda Duff and Family, Bruce Etzel and Family, Patrick Taylor, Curtis Jahnke, Drex

Gauntt and Family. Please welcome them all when you meet them. If you haven't renewed, please do so as soon as possible. Renewal notices were sent out in February for 2019. **As of this month there are a few members who are still outstanding. Your last newsletter sent via e-mail or USPS will be June until renewal notice is given to the Secretary from the Membership Chair.**

Please keep in mind that without new and continued membership, RRGc will be in decline. **It is has become time for the younger members to take over leadership positions.** This can be done through involvement and participation in Board and committee activities. RRGc needs more active members throughout the year in our club activities so please JOIN IN!

CONSERVATION AND HABITAT: Larry Martin reported that 38 guzzlers were inspected and cleaned, some need repairs and will be scheduled later. This consisted of several days' work, 3-24, 3-30, 4-10, 4-15 & 4-19. Volunteers were Kriston Brooks, Carter Colunga, Chris Dale, Bea Erickson, Paul Erickson, Walker Fabbri, Ben Haws, Peter Haws, Todd Hennick, Greg Herrin, Melissa Huston, Larry Martin, Justin Montgomery, Spencer Montgomery. These guzzlers were in Walla Walla East of Burbank, Benton County Southwest of Kennewick and some Southeast of Prosser. Most of the guzzlers are on fee free to hunt or hunting by written permission only properties. Man Hours- 123.5
Larry is always looking for volunteers so if you are able to spend some time in the field, Larry can be reached on his cell phone at (509)521-2554.



(Guzzler Clean up and Repair)



(Boy Scouts Repairing Guzzler)



(Burnt Guzzler Scheduled for Repair)

HUNTERS EDUCATION: This year's 2019 Hunter Ed Pheasant Hunt was held on March 30th at the Limits Game Farm. There were 23 Hunter Ed students present this year. The first group, 10 students, started out at the Connell Gun Club with some clay bird shooting to warm the students up for their hunt. After clay bird shooting the first group went down to Limits Game Farm and were paired up with mentors and dog handlers then proceeded to their hunting location. The second group of 13 students, arrived around 10 am at the Connell Gun Club and proceeded to shoot clay birds warming them up for their hunt. After the second group finished shooting clay birds, they went down to Limits Game Farm and were met by the first group of students coming back from their hunt. At that time all of the students attended a "Hunting Clinic" put on by Aaron Garcia of WDFW. At the end of Aaron's presentation, Sgt. Brian Fulton, WDFW Game

Enforcement Officer, spoke to the students about his role as a Game Enforcement Officer. After the clinic everybody met in the main building and an awesome lunch was provided by Limits Game Farm and Pheasants Forever (PF). This year we had over 100 people eating. The chicken, Tri Tip, and all the fixings were attacked and nobody left the dining hall hungry. After lunch the second group of students were paired up with mentors and dog handlers and proceeded to their hunt. Around 4:00 pm the afternoon hunters were back at Limits Game Farm with their harvest of birds. Over 300 pheasants were released for the two hunting groups. This year 100% of the students harvested a pheasant. A total of 61 pheasants were harvested. This is the first time we ever had 100% success by the students hunting. A lot of shooting was done by all of the students and a lot of ammo was expended! A special thanks goes out to several of the sponsors of this year's Hunter Ed Pheasant Hunt: McCary Meats for supplying Tri Tip, Ringold PF Chapter for purchasing and preparing the food, Connell Gun Club for providing the facilities and clay bird thrower, WDFW for putting on the hunting clinic and the Enforcement Officer for his presentation, Richland Rod and Gun Club for coordination and providing guns to those students that didn't have one, Griggs Department Store in Pasco for the hunting ammunition and clay birds, Rick and Angie Conant for all the behind the scene help and providing the eye and ear protections, over 20 individuals who volunteered this year as either mentors or dog handlers, several PF volunteers who helped with the setup of the dining hall, did all the cooking, planted the pheasants, and showed the Hunter Ed Students how to clean birds, and last but certainly not least Dave and Pam Piovesan of Limits Game Farm for all their help, coordination, facilities, and making sure this year's Hunter Ed Pheasant Hunt was a success. Thanks to everybody! **Ron Ruth Chief Hunter Ed Instructor for the Richland Rod & Gun Club**

INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS: The RRGc applied for an NRA Foundation Grant to support the Introduction to Firearms classes. The Grant was approved and the shooting supplies have now been delivered. Our next Introduction to Firearms class is scheduled for 5/4/19. **Anybody interested in taking the class (must be 18 years or older) should contact Ron Ruth at 737-7350. Class size is limited. This is also on our club website!**



(Ron Ruth Hosting Ladies Night at the Sportsman's Warehouse)

GAME RECOVERY: A reminder that if you come across a fresh road kill game animal and are able, please claim the animal and notify Chris Mosher. Please stay with the animal while waiting for someone from RRGc game recovery to show up. If the animal is seriously injured, inform the local police authority so that they or WDFW can dispatch the animal. A permit must be obtained from WDFW online within 24 hours. If the animal is left on the side of the road, it will be claimed by others and the Union Gospel Mission will not reap the benefit of a resource.

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

NONPROFIT STATUS: New membership and fundraising are paramount for the continued existence of RRGc. Please contribute your ideas at least for discussion. As a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization we need to work as a collective to maintain and improve our club activities and outreach.

NEWS LETTER HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS:

If you are receiving this newsletter via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to rrgcsecretary@gmail.com. You will get quicker delivery and save us money. If you are aware of someone who is not receiving the newsletter, please contact the Secretary thanks.

RRGC WEB PAGE: Greg Boeringa, Russ Wyer and Melissa Huston are now handling the webpage and Facebook duties as the Webmasters Committee. If you have any pictures or content that you would like added you can send them to the webmasters via email at- admin@richlandrodandgun.org.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be May 21st at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter Education Room, Pasco. **All RRGc members are invited to attend.**

WILD GAME RECIPES: Please forward your recipes to the Secretary and Webmasters so that they can be included in the monthly newsletter and on our new website. If you haven't checked out all of those recipes on the website yet you should.

RAFFLES: April's General Membership meeting raffle winners were; Katch Bag- Chris Mosher; Fishing Rod Bucket- Pete Workman; Turkey Call- Bill Lambert; Rapala Charge & Glow- Jim Cartmell; Black Diamond Headlamp- Harley Schuette; Stocker Trout Kit- Dakota Schmeider; Bass Kit/Collapsible Pole- Dakota Schmeider; Mystery Box- Phil Morton; Benton County Map of Habitat & Species- Frank Scopa

WOOD DUCK BOXES: Dale Schielke reported that the geo-locator bands are now calibrated and ready to be placed on the Wood Ducks. Dale has also got a couple of cameras in boxes that are now livestreaming via YouTube. He has shared the channel to the clubs' Facebook page for easy connection. Wood duck box clean-out is now at 100%. He expects to band hens with the geo-locators here at the end

of April while out with Libby Middle School students.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Mike Estes reported that there was one new applicant and that the Scholarship Committee would be waiting on any last-minute arrivals before reviewing.

2. SALMON SUMMIT: Gene Van Liew stated that the Salmon Summit will take place April 23rd and 24th. The salmon being raised in the classrooms are on the third and final stage of grain prior to release. He estimates 50 exhibitors and close to 3,500 students at the Summit. If you have any questions regarding volunteering, Gene can be reached at (509)578-6811.

3. KOE KIDS FISHING DERBY: took place at the Family Fishing Pond on Friday April 12th and Saturday, April 13th.

4. COLUMBIA PARK RRGc MEMORIAL SHELTER SIGN: The city of Kennewick has agreed to replace the shelter sign with a new much larger sign. However, the city of Kennewick has not been able to obtain the sign material yet. This is the result of several months of effort by Mike Estes and Shannon Lackey. The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a piece of metal that fits specific requirements to be used for the backing of the vinyl.

5. WORDS FROM MARILYN STEELE: WILD GAME DINNER 2019: Thanks to the great group who helped make this year a success despite some challenges. Meat donors were very generous and contributed over 500 lb. of meat to use. Elk, Deer, Bear, Bobcat, Salmon, Walleye, Catfish, Perch, Seabass, Rockfish, Pheasant, Dove, Pigeon, Duck, and Quail were the species donated this year. A record, I think. Of course, we had lots of bacon and pork fat too. Food and venue wrap up meeting is April 26th at 6pm at Ben Hooper's home, 41530 S. Morton Rd, Kennewick. Dinner will be provided. If you are unable to attend and have comments to share, email Marilyn- momhoops46@gmail.com

KIDS FISHING DAY: Thanks to everyone who participated. Rod Building, Security, Onsite Registration, Loaning Vehicles and the Rod Trailer, Cooking, Prizes, helping Friday night and Saturday. 203 fished on Friday night and close to 1100 on Saturday. About 100 persons were fed at the volunteer dinner on Friday night. Saturday was a full house too. It really takes a lot of volunteers to make this event happen.

6. ANNUAL CATFISH CHALLENGE: President Richard Sharp announced that the Club Catfish Tournament (Bragging Rights Only) and Fish Fry will be held June 14th-15th. This tournament provides for a nice informal club get together for members. As well as collecting the Catfish for the annual Wild Game Dinner. This Challenge starts Friday and ends Saturday with the weigh in and fish fry being at Matt Cummings River House.

7. QUALITY TRIP PROPOSAL: Dave Myers the winner of this years Quality Trip and his hunting partner Dale Schielke have set their sights to Eastern South Dakota. They will be having a Quality Pheasant Hunt on mostly Private or Public Grounds. They plan on hunting early to mid-November.

SHOUT OUTS:

The Secretary would like to give a shout out to a brave girl- Ms. Harley Schuette. Harley brought fourth a new idea for the RRGc to the last Board Meeting. The idea was accepted and encouraged by the Board Members and it will be rolling out shortly on the Website. Give her a couple weeks to iron out all the details with the Webmasters Committee and you will be able to access Harley's Corner.

WANT ADS:

1975 Starcraft SuperSport 22' Aluminum boat with 165hp Mercruiser in-line six I/O on EZ loader trailer. Bow rider with walk through windshield. Includes storage cover, Bimini Top, swim ladder, depth finders, downriggers, rod holders, trolling plate, cup holders, lights, horn, bilge pump, fire extinguisher, PFD's, spare propeller, bearing buddy's and more. This dependable boat runs great, rides smooth and

stable, is quiet and economical to operate. No rust, no rot very nice condition, high sides with plenty of room. Family friendly and great for fishing. Clean titles, \$6900. Call or text Greg at (509)420-3613.

LOST & FOUND:

- 1) During the WGD someone misplaced their car charger for a phone. Describe it to the Secretary and she will fork it over.
- 2) During the KOE kids fishing derby someone lost their nice binoculars. Again, please send information to the Secretary if you believe they are yours or those of an acquaintance.

NO PHOTO OF THE MONTH SUBMITTED:



(Photo of the first Graduating Hunters Education Class of 2019)

Due to no photo of the month being submitted I chose a photo to express how we gain more members through outreach. Many of the Instructors for Hunter Ed are RRGc members. They help throughout the year and always represent the Club well. We have new members come from these classes as well as provide new members with something they need to enjoy more fully our Club activities and understand our Club Pledge. The KOE event has even more RRGc members that make that connection with the youth to teach, assist and educate. When someone asks who you're affiliated with, be proud to say you are a member of the RRGc. Let others know that we have many areas to get involved in and volunteer. Becoming a member isn't just another roll call. It's about passing on traditions and learning how to work as a group to the same end. Leaving the next generation something better than a computer that they can connect to.

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