



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MARCH GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday March 4, 7:00 p.m. at Kennewick Ranch & Home
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE, March 18 CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com
WILD GAME DINNER, Saturday March 29, 2014 at O'Callahans next to the Shilo Inn in Richland

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

- The March meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 4 at the **Board Room of the Kennewick Ranch & Home store.**
- March 29, 2014 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$20.00 each will be on sale at the meeting. Club members can purchase tickets for themselves and guests. Tickets can also be purchased at the Wild Game Dinner, if available. The dinner will be held at **O'Callahans** next to the Shilo Inn in Richland.
- Price of the Quality Trip Drawing entry tickets is \$25.00 per ticket. Entry tickets for the 2014 Quality Trip can be purchased at the March General Meeting and at the Wild Game Dinner until the maximum of 100 tickets has been sold. See more information later in this Newsletter.
- Bring Wild Game Dinner donation packages to the March General or Board Meeting. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. **Donations thus far have been slim.**
- Election of Club Officers and Trustees will take place at the beginning of the meeting.
- The main speaker will be Club member Richard Sharp whose topic will be ***"Fishing Tips and Tactics for Salmon and Steelhead"***. Come early and get a good seat this will be a very, very informative presentation. He knows more ways of catching salmon and steelhead than most people. He spends a lot of time on the water and he is probably getting to the point where he thinks like a fish. If there is any time left we will do some planning for the upcoming March 29 Wild game Dinner.
- Bring a guest(s) to the meeting and he/she will receive five free raffle tickets.
- As usual there will be a very good selection of raffle prizes, probably all related to Salmon and Steelhead fishing, and selected and assembled by Richard Sharp.

CLUB NEWSLETTERS: Because newsletter printing and mailing costs have risen to greater than \$3,000.00 last year we will discontinue printed/mailed newsletters. Starting in March, newsletters will be e-mailed to members that have an e-mail address. Please let us know what your e-mail address is so that we can verify we have your correct address. Send your e-mail address to rroguc@aol.com .

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT

- Mike Estes opened the February 2014 meeting with the Club Pledge to an audience of more than sixty persons. Mike opened the meeting because President Jeff Gardner was ill and Vice President Kirby Hammond was late because he was out gathering paraphernalia for the evening's program. Mike announced that the elections for Club officers and trustees

will take place at the March general meeting. He discussed the status of the proposed Paterson boat launch. He also gave an informative discussion about the effect of cormorants and pelicans nesting on East Sand Island that consume about 30 tons of fish per day. During the 2010-2011 time period, 19-25 million salmonids were consumed by the cormorants and terns. They consumed about 15-20% of the steelhead smolts. The cormorant colony is the largest on the west coast and perhaps the world.

- As Mike finished his presentation; Vice President Kirby Hammond arrived and **announced that the March meeting will be at the Board Room of the Kennewick Ranch and Home store.** Announcements were also made by Dave Myers, Dale Schielke, Paul Kison and Gene Van Liew. Don Board announced that a Hunter Education Class will be held starting March 3 and lasting all week at the Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco. Gene Van Liew announced that the *Fishing Kids* event will be May 9 and 10, the disadvantaged Kids event will be Friday afternoon May 9. Dale Schielke stated the wood duck nesting boxes inspections and maintenance are ongoing. Volunteers who help can receive Master Hunter volunteer hours, contact Dale at 375-0183 to volunteer. Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes.

- Kirby Hammond was the winner of the 2013 Quality Trip. He selected Richard Sharp as his partner. They decided to go on two fishing trips. Their presentation was a video of the two trips. The first trip was to Trinidad Bay Beach during August where they met three of Kirby's friends. The trip to Trinity Bay took two days. They fished for ocean fish with Ocean Beach Charters on the Tony Rae II charter boat. To the surprise and amazement of the boat crew Kirby and Richard fished only with Mity Might spinning combos. They caught ocean fish including rock bass and red rock fish. They also harvested crabs from the boats crab pots. They ate many of the crabs every evening and brought home the crabs and fish that they harvested.

- Their second fishing trip was at the Chehalis River pool in December where they fished for Coho Salmon. Dan Sullivan was with them. Kirby and Richard paid for use of the boat only. Bill Swan (swanny@swannysfishing.com) was the guide. Kirby and Richard stayed at Ferryman's Inn and Suites while they fished. They did not utilize Mity Might spinning combos during this trip. They used normal salmon fishing rigs and caught many very large Cohos. The weather was very cold and much different than their earlier trip. Their presentation was very informative and entertaining. They answered many questions from the audience.

- The evening ended with the raffle prize drawings.

- Raffle Prize Drawing Winners were Jim Sullivan who won an 8 ½ ft. steelhead/walleye combination rod and line counter reel and a container of *Nitro worms* prepared by Richard Sharp, Dennis Larson won a 7 ft. Daiwa spin rod/reel outfit and a container of *Nitro worms* prepared by Richard, Todd Woolum won a five ft. folding table, Dale Schielke won a Big Game folding ground seat, Keith Sharp won a Plano Tackle satchel and 2 ton Black Jack Trolley jack, Kirby Hammond won a Sportsman's Weather forecaster combo, Bob Scott won the Mystery Box which contained a portable *Jon* and a \$30 gift certificate, Daxton Cummings won an Outers .22 cal. gun cleaning kit, Mike Becker won an Outers 357-38 cal. gun cleaning kit, Dave Miller won an Outers 40-45 cal. gun cleaning kit, Dave O'Brien won an Outers 30 cal. gun cleaning kit and Matt Lucas won an Outers shotgun cleaning kit.

- **Election Of Trustees – Call For Nominations:** The annual election of officers and trustees will occur at the March general membership meeting. Elections will be held for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus fifteen (15) Trustees. These 19 people, plus the Immediate Past President, will comprise the Board of Trustees who will govern RRGc business and financial affairs until the April 2015 RRGc general membership meeting. Mike Estes has been appointed to chair the Nominating Committee for this election. Please contact Mike by phone (582-2212) or e-mail (estes.mike@frontier.com) to express your interest in serving (or continuing to serve) as a Trustee for the coming year or to obtain answers to any questions you may have about the duties of the Board of Trustees. Don't delay; call today!

- **VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED TO ORGANIZE & RUN RR&GC FISHING DERBIES:** Richard Sharp will not be able to organize and run any fishing derbies/tournaments this year. If you are willing to organize and run the Mighty Might and Catfish events contact Richard Sharp at 551-6785.

- **HUNTER EDUCATION FACILITY INVENTORIED:** The equipment in the Hunter Education facility at Griggs was inventoried January 23 by Don Board, John Prather, Fay Lyon and Clare Cranston. The inventory was accomplished before the start of 2014 Hunter Education classes.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: John Cooper entered eleven photos and Fay Lyon entered two. One of John Cooper's photos was determined to be the winner and will receive five free raffle tickets at the March General Meeting. 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 (a jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

ATTENTION HUNTERS & FISHERMEN!!: It is time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held March 29, 2014. Donations of game meat including waterfowl and 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 shown below. 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 have been slim!**

GAME RECOVERY EVENT # 55 - February 14, 2014: - Chris Mosher received a call at 9:30 am on February 14, 2014 from a Richland Rod & Gun Club member that reported a mature Whitetail doe was down near Burbank, WA. Chris and Mark Mansell responded to the scene which was 1 ½ miles south of the Highway 12 bridge. They gutted, skinned, and deboned the deer and delivered the meat to the Union Gospel Mission on February 14.

PRE WILD GAME DINNER MEETING: A meeting for all Wild Game Dinner participants including cooks, helpers etc. will be held at Dave Myers home (9306 Vincenzo Drive, Pasco) on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 P.M

WILD GAME DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Wild Game Dinner Chairman Dave Myers is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact him at 438-1277 and offer your services if you haven't signed up. He needs people all day March 29 starting at 8:00A.M. 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2014 WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES INSPECTIONS: Inspection of Wood Duck nesting boxes is ongoing. If you would like to participate, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183 or e-mail him at dahliou@msn.com . As of February 18, 76 boxes had been checked. A total of 35 boxes were used by wood ducks. Screech owls used 21 boxes. Twenty two wood duck membranes were found.

MEMBERSHIP DUES/WILD GAME DINNER - Many memberships have expired or will expire April 1. There are still some of us who are one or two years or more delinquent. Your membership expiration date is shown on this Bulletin's mailing label. To be eligible for the Quality Trip and some of the Big Game Dinner door prizes your dues must be paid up through April 2015 (4-1-15). Please pay your dues early, especially if you plan to attend the Big Game Dinner. Eliminate the bottleneck at the dinner and update your membership beforehand at the March General Meeting. Membership dues are: Individual: \$25 or \$65 for 1 or 3 years or Family: \$35 or \$85 for 1 or 3 years. You can also renew your membership by mail. Mail your check with a short note stating if you are renewing an Individual or Family membership and for how many years to the Richland Rod & Gun Club, P.O. Box 337, Richland, WA 99352.

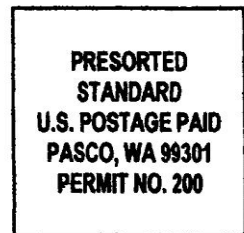
QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Price of the Entry tickets for the 2014 Quality Trip is \$25.00 and they can be purchased at the January, February, March General Meetings and at the Wild Game Dinner.

1. Only RR&GC members with current dues paid through April 1 of following year (2015) are eligible to purchase up to two entry tickets each. Example: A member(s) must have dues paid through April 1, 2015.
2. Tickets are \$25.00 each, the value of the trip (a maximum amount reimbursed to the winner) will be \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. If less than 50 tickets are sold, no winner will be drawn and members who purchased tickets will be reimbursed.
4. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
5. RR&GC members with a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents (18 years or older) may also purchase up to two tickets each.
6. The drawing will be held at the annual March 29, 2014 RR&GC Wild Game Dinner. You do not need to be present to win.
7. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the RR&GC and who must also have participated in the drawing.
8. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner's trip cannot be taken as approved. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be an RR&GC member and also have participated in the drawing.

9. A written copy and a presentation in person (winner or partner) of the proposed trip must be provided to the RR&GC Board in either the May or June Board meeting for Board approval.
10. The winner must have confirmation of key trip logistics (e.g., guide services, airline tickets, lodging, etc.) by August 1 and the trip taken before December 31 of the year of award. If the trip cannot be confirmed in the allotted time frame (prior to September 1). The winner will forfeit the trip and the trip will be awarded to the alternate. The alternate will follow the same criteria as the original trip winner, with the alternate presenting his proposed trip to the RR&GC Board by the September board meeting.
11. In the event that the approved trip cannot be taken, the winner will notify the RR&GC President immediately upon the winner's realization that the trip cannot be taken as approved.
12. Quality trip funds will be allotted as reimbursements after the winner has paid for portions of the trip. For example reimbursement for booking fees, 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.

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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.
- 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 586-6009 or 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.
- HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS NEEDED:** At the present time the Club has four certified Hunter Education instructors. Some of the other instructors we had have retired and other instructors have moved or cannot instruct for various reasons. Don Board, an instructor, may also retire in a year. Younger Club members are needed to step up to the *plate* and volunteer to become instructors. Females as well as males can become instructors. Instructors must be at least 21 years of age, keenly interested in promoting safety, wildlife conservation and responsible outdoor behavior and willing to teach or assist in at least one class per year. Don can be contacted at 586-7157. Each class was filled almost immediately. There is a need for more classes in the Tri-Cities, if we had more instructors more classes and youth could be instructed.