



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – October 1st

Board Meeting- October 15th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco
Newsletter Deadline for October is September 20th, Call Shannon Lackey at 948-3320 or

Email: rrgsecretary@gmail.com

OCTOBER PROGRAM: Our speaker will be Wade Ralston of Wade Ralston's Casting for Memories Guide Service Presenting: Fall Chinook Salmon Tips and Tactics. At the end of the meeting there will be a raffle for a seat on one of Wade's guide trips for Salmon, Steelhead, Sturgeon or Walleye that may be used within a year. You can tune in to FM95.3 UROCK Radio to hear Wade's fishing reports Fri, Sat & Sun @ 7:20 & 12:50 Sponsored by Ranch and Home. I feel it is important to note that Wade also donates a portion of all proceeds from his guide service to Camp Patriot.

GAME RECOVERY: There were no new game recoveries for the month of September. Chris Mosher is in charge of Game Recovery efforts and has been making contact with anyone that is on his lists of helpers. Maintaining a

good list of Game Recovery Members is key to success, so that if someone is unavailable it goes down the line. Also, there are multiple new members in the law enforcement community which Chris is hoping to make contact with. As members even, we forget that this is an ongoing effort to inform the general public and its officials that there are those who will come and salvage the meat for donation to the Union Gospel Mission after an accident. If you would like to help with game recovery contact Chris at 302-5171.

MEMBERSHIP: Carla received two new memberships for the month of September: Jeremiah Oldenburg Single/1 Yr.; Juan Ramirez Family/1 Yr. Please welcome them at the next general meeting.

NONPROFIT STATUS: New memberships and fundraising are paramount for the continued existence of RRG. As a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization we need to work as a collective to maintain and improve our club activities and outreach.

RRGC WEB PAGE: If you have not seen any emails on public input you can hit our website up and follow the links. There are two public input requests from WDFW. Let the club know what you think and other things we can get behind as well. Greg Boeringa has recently detailed the current use of the richlandrodandgun.org website. Over 5,300 visits so far and the number of users by means of mobile devices are now the bulk of visits. This is definitely a plus in today's tech savvy world to be looked up with ease! If you experience a problem or search for something and cannot find it let the Administrators know. Also, remember to send pictures or content that you would like added to the website or blog to the webmasters via email at- admin@richlandrodandgun.org.

SEMI-AUTOMATIC CERTIFICATION: If you still have not received a piece of paper saying you understand how to store and use a semi-automatic firearm.... Then here you go! Go to- <https://sporting-systems.com/free-1639-training/> and take the **FREE** online course to get your I-1639 approved piece of special TP that you can store for I believe 5 years. No more paying for classes or waiting for a new one to roll around. Thank you, Grigg's Department Store Gun Counter, for the link. They share this information with their patrons in hopes that more people get certified and become aware of what they voted for.

WILD GAME RECIPES: Please forward your recipes to the Secretary and Webmasters so that they can be included in the monthly newsletter and on our website. If you haven't checked out all of those recipes on the website yet, you should.

Smoked Salmon Artichoke Dip

Number of Servings: Varies

Ingredients:

1 cup smoked salmon

1 can artichoke hearts (chopped)

1/4 cup mayonnaise
2 cloves of garlic (minced)
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

Directions:

Mix together and serve with your favorite crackers

Contributor: Randy McBride

GUZZLERS: Larry Martin and his crew went out for a complete and total refurbishment of guzzler #39. Along with digging out the old tank in which only half of it was left they placed the new tank and rebuilt the whole upper with new metal posts and apron. All of this took 6 guys under 7 hrs. of work.



(Guzzler #39 as found in April)



(From left: Greg Herrin, Mark Kerns, Bill Watson, Jerry Bloom, Gene Van Liew and not pictured is Larry Martin)

MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE

REFUGE DUCK DAYS: This year's Duck Conservation Days is in the books and we were blessed to have seen lots of future biologists (and maybe even some entomologists after viewing those cool critters in the microscopes)!

There were several stations such as hunter safety, Retriever Demonstration, Ducks Unlimited Conservation, Duck Calling, Pond Life, Nest Box Building, Taxidermy, Identification, Decoy Wood Carving, Coloring and everyone's favorite- Duck Banding. Several McNary Biologists/Staff/and Friends of McNary Volunteers were in attendance as well as a couple Hunter Ed Instructors, Ducks Unlimited members and quite a few RRGc members. The kids went to each station learning a plethora of new things about the outdoors and when they were finished at each station, they received a stamp on their passports. Once the passport was complete, they got a prize this year it was either a kid's token for a meal at Texas Roadhouse or a Dairy Queen card good for a free ice cream cone (yum). All in all, there were 3 nest boxes built, 8 ducks banded and a bunch of happy kids to be outside doing the real-life hands-on stuff. I was pleasantly surprised to see how many kids came out just to say they wanted to work at McNary when they grew up! Lets all take head and remind the next generation that there is a "McNary" in everyone's backyard. And to get out and go investigate, ask questions and become the conservationists of tomorrow.



(Duck Days pond life under the microscopes)



(Wood Duck nesting box building)



(RRGC volunteers Mark Kerns and Bill Watson help USFWS workers install duck traps at McNary NWR)

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

RECAP: Lindsay Stedman a Biologist with the McNary National Wildlife Refuge presented on Avian Botulism and Cholera. She explained that in the warmer months the nutrient rich zones were perfect breeding grounds for Avian Botulism. Breaking the carcass to maggot cycle is key in keeping a larger outbreak from happening. If a dead bird is spotted floating it would be much appreciated if you could identify the spot and without direct contact, bag the carcass and then disinfect yourself and your boat. Letting the Biologists know when a dead fowl is spotted is really critical early in the hot months. Also, letting people know that feeding ducks bread only proliferates the botulism cycles in the waterfowl habitats would be beneficial to a safer water feature for all. Feed fowl sliced grapes, oats, birdseed, corn or fresh chopped greens. Cholera tends to happen in cold water and the bacteria can survive anywhere from weeks to months.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be October 15th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter Education Room, Pasco. **All RRG members are invited to attend.**

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE WINNERS:

Dove Bucket w/swivel lid-Gerald Hayes; Fist Aid kit-Dale Schielke; Tree Stand Harness-Mike Estes; Benelli Ammo Bag- Chris Mosher; Shooting Vest- Dale Schielke; Shooting Vest-Harley Schuette; 5 Gal. Igloo on Wheels- Frank Scopas; Camo Overalls- Rick Libby; Rod Buster Bait Cure- Jeremiah Oldenburg; Mystery Box-Todd Hennick; Decoy Book- Paul Kison; Art of the Decoy Book-Melissa Huston; Duck Stamp Book- Mike Estes; Bait Cure 3 Pc.- R.D. Williams;

SHOUT OUT: Thank you to McNary National Wildlife Refuge for taking the time to teach kids about future and current duck conservation efforts. Everyone that came out had a great time learning about the refuge and its residents.

SHOUT OUT: To Ron Ruth who, with approval from the Board of Trustees purchased, built and stamped the RRG logo on several new Hunter Ed Gong targets for use by club instructors. These targets will be well utilized in upcoming Hunter Education classes.

WANT ADS:

WANTED- The RRG is in search of a new Chief Hunter Education Instructor. This is for the RRG classes that are in a traditional classroom setting and are fully funded/backed by the club. If you or someone you know is interested in this position please contact **Richard Sharp at (509)551-6785.**

FOR SALE- 3 separate boxes, a dozen each of G&H duck decoys. Half are Drakes and half are Hens. Never used \$35 a box or best offer. Contact **John Pfeifer at: (509)539-5917.**

FOR SALE- MODEL 70 RIFLE: Winchester Model 70 Featherweight, “pre-64” (manufactured in 1953), 308 Win caliber, Redfield mounts, Hertel & Reuss 4x81

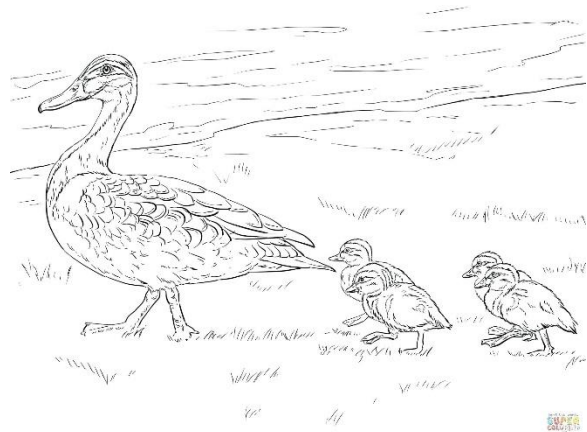
scope. Used but in very good condition and comes with sling, and part box of ammo. \$700.00 Contact **Dale Schielke 375-0183** to arrange for FFL transfer.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



(Rick Libby's great-grandson Travis age 7 with his first dove shot with a 12-gauge Photo Submitted by: Rick Libby)

HARLEY'S CORNER:



(new coloring page for the corner)