



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY DEFEND FROM WASTE, THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY; ITS AIR, SOILS, AND MINERALS; ITS FORESTS, WATERS, AND WILDLIFE. I WILL HELP EDUCATE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO BE RESPONSIBLE CARETAKERS OF THE RESOURCES OF AMERICA.

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Club Website- <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome>

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site – www.northwestgamerecipes.com

2018-2019 Officers

Mike Estes, President	582-2212	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday May 1st, Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive, Richland

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – May 27th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email rrgsecretary@gmail.com

MAY PROGRAM: The subject will be Columbia River bass fishing. The presentation will be by Don Hogue. Don will discuss, techniques, baits, lures, rigs, structure and weather influences.

RRGC HISTORY: Howard Gardner has asked that members be made aware the History of Hunter Education in the Richland Rod and Gun Club is published on the Club’s website in the History Section.

CONSERVATION /HABITAT.: Larry Martin and his band of volunteers have been extremely in late March and through the month of April. Larry’s work diary is as follows;
1. March 27, Dave Myers and Larry Martin inspected and cleaned guzzlers 158, 160, 161

and 184. 3 of the 4 need new rain catchment aprons.

2. March 28, Gene Van Liew and Larry Martin assembled 3 rain catchment aprons for future guzzler repairs.

3. April 2. Don Smith and Larry Martin inspected and cleaned guzzler 4, repaired the fence by installing three new fence posts.

4. April 21, Larry Martin set up a trail camera at guzzler 253, then inspected and cleaned guzzlers 206, 207, and 254

5. April 23, Greg Herrin and Larry Martin replace the rain catchment aprons on guzzler 184, also repaired the surrounding fence for the guzzler and habitat area. The habitat plot with

shrubs and trees were planted 25 to 30 years ago.



An Extreme Before Photo of a Guzzler 184



An After Photo with Larry Martin, Greg Herrin and Wilson

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. New members for the month of April are Dustin Ney (1 year individual membership), Dave Solem and Duran Torrez (both 1 year family memberships), and Dan Klas (3 year individual membership). Please welcome them at the next general membership meeting.

Please keep in mind that without new membership and specifically younger members, 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 younger and actively involved members.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth reported to the Executive Board that the April 2nd Hunters Education Class was conducted during the School Spring Break. Initially 30 students signed up for the class. There were 8 no-shows and three dropped out during the class. However, Ron was able to contact prospective students that were on the waiting list. As a result, 22 students completed and passed the course. Due to the inclement weather, Range Day was not held. For the first time, an RRGC sponsored Hunters Education did not go to the range. On Friday afternoon, the students were given a dry fire session at the Hunters Education Room.

The next class will start the 25th of June as a daytime class. The last class will start 10th of September as a night time class. Online enrollment for the June class will take place in early June.

Please contact Ron at 509 737 7350 if you are interested in volunteering and/or becoming a state certified instructor

KIDS OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE: The youth fishing event at Columbia Park Pond (also known as the Family Fishing Pond) occurred on Friday evening, the 20th of April for the special needs clientele. Per Gene Van Liew, there were 155 special needs folks on Friday evening. They were able to fish from 4:00 PM until dark. On April 21st there were approximately 850 kids that showed up. We had a sufficient number of volunteers for both days.

It was estimated that there were between 6,000 and 7,000 trout released in the pond for the event. Rumor hath it that there were several hundred trout in the 5 to 6 pound range with a couple pushing the 10 to 12 pound range.

Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers and especially to Paul Hoffarth of WDFW for their involvement and generous donation of their time. We know that approximately 1,005 fishing rods are now in the hands of some newly minted fishermen and fisherwomen. There were 261 trout that were tagged for prizes. Out of the

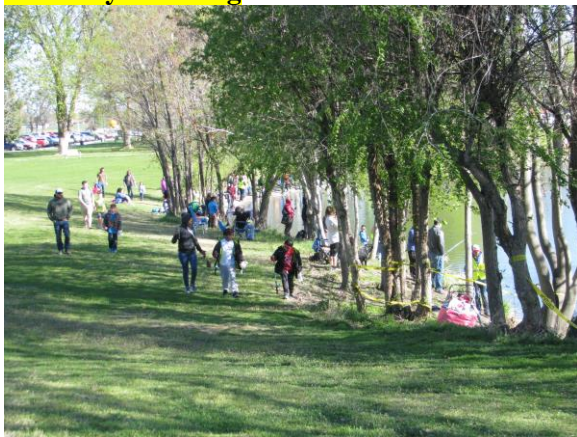
261, 184 tagged trout were caught and prizes were awarded.



Friday Evening Fishing Clientele



Saturday's Fishing



A Saturday Stroll Around the Pond

INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS:

Ron Ruth - We had our first Introduction to Firearms class this past weekend and by all accounts it was a success. We had 17 people show up and everyone came by and thanked us

for the class and the time at the range. Ron met with the TriCity Metallic Silhouette Association board this past week and they are very interested in continuing this program. Aaron Garcia, Region 3 Hunter Ed coordinator, showed up and he was very positive about the class. Quote "we hit a home run". He indicated he was going back to Olympia and see if WDFW would get more involved. That in itself is a positive indication of the preliminary success of this effort. At this point we are tentatively looking at another class in June and one in October. We had three people from our organization help out with the class and that seemed about right for the number of students and number of firearms handled.

GAME RECOVERY:

There was no game recovery for the month of April. If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris Mosher at 509 302 5171.

A reminder to all club members that permits can be obtained via an online request for fresh road kills. The process is as follows for salvaging a road kill deer or elk: "Anyone who takes possession of a deer or elk carcass must obtain a free, printable permit from WDFW within 24 hours. The permittee must then keep a hardcopy of the signed and dated salvage permit with the meat until all of the edible parts are consumed."

Prior to the new law taking effect in July of 2016, RRCG collected in the Fall and Winter of 2015/2016 approximately 1,040 pounds of salvaged deer and elk meat for the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM:

The Salmon Summit is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24th and Wednesday, April 25th at the east boat launch in Columbia Park. Gene Van Liew stated that he has a sufficient number of volunteers for both days. The times at the boat ramp adjacent the blue bridge, will be from approximately 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM both mornings. Gene reports that there are a total of 37 schools participating in Benton County through the Benton Conservation District. He estimates that between 1,500 to 2,000 pupils have participated in this annual effort.



This is what it is all about, salmon smolt



Tuesday's smolt release. They grew them and now they are turning them loose.

BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS: If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to rrgcsecretary@gmail.com. You will get quicker delivery and save us money.

501(c)(3) STATUS: It is with great pleasure that RRGc announces that the IRS has approved our application as a Tax Exempt Organization. Please keep in mind that donations made to RRGc are now tax-deductible.

SCHOLARSHIPS: As of the deadline date of April 16th, one application was received from a student at the University of Idaho, Department of Fish and Wildlife Sciences. A Scholarship Committee will be established to review the application.

RRGC WEB PAGE: Russ Wyer and Greg Boeringa are in the process of developing a webpage for RRGc. It is not complete but is a current work in progress. At the Board Meeting, Russ Wyer stated that the website is undergoing Beta Testing. Thank you gentlemen for the prompt response.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be May 15th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

WILD GAME RECIPES: It has been requested that members forward their favorite wild game recipe for inclusion in our newsletter and website for sharing. To date, there have not been any postings other than Richard Sharp's recipes.

GENERAL MEETING RAFFLES: Given that the State of Washington requires a Gaming License for raffles, RRGc was unable to conduct raffles at the General Meetings. Since our 501 (c)(3) status was approved by the IRS, RRGc is now in the process of applying for a gambling license. The application process is somewhat cumbersome since there is not only legal compliance but the investigation of the organization and certain officers and individuals within the organization. If any of the members have any questions regarding RRGc's involvement with the process, please direct your questions to Mike Estes. If any of the RRGc members would like to become involved, again, direct your inquiry to Mike Estes.

There were 10 door prizes won at the April General Meeting. The items and winners were as follows; 1. Salmon Grab Bag, Monty Kelsey, 2. Walleye Grab Bag, Jack Pickard, 3. Bass Box, Randall Storms, 4. Attwood Aerator Pump, Nelson Huston, 5. BOYU Bag, Steve Antonissen, 6. Flambeau 3 Tray Tackle Box, Grant Mullun, 7. Polarized Sun Glasses, Dale Schielke, 8. Knotless Trout Net, Rick Libby, 9. Turkey Targets, Greg Boeringa, 10. Mystery Box – Gun Lock and Grime Boss, Marilyn Steele.

WOOD DUCK BOXES: Dale Schielke reported that he has visited 139 boxes to date. Of the 139 boxes, 69 did not have apparent activity. By the term “no apparent activity”, he was not able to verify occupancy by either wood ducks or screech owls. He reported the 16 boxes were occupied with 203 wood duck eggs. Of the 16 hens, 6 were recaptured banded birds. There were also screech owls in 14 boxes with 42 owl eggs. 7 of the screech owls were recaptures. Dale is maintaining 4 active feed channels for online viewing. The channels are covering a total of seven boxes with 2 screech owls and 5 wood ducks.

On Wednesday, April 25th at 1:00 PM, Dale will hosted a live broadcast on the RRGFC Facebook page. No results as to the outcome due to the date that this newsletter is being written.

Below is a photo of an extremely rare leucistic wood duck. This hen does not have the normal wood duck hen colors. Dale Schielke is holding the duck as part of the Wood Duck Boxes recovery effort that he leads. The bottom photo is a normally colored wood duck hen sitting on a clutch of eggs.



NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Mike Estes informed the Executive Board that he wants to activate the committees as annotated in the amended bylaws. In order for this to happen, there will need to be additional active members involved. Mike will be contacting members to ask for their assistance and further involvement.

2. **New Member Applications:** A motion was made from the floor to approve the membership of Dustin Ney (1 year individual membership), Dave Solem and Duran Torrez (both 1 year family memberships), and Dan Klas (3 year individual membership). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

SHOUT OUTS AND WANT ADS:

No want ads this month however, everything that Rick Libby posted last month was sold through our newsletter.

The last two months have been very busy. All of this activity would not have occurred had it not been for the volunteers of RRG. In March was the Wild Game Dinner. April was the Kids Outdoor Experience and the Salmon Summit. We only exist because of our common interests and desire to share our experiences with others. Kudos to all that were able to share their precious time for the sake of and for the improvement in the lives of others. My two cents worth.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



Photo by Carla Boeringa of Greg Boeringa. 83# Blue Marlin taken in Hawaii

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