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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 20, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

- The first meeting of 2013 will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 8 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 An 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 lots. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm
- The General Meeting speaker will be Jerry Melback, from FoxPro, a leading manufacturer of predator calls and accessories. Jerry's topic will be *Predator Hunting*. Jerry is an expert predator hunter and will inform us about the latest advances in predator hunting and accessories that are available for predator hunters and wildlife photographers. Come early to get a good seat.
- The Tip of The Month speaker will be Dick Hildebrant. Dick uses the feathers from game birds and wildfowl skins to create beautiful collages/pictures. He will show some of his creations and describe his technique. This is a chance to learn what we can do from the skins of game birds and waterfowl.
- Bring a guest(s) to the meeting and receive five free raffle tickets
- As usual there will be a very good selection of raffle prizes selected by Richard Sharp and probably slanted toward predator hunting.
- RR&GC 2013 calendars may still be available at the January General Meeting for \$3.00 each.
- March 23, 2013 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$20.00 each will be on sale at the January meeting. Club members and nonmembers can purchase tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the February and March General Meetings if available. For more information, contact Dale at 375-0183.

• Price of the Quality Trip Drawing entry tickets is \$25.00 per ticket. Entry tickets for the 2013 Quality Trip can be purchased at the January, February and March General Meetings and at the Wild Game Dinner until the maximum of 100 tickets has been sold. See more information at the end of the Newsletter.

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

● Jeff Gardner, Club President, opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to about 60 participants. Guests introduced themselves and were informed that they had five free raffle tickets waiting for them at the back table. Announcements were made by Marilyn Steele, Dale Schielke, Mike Estes, Clare Cranston introduced Tom Moore who will be the Club's representative on the Inland Fish Policy Advisory Group, Lyle Gilk, Don Board, Gene Van Liew and Richard Sharp who enumerated the evening's raffle prizes.

● Jeff introduced Hunter Education Instructor Don Board who repeated last month's presentation about the need for new instructors. Eleven hundred students have received their Hunter Education certificates from the Club's Hunter Education program. Both youth and adults have participated in the classes. Classes consist of six sessions that run from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. with a Saturday range day that runs from 8:00 A.M. to 2 or 3:00 P.M.. Don also described the requirements and the procedure for becoming an instructor. Don can be contacted at donjoboard@aol.com.

● After a short break, Club member Jeff introduced Jerry Zeitler who spoke about the handling of big game animals after they have been harvested. He started his presentation by passing out three diagrams showing basic meat cuts, a bone chart and retail and wholesale cuts of beef with cooking recommendations for each cut. Jerry had worked in a sausage company for two years as a meat cutter/butcher and is experienced in the handling and processing of large animals. Jerry said that a clear area and a clean table, at the proper elevation to prevent back problems, are necessary when cutting up large animals. Necessary tools are a boning knife, a slicing knife, and a bone saw. Larger animals such as elk or moose require a larger slicing knife. A smooth or serrated *steel* with an angle guide should be used to keep the knives sharp. Cut-up meat should be placed in pans containing a salt water solution to remove blood. Small pieces of meat, to be used in stews etc., should be placed in water. Large portions of meat to be cut up later should be placed in a freezer. When cutting up animals in the field, he recommended boning out the meat.

While the animal is hanging, the first cuts should be the sirloin tip, tenderloin and back strap. He suggested that a meat hook be used to facilitate cutting and handling of the animal. The meat cuts should be placed skin down on a board and the skin removed with a sharp knife. The tenderloin can be butterflied. The meat can then be placed in a *stretch net* that can be purchased from a butcher such as *Templeman's*. The front legs should be pulled out and cut off and the shank removed and cut off the foreshank. The brisket may require a meat saw for its removal. The other cuts of meat should be cut off and removed as shown in the diagrams. The meat remaining on the bones can be cut off and then ground up, small bone particles should be removed because bone marrow is very strongly flavored and gives the meat a bad taste. Jerry recommended that the meat cuts be as large as possible. The meat can be cubed with a *cube* to tenderize it. Jerry and others in the audience recommended that, if at all possible, the meat should be boned out in the field to minimize the meat weight making it easier to pack out. Animals taken to a butcher for processing will probably be cut up with a meat saw and the meat will be contaminated with bone marrow. Many questions were answered and comments were given at the end of Jerry's presentation. I'm positive that many of us were enlightened by his presentation.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Lyle Gilk who selected a *Work Sharp* knife and tool sharpener, Frank Scopa selected the Outdoor Security System, Larry Martin won an electric boot and glove dryer and a five foot folding utility table, Ken Kenton won a three sided sharpening stone, John Nelson won a gun cleaning pad, Richard Sharp won an Eastman Game Processing kit, Gaylord Pyle won Sportsman's Select processing kit, Jack Pickard won a 6 1/2 ft fast action walleye rod and reel with a lure kit, Mat Lucas (a new member) won an Outdoors book and David O'Brien picked the Mystery Box that contained a folding Wenzel shovel.

GAME MEAT RECOVERY: All of the Meat Recovery events can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id87.htm>.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Mathew Lucas from West Richland, Mark 'Doc' Scopa from Richland and Tom Moore from Pasco.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!: The hunting season is in progress and it will be time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held March 23, 2013. 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 follows: See instructions on Club Website at: <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>. 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 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! There will be ice chests at the monthly General Meetings for Wild Game Dinner meat donations. Call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 if you can't bring the meat to the meeting to arrange for pickup of the meat.

HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS NEEDED: At the present time the Club has only two 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, will 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 donjoboard@aol.com.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: John Cooper entered three photos in the December photo contest. He is the winner since he was the only entrant. One photo showed John with a tuna, the other with a salmon he caught 35 miles across the bar from Ilwaco in August and the third was a trail cam photo of a bear in the Bickleton area. John will win five free raffle tickets at the January 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 (a jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED: Attention all duck hunters! If you harvest or 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.

2013 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER LAKE/PELLET RIFLE RANGE: The 20th Annual Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show will open Friday, January 18, 2013 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco and run through Sunday, January 20. The Club will again man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 20th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on the three days. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond and pellet rifle range. Volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 3 to 4 hour shifts. Some members may have already signed up. If you have not volunteered and you wish to volunteer please call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 or Don Board at 586-7157 for the Air Rifle Range. 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 17, starting at 9:00 a.m.**, to set up the fishing pond. During the show a minimum of 16 volunteers or 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 17th. Shift times for Friday the 18th are 1-4:30 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. Saturday the 19th, shifts will be from 10 a.m.-1:00:00 p.m., 12:30-4 p.m. and 3:30-7 p.m. Sunday the 20th, shifts will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2-5 p.m., the last shift 4:30 p.m. to finish (about 7:00 p.m.) will stay over to help drain and disassemble the pond. 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 and sign up sheets will be at the January General Meeting. 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 six: FREE. Special Admissions: Friday - Seniors 60+: \$4.00 and Sunday - Family Day: two adults, two children (6-12): \$18.00. Parking is free. Members of the Military - Show your military ID and receive \$1.00 off admission. One time daily admission for the public will get you in all three days for one low price.

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Price of the Quality Trip Drawing entry tickets is \$25.00 per ticket. Entry tickets for the 2013 Quality Trip can be purchased at the January, February and March General Meetings and at the Wild Game Dinner until the maximum of 100 has been sold.

1. Only RR&GC members with current dues paid through April 1 of following years (2014) are eligible to purchase up to two entry tickets each. Example: A members must have dues paid through April 1, 2014.
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.
• RR&GC members with a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents (18 years or older) may also purchase up to two tickets each.

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 - The General Meeting speaker will be Tom Moore who has 60 years experience and knowledge catching walleye. His timely topic will be *Winter Walleye on the Columbia*. Come early with a fishing buddy and get a good seat.
 - The Tip of The Month speaker will be (a speaker had not been selected when the Newsletter went to print).
 - Bring a guest(s) to the meeting and he or she will receive five free raffle tickets
 - As usual there will be a very good selection of raffle prizes selected by Richard Sharp and slanted toward walleye fishing.

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JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Jeff Gardner, Club President, opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to a full house, extra chairs were brought into the meeting room. At least 20 guests introduced themselves, about nine of the guests were from Yakima. All the guests received five free raffle tickets. Marilyn Steele passed around sign-up sheets for Lunker Lake. She solicited meat donations for the March 23 Wild Game Dinner and announced that May 11 will be the date for the kids fishing event at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond, Don Hartshorn stated that volunteers were also needed for the Youth laser gun range at the Sportsmans Show and passed around sign-up sheets. Gene Van Liew described the Salmon in The Classroom project. Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes. Lyle Gilk announced that he had 2013 Club Calendars, hats and

Cook Books for sale. He also described the Quality Trip requirements and that members could purchase entry tickets for \$25.00 each. Dale Schielke announced that he had 2013 Wild Game Dinner tickets for sale at \$20.00 each.

● Howard Gardner introduced Dick Hildebrant whom he met when Howard answered an ad from Dick who wanted to buy feathered pheasant skins. Howard asked him what he did with the skins and learned that the feathers were used to make pictures and other items such as artificial flowers. Dick displayed several framed pictures and artificial flower arrangements at the meeting. He stated that he procured picture frames at Thrift stores and he used driftwood and other natural items for other displays such as flowers. He congratulated Howard on the exceptional quality of the full pheasant skins he obtained from Howard and showed one of Howard's beautiful skins. Howard stated that he uses borax to preserve the skins and feathers plus mothballs to keep bugs off the skins. Dick was asked if he would sell his pictures and he replied that he does not sell them but does occasionally give one to a relative.

● After a short break, Jeff introduced Jerry Malback from the Pro Staff of Fox Pro. Jerry said his presentation was basic coyote hunting or Coyote 101. He started coyote hunting in 1995 when he resided in Moses Lake and his dog was attacked by a coyote. He then tried hunting for coyotes at a sheep kill with no luck. He had no luck, because he did the same wrong thing over and over even though he hunted both days and nights. He said that much information can be obtained from the Fox Pro website at www.gofoxpro.com. Fox Pro is a family operation that was established 1993 in Lewistown Pennsylvania. Their first product was a flashlight sized call placed on the ground that had 16 different calls.

Jerry said that location is very important and that a hunter should move low and slow, hunt from low ground with cover to break up their outline and with the wind in their face. Coyotes are lazy and do not like climbing, therefore the hunter should be at a lower elevation with the sun behind him. In the morning the hunter should be aware of thermal currents. An electric caller should be set a maximum of 30 yards from the hunter, or further if open ground, but should be placed where you can see them. Stay in your blind for a minimum of 15 minutes. Most coyotes will show up in 3-8 minutes. He recommended wearing a 3/4 length Ghillie suit and hat for maximum camouflage effect. Stay away from horses because they hate coyotes and chase them away. Deer, cows, pheasants and other animals are *sentinels* and their warning calls alert coyotes. Coyotes are everywhere and can be located by their tracks, coyotes front feet are larger than their hind feet, scat and howling. He also discussed the combined use of electric and mouth calls. Decoys that mimic small animals must have motion (breeze activated), simple, small and be visible. Coyotes with their ears pointed up, looking behind themselves or stopped have not been spooked. Coyotes with their ears down, tail tucked, hackles up and body broadside have been spooked. If a coyote is coming in to the hunter and is spooked; he will return to where he came from. He said that a coyote has a small kill zone and shots not in the kill zone will decrease the hide value. Hide buyers and prices were also discussed. Toward the end of his presentation, Jerry demonstrated, with a mouth call, all the various c that a coyote makes. He also said that he does not use scent when he is hunting. Needless to say, Jerry answered many questions and participated in several discussions with other coyote hunters. He gave a very good and informative presentation.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Paul Seuberlich selected the 6 1/2 ft walleye rod and reel with extras prepared by Richard Sharp, Kerri Malback (the main speakers wife) and John Mace won a *Big Game* camo seat, Fred Porter won the 7 gallon camo bucket/seat, Kyle Laughery won the FoxPro Black Jack decoy, Robert Laughery won a Johnny Stewart shooter's stick, Marilyn Steele won a Winchester shooter's rest, Matt Russell won an Allen rifle sling, Russ Wyer won an Allen Shooter's target set, Chris Mosher won a Dirty Dog howler call and selected the Mystery Box that contained a large Summer Sausage chub and a *Lucky Life Ticket*, and Ron Ruth picked a *Bauer's Bears In The World* book.

GAME MEAT RECOVERY EVENTS 46 & 47: On January 18, a call was received from Pasco Dispatch about a deer that was still alive near Kahlotus and on the road. Bruce Wade and Paul Kison responded to the scene, Highway 260-2 miles east of Kahlotus, about 9:00 PM. The deer, a small yearling doe mule deer, was dead upon arrival. Both hind legs were broken and one ham was 30% damaged. The animal was quartered and the backstraps removed. Bruce and Paul were back to their homes about midnight. The next day, Bruce boned out the quarters and delivered the meat to the Union Gospel Mission on January 19 about 1:00 PM.

● Tuesday evening, January 22, at about 6:15PM, Larry Martin received a call from Franklin County Sheriff dispatch concerning a deer hit by a vehicle. This deer was by Connell on highway 260 at mile post 6. Larry and his brother in law Don Smith responded and found the animal without much trouble. The deer was a three-point buck, severely damaged from the impact but looked like there was salvageable meat. The area didn't seem safe to work on the animal there, so Larry and Don put the whole deer in the back of his pickup without gutting it. When Larry got home, he boned it out saving what meat he could. Paul Kison transported the meat to the Mission Wednesday afternoon.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Ron Lucas and Duane Shults, both from Richland.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES/WILD GAME DINNER - Many memberships have expired or will expire on April 1. There are still some members who are one, two years or more delinquent. Your membership expiration date is shown on this Bulletin's mailing label. The label will be highlighted if you are delinquent. To be eligible for the Quality Trip and some of the Big Game Dinner door prizes your dues must be paid up through April 2013 (4-1-13). 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 February and March General Meetings. 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 RR&GC, P.O. Box 337, Richland, WA 99352.

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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: One photo was entered in the January contest by Dave Myers. His photo showed Dan Evans with a rooster pheasant, harvested January 2, 2013, with a 24 inch tail feather. Dave's photo is the winner since it was the only entry. 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 (a jpg file) to rroguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

LONGEST TAILFEATHER CONTEST: Sort through your collection of King Neck Pheasant tail-feathers. Bring your longest tail-feather to the February General Meeting and give it to Richard Sharp with your name and other information. He will collect them, measure them and determine who is the winner. The feather does not have to be from a bird harvested this year.

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SALMON EGGS FOR SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM PROJECT DELIVERED: A total of about 2,900 Chinook salmon eggs, 100 each for 29 schools, were delivered January 7 by Paul Kison, Lyle Gilk, Bob Kolowith, Jim Reynolds, Ben and Hazel Webb, Paul and Dianna Seuberlich, and Gene Van Liew. A total of 3,350 students are participating in the Salmon in the Classroom project. The salmon smolt resulting from the eggs will be released into the Columbia River at Columbia Park early in May.

CLUB SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED: Three to five senior Club members are needed to participate in a Scholarship Committee. Please contact Jeff Gardner at 554-2450 if you would like to participate.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2013 WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES INSPECTIONS: Inspection of Wood Duck nesting boxes will begin early in February. If you would like to participate, all Dale Schielke at 375-0183 or, e-mail him at dahjalou@msn.com.

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Price of the Quality Trip Drawing entry tickets is \$25.00 per ticket. Entry tickets for the 2013 Quality Trip can be purchased at the February and March General Meetings and at the Wild Game Dinner until the maximum of 100 has been sold

1. Only RR&GC members with current dues paid through April 1 of following years (2014) are eligible to purchase up to two entry tickets each. Example: A members must have dues paid through April 1, 2014.
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 23, 2013 RR&GC Wild Game Dinner. You do not need to be present to win.

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● As of February 18, 188 boxes had been checked. A total of 98 boxes (52.1%) were used by wood ducks. Screech owls used 32 boxes. The number of unhatched WD eggs was 553 and 59 boxes contained membranes. Total number of membranes discovered this year was 306. No boxes were discovered with honey bees. A total of 151 volunteer hours were expended during the inspections. *Heroes of Conservation* grant money was used to purchase a nestcam and fiber optic inspection camera. Battele has donated a computer to use with the nestcam so hopefully there will be a link to a live streaming views inside a nest box with a wood duck setting on eggs at Barker ranch.

TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER LAKE: Lunker Lake was a huge success. About 1,800 rainbow trout were placed in the pond Thursday, Jan 17. About 100 of the fish were tagged as they were placed in the pond. The Sportsmen Show was open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan, 18-20. Youngsters who caught a tagged fish received one of the prizes donated by Clare Cranston, Griggs, Dairy Queen, Sportsman's Warehouse and others. Sunday night after the event was over about 230 fish were left in the pond. Many of the fish caught by the youngsters were not taken home and were placed in ice chests. About 350 pounds of trout were donated to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco. Some of the fish were also saved for dissections at the Salmon

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in the Classroom classes and some were donated to Blue Mountain Wildlife who specialize in raptor rehabilitation. About 360 fish were caught Friday, 1,220 Saturday, 495 Sunday and 228 fish remained in the tank Sunday evening.

● Lunker Lake volunteers from the Club and number of shifts worked were: Howard Gardner 3, Levi Garcia 2, Kirby Hammond 2, Paul Kison 2, Dave Myers 3, John Nelson, John Pfeiffer 2, Keith Sharp, Neil Sullivan 3, Gene Van Liew 3, Ben Webb 2, Lyle Gilk 2, Marilyn Steele 7, Glen Bethman 5, Alan Casebere, Jim Cartmell, Fay Lyon, David Miller, Dave O'Brien 2, Fred Porter, Bruce Wade, Laverna Wade, Russ Wyer, Tim Clemons, Joe Drousie, Richard Sharp 3, Travis Sharp, Alanae Sharp, Andrew Templeton, Austin Templeton, Duane Woolum, Tod Woolum, Rick Corson, Kelvin Efferfield, Lou LaDouceuer, Cory Manlove, Dalton McMannamon, Dillon McMannamon, Doug McMannamon, Beman Perkins, Ken Poletski, Jim Reynolds, Rick Libby 2, Terry Christensen, Tim Lynch, Larry Martin, Don Klempke, Dave Myers 3, Jack Pickard, Paul Seuberlich 2, Jim Sullivan, Rick Nelson, Dale Schielke 2, Karen Estes, Mike Estes, David Brouwer, Dan Edwards, Megan Edwards, Jeff Gardner, Jennifer Gardner, Rick McFall, Tom Davis, Dennis Larson 2, John Prather, Rocky Ross 2, Jerry Frye.

● Other volunteers were: Colby Richards, Larry Richards, Lawrence Richards, Braxton Baker, Wayne Cosby 2, Wayne Guntner, Cindy Haugen, Conner Dubling, KC Hooper, Alec Markel, Christina Markel, Emily Mullen, Jamie, Mullen, Logan Mullen, Wess Rawlings, Curd Boston, Karl Pool, Curtis King, Cody Hand, Christina Hand, and Ken Johanning. A wood Duck nesting display was adjacent to Lunker Lake and youth were able to assist fabricating a nesting box.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March 19, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

- The March meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceed to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to An 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 lots. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm
- There will be two speakers at the meeting. Club member Alan Casebere's topic will be Fishing opportunities in Alaska. The second speaker will be Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist who will discuss Spring opportunities for Trout and Salmon. Come early with a fishing buddy and get a good seat.
- 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 selected by Richard Sharp.

● March 23, 2013 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$20.00 each will be on sale at the meeting. Club members and nonmembers can purchase tickets. For more information, contact Dale at 375-0183.

● Price of the Quality Trip Drawing entry tickets is \$25.00 per ticket. Entry tickets for the 2013 Quality Trip can be purchased at the March General Meeting and the Wild Game Dinner until the maximum of 100 tickets has been sold.

● Bring Wild Game Dinner donation packages to the General and Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Jeff Gardner, Club President, opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to a packed house. A total of 120 chairs was set up in the meeting room and the overflow were seated at tables in the adjacent room. There was not enough time for all the guests to introduce themselves. Each of the guests did receive five free raffle tickets. Gene Van Liew described the Salmon in the Classroom project. He also stated that Dave Myers, Paul Kison, Ben Webb and Paul Seuberlich attended the salmon dissection training class and are now able to participate in the salmon dissections performed for students involved in the salmon in the Classroom Project. Marilyn Steele stated that the most ever trout were caught out of Lunker Lake during the 2013 Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show. Many of the fish caught by the youngsters were not taken home and were placed in ice chests and about 350 pounds of trout were donated to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco. Some of these fish were also saved for dissections at the Salmon in the Classroom classes and some were donated to Blue Mountain Wildlife who specializes in raptor rehabilitation. She announced that the KOE Fishing Events will be May 10 and May 11 at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond. The

May 10 event will be for Special Needs kids. The May 11 event will be for kids between 5-14 years old. About 1,200 kids will participate in that event. Mike Estes described the Club's Game Recovery program and the latest two recoveries. Dale Schielke described the Club's wood duck nesting box program. At present about 400 nesting boxes have been installed. Two inspections have been made. A total of 57 boxes were inspected and 85 membranes were observed. Annual inspection and maintenance of the boxes has started. Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes. Lyle Gilk announced that he had 2013 Club Calendars and Club hats for sale. He also had Quality Trip entry tickets available for Club members at \$25.00 each. Dale Schielke announced that he had 2013 Wild Game Dinner tickets for sale at \$20.00 each. Russ Wyer announced that the Club has a new Facebook site that is up and running. Take a look at it at: <http://www.facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub>. Note: You do not have to be a member of Facebook to look at the site.

● The Tip of the Month was presented by Dale Schielke. He showed a PowerPoint presentation of a new and improved link to a Google Map of the 400 RR&GC wood duck box locations with specific historical data on the use of each box. Thanks to the hard work of Dan Evans for developing the interface between old Excel *data* files and Google maps. The information is found on the Club's web page under "Club Projects." Click on "Wood Duck Box Locations/Information." The map can be used to review boxes in a specific locale (i.e. near Benton City) or click on "View Larger Map" and then click on a specific box number listed on the left of the map. This will zoom-in on the location and show the historical data for the box. View the map now at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id88.htm>. The link can also be accessed from the Facebook link shown above.

● After a short break, Jeff introduced Tom Moore, a member of Walleye Anglers Unlimited, Griggs Pro Staff, RR&GC and a candidate member of the Inland Fish Advisory Committee to replace Clare Cranston. He has been fishing for 60 years and started fishing for walleye on the upper Mississippi River and during *fly-ins* to Ontario. The title of his presentation was Winter Walleye Fishing on the Columbia River. He learned much of his fishing knowledge from fishing with other people and asking many questions. He has caught a 14 lb-4 oz walleye off Indian Island and a 14 lb-14 oz walleye during a Walleye Classic tournament. When fishing for walleye to be eaten, he prefers fish under 3 pounds, however he does not think that there is much difference in the taste of larger fish. He stated that he is a walleye equipment addict and presently has 14 rods. He likes a 7 ft medium fast tip rod and an 8 to 8 1/2 ft trolling rod. He uses both spinning and bait casting reels. His favorite line is Berkley NanoFil; a 150 yd spool costs about \$20.00. It is a uni-filament fishing line made of molecularly fused *Dyneemadoes*. Rod guides do not freeze up in cold weather with nano fil and the line casts about 25% farther than other lines and is available in Sage Green, Yellow, and White. Tom stated that bank fishing is not common locally but he has observed it at the Mardon dock, in the Plymouth causeway, when walleye are in the post-spawn condition, and below Grand Coulee Dam. When fishing from a boat, he recommends that depth finders should be equipped with a GPS. At this time of the year fish are on the bottom. When trolling, he uses a wot harness about 80% of the time and regulates the boat speed so that his line is at a 45% angle in relation to the water. He stressed that walleye are lazy and the lure needs to be within three feet of the fish. When he was questioned about scents, he replied that he has used about seven different brands. When fishing for fish on the bottom, he stressed that the rod should be held by the angler and not placed in a rod holder. If a rod holder is used, the hook should be a circle hook and when a fish bites, he suggests that the reel should be cranked three times before the hook is set if the water depth is below 20 feet. He stressed that the fisherman should be able to distinguish between the bottom and a fish bite. He emphasized that when you are setting the hook, the rod should not be raised vertically but should be swept horizontally. Tom stated that he does not fish with *drop shot*. He looks for structure such as mud lines, current breaks, behind humps or behind wing dams. He fishes downstream and marks where fish are caught. At the end of his *drift*, he circles back around the *drift* line until he is above where the fish were caught and repeats the original *drift* line. Walleye tend to group together at this time of the year. Many questions, answers and comments were made at the end of his presentation. It was obvious that there were a whole lot of walleye anglers at the meeting.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Jerry Hipp who selected the 6 1/2 ft walleye trolling rod and all accessories, Ted Schmitt selected the 6 1/2 ft drop shot outfit and all accessories, Dave Oakley won the walleye trolling package, John Prather won the Plano tackle satchel and the Mity Might rod and reel, Dan Sevcik won the Gulp products organizer kit, Tony Sehinner won a Walleye measuring board, Lyle Gilk won a large double sided Plano tackle satchel, Paul Seuberlich won the Mystery Box which contained a large jar with about a half dozen gold fish and a can of fish food; he also won a Maxim Fisherman set.

GAME MEAT RECOVERY EVENT # 48: On February 15, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. Lyle Gilk received a call from Richland Dispatch Center that Benton County Sheriffs Department needed assistance with a deer on Highway 240. The deer was located in Benton County approximately 34 miles from 1506 Rimrock Avenue, Richland WA. The deer was about 30 feet from the center of Highway 240 in the ditch. Deputy Clark was at the scene and the deer was alive when Clark arrived. He stated that the deer tried to move away and he dispatched it. The deer had been hit by some type of vehicle and was bruised to a great extent. It was a mature buck, no antlers, and weighed about 180 pounds. Lyle picked up the deer and processed it at his residence. The recovered meat, estimated at about 40 pounds, was put on ice and delivered to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco. All of the Meat Recovery events can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/id87.htm>.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Michael Becker from Chewelah and Maurice Duffield from West Richland.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!: The hunting season is over and meat donations for the Club's annual March 23, 2013. Wild Game Dinner are still needed. Donations of game meat including waterfowl and other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar, pland 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: See instructions on Club Website at: <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>. 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 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! There will be ice chests at the monthly General Meetings for Wild Game Dinner meat donations. Call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 if you cannot bring the meat to the meeting to arrange for pickup of the meat.

MEMBERSHIP DUES/WILD GAME DINNER - Many memberships have expired or will expire on April 1, 2013. 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. If your membership date has expired or will expire April 1, the expiration date on the label will be highlighted. 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 RR&GC, P.O. Box 337, Richland, WA 99352.

PRE WILD GAME DINNER MEETING: A meeting of members involved in the Wild Game Dinner including cooks, helpers etc. will be held Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 P.M. at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall.

WILD GAME DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Wild Game Dinner Chairman Marilyn Steele is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Marilyn at 392-2128 and offer your services, she needs people all day March 23 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. If you work for a minimum of 2 hours or are a food donor you can reserve table places for up to an 8 persons party for the dinner by obtaining a place card(s) from Marilyn or her 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 for storage of food and ice and to keep food warm. Please bring them in the morning and tag them with your name and be sure to pick them up after the dinner.

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- Individual can choose/draw for teammate! Children 14+ considered adult. Under 14 may be in addition to team.
- Fish retained will need to be cleaned for fish fry at potluck after weigh in! (Don't keep them too small)!
- Good sportsmanship/honesty and laughs a must
- Testimonials of trials, failures and triumphs during Potluck dinner.
- Bring Potluck Dishes - A-J Dessert, K-Q Salad, R-Z Main Dish. More info call Richard at 551-6785/ Ospreytallons@yahoo.com.

2013 SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS & KIDS! FISHING DAY

- **Friday evening** May 10 there will be a fishing event for Special Needs Kids at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond from about 4.00 to 7P.M. About 250 kids are expected. Many volunteers are needed at this event and should be at the Fishing Pond by 4:00 P.M. This will be the fifth Special Needs Kids fishing event. All the previous events were very successful and attendance has increased with each event. More volunteers will be needed this year because more Special Needs Kids are anticipated. There will be complimentary snacks at the Park for volunteers after the event is over.

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- The Kids! Fishing Day, formerly the Fishing Kids, will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 11. This year's goal is again 1,200 children in four shifts starting at 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., Noon and 1:30 P.M.. Many, many volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help at the pond. **Volunteers should be at the Fishing Pond by 8:00 A.M. Saturday morning for an orientation session.** Volunteers should bring an orange vest, if they have one, a hemostat or needle nose pliers to remove the fish hook from the fish and eye protection. Bring suitable clothing, in the past the weather has been blustery and even rainy. A complimentary light lunch will be served to volunteers at the Park. on May 11.
- There will be sign up sheets for volunteers at the April and May General meetings. Youth (5-14 years old) can sign up for the event at <http://go2kennewick.com>.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS: Don Board - There will be a Hunter Education Class at Griggs in Pasco starting Monday, April 1 and continuing through April 2, 4 and 5. **You must register online** at <http://www.register-ed.com/programs/94>.

2013 QUALITY TRIP WINNER: Winner of the 2013 Quality Trip drawing at the Wild Game Dinner was Kirby Hammond and the alternate was Gaylord Pyle. Congratulations!



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

APRIL GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. at Kennewick Elks Lodge

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 19, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

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- The April meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 2 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceed to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to An 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 lots. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm
- The speakers at the meeting will be the 2012 Quality Trip winner Doug Hitchcock and his partner Leo Pfeiffer. Because of the high out-of-state transportation, guide and lodging expenses, Doug and Leo decided to go on several *local* fishing and hunting trips instead of one. The trips they decided upon, originally, were: a) A guided Buoy 10 Columbia salmon trip in August plus a saltwater charter trip out of Ilwaco, b) A guided Sockeye trip to the Wells Dam/Brewster area, c) a guided Pit Blind goose hunt with Pasco's Burbank Guide Service and if any of the above didn't work out d) A guided Steelhead trip on the Cowlitz or Lewis River or a Westport salmon trip. Come to the meeting and see how everything worked out and what they ended up doing.
- Bring a guest(s) to the meeting and he or she will receive five free raffle tickets
- As usual there will be a very good selection of fishing oriented raffle prizes selected by Richard Sharp.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Jeff Gardner, Club President, opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to an attendance of about 80 people. The first order of business was election of Club officers and Board of Directors for 2013-2014. Gaylord Pyle conducted the election. A motion was made from the floor, seconded and unanimously approved that the slate of proposed officers and directors be approved. They are listed later in this Newsletter. Announcements were made by Lyle Gilk who stated that 26 tickets have been sold to the Quality Trip. Larry Martin said that three youth have signed up to attend the Orcas Island Youth conservation camp. There are openings for a total of six youth. Camp dates are July 14-20 for girls and July 21-27 for boys. Gene Van Liew announced that he is looking for volunteers to assemble fishing rods and reels for the May 10 and 11 Special Needs kids and Fishing Kids events. A volunteer sign up sheet was circulated. Gene also announced that the salmon fry raised from eggs in 33 Salmon In the Classroom fish tanks by students from 21 classrooms in Kennewick, Richland and Finley will be released May 7 and 8 in Columbia Park at the boat ramp by the Blue Bridge. The event named the Salmon Summit will also have numerous displays for the students to visit and participate. Dale Schielke announced that he still has a few tickets to the March 23 Wild Game dinner, contact Dale at 375-0183 if you desire to purchase a ticket(s). Dale also announced that the Wood

Duck nesting inspections should be completed after a couple of trips. Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes. Four guests introduced themselves and were each given five free raffle tickets.

● After a short break, Jeff Gardner introduced the first speaker of the evening Club member Alan Casebere who had just returned from a fishing trip at Matzalan, Mexico. His topic was 'Fishing Opportunities in Alaska. He had lived in Alaska for five years and he described the different parts of Alaska and his impression of the fishing opportunities for them. His Powerpoint presentation was about fishing at the Prince of Wales Island and staying at the Fireweed Station Inn near Talkeetna. To reach the island, fly from Seattle to Ketchikan and then take a 3-3½ hour ferry ride to the island. The Fireweed station web site is

<http://www.fireweedstation.com/>. The island has black bears and BlackTail deer that can be hunted in season. Alan fished the rivers on the island for salmon and Steelhead. None of the rivers have king salmon. Accommodations for saltwater fishing are available on the island and fishing for halibut is good; normal size is 20-30 lbs and Alan has caught a 130 pounder. Coho salmon are caught from August to September, king salmon and Steelhead are caught in May, Pink salmon can be caught from mid June to July and are present by the thousands. Fly fishing for Steelhead is great and he likes the *Egg Sucking Leach* fly. Salmon or Steelhead eggs also are effective. Coho are caught with *Blue Fox*, *Crocodile*, and yellow skin *Mepps* lures. The lodge can filet the fish, flash freeze them and package them in 50 lb. boxes. Flies and mosquitoes are prevalent and fishermen should have insect repellent with them. Alan showed a lot of slides and gave out a lot of other information about fishing in Alaska. He answered many questions from the audience. All of his information came from personal experience.

● Jeff introduced the second speaker, Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW District 4 fish Biologist. Paul is well known by Club members because of his annual fish forecasts and his proactive responses to fishermen who contact him with questions about fishing. He opened his presentation by stating that stocked trout, starting this year will average about 2 ½ fish per pound except for triploids and lunkers. He discussed the May 10 & 11 Special Needs Kids and Fishing Kids events at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond. He also discussed the Spring Chinook and Summer Chinook forecasts for the Columbia and Snake rivers and forecasts for the Yakima River and he showed tables that illustrated the forecasts compared to previous years actual numbers. He discussed Ringold Springs hatchery Steelhead releases and mentioned the predations occurring in the rearing ponds from gulls and other avian predators. The 2012 Coho Ocean abundance was compared to the 2013 forecast. He discussed the Columbia river Fall Chinook forecast that is the highest in many years. He mentioned the trend of Columbia river Fall Chinook arriving earlier every year. They are returning to the Columbia river about mid August. He mentioned that walleye fishing should be good because the walleye concentrations are good. He showed a map that pinpointed the Yakima river boat launches. He also mentioned that there are several small lakes in Franklin County that are good for panfishing. He answered many questions and mentioned his phone number so that he could be contacted any time a fisherman has a question.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Jack Pickard who won the 8 ½ ft. fly rod and reel with landing net, flies and a Gun Boss cleaning kit, Dave Miller selected the *planter* trout kit with a spinning rod & reel and other panfisher goodies, Tod Woolum picked the panfish kit with a rod & reel and other goodies, Frank Scopa won a stadium seat cushion, Steve Keehr (a new member) won a double bit axe, John Prather won a double-sided tackle box and a six-quart Dutch oven and Jennifer Gardner picked the Mystery Box which contained a Gold Panning Kit.

2013-2014 CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION: The following were unanimously voted at the March General Meeting as Club officers and the Board of Trustees: Jeff Gardner-president, Kirby Hammond-vice president, Lyle Gilk-treasurer, Eddie Manthos-secretary and Board of Trustees-Graham Benson, Francis Edwards, Mike Estes, Jennifer Gardner, Richard Libby, Matthew Lucas, Fay Lyon, Corey Manlove, Larry Martin, Brian Millar, Jack Pickard, Ron Ruth, Frank Scopa, Richard Sharp and Gene Van Liew.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Randy Whiting and family and Steve Keehr both from Pasco and Dale Berndt and family from West Richland.

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2013 WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES INSPECTIONS: Inspection of Wood Duck nesting boxes is almost complete. If you would like to participate, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183 or e-mail him at dahlialou@msn.com. The data shown below details the duck box inspections details for the last four years. A wood duck nest cam has been installed on a nesting box and a test of the installation is ongoing. To view the duck box live go to <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrogc> Check it out.

Summary Data	2013	2012	2011	2010
Boxes Checked per year	354	363	345	285
Boxes used by wood ducks	163	159	135	126
Percentage usage by Wood Ducks	46.0%	43.8%	39.1%	44.2%
Boxes used by Screech Owls	69	78	77	51
Number of unhatched WD eggs	941	922	627	764
Number of boxes with membranes	107	105	100	78
Number of membranes	595	585	499	373
Boxes with Honey Bees reclaimed	0	3	6	3
Volunteer hours	260	417	571	267

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Two photos were entered in the March contest. Richard Sharp entered a photo of Kirby Hammond with a ground squirrel harvested during pest control. Mike Estes entered a photo of a 12" white crappie caught by Bill Madison at Cold Springs, OR March 19. Mike's photo was declared the winner. Mike will receive five free raffle tickets at the April General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://www.facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (a jpg file) to rrogc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge.

DUCK BANDS REPORTED FOR 2012-13 WATERFOWEL SEASON

Name	Date Harvested	Place Harvested	SPECIES/SEX	Age	Where Banded
Tim Clemons	12/2/2012	North of Mesa, Franklin County	Mallard Hen	Hatched in 2012	11 miles N of Medimont, ID
Dave Piovesan	11/14/2012	9 mi W of CONNELL	Mallard Drake	HATCHED IN 2005 OR EARLIER	11 S SEVEN PERSONS, ALBERTA, CANADA
Jeff Gardner	08/13/2012	2.4 mi N of Haines, Baker County, OR	Mallard Drake	HATCHED IN 2011 OR EARLIER	LADD MARSH WILDLIFE AREA, 5 MILES SOUTHEAST OF LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, USA

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- Derby Rules Columbia Point, Gazebo #4 by Bridge. Contact Richard at 551-8675 or ospreytalons@yahoo.com
- Open to Club Members – Richland Rod & Gun Club accepts no liability
- Entry Fee! Option Pot Choice, \$10 Big Fish, \$5 Total Accumulated Weight, \$5 Multiple Species, \$2 +Potluck Dish for BBQ
- All rod/reel combos **must be** Mighty Mite equipment – No braided line (monofilament only!)
- Mighty Mite combos can be provided with \$15 retainer – forfeited if broken.
- Personally purchased Mighty Mite equipment must be submitted for inspection by judges
- Trophy/cash awarded for largest fish/total weight (less winning large fish)/multiple species. Only sport fish may be entered.
- Each contestant weighs only the fish they catch. State regulations are in effect!
- Area's to fish: all waters Benton, Franklin, Walla-Walla counties.

● The Kids! Fishing Day, formerly the Fishing Kids, will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 11. This year's goal is again 1,200 children in four shifts starting at 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., Noon and 1:30 P.M.. Many many volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help at the pond. **Volunteers should be at the Fishing Pond by 7:00 A.M. Saturday morning for an orientation session.** Volunteers should bring an orange vest, if they have one, a hemostat or needle nose pliers to remove the fish hook from the fish and eye protection, Bring suitable clothing, in the past the weather has been blustery and even rainy. A complimentary light lunch will be served to volunteers at the Park Saturday. After the event Marilyn Steele and Dale Schielke will have some delicious dishes prepared for the volunteers similar to last years. Sign-up sheets will be available at the May 7 General Meeting.

JOHN PRATHER'S MIDDLE FORK SALMON RIVER TRIP: (Russ Wyer) John, Andy, David & Bill took a great trip down the Middle Fork Salmon River in the Fall of 2012. The hunting, fishing and rafting trip started at Indian Creek and continued down river for about 10 miles to Thomas Creek. The trip is shown on the Club's Facebook page and website. To trace his trip downstream. click on <http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/john.htm>.

MESA LAKE FENCING REMOVAL PROJECT: Volunteers are needed to remove old fencing on the Mesa Lake Water Access Site. Fencing removal is a volunteer conservation projects for Master Hunters. Volunteer hours spent on this project can be used for Master Hunter or Discover Pass qualification. Contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183 for more information.

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GAME MEAT RECOVERY-EVENT#49: (Mike Estes) While turkey hunting early Sunday morning, April 21 in Columbia County, Club member Chris Mosher spotted a mature whitetail female deer entangled in a fence. Chris freed the deer from the fence but noticed that it was seriously injured. He contacted various individuals and agencies and a Columbia County sheriff's deputy responded to dispatch the injured animal. Chris dressed and de-boned the deer and delivered the meat to the Union Gospel Mission later the same day. Thanks to Chris for taking the time and effort to try to assist the animal and then for going the extra mile to recover the meat when it became obvious that the deer could not be saved.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 21, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

MAY GENERAL MEETING

- The May meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceed to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to An 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 lots. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm.
- The speaker will be Club member Scott Estes whose topic will be Bowfishing. He is a High School Science Teacher (Earth Science, AP Biology). He has been Bowfishing for 19 years and a Tournament Bowfisher for three years. He also bow hunts for deer, elk and turkey and fishes, with rod and reel, for bass, walleye and salmon. He bowfishes day and night, 12 months out of the year. In 2013, he will be competing in eight bowfishing tournaments and scheduling three free "Beginning" and "Advanced" bowfishing seminars open to the public. He has already begun organizing the 2013 Tri-Cities Bowfishing Tournament (June 29th, 30th). On February 2013, he obtained his USCG Captains License and started guiding clients on bowfishing adventures. Last year he and his partner placed in the "TOP 3" in four Bowfishing Tournaments in three states. People always want to know what made him successful, and what gear he is using. This year he and his partner will be traveling to eight Bowfishing Tournaments in four states (ID, OR, UT, WA). Come to the meeting and find out why he is successful, learn all about Bowfishing and take a good look at the equipment he uses.
- A Tip of The Month speaker has not been selected. Perhaps one of the Meeting participants would like to get up and share some of his tips or secrets with us.
- Bring a guest(s) to the meeting and he or she will receive five free raffle tickets
- As usual there will be a very good selection of raffle prizes selected by Richard Sharp.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Jeff Gardner, Club President, opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to an about 45 people. Guests introduced themselves and received five free raffle tickets. Announcements were made by Larry Martin who solicited 8-10 volunteers for an April 13 guzzler repair project, located above the McBee grade, that was damaged during the Kiona-Prosser fire. It requires extensive repairs and is located in a very difficult to access area. Gene Van Liew reported that the fishing rods and reels for the May 10 and 11 Special Needs Kids and Kids! Fishing Day have arrived and can be picked up for home assembly April 8 at the Pasco Griggs store. Gene also circulated sign-up sheets for the May 7 and 8 Salmon Summit at Columbia Park. Marilyn Steele circulated sign-up sheets for the May 10 and 11 Special Needs Kids and Fishing! Kids events. Dale Schielke announced that there is a web cam installed on a Wood Duck nesting boxes that had a Screech Owl egg in the

box. He was unsuccessful in showing the egg in the box with his lap top computer and projector. The web cam can be accessed by going to www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc. Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes and announced that he had free Club logo decals and that the Catfish Derby will be June 25. Jeff Gardner introduced Mikal Moore from the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf). Mikal was the second speaker of the evening.

- Jeff then introduced The 2012 quality trip winners, Doug Hitchcock and Leo Pfeifer. Doug said that after researching numerous Lodges and getting input from nine fellow fishing friends and their recommendations, most said to go to the Sitka Area. Doug found out the limits on Halibut and King Salmon are one per day per person. But after looking at travel time to fishing grounds and how costs have gone up since the influx of Cruise Ships bringing more people wanting to go fishing, he began to wonder if he should go to Alaska for a good fishing trip. Most of the Alaska and upper British Columbia trips prices were over \$1,900 per person plus travel costs for three days fishing on average. So he discussed with Leo the possibility of staying in Washington and going on fishing trips that they had never done before. He told Leo that he had never been river fishing for salmon or Steelhead with a guide. Besides he had not gone hunting or fishing the last two years because of commitments to his wife and son and daughter to help provide day care for their two grandkids for the last two years. It was difficult to get away for a couple of days. Leo suggested they try the Sockeye Fishing in Brewster.

They decided on a two day guided Sockeye trip to the Wells Dam/ Brewster area at the mouth of the Okanagan River on the Columbia River with APB Guide Service (Tony Bernsen) Jul 18-19, plus two days unguided (\$1137) and a Guided Pit Blind Goose Hunt with Pasco's Burbank Guide Service Dec 15th (\$595). After the successful Brewster trip they decided to go with Tony on a Fall (Aug 21) Chinook Salmon trip on the Hanford Reach. Photographs taken by Doug can be viewed at the Club's Facebook site at www.Facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub.

- After a short break, Jeff introduced Mikal Moore. She is the Regional NWTf Biologist for Idaho, Oregon and Washington and assumed her position in June of 2012 and is located in Bend, Oregon. She reviewed the Washington State turkey hunting regulations, the 1996-2011 turkey harvests in different sections of Washington State and the Northeast Winter Survey 2005-2012, She also explained and discussed the Dillacorte Ridge Oak and Pine Enhancement Project, The Blue Mountains Wildlife Area Annual Food Plot, NE Washington Aspen Restoration and Entiat Winter Range Improvement. She stated that Washington state has three turkey subspecies. One of the focuses of the NWTf is turkey habitat and habitat enhancement. Turkey stocking was very successful, however as turkey numbers have increased, the carrying capacity of available habitat is being exceeded.
- Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: John Prather who won the Salmon Plunking kit and a trout creel, Emily Mullen and Mark Scopa each won a Mity Might rod with reel and line, Chris Mosher won an 8 ft. fly rod and reel with a creel, landing net, and fly box with flies, Everill Davison won a Silent Spin Seat, Jennifer Gardner won a turkey kit with a whole lot of goodies, Doug Hitchcock won a 8,000 lb. Hand Winch and a six-foot folding camp table, Mikal Moore (new member and NWTf Regional Biologist) won a large camp axe, Gaylord Pyle won a 12 qt. cast-iron Dutch oven and Leo Pfeifer won a set of tie down straps.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Michael Terrell from Camono Island, John Blatchford from Mountlake Terrace, Russel Brown & Family from Richland, Jack Westerfield from Eatonville, Steve Thonney and Mike Livingston from Prosser, Coke Roth, Dave Seaver and Dan Durham and Family from Richland, Jaime Mullen and Family from Kennewick and Mikal Moore from Bend, Oregon.

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- The first Hunter Education class of 2013 took place April 1, 2, 4 and five. Registrations took place on-line at the WDFW website. Thirty-two students registered on-line and 28 showed up for the classes. Twenty-two of the 28 passed the class. Instructors were Don Board, Dave Myers and Ron Ruth.

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- A total of 388 existing boxes were checked, old nesting material cleaned out, new nesting material installed and pertinent data collected for the use during last years nesting season. Kids assembled 28 new boxes, eight of the 28 replaced existing boxes that were retired and the remaining 20 were new installations. Of the boxes checked, 170 showed signs of use by wood ducks and 111 boxes had a total of 613 membranes, indicating successful hatching of at least that many ducklings last spring. Additionally 74 of the boxes were used by western screech owls. We found no honey bees occupying any boxes during this years checks. Thanks to the 34 volunteers that assisted in this effort!

- The first nestcam, that has been operational since late March, was relocated to a nest box near Barker Ranch HQ that has a kestrel nest. Currently the kestrel has four eggs. This can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc>. A new nestcam was installed April 19 in a wood duck nest box that has a hen sitting on ~nine eggs. The second recently purchased camera was installed near the twin bridges on the Yakima River. The nestcam can be viewed at

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc-duckcam>. The hatch is expected in early to mid May, since we do not have an exact start on the incubation.

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- Area's to fish: all waters Benton, Franklin, Walla-Walla counties.

- Individual can choose/draw for teammate! Children 14+ considered adult. Under 14 may be in addition to team.

- Fish retained will need to be cleaned for fish fry at potluck after weigh in! (Don't keep them too small)!

- Good sportsmanship/honesty and laughs a must

- Testimonials of trials, failures and triumphs during Potluck dinner.

- Bring Potluck Dishes - A-J Dessert, K-Q Salad, R-Z Main Dish. **More info** call Richard at 551-6785 or Ospreytalons@yahoo.com.

MOONLIGHT CATFISH DERBY: The Catfish Tournament will take place Friday-Saturday June 21 and 22. More information will be posted on the Club's Facebook page and web site as soon as it is available. One of the purposes of this competition is to obtain live spawning class catfish that will be stocked into the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond. Additionally the fish will be weighed and measured to determine the winners of the competition. There will also be a fish-fry and potluck Saturday, June 22.

TOP GUN EVENT: Tentative date for this event is Saturday, July 6. More information later when available.

2013 SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS & KIDS! FISHING DAY:

- **Friday evening** May 10 there will be a fishing event for Special Needs Kids at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond from about 4:00 to 7P:M. About 250 kids are expected. Many volunteers are needed at this event and should be at the Fishing Pond by 4:00 P.M. This will be the fifth Special Needs Kids fishing event. All the previous events were very successful and attendance has increased with each event. More volunteers will be needed this year because more Special Needs Kids are anticipated. There will be complimentary snacks at the Park for volunteers after the event is over.

SALMON BOOTH 2013 - The Allied Arts 'Art in the Park' 2013 Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27 at the usual location in Howard Amon Park in Richland. The Columbia Basin Flycasters will have the lead this year. This is the main money raising project of the Richland Rod & Gun Club & The Flycasters for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday, July 25 starting at 5:00 PM for booth set up and 6:00 PM for salmon preparation at the Richland Knights of Columbia Hall. The booth will operate from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. Shifts will be 9:00 A.M.-1:00:00 P.M., 1:00-5:00 P.M. and 5:00-9:00 P.M. both days with tear-down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00 PM. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/12, may 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. Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun plus you get a gratis salmon lunch at the end of your shift. Only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a Health Card. Shift workers are not required to have Health Cards. Notify Dale Schielke at 375-0183 if you have a current Health Card since it is desirable to have a second person with a Health Card at each shift. If you



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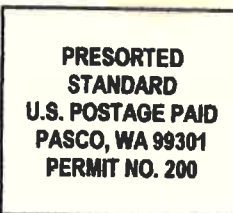
JUNE GENERAL MEETING

- The June meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 11 at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. Because of a scheduling conflict, the meeting will be one week later than the normal first Tuesday of the month. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceed to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to An 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 lots. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm.
- There will not be a July or August General Meeting. The July meeting is being replaced by the July 2 Top Shot event and the July 26 and 27 Salmon Booth. The August Meeting is being replaced by the August 6 Club Picnic and Salmon Barbecue.
- The speaker at the June meeting will be Club member Richard Sharp who will put on a Catfish demonstration and give advice, hints and some of his secrets to help the June 21-22 Moonlight Catfish derby participants catch some humongous catfish.
- The Tip of The Month speaker will be Vice President Kirby Hammond. Kirby has traveled extensively and accumulated a bunch of fishing and hunting goodies/gadgets. He will bring them to the meeting, describe them and pass them around for us to examine.
- Bring a guest(s) to the meeting and he or she will receive five free raffle tickets
- As usual there will be a very good selection of raffle prizes, probably related to Catfish fishing, selected by Richard Sharp.

MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Before entering the building, Club members and visitors stopped, inspected and admired the trailer, boat (2072 Alumaweld Vee Sled, CC, 200hp Jet a true Columbia River jet sled) and associated equipment utilized by Scott Estes when he is Bowfishing. Jeff Gardner, Club President, opened the meeting with the Club Pledge to about 50 people. A guest from Dallas, Texas introduced himself. Announcements were made by Larry Martin who stated that the repairs of a guzzler located on top of McBee Grade were completed Saturday, April 27. It took three trips to complete the project because of the hazardous terrain. Gene Van Liew reported that 14 Club volunteers showed up at the Salmon Summit the morning of the meeting to assist 450 students from six local Grade Schools to release salmon fry raised in their classrooms. The Salmon Summit is the culmination of the 2013 Salmon in The Classroom project. Students from seven schools will release their Salmon Fry the following day, May 8. Mike Estes commended Chris Mosher for his game meat recovery of a mature

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whitetail female deer he spotted entangled in a fence while he was turkey hunting. He was able to contact a Columbia County sheriff's deputy who responded and dispatched the injured animal. Chris dressed and debone the deer and delivered the meat to the Union Gospel Mission the same day. Announcements were also made by Marilyn Steele, Lyle Gilk and Richard Sharp who described the evening's raffle prizes.

● After a short break, Jeff introduced Scott Estes who discussed Bowfishing. Scott lives in Kennewick, is married with two young daughters. He is a High School Science Teacher (Earth Science, AP Biology). Both he and his dad, Mike, are longtime Club members. Scott has Bowfished for 19 years and fishes 12 months out of the year, both day and night. He has participated in Bowfishing tournaments for the last three years and will be competing in eight Bowfishing tournaments this year.

He is a member of the Bowfishing Association of America (BAA) and a volunteer Board member of the Washington Bowfishing Association (WBA). Scott has already begun organizing the 2013 Tri-Cities Bowfishing Tournament (June 29th, 30th). He bow hunts for deer, elk and turkey and fishes for bass, walleye and salmon with rod and reel. Scott had displays of bows, reels, arrows, arrow points and other equipment at the meeting. He started off his presentation by stating that only common carp can be Bowfished and are recognized by the WDFW as a food-fish. Other species of carp **cannot** be Bowfished and he showed a slide that showed the differences between the two carp. The large carp on the right side of the slide weighed 68 lb. and was estimated to be about 40 years old. Scott has hopes that other fish such as walleye, bass, Squawfish etc. can eventually be Bowfished. Bowfishing can be enjoyed by the family, is a competition sport and is a good way to prepare for game fishing. Harvested carp can be utilized as fertilizer, catfish bait and is, depending on the nationality, a food fish both for the meat and the roe. Scott went into detail about the different bows and their draw weights, arrow rests, arrow releases, drum style reels, spinning reels, types of arrows, arrow heads, equipment rests and other equipment. The types of arrows used for different draw weights and the types of lines used were discussed. He mentioned that he likes night fishing better than day fishing and discussed the types of lights used when night fishing and stated his favorites are LEDs. He answered many questions from the audience during and after his presentation. The raffle was conducted at the end of the meeting. Many stayed over at the end of the meeting to inspect the displays in the meeting room and others went outside to see a display of the lighting Scott uses when Bowfishing at night.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Bill Lambert who won an 8 ft/ flyrod and reel with a fish basket and a fly pouch: Lucky Bill also won a Deluxe Fly Tying kit and a Fishing Bucket, Marilyn Steele won a 6 ft. spinning rod/reel with goodies and a Twelve Volt emergency tow light kit, Dan Durham won a 12 qt. Dutch Oven and a Mity Might rod and reel. John Prather won a Neoprene seat cushion, Mike Becker won a Cajun Archery bow fish kit and a 28 qt. ice chest, Gerald Caprio won a Black Jack air tank, Kirby Hammond won a *Spawnee* spawn sac maker, Chris Mosher won a large Plano Tackle Bag and the Mystery Box which contained an electric fly swatter and Lotto Ticket, Dale Schielke won a red boat Cushion and Dennis Larson won a pair of very sturdy Truck Floor Mats.

CISTERN/GUZZLER #2 REPAIR: (Larry Martin) This cistern/guzzler located between Kiona and Prosser was damaged by fire a few years ago and the wind finally blew the rain catcher (roof)completely off. Gene VanLiew and Larry Martin repaired the fire damaged fiberglass tank and tank top with new fiberglass March 30, 2013.

● Jim Cartmell, Paul Kison, Gene VanLiew, Sandy Beardsley, Christa Graham, Mark Schwartz, Larry Noggles and Larry Martin traveled April 13 to the point they could walk in to the cistern but were driven off by a very cold strong wind. On the drive out, where it was less windy and warmer, they did check and clean a different cistern.

● Finally on May 4, Gene VanLiew, Dave Meyers, Jim Cartmell, Bob Kolowith, Christa Graham, Larry Noggles, Mark Schwartz and Larry Martin completed the Cistern#2 repairs. This was one of the more difficult repairs the Club has done because the cistern was so far off the road, in a very steep downhill location and there was much equipment that was carried to the cistern. Everyone was exhausted when they finished but seemed to have enjoyed the work after it was completed and they returned to the top of the hill. Dave Meyers filmed the project with a movie camera and it will be interesting to see how it turned out.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Pam Anderson from Pasco and Charles D Fowler and Family from Richland.

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AUGUST 12-16 HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS OFFERED: A Hunter Education Class will be offered for 30 students August 12-16 at the Griggs Hunter Education Facility in Pasco. The August 12-15 classes will be from 10:00am - 2:30pm. The August 16 class will be a Range Day from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Registration is online at <http://www.register-ed.com/events/view/33399> . An earlier class scheduled for June 17-21 is full.

SALMON SUMMIT: The Salmon Summit took place Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 and 2 at Columbia Park in Kennewick. Salmon fry raised by grade school students were released into the Columbia River at the boat ramp by the Blue Bridge. During the two days, more than 1,000 students participated in the release and the many other events that were staged for them. This year the weather was warm and almost hot with very little wind.

● Club members that helped were Kirby Hammond (2), Lyle Gilk (2), David Myers (2), Dale Schielke (2), Jerry Caprio (2), Fred Porter (2), John Pfeiffer (2), Neil Sullivan, Graham Banks, Paul Seuberlich (2), Paul Kison (2), Jim Cartmel (2), Marilyn Steele (2) and Gene Van Liew (2). Bob Kolowith took photographs of all the events both days

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MOONLIGHT CATFISH DERBY: The Catfish Derby will take place Friday-Saturday June 21 and 22. Fishing is limited to Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla counties. WDFW fishing regulations apply. Sign In/Start is from 5:00 PM/7:30 PM to Friday, June 21, 2013 at Columbia Point Gazebo #4.

● **Live fish weigh in** is 2:00 PM, Saturday, June 22, 2013. at Columbia Point Gazebo #4 (these fish will be stocked in the Columbia Park Youth Fishing Pond. The Option Pot for the largest fish is \$20.00 and for the most weight is \$15.00.

● There will be a Fish-Fry and Pot Luck for Club members at the end of the tournament (A-I salad, J-S main dish and T-Z dessert). One of the objectives of this derby is to obtain live spawning class catfish that will be stocked into the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond. Additionally the fish will be weighed and measured to determine the winners of the competition.

● The Richland Rod and Gun Club assumes no liability for tournament entrants. Contact Richard Sharp at 509-5651-6785 or at ospreytallons@yahoo.com if you have questions.

TOP GUN EVENT: Date for this event is Tuesday, July 2 starting at 5:00 PM at the TCMSA range. There will be competitions for handguns, shotguns and rifles. More information later when available.

2013 SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS & KIDS! FISHING DAY FISHING RODS ASSEMBLY VOLUNTEERS: The following assembled rods and reels for the Kids: Gene Van Liew, Jim Cartmel, Clare Cranston, Mike Estes, Lyle Gilk, Gerald Hayes, Fay Lyon, Corey Manlove, Larry Martin, Brian Miller, David Miller, Dave Myers, John Nelson, Rick Nelson, David O'Brien, Paul Seuberlich and Russ Wyer.

SALMON BOOTH 2013 - The Allied Arts 'Art in the Park' 2013 Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27 at the usual location in Howard Amon Park in Richland. The Columbia Basin Flycaster will have the lead this year. This is the main money raising project of the Richland Rod & Gun Club and The Flycasters for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday, July 25 starting at 5:00 PM for booth set up and 6:00 PM for salmon preparation at the Richland Knights of Columbia Hall. The booth will operate from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. Shifts will be 9:00 A.M.-1:00:00 P.M., 1:00-5:00 P.M. and 5:00-9:00 P.M. both days with tear-down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00 PM. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/12, may 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.** Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun plus you get a gratis salmon lunch at the end of your shift. Only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a Health Card. Shift workers are not required to have Health Cards. Notify Dale Schielke at 375-0183 if you have a current Health Card since it is desirable to have a second person with a Health Card at each shift. If you desire

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - July 18, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

JULY GENERAL MEETING

● There will not be a July or August General Meeting. The July meeting is being replaced by the July 2 Top Shot event and the July 26 and 27 Salmon Booth. The August Meeting is being replaced by the August 6 Club Picnic and Salmon Barbecue.

JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club President Jeff Gardner opened the meeting with the Club Pledge. About 45 participants were present. Several guests from Pasco and Kennewick introduced themselves. Don Board announced that a Hunter Education Class will be held next week (June 17-21). The June 17-20 classes will be from 10.00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Griggs. The June 21 class will be at the range, visitors are encouraged to visit the classes and see what is going on. Don also solicited volunteers to become Hunter Education Instructors, see information later in this Newsletter for more information. It was announced that participants in the July 2 Top Shot competition should bring one box of shells for each event they participate in. There will not be an archery competition. Richard Sharp described the evening raffle prizes. He also announced that the annual shad run is just beginning.

● Jeff Gardner gave the Tip of The Month presentation about shad fishing. He caught 25 shad Sunday and described and showed some of the tackle he uses. He likes Magnum Wiggle Warts with a rattle in a pink chartreuse color and Jet Divers and fishes them about 9-17 feet deep. He also uses silver spoons and trolls 20 to 25 ft, behind his boat. He does back troll and uses various different colored lures. After his talk there were a lot of questions asked and many answers from Jeff and the audience.

● After a short break Richard Sharp gave his catfish fishing presentation. He also discussed the upcoming third Moonlight Catfish Derby/Tournament and the history of the Columbia Park Youth Fishing Pond.

■ The Catfish Derby was originally held to help acquire breeding age catfish for the Columbia Park Juvenile Pond enhancement project. Large breeding age catfish were kept alive and then stocked in the pond. As a result the pond now contains catfish that weigh up to 10 lbs. This year's Derby will be June 21 and 22.

■ Richard stated that he recently has had good luck catching catfish while floating down the Yakima River and using hand size pieces of shad for bait. When he is night fishing, he uses 'no-roll' sinkers or a 1 ounce flat disk with a 2/0 hook or larger with suckers as bait. He also suggested using dryer sheets as insect repellent, especially at night. He showed numerous slides that showed how he rigs his line for bottom fishing, other rigging methods, including floats/bobbers, bobber stops and how to tie them. Methods for preparing fish filets for bait use, how to clean and filet catfish, cooking products and different catfish types (Channel, Flathead and Blue) were also shown. He showed many other slides of different rigs that he uses and maps of three different fishing locations. His presentation went into overtime and included many comments, other suggestions from

the audience and questions that were asked and answered. I predict that there will be many participants at the Catfish Derby because of his presentation. Immediately after his presentation the drawings for the raffle prizes were held.

● Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Matt Lucas who won a medium-heavy spinning outfit with tackle selected by Richard Sharp, Dan Sevcik won a medium spin float rod/reel and tackle selected by Richard Sharp, Paul Kison won a light spinning Shad rod/reel with tackle selected by Richard Sharp, Marcellus Wresnor won a Tackle/Trolley organizer, Bill McConnell won a fishing satchel (tackle box), Greg Barcello won a Haul Master light set, a Knife Set and 16 qt. Dutch oven with case, Mike Becker won a Big Foot hand truck and Chris Mosher won the Mystery Box which contained a \$30.00 sportsman's gift card.

MITY MIGHT FISHING DERBY RESULTS: Richard Sharp On Saturday, May 25, 2013 nineteen members and guests gathered at the Columbia Point gazebo #4 and enjoyed donuts, muffins and coffee while preparing for the fourth annual Mity Might Derby. Russ Wyer, Richard Libby, Keith Sharp, and Gaylord Pyle assisted with the set up that was quickly completed. At 7:30 a.m., Richard Sharp read the Derby Rules/Instructions and released the contestants who then began their quest to catch fish with only the infamous Mity Might fishing combo.

Several teams went to the Scootney Reservoir, others worked the Columbia River and others the Yakima River while others attempted to get an early start on multi-species using the child card at Columbia park lagoon for a trout before trying other waters. The day went smooth under sunny skies and mild winds. Richard prepared bacon and eggs for the remaining helpers and handed out information to numerous interested parties who asked questions about the club.

● At 3:00 the first contestant (Gaylord Pyle) showed up with an other?? It tipped the scale at 14.7 lbs. and what a fish it was yellow/orange with big scales, unfortunately not on the required fish list and was not eligible to compete. At 3:48 with the 4pm deadline looming Larry Martin drove in from Scootney sporting his catch of a walleye, a 14"/1.0 lb. monster! As time was just about to run out, a second entry was submitted by Jaime Mullen the fastest runner in the novice, Ron & Matt Lucas, teams who ran to the weigh in from the boat launch with seconds to spare with a 9"/0.4 oz small mouth bass! No other members returned with fish. Unfortunately Mr. Martin failed to enter the Big Fish or the most weight option categories and only entered multi species winning it by storm, thus defaulting to Matt Lucas (who entered all the categories) with the 9-inch 4-oz bass which took top honors with Big Fish and Most Weight and winning the trophy and cash awards of \$150. Good job Matt!!! Never say Never!

● The Potluck was a great success! Fish and fries with numerous dishes were served and everyone was stuffed miserably at the end of the day. While cleaning up I came across a new Danialson chain stringer (shiny and new) with one clip open with a stain on the only open clip One can only assume it is the famous stringer that carried the winning fish to the Mity Might Weigh in!

NOW THAT'S FUNNY!!! A Big Thank You to all that participated and helped out this year!

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

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KID'S DUCK CONSERVATION DAY MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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Learn how to band ducks, identify waterfowl, call geese, retrieve ducks with a Labrador and much more. Members from Ducks Unlimited, the Richard Rod and Gun Club, Friends of the Mid-Columbia River Wildlife Refuges and staff from the McNair Wildlife Refuge will be on hand to teach youth of all ages about a waterfowl through a variety of outdoor activities. Join us for our most popular annual event! Discover why ducks are banded and how to band ducks, identify waterfowl, call geese, retrieve ducks with a Labrador, help build a Wood Duck nesting box and watch a video of ducks hatching and leaving from a nesting box, visit the Environmental Education Center and much more. Volunteers will be on hand to teach youth of all ages about a waterfowl through a variety of outdoor activities. Join us for our most popular annual event! **8:00 a.m. - 12 noon** at the McNair National Wildlife Refuge.

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● The Rifle event will consist of four targets (balloons) each at a different distance (100, 125, 150 and 200 yards). You will have ten shots to break all targets. The final score will be the number of targets hit multiplied by 10 and divided by the number of shots taken.

● The Handgun event will be four targets (balloons) each at a different distance (7, 10, 15 and 20 yards). You will have ten shots to break all targets. The final score will be the number of targets hit multiplied by 10 and divided by the number of shots taken.

● The shotgun event will consist of 15 targets (clay pigeons) at variable angles, (vertical and horizontal). You will be allowed 30 shots (two per pigeon) to break the targets. The final score will be the number of targets hit multiplied by 10 and divided by the number of shots taken. A bird called but no shot taken, is lost (no "do overs").

● The maximum total score is 30 for all events. Individual events have a maximum score of 10 points each.

● Bring your own ammunition.

● Driving directions are: Go east (towards Burbank) on Highway 12 from I-182/395 intersection in Pasco to the next overpass intersection, Highway 12 and the Pasco-Kahlotus Highway, take the Kahlotus Highway for 1.7 miles to a gravel road entrance to the right. Turn right through the gates (there will be signs at the gate) and travel 3/4 mile down the road to the range.

Dalton McManamon, Doug McManamon, David Myers, Carol Myers, John Nelson, Dave Piovesan, Pam Piovesan, John Prather, Frank Scopa, Paul Seuberlich, Richard Sharp, Gene Van Liew, Lavera Wade, Bruce Wade, Russ Wyer, Al Casebere, Dill McManamon, Russ Brown, Rick Nelson, John Pfeiffer, Lloyd Zinsli, Jaimie Mullen, Dale Schielke and Rick Corson. This event is now an annual event and in the number of participants is increasing ever year. Thanks to the many sponsors that participated.

- The 'Kids! Fish-In' event took place the next day, Saturday, May 11. At least 1,100 kids between the ages of 5-14 years old participated in the event that was also held at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond. For \$10:00, each kid that participated received a spincast rod and reel with line, hook, sinker, float and bait. Kennewick Parks and Recreation did a fantastic job 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 a multitude of rainbow trout including lunkers. Many of the participants stayed after the end of the event and came back and fished on Sunday and the following weeks. There were many volunteers that helped from several organizations. The RR&GC was a major participant. Marilyn Steele, Doug Prather, Ken Johanning and Tom Moore camped out Thursday night and patrolled the Pond. Many Club members, spouses, sons and daughters participated at the event. Club volunteers were



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- Marilyn Steele prepared snacks for the Friday volunteers after the Special Needs Kids event. Marilyn Steele and Dale Schielke prepared snacks for the Saturday Fish! In Kids event during and after the event.

Grigg's Shopping center (Rod Nolan and other store employees) prepared all the signs, donated plastic bags, helped procure the rods/reel/s tackle and supplied the baits used in the events. Mark Allen again put on his special Boating/ Water Safety Display and EMT Bill Copland was in charge of First Aid.

IN MEMORIAM OF LYLE GILK: The Club was deeply saddened by the passing of Lyle Gilk on July 1, 2013. Lyle joined the Club in 1993 and was elected to the Board of Trustees from 1995 through 2001. In 2002, he was elected Treasurer and continued in that capacity to the present. He became a Life Member in 2012 and had previously received the Club's Distinguished Service and Gardner-Cranston Awards. He was a very active club member and in addition to his Treasurer activities volunteered for Hunter Education, the Big Game Recovery Program, Fishing Kids, Lunker Lake, Salmon Booth, smoking salmon for the Wild Game Dinner and Use of Funds and Nominating Committees plus many others. He was also responsible for the purchase and sale of Club calendars and caps with the Club logo. Over the years he could be counted on to provide well thought out advice on Club activities and functions. We will greatly miss his support and discussions. Our deepest sympathy for Yvonne and the family. (Howard Gardner).

IN MEMORIAM OF PAT TRAVIS: The Club was deeply saddened by the passing of Pat Travis on July 9, 2013. Pat joined the Club in 2007. He was a member of the West Richland Fire Department #4 for 24 years where he worked his way up to Assistant Chief. He worked many different jobs and enjoyed his 23 years working with the City of West Richland. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He and Gaylord Pyle were very good friends and neighbors. Gaylord said that Pat was a jack of all trades and had a fantastic selection of tools that he allowed his friends to borrow. Gaylord invited him to go to Alaska with him several years ago where they fished for salmon and halibuts. Pat was active in the Clubs game recovery program. He was a frequent visitor to the Club's General Meetings and donated many 'fish knocker billy clubs' that he turned on his wood lathe for raffle prizes. One year he donated a number of the knocker clubs that were used at Lunker Lake. He was a happy, cheerful gentleman that always greeted members at the meetings. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 6 starting at 6:00 P.M. at South Leslie Groves Park. (Leslie Grove 1). For \$3.00 per person, (\$1.00 for children 12 and under) the Club will provide Alder Smoked Salmon, Chicken, beverages and condiments such as tartar sauce, lemon juice etc. Beer will not be served because of restrictive Park regulations, do not bring beer or any other alcoholic beverages to the picnic they are prohibited. Attendees/each family should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for your dish. If your family name starts with A through J bring a side dish, K through P bring a salad and Q through Z 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.

• 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.

MOONLIGHT CATFISH DERBY: -(Richard Sharp)- On June 21-22, under a full moon and clearing skies, twenty-three anglers set out to participate in the Moonlight Catfish derby. The main goal of the Derby was to catch live spawning age class catfish and stock them in the Columbia Park Family fishing pond that is limited to youth and disabled anglers. Eight of the twenty-three registered anglers returned with fish.

• Top honors for Big Fish went to Club member Chris Mosher with a 10 lb 9oz *dandy* and the only fish he caught. Mike Stocke took top billing under the total weight category with 13 fish weighing in at 66.8 lbs. Other runner ups were Lin Rajaphoumy with 59lbs 15 oz., Club member Travis Sharp with 45.2 lbs and Don Kerns with 44.7 lbs. Only 59 fish were tallied and 53 were transported to the Columbia Park pond at a total weight of 254 lbs; five of them weighed over 10lbs. These fish will help provide future fishing opportunity for the summer months. Apparently all survived because no floaters have been observed in the pond since they were socked.

• The ensuing pot luck was a great success with multiple dishes, fresh Catfish and French fries that were enjoyed by everyone who participated in the event. Many Thanks to all for another successful Moonlight Catfish Derby! Special thanks to Sportsman's warehouse for supporting us with extra prize donations and Northwest Rental for the aeration system. Photographs taken during the event can be viewed on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub.

• The following letter written by Richard was printed in the July 11 *Tri City Herald*.

"Businesses step up to support Moonlight Catfish event

The Richard Rod and Gun Club would like to thank Sportsman's Warehouse, Griggs, the Battelle Employees Association, Northwest Rental and the state Department of Fish and Wildlife for supporting this year's Moonlight Catfish tournament. These businesses stepped up to help the club provide fishing opportunities throughout the summer for the community! The tournament results were 59 large channel catfish with a total weight of 254 pounds that were placed into Columbia Park's family fishing pond on June 22.

The two tournament winners were Chris Mother, with biggest fish at 10 pounds, 9 ounces and Mike Stocks, the total weights winner at 13 fish at 66 pounds, 8 ounces. Congratulations.

Our sincere thanks for your help!

RICHARD SHARP, Kennewick"

2013 TOP SHOT COMPETITION: (Dave Myers) The 2013 Top Shot competition was held in sweltering heat (107 degrees) on July 2. This year's event had nine participants, only seven score sheets were returned. Dale Schielke provided a wonderful Cashew Pheasant dinner done on site in his mystical black pot. The top scores in the events were: Rifle—Dale Schielke 8.39/10; Handgun—Chad Shuman 6.68/10; and Shotgun—Dave Myers 8.66/10. The Overall 2013 Top Shot is Chad Shuman with a combined total score of 16.79/30.

HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS NEEDED: At the present time the Club has three 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.

• Dave Myers was re certified as an instructor and Ron Ruth, a new instructor, was certified by the WDFW. 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 786-7157 or donjoboard@aol.com. This year the Club has sponsored three Hunter Education Classes at the Griggs facility in Pasco. Each

class was filled almost immediately. It is obvious that there is a need for more classes in the Tr-Cities, if we had more instructors more classes and youth could be instructed.

KID'S DUCK CONSERVATION DAY McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

August 10, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Learn how to band ducks, identify waterfowl, call geese, retrieve ducks with a Labrador and much more. Members from Ducks Unlimited, the Richard Rod and Gun Club, Sands & Sage Retriever Club, Friends of the Mid-Columbia River Wildlife Refuges and staff from the McNary Wildlife Refuge will be on hand to teach youth of all ages about waterfowl through a variety of outdoor activities. Join us at the Refuge for our most popular annual event! Discover why ducks are banded and how to band ducks, identify waterfowl, call geese, retrieve ducks with a Labrador, observe pond life through a microscope, learn about gun safety, learn about fire safety, help build a Wood Duck nesting box and watch a video of ducks hatching and leaving from a nesting box, visit the Environmental Education Center and much more. Volunteers will be on hand to teach youth of all ages about waterfowl through a variety of outdoor activities. Join us for our most popular annual event! **8:00 a.m. – 12 noon** at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge. Volunteers from the Club are needed to help guide the youth and families to the various stations, just show up at the Refuge and pitch in.

RR&GC DUCKCAMS: Most, if not all the ducks that occupied the nesting boxes have hatched. The DuckCam program will be repeated next year.

• A Volunteer ALEA Cooperative Grant Program Proposal application was submitted to the WDFW earlier this year by Dale Schielke. Dale was notified that the project *Youth Education and Wood Duck enhancement* was awarded a grant of \$1,474 for the next two years

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in the July photo contest. Richard Sharp entered a photo of his wife LaNae with a Smallmouth Bass she caught 7/12/2013 on the Yakima River bridge below Richland. Mike Estes entered a photo of his granddaughter Brooklyn participating in a backward archery contest on Mothers Day. Both photos were declared winners. Richard and Mike will each earn five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://www.facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub>. 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.

CLUB TREASURER NEEDED! Lyle Gilk the Club Treasurer passed away July 1. Presently we do not have a Treasurer. If you believe you can fill the position, contact Jeff Gardner at 554-2450 or Kirby Hammond at 713-6648 as soon as possible. There are several Club members that can help you get started.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO COORDINATE THE CLUBS'S GAME RECOVERY PROGRAM: The Club has a very active Game Recovery Program. Mike Estes, the current coordinator, is involved in several other Club programs that are consuming a lot of his time. If you are interested, call Mike at 551-9066 to learn more details about the position.

SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS AND KIDS! FISH-IN 2013: The Kids Outdoor Experience (KOE) organization was instrumental in organizing and financing both events that took place at the Columbia Park Fishing pond. Marilyn Steele was instrumental in organizing the events.

• The Club also participated. The spincast rods, reels and tackle, used at the events, were assembled by Club members Gene Van Liew, Jim Cartmel, Clare Cranston, Mike Estes, Lyle Gilk, Gerald Hayes, Fay Lyon and Carey Man love.

• This year Dale Schielke again organized the event where 600 of the stocked fish were tagged. Forty-five tagged fish were turned in by the kids. Each winner was awarded a prize according to the fish tag number. Prizes that were not used will be stored and used later at other events. Some will be used at the August 10 Kids Duck Conservation Day at the McNary Wildlife Refuge.

• The Special Needs Kids' event took place Friday afternoon, May 10 at the Fishing Pond in Columbia Park. At least 184 participated, their ages varied from about three years to 35 years. They were given a free rigged spincast rod and reel and bait. There were many volunteers from the many organizations that made the event a success. Volunteers from the Club were: Jerry Burke, Jim Cartmel, Clare Cranston, Kirby Hammond, Bruce Hewitt, Bob Kolowith, Rick Libby, Ron Lucas, Corey Manlove,

from the Benton-Franklin District Health Dept. for our operation of the cooking and serving activities 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 Richland Rod and Gun Club will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers especially to Dale and Dave, without their efforts the event would not be as successful as it has been over the years.

MEETING SCHEDULED FOR GAME RECOVERY VOLUNTEERS: - Mike Estes - Any member interested in assisting with the RR&GC game meat recovery effort is invited to attend a meeting at the Griggs Hunter Education classroom on Tuesday, September 24, at 7 P.M. The meeting is for current and prospective new team members. We will discuss our game recovery processes and any ideas that you might have to improve them, distribute copies of the current WDFW authorization letter, and update personal contact information for the list that is distributed to the Washington State Patrol, WDFW, and city and county emergency dispatch centers. Chris Mosher has volunteered to assume leadership responsibility for the Game Recovery Committee. I will continue to be involved as a member of the recovery team. Our meat recovery program has been very successful during the last five years thanks to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers. Thanks to each and all of you for your support.

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GAME RECOVERY EVENT #50: Mike Estes received a call from a citizen who saw a deer get struck by a vehicle on Highway 12 about one mile south of the Snake River Bridge in WallaWalla County at about 12:20 PM. The four point whitetail buck was killed by the impact. Mike contacted Paul Kison who was able to respond immediately to recover the meat. One hind quarter and loin were severely damaged and unsalvageable but Paul deboned the remainder of the animal and delivered the meat to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco at 3:45 PM. Paul noted that even though he arrived at the recovery site about an hour after the accident, the meat in the portion of the deer that was laying on asphalt was already partially "cooked" by the heat of the road surface. Fortunately, the damaged side of the deer was on the pavement and no additional meat was lost.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The following youth attended the Conservation Camp at Orcas Island this summer. Girls: Allyssandra Niebuhr, Chelsea Jenkins and Lexy Hibbs. Lexy went in place of Morgan Smith who broke her ankle just before camp. Lexy's Sister Emma also went to camp and both were paid for by the Columbia Basin Flycasters. The money Jerry Zietler donated to the RR&GC for his Granddaughter Morgan Smith, in order to get a seventh child to camp, will be put towards next years campers. Boys: Brandon Niebuhr, Logan Mullen, Curtis Jenkins and Justin Cook. Some of the youth will attend the September or October general Meeting to relate their experiences.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday September 3, 7:00 p.m.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE September 17, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The September meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 3 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceed 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 lots. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. Map directions can be seen at:

www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm

- Sara Gregory WDFW District Wildlife Biologist (Benton and Franklin Counties) will be the first speaker of the evening. She will present a general overview of the status of local game species and what we can expect for the upcoming bird and big game seasons. Her presentation will be along the same lines as those given by her predecessor Mike Livingston. Come to the meeting and learn the forecast for the fall and winter hunting seasons. This will also be an opportunity to meet our local Wildlife Biologist. It will also give her an opportunity to learn about the Richland Rod and Gun Club and its members. .

- The second speaker will be Bruce Hewitt, owner of GOING FISHING GUIDE SERVICE. His topic will be "The Thermal Aspects of our Local Fall Fishing". He has over 40 years experience fishing for salmon, steelhead, and trout on Pacific Northwest rivers, lakes and coastal waters. With encouragement from friends to share his expertise and love of fishing, he began guiding in 2002 on Alaska's famed Kenai and Kasilof rivers, pursuing king salmon, Coho, and trout on these elite streams. Bruce provides guided, charter fishing for those who would like to fish Spring Chinook Salmon, Fall Chinook Salmon, Coho salmon or Fall and Winter steelhead runs plus Walleye and Sturgeon on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. He offers 4 or 5 person trips. "Going Fishing Guide Service" is owned and operated by Bruce Hewitt. Your success and enjoyment are paramount! Bruce's large professionally equipped boat means you'll enjoy the day in comfort and safety. More information is available at 509-430-6448 or <http://www.catchingmorefish.com/> .

- 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 selected by Richard Sharp.

RICHARD LIBBY ELECTED AS TREASURER: Richard Libby was unanimously elected as Treasurer at the August 20 meeting of the Board of Directors and Special Volunteers.

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 786-7157 or donjboard@aol.com. This year the Club has sponsored three Hunter Education Classes at the Griggs facility in Pasco. Each class was filled almost immediately. It is obvious that there is a need for more classes in the Tri-Cities, if we had more instructors more classes and youth could be instructed.

KID'S DUCK CONSERVATION DAY MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: About eighty five youth, parents, grandparents and others attended the Kid's Duck Conservation Day at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday, August 10.

• This year a *Passport* was again issued to each youth as they arrived. It listed six different stations/events that each youth could participate in. They were: 1. Duck Banding, 2. Dog's and Calls, 3. Decoys and Safety, 4. Pond Life, 5. Nest Box and 6. Prizes and Drawings

• Three ducks, all mallards, had been trapped earlier and volunteer Chad Merkley banded each duck and explained to the youth why birds are banded. A video of the banding event can be seen at:

<http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2013/08/10/2514444/kids-duck-banding.html> .

• After the ducks were banded the youth split up into groups and participated at the other stations listed on the *Passport*.

• Members of the Sand and Sage Retriever Club, John Pfeiffer, Kevin Reisner and Dave Schultz put on exciting demonstrations of retrievers and duck and goose calling. The Walla Walla DU Club had an informative booth on the deck. Club member Dave Myer had a very good and heavily attended Firearms Safety booth. Greg Lewis had a taxidermy demonstration in the Environmental Education facility. Club and DU member Dale Schielke had a wood duck nesting box display in the breeze way where the youth participated in the construction of new nesting boxes from pre-cut parts.

• Coca-Cola donated bottled water and soft drinks for the thirsty youth, visitors and helpers.

• Completed *Passports* and raffle tickets given to each youth allowed them to win prizes donated by the Richland Rod and Club, Griggs and Ducks Unlimited.

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

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in the August photo contest by Richard Sharp. One was a photo of Richard with two salmon he caught August 15 at Buoy 10, The other photo was of Lloyd Zinsli and Richard with tuna they caught August 16 at Ilwaco. Richard was the winner and will receive five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://www.facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub>. 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.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Chad Shuman from Richland.

IN MEMORIAM: The Richland Rod and Gun Club offer their condolences on the passing of former member Russ Thorson on Aug. 20, 2013. Russ joined the club in 1963 and was a member for 34 years. In addition to teaching Hunter Safety Classes, he was active on several club committees and worked on many Club projects. He liked to hunt and was an excellent fly fisherman. While deer hunting he and some friends would gather at another friend's cabin in the Spokane area. They would hunt deer all day and play bridge in the evening. Other bridge playing hunters would be envious of that arrangement. Russ liked the Club's calendars and when he could no longer attend meetings he called and asked me to bring him one. In 1988 he received the Club's 25 year belt buckle. He will be missed. (Howard Gardner)

GRIGGS THIRD ANNUAL SALMON DERBY: The Griggs 3rd Annual Salmon Derby will take place September 20, 21 and 22. Weigh ins will be at the Vernita or Richland sites. More information is available www.atomicsalmonderby.com . Volunteers will be needed to cook and serve the awards dinner on Sept 22. A sign-up sheet for the volunteers will be at the September General meeting. Profits from the Derby will be donated to the Kid's Outdoor Experience, KOE, a local non-profit organization that supports the Annual Fishing Kids Event at the Columbia Park Pond and other youth events. **If you can help, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.**

SEPTEMBER 22 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT HUNT: A pheasant hunt for Hunter Education students will take place on Saturday, September 22 at the Limits Game Farm just North of Mesa, if you can help please call Don Board at 586-7157 or Clare Cranston at 547-6273. Club members are welcome and encouraged to come and observe the event and see what it is all about.

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic was held Tuesday, August 6. Seventy two Club members and guests attended. The weather was beautiful and not too hot. The view over the river was fantastic, the Horse Heaven Hills, including Jump Off Joe, were visible. The alder smoked steelhead and chicken breasts, prepared by Bob Kolowith and Gerald Bloom were scrumptious and served as soon as they were ready. Kirby Hammond served generous portions and there was enough, plus more, for everyone. The pot luck side dishes, salads and desserts were again excellent and plentiful. Before the annual Liars Contest, Delia Teeple was presented the Richland Rod and Gun Club Life Member Award by Howard Gardner who introduced Delia and stated: "We have a special visitor here tonight that I'd like to do a little reminiscing about. She is one of a husband wife team that had a big impact on the club back in the late 60s and 70s. I am talking about Delia Teeple and her late husband Bruce. Bruce joined in June 1960 and Delia joined March of 1962. Delia was in charge of raffle ticket sales in 1970 and was elected treasurer in 1970 and 71. Bruce was elected treasurer from 1974 to 1981. Delia was membership chairman in 1977, 1978 and 1980. In March 2006, Delia donated \$1000.00 to the Club for The Fitzner Memorial Scholarship which is given annually to a college student in a Wildlife related field. In 1970 she went on a Moose hunt with Dorothy Smith and they both shot Moose. They donated hundred pounds of boned roast for the Big Game dinner. I should add that Delia was a good shot and great hunter, at one time holding the record for the largest grizzly bear shot in British Columbia by a woman. Bruce got the design and made the original cookers that have been used to cook salmon at Club picnics since 1977 and at the Salmon booth since 1985. Delia developed the recipe for the "Secret Sauce". The Salmon booth is the big annual fundraiser not only for our club but the Columbia Basin Flycasters. Prior to 1971, all the Big Game dinners were catered although many times the Club supplied the meat. It was in 1971 that Delia recommended that the club cook their own Big Game dinners and she was involved in cooking them from 1971 to 1983. Then Bruce retired and they got a cabin at Twin Lakes on the Colville Indian reservation and went on to bigger and better things. Between then and now we have had many great cooks involved in the wild game dinner as we call it now and have come full circle to a female cook again and things are great. I was really happy when Delia called and wanted tickets for the wild game dinner. It provided this opportunity to recognize the Teeple's contributions to the club". Delia is more than 90 years of age and a longtime member of the Club. She initiated many of the events that we now celebrate and still follows the Club's activities. Delia thanked the club for the award and stated that she was and is proud of the events and activities of the Club. Fay Lyon then presented Howard Gardner with a framed 60 Year Membership certificate and an engraved 60 Year Membership Plaque. I know that we are all aware of Howard's many Club activities and programs. The next activity was the Liar's Contest. There were four entrants, Bob Zinsli, Kirby Hammond, Mike Estes and Delia Teeple. The winners were Delia Teeple-First Place (Biggest Liar-\$30 gift certificate), Bob Zinsli-Second Place (Bigger Liar-\$20 gift certificate) and Mike Estes-Third Place (Big Liar-\$10 gift certificate).

SALMON BOOTH 2013: (Dale Schielke & Dave Myers) In its 29th year, the Salmon Booth in the Art in the Park Show was successfully operated under the Banner of the Columbia Basin Fly Casters. This year the profit was \$4,728.86 to be shared equally by the two clubs. The "Salmon Sandwich", in its 15th year, continues to be a good seller. A total of 412 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as sandwiches and dinners. Thanks to Everett Weakley for coordinating the use of the Knights of Columbus facility in Richland to store the salmon, marinate the fillets, and provide ice for the booth. Using the facility works out exceedingly well and we got the work done in record time. 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 Columbia Basin Fly Casters: John Pfeiffer(2), Paul Kison(2), Rich Holten, Ev Weakley(2), Dale Schielke(7), LouAnn Schielke, Jack Pickard, Bob Kolowith(5), Jerry Caprio, Russ Wyer, Mike McWethy(2), Clint and Margie Worcester, Paul Seuberlich, Gene VanLiew(2), David Myers(7), Carol Myers, Alan Darnell, Jim Saunders(2), Rocky Ross, Margaret Gass, Neil Sullivan(2), Kay Ottem, Gerald Hayes, Mike Estes, Dan Robertson, Sheldon Coleman, Larry Martin(2), Jeff Gardner(2), Jennifer Gardner(2), Brenden Burton, Brandt Gardner, Chris Barnes, Dennis Kreid, Sue Kreid, Russ Brown(2), Tom Logan, Tim Esparza, Fay Lyon, Jeff Fulks, Margaret Fulks, Ted Poston(2), Kathy Poston(2), Frank Scopa(2), Dianna Santos, Dennis Collins(2), Ted Lewis, Dale Berndt, Marv Erickson, Rick Nelson(2), Rusty Morlan, Leslie Morlan, George Pappy Swan, Tim Lynch, Jim Loomis, Rod Gilge, and Terrell Finger(2). The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered. A special thanks to John Pfeiffer for again managing booth setup, tear down and storage, no small task. Also, thanks to Dave Myers for stepping up to co-chair the Booth operation. We again received a good report

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 or donjoboard@aol.com. This year the Club has sponsored four Hunter Education Classes at the Griggs facility in Pasco. Each class was filled almost immediately, the October class was filled in one day. It is obvious that there is a need for more classes in the Tri-Cities, if we had more instructors more classes and youth could be instructed

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were three entries in the September photo contest. Dave Myers entered two photos of Dave Piovesan, each with Dave holding a very large bass he caught at Camp Lake. Jeff Gardner entered two photos of himself and Jen with salmon they caught in Alaska. Ron Lucas entered a photo of himself and a deer he harvested September 5 during an archery hunt. The winner was Dave Myers who will receive five free raffle tickets at the October General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://www.facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub>. 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

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NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK: In honor of National Wildlife Refuge Week, a time to reflect and celebrate our nation's extensive wildlife heritage, the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge is hosting an open house. The celebration will include refuge tours, presentations, and activities for all ages Saturday, October 5, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be activities for all ages including a Bird Walk, a Canoe/Kayak tour (bring your own canoe/kayak and PFD, Songbird Banding, a Migration Game, Wildlife Viewing at Callow Overlook, Pond Life and a Bat Program at Headquarters. Driving directions to the Refuge are: take interstate Hwy 82 to Oregon, after you cross the Columbia River continue and exit to Hwy 730 and head west, pass through Irrigon, continue until you meet Road 930-Paterson Ferry Rd., turn right and continue until you see a sign to the Refuge.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday October 1, 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE October 22, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

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- Seven youth, three girls and four boys, attended the Orcas Island Youth Conservation Camp in July. Five were sponsored by the RR&GC and two from the Columbia Basin Flycasters. Some of the youth will be at the meeting to share their experiences with us..
- 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 selected by Richard Sharp.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Club president Jeff Gardner opened the September 3 meeting to about 55 people with the Club pledge. Visitors were asked to stand up and introduce themselves. Jeff discussed the July Salmon Booth and the

August Club picnic and salmon and chicken barbecue. He introduced Richard Libby the new club treasurer who replaces Lyle Gilk who passed away in July. It was also mentioned that Club members Pat Travis and retired member Russ Thorson also recently passed away. Don Board stated that he needs volunteers to help at the September 21 Hunter Education students pheasant hunt at the Limits Game Farm above Mesa. Twenty three students are expected to participate. He also announced that an evening Hunter Education class will take place at the Griggs Hunter Education facility October 17-21. Gene Van Liew gave an update on the Salmon In The Classroom project. Larry Martin stated that he will be installing a game camera on a guzzler in the Kiona area. Larry also enumerated the evenings raffle prizes. Mike Estes discussed the Club's Game Recovery Program and stated he is stepping down as leader and that Chris Mosher will replace him. Any member interested in assisting with the RR&GC game meat recovery effort is invited to attend a meeting at the Grigg's Hunter Education classroom on Tuesday, September 24, at 7 P.M. The meeting is for current and prospective new team members. The game recovery processes will be discussed and any ideas that might improve the processes. Current copies of the WDFW authorization letter, and updated personal contact information for the list that is distributed to the Washington State Patrol, WDFW, and city and county emergency dispatch centers will be distributed. Mike will continue to be a member of the program team.

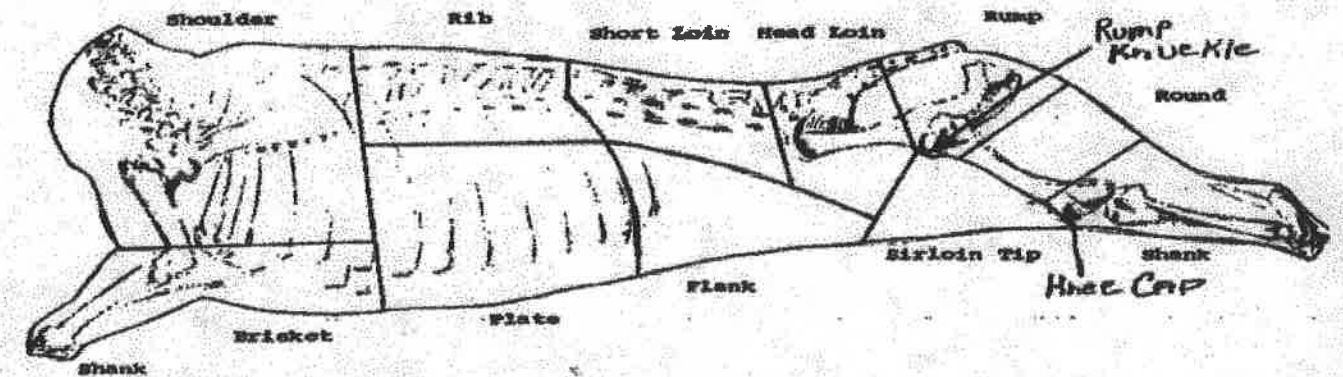
- After a short break, Program Chairman Kirby Hammond introduced Sara Gregory the new region 3 District Wildlife Biologist (Benton and Franklin Counties) stationed in Pasco. Her phone number is 545-2201 and her e-mail address is sara.gregory@dfw.wa.gov. Before coming to Washington she worked for three years in Bend with the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife before she moved to Washington State and went to work for the WDFW in the Ephrata office. She was promoted to District Wildlife biologist and transferred to Pasco and lives in Richland. She started her 2013 Fall Hunting Forecast presentation with a PowerPoint presentation. She discussed the Washington State Big Game Hunting Seasons and Regulations, the deer outlook in the Yakima district and Tri-Cities district and the deer harvest numbers and numbers of hunters in GMU 381. The elk outlook and statistics for the Yakima and Tri-Cities districts were also discussed. Waterfowl and upland bird forecasts, statistics, banding data, pheasant stocking and other information were discussed. Pheasant and quail hunting should be better than last year and chukar hunting should be as good as it was last year. Non-toxic shot restrictions were discussed and are listed on page 26 of the Washington State Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons pamphlet. She mentioned that pheasants will not be stocked in Federal Wildlife Refuges. More information about hunting forecasts in the State is online at www.wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/prospects/. There were quite a few questions asked and several discussions that took place. Sara's presentation was very good and she did a good job answering all the questions from the floor.

- Kirby then introduced Bruce Hewitt, owner of GOING FISHING GUIDE SERVICE. His topic was "The Thermal Aspects of our Local Fall Fishing". This is the second time Bruce has given a presentation to the Club. He has more than 40 years' experience fishing for salmon, steelhead, and trout on Pacific Northwest rivers, lakes and coastal waters. He passed out a handout that gave a detailed description of his presentation. He reminded everyone that the entire Columbia River from the mouth to Chief Joseph Dam requires barbless hooks for salmon and Steelhead fishing. He stated that water temperatures are very important because salmon and Steelhead prefer temperatures in the 50s. Fishing methods and locations are affected by water temperatures and other variables such as weed growth, water flow, location of springs, cold water releases from dams and other variables. He also discussed rigging of various lures, trolling upstream with sinkers and the use of downriggers. He said that when fish are ripening or turning red, red or pink lures should be used. He also said that salmon roe should not be used until after September 25 and that back trolling with eggs at the top of deep holes with eggs is productive when the water level starts to rise. Bruce also discussed scents and suggested mixing 2-3 different combinations of Tuna with scent Garlic, Bloody Tuna and Anise oils are most popular used in Super Baits. Bruce gave out a lot of information that would be most useful to serious Steelhead and salmon fishermen. Bruce can be reached at 509-430-6448.

- Raffle Price Drawing Winners were Chris Mosher who selected the Dove Hunting kit, David O'Brien selected the mystery Box that contained a \$2500 Gift Certificate to the Sportsman's Warehouse, Pete Edwards who won a Satchel tackle box, Omar Ramos (a visitor's son) won the Rapala filet knives, Dave Myers won a compactible trash can, Ron Ruth won the Real Tree truck floor mats, Larry Martin won the 'T-Hanger skinning bar', John Nelson won a Boot Dryer, Jerry Caprio won the Scent Away spray kit, Jerry Hayes won the Steelhead kit and the Camo Waist Belt, Kirby Hammond won the green 'Clip on & Troll', Jim Cartmell won the yellow 'Clip on & Troll' and Jennifer Gardner won a Two rifle Plano hard case and a 7 gallon Aqua Tainer.

IN MEMORIAM OF RUSS THORSON: The Richland Rod and Gun Club offers their condolences on the passing of former member Russ Thorson on Aug. 20, 2013. Russ joined the club in 1963 and was a member for 34 years. In addition to teaching Hunter Safety Classes he was active on several club committees and worked on many Club projects. He liked to hunt and was an excellent fly fisherman. For deer hunting he and some friends would gather at another friend's cabin in the Spokane area. They would hunt deer all day and play bridge in the evening. Other bridge playing hunters would be envious of that arrangement. Russ liked the Club's calendars and when he could no longer attend meetings he called and asked me to bring him one. In 1988 he received the Club's 25 year belt buckle. He will be missed. (Howard Gardner)

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LARGEST STEELHEAD TOURNAMENT: The tournament will take place Saturday, October 26. More tournament information was not available when this Newsletter went to the printer. You will be able to register for the tournament at the October 1 General Meeting.

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team. The photo shows her shooting an Uzi for the first time. The winner was Larry Martin who will receive five free raffle tickets at the November General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://www.facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub>. 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.

2013 LARGEST STEELHEAD DERBY: The derby was held October 18-19 on the surrounding waters of the mid-Columbia and Snake River systems. The derby began from Columbia point at 5:00 p.m. Friday the 18th under a full moon and continued until 2:00 p.m. Saturday the 19th. The participants were signed in by Richard Sharp and Jim Cartmell and were eligible to start fishing immediately. The weather was calm, the moon bright and the fish were cooperating! Numerous fish were caught from several locations but the hatchery fish were proving elusive. Only two fish were brought in to be weighed at 2:00 p.m. Saturday. RR&GC member Ben Webb took top honors with a 6 lb. 9 oz. metalhead while fishing with Chris Webb

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upon the *river schooner* captained by Jack Pickard. The No. 2 position went to Don Hunter with a 3 lb. 5 oz. fish. The winner (Ben Webb) For largest steelhead received the Option Pot cash, a 9ft SST steelhead combo, and Hat provided by (Sportsman's Warehouse), plus the famous Steelhead trophy. Chili and cornbread was provided by Richard Sharp and Kathy Lucas and was enjoyed by all participants. Special thanks to Sportsman's Warehouse and Griggs department stores for supporting this event.

TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW: The 21st Annual Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show opens Friday, January 17th, 2014 at the TRAC in Pasco and runs through Sunday, January 19th. Mark this date on your 2014 calendar. The Club will again set-up Lunker Lake Thursday, January 15. The Lunker Lake fishing man will be manned by the Club Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 17, 18 and 19. Dale Schielke may also need some help on the days youth will be assembling Wood Duck nesting boxes.



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- Scott Atwood from Atwood's Northwest Guide Service will be the main speaker. His topic will be Winter Steelheading. Scott resides in Kennewick and provides a quality fishing guide service for the Columbia, Snake and Grande Ronde Rivers.
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Recovery program discussed the program and stated that there are thirteen members in the program. Rick Libby, our new treasurer, stated that he had Club hats and 2014 Club calendars for sale. Richard Sharp then enumerated the evening's raffle prizes.

- Four of the seven youth, Curtis Jenkins, Chelsea Jenkins, Logan Mullen and Justin Cook, that attended the Orcas Island Youth Conservation Camp in July were present and each stood up in front of the audience and related their camp experiences and answered questions from the floor. Some said that they would attend next year's camp if they were asked. All said that the food was fantastic. Some were not very enthusiastic about the survival event. The long uphill hike was not a favorite for two of the boys. All four of them enjoyed the Camp and would probably go back if they had a chance

- After a short break Kirby Hammond introduced Doctor Gerald Wodtl whose topic was 'Visual Skills and Concerns involving trap shooting'. Dr. Wodtl has been involved in Sports Vision for many years. He started his presentation by discussing 'how to hit clay pigeons you missed'. He discussed visual skills such as visual motor matching. He gave *motor matching* examples such as golf ball putting, shooting baskets and 'basketball jump shooting'. He stated that vision drives everything we do. Visual acuity was explained and discussed and an example he discussed was a baseball player at bat and how he is able to hit a baseball travelling at different speeds. He also explained visual tracking, hard and soft focus and tracking. He explained the use of Polaroid optics, anti-reflection coatings and color tints in eyewear and optics such as binoculars.

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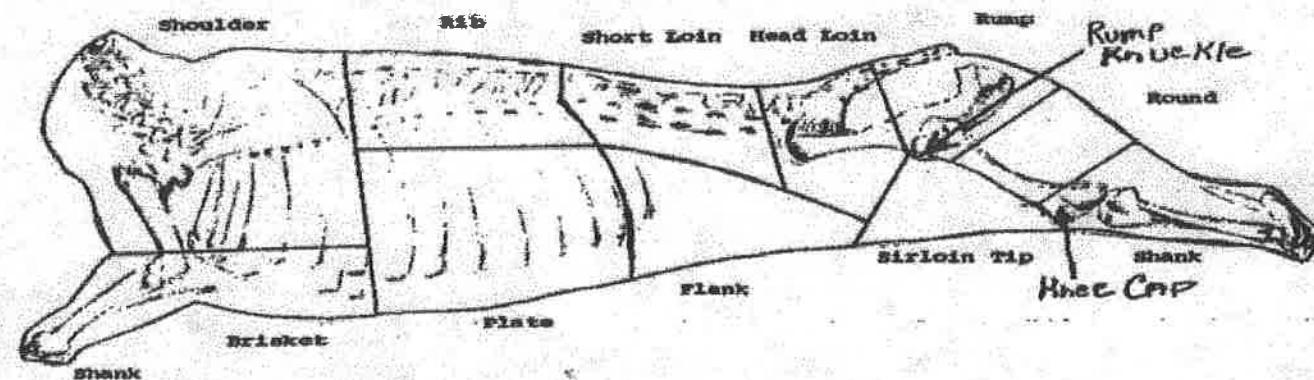
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Robert Scott from Benton City and Tom Strycula from Burbank.

GRIGGS 3rd ANNUAL ATOMIC SALMON DERBY: The Derby took place September 20, 21 and 22. The weigh ins and Awards Banquet took place Saturday September 22. A total of 107 fish were weighed in during the tournament. In the Adult Division the First place fish weighed 28.13 lbs. Second place 25.75, Third place 5.12, Fourth place 23.25, Fifth place 22.9 and Sixth place 21.5. The smallest fish was 1.5 lb. First place in the Youth Division was 16.75 lb. The Team Challenge WINNER brought in 86.14 lb. A total of 107 fish were weighed in over Three Days. All the profits from the event will go to KOE (**Kids Outdoor Education**) which helps the Tri-Cities area youth experience outdoor activities. KOE coordinated the May 2013 Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond famous "KIDS FISHING DAY". Over 1200 kids had the opportunity to catch trout averaging 2-½ pounds for the youth fishing event in May! Last year (2012) the

Derby raised \$2,300 for the KOE. Club volunteers prepared, cooked and served the Awards Banquet which consisted of Tri-Tip Prime Rib roast, Sweet Corn, Buns, Salad and Dessert. Dale Schielke organized the banquet. Club volunteers were Lou Ann Schielke, Dave and Carol Myers, Jeff and Margaret Fulks, Larry Martin, Gene Van Liew, Jack Pickard, Paul Kison and Tom Moore.

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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Three photos were entered by Al Casebere showing Al fishing on the Rogue river in Oregon 9-28-13. Larry Martin entered two photos, one was of his grandson Joshua and the other of grandson Eli fishing Scootney Reservoir September 2013. Dave Myers entered a photo of himself and Dan Morasch with five king salmon and one jack salmon caught on the Hanford Reach 10-2-13. The largest was 18 lbs., the average was 10-14 lbs and the jack salmon was about two lbs. All were caught on sardine wrapped Kwikfish. Jack Pickard entered a photo of himself with Aku and yellowfin tuna caught in Kapa'a Kauai 10-7-13. Chad Shuman entered a photo of his daughter Sam at the end of season party for her shooting