



RIGHLAND 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

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

BOARD MEETING—7 pm, Tuesday, August 18th, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE-August 25th, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BY RRGCL LEADERSHIP TO KEEP THE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS COMPLETE AND UP TO DATE. THE EFFORT TO MAINTAIN CURRENCY IS A SIGNIFICANT VOLUNTEER EFFORT. OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITION TO THE MEMBERS' ADDRESSES. THERE WILL BE A SUFFIX ADDED AFTER YOUR NAME TO REFLECT THE YEAR THAT YOUR DUES ARE PAID THROUGH. (EXAMPLE, SMITH (2017)). IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS CONTACT JENNIFER GARDNER IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT AS TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS. JENNIFER CAN BE REACHED AT "JEN_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM". THERE WILL BE A PURGING OF MEMBERS IF YOUR 2015 DUES ARE NOT MADE CURRENT BY SEPTEMBER 2ND. YOUR DUES MUST BE PAID THROUGH MARCH 2016.

JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS: For July and August there will be no general membership meetings. There will be the following activities to which all members are invited to attend and participate; RRGCL Board Meeting, August 18th at 7:00 PM, Top Shot on the 31st of July and the RRGCL Picnic on the 4th of August. More information will follow below.

CAMP LAKE FISHING TRIP: There were numerous members and families that participated in the Camp Lake Fishing Trip held on June 24th. The apparent largest fish was a large mouth bass that measured out at approximately 22 inches. Jeff Faulk produced a photo to claim the bragging rights for largest fish (but he was fishing with Richard Sharp). The most fish caught as reported was Dale Schielke with 16 bass and 20 blue gill on a fly rod popper. But then Dale was fishing by himself and we're relying

on his unbiased reporting. A very special thank you to Dave Piovasin for extending the invitation to RRG members.

TOP SHOT: Dave Myers provided additional information regarding the 3-GunTop Shot Competition to be held on the 31st of July at the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Association Range. It will start at 4:00 PM at the TCMSA range located on the Pasco-Kohlotus Highway. The turn-off from Hwy 12 is located approximately 2 miles and will be on the south side of the road. Firearms will include centerfire rifle, rimfire rifle, handgun and shotgun. Contestants will shoot 5 rounds for both the centerfire rifles and rimfire rifles. Centerfire ranges will be both 100 yards and 200 yards. Rimfire rifle ranges will be 50 yards and 100 yards. Handguns will be fired at 7 yards, 15 yards and 25 yards ranges. There will be 5 rounds fired at each distance. Shotgun shooters will be allowed up to 25 rounds in order to limit out at 5clays. Clays will be of a trap/skeet format. There will be categories for high score and smallest group. In the event of a tie score, the tie-breaker will be an off-hand event. This will be for bragging rights in each of the venues plus overall. All club members are invited to attend and show off their shooting prowess and to have some serious fun in the company of other RRG members. For additional information contact Dave Myers at 509 438 1277. All gun range shooting safety requirements will apply.

SALMON BOOTH: Dale Schielke again provided the leadership for this year's effort for the Salmon Booth for the Allied Arts Association "Art in the Park". The dates were the 24th and 25th of July. The booth was assembled on the evening of Thursday and the fish was prepared also on the evening of Thursday the 23rd of July. There were sufficient volunteers for all of the shifts which was very much appreciated. We sold out on salmon dinners and sandwiches approximately 5:00 PM on Saturday evening. We had three pieces of BBQ chicken left when the booth was shut down. The booth and all of the site clean-up was completed by approximately 7:30 PM Saturday evening. Please extend a sincere word of thanks to Dale for his successful effort. Columbia Basin Fly Casters had the lead in this year's effort. Based on preliminary numbers, 130 pounds of BBQ'd chicken was served and 340 pounds of salmon was served. We'll publish the actual numbers when they're established but as of publication time of the newsletter, those numbers are probably within five pounds of the actuals. A word of note, it was very gratifying to watch the assembly and disassembly of the booth and site occur with a minimum of effort and a maximum of proficiency. A special thank you to Lance Sawyer of Columbia River Catering and Company for providing cold storage and a work location for the salmon fillet preparation. Another special thank-you goes to Griggs Hardware for the use of their Traeger Smoker on which we prepared the BBQ chicken. Without their cooperation, our efforts would have been a lot less efficient and a lot more time consuming. Thanks to all of the volunteers from the Columbia Basin Fly Casters and Richland Rod and Gun Club. There were also quite a few spouses that volunteered.

RRGC PICNIC: The RRG picnic the 4th of August at the Leslie Groves Park gazebo located east of Harris Avenue on Park Street in Richland. The cooking will start at approximately 4:00 PM with serving starting at approximately 6:00 PM. Volunteers are needed for the food preparation. This will be the usual pot luck format so if your last name begins with "A" through "H", please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with a "I" through "P", please bring a salad and if your name begins with "Q" through "Z", please bring a dessert. Cost per attendee will be \$3 per adult, \$1 per child 12 years of age and under. Neither Dale Schielke nor Dave Myers will be in attendance this year and the food preparation falls by default to our VP Richard Sharp. There will be the annual competition for Liar's Club.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth reported that the latest Hunters Education class started on July 13th and finished on July 17th after four, four hour sessions. "It also included a three hour Range Day at the Silhouette Club's facility with live firing of 22's, .243 rifle, 20 gauge shotgun and a field course. A total of 16 students ranging in age from 10 to 35 were enrolled to start. All students passed the exam and range course. Other instructors assisting in the class were: Don Board, Howard Gardner, Craig Lewis, David Myers, Bob Margulies, Jon Horn, and Gary Scrivens. Others helping were Ben Burdett Instructor in Training and Dale Schielke, Frank Scopa, and Jack Pickard. These gentlemen are to be commended for giving freely of their time to assist in this class. Many thanks." Ron Ruth. Mr. Ruth is expecting to

conduct another Hunters Education class this fall in the evenings with the range day on a Saturday. Mr. Ruth estimated that the classroom time was under the WDFW recommendation of 20 classroom hours. Don Burdette has volunteered to be an instructor-in-training. He will receive WDFW training this month. Mr. Ruth did make a recommendation to WDFW to change the class hours from minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 hours to a recommended 20 hour maximum. He has not received a response.

CONSERVATION CAMP: Larry Martin reported that RRGc sponsoring six youngsters for this year's camp. Jerry Zeitler generously donated \$550 towards the cost of the sponsorship. The total cost for the sponsorship was \$1,800. With Jerry's donation, the Use of Funds was short \$250. The Executive Board unanimously agreed to increase the Conservation Camp Funds by \$250. The participants will make a presentation to the General Meeting in either September or October. I will include the names of the participants next month.

GAME RECOVERY: Chris Mosher reported that there was no game recovered this past month due to the high temperatures. However, 54 pounds of catfish fillets from the Catfish Derby were donated to the Union Gospel Mission.

BULLETIN HELP: Frank Scopa

If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to Frank Scopa at secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com with your email address. We are now current as to mailing addresses for the hard copies. We are down to 49 members receiving hard copies via the US Mail. New members will be added as the information is received. If you are receiving both a hard copy and an e-mail copy, please let me know. At the present time, mailing hard copies costs RRGc approximately \$22 per member on an annual basis. When the annual membership is weighed in vice the mailing costs, RRGc is subsidizing the hard copies and we are taking a hit for the 49 members that still receive hard copies. It is requested that members get an e-mail address. One of the benefits of receiving the newsletter electronically is that the content and form can be expanded to include photos which we cannot do on the hard copies at the present time due to costs. We are down to one e-mail address that is going to individual e-mail spam mail boxes or is not deliverable with the e-mail address that we have on hand. I sent out a notice to the individual but I have not received a response.

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP: Jennifer Gardner continues as the Membership Chair. She can be contacted at 509-981-9366 (Spokane number). There was one new member that was voted on at the Board Meeting. The new member is the Chad and Christina Markel and Family of Benton City. Please welcome them to RRGc when you meet them. Their son Alec won the Catfish Derby for heaviest five fish limit at 54 pounds.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Richard Libby presented the Treasurer's Report for June. The report was approved by the Board of Directors at the Board Meeting held on June 16th. The annual audit was completed by Mike Estes as required by the RRGc Bylaws. Mr. Estes provided a copy of the audit for inclusion with the monthly reports for August. The audit was completed on the 19th of June, 2015. Mr. Estes stated in the Audit Committee Report that the results of Mr. Libby's efforts have "provided improved and detailed methods of tracking revenues and expenditures."

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CATFISH DERBY RESULTS: Richard Sharp reported that there were 21 participants in the Catfish Derby. There was sufficient publicity for the event but he was surprised that the number of participants was not higher. A total of 491 pounds of catfish were caught and turned in for the weigh-in. Mr. Sharp

reported that the Catfish Derby cost was a breakeven effort given that prizes were donated. The fish fry with pot luck entrees was as usual, delicious.

WILD GAME DINNER: A Committee was established to recommend a WGD speaker for future dinners. Dale Schielke took the lead on this effort. The other committee members are Dave Myers and Frank Scopa. Four speakers were considered and a recommendation was made to schedule Mr. John Clements as our guest speaker. Dale has confirmed Mr. Clements availability. Mr. Clements is a well-regarded scenic photographer and he has made a presentation once before at a previous Wild Game Dinner.

DATA MANAGEMENT: A committee was formed to establish a path forward for the recording of RRGc documents, photos and to establish an electronic history of RRGc. The committee consists of Russ Wyer, Sam Morrison, PhD, and Frank Scopa. There has been input and discussions with Rick Libby, Treasurer, Jennifer Gardner, Membership and Frank Scopa, Secretary. Russ Wyer and Sam Morrison provided a report on the future Data Management effort. There will be a “Drop Box” or “Cloud” location that will be owned and operated by RRGc. One of the limitations of the storage location will be that there will be limited storage for RRGc photos. Photos will have to be updated and will be made available for viewing for the limited period of time. There will be file locations within the storage location for each of the RRGc officer positions plus committee chairs. An important item that will need to be provided will be “continuity sheets” for each of the club officer positions and committee chairs. The “continuity sheets” would be required for each position/activity chair that requires specialized knowledge or points of contact. As the maturation of the Data Management process continues, necessary training will be provided for those that feel the need. This will allow data access and input to be standardized. Mr. Wyer expects the entire process to take 18 months to complete.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: There was one vacancy on the Executive Board. Mike Estes nominated Mr. Ben Burdette to fill the vacancy based on Mr. Burdette’s active participation in RRGc. The nomination was seconded and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Burdette to the Executive Board. Please congratulate Ben when you see him.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: Brooklyn Estes with a blue gill caught at Camp Lake. She is the granddaughter of Mike Estes, President.

LAST ITEM: There was a suggestion that supplemental training be made available for the month of September. The subject of the training would be drown-proofing while wearing waders during activities such as duck hunting. Mr. Richard Sharp will look into this further. The suggestion was a result of previously held training. The suggestion was made by Dave Myers.

WANT ADS: None this month

If you have anything that needs to be in the Want Ads section or information that you would like to convey to the general membership, please keep in mind that the cut-off date for inclusion is normally the Sunday after the Executive Board Meeting. Send your information to secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com

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