



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JULY GENERAL MEETING – **THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST**
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, July 15, 7:00 p.m. - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE, July 16. CALL Eddie AT **586-6009** or emanthos@aol.com

JULY GENERAL MEETING

- There will **not** be a General Meeting in July or August. The July meeting is being replaced by the the Arts in The Park Salmon Booth on July 25 and 26 (see following article below for more information). The August meeting will be replaced by the Club's annual picnic/salmon barbecue on Tuesday, August 5 (see following article below).

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.

JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- President Kirby Hammond opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to an audience of about fifty people at the Benton County PUD in Kennewick. Two visitors introduced themselves and each received five free raffle tickets. Announcements were made by Gene Van Liew who stated that Battelle had pit tagged 800 of the Salmon Summit fry prior to their release in the Columbia River by students May 6 and 7. On the 6th day after release one of the fry was identified at McNary Dam, one was identified in the Walla Walla River after 3 ½ days and one was identified at Bonneville Dam after 12 days and five others were identified later. Larry Martin announced that he, Ron Ruth, Gene Van Liew repaired a *cow guard* at a guzzler located at Wallula Junction. Dale Schielke announced that 'Salmon Booth 2014' will take place July 25 and 26 with three shifts each day starting at 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Booth set up and salmon preparation will take place July 24. He passed around volunteer sign-up sheets for the event. Dale also discussed the Wood Duck nesting box webcam project. He has two Web Cams that are set up on two nesting boxes that have a hen setting on eggs.

Dale also stated that he had attended a Kiona Benton School salmon release where an albino Wood Duck hen was discovered in a nesting box. The students were able to observe ducklings hatching from the albino ducks eggs. He also said that they completed a two day duck banding event at Barker Ranch

and were able to band ten ducks; the next day they banded four additional ducks including two that were Wood Ducks. Larry Martin stated that five youth, three girls and two boys, have signed up to attend the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Jeff Gardner stated that the club's annual Summer Picnic and Salmon BBQ will take place Tuesday, August 5. Richard Sharp described the evenings raffle prizes and also stated that his father Keith Sharp cleaned more than 1,000 trout and a six pound catfish full of eggs at the May 10 Fishing Kids event.

- Matt Lucas presented the main speaker John Hone, from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service. John informed us how to catch Northern Pikeminnows (a.k.a. Squawfish). He provided us an instructional fishing clinic and discussed everything we need to know to catch and get paid for catching a Northern Pikeminnow(s). He passed out a plastic litter bag filled with all the information you need to catch Pikeminnows including, 'How to tell a Northern Pikeminnow from a Peamouth, a listing of Registration Station Hours and Directions, the Sport-Reward Fishery Rules, a brochure detailing how to find and catch Northern Pikeminnow in the Columbia and Snake Rivers, a brochure detailing how to Catch Some Cash with the Pikeminnow Sport Reward Program, two pages of Popular Fishing Knots, a Weekly Field Activity Report from May 26 to June1, 2014 showing catch reports and other information for each station and last but not least a \$10 Coupon good for an extra \$10 when attached to a pikeminnow voucher.

He started out by saying that we need to find a *station* close to where we will be fishing. Before you start fishing for Pikeminnows you need to register in person at the *station* and return the same day at the same station prior to closing time. You can register when the station is unstaffed by using the station's self-registration box.

The fish must be returned the same day you registered when the station is staffed. They must be alive and in good condition. Minimum length of the fish is nine inches. Check the rules and regulations if you're not sure at www.pikeminnow.org or on the hotline at (800)-858-9015. The best bait at the time of the presentation was Mormon Crickets and the Yakima Delta was the hotspot. Fishing in slow current on the bottom was most productive. In the fall the Hanford Reach becomes the most popular.

The Pikeminnow fishing reward is: the first 100 are worth \$4 each, 101 to 400 are worth \$5 each and 401 and above are worth \$8 each. Tagged fish rewards are \$500 each. John gave a very informative presentation and answered many questions from the audience. I'm sure that many who were present will try Pikemnow fishing.

- Raffle Prize Drawing Winners were: Lavoy Munch who selected the Pikeminnow tackle kit, Kirby Hammond selected the Walleye tackle kit, Matt Lucas selected the Ozark high back chair, Shane Scott won the BBQ/Grill table, Frank Scopa, Chris Mosher and Alfred Gersjd each won a Berkley fishing vest, Jim Fertig won a Plano tackle satchel, Neil Sullivan won a 9" Rapala filet knife, Chase Smith won a fire poker set, Jennifer Gardner won a 7 gallon water tote, Bob Scott won a 30 qt. Igloo cooler and Jack Pickard won the Mystery Box.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Craig McClure from Burbank.

GUZZLER REPAIRS: (Larry Martin) - Thursday, May 29, Larry Martin did a *check and clean* on Cisterns 77 and 110 that are located near Wallula Junction. Larry noted Cistern 77 needed minor repair to the metal legs and some shovel work around the tank. Cistern 110 had been damaged by cattle and needed the rain catchers repaired, shovel work around tank plus a fence needed to be installed to keep cattle out. Also noted there was a new fence set up close to cistern 110 which replaced an old burned out fence that was ten feet away and just left there to rot apparently. (4 Man hours)

- Tuesday, June 3, Gene Van Liew, Ron Ruth and Larry Martin repaired both cisterns 77 and 110. This task was an all day project, Larry's deer cart was used to carry the equipment into the cisterns which were a half mile to the closest one and three quarters to a mile to the other. The work went well, the guzzlers were repaired and posts were set for the fence around cistern 110. The barbed wire was gathered from the old fence. We all were very tired after this long day but felt pretty good for what we had accomplished. (27 Man hours)

• Thursday June 12, Ron Ruth, Larry Noggles and Larry Martin strung the barbed wire for a fence around cistern 110. This job went surprisingly fast because we didn't need to carry in much equipment, the barbed wire had already been gathered from the old fence and we used a shorter route using an ancient abandoned road we found the week before. (10.5 Man hours). Photos of the guzzlers can be viewed at www.Facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub .

DUCK CAMS:– The Duck Cams on the club's Wood Duck nesting boxes are being watched not only by local enthusiasts but also worldwide. An additional computer and camera could be put to good use. If you have any good ideas or suggestions contact Dale Schielke at 375-0813 or at dahlialou@msn.com.

PIT TAGGED SALMON FROM SALMON SUMMIT: Gene Van Liew reported that several of the tagged salmon from the Salmon Summit have already passed through Bonneville Dam and that the programming of the pit tags informs teachers and students as to the progress of their fish as they travel to the ocean.

FISHING RODS/REELS ASSEMBLY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS AND FISHING KIDS: (Gene Van Liew) - Nineteen volunteers assembled the rods and reels for the above events. Their names and the number of estimated hours they spent assembling them are: Paul Seuberlich 25, Mike Estes 12, Ben Webb 32, Frank Scoppa 12, Dave Miller 12, Howard Gardner 12, Larry Martin 12, Fred DeCoria 8, Fred Edlblute 6, Jim Cartmell 12, Rick Corson 12, Dave Myers 25, Matt Lucas 25, Fred Porter 12, Paul Kison 12, Jeff Gardner 12, Fay Lyon 12, Clare Cranston 24 and. Gene Van Liew 32.

JUNE PHOTO CONTEST:. Mike Estes entered a photo of a harvest of ducks from last fall and Rick Libby entered a photo of Jack Pickard, Gaylord Pyle and himself with a stringer of bass. Rick's photo was the winner and he will receive five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at www.Facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub . Club members can bring photo entries to Club Board meetings or submit digital photos (a jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge

FOR SALE CLASSIFIED: An older 5.5 hp Johnson outboard motor has been donated to the wood duck nesting box project. RRGc members will have first shot at purchasing this with the understanding that the proceeds will go to support the enhancement of the project. The motor was running a couple of years ago when it was run dry and put into storage. Anyone interested should contact Dale Schielke 375-0183 or dahlialou@msn.com. Asking donation \$300 or best offer.

TOP GUN EVENT: The 2004 Top Gun event has been cancelled.

IN MEMORIAM: Members of the Richland Rod and Gun Club were sorry to hear about Bob Irwin's passing. He was a member of the Club in the 70's and was a certified Hunter Education Instructor teaching students under the age of 17 so that upon successful completion of the class they could purchase a hunting license. His participation as a volunteer was sincerely appreciated and contributed greatly to decreasing firearms related hunting accidents. (Howard Gardner)

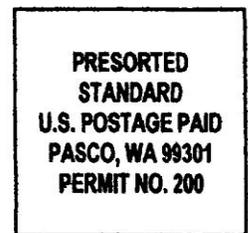
SALMON BOOTH 2014- The Allied Arts 'Art in the Park' 2014 Salmon Booth will take place Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26 at the usual location in Howard Amon Park in Richland. Barbecued chicken will be available this year for the first time. The Rod and Gun Club will have the lead this year. This is the main money raising project of the Richland Rod & Gun Club and The Flycasters for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday, July 24 starting at 5:00 PM. for booth set up and 6:00 PM for salmon preparation at O'Callahan's (if the location is changed notifications will be made by e-mail). The booth will operate from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26. Shifts will be 9:00 A.M.-1:00:00 P.M., 1:00-5:00 P.M. and 5:00-9:00 P.M. both days with tear-down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00 P.M. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/13, may be contacted by the Dale to find out if they can work in the booth and during which shift. **If you have not been contacted and are willing to work, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183, Dale still needs a few more volunteers.** Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun plus

you get a gratis salmon lunch at the end of your shift. Only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a Health Card. Shift workers are not required to have Health Cards. Notify Dale Schielke at 375-0183 if you have a current Health Card since it is desirable to have a second person with a Health Card at each shift. If you desire to obtain a Food Worker Health Card, classes are usually held on Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. or 3:00 p.m. at the Benton-Franklin Health District, Environmental Health Office, 7102 W Okanogan Pl., Kennewick. The Food Worker Card class is a one-hour presentation on food safety basics given by a local health inspector. After the class, you will take a written test on the material. Plan on 1.5 hours to attend the class and take the test. Call 509.460.4205 to verify class dates and register.

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 5 starting at 6:00 P.M. at South Leslie Groves Park. (Leslie Grove 1). For \$3.00 per person, (\$1.00 for children 12 and under) the Club will provide **Alder Smoked Salmon and Chicken** (for those who do not like fish), beverages and condiments such as tartar sauce, lemon juice etc. Attendees/each family should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for your dish. If your

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family name starts with **A through J bring a dessert, K through P bring a side dish and Q through Z, bring a salad** and. Bring your own eating utensils including plates. Also bring chairs, tables, blankets etc. in case there are not enough picnic tables. The park has a play area for children, rest rooms, shade trees and wading pool. There may also be some organized contests/games to give you a chance to show off your skills.

- The Annual Liars contest will take place after we have eaten. Anyone present can enter. Tell your **tall tale** and it will be judged in competition against all the others. Gift certificate prizes will be awarded for first (\$30), second (\$20) and third place (\$10) liars. Prepare your **tall tale** and see if you can top the others. Directions to the picnic are: from George Washington Way, turn east (toward the river) on Newcomer Ave. Continue to Harris Ave. Turn left at the "T" onto Harris and continue to Park St. (about one block). Turn right onto Park St. and follow it to the parking lot for South Leslie Groves Park. The aroma of alder smoke and barbecued salmon will lead you to the picnic.