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**2010 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RANGE:** The 17th Annual Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show opens Friday, January 15, 2010 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco and runs through Sunday, January 17. The Club will again man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 17th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on the three days. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 2 ½ to 4 hour shifts. Some members may have already signed up and some have been contacted by the Club to help at Lunker Lake or Clare Cranston to help at the Air Rifle Range. If you have not volunteered and you wish to volunteer please call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 or Clare Cranston, for the Air Rifle Range, at 547-6273. Your duties at Lunker Lake will consist of baiting the hook for each child, removing the fish, after it is caught, and placing it in a plastic bag after you have dispatched it. You will get a big kick out of working with the kids. A group of about six volunteers or more will be needed **Thursday morning January 14**, starting at 9:00 a.m., to set up the fishing pond. During the show a minimum of 16 volunteers per shift will be needed to man Lunker Lake. Shift times for set up of the fishing pond are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday the 14th. Shift times for Friday the 15th are 1-5 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.. Saturday the 16th, shifts will be from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 12:30-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-8 p.m. Sunday the 18th shifts will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2-5 p.m., the last shift will stay over at 5 p.m. to help drain and disassemble the pond.

● The Air Rifle Shooting Range will be manned again this year under the direction of Clare Cranston. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond or shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from Lunker Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Lunker Lake volunteers should wear eye protection, bring a needle nose pliers or hemostat to remove the hook from the fish and bring a towel(s) to wipe your hands after you have handled a fish. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided for the volunteers.

● Dale Schielke will again be set up to allow kids to build wood duck nest boxes at the Sportsmen Show. Wood duck nest boxes will be built at the following days and times: Friday - 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dale would like to enlist at least one or possibly two volunteers to help with the kids assembling the boxes. Sign up sheets and more information will be presented at the January General Meeting. Dale can also be contacted at 375-0183.

● More information about the **2010 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW** is at [www.shuylrproductions.com/](http://www.shuylrproductions.com/).



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**MEETINGS AND DEADLINES**

**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010**

**BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 19, 2010, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)**

**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING**

- The January meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 5 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. The *Flashcube Bldg.* is at Clearwater and Columbia Center Blvd. Map directions can be seen at: [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm)
- Year 2009 Quality Trip winners Paul Kison and Lloyd Zinsli will be the main speakers and the title of their presentation is "Florida Tarpon Trip." They will discuss and show slides of the fishing trip they took in June to Florida where they fished for tarpon and other fish.
- The Tip of The Month topic will be "The Cold Stress Equation" by Club member Mike Estes. It is something that is very timely to this cold weather season.

● March 27, 2010 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$20.00 each will be on sale at the January meeting. Club members **only** may purchase tickets. Individual members may purchase up to two tickets; family members may purchase up to two tickets plus one each for each dependent 18 years or younger continuing through the February 2 General Meeting. **At the end of the February 2 General Meeting, additional tickets can be purchased by members for themselves and/or for nonmembers.** Dale Schielke will be in charge of selling the tickets. For more information, contact Dale at 375-0183.

● **RR&GC 2010 calendars may be available at the General Meeting and can be purchased for \$3.00. Buy them early before they are sold out. They make great Christmas gifts for your hunting and fishing buddies.**

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**DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** - The meeting was opened by Club president Angie Conant. After the Club Pledge, two visitors introduced themselves. Election of year 2010 Club officers and Board of Trustees members was conducted by Howard Gardner. A nominee for the office of Vice President was not available, nominees for president, treasurer and secretary were announced and a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that the three candidates be accepted. Howard then read the names of the fifteen nominees for the Board of Trustees, nominees present, stood up and identified

themselves. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that the nominees be accepted. Names of the officers and 15 trustees are listed later in this newsletter. Gaylord Pyle volunteered after the meeting to be a candidate for vice president. He will be confirmed at the next meeting of the board of trustees. Angie and Marilyn Steele discussed the 2010 TRI-CITIES Sportsmen Show to be held at TRAC January 15-17 and passed around sign-up sheets. Announcements were also made by Lyle Gilk, Bob Zinsli and Richard Sharp.

● Vice President and the new 2010 President, Marilyn Steele, introduced the Tip of The Month speaker Howard Gardner whose topic was the 'Meat Gun', a shotgun. Howard used a 12-gauge shotgun barrel with a variable choke for his demonstration. His gun had three features that qualified it as a Meat Gun, it shoots where you point it, it has a capacity of three shells and it has a variable choke. He said that the gun should be patterned at 40 yds. with the shells/shot size you will be using. The variable choke will allow you to change the choke of the barrel to modify the pattern density for long or close range shots. He also discussed the procedure for cleaning and maintaining the variable choke. If you are going to shoot a rifled slug, the choke should be set to its most open setting. There were quite a few questions asked and several other suggestions made about the use of a variable choke.

● After a short break, Marilyn introduced Club member Bob Kolowith. Bob gave a fabulous presentation consisting of a lecture and video presentation of his recent African trip combining both wildlife photography and a hunting safari he took in June and July of 2007, the winter season in South Africa. Jerry Bloom went on the same trip. Bob narrated, with the aid of a Power Point presentation, a detailed explanation of his trip planning, including expected African dangers, sight seeing - including nature wonders, wildlife viewing and photography, historic wonders, major cities and hunting and fishing. He determined his trip goals before he left. They were photography of lions, leopards, cape buffalo, elephants, rhinoceroses, hippopotami and crocodiles. Diverse plains game including Kudu, Nyala, Gemsbok, Eland, Impala, Wildebeest, Warthog and Springbok were his hunting goals. Personal safety considerations included: malaria, typhoid, HIV, tetanus, crime, theft, assault hijacking and car jacking. His luggage and a rifle were lost and later recovered, his video assembly was lost and recovered and he was subjected to a failed car jacking. He had several close encounters including a rhino charge, a spitting python and a Cape Buffalo bluff. Information sources that he consulted before the trip were: booking and travel agents, various reference books, Safari Club International (Bob is a member) and personal references - Club members Mike Estes, Paul Kison and Jerry Zeitler. Bob's outfitter choice was South Africa and Ambala Safaris. His still camera equipment consisted of a digital 6Mp Canon with an 18X optical zoom and a 35-mm Pentax camera with a powerful zoom lens, bi pod, tripod and mono pod. His video photography was accomplished with a Canon G1-2 camcorder with a 20X zoom lens. He discussed all the above during his Power Point presentation. Marilyn Steele and Bob worked hard to put the presentation together that was the precursor to the video presentation. The Power Point presentation and video lasted 36 minutes. They both were spectacular and kept the audience's attention. Bob's narration was excellent and it was obvious that he really enjoyed describing the trip and trip planning to us. There were many questions that Bob answered. He received a big round of applause at the end of his talk.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Rick Corson who selected a stainless steel Stanley thermos bottle, Jim Cartemell won a "Laser Lure" and a portable car vacuum cleaner, John Prather won a Knife Sharpening System and a Hunter Orange cap, Bob Gough won a Laser Sight and gave it to Eddie Manthos, Tammy McMurtrey selected the Mystery Box and that contained a socket set, Dave Miller won a shooting vise, Pat Travis won a large machete and a hard gun case, Gaylord Pyle won a hard gun case, Rick Libby won a folding camp saw, Dave Myers won a hand muff and two packs of hand warmers and Al Casebere won a selection of alkaline AA and AAA batteries.

**2010 CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES:** Election of 2010 Club Officers and Trustees was conducted at the December 2-~~General Membership meeting.~~ The election results are shown below: **President:** Marilyn Steele, **Vice President** Gaylord Pyle, **Treasurer:** Lyle Gilk, **Secretary:** Eddie Manthos. **Trustees:** Jack Pickard, Richard Libby, Larry Martin, David McDonald, Greg Baker, Tammy McMurtrey, Alan Casebere, Tim Lynch, Tim Sumner, Jerry Caprio, Jim Reynolds, Chris Webb, Terry Christensen, John Prather and Gene Van Liew.

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13. The winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership in February or March prior to the next RR&GC Wild Game Dinner.
14. The winners will provide a written summary of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and license costs, name & addresses of lodging & guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club website. A good reference for the report format are previous Quality Trip reports that are on the website.
15. The winner will sign and date a copy of these rules, as an acknowledgment of understanding of the rules. The President of the RR&GC will send a letter notifying the winner of the trip approval.
16. The RR&GC board may, if requested, modify these rules for special circumstances

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Brandon Jacobs & Michael J. Blakley from Kennewick and Levi L. Garcia from West Richland.

**CLUB VOLUNTEERS ACTIVITIES:** Gene Van Liew picked up 160 frozen salmon from Priest Rapids Dam on November 19 and transported them to the Prosser Benton Conservation District office, the WSU Extension facility in Prosser, PNNL laboratories and Franklin Conservation District. The carcasses are part of the Salmon In the classroom project and will be used at classroom salmon dissection demonstrations.

**USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING:** A Use of Funds Committee Meeting for 2010 will be held at Howard Gardner's home at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 19. Call Howard at 943-9084 for more information.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - Clare Cranston.

- The 2010 Hunter Education classes are scheduled to start March 1 and May 3.
- All class registration is at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 PM over two weeks with a Saturday on the range
- The first Paradigm class will be April 3.
- Paradigm Classes are one (1) day, open to students 16 or older. Students must study at home prior to class and pass the knowledge test upon arrival.
- The students spring pheasant hunt at The Limits Game Farm will be March 20.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** One photo was entered in the November photo contest by Rick Libby. It showed Rick with his first muley that he shot at 236 yards on November 2 this year. The photograph was taken by Gaylord Pyle. Rick was the winner and will win five free raffle tickets at the December General Meeting Raffle. The photo can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!!:** The hunting season is starting soon and it will be time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held in March of 2010. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts and steaks are desired. Halibut, Steelhead and salmon are also needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap (the diagram is shown on the Club's web site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>). Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing!



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**WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX PROJECT:** Dale Schielke with Russ Wyers assistance has developed a duck box map location program with Google Earth and Google maps. The program will allow young volunteers and others to locate and track the success of their boxes. To see the results, thus far, go to [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id88.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id88.htm). The results are really spectacular.

• Dale is planning to start the annual inspection and maintenance of more than 300 installed nesting boxes January 23 and continue every weekend for at least ten weeks, he needs many volunteers to help him. If you are willing to help Dale, call him at 375-0183. Dale reports that on January 23, the first trip to perform annual box checks and maintenance. They checked 40 boxes. 24 were used by wood ducks, four by screech owls. Two screech owls were found in the boxes, one had been banded last year in that same box. Of the 24 boxes, there were a number of old eggs found but they also found 79 membranes, an indication that at least that many ducklings hatched. Paul Briggs and family of Wendy, Sammi, Kelli, Jack, and Baylee provided excellent assistance that allowed them to complete 40 box checks!

**LUNKER LAKE & PELLET RIFLE RANGE UPDATE:** A total of 1522 fish were caught at Lunker Lake on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 15-17. Numbers of fish caught each day were Friday: - 253, Saturday - 791 and Sunday 378. The Club earned a total of \$1450.00 from the 2010 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW organizer Shuyler Productions. The money will be used to sponsor youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. A roll of clear plastic 4 inches in diameter and about 15 inches wide. was found after the event, Call Howard at 943-9084 to claim it.

- The Pellet Rifle Range also did very well with a record number of youth participating.
- The Wood Duck nesting box project was very successful. Dale reported that thirty nesting boxes were constructed by youth at the booth, 50% greater than he expected. Dale wishes to thank all the volunteers that helped him with the project.

- Thanks are also due to Steve Brooks, the manger at Yokes in Pasco, who made available 22 box crates that were used as step stools at Lunker Lake by youth too small to see over the top of the pond.
- Many thanks to Angie Conant and Marilyn Steel for organizing Lunker Lake and ensuring that there were sufficient volunteers at each shift.
- Many thanks to Marilyn Steele for supplying cookies, home made muffins, scones, other goodies and barbecued pork to the Friday and Saturday volunteers and and to Dale Schielke for preparing barbecued chicken and other treats for the Sunday volunteers. We all appreciated it.

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- McNary Wildlife Refuge Manger Lamont Glass will be the speaker and discuss the results of 2009-2010 waterfowl hunts at the Refuge and the end of the hunting season "Spring Clean up" at the Refuge by volunteers the first weekend of February. Other personnel from the Refuge may also be present to describe their new headquarters building and the new Education Center located adjacent to the headquarters building and answer any of our questions about them.
- The Tip of The Month speaker will be Richard Sharp who will describe the "Mity Mite" fishing rodeo that he is planning/organizing to take place probably in late May of this year.

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Scout Pack 637 Den 7, Den Mother Melyssa Harris and scouts Bryson Butler, Bobby Edwards, Brandon and Aleksandra Niebuhr, Nico Harris and Carson Beightol, were present at the meeting to thank Club Member Dale Schielke who taught them about the nesting habits of Wood Ducks and worked with them and supplied them components from which they built and painted four Wood Duck nesting boxes that will be installed at Byron Ponds later this year. Besides thanking Dale for his efforts they presented him a *hand made thank you card* which contained a group photo of Den 7.

● Marilyn then introduced the 2010 Board of Trustees and Special Volunteers present. She also gave a resume of 2009 Club accomplishments and 2010 goals Announcements were made by Dale Schielke, Jerry Zeitler, V.P. Gaylord Pyle, Angie Conant, Gene Van Liew, Howard Gardner, Clare Cranston and Richard Sharp who described the raffle prizes for the evening.

● Vice President and Program Chairman Gaylord Pyle introduced the Tip of The Month Speaker, Mike Estes, whose topic was the *Cold Stress Equation*. Mike passed out a copy of the Cold Stress Equation chart which correlates temperature, wind speed, wetness, exposure time and the resulting effects on a person. Hypothermia is the result and can occur when land temperatures are above freezing and water temperatures are below 98.6°F. The topic was timely; we need to be reminded about hypothermia at this time of the year.

● After a short time break, Gaylord introduced the main speakers of the evening, Paul Kison and Lloyd Zinsli. Paul Kison was the winner of the 2009 Quality Trip Drawing and he selected Lloyd Zinsli, a drawing participant, as his partner. They decided to go Tarpon fishing in Tampa Bay, Florida. Since they had relatives in Florida, they were able to stay with them during the trip duration. Before they left home, they searched and finally picked a Florida guide with good credentials. In June the airfare to Tampa was \$375 per person. They discovered, after they arrived in Tampa, that there was a local 16% tax on rental automobiles. Guide fee was \$550 day for four people. Included in the fee was all necessary gear and bait. The first two days that they fished the weather was bad and they had to cut their trips short and did not see any tarpon. They did catch and release some snook. They skipped fishing one day. The third trip was a private trip with a relative's boat. That trip was also cut short because of bad weather. The fourth day (third guided trip) they fished was at Longboat Pass and they spotted many Tarpon pods. Paul caught a Tarpon that got off the hook. Lloyd caught a 7½ ft., 125 pound tarpon that he brought to the boat and was released. A total of five tarpons were caught and the guide landed two. A total of seventeen fish species was caught the four days they fished. The Powerpoint presentation was narrated by both Paul and Lloyd. A lessons learned discussion was given at the end of the presentation. Many questions were asked and discussed at the end of the presentation. It was a very good presentation and showed how people fish at the other end of the country in Florida.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Russ Wyer and Greg Baker who each selected a *Mity Mite* rod and reel, David McDonald selected the Mystery Box which contained an aerosol windshield deicer - he also won a shotgun Bore Snake cleaning system, Clare Cranston won a rechargeable battery operated hand held spot light, Terry Christensen and Rick Libby each won a Spin Seat (combination seat and storage/ice bucket), Dale Schielke won a *'Sham WA'*, Levi Garcia won a Road Atlas kit, Marilyn Steele won a filet knives kit, Bob Zinsli won a rifle bore snake kit, Mike Estes won a shirt, Austin Templeton won a *Blow Gun*, Paul Schreiber won an outboard motor propeller wrench, Ed Darrah won a fishing cap and shirt, Dave Myers and Mike Blakey each won a 2010 Club Calendar. .

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airline tickets, etc. Note a check for reimbursement will not be provided to the winner prior to incurring costs without Board approval.

13. The winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership in February or March prior to the next RR&GC Wild Game Dinner.

14. The winners will provide a written summary of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and license costs, name & addresses of lodging & guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club website. A good reference for the report format are previous Quality Trip reports that are on the website.

15. The winner will sign and date a copy of these rules, as an acknowledgment of understanding of the rules. The President of the RR&GC will send a letter notifying the winner of the trip approval.

16. The RR&GC board may, if requested, modify these rules for special circumstances

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Paul Schreiber & Rick Herrington from West Richland, Rick Mares from Kennewick and Mark Mansell from Pasco.

**RICHARD FITZNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**-Howard Gardner - The 15th and 16th annual Fitzner Memorial Scholarships were awarded to James Jell, an undergraduate student in Fisheries Resources, and Will Black, a senior in Wildlife Resources and Rangeland Ecology. Both are students at the University of Idaho. Will Black, an outstanding student, also won the award last year? The annual award, started in 1993 and increased from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 in 2008, is given to a student(s) in a Wildlife related field to memorialize Richard Fitzner, a well-respected wildlife biologist and Club member, who died in a tragic plane crash. Jell of Moscow, ID and Black, of Homedale, ID will each receive \$1000.00

**CLUB VOLUNTEERS ACTIVITIES:** Salmon In The Classroom fall Chinook salmon eggs (100 per school) were picked up at the Prosser fish hatchery January 11, 2010 and delivered to 27 schools in Richland, Kennewick and Finley. Volunteers who participated were Angie Conant, Paul Kison, Bob Kolowith, Jim Reynolds, Marilyn Steele, and Gene Van Liew.

#### **FEBRUARY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT**

**February 13, 2010 - Friends of Mid-Columbia River Refuges will join in the Great Backyard Bird Count at McNary Education Center. Data will be sent to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Check Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society website for details at <http://www.lowercolumbiabasinaudubon.org>**

**McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).**

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - Clare Cranston.

- The 2010 Hunter Education classes are scheduled to start March 1 and May 3.
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- The students spring pheasant hunt at The Limits Game Farm will be March 20.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** Three photos were entered in the January photo contest by Alan Casebere, Mike Estes and John Cooper. Mike was the winner with a photo of Tommy Inions, age seven, his duck hunting buddy. Mike took the photo on 11/21/09. of Tommy in their "blind" on the bank of the Yakima River at the end of the hunt. Mike will win five free raffle tickets at the February General Meeting Raffle. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!:** The hunting season is starting soon and it will be time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held in March 27, 2010. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts and steaks are desired. Halibut, Steelhead and salmon are also needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap (the diagram is shown on the Club's web site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>). Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the

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**WILD GAME DINNER** Wild Game donations for the dinner, especially halibut, are very slim, please get them in as soon as possible. If you can't get them to the General or Board meeting call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694 and he will arrange to have your donation(s) picked up.

• Wild Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Jerry at 545-6694 and offer your services, he needs people for all day Saturday, March 27 starting at 8:00am. Tasks will include preparation of potatoes, Hors D'oeuvres, salmon, table arrangements etc. You are also welcome if you can help for part of the day. Bring a sharp knife and cutting board. If you work for a minimum of two hours or are a food donor you can reserve table places for up to an eight people party for the dinner by obtaining a place card(s) from Jerry or his delegate. That is the only way that seats at the tables can be reserved. You must show up, sign up and check with the Dinner Chairman for confirmation. Ice chests & counter top electric ovens (roasters) are needed. Please bring them in the morning and tag them with your name and be sure to pick them up after the dinner.

**WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX PROJECT:** -(Dale Schielke) - Annual inspection and maintenance of 313 installed nesting boxes is ongoing and will continue for several weeks. Many volunteers are needed. If you are willing to help Dale, call him at 375-0183. Dale reports that as of February 16, 88 nesting boxes had been checked, 53 (82%) were used by Wood Ducks and 12 by screech owls. Number of unhatched eggs found in boxes was 348. Thirty-one boxes contained a total 137 membranes.

**MARCH 20 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT:** A pheasant shoot for at least 30 Hunter Education student graduates will be held Saturday, March 20 at the Limits Game Farm. Prior to the hunt, the students will start the day at the Connell gun club practicing shooting at clay pigeons and then move to the hunt site(s) for the pheasant hunt. Bird dogs with their handlers, student coaches and other helpers are needed There will be more information and a sign up sheet at the March General Meeting. You can also volunteer by calling Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or Don Board at 585-7157. The pheasants that will be harvested, except for one per student, will be used at the March 27 Club's Wild Game Dinner.

**DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED:** Attention all duck hunters! If you have harvested a duck or goose with a leg band or collar, notify Eddie Manthos at emanthos@aol.com with the following information: species, sex, where and when harvested, your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird) and when you receive the information, where and when the bird was banded. The information will be collected and reported in this newsletter at the end of the waterfowl season



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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MARCH GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March, 22 CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)

RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 27, 2010 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

### MARCH GENERAL MEETING

• The March meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. The *Flashcube Bldg.* is at Clearwater and Columbia Center Blvd. Map directions can be seen at: [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm)

• Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist, will present his annual Eastern Washington fishing forecast/prospects for 2010. His presentation will include forecasts for trout, spring chinook, summer chinook, steelhead and other information. He will discuss/explain Fishing Regulation changes for 2010-2011. Come early so that you can get a seat up in front.

• The Tip of The Month speaker will be Larry Martin who will demonstrate how to tie the *horse knot*, a good knot that can be quickly loosened when necessary. Bring a two to three foot length of rope or cord so that you can practice tying the knot.

• March 27, 2010 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$20.00 each will be on sale at the March meeting. Dale Schielke will be in charge of selling the tickets. For more information, contact Dale at 375-0183.

• BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.

• Bring all Wild Game Dinner donation package(s) to the General or Board Meeting. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer.

**FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** - The meeting was opened by Club president Marilyn Steele at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. She introduced Elks Lodge manager, Jack Donnelly, who welcomed Club members and outlined the February events that will occur at the Lodge. Sue McDonald from the Mid Columbia NWR Complex announced that there will be an end of season "Spring Clean up" Hunter Day at the McNary Refuge starting at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 13. Volunteers should meet at the Refuge Headquarters. Announcements were also made by Jack Pickard, Lyle Gilk, Eddie Manthos, Dale Schielke, Jerry Zeitler, Paul, Kison, Gene Van Liew, Clare Cranston, Russ Wyer, Dave Myers and Richard Sharp who described the raffle prizes for the evening.

• Vice President and Program Chairman Gaylord Pyle introduced the Tip of The Month Speaker, Richard Sharp, who

described the first Annual RR&GC *Mity Might* Derby and Pot Luck that will take place Saturday, May 15. The Club is sponsoring the derby and it was conceived and being organized by Richard. The main purpose of the derby is to allow Club members and their families to get together and get to know each other. Come to the March General Meeting pick up a descriptive Derby flier, ask any questions that you may have about the derby and sign up to participate.

● After a short break, Gaylord introduced Lamont Glass, manager for the last seven months, of the McNary, Umatilla, Cold Springs and McKay Creek Wildlife Refuges and Sue McDonald Visitor Services Manager of the Mid Columbia River NWR. Lamont gave an overview of refuge programs including the Moist Soil Management program, the Umatilla Farming for Wildlife program, Umatilla Deer Management and the Hunt Programs. He also showed data statistics for the McNary and Umatilla hunt blinds for the 2009-2010 season. At McNary there were 683 hunt blind applications, 514 were on-line and 169 by mail. There were 5805 applications for 1200 slots. A total of 755 hunters at the McNary hunt blinds harvested a total of 1207 ducks for a success ratio of 1.6 ducks per hunter. Goose hunters harvested a total of 161 geese for a success ratio of 1.6 geese per hunter. During the cold spell when hunting over slack water was not possible because of ice, hunter success on the Umatilla river blinds was very good because the ducks were concentrated in the ice-free river. Volunteer activities at the refuges were also discussed. End of Season Spring Clean Up at the McNary Refuge will be Saturday, March 13, Green Wing Day duck banding will be August 14, the pre-hunt hunter preparation at McNary will be Saturday, September 11.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Anthony Garcia ( a visitor) who won a walleye rigged spinning rod and reel and a pack of walleye goodies and also a LogageLoo (Potti), Andrew Templeton - a bass rigged spinning rod and reel with a pack of bass goodies, Dave Myers - a Mity Might rod and reel and a small cooler, Verne Detz (a visitor) a Mity Might rod and reel and a Rapala Filet knife, Brian Sumner - a Tie Down Kit and a Trailer Alignment Kit, Gerald Caprio - a portable Power Station, Grover Wolk - a Billy Club hand crafted by Pat Travis, John Nelson a Fishing Pack and Pat Travis - a Filet Glove

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Tim J Irvin, Robert Hawks, and Darren Mayer from Kennewick; Rick Corson and Jeremy Tolrud and family from Richland.

**MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION:** Many Club memberships expire April 1, 2010. Renew your membership at the March General Meeting. **Please do not wait and renew the night of the Wild Game Dinner!** Annual dues are \$25.00 for individual membership and \$35.00 for family membership. Three year memberships are \$65.00 and \$85.00 respectively. You can renew by mail by sending dues to the address at top of this newsletter. The expiration date is on the newsletter address label.

**CLUB VOLUNTEERS ACTIVITIES:** Gene Van Liew performed two salmon dissections at Lewis and Clark elementary school on January 20 and three dissections at Sunnyside Chief Kamiakin Elementary School on February 11. He delivered fish food on February 11 to Sunnyside, Grandview and Prosser. He performed maintenance on five chiller units and ordered a new thermostat for one at the Pasco Conservation office on January 21. On February 1 he performed maintenance on a chiller unit at the Pasco Conservation office and on February 12 he replaced a chiller temperature control unit on another unit.

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**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** Three photos were entered in the February photo contest. Two by John Cooper and one by Richard Sharp. John's photos, taken 7-06-2009, were of his 8-year-old grandson Brandon One photo showed Brandon with a rattlesnake he caught that was swimming across the Palouse River and the other was of Brandon with a string of trout caught by the family in Marmes Pond. Richard's entry showed Richard with a steelhead he caught with a float and bead at Ringold on February 6. John Copper's photo of Brandon with the trout was the winner and John will win five free raffle tickets to the March General Meeting Raffle. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>

**PRE WILD GAME DINNER MEETING:** A meeting of members involved in the Wild Game Dinner including cooks, helpers etc. will be held at 7:00 P.M. March 9 at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall.

**USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE:** - (Howard Gardner) The following recommendations were reviewed at the Board of Directors February 16 Board Meeting.

ITEM/ORGANIZATION	BUDGET/COST		
	2008	2009	2010
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>			
<b>NRA Institute for Legislative Action</b>	300	300	300
(Fights the 2nd Amendment battles)			
<b>NRA Foundation</b>	100	100	100
(Promotes firearm safety and shooting sports)			
<b>Columbia Dive Rescue</b>	300	300	300
(Rescue and body recovery)			
<b>U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance</b>	250	250	250
(Provides lobbying and grassroots support to protect sportsmen's rights)			
<b>U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation</b>	250	250	250
(Conducts education, legal defense and research to protect sportsmen's rights)			
<b>Delta Waterfowl</b>	150	150	150
(Works for a sustainable North American waterfowl population)			
<b>Coastal Conservation Alliance (Membership)</b>	100	100	100
<b>Quail Forever</b>	0	100	100
<b>Hunters Heritage Council</b>	250	0	0
(Promotion and political defense of hunting in Washington State)			
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>1450</b>	<b>1450</b>
<b>YOUTH ACTIVITIES:</b>			
<b>Fitzner Memorial Scholarship</b>	2000	2000	1000
(Annual award to a student in wildlife biology studies)			
<b>Youth Conservation Camp(10 total)-nominally six</b>	750	1500	2500
from Club and four from Hunter Ed. @ \$250 per camper			
<b>USA Olympic Shooting Team</b>	200	300	300
(Donations are only source of funding)			
<b>McNary Environmental Education Center (MEECE)</b>	100	100	100
(Local environmental education facility)			
<b>Go Play Outside Alliance Washington (membership)</b>	750	250	0
(A hunting, fishing and conservation initiative)			
<b>Salmon in the Classroom (Purchase of equipment)</b>	750	750	?
<b>Archery Equipment (Hunter Education)</b>	301	0	0
<b>Youth Fishing (Fishing Kids)</b>	250	250	?
<b>Hunter Ed Students Pheasant Hunt</b>	0	800	300
<b>Introduction to Firearms (Women &amp; Youth)</b>	0	500	250
<b>Hunter Education</b>	0	219.33	?
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>5101</b>	<b>6669.33</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
<b>Habitat Projects</b>	69	0	250
(Supports local habitat development, as needed up to \$250.00)			
<b>Game Recovery (Salvage big game for Union Gospel Mission)</b>	200	0	0
<b>Travel expense</b>	46.31	135	200
(Limited funding of expenses from attendance at out-of-area meetings)			
<b>Power Point Projector/ PA system (Purchase)</b>	0	658	400
<b>Guest Speaker ( travel, meals)</b>	0	152.80	250
<b>Wild Game Dinner Door Prize</b>	500	300	500
<b>Hall Rental</b>			600
<b>Mity Might Fishing Derby</b>			350
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>815.31</b>	<b>1245.80</b>	<b>2300</b>
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>7616.31</b>	<b>6465.13</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>7050</b>	<b>9800</b>	<b>?</b>

**QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES:** The Quality Trip Drawing Rules can be viewed at the Club's Web Site at: <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews/id29.htm>. Tickets can be purchased at the March General Meeting, and at the Wild Game dinner for \$25.00 each.



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## MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

APRIL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 21, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)

## APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The April meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. The *Flashcube Bldg.* is at Clearwater and Columbia Center Blvd. Map directions can be seen at: [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm)

• The main speaker will be Brian Howald, Manager of the local Wholesale Sports store. The topic of his presentation will be "Turkey Hunting Tactics & Forget all The Rules. Turkey Hunting Based On Biology." Mike Estes and Jeff Gardner will also be present to share their expertise with us. Bring your turkey call with you so that you can practice some of the calls that will be described.

• The Tip of The Month speaker, Mike Estes, will discuss turkey hunter safety.

• **Fishermen bring your 2009 WDFW Sport Catch Record Card (formerly called Punch Card) to the meeting and we will gather them up and give to Paul Hoffarth to forward to Olympia.**

**MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** - The meeting was opened by Club president Marilyn Steele at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. After the Club Pledge, visitors introduced themselves. Kye Carpenter US Corps of Engineers Assistant Resource Manager described the Kids Fishing Day that will be held at Hood Park April 17. He solicited Club volunteers to help, more event information is later in this Newsletter. Marilyn announced that the '2010 Kid's Fish In' (formerly Fishing Kids) rods and reels should arrive in a couple of days, the terminal tackle will arrive later. She passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assemble the rods and reels and volunteers to work at the fishing event at Columbia Park Pond. Other announcements were made by Gene Van Liew, Jerry Zeitler, Paul, Kison, Eddie Manthos, Howard Gardner, Russ Wyer, Dale Schielke, Dave Myers, Jack Pickard and Richard Sharp who listed the evening's raffle prizes and solicited fishermen to sign up for the Mity Might Fishing Derby.

• Vice President and Program Chairman Gaylord Pyle introduced the Tip of The Month Speaker, Larry Martin who demonstrated how to tie the *Horse Knot* with the aid of his beautiful poodle dog, *Edgar Martinez Martin*. The knot is a very simple knot that tightens when a load is applied to it and easily loosens when the loop part of the knot is pulled on.

• After a short break, Gaylord introduced Paul Hoffarth, local fisheries biologist for the WDFW. Paul discussed the local fishing forecasts and other fishing items of importance. He started out by discussing some of the changes in the 2010 fishing





regulations that will take effect May 1. Paul also discussed some of the local lakes/ponds trout stocking schedules. Salmon and steelhead numbers for past years and future forecasts for them were shown and discussed. The forecasts can also be viewed online at the WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov>. New sturgeon rules will be in effect this year from May 1 to July 31. He emphasized that emergency regulations on the WDFW website should be checked before you go fishing and that the new 2010-2011 Fishing Regulations pamphlet should also be checked for regulation changes. The two fishing rod rule was discussed and it was emphasized that the rule does **not** apply to anadromous fish. Starting April 1, anglers who fish for salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River and its tributaries will be required to purchase a new endorsement that will help maintain and improve fishing opportunities throughout the basin. The total charge of the endorsement, after transaction and dealer fees, will be \$8.75. Paul stated that there is now a nice boating ramp at Benton City. Paul gave out a lot of important information and answered a lot of questions at the end of his presentation. We are very fortunate to have Paul as our local fisheries biologist; he is always available to help us and answer any questions that we have about fishing.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Austin Templeton selected a Magellan GPS unit, Ron Moore won an LP gas coupler, Rick Conant won an Ugly Stick spinning trout rod and reel with assorted trout goodies, Dave Myers selected the Mystery Box which contained a filet knife, Tammy McMurtrey won a Mity Might rod and reel, Don Creighton (an Elks Lodge volunteer) won a 10 power binoculars and a hook remover pliers and line clippers, Grover Wolk won a Mity Might rod and reel and a fly fishing side pack, Jay Rheis won a coupler kit, Paul Kison won a turkey hunter vest, Dale Schielke won a ?, Don Board won two fish grill baskets, and Bob Moore won a fish hook remover pliers and line clippers.

**WANTED:** Bee swarms, if you know of or run across a bee swarm(s), please call Gaylord Pyle at 308 2077. He will come by and pick up the bees.

**FOR SALE:** Two Youth H&R: 20 ga 3" Modified choke shotguns- \$140.00. A 7mm-08 with a 22" barrel - \$250.00. Both are like new call Keith at 509-521-3204.

**FOUND:** A 3 1/2 inch diameter by 14 1/2 inch long roll of plastic sheet that was left at Lunken Lake and may belong to a Club member. Call Howard Gardner, to gain possession at 943-9084.

**MARCH HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS:**-Howard Gardner, Chief Instructor. The class started on Mar. 1, 2010 and finished on Mar.17 after six three hour sessions. It included a six hour Range Day on Mar.13 at the Silhouette Club's facility with live firing of 22's, large bore rifle, hand gun, shotgun, archery and a field course. Over 30 students ranging in age from 8 to 59 were enrolled to start. Twenty-three passed, three were incomplete and six failed. Other instructors assisting in the class were Don Board, Don Hartshorn, Clare Cranston, Ed Coyne, Scott Loparco, Ned Hutchins, Jerry Zeitler and Buddy Davis, who traveled from Walla Walla to teach. Mike Livingston, Wildlife Biologist with the Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife instructed the Class section on Conservation. Wildlife Agent Heidi Grant discussed the range of her activities and answered questions about Wildlife Department policies. Special thanks to Don Board for his hard work in preparing special purpose rosters and Certificates of Completion for students passing the course. These volunteers are to be commended for giving freely of their time to assist in this class. Many thanks

**HOOD PARK KIDS FISHING DAY:** The event, is being organized by Kye Carpenter, the Assistant Natural Resource Manager stationed at Ice Harbor Lock and Dam and will take place at Hood Park on April 17. Columbia Elementary School, students at Burbank, grades two through five have been invited to participate and fish on April 17 starting at 8AM and ending at noon. Fishing will take place at the Hood Park Nature Area. The *ponds* will have been stocked by the WDFW earlier with catchable rainbow trout. Grades 2 and 3 will be fishing from 08:00 to 09:30. The fishing equipment will be returned from 09:30 to 10:00 and transferred to the Grades 4 through five students who will fish from 10:00 to 11:30. About 250 students will be able to participate. Tentative schedules are: **April 16:** Ponds Closed For Fish Stocking.

**April 17:**

**7:00-8:00** Set up (Volunteers) **8:00-9:30** Grades 2 & 3 (Floater Volunteers)

**9:30-10:00** Return fishing equipment and prepare for next group (Volunteers)

**10:00-11:30** Grades 4 & 5 (Floater Volunteers)

**11:30-12:00** Collect Fishing Equipment at main entrance/clean up (Volunteers)

**12:00-1:00** Lunch at Hood Park Shelter (Burgers/Dogs) Volunteers, **1:00** Open to the public for fishing.

If you have not volunteered to help, you can sign up at the April 6 General Meeting.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Mike S. Johnson & Family from Pasco, Robert W. Moore & Family from Richland and Jay Reihls and Family from Kennewick.



**PHEASANTS FOREVER HABITAT PROJECT:** The Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever is conducting a shrub planting project Saturday, April 24 on land that the chapter has been restoring. The land is North of Mesa in the Mesa Canyon below the State Highway 17 bridge. Volunteers will be eligible to earn hours for Master Hunter accreditation. Meet at the Mesa Grocery Store at 9:00 AM and then follow the other volunteers to the project. For more information contact Gary Scriven at 266-4697, Dave Piovesan at 265-4578 or Casey Hill at 269-4040.

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**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** Four photographs were entered in the March contest. Three by John Cooper and one by Richard Sharp. John's photos were taken June and July of 2009. One photo was of his grandson Brandon with a days catch of catfish and trout, the second of his granddaughter Alyssandra with a catfish caught on the Palouse River and the third of John and Richard Sharp with a string of catfish and bass. Richard's photo showed Richard with a Ringold steelhead caught with a *Mity Might* combo, dropshot and a fly, March 11, 2010. Richard was declared the winner and will win five free raffle tickets to the April General Meeting Raffle. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>

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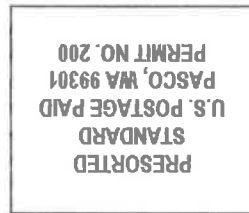
**WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX PROJECT:** -(Dale Schielke) - Annual inspection and maintenance of 313 installed nesting boxes is ongoing and will continue for several weeks. Many volunteers are needed. If you are willing to help Dale, call him at 375-0183. Dale reports that as of March 16, 285 nesting boxes had been checked, 126 (44.2%) were used by Wood Ducks and 51 by screech owls. Number of unhatched eggs found in boxes was 764. Seventy-eight boxes contained a total 373 membranes.

Photographs of Cub Scouts from Prosser installing wood duck boxes March 20 can be viewed at

<http://picasaweb.google.com/dale.schielke/ProsserCubScoutsWoodDuckBoxes#>.

**FITZNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** The title of the Fitzner Memorial Scholarship was changed to the Fitzner-Spore Memorial Scholarship at the March 17 meeting of the Club's Board of Trustees by unanimous consent of all present. Dennis was a very active member of the Club and participated in many projects. He passed away Feb.19, 2007. He joined the Club in 1995, elected to the Board of Trustees in 1995, served as a Special Volunteer, served as vice president and president, He was involved in the planning and organization of Lunken Lake, served as an assistant Hunter Education Instructor organized and participated in the Club cooking salmon for the CHREST Museum's "Return of the Columbia River Salmon Pow Wow."





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**MARCH 21 PHEASANT HUNT FOR HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS:** twenty-four students, including two adults, were treated to a pheasant hunt for stocked pheasants north of Mesa on Saturday, March 20. The hunt was organized by Dave Piovesan from the Limits Game Farm (<http://limitsgamefarm.homestead.com/limitsgamefarm.html>). The students hunted in two separate flights, one in the morning and the other after lunch. Each flight started at the Connell Gun Club where they shot at clay pigeons with their own shotguns or shotguns loaned to them from a stock of shotguns provided by Clare Cranston. One flight started at 9:00 AM and the other at 11:00 AM. After they practiced shooting at clay pigeons the first flight participated in a safety lecture and discussion given by Dave Myers and Don Board. The students were divided into three groups and each group was assigned a pointing dog with a dog handler and a coach for each of the students. They then traveled to three hunt sites where three pheasants had been set out earlier for each student. They hunted until all the birds were flushed. They then returned to the Limits Game Farm. The 11:00AM flight had finished their clay pigeon shooting at the Connell Gun Club and traveled to the Limits Game Farm 'barn' where they, the morning flight, parents, coaches, dog handlers and other helpers were treated to a wholesome, delicious lunch consisting of barbecued chicken breasts, barbecued beef tri-tip roasts, baked beans (prepared by Pam Piovesan, potato chips, brownies (prepared by Marilyn Steele) and bottled water or soft drinks. All were able to go through the serving line until they were full. The second flight then registered and participated in a safety lecture and discussion and traveled to the hunt sites same as the morning group and then returned to the Limits Game Farm. In the meantime the morning group cleaned the pheasants they harvested under the direction of Bill Moulds as also the afternoon group did when they returned. Before they went home, each student received a beautiful engraved *Pheasants Forever* lock blade pocket knife as a memento of the hunt, courtesy of the Ringold Pheasants Forever Club and the Limits Game Farm.

● Sponsors of the Pheasant Hunt were: Limits Game Farm, Ringold Pheasants Forever and the Richland Rod and Gun Club. McCurley Chevrolet donated \$400.00 that was used to purchase all the food and the Mesa Grocery donated bottled water, soda pop and ice. Dave Piovesan donated the 72 pheasants that were set out for the students

● Hunter Education instructor Don Board was in charge of the actual hunts. Volunteers that helped were: Dave and Pam Piovesan, Clare Cranston, Eddie Manthos, Gene Van Liew, Joseph Pauly, John Prather, Mark C Kimmell, Casey Hill, Gary Scriven, Bill Cherwin, Bob Kolowith, Tera Frase, Rick & Angie Conant, Richard Libby and Tim J Irvin. The dog handlers with their dogs were Dale Scheilke, Dave Myers, Daniel and Joshua Evans and Don Evanson. Special recognition is again due to Clare Cranston, Don Board and Dave Piovesan who organized the event and solicited the many volunteers. Dave's wife Pam set up the serving line, serving tables and kept us supplied with coffee. Hugh McEachen, Gary Scriven and Robert Loffler were the barbecue cooks. It is obvious from the above list of names that many volunteers are needed to run this event. They all deserve a lot of thanks from all of us. This was the first Hunter Education Students Pheasant Hunt for 2010. The next hunt will be in September.





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**2010 WILD GAME DINNER:** The March 27 Wild game Dinner held at the Richland KofC Hall was a sell-out and big success thanks to the meat donors, cooks, kitchen volunteers, door and raffle prize solicitors, other volunteers/helpers and Jerry Zeitler. Game meat that was on the menu was varied and plentiful and included goose, duck, game sausages, venison, antelope, pheasant, halibut and salmon. There was more than enough food for everyone and leftovers were packaged and made available to all at the end of the evening. The door prizes and raffle items were many and varied. John Pfeiffer was awarded the Gardner-Cranston Award, Bob Kolowith, Richard Libby, Richard Sharp, Don Hartshorn and Don Board each received the Distinguished Service Award, Jack Pickard and Gene Van Liew each received a 25 Year Belt Buckle. Paul Kison was again the lucky winner of the Quality Trip drawing. Kenton Rowe a professional photographer from Helena Mt gave a presentation called "Parks Under the Big Sky". His slide show was based on a 2 year State Parks Photo Project for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. During his presentation he was dressed in a gilly camo suit that he wears when taking photographs. He had many good photographs of Montana scenery and wildlife, some of the wildlife photos were very unusual.

• This was Jerry Zeitler's last year as Chairman of the Wild Game Dinner, he is retiring as chairman and Marilyn Steele will chair next years dinner. Jerry has been chairing the dinner for many years and deserves many thanks from all of us. Organizing an event this large is not an easy task, thank you Jerry! Jerry will still be available to help and advise.

### MAY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

**Saturday, May 8, - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), We will be observing and counting birds, hosting a bird walk and playing bird games. For more details on this nationwide event, go to [www.birdday.org](http://www.birdday.org)**

**WOODS DUCK NESTING BOX PROJECT:** - Inspection and maintenance 313 Wood Duck nesting boxes is essentially complete. GPS coordinates of boxes installed this year will be measured and listed on the nesting box data base. As soon as they have been measured, the coordinates will be transcribed and shown on the *Wood Duck Box Locations/Information event* on the Club's web site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/work.htm>.

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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MAY GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 19, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)

### MAY GENERAL MEETING

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- The main speaker will be Dave Hedden from Hedden's Northwest Sportfishing, LLC. He is a licensed fishing guide and USCG certified. He specializes in walleye, salmon, steelhead, sturgeon and bass fishing and guides on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, Potholes Reservoir, Moses Lake and other waters. He is also employed in the fishing department of the local Wholesale Sports store. His topic is very timely - **Local Walleye Fishing**. Show up early so that you can get a front row seat.
- The Tip-of-the-Month presenter will be Dave Myers whose topic will be Fish Hook Sharpening.

**APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** - The meeting was opened by Club president Marilyn Steele at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. After the Club Pledge, visitors introduced themselves. Announcements were made by Marilyn, Dale Schielke, Mike Estes, Gene Van Liew and Richard Sharp. Gene announced that the Salmon Summit dates listed in the Club Newsletter were in error. The Summit will be held May 4 and 5 instead of May 10 and 11.

• Vice President and Program Chairman Gaylord Pyle introduced the Tip of The Month Speaker, Mike Estes who addressed turkey hunters safety. A disease commonly known as *Cat Scratch Disease* may be present in wild male turkeys. Forty percent of domestic cats may also carry the disease. Wolves also carry the disease and the turkeys may pick it up from wolf droppings. Mike recommends that hunters wear latex gloves when cleaning harvested turkeys. A second tip from Mike was that about 50% of shot turkeys die slowly and that stepping on the neck of the struggling bird will hasten death.

• After a short break, Gaylord introduced Brian Howald, manager of the local Wholesale Sports store. The presentation was about turkey hunting. Prior to the start of the meeting, Brian had set up several displays such as decoys, two tent type blinds and various turkey hunting related equipment items that he referred to during the presentation. Mike Estes and Jeff Gardner assisted Brian during the presentation. Brian discussed many facets of turkey hunting and requested Mike and/or Jeff to answer questions he asked or to demonstrate different calls or calling techniques. Some of the topics discussed were locator calling which is used to make a turkey sound off in response to a whistle, crow call or even a peacock call, where and when to go turkey hunting, why turkeys run along ridge tops in the morning, scouting in the evening to determine where to hunt the

following morning, when to call softly or loudly, why gobblers follow hens and decoy types and placement. Brian also demonstrated different types of equipment/gadgets clothing, two turkey blinds, and a Browning shotgun with a *Trifecta* sight. Many, many topics were addressed and many questions from Mike, Jeff and the audience were discussed and answered. It was a well prepared very effective presentation much different from other presentation methods. Brian and Wholesale Sports donated several turkey hunting items to the raffle.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Russ Wyer won a Mity Might rod and reel and a Pheasants Forever pocket knife, Lyle Gilk a wild turkey hunting kit, a visitor Chris Jidd won an electronic hearing enhancer and a shirt & cap, Rick Libby a spinning rod and reel donated by the local Wholesale Sports store, Allan Casebere a fly rod and reel donated by the local Wholesale Sports, Bill Lambert a turkey call donated by Brian Howald, Tom Ziemba a Pheasants Forever pocket knife, John Nelson a salmon bait fishing kit, Marilyn Steele a rifle bench rest, John Prather a bench rest kit, Tim Irvin an electric fish knife and a shirt & cap, Jay Rheis a salmon lure kit, Gerry Caprio a Keller Fish Map and Paul Kison a shirt & cap.

**WANTED:** Bee swarms, if you know of or run across a bee swarm(s), please call Gaylord Pyle at 948-2392 (He has a sweet tooth and craves honey). He will come by and pick up the bees.

**HOOD PARK KIDS FISHING DAY:** The event took place on a beautiful Saturday morning, April 17 at two ponds at the Hood Park Nature Area. The WDFW had stocked the ponds the day before with about 1,000 catchable rainbows and 250 jumbos. Kids attendance was about 50 to 75 kids from Columbia Elementary School, at Burbank and their families, lower than anticipated. The fish were not very cooperative and the fishing was slow. There were some that did catch their limit of five including two jumbos. After 1:00 p.m. the pond was opened to the public and the rumor was that fishing picked up later in the day. The rods and reels used by the kids and returned after fishing came from a stock of returned damaged rods and reels that were rehabilitated by Clare Cranston. Griggs Department Store in Pasco transported the rods and reels to and from Hood Park and donated bait, nightcrawlers and other tackle; several volunteers from the store also helped at the event. Volunteers from the RR&GC were Marilyn Steele, Tammy McMurtrey, Bob Kolowith, Blaine Evelbakken, Levi Garcia, Clare Cranston and Eddie Manthos. Kye Carpenter, the Assistant Natural Resource Manager stationed at Ice Harbor Lock and Dam planned and organized the event and there were many other volunteers from the USACE. Paul Hoffarth the local WDFW Fisheries Biologist was present plus three Region 1 WDFW enforcement officers and at least two Walla Walla County sheriff deputies. The number of volunteers was almost equal to the number of kids that fished. After the event the Corps treated the volunteer workers to barbecued burgers, hot dogs and chips. It was a beautiful day with a lot of happy kids and satisfied volunteers. Hopefully the event will be repeated next year with more kids participating.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** The family of Ron and Holly Claghorn from Pasco, the family of Roger and Shari Stringer from West Richland, Zak Tayer from Moses Lake, Paul Templeton from Richland, Michael J Luzzo and Fay A Lyon from Kennewick.

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**Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited Hawaiian Luau Banquet and Auction:** The banquet and auction will take place May 15, 2010 at the Clarion Hotel 1515 George Washington Way Richland, WA. Doors will open at 4 p.m., dinner will be at 5:30 p.m.. Cost (including membership and dinner) is \$50 for singles, \$75 for couples and \$20 for Greenwings (<17). Reservations or information can be obtained by contacting Jeff Rampon 308-6124 or online at <http://www.ducks.org/states/68/events/event21275.html>. Auctions and Raffles will include guns, hunting trips, golf package, wine tasting limo, tires, artwork, and more. **All proceeds will support waterfowl conservation.**

**ANNUAL RR&GC MITY MIGHT DERBY AND POT LUCK:** The event will take place Saturday, May 15. The Club is sponsoring the derby that was conceived and organized by Richard Sharp. The main purpose of the derby is to allow Club members and their families to get together and get to know each other. Come to the May General Meeting and pick up a descriptive Derby flier/Application Form and, ask any questions that you may have about the derby and sign up to participate. You can also contact Richard at 375-3844 or e-mail at [ospreytallons@wmconnect.com](mailto:ospreytallons@wmconnect.com).

**WOMEN & YOUTH INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS EVENT:** This event will take place Saturday, May 22 from 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. at the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Assn (TCMSA) Range. The event is recommended for and is open to women and youth 10 years of age and above. Firearms, ammunition & safety equipment will be supplied. It is sponsored by the TCMSA and the Richland Rod & Gun Club. The range is on the right hand side the Pasco-Kahlotus Rd. approximately 1.7 miles from the Hwy 12/E. Lewis St. interchange. Clare Cranston, 547-6273, is the Club contact.

**CLUB VOLUNTEERS ACTIVITIES:** ● Gene Van Liew performed two salmon dissections at Badger Mountain Elementary School (7 hours). He checked out a noisy tank chiller at Cascade Elementary School on March 2 (2 hours). He performed salmon dissections at Bickleton on March 3 (5 1/2 hours) and March 5 he performed salmon dissections at Paterson (6 1/2 hours).

● Bob Gough, Gene Van Liew, Gaylord Pyle and Marilyn Steele assembled rods and reels for the April 30 Special Needs Kids event at the WDFW facility in Pasco.

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• The main speaker will be Club member Richard Sharp whose topic will be "Local Catfish Fishing." Richard is an accomplished catfish fisherman and will cover stream, reservoir and pond fishing. He will discuss tackle, baits, lures and best times of the year to fish. He will also discuss how to clean catfish and his favorite recipes.

• The Tip-of-the-Month presenter will be Dave Myers who will demonstrate how to tie the 'Monkey Fist' knot.

• Since there will not be any more General Meetings until September, I'm sure Richard Sharp will have some really good raffle prizes at the June meeting. The July meeting will be replaced by the Allied Arts 'Art in the Park' salmon booth and the August meeting by the Club's Picnic/Salmon Barbecue. The next General Meeting will be in September.

• The amended By-Laws of the Club were approved at the May meeting of the Board of Trustees. Before they become final, they must be approved by the general membership at the June meeting. They can be viewed at the Club's website at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome>

• BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.

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586-6009 Eddie Manthos

**WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP:** The Club is sponsoring four youth to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp are July 18-24 for girls and July 25-31 for boys. A 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 **IMMEDIATELY** to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until four eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper(s) to and from Anacortes. The Washington State Conservation Camp is a great camp and the kids learn about the outdoors, survival, conservation, habitat and really enjoy themselves.

department of the local Wholesale Sports store. His topic was very timely, local walleye fishing techniques and strategies. Dave is a Tri-Cities native, attended local schools and participated in athletics. He fishes for bass and walleye, his favorite, and has participated in local tournaments. He is the owner and sole operator of his guiding business and is sponsored by several fishing companies including G. Loomis rods and Wholesale Sports. Walleye range, water conditions, walleye size and vision (eyes are very sensitive to bright light) were some of the fishing variables discussed. The Washington State walleye record is 19 pounds 3 ounces. Some of the walleye preferred foods are perch, salmon or steelhead smolt and crayfish. Dave discussed environmental conditions such as light conditions, water clarity, wind, moon phases and night fishing that effect walleye fishing. Dave stated that he prefers braided line and uses the Palomar knot because of the walleye's hard mouth; he also showed the rod/reel combinations that he prefers and uses. Pre spawn (mid May to mid June), post spawn and summer pattern condition fishing techniques were discussed in detail.

- At the end of his presentation Dave announced a special discount to RR&GC members: Cost of a full day guided walleye trip for three persons is \$125.00 per person and for a half day guided trip for four persons is \$80.00 per person. He can be contacted at 509-521-8620 or at heddenswspportfish@hotmail.com.

- Raffle drawing winners were: Barry Lawrence who selected a rigged walleye spinning rod and reel with a walleye kit and walleye rigs, Dave Miller won a rigged fly rod and reel with pack and goodies and a fly fisherman's landing net and also won a rigged Mity-Might rod and reel, Fay Lyon won a 'Dry Box', Richard Krenkla a Dutch Oven, Ivan Metcalf a propane gas lantern, John Prather a multi level clear plastic tackle box, Bill Lambert a boat water-wind sock, Dale Brown a fish filet clamp and board, Jim Cartmell a folding fish knife, Gerald Hays a Pheasants Forever pocket knife donated by Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever and the Limits Game Farm, and Paul Kison won an ice chest.

**SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS AND KIDS! FISH-IN 2010:** A very successful fishing event for Special Needs youth was held Friday evening, April 30 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Fishing Pond in Columbia Park. At least 150 youth participated, their ages varied from about three years to 35 years. They were given a Fishing Kids cap and a 'Cast For Kids' T-shirt, a rigged Zebco rod and reel with bait plus other goodies. The weather was beautiful, but breezy, the stocked trout cooperated and the participants caught their limit almost immediately. Reaction of the Special Needs Youth was spontaneous when they caught a fish, they laughed, cried, jumped up and down and in some cases even hugged and kissed their fishing coach. Many had never caught a fish before. There were many volunteers from the many organizations that made the event a success. Volunteers from the Club were: Bob Kolowith, Bob Gough, Clare Cranston, Paul & Dianna Seuberlich, Richard Sharp, Dave Miller, Al Casebere, Angie Conant, Rick Corson, Mike Estes, Jerry Burke and Myrna Ballard, Dianne and Wade Warrant, Rick Nelson, Eddie & Nancy Manthos, Marilyn Steele, Tammy McMurtrey, Rick Libby, Brian Howald, Eric Nield and Mark Bethman. Other volunteers were Leonard and Beth Northrop, several volunteers from Wholesale Sports, Ken Johanning plus three of Ken's acquaintances, Mark Allen with boating safety displays, Jim Owens and one other person from Cast For Kids & Rick & Karen Armstrong from Eltopia and of course Paul Hoffarth. Many, many more Special Needs Youth participated compared to 2009. This event will be an annual event thanks to the many sponsors that participated.

- The 'Kids! Fish-In' event took place the next day, Saturday, May 1. At least twelve hundred kids between the ages of 5-14 years old registered to participate in the event also held at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond. The weather was not very cooperative, it started out cloudy, cleared up a bit and then turned windy and also rained. For \$5:00 each kid that participated received a Zebco fishing rod and reel with line, hook, sinker, float, bait and a 'Kids! Fish-In' T-shirt. Kennewick Parks and recreation did a fantastic job taking care of registrations and setting up at the park and cleaning up after both days events. The pond had been closed earlier in the week after it had been stocked by the WDFW with about 6,000 rainbow trout including jumbos and triploids. Fishing was great during all the flights, in spite of the weather, and many kids stayed after the end of the last flight and continued fishing. Many came back and fished on Sunday and the following week. There were many volunteers that helped from several organizations. Nursing students from CBC were on hand to take care of any accidents that required First Aid. Many volunteers from various organizations helped. The RR&GC was a major participant. We helped in planning of the event, handed out registration forms at Lunker Lake in January and assembled 1,200 rods before the event. Many Club members, spouses, sons and daughters helped at the event. Club volunteers were Rick Libby, Chris Webb, Jack Pickard, Fred Porter, Paul & Dianna Seuberlich, Dave Myers, Jim Cartmell, Brian Howald, Eric Nield, Mark Bethman & son, & other Wholesale Sports employees, Richard Sharp, Keith Sharp, Gaylord Pyle, Marilyn Steele, Jerry Zeitler, Mike Estes, Rick Nelson, Jerry Burke & Myrna Ballard, Dianne & Wade Warrant, Rich Holten, Bill Lambert, Tammy McMurtrey & others that I may have missed. Leonard Northrop, Keith Sharp, Bill Lambert and *apprentice* Gaylord Pyle worked at the fish cleaning station. Club members Greg Baker, Jerry Burke, Jerry Caprio, Levi Garcia, Lyle Gilk, Bob Gough, Paul Kison, Rick Libby, Eddie & Nancy Manthos, David O'Brien, Gaylord Pyle, Paul & Dianna Seuberlich, Marilyn Steele, Gene Van Liew, Russ Wyer and Rick Nelson assembled rods and reels used at both events. Beth Northrop helped at the T-shirt dispensing station. Other volunteers were Rick & Karen Armstrong from Eltopia, Brad Seabourgh, Fred Riedel and Brad & Julie Fisher. Mark Allen with his boating safety displays, Kie Carpenter from the USACE with a large boat display and Rachel Little from the Benton

Conservation District with a giant salmon also participated,

- Club member Dave Piovesan and members of the Ringold Chapter of Pheasant Forever and Marilyn Steele camped out and patrolled the pond Thursday night to prevent people from fishing for trout stocked that day. Marilyn also camped out and patrolled the pond Friday night and cooked food for those that patrolled both Thursday and Friday evenings. She prepared Pulled Pork dish and Dale Schielke prepared a Dutch oven pheasant-'from Limits Game Farm'-jambalaya dish, rice and peach cobbler for the volunteers at the end of the event.

- Grigg's Shopping center prepared all the signs, donated the spools of ribbon tape used to identify the different flights and supplied some of the baits. Wholesale Sports donated nightcrawlers and other baits used by the kids, stored the unassembled rods and reels at their store and distributed them to Club members who assembled them, supplied canopies for various stations and set up a 'target game' for the kids while they were waiting for their flight to begin. Bruce & Norene Benton cooked hot dogs and passed out all the condiments, drinks and potato chips **donated by Costco**. Tammy McMurtrey arranged for Coca Cola to donate plenty of soft drinks and bottled water for the participants and volunteers and she and other volunteers manned a station that sold hot dogs to participants. Ken Johanning deserves a big hand for again organizing the event. Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist, worked very hard to make the event a success.

**SALMON SUMMIT:** The Salmon Summit event where grade school children release salmon fry raised in their classroom took place Tuesday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 5 (half day) at Columbia Park in Kennewick. Many classrooms participated both days. This was the eighth year that the Summit took place and the second year that students from grade schools in Benton and Franklin Counties participated. The Summit was sponsored and organized by the Benton and Franklin Conservation Districts. There were numerous other sponsors and participants in the event. The Washington Wheat Commission was a major sponsor. Our Club was in charge of the salmon release that took place at the boat launch ramps and at a second upstream site. Salmon fry release was the first and probably most important event that took place both days. The fry and the children traveled to Columbia Park in private cars or school busses. The fry and students from each class/school were left off at the release site where Club members netted the tiny salmon fry from large buckets they were transported in and then placed, one or more, into a plastic or paper cup. The students then walked down to the site and released the fry from their cup into the Columbia River. Reaction of the students as they released the fry was varied; some cried, others laughed, many observed the fry after release until they swam out of view in the clear water and many tried to photograph the fry as they were released. Teachers, parents and news cameramen also were photographing the students as they released the fry. Many of the students had their own cameras or camera phones and photographed each other as the fry were released. The release sites were not as crowded as last year because two sites instead of one were utilized. The weather was cool, partly cloudy and windy both days. Club members and *others* that helped at the fry release were (days worked) Rick Nelson (1), Dave Oakley(1), Ben Webb (1), Chris Webb (2), Paul Seuberlich (2), Eddie Manthos (1), Paul Kison (2), Gene Van Liew (2), Tammy McMurtrey (1), Levi Garcia(1), Jim Reynolds(2), Fred Porter(2), Grover Wolk(1), Ed Darrah(1), Marilyn Steele(2), Jerry Burke(2), *Rick & Karen Armstrong from Eltopia(2) and Christa Ringle(1)*; Bob Kolowith was busy both days as the event photographer.

- After the fish release at the boat ramp, the students participated in many *LEARNING STATIONS* presented by various entities; stretched out almost as far as you could see in the east end of the park. It was a big day for the students and their teachers and they learned a lot and walked a lot. It was an event packed day for them and all the volunteers.

- Rachel Little, the Summit organizer, again did a great job organizing the event. Everything appeared to be on schedule. The Benton and Franklin Conservation Districts and the Washington Wheat Commission deserve a 'Big Thank You' for this event. Rachel and many of the volunteers put in two satisfying, pleasing and tiring days.

**FIRST ANNUAL RR&GC MITY MIGHT DERBY AND POT LUCK:** -Richard Sharp- There were 19 entries at the Saturday May 15 Derby. Blast off time was at 7:20 a.m. The rules and area boundaries were explained by Richard Sharp and the participants left immediately. The first participants to return were Mike Estes and Rick Libby with a good bucket of fish. Jim Cartmell and Larry Martin returned with trout from Power Line Lake and John Cooper, Travis Sharp and Keith Sharp returned with catfish and bass from the Yakima River "Y" and Brandon Sumner had bluegills from Quarry Pond.

- Winner of the biggest fish was Travis Sharp with a 5.10 lb. catfish and a 2.10 lb. bass and a seven fish total with a weight of 17.14 lbs. Second place went to Rick Libby with 14 bass with a total weight of 16.0 lbs., his biggest fish (bass) was 2.4 lbs. Most diversified species winner was Travis Sharp with catfish and bass (most weight). Others in the running were Travis and Keith Sharp and John Cooper each with two species. Other fish were taken by Mike Estes with seven bass at 9.8 lbs. total weight, Jim Cartmell with trout at 3.9 lbs. and Brandon Sumner with bluegill. Fish totals for the Derby were 30.56 lbs. bass, 15.4 lbs. catfish and 3.81 lbs trout and sunfish for a total of 49.75 lbs taken with Mity might rod and reels.

- The fish fry went as planned with Richard Sharp and Dave Myers doing the frying, numerous other dishes were brought to the potluck by the participants. There was plenty of food and drinks and a great time was had by all. Coffee and cookies were provided by LaNae Sharp. Special thanks to Greg Baker for helping with the setup design and photos for the weigh-in with Paul Hoffarth assisting. Tammy McMurtrey and Marilyn Steele provided the biscuits and gravy breakfast and drinks with



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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JULY GENERAL MEETING - THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES - July 21, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)

ALLIED ARTS "ART IN THE PARK 2010" SALMON BOOTH - July 23 & 24

RR&GC ANNUALS PICNIC - Tuesday, August 3 - 6:00 P.M. AT SOUTH LESLIE GROVES PARK

### JULY GENERAL MEETING

- There will be no General Meeting in July or August. The July meeting is being replaced by the Arts in The Park Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth on July 23 and 24 (see the article below for more information about the Salmon Booth). The August meeting will be replaced by the Club's annual picnic/salmon barbecue on Tuesday, August 3 (see the article below.)

**JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** - The meeting was opened by Club president Marilyn Steele at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. After the Club Pledge, several visitors introduced themselves. Marilyn introduced Rachel Little from Benton Conservation District who described a project to remove Water Stargrass from selected regions of the Yakima River July 24 and 25. Volunteers will be needed to work in the water and on the shoreline during the removal process. Unfortunately the Club will be heavily involved in the Art In The Park Salmon Booth on July 23 and 24. A sign up sheet was passed around for Stargrass Removal volunteers. Rachel said that if a second, later Stargrass project takes place she will notify the Club. (Because of the unusually heavy spring rains, the July 23-24 project was cancelled and will be rescheduled). She also thanked the Club volunteers that participated in the May 4 and 5 Salmon Summit at Columbia Park. Announcements were made by Marilyn Steele, Eddie Manthos, Lyle Gilk, Gene Van Liew, Dale Schielke, Russ Wyer, Clare Cranston, Richard Sharp, Jeff Rampon and Dave Myers. Gene Van Liew reported that many students participated in the very successful Salmon Summit. Many volunteers from different organizations helped and the students participated in many exhibits/learning stations scattered throughout the park from different entities. Russ Wyer reported that three new recipes from the 2010 Wild Game Dinner menu are now on the Club's Northwest Game Recipes web site. Dale Schielke said that many volunteers are needed for the July 23 and 24 Art In The Park Salmon Booth (more info later in this Newsletter). Dale also reported that the ALEA grant application for the building and installation of Wood Duck Nesting Boxes has been accepted. Clare Cranston described the successful May 22 Women & Youth Introduction to Firearms Event. Richard Sharp described the First Annual *Mity Might* Derby and Pot Luck that took place May 15. He also described the evenings' raffle prizes.

Vice President and Program Chairman Gaylord Pyle introduced the Tip of The Month Speaker, Dave Myers who demonstrated how to tie and use the 'Monkey Fist Knot.'

• After a short break, Gaylord Pyle introduced Richard Sharp who discussed Catfish fishing and started out by announcing that he brought samples of Smoked Channel Catfish available at the back of the meeting room. He stated that he started

### 2009-2010 DUCK BANDS

Name	Where Harvested	Date	Information
Mike Estes		10-18-2009	Green-wing Teal hen, Hatched in 2008 or earlier, banded 8/18/2009, 35 miles WNW of Anchorage, AK
Mike Estes		1-8-2010	Mallard drake, Hatched in 2006 or earlier, banded 11 miles south of Harrah, Washington.
Dave Miller	On Columbia River by Indian Island	1-23-10	Goose Band #0958-78637
Dave Miller	Snake River across from Fishhook Park	1-28-10	Duck Band #1837-69211

catfishing when he was five years old in the Palouse River. There are three species of catfish in the Tri-Cities area: Channel Cat, Blue Cat and Flathead. In Washington State catfish can be harvested year round, there is no minimum size, or limit in rivers and a limit of five in lakes with only one fish greater than 25 inches in length. He also pointed out that catfish tend to school up. Bank fishing and float fishing and the type of tackle and baits used were discussed. He does not like *stink* baits and went into a lot of detail describing bait preparation. Several types of rigging that he uses were shown and discussed. Richard said that he uses, depending on his fishing technique, four different types of hooks when catfishing: Kahle, Octopus, Circle and Bait Holder. There were many questions and a lot of discussion at the end of his presentation. Richard once again put on a very interesting and educational presentation especially for beginning catfishers.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Leo Pfeifer who selected a medium fast catfish rigged *drift* spinning rod and reel with a Richard Sharp selected kit of goodies, Clare Cranston selected an ice chest, Gerald Caprio selected a metal detector, Jeff Rampon selected a 12 MP Kodak digital camera, Dan Sevcik picked the catfish rigged spinning *bank fishing* rod and reel with a Richard Sharp selected kit of goodies, Marilyn Steele picked a 6-gallon shop vacuum cleaner, Larry Brackenbush picked a Cobra radar detector, Dan Charboneau picked a magnum machete with a knife edge on one side and saw tooth edge on the other side, Tim Irvin picked a gun shooters case and also two bags of charcoal briquets and Gaylord Pyle selected a Pheasants Forever pocket knife donated by Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever and the Limits Game Farm.

**KENNEWICK ELKS LODGE IS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILY OR WORK EVENTS:** If you or your family needs to rent the Elk Lodge for a family or work event, call Brian Fitzpatrick at 521-3759. Make sure to mention the Richland Rod and Gun Club when you call.

#### **CUSTOM EAR PROTECTION:**

On Saturday, July 10 from 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. a representative of *Custom Protect Ear* will be at the Shotgun Area of Rattlesnake Shooting Facility to demonstrate, answer questions, and take ear molds for those who would like to order a pair of their custom fit ear plugs. What I know about the product is from the sales rep. and their website. I also know a couple of guys here in the Tri-Cities that use them, and they say that they are light, comfortable to wear, and do a good job of filtering out loud noise while still allowing you to have a conversation. The technician will take a mold of your ear canal while they are here. The plugs will then be made in their lab from the mold taken of your ear and shipped to you. I personally have been looking for a pair of inner ear plugs I can use for hunting and shooting and haven't wanted to pay the price for the electronic inner ear models. The group price quoted me is \$110.00 per pair, which is a \$40.00 savings from the single purchase price. If you are interested in the plugs, you can review them on the Custom Protect Ear website at [www.protectear.com](http://www.protectear.com). Review the website and check around. If these might interest you give me a call so I have an approximate head count and then plan on being at the range on the 10th. (Information from Jeff Rampon Chairman Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited, TCSA Member, 308-6124)

**SALMON BOOTH 2010:** - The Allied Arts 'Art in the Park 2010 Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 23 & 24 at the usual location in Howard Amon Park in Richland. The Richland Rod & Gun Club will have the lead this year. The application to participate in the event has been accepted. This is the main money raising project of both Clubs (the RR&GC & The Flycasters) for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday, July 22 from 5:30-8:00 P.M.. The booth will operate from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24. Shifts will be 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M., 1:00-5:00 P.M. and 5:00-9:00 PM both days with tear-down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00 PM. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/09, will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee 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 or Howard Gardner at 943-9084. 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 that has not expired. If you desire to obtain a Health Card, the Health Department offers classes during the day and in the evenings at their location in Kennewick. Please contact them to register for the class at 509-582-7761. All workers are urged to attend. Health Card and testing cost is \$10, payable by cash or money order only. The Club will reimburse the fee if you obtain a Health Card.

**RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC:** The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 3 starting at 6:00 P.M. at South Leslie Groves Park. (Leslie Grove 1), members of the Columbia Basin Flycasters will be joining us. For \$3.00 per person, (\$1.00 for children 12 and under) the Club will provide **Alder Smoked Salmon**, beverages and

condiments such as tartar sauce, lemon juice, butter etc. Attendees/each family should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for your dish. If your family name starts with **Q through Z bring a side dish, A through J bring a salad, and K through P bring a dessert.** 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 children's play area, rest rooms, shade trees and wading pool. There will 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.

**WOMEN & YOUTH INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS:** The event took place Saturday, May 22 from 8:00AM to 2:00PM at the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Assn. (TCMSA) Range. It was open to women and youth 10 years of age and older. Firearms, ammunition & safety equipment were supplied. Sponsors were the TCMSA and the Richland Rod & Gun Club. Thirty participants showed up and after a safety orientation/discussion were able to shoot sidearms, shotguns, rim fire and center rifles and muzzle loading rifles and shotguns. A lot of ammunition, targets and clay pigeons were consumed. Some had never fired or even held a gun before. Mothers came with their daughter(s) or son(s). They were all enthusiastic and very appreciative. Some also signed up for the Hunter Education classes at Griggs. The Silhouette Club was the main sponsor. Clare Cranston from the RR&GC was heavily involved in planning of the event and the Club was a financial sponsor. A total of twenty volunteers helped at the event including Marilyn Steele who prepared snacks for the volunteers,

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - Clare Cranston and Don Board.

- Hunter Education classes are scheduled to start July 5, August 9, September 6 and October 11.
- All class registration is at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 p.m. over two weeks with a Saturday on the range
- ▼ Paradigm classes will take place September 4 and November 6.
- Paradigm Classes are one (1) day, open to students 16 or older. Students must study at home prior to class and pass the knowledge test upon arrival.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were two very good entries for the June contest. Roger Stringer entered a photo of himself with two beautiful Spring Chinook Salmon he caught at Ringold May 20, 2010. He was plunking with a Corkie, cut herring and a filet of raw tuna. One fish weighed 25 lb. and the other 15 lb. Mike Estes entered a photo of Gaylord Pyle and guide Dave Heddon, the May General Meeting speaker. They are holding a Columbia River Walleye caught June 6, 2010. Mike was declared the winner and will win five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting Raffle. Both photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>

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**GREENWING DAY DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:**

● A duck banding events will take place at the MCNARY Wildlife Refuge Education Center on Saturday, August 7 starting at 8:00 A.M.. The event is also the Education Center's August Second Saturday Event. All youth 17 years of age and under including Ducks Unlimited Greenwings and RR&GC youth are invited and encouraged to attend, bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews they will have a ball. They will be able to hold a duck while it is being banded and then take it down to the water's edge and release it and watch it fly or swim away. The banding and other events are being sponsored/organized by the

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In the eastern survey area (northeastern United States and eastern Canada), the population estimate for mergansers was 386,000, 15 percent below the 2009 estimate and 14 percent below the 1990-2009 average.

American black duck populations were similar to the 2009 estimate but 7 percent below the long-term average of 479,000.

All other duck population estimates in the eastern survey area were similar to the 2009 estimates and the 1990-2009 average.

● Habitat conditions during the 2010 Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey were characterized by average to below-average moisture and a mild winter and early spring across the entire traditional (including the northern locations) and eastern survey areas. Conditions across the Canadian prairies were similar to 2009. Portions of southern Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba improved, but a large area along the Alberta and Saskatchewan border remained dry and moisture levels in portions of Manitoba declined from last year.

● The 2010 estimate of ponds in Prairie Canada was 3.7 million. This was similar to last year's estimate (3.6 million) and to the 1955-2009 average (3.4 million). Wetland numbers and conditions remained excellent in the eastern U.S. prairies, but habitat conditions were poorer through the western Dakotas and Montana.

● The 2010 pond estimate for the north-central U.S. overall was 2.9 million, which was similar to last year's estimate (2.9 million) and 87 percent above the long-term average (1.6 million). Fall and winter precipitation in the eastern Dakotas generally improved the good habitat conditions already present. However, wetland habitats in the western Dakotas and Montana were not recharged, resulting in poorer conditions than in 2009, at the time of the survey.

● The annual survey guides the Service's waterfowl conservation programs under authority of the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The Service works in partnership with state biologists from the four flyways – the Atlantic, Mississippi, Central and Pacific – to establish regulatory frameworks for waterfowl hunting season lengths, dates, and bag limits. The entire "Trends in Duck Breeding Populations, 1955-2010" report can be downloaded from the Service's Web site at

<http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/NewReportsPublications/PopulationStatus/Trends/TrendReport2010.pdf>

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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING - THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, August 17, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES - August 21, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)

RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC - Tuesday, August 3 - 6:00 P.M. AT SOUTH LESLIE GROVES PARK

### AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

● There will be no General Meeting in July or August. The July meeting was replaced by the Arts in The Park Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth. The August meeting will be replaced by the Club's annual picnic/salmon barbecue on Tuesday, August 3 (see the article below.)

**JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** - The meeting was opened by Club president Marilyn Steele at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. After the Club Pledge, several visitors introduced themselves. Marilyn introduced Rachel Little from Benton Conservation District who described a project to remove Water Stargrass from selected regions of the Yakima River July 24 and 25. Volunteers will be needed to work in the water and on the shoreline during the removal process. Unfortunately the Club will be heavily involved in the Art In The Park Salmon Booth on July 23 and 24. A sign up sheet was passed around for Stargrass Removal volunteers. Rachel said that if a second, later Stargrass project takes place she will notify the Club. (Because of the unusually heavy spring rains, the July 23-24 project was cancelled and will be rescheduled). She also thanked the Club volunteers that participated in the May 4 and 5 Salmon Summit at Columbia Park. Announcements were made by Marilyn Steele, Eddie Manthos, Lyle Gilk, Gene Van Liew, Dale Schielke, Russ Wyer, Clare Cranston, Richard Sharp, Jeff Rampon and Dave Myers. Gene Van Liew reported that many students participated in the very successful Salmon Summit. Many volunteers from different organizations helped and the students participated in many exhibits/learning stations scattered throughout the park from different entities. Russ Wyer reported that three new recipes from the 2010 Wild Game Dinner menu are now on the Club's Northwest Game Recipes web site. Dale Schielke said that many volunteers are needed for the July 23 and 24 Art In The Park Salmon Booth (more info later in this Newsletter). Dale also reported that the ALEA grant application for the building and installation of Wood Duck Nesting Boxes has been accepted. Clare Cranston described the successful May 22 Women & Youth Introduction to Firearms Event. Richard Sharp described the First Annual *Mity Might* Derby and Pot Luck that took place May 15. He also described the evenings' raffle prizes.

● Vice President and Program Chairman Gaylord Pyle introduced the Tip of The Month Speaker, Dave Myers who demonstrated how to tie and use the 'Monkey Fist Knot.'

● After a short break, Gaylord Pyle introduced Richard Sharp who discussed Catfish fishing and started out by announcing that he brought samples of Smoked Channel Catfish available at the back of the meeting room. He stated that he started catfishing when he was five years old in the Palouse River. There are three species of catfish in the Tri-Cities area: Channel Cat, Blue Cat and Flathead. In Washington State catfish can be harvested year round, there is no minimum size, or limit in

rivers and a limit of five in lakes with only one fish greater than 25 inches in length. He also pointed out that catfish tend to school up. Bank fishing and float fishing and the type of tackle and baits used were discussed. He does not like *stink* baits and went into a lot of detail describing bait preparation. Several types of rigging that he uses were shown and discussed. Richard said that he uses, depending on his fishing technique, four different types of hooks when catfishing: Kahle, Octopus, Circle and Bait Holder. There were many questions and a lot of discussion at the end of his presentation. Richard once again put on a very interesting and educational presentation especially for beginning catfishers.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Leo Pfeifer who selected a medium fast catfish rigged *drift* spinning rod and reel with a Richard Sharp selected kit of goodies, Clare Cranston selected an ice chest, Gerald Caprio selected a metal detector, Jeff Rampon selected a 12 MP Kodak digital camera, Dan Sevcik picked the catfish rigged spinning *bank fishing* rod and reel with a Richard Sharp selected kit of goodies, Marilyn Steele picked a 6-gallon shop vacuum cleaner, Larry Brackenbush picked a Cobra radar detector, Dan Charboneau picked a magnum machete with a knife edge on one side and saw tooth edge on the other side, Tim Irvin picked a gun shooters case and also two bags of charcoal briquets and Gaylord Pyle selected a Pheasants Forever pocket knife donated by Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever and the Limits Game Farm.

**KENNEWICK ELKS LODGE IS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILY OR WORK EVENTS:** If you or your family needs to rent the Elk Lodge for a family or work event, call Brian Fitzpatrick at 521-3759. Make sure to mention the Richland Rod and Gun Club when you call.

**RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC:** The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held Tuesday, August 3 starting at 6:00 P.M. at South Leslie Groves Park. (Leslie Grove 1), members of the Columbia Basin Flycasters will be joining us. For \$3.00 per person, (\$1.00 for children 12 and under) the Club will provide **Alder Smoked Salmon**, beverages and condiments such as tartar sauce, lemon juice, butter etc. Attendees/each family should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for your dish. If your family name starts with **Q through Z bring a side dish, A through J bring a salad, and K through P bring a dessert.** 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 children's play area, rest rooms, shade trees and wading pool. There will 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. Cash 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.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - Clare Cranston and Don Board.

- Hunter Education classes are scheduled to start August 9, September 6 and October 11.
- All class registration is at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 p.m. over two weeks with a Saturday on the range
- Paradigm classes will take place September 4 and November 6.
- Paradigm Classes are one (1) day, open to students 16 or older. Students must study at home prior to class and pass the knowledge test upon arrival.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There was only one entry and the winner for the July contest. Jack Pickard entered a photograph of Chris Webb with a Smallmouth Bass Chris caught June 30, 2010 off the man-made islands on the Columbia River by Finley. Jack will win five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting Raffle. The photo can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>.

**GREENWING DAY DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:**

● A duck banding event will take place at the McNary Wildlife Refuge Education Center on Saturday, August 14 starting at 8:00 A.M.. The event is also the Education Center's August Second Saturday Event. All youth 17 years of age and under including Ducks Unlimited Greenwings and RR&GC youth are invited and encouraged to attend, bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews they will have a ball. They will be able to hold a duck while it is being banded and then take it down to the water, release it and watch it fly or swim away. The banding and other events are being sponsored/organized by the USFWS/McNary

National Wildlife Refuge, the Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited chapter, Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club and the RR&GC.

● Address of the Education Center is 311 Lake Road in Burbank. To access the Education Center, cross the Snake River Bridge on Hwy. 12, turn left at the stoplight at US-12 and SR-124 toward Ice Harbor Dam. Proceed one mile to the Burbank Fire station. Turn right and follow Lake Road across the pond and turn into parking lots at the sign. In addition to helping install bands on ducks that were trapped earlier, the youth will learn about the migratory habits of a waterfowl and the importance of banding in waterfowl research and management from Refuge staff.

● Among the other events that will take place that day are: waterfowl ID by Steve Kidney, Wood Duck box demonstration and building by Dale Schielke, duck and goose calling demonstration, water dog retriever demonstrations by Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club and hunter safety/hunter ethics & firearms display by Lyle Gilk. This will be an educational and fun project for young and old. It is a great opportunity for youth to learn about waterfowl and waterfowl banding. You will also have the opportunity to inspect the new Education Center facility. Don't miss out, be there at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 14.

**YAKIMA RIVER WATER STARGRASS REMOVAL:** The Water Stargrass removal project organized by Rachel Little of the Benton County Conservation District is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 31. Tentative plans are for volunteers to meet at the Benton City Yakima River boat launch at 9:00 A.M.. For more information and details contact Rachel Little at 736-6000 or Cell phone number 509-832-1329.

**WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP:** The Club sponsored two youth, a girl and a boy, to the Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island, [www.washingtonconservationcamp.org](http://www.washingtonconservationcamp.org). Erin Cherwien attended girls camp July 18-24 for and Orvin Drobny attended boys camp July 25-31.

**OUTDOOR VENUE BOOTH AT BEN FRANKLIN FAIR:** There will be an Outdoor Venue Booth at the Ben Franklin Fair this year. Wednesday August 25. Dale Schielke will be set up to allow youth to fabricate Wood Duck nesting boxes and see the results of nesting boxes installed earlier. He will need help that day from volunteers helping build the boxes and answering questions about the Richland Rod and Gun Club. The Fair will run from August 24 to August 28. Volunteers may also be needed other days to help man the booth. If you would like to volunteer, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183 or Marilyn Steele at 392-2128.

**2010 DUCK BREEDING POPULATION ESTIMATES RELEASED :** (Excerpted from a USFWS news release)

The 2010 preliminary estimate of the total duck population from the traditional survey area of the Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey is 40.9 million birds. It is similar to last year's estimate of 42 million birds and is 21 percent above the long-term average.

● The report summarizes information about the status of duck populations and wetland habitats during the spring of 2010, focus is on areas encompassed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) and Canadian Wildlife Services' (CWS) Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey. The Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey samples more than two million square miles of waterfowl habitat across the north-central and northeastern United States, south-central, eastern, and northern Canada, and Alaska. The survey estimates the number of ducks on the continent's primary nesting grounds.

● Highlights from the survey in the north-central United States, south-central and northern Canada, and Alaska (the traditional survey area) include:

- Estimated mallard abundance was 8.4 million birds, which was similar to the 2009 estimate of 8.5 million birds and 12 percent above the long-term (1955-2009) average;
- Estimated abundance of American wigeon (2.4 million) was similar to 2009 and to the long-term average;
- Gadwall estimated abundance (3 million) was similar to 2009 and 67 percent greater than the long-term average;
- The estimated abundance of green-winged teal was 3.5 million, which was similar to the 2009 estimate and 78 percent above their long-term average of 1.9 million;
- Blue-winged teal estimated abundance was 6.3 million, which was 14 percent below the 2009 estimate, but 36 percent above the long-term average of 4.7 million;
- Estimates of northern shovelers (4.1 million) and redheads (1.1 million) were similar to 2009 and were 76 percent and 63 percent above long-term averages;
- The northern pintail estimate of 3.5 million was similar to the 2009 estimate and 13 percent below the long-term average of 4 million;
- The canvasback estimate of 0.6 million was similar to the 2009 estimate and to the long-term average;
- The combined (lesser and greater) scaup estimate of 4.2 million was similar to that of 2009 and 16 percent below the long-term average of 5.1 million.



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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES - September 21, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)

### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The September meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 7 at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm)
- The speaker will be Dave Hedden from Hedden's Northwest Sportfishing, LLC. He is a licensed fishing guide and USCG certified. He specializes in salmon, steelhead, walleye, sturgeon and bass fishing and he guides on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, Potholes Reservoir, Moses Lake and other waters. He is also employed in the fishing department of the local Wholesale Sports store. His topic is very timely - **Salmon Fishing on the Columbia River**. The salmon season on the Columbia River from the highway 395 bridge to Priest Rapids Dam is open from August 1 to October 22 (see *Washington Sportfishing Rules Pamphlet* for restrictions). Show up early at the meeting to get a front row seat.
- Erin Cherwien, one of the two youth that attended the Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island will be present and relate her Camp experiences.
- The Tip of The Month Speaker will be Alex Templeton, a candidate for Benton County District Court Judge. He is a hunter and will discuss firearms rights and the Second Amendment.
- Richard Sharp should have a good selection of raffle prizes for this the first meeting after the summer break. There will probably be at least one 'rod, reel and lure package' in the selections.

**SALMON BOOTH 2010:** Dale Schielke & Howard Gardner. - In its 25th year, the Salmon Booth in the Art in the Park Show was successfully operated under the Banner of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. This year the profit was \$5400 to be shared equally by our Club and the Columbia Basin Fly Casters. "The Salmon Sandwich," in its 12th year, continues to be a good seller with about 678 being sold this year. A total of 400 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as sandwiches/dinners with some whole fillets sold toward the end. This year, Lyle Gilk arranged for the Club to marinate and store the salmon at the Knights of Columbus facility in Richland. This worked out exceedingly well and we got the work done in record time. A special thanks to Everett Weakley for opening the facility at critical times for our use.

• Activities associated with the Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to the following great group of volunteers which includes members of both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and the Columbia Basin Fly Casters: Don and Chris Barnes, Ben Webb, Jerry Zeitler, John Pfeiffer(2), Harold Heacock, Eddie Manthos, Paul Kison(2), Rich Holten, Ev Weakley(2), Dale

**LONGEST FEATHER CONTEST:** - Richard Sharp has organized a 'Longest Feather Contest' that was endorsed by the Club's Board of Directors at the August Board Meeting. Details are shown below:  
**Species:** Ring neck Pheasant, Cost: \$5.00 (Entry for Club members), Feathers to be measured for the contest:  
**Release Bird (Banded)-** Longest primary flight feather on wing. **Wild Bird (Non banded) -** Longest tail feather.  
**Dates:** Youth - September 25-26, 2010, General season-October- 23, 2010-January 17, 2011  
**Rules:** 1. Honor System 2. Submit as many entries as applicable. 3. Birds must be shot during 2010-2011 seasons.  
4. Judges ruling is final!! 5. Feathers will be measured at General and Board Meetings.  
**Other Rules:** If there is a tie, the Winners will be decided with the flip of a coin at the February General Meeting.  
The value of the prizes will be determined by the number of entries. GOOD LUCK!  
Entry Forms will be available at the September General Meeting.

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!!:** The hunting season is starting soon and it will be time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held in March of 2011. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts and steaks are desired. Halibut, Steelhead and Salmon are also needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap (the diagram is shown on the Club's web site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45 ° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just

above the sirloin tip roast. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (**NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE**). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing!

Schielke(7), Jack Pickard, Jeff and Margaret Fulks, Bob Kolowith(2), Marilyn Steele, Jerry Caprio, Rick Libby, Russ Wyer, Dan Edwards, Mike McWethy(3), Terral Finger(2), Sue Kreid, Clint and Margie Worcester, Jim Reynolds(2), Paul Seuberlich(2), David O'Brien, Gene Woodruff, Lyle Gilk(2), Gene Van Liew(2), Larry Martin, Tom Logan, Wally and Mary Jane Sheely, Fred Porter, Bob and Sharon Zinsli, David Myers, Bob Gough(3), Roger Stringer, Jay Rheis, John Mucha, Greg Baker, Ted(2) and Kathy Poston, Lou LaDouceur, Alan Darnell(2), Mike Evans(3), Jim Saunders(2), Ellen Bentley, Ed Darrah, Larry Worden, John Kadinger, Levi Garcia, Rick Mares, Paul Gaither, Randall Zinnel, Ron Reed, Rocky Ross, Ron Claghorn, Lloyd Zinsli, Jim Loomis, Margaret Gass, Jerry Bloom and Howard Gardner(5). The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered.

- A special thanks to Dale Schielke for coordinating the tough job of solicitation of volunteer workers for the Booth, purchasing supplies and also for management of the Booth. Also, to Howard Gardner for purchasing supplies and co-chairing the Booth. Also, a special thanks to John Pfeiffer for again managing booth setup, tear down and storage, no small task. We again received a clean bill of health from the Benton-Franklin District Health Dept. for our operation of the cooking and serving activity associated with the Booth. Our extra effort in temperature control and cleanliness pays off. We continue to get many compliments on the dinners/sandwiches and many customers come down year after year for the delicious salmon. Next year the Columbia Basin Fly Casters will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers.

- Also, many thanks again to Dale Schielke and Howard Gardner for co-chairing the event, organizing it, taking care of all the paperwork, purchasing the groceries and supplies, and being present at every shift. If it wasn't for them the event would not be as successful as it has been every year.

**2010 DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:** Over seventy-five youth, their parents and others attended the Greenwing duck banding event at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday, August 14. It was estimated that 150 people, including the youth, were present, probably the largest group that has attended the Education Center.

- This year a *Greenwing Passport* was issued to each youth as they arrived. It listed nine different stations/events that each youth could participate in. The stations were: 1. Duck Banding, 2. Wood Duck Nest boxes, 3. Gun Safety, 4. Waterfowl Identification, 5. Retriever Demonstration, 6. Pond Life Identification, 7. Duck/Goose Calls, 8. Native American Decoy Demonstration and 9. Taxidermy. As each youth participated in a station, their passport was stamped with a stamp specific to that station. Twenty-five of the Passports were specially marked on the back and each youth with a marked card was given a \$5.00 *Gift Card* that they could redeem at the Grigg's Shopping Center. A big Thank You to Grigg's for their donation of the twenty-five \$5.00 gift cards.

- Twenty-seven ducks had been trapped earlier by the FWS and the youth helped band them. An FWS Biologist explained why ducks are banded and the information obtained from banding. After banding, each duck was taken to the pond edge and released. There were so many youth crowded around the FWS staff that it was difficult to get close enough to see the youth holding a duck or take a photograph. Fortunately there were plenty of McNary personnel to help and also Friends of Mid-Columbia NWR Complex volunteers to greet the visitors and direct the traffic.

- After the ducks were banded the visitors broke into groups and visited the other eight stations.

- Club member Lyle Gilk had a Hunter Safety display including safety brochures and a display of many rifles, shotguns and sidearms many of which were collectors items. Needless to say he was kept very busy answering questions from the youth and their parents.

- Club and DU member Dale Schielke had a wood duck nesting box display along with instructions for building and installing the nesting boxes plus other information. He also had a duck box that had been installed on the Refuge and removed and opened up so that the youth could see the interior and observe Wood Duck membranes and unhatched eggs in the box. The youth were invited to help in the construction of new nesting boxes from precut parts. A total of five boxes were fabricated. Each of the youth that participated was able to write their name on the inside of the last panel installed on their nesting box.

- Dale was honored by Washington Ducks Unlimited with a 2010 Bronze Mallard Award plaque in appreciation of his Wood Duck nesting boxes building, installation, inspections and for involving youth in the building, installation and inspection of boxes. Congratulations Dale you have put in a lot of work and time on this project!

- Club and DU members Jeff Rampon and John Pfeiffer and DU member Eric Bickel and their water dogs put on a fantastic demonstration for the youth and their parents.

- DU members John O'Leary and his son put on very good duck and goose calling demonstrations and some of the youth were able to try their hand at calling.

- DU member Craig Lewis exhibited his taxidermy skills in the Education Center by preparing several mounted ducks from duck skins donated by DU members. He held his audience spellbound as they watched him putting together the mounts. The kids were almost hypnotized as they watched. They asked and he answered a lot of questions.

- The Pond Life demonstration exhibit was equipped with eight microscopes where kids could observe the microscopic critters in the pond water. Several FWS staff were present to help the kids.

- The Waterfowl Identification exhibit was staffed with several Friends of Mid-Columbia NWR Complex volunteers. They explained how to identify flying or at rest ducks and gave out descriptive identification literature.

- The Native American Decoy demonstration was put on by Friends of Mid-Columbia NWR Complex volunteer Greg Greger. Greg showed and demonstrated decoys made from dried rushes and showed how he makes them.

- DU members Mike Mineer and Eric Bickel dispensed the liquid refreshments and snacks supplied by the Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited chapter. Mike passed out a *Greenwing Passport* to each youth and redeemed the marked ones after they were filled out. He also answered lot of questions from the youth and others.

- It was a beautiful day, there were many youth that learned about wildfowl and the event surpassed the expectations of everyone.

**RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC:** The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic was held Tuesday, August 3. About 117 people from the RR&GC, Columbia Basin Flycasters and guests attended. The weather was beautiful but hot. The alder smoked salmon and chicken breasts, prepared by Dale Schielke were great and served as soon as they were ready. Gaylord Pyle served generous portions and there was enough, plus more, for everyone. The pot luck side dishes, salads and desserts were again excellent and plentiful. Left over cooked salmon filets and chicken were sold to the picnickers. Greg Baker and Marilyn Steele organized and set up the game competitions that went on during the picnic. Liar's contest winners were: First Place (Biggest Liar-\$30 gift certificate) Larry Martin, Second Place (Bigger Liar-\$20 gift certificate) Susan Baker and Third Place (Big Liar-\$10 gift certificate) Alan Casebere.

**THANK YOU:** To James Kirkelie and Jim Sako for their donations to the Club's Hunter Education program. Mister Kirkelie donated primers, cases, bullets and other loading components. Mister Sako donated a carton of 500 22 L.R. Cartridges. Their donations are greatly appreciated.

**RIFLE SIGHTING-IN DAYS:** You should sight-in your rifle(s) before you go hunting! You can have that opportunity at the TCMSA range off the Pasco Kahlotus Highway from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Sunday September 5 and Saturday September 12. Targets will be provided and volunteers will be available to help at the range. For more information call 783-3120.

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**SEPTEMBER 25 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT:** A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education students will take place on Saturday, September 25 at the Limits Game Farm just North of Mesa, if you can help please call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or Don Board at 586-7157. Club members are welcome and encouraged to come and observe the shoot and see what it is all about.

**CATERED SALMON BARBECUE:** - A catered Salmon BBQ lunch will be held Wednesday, Sept 8, for about 300 Battelle employees at the Battelle complex in Richland. Alder Cooked Salmon and barbecued chicken breasts along with baked beans, bread rolls, coleslaw, condiments and refreshments. Preparations for the event will start at 8:00AM, food will be served about 11:30 A.M. and the event should be over about 1:30 P.M.. If you can help call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, OCTOBER 5

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - October 20, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)

### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

- The October meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 5 at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm)
- The October program will be the 2010 hunting forecasts for big game, upland game and waterfowl. WDFW biologist Mike Livingston will discuss the Region 3 forecasts and also speak about the Region 1 forecasts from information that Pat Fowler from Region 1 supplied him. The Region 2 forecasts will be presented by WDFW biologist Bob Hoenes.
- The Tip of The Month speaker will be Bud Osborne from *Bud's Diver* who will discuss the Jet Diver lure(s) he has developed. Should be an interesting program, both hunting and fishing will be on the agenda. Come early and get a good seat, there should be a lot hunters and fishermen attending.
- Richard Sharp should have a good selection of raffle prizes for the hunter and the fisherman.

### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- The meeting was opened by Club president Marilyn Steele at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. After the Club Pledge, several visitors introduced themselves. Announcements were made by Eddie Manthos, Jack Pickard, Lyle Gilk, Dale Schielke, Clare Cranston, Dave Myers, Howard Gardner, and Richard Sharp who described the evening's raffle prizes. Clare Cranston announced the Hunter Education Students Pheasant Hunt date was changed from September 25 to October 2 because of scheduling conflicts. He also asked that Hunter Education students and/or their families that have participated in the Club's Hunter Education program in the past twenty-five years write up a short description of what effect the class had on the student and submit it to Clare at [shawcran@owt.com](mailto:shawcran@owt.com) or Eddie Manthos at [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).
- Vice President and program Chairman introduced Erin Cherwein one of the two youth, sponsored by the Club, that attended the Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island this year. Erin thanked the Club for sending her to the Conservation camp, she mentioned that the Club sent her brother and sister earlier to the camp. At camp, some of the things she participated in were a seven-mile hike, archery, hunter safety, water safety and survival training where they learned the difference between poisonous and edible plants. There was a campfire every night with a skit night one night and a dress-up day. She said that the food was amazing and that she would like to return next year.

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!!:** The hunting season is starting soon and it will be time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held in March of 2011. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts and steaks are desired. Halibut, Steelhead and Salmon are also needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap (the diagram is shown on the Club's web site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgcclubnews>. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45 ° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing!

**WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX DISPLAY AND FABRICATION AT BEN FRANKLIN FAIR:** Dale Schielke set up a Wood Duck nesting box display at Kid's Day at the Ben Franklin Fair on Wednesday, August 25. The display included nesting boxes, instructions for building and installing the nesting boxes, data on Club installed Wood Duck nesting boxes, and other information. Additionally youth were invited to help in the construction of new nesting boxes from precut parts. A total of eight boxes were fabricated. Each of the youth that participated was able to write their name on the inside of the last panel installed on their nesting box. Five boxes were also built by youth at the Greenwing duck banding event at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday, August 14.

- Gaylord introduced Alex Ekstrom a local federal prosecutor for gun, drugs and illegal entry crimes. He is a candidate for the Benton County District Court Judge, Position Three. He discussed the Second Amendment to the Constitution and the individuals right to possess firearms. An outline of the Supreme Court's decisions in the District of Columbia v Heller and the McDonald v. City of Chicago was passed out. Mr. Ekstrom discussed, point by point, what transpired, in the Heller case. Why the suit was filed, what happened in the courts after the suit was filed, the majority opinion of the Supreme Courts' Justices and what in the Second Amendment the opinion was based on and the final decision. The McDonald/Chicago case was essentially the same as the Heller case and the decision was similar. Mr. Ekstrom did a very good job explaining the two cases and the Second Amendment. I'm sure that we learned a lot more about the Second Amendment and firearm rights. We appreciate the time he took to come to the Club and speak to us.

- After a short break, Gaylord introduced the speaker of the evening, Dave Hedden from Hedden's Northwest Sportfishing, LLC. He is a licensed fishing guide and USCG certified. Salmon, Steelhead, walleye, sturgeon and bass fishing are his specialty and he guides on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, Potholes Reservoir, Moses Lake and other waters. He is also employed in the fishing department of the local Wholesale Sports store. His topic was Columbia River Salmon Fishing. He started out by explaining that fishing for fall Chinook Salmon is different from fishing for Spring Chinook. Fall Chinook are found in deeper water than Spring Chinook, probably because fall water temperatures are higher than spring water temperatures. Fishing in the Tri-Cities region starts in early September. An interesting statistic that he shared was: Chinook travel from the Bonneville Dam to the Dalles in 2 to 3 days, from the Dalles to John Day in 2 to 3 days and from John Day to McNary Dam in 3 to 4 days. Chinook tend to congregate in holes, seams and run lanes. A good depth finder is a necessity for locating Chinook. He does not recommend anchoring a boat and still fishing. Good spots to fish for Chinook are the mouth of the Yakima River, the 300 area, Ringold, the 31 mile marker and the Hanford *Wooden Power Lines*. Dave believes that salmon can smell, he uses *Joy*, *Crest Toothpaste* or *ppm* to clean his lures. He wears gloves while preparing his baits and prevents the odor of gasoline, cigarette smoke, chewing tobacco or fried chicken from contacting his rigging, lures and baits. Surface activity of Chinooks is a good way to locate Chinook. However, they are usually not interested in biting at that time. He prefers 8' 6" or 12' heavy or extra heavy rods with medium fast tapers such as G Loomis SAR 1084 or SAR 1265 rods and Beckley 9' X. or 10' X. rods. He likes Okuma level wind 150-200 yd reels. A line counter on the reel is very desirable. He likes 20-25 lb. monofilament lines or 50-65 lb. braided line. He described the different types of lures and rigging methods he likes. He uses down riggers with a flasher and really cut plug. He also uses a 11" Super Flasher and Super bait Plug. He likes K-15 and K-16 Kwik Fish with a sardine or herring wrap tuned to run straight. He does add scent to the wraps. Popular Kwik Fish colors are Double Trouble, Fickle Pickle Pink Pearl or Grinch. He uses quality eggs that he purchases and brines himself with Brine n Bite or Bait Brite and ½ to 1 cup extra Kosher salt. He believes that eggs can be a good bait later in the year. He gave out a lot of information and showed the different equipment, lures, riggings and paraphernalia that he uses. There were a lot of questions and lots of answers. Price of a guided trip with all tackle etc. provided is \$150 per person for an eight-hour trip. Dave can be contacted at 509-521-8620 or at heddensnwsporfish@hotmail.com.

- Raffle drawing winners were: Alvin Edison who selected an eight-foot Steelhead spinning reel and drift rod with an assortment of goodies assembled by Richard Sharp, Paul Seuberlich won a binocular and an accessory case, Pat Travis selected a "Knife Kit" and a Pheasants Forever pocket knife donated by the Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever and the Limits Game Farm, Gaylord Pyle won a Dove Hunting Package consisting of a storage seat, dove decoys and other goodies plus a sheath knife; Jim Cartmell won a selection of salmon fishing goodies, Barry Lawrence won a shooting vise and Paul Kison won a Flashlight.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS** Ken Poletski from West Richland and Douglas Trout from Kennewick.

**CATERED SALMON & CHICKEN BARBECUE:** - A Salmon BBQ lunch was catered by the Club Wednesday, Sept. 8 for about 400 Battelle employees at the Battelle Picnic Park. Alders smoked barbecued chicken and sockeye salmon, baked beans, cole slaw, bread rolls, cookies and soda pop or waters were served. Club members who helped at the event were Dale and LouAnn Schielke (who prepared the baked beans), Paul Kison, Howard Gardner, Bob Gough, Ben Webb, Chris Webb, Paul Seuberlich, Eddie Manthos, Gene Van Liew, Bob Kolowith, Ev Weakley, Lyle Gilk Marilyn Steele, and Gaylord Pyle. Dale planned and organized the event. There was plenty of food for all. Many came back through the line for seconds or thirds. Many from Battelle raved about the food and the event that the RR&GC provided for them! Some of the comments received were: *However they did that fish, it was the most DELISH salmon I have ever had EVER!! Way YUM!!! They should do every event we have!! :o)! Good job, Donna! The picnic was awesome! NW Seafood supplied the salmon for a BBQ at my church, and they gave us a heck of a discount on account of our being a non-profit/church. It was some of the best fish I've eaten. That's saying something, because my grandpa was a Norwegian commercial fisherman, and I've eaten some darn good fish. I was very disappointed to get in the wrong line at the BBQ. The chicken was OK, but it was...well...not Salmon. (Got*

*any leftovers?) Fish were fantastic. Thanks Dale. Can I have your most excellent salmon recipe...? That fish was the best I have ever tasted!*

**OPERATION THANK YOU:** The Club recently received a thank you letter from Operation Thank You for a donation from the Club and Club members donations. In case you've forgotten Operation Thank You is an organization that supports our military and their families. The Tri-Cities group is still mailing *Care Packages* to our troops. Several hunting, fishing and outdoor magazines are placed in each package. Bring your old magazines to the Club General or Board meetings and Bob Gough will collect them and deliver them to the organization. If you would like to make a cash donation to the organization, make checks out to 'WA Operation Thank You' and mail to 1105 Long Avenue/Richland, WA 99354. More information about the organization is at [www.waoperationthankyou.com](http://www.waoperationthankyou.com).

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - Clare Cranston and Don Board.

- A Hunter Education class is scheduled to begin October 11.
- All class registration is at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 p.m. over two weeks with a Saturday on the range
- A Paradigm class will take place November 6.
- Paradigm Classes are one (1) day, open to students 16 or older. Students must study at home prior to class and pass the knowledge test upon arrival.

**OCTOBER 2 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT:** A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education students originally scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 25 at the Limits Game Farm just North of Mesa, because of scheduling problems the date was changed to Saturday, October 2. If you can help, please call Clare Cranston at 547-6273. Club members are welcome and encouraged to come and observe the shoot and see what it is all about.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were three entries in the September contest. Brock Buttars entered two photos. One was a photo of Brock with a 6x6 whitetail deer he harvested during the late hunt. The deer had double points on the eye guards. The other photo was of his son with the 6x6 Whitetail. Andrew Templeton entered a photo of his son Austin with a 20 lb. Chinook Salmon caught September 18 above Ringold on a K16 sardine wrapped Kwikfish. The winner was Andrew Templeton who will win five free raffle tickets at the October 5 General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Photo entries can be brought to Club General Meetings, Club Board meetings or a .jpg file(s) of the entry can be e-mailed to [rrguc@aol.com](mailto:rrguc@aol.com).

**LONGEST FEATHER CONTEST:** - Richard Sharp has organized a 'Longest Feather Contest' that was endorsed by the Club's Board of Directors at the August Board Meeting. Details are shown below: **At the September Board of Directors Meeting it was decided to allow the contest to be open to the public also.**

**Species:** Ring neck Pheasant, Cost: \$5.00 (Entry for Club members and the public), Feathers to be measured for the contest

**Release Bird (Banded)-** Longest primary flight feather on wing. **Wild Bird (Non banded) -** Longest tail feather.

**Dates:** Youth - September 25-26, 2010, General season-October- 23, 2010-January 17, 2011

**Rules:** 1. Honor System 2. Submit as many entries as applicable. 3. Birds must be shot during 2010-2011 seasons.

4. Judges ruling is final!! 5. Feathers will be measured at General and Board Meetings.

**Other Rules:** If there is a tie, the Winners will be decided with the flip of a coin at the February General Meeting.

The value of the prizes will be determined by the number of entries. GOOD LUCK!

**Entry Forms will be available at the October General Meeting.**



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## NOVEMBER MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

Saturday, November 13, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

### "Wildlife Films"

We'll pop the popcorn while you watch some awesome nature films. Mark this one on your calendar!  
MCNARY National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323.

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- Hunter Education classes for 2010 are over. The first class for 2011 is tentatively scheduled to start March 2, 2011.
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- The November program topic will be "Dutch Oven Cooking And Tasting." Club member Dave Myers is the organizer of the program. The Tip of the month speaker was not determined at the time the Newsletter went to the printer.
- **RR&GC 2011 calendars will be available at the November General Meeting and can be purchased for \$3.00. Buy them early before they are sold out. They make great Christmas gifts for your hunting and fishing buddies. The 2011 calendars are an improvement from earlier calendars, check them out.**
- As usual Richard Sharp will have a good selection of raffle prizes for the hunter and the fisherman.

#### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- The meeting was opened by Club president Marilyn Steele at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. After the Club Pledge, several visitors introduced themselves, one was a raffle drawing winner. Announcements were made by Jack Pickard who announced that 2010 membership dues after October 1 are half price, Lyle Gilk announced that 2011 RR&GC calendars are now available for \$3.00 each, Don Board discussed the October 2 Paradigm Hunter Education class, Gene VanLiew discussed the 2011 Salmon in The Classroom project and Yakima River Water Stargrass removal, Marilyn Steele discussed the March 26, 2011 Wild Game dinner and reminded members the need for wild game and fish for the dinner Bill Lambert solicited deer and elk meat, donations, even if freezers burned, for Sunny Boy a rescued Siberian husky dog. Sunny Boy's survival depends on a diet limited to venison or elk mixed with cooked mashed sweet potatoes and Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes.

- There was not a Tip of the Month presentation since the speaker was not able to attend.

- The evening's program was the 2010 hunting forecasts for big game, upland game and waterfowl. Program Chairman Gaylord Pyle introduced the first speaker of the evening, Mike Livingston a WDFW wildlife biologist from Region 3. Mike stated that deer numbers in Yakima and Kittitas Counties are still low but may have increased slightly from last year. Highest concentrations of deer (mostly Mule with a few White-Tails) are in GMUS 381, with a large percentage migrating in from

northern units starting in October/November. There may be some "Feel Free To Hunt" and "Hunt By Written Permission" acres where hunters can gain access to deer. Pre-season scouting is advisable in order to learn where to hunt.

Numbers of elk in the Colokum are 5,000 and in the Yakima are 8,000 and are declining. Elk hunting in GMU 372 is limited to lands surrounding the west and south boundaries of the Hanford Reach National Monument. Surveys made in January 2010 yielded a total herd estimate of 677 elk. Hunts are geared toward addressing crop damage on surrounding wheat farms, vineyards and orchards. Access is extremely limited to either a couple pieces of state land north of Prosser and Benton City or private land through special permit drawings (contact Region 3 Yakima office for maps).

Pheasant, chukar and quail numbers are down this year. Hungarian Partridge numbers have increased. Local waterfowl production numbers are down. There was no September goose season this year.

● Mike also reported information he received from Pat Fowler, Region 1 Wildlife Biologist. Pheasant numbers are down Quail numbers are average. Chukar numbers are up slightly and Hungarian partridge numbers have increased. Forest grouse numbers are down and turkey numbers overall are high. Mule and Whitetail numbers are down in the Blues and are up the lowland breaks of the Snake River and foothills of the Blues. Elk numbers are doing well and have increased over the last few years, populations are at or near management goals. Black bear populations are strong in the Blue Mountains. Hunters wishing to hunt bear in the mountains should focus on huckleberry patches and Mountain Ash thickets where bears feed on berries. Predator calls are a fairly effective technique but hunters should be extremely cautious when using a predator call.

● After a short break, Gaylord introduced Region 2 Wildlife Biologists Brock Hoenes and Rich Finger. They discussed the prospects for Grant and Adams counties which have four GMUs in them. These counties have Mule Deer and a few elk in them. GMU 272 has some public lands but is mostly private land. They have a high buck to doe ration and hunter success is 20%-25%. Deer harvest numbers have been stable from 2001 to 2009 and it appears may slightly increase in 2010. GMU 281 in the Ritzville area is also mostly private land Harvest data is similar to GMU 272 and it is expected that hunter success in 2010 will be 35%-40%. GMU 278 in the Wahluke region has a few deer. The Columbia Basin Wildlife Area Complex does have deer. Check with the Wildlife Area for regulations. GMU 290, the Desert Unit has a Management Objective of offering mature bucks for harvest. The success rate is 93% for modern firearms, a ratio of 68% for antlerless deer and, 39% for muzzle loaders or a second tag. Archery ratio is 16% and youth ratio is 59%. The average 4x4 buck has a 24" spread.

Elk harvest in GMU 284 was four elk in 2005, twenty-five in 2008 and twelve in 2009 with a harvest ratio of 11%.

Rich Finger discussed waterfowl and upland birds. Local production of waterfowl has been down since the early 80s. Migrant waterfowl are from Alberta. He suggested that waterfowl be hunted in reserves and scouting should be utilized to determine feeding flight patterns. Upland bird prospects are questionable. Approximately 4,073 rooster pheasants will be released. The release site locations are listed in the WDFW web site. A lot of information was presented by the three speakers and many questions from the floor were answered. Hunting prospects for almost the whole state are available in more detail at

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/prospects>.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Chris Webb who selected a rigged Okuma 9' 6" drift rod and Okuma spinning reel with an assortment of goodies including a jar of salmon eggs prepared by Richard Sharp, Andrew Templeton won a 5 ft. folding utility table and a camouflage back pack, Austin Templeton picked a lighted wiggle wart fishing lure, Kevin Roux ( a visitor) won a shooting stick, Clare Cranston selected a *Wrist Rocket* sling shot, John Nelson picked a heavy duty plastic tarpaulin, Martin Schneider picked a belt pack and Marilyn Steele won a heavy duty hoist.

**RR&GC WILD GAME RECOVERY:** Washington State Patrol Dispatch contacted Lyle Gilk Monday morning, October 11, concerning a bull elk that had been hit on Highway 12 near Wallula Junction (WDFW Region 1). Lyle was not able to respond so he requested Dispatch to call Gaylord Pyle. Gaylord and Rick Libby were salmon fishing when the call was received. They immediately headed back to the boat launch. Gaylord also contacted Pat Travis and Jerry Zeitler to assist. The Washington Department of Transportation hauled the 6x7 bull elk to a dump pit where the four team members could safely gut and skin the animal. The antlers were transferred to WDFW Region 3 Enforcement. The elk was halved and then loaded into Rick's pickup and delivered to McCary's Meats in Basin City to be cut and wrapped for the Union Gospel Mission. Gaylord said the team was thankful for assistance from two gentlemen who worked for a construction company and helped load the animal into Rick's truck because it was a very large elk. Many thanks to the team for their speedy response to the first recovery success this fall.

**OCTOBER 2 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT HUNT:** A pheasant hunt for Hunter Education students took place Saturday, October 2 at the Limits Game Farm just North of Mesa. Seventeen students participated in the event, eleven in the morning hunt and six in the afternoon noon hunt. Six of the participating students in the morning hunt were from the Connell area. Students from both groups shot clay pigeons from two different stations at the Connell Gun Club before they proceeded to the Limits Game Farm where the hunt originated. Clare Cranston and Don Board organized the hunt. Don was

not able to attend the hunt because he was testing *Paradigm* Hunter Education students at the Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco.

● When the students arrived at the Limits Game Farm, they were registered, issued safety glasses, a hunter orange vest and participated in a safety lecture by Dave Myers and other coaches. They were divided into groups and assigned a coach. Each group was assigned a dog handler and bird dog. Six pheasants per student were set out per student immediately prior to the hunt. The students hunted with their coach behind the dog and handler. Other observers, including parents, followed behind. As soon as a bird was located and flushed, one of the group shot at the bird, if he missed the other student(s) took his turn and fired. They continued shooting and rotating until all the birds or as many as possible were flushed. Very few birds were harvested, the birds did not flush or the dog got the bird.

● Lunch was served about noon at the Game Farm barn where two rows of tables had been set up. The second or afternoon group arrived at the farm before the morning hunters finished hunting. The morning group arrived about the time the afternoon group finished eating. The parents, observers, coaches, dog handlers and other helpers all were treated to a lunch consisting of barbecued Tri-Tip beef steak, barbecued chicken thighs, baked beans (prepared by Pam Piovesan), tossed salad, bread rolls, potato chips and brownies (80 were prepared by Marilyn Steele) and bottled water or soft drinks. There was more than enough food and goodies for all.

● After lunch the afternoon group students were registered, issued safety glasses, a hunter orange vest and participated in the safety lecture and discussion and were divided into groups and proceeded to the hunt. Successful hunters from both groups cleaned their harvested birds under the direction of Pam Piovesan who did a fantastic job showing the students how to skin and dress their pheasants. It was very obvious from Pam's skill that she has cleaned and dressed many game birds. Before they went home, each youth received a beautiful engraved *Pheasants Forever* lock blade pocket knife courtesy of the Ringold Pheasants Forever Club and the Limits Game Farm.

● Sponsors of the Pheasant Shoot were Ringold Pheasants Forever, Limits Game Farm, and the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors/Claude F. Bolling donated \$300.00 to the Club's Youth Activities Fund.

● The Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever paid for the pheasants used at the hunt, They also purchased the meats, salad, rolls and potato chips used at the lunch. JC's Mesa Grocery Store donated the bottled water, soda pop and ice. Some of the bottled water was donated by the RR&GC

● Hunter Education instructors Clare Cranston and Don Board organized the hunt. Clare was in charge of the hunt. Volunteers and guests that helped were: Dave Pam & Doug Piovesan, Derrick Charlton, Joe Pauly, Clare Cranston, Lyle Gilk, Eddie Manthos, Teresa Frase, Gene Van Liew, Mark and Jason Kimmel, Rick Libby, Don Evanson, Hugh McEachen, Robert Escalero (Nacho), Casey Hill and Gary Scriven,

● Dave Myers, Dale Schielke, Tina Bernsen, Mike Estes and Casey Hill (with their dogs) were the dog handlers. Special recognition is again due to Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan who organized the event and solicited the many volunteers. Dave's wife Pam set up the serving line, made sure all the forms etc. were filled out, passed out the *Pheasants Forever* lock blade pocket knives and tutored the kids on the proper way to clean and dress pheasants. Hugh McEachen, Robert Escalero (Nacho), Gary Scriven and Casey Hill were the barbecue cooks (the beef and chicken were scrumptious). It is obvious from the above list of names that many are needed to run an event of this magnitude. They all deserve a lot of thanks from all of us. This was the second Hunter Education Students Pheasant Hunt in 2010. If all goes well, the fall shoot and another in the spring will be repeated in 2011.

**RACHEL LITTLE "OUTSTANDING PARTNER OF THE YEAR":** Rachel Little, Fish Biologist, Education Coordinator and Salmon in the classroom Specialist of the Benton Conservation District was presented the "Outstanding Partner of the Year" award by the Kennewick School District. Besides organizing the Salmon in the Classroom and Salmon Summit projects, she also was in charge of the Yakima River Water Stargrass removal project where Stargrass was removed from 1.5 acres. The effects on salmon spawning resulting from Stargrass removal are being closely monitored. She also attended a Stream Restoration Seminar at Portland State University and will attend another restoration seminar in the Spring.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were eight entries in the October photo contest. Larry Martin entered a photo dated 10/03/2010 that showed Larry and Bill Holland with his spike elk shot with a muzzle loader. The animal was Bill Holland's first elk. Larry, Bill's father-in-law, helped pack the elk out. Marilyn Steele entered four photos of Chinook Salmon she caught: a 13 lb. Chinook, a 26 lb. Chinook, two small Chinook and a 28 lb. Chinook. Richard Sharp entered three photos: Clare Cranston with a 46 inch sturgeon, Jack Santens with a 40 inch sturgeon and Keith Sharp with a 5 point Whitetail Deer. The winner was Larry Martin who will win five free raffle tickets at the November 2 General Meeting. All 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 (.jpg file) to [rroguc@aol.com](mailto:rroguc@aol.com) and prints will be made for the Board.



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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, DECEMBER 7

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - December 21, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)

### DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The December meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 7 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St.(at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm)
- The program topic will be "Status of The Hanford Elk Herd". The presenters will be WDFW biologists Don Hand and Mike Livingston. Richard Sharp will discuss the Tip of the Month, 'Bead fishing for Steelhead at Ringold.'
- **RR&GC 2011 calendars will be available at the December General Meeting and can be purchased for \$3.00. Buy them early before they are sold out. The 2011 calendars are an improvement from earlier calendars, check them out. They make great Christmas gifts for your hunting and fishing buddies.**
- Since this will be the last meeting of 2010, Richard Sharp will have an unusual selection of good raffle prizes for the hunter, fisherman and outdoors man.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**
- **Bring any Wild Game Dinner donation package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer.**

**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:**(Thanks to Mike Estes for the following report. The Club secretary was ill and not able to attend the meeting.)

- Vice President Gaylord Pyle opened the meeting with the RR&GC Pledge. Dr. Bob Margulies addressed the audience to discuss a recent incident in a Hunter Education class where a student did not maintain control of the muzzle direction of a firearm that was being handled. The manner in which the incident was handled by the instructor led to a complaint to WDFW by the student's parent. Bob's point was that firearm safety is the cornerstone of the Hunter Education program. He suggested that members discuss the incident and the way WDFW has handled the incident with other members and friends and then write letters of objection to WDFW.
- Richard Sharp stated that November is an excellent time for "bead fishing" for Steelhead at Ringold. A 7mm bead is a good size for November and a slightly larger 8mm bead should be a better size in December and January. Rich suggested that [www.troutbeads.com](http://www.troutbeads.com) is a good source of information.

• Learn more about wild turkey hunting, the economic impact on the sport and growing interest among Americans. at <http://www.fws.gov/turkeyanalysisKB.html> , a FWS Video News Report.

### DECEMBER MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

Saturday, December 11, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

### "Animal Track Discovery"

Bundle up and come tracking with us! Come rain or snow, the animals leave their tracks. Let's see who they are and where the tracks go. We will provide tracking guides.

MCNARY National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323.

**LONGEST FEATHER CONTEST:** - Richard Sharp has organized a 'Longest Feather Contest' that was endorsed by the Club's Board of Directors at the August Board Meeting. Details are shown below: **At the September Board of Director Meeting it was decided to allow the contest to be open to the public also.**

**Species:** Ring neck Pheasant, Cost: \$5.00 (Entry for Club members and the public), Feathers to be measured for the contest:

**Release Bird (Banded)-** Longest primary flight feather on wing. **Wild Bird (Non banded) -** Longest tail feather.

**Dates:** Youth - September 25-26, 2010, General season-October- 23, 2010-January 17, 2011

**Rules:** 1. Honor System 2. Submit as many entries as applicable. 3. Birds must be shot during 2010-2011 seasons.

4. Judges ruling is final!! 5. Feathers will be measured at General and Board Meetings.

**Other Rules:** If there is a tie, the Winners will be decided with the flip of a coin at the February General Meeting.

The value of the prizes will be determined by the number of entries. GOOD LUCK!

**Entry Forms will be available at the December General Meeting**

● Members of the Game Recovery Committee reported that four calls were received within about eight days for recovery of bull elk in Walla Walla County. Most of the calls are received in the middle of the night and very early morning. Lyle Gilk said that he was particularly thankful to a wrecker driver who used his truck boom to hoist one of the bulls into Lyle's pickup. Antlers from each of the recovered animals are transferred to Enforcement and the meat is delivered to McCary's Meats in Basin City to be cut and wrapped for the Pasco Union Gospel Mission. The volunteers who had participated in the recoveries were thanked for their efforts.

● The meat from one of the recovered elk had spoiled. That will happen on occasion due to the time elapsed between when the animal is hit, when the incident is reported, and how quickly the Recovery Team can be contacted and respond to the site. Mike Estes discussed "bone sour" and how it can occur even in sub-freezing temperatures. Elk hide is very thick and prevents the meat from cooling properly so it is important to remove the hide as soon as possible. The meat can sour particularly quickly wherever there is a double layer of hide, like on the inside of the front shoulder and under the hind legs.

● Dave Myers presented the main program for the evening. Dave shared his extensive knowledge of Dutch oven cooking equipment and techniques. Dave noted the advantages of aluminum cookware that weighs less than cast iron and doesn't need to be seasoned; but aluminum can also heat unevenly in windy conditions and can even melt if the briquettes get too hot. Cast iron cookware is heavier but heats and cooks consistently. Dave uses Lodge brand pots. Dave emphasized that the lid should fit well to the pot and that it is important to season cast iron cookware. Before using a new cast iron pot, wash it well with detergent. This is the only time to ever wash a cast iron pot or lid with soap. Season cast iron by rubbing the surface with Crisco or lard and then heat for about an hour at 350 degrees. This will seal the pores in the metal. Only wash with clean, hot water thereafter. Pam spray oil or other sealant can be used to re-treat the pot if ever needed but be sure to wipe off any excess oil so it doesn't turn rancid. Place a paper towel between the pot and lid when storing to wick moisture out of the pot so it will not rust. Dave provided the formula for how to determine how many briquettes are needed to maintain a specific temperature for different sized pots (the formula is on the RR&GC web site). A good cooking temperature is usually about 350 degrees. Dave suggested stacking of pots (14"/12"/10"/8") to conserve cooking space and reduce the amount of fuel needed. The fuel on top of the bottom pot becomes the fuel on the bottom of the next pot. Dave suggested removing lids from the pots as infrequently as possible because the ingredients can lose up to 40 degrees by peeking. Dave demonstrated two styles of lid removers and discussed other tools including a chimney to start the briquettes, Bar-B-Q or welders gloves to prevent burns, aluminum pot liners to avoid having to clean pots, and a portable aluminum wind break to shield the pots to assure even heat while cooking. Dave suggested using parchment paper or corn meal in the bottom of the pot when baking breads so the food doesn't stick. He discussed how to use natural wood coals from a camp fire to slow cook dinner all day so the food will be done when you return to camp in the evening. Dave suggested doing the preparation work for your dishes at home so the ingredients are already pre-measured, cut, chopped, and diced. You will only transport what you need, will save space in the cooler, and will have more time to enjoy yourself in camp. Dave made two Dutch oven dishes that were enjoyed by attendees at the end of his presentation. The beef stew and a peach and rhubarb dessert were excellent and the pots were virtually licked clean.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Ben Webb who selected an 8-quart cast iron pot and a briquette starter chimney; Greg Baker won a selection of Steelhead fishing gear and additional tackle; Martin Schneider won a gun case; Tim Irvin won a splitting maul and a gun sock; Pat Travis won a gold panning pan; Clare Cranston won a set of tie-down straps; John Nelson won a pair of ragg-wool gloves; Austin Templeton won a fillet glove; Russ Wyer won a bundle of rope; and John Prather won a Shami cloth. Thanks to Rich Sharp for the broad selection of prizes.

**FOR SALE:** .270 Winchester Short Magnum ammunition, 150 grain, box of 20 (unopened), \$25. Contact Harvey Huisingh, 943-9326

**2011 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER LAKE/PELLET RANGE:** The 18th Annual Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show will open Friday, January 14, 2011 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco and run through Sunday, January 16. The Club will again man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 18th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on the three days. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 2 ½ to 4 hour shifts. Some members may have already signed up and some have been contacted by the Club to help at Lunker Lake or by Clare Cranston to help at the Air Rifle Range. If you have not volunteered and you wish to volunteer please call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 or Clare Cranston, for the Air Rifle Range, at 547-6273. Your duties at Lunker Lake will consist of baiting the hook for each child, removing the fish, after it is caught, and placing it in a plastic bag, after you have dispatched it. You will get a big kick out of working with the kids. A group of about six volunteers or more will be needed **Thursday morning January 13**, starting at 9:00 a.m., to set up the fishing pond. During the show a minimum of 16 volunteers per shift will be needed to man Lunker Lake. Shift times for set up of the fishing pond are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday the 13th. Shift times for Friday the 15th are 1-5 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.. Saturday the 16th, shifts will be from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 12:30-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-8 p.m. Sunday the 18th shifts will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2-5 p.m., the last shift will stay over at 5 p.m. to help drain and

disassemble the pond. The Air Rifle Shooting Range will be manned again this year under the direction of Clare Cranston. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond or shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from Lunker Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Lunker Lake volunteers should wear eye protection, bring a needle nose pliers or hemostat to remove the hook from the fish and bring a towel(s) to wipe your hands after you have handled a fish. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided for the volunteers. More information about the show is at [www.shuylerproductions.com/](http://www.shuylerproductions.com/) More information and sign up sheets will be presented at the December and January General Meetings.

● The Show will be open to the public Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. General admission to the public will be Adults: \$8.00, Children 6-12: \$4.00 and Children under 6: FREE Special Admissions: Friday - Seniors 60+: \$4.00 and Sunday - Family Day: 2 adults, 2 children (6-12): \$18.00. Parking is free. More information about the show is at [www.shuylerproductions.com/](http://www.shuylerproductions.com/).

**RR&GC WILD GAME RECOVERY:** So far this fall four calls were received within about eight days for recovery of bull elk in Walla Walla County. The first recovery was reported in the November Newsletter. The meat from one of the three other calls had spoiled and was discarded. A description of the remaining two calls has not been written up and will be posted on the Club's website as soon as they are available.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There was one entry in the November photo contest. Rick McFall entered a photo of himself with a 6x6 elk taken from the Boise Cascade tree farm October 30, 2010. It was taken during the modern firearm season with a special branch antler bull tag. Rick is the winner, he will win five free raffle tickets at the December 7 General Meeting. The photo 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 (.jpg file) to [rroguc@aol.com](mailto:rroguc@aol.com) and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - Don Board and Clare Cranston .

● Hunter Education classes for 2010 are over. The first class for 2011 is scheduled to start March 2, 2011.

● All class registration is at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 p.m. over two weeks with a Saturday on the range

● A Paradigm class will take place April 2. Paradigm Classes are one (1) day, open to students 16 or older. Students must study at home prior to class and pass the knowledge test upon arrival.

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!!:** The hunting season is starting soon and it will be time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held in March 26, 2011. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts and steaks are desired. Halibut, Steelhead and Salmon are also needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap (the diagram is shown on the Club's web site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45 ° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (**NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE**). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing! **Meat donations so far have been very slim.**

**TURKEY HUNTING IN 2006:** A FWS News Release: An Analysis of Hunter Demographics, Trends, and Economic Impacts; Addendum to the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation More than 2.5 million Americans ages 16 years or older hunted wild turkey in 2006. That's just one of many findings in the Wild Turkey Hunting addendum to the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation. The report provides the latest demographics, economic effects, state-by-state analysis and other statistical research pertaining to the sport. Some highlights in the report include:

● Trends: Participation in wild turkey hunting has increased 15% from 1996 to 2006. This is due in large part to ambitious wild turkey restoration efforts by state, federal, and nongovernmental conservation organizations.

● State-by-state analysis: Pennsylvania has the most wild turkey hunters (369 thousand) and Tennessee has the highest proportion (36%) of hunters pursuing wild turkeys.

● Economic Effects: Turkey hunters spent \$1.6 billion in 2006 and their spending rippled through the U.S. economy generating \$4.1 billion in economic output and supporting over 37, 000 jobs.