



# **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**

Next General Meeting – Tuesday December 7th 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

Next Board Meeting- Tuesday December 21st 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

January Newsletter Contribution Deadline is December 22nd email:

[admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org)

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## **December 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting in person!**

The General Meeting will be held in the Hunter Ed room at Griggs in Pasco at 7PM. Mike Estes and Jake Horner will be talking about their individual epic moose hunts. This would also be a great time to get a refund on your Wild Game Dinner tickets from 2020. These tickets will not be honored at the 2022 dinner. New tickets must be purchased for the upcoming dinner on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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## **70<sup>th</sup> Wild Game Dinner – Date Moved**

Due to some schedule conflicts the Wild Game Dinner is getting moved to **April 9, 2022**. It will still be at the fairgrounds. Our speakers will be Jeff Flood and Bill McIrvin who is a rancher and will discuss the issues regarding wolves.

The plans are underway for the upcoming banquet. Meat donations are needed and since we are not having Face to Face general meetings, please text Marilyn Steele (509-392-2128) or email her [momhoops46@gmail.com](mailto:momhoops46@gmail.com) and she will make arrangements to pick it up. We do not accept ground meat unless it is from a butcher shop but are happy to take

trimmings that we can grind into burger, just freeze them and we can grind as needed. Larger roasts are better, but we can tie smaller ones together for cooking.

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### **Lunker Lake**

We are looking for volunteers for Lunker Lake that will be held January 21-23 with set up on January 20th and break down on January 23 after the show ends.

Please contact Melissa Huston by phone (509)-902-2303 or email [mhuston@bhhscentral.com](mailto:mhuston@bhhscentral.com) to get added to the times and days you'd like to sign up for to volunteer this year. Please included a phone number and email to receive volunteer information leading up to this event.

Thursday January 20th Set-up begins at

9 am Need between 10-15 volunteers to help get the pond set up before the water and fish arrive.

Friday January 21st

12:30-3:30PM shift Need a lead, a cashier and 15-20 volunteers

3-7PM shift Need a leader, cashier and 17-25 volunteers

Saturday January 22nd

9:30-12:30PM shift Need a leader, cashier and 20-25 volunteers

12-3PM shift Need a leader, cashier and 20-25 volunteers

2:30-6PM shift Need a leader, cashier and 20-25 volunteers

Sunday January 23rd

9:30-2PM shift Need a leader, cashier and 20-25 volunteers

1:30-5PM shift Need a leader, cashier and 20-25 volunteers

Tear down around 5PM Need a lead and need 15-20 volunteers

We will also be passing around the signup sheet at the December 7th meeting so if you'd like to sign up to volunteer that would be another opportunity for that.

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### **Wild Game Dinner Ticket Refund**

If you still have your Wild Game Tickets from 2020 and would like a refund, please bring your tickets to the next meeting or get in touch with Rick Libby at [big\\_guy@charter.net](mailto:big_guy@charter.net) or 509-627-5461 to arrange for that. These tickets will not be honored at the next Wild Game Dinner.

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### **Guzzlers in Nevada**

We are not the only area or even state that have guzzlers for their wildlife. If you would like to see how it's done in the state of Nevada which has more than 1,600 to take care of, check out [Wildlife Water Guzzlers with Randy Newberg](#) on YouTube.

## Salmon in the Classroom

Yes, Salmon in the Classroom will be happening! There are 50 schools participating this school year and volunteers will be needed to deliver fish to the classrooms in January. Also, the Salmon Summit in Columbia Park is scheduled for April 26th - 27th for the kids to release their fish and volunteers will be needed for that as well.

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### WDFW NEWS RELEASE

#### Washington residents who hunt in Idaho or Manitoba asked not to import deer, elk, and moose due to detections of Chronic Wasting Disease

Cases of [chronic wasting disease](#) (CWD) confirmed in Idaho and Manitoba have wildlife managers at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) taking proactive measures to slow the potential spread of the disease to Washington State.

[Two mule deer harvested in October near Lucile, in western Idaho, were confirmed to have CWD](#), a fatal illness of deer, elk, moose, and caribou. Another case in a mule deer in Manitoba was confirmed in October. Chronic wasting disease is caused by mutated proteins known as prions that can contaminate the environment and be transmitted between animals through feces, saliva, urine, and other bodily fluids. There is no treatment or vaccine for the disease.

To reduce the risk of CWD entering Washington state, WDFW is implementing an emergency rule adding Idaho and Manitoba to the list of states and provinces where CWD has been detected and are subject to carcass importation restrictions under [WAC 220-413-030](#). Hunters who harvest a deer, elk, or moose from these areas may only bring the following into Washington:

- Meat that has been de-boned and is imported as boned-out meat.
- Skulls and antlers, antlers attached to the skull plate, or upper canine teeth (bugler, whistlers, ivories) from which all soft tissue has been removed.
- Hides or capes without heads attached.
- Finished taxidermy mounts.

In addition, hunters who are informed by another state or agency that an animal they harvested tested positive for CWD must notify WDFW within 24 hours by calling 360-902-2515 or emailing [wildthing@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:wildthing@dfw.wa.gov).

Hunters that may have already brought their harvest into Washington are urged to dispose of any bones or inedible parts that have not undergone taxidermy by double-bagging and placing in your household garbage or taking them to a licensed landfill.

This deer hunting season, staff and volunteers have been actively sampling road killed and hunter harvested white-tailed deer for the disease in northeast Washington. To date, all returned samples have tested negative for CWD. The CWD Management Plan calls for expanding testing efforts, dependent on funding, to southeast Washington in Asotin and Garfield counties and further east into Ferry and Okanogan counties next year.

Following the detections in Idaho, WDFW wildlife managers are also reviewing the plan to see if any elements or actions included in it should be revised or accelerated to slow the spread of CWD into Washington.

While CWD detections have occurred in the United States for over 50 years, until this fall the closest to Washington it had been confirmed was Libby, MT. WDFW has been proactively preparing for possible detections of the disease for several years, and in the past year developed a draft [Chronic Wasting Disease Management Plan](#) to guide both monitoring for the disease and how to respond if it is found in our state.

No matter where you hunt, WDFW [advises hunters](#) to:

- Avoid harvesting any animal that appears sick or is behaving strangely.
- Wear disposable gloves while field dressing game.
- Thoroughly wash hands and equipment after processing carcasses.

## Photo of the Month



Hailey caught and released this sturgeon and several others below McNary Dam on her birthday. This was the smallest of the day. Photo taken by Carla Boeringa.

### RRGC Photo of the Month Contest Guidelines

- Must be taken in current license year.
- May include hunting, fishing, habitat, camping.
- Must include a critter (human or wild).
- Harvested game must include the hunter or angler.
- Winners will be selected by the Board of Directors.
- All photos become property of the Club.
- Note: The Board may use discretion in applying the guidelines when selecting the winning photo.
- Bring photo print to board meeting.
- Please include name of photographer and date taken.