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1999 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES: Starting January 1, 1999, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will shift to an April 1 through March 31 licensing year. To make that shift, a special one-time only combination fishing/hunting license, that will cover Jan 1, 1999 through March 31, 1999, will be sold for just \$6 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. (Waterfowl hunters may use '98 licenses through Jan. 31, 1999. Elk permit hunters with valid 1998 permits for areas open in January 1999 may use their '98 license.) The savings continue with the new April - March license fee system. Licenses will cost less for most avid hunters and fishers because the fees are in new combinations. The more you participate, the more you save. The major changes include:

1. No more separate enhancement fees. This was probably the most confusing part of the old licensing system. These fees will now be pro-rated into the new licensing structure.
2. The licensing year will change from January 1st through December 31st to April 1st through March 31st. This means your catch record cards will be on the same time line as your license.

Hunting licenses will be sold in "packages" which include your license fee and your tag fees. The hunting package is divided into big game and small game licensing options.

Big Game -- The big game package contains five options. All prices include license and tags. Forest grouse may be hunted with either a small game or big game license purchase.

Small Game -- The small game license allows the holder to hunt for wild animals and wild birds, except big game. The small game license includes one transportation tag for turkey and includes prorated surcharge for Eastern Washington pheasant enhancement. There are additional charges for the second and third turkey tags and Western Washington pheasant and migratory bird stamps.

The fishing package is divided into three license options: freshwater, saltwater and shellfish/seaweed licenses.

Freshwater -- The freshwater license allows the license holder to fish for any species existing in freshwater. This includes salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, trout, bass, etc. Prorated surcharges for Warmwater Enhancement and Regional Fisheries Enhancement are incorporated into the license fee.

Saltwater -- The saltwater license allows the license holder to fish for any species existing in saltwater. This includes salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, halibut, rockfish, etc. Prorated surcharges for the Puget Sound Enhancement and Regional Fisheries Enhancement are incorporated into the license fee

Combination Freshwater/Saltwater/Shellfish/Seaweed -- The combination license allows the license holder to participate in all three of the above activities. Specific license fees for each combination will be shown in later issues of this Bulletin.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday January 5, 1999, 7:00 PM - RR&GC HUNTER SAFETY FACILITY, BIG PASCO

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday January 19, 1999, 7:00 PM - IT CORP., 1045 Jadwin, Richland

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 21, 1999, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

TRI CITIES SPORTSMENS SHOW (LUNKER LAKE) AT THE TRAC - JANUARY 15, 16, & 17 1999

RR&GC BIG GAME DINNER - SATURDAY MARCH 27, 1999

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

• First meeting of the year will be held at the RR&GC Hunter Safety Facility at Big Pasco on E Ainsworth Ave. at the Middle of Warehouse 5 in Pasco. E Ainsworth Ave can be accessed from 10th Ave. The Cable Bridge is on 10th Ave. and E Ainsworth is the second road to the right after you enter Pasco from the Cable Bridge. Continue on E Ainsworth until you are at the far end of Big Pasco. Warehouse 5 is on the left. The Facility is identified with a big sign on the front of the warehouse. Clare Cranston will be the speaker and his topic will be "The Feeding and Care of Rifles, Shotguns and Short Arms". Clare will discuss how to care for your firearms before, during and after using them. Clare is the master instructor for the Club's Hunter Safety Program, a gunsmith and an avid hunter. He is well qualified to speak on this subject.

• Tickets for the March 27th Big Game Dinner will go on sale at this meeting. Cost is same as last year - \$15. per person.

• 1999 RR&GC calendars will be on sale at the meeting for \$3.00.

• Tickets will also be sold for the raffle drawing at the end of the meeting. There have been some great prizes at the last few meetings.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

The last General meeting of the year attracted the largest gathering of the year, over 100 people, at the CIC Bldg. to hear Dr. Jim Chatters present "Kennewick Man - An Ancestry in Question". President Dennis Spore opened the meeting and turned it over to program chairman John Silko. A video of the "60 Minute" television program which was shown on network television was shown first. After the video presentation, John introduced Dr. Jim Chatters who discussed the video and expanded on many of the details in it. He showed many slides that traced the history of the discovery, examination, cataloguing and storage of the bones. He also discussed the difficulties that were encountered from the Army Corps of Engineers and native Americans who wanted the bones turned over to the Indians for immediate burial. Examinations to determine the identity/history of the bones was not supported by the Corps or the Indians. *Stabilization* of the discovery site, was carried out by the Corps after both houses of Congress passed a bill forbidding it. The site was buried under tons of rock and soil, before the President was able sign the bill.

The bones were initially in the sheriff's custody. After pressure from the Corps, the bones were turned over to the Corps who initially stored them in a PNL facility. After the bones were placed in the custody of the Corps, two bone sections mysteriously disappeared. In the meantime eight anthropologists -- including two from the Smithsonian Institution -- filed a legal request in U.S. District Court to halt the return of the bones to the tribes. The bones are now stored in the Burke Museum in Seattle.

Dr Chatters answered questions from the audience for about 45 minutes.

After Dr. Chatters presentation, elections for Club officers and the Board of Trustees were held. The results are shown later in this Bulletin.

Raffle winners were Larry Martin and John Pfeiffer who each won \$50 gift certificates to *Critter's Outdoor World*. Mac McDonnell, Gene VanLiew, John Silko and Ken New each won a duck call donated by Dale Schielke.

1999 CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The Officers and Board of Trustees for the 1999 calendar year were elected at the December General Meeting. They are:

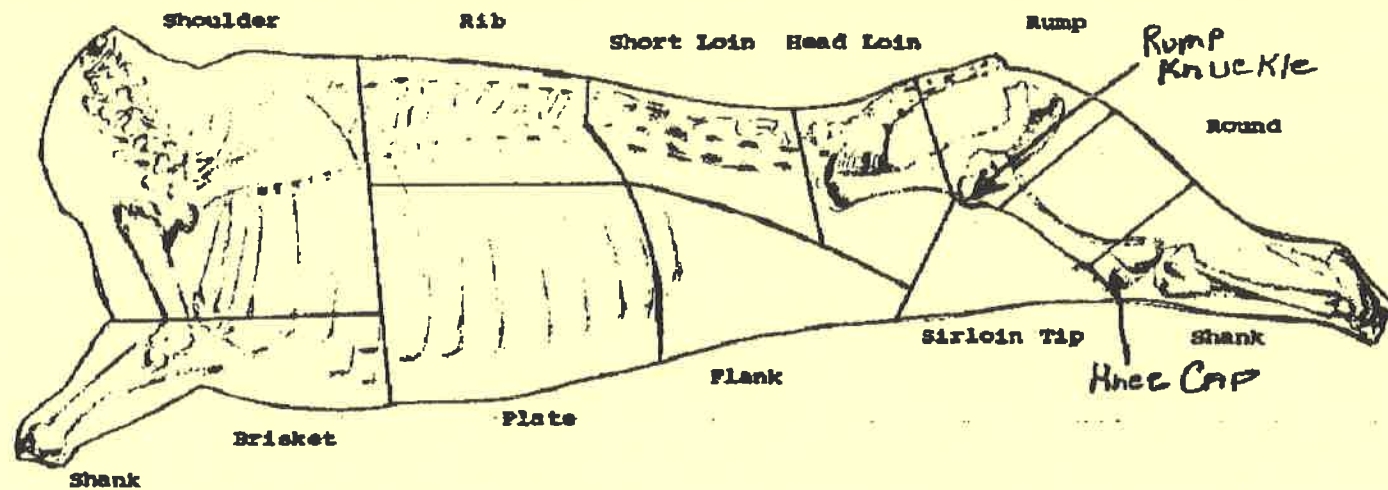
President: John Silko, **Trustees:** James Ayers, Clarence Corriveau, John Cummings, Steve Dart, Lyle Gilk, John Hall,

Vice President: Paul Kison, Ben Holten, Chuck Johnson, Daniel Kathren, David Koontz, William Lambert, Dale Landon

Treasurer: Mike Estes, Britt Marlin, Richard McDonnell and Ben Pesek.

Secretary: Eddie Manthos, **Past President:** Dennis Spore, **Volunteers:** Clare Cranston, Howard Gardner, Jack Hampton, Herald Heacock, Paul Logman, Larry Martin, Dave Meyers, John Pfeiffer, Jack Pickard, Rocky Ross, Dale Schielke, Ev Weakley and Gerry Zeitler

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!: The hunting season has started and once again the Club is looking for donations of game meat for next springs Big Game Dinner. The game meat includes waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear or boar, upland birds (especially pheasant, quail, & chukar - if we get enough birds Dave Myers will prepare a delicious Dutch Oven dish. 30 to 40 birds are needed, if you only have 1 or 2 please donate them we don't expect to get all the birds from 1 or 2 people.) and clean, boneless big game roasts. (NO HAMBURGER PLEASE) 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 diagram below). After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animals kneecap. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Finally, clean the meat 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. Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. You then take the roasts to Chucks Meats in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chucks has control of the key. The Club may not be able to obtain any halibut for the dinner this year. If halibut is on the menu this spring, it will have to be provided by Club fishermen. So all you halibut fishermen keep this in mind and set some fish aside for the dinner. If you have any questions call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694. All donations will be greatly appreciated the night of the Big Game Dinner. Good hunting and fishing!! Tickets for the Big Game Dinner will be available at the January General meeting. Cost is \$15/person



UPCOMING NW SPORTSMAN'S SHOWS: Tri-Cities Sportsmen's Show (at the TRAC) January 15, 16 & 17. Washington Sportsmen's Show, Western Washington Fairgrounds-Puyallup- Jan 27-31, 1999. Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show, Portland Expo Center February 10-14, 1999.

TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW: The RR&GC will man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and the air rifle shooting range for the 6th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 15, 16 and 17, 1999 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 4 and 5 hour shifts. The phone calling tree is being activated. You can expect a call asking you to volunteer. The Fishing Pond is a lot of fun, it introduces kids (and many parents) to fishing and gives us an opportunity to increase awareness of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. A group of about 6 people will be needed Thursday morning January 14 starting at 9:00AM to set up the fishing pond. During the Show a minimum of 16 volunteers/shift will be needed to man Lunker Lake. Shift times are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Thursday the 14th for set up of the fishing pond. Shift times for Friday the 15th are 1-5 PM and 5-9 PM. Saturday the 16th, shifts will be from 10 AM-3 PM and 3-8 PM. Sunday the 17th, shifts will be from 10-2PM and 2-6 PM; the last shift will stay over to help disassemble the pond. Please volunteer to work at Lunker Lake, it is a very worthwhile project. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they work. There will be no parking fee this year at the show. Workers should arrive 15 minutes before the start of the shift to receive their passes at the exhibitor's entrance at the rear of TRAC. You should come equipped with needle nose pliers (to crimp the hook barbs and remove the hook from the fish), a hook sharpener, a hand towel and safety glasses. Some important points to remember at the fishing pond are: 1) Do not feed the fish! 2) Remove any bait that is floating from the pond. 3) Do not let the kids follow the fish (especially the big ones) around the pond. 4) Do not put fish to sleep by beating them on the top rail (splattered blood and guts don't look good.) 5) Put fish to sleep before bagging them. 6) Keep the area clean, do not dip rags or towels in the pond. 7) Do not allow anyone to handline fish, use the rod. 8) After one fish has been caught, the person must go to the back of the line. 9) Keep the landing net in your hand or pocket and net the fish as soon as possible after it is hooked. 10) Assign one person/shift to rig the rods, supply the fish bags and keep the place clean. 11) If you going to look around the show, do it before or after your shift.

• Profits from Lunker Lake will be used to fund camp fees for the youths that will attend the 1999 Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Be sure to volunteer, you will get a big kick helping kids that have never fished before catch their first fish, see you there!

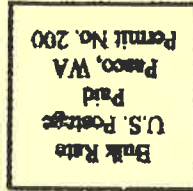
Hunter Education Class - Howard Gardner, Chief Instructor. In the recently completed class, a total of 28 students successfully passed both classroom, shooting and field courses. Other instructors helping in the class were: Clare Cranston, Don Hartshorn, Steve Roblyer, Carl Stull and Jerry Zeitler. Gary Scrivens, State Wildlife Agent, visited and talked about safety, accidents and answered questions relating to the Fish and Wildlife Dept. The next class starts on Jan. 18.

In Remembrance: - Former club member Bill Morgan passed away at his home on Dec. 17. Bill was a member of the Board of Trustees for several years, Secretary in 1961 and President in 1975. He was an avid hunter and made himself a Bullpup type rifle. Although inactive in recent years, Bill's contributions to the club will be remembered.

WDFW COMMISSION APPROVES BLUE MOUNTAINS BEAR HUNT: OLYMPIA December 7 — A spring, permit-controlled black bear hunt in the Blue Mountains and a streamlined regulation process for prospectors were approved by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission during its recent meeting at SeaTac. The commission voted 6 to 2 to approve the bear-hunting changes. The adopted hunting changes, effective in 1999, include:

- A permit-controlled black bear hunt from April 15 through May 16 in seven game management units in Southeast Washington's Blue Mountains black bear management area. A total of 70 black-bear hunting permits will be issued for the spring hunt.
- A shorter fall black bear season in the same area, with a new area hunting opener on the first day after Labor Day (Sept. 7).
- An increase in the annual cougar bag limit from one to two animals per hunter.

A half-dozen speakers objected to the spring bear hunt as cruel and inhumane because it could result in new bear cubs being orphaned when their mothers were killed. In response to concerns about orphaned bear cubs, Steve Pozzanghera, carnivore manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, explained that the percentage of female bears taken in a spring hunt should be less than in the fall because bears with cubs are less active in the spring. He said nursing females are the last group of bears to emerge from dens and are the most sedentary because of the lack of mobility of small cubs and because females avoid areas frequented by male bears. It has been documented that male bears will prey upon cubs. Pozzanghera added that the department would prepare education materials to help hunters distinguish male from female bears.



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Combination Freshwater/Saltwater/Shellfish/Seaweed -- The combination license allows the license holder to participate in all three of the above activities.

License	Resident	Nonres	Youth (15-16)	Disabled Veterans	Resident Senior (70+)
Freshwater	\$20	\$40			\$5
Saltwater	\$18	\$36			\$5
Shellfish/seaweed	\$7	\$20			\$5
Combination	\$36	\$72	\$5	\$5	

A combination saltwater/freshwater/shellfish/seaweed license for individuals who currently qualify for free fishing licenses is \$5. This license qualifies the licensee to participate in all fishing and shellfishing activities, including steelheading. A two day resident/nonresident combination freshwater/saltwater fishing license is \$6.00.

Also new in '99 is WDFW's **access stewardship decal**. The decal is required to use water access sites and wildlife areas and is free with fishing and hunting license purchases. Fishers and hunters should display the decal on the rear of their motor

vehicle so WDFW enforcement officers know they helped pay for the maintenance and operation of these properties. (Decals will be sold for \$10 each to non-hunting and non-fishing recreationists who use these access areas for other activities.)

RICHARD FITZNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: The 7th annual scholarship was awarded to Amanda Casey an undergraduate student at WSU. Amanda is majoring in Wildlife Management and is from Missouri. The scholarship awards in the amount of \$500.00 were started in 1992 in memory of Richard Fitzner, a well respected biologist and Club member, who died in a tragic plane crash.. The annual award goes to a student in Wildlife Biology/ Management. Previous recipients were Steven Bell, Brian Moser, Wendy Krajewski and Erik Dale Ellis'



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday February 2, 1999, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday February 16, 1999, 7:00 PM - IT CORP., 1045 Jadwin, Richland

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -February 18, 1999, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

7TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE NRA FUNDRAISER BANQUET - Friday March 5 - CAVANAUGHS

RR&GC BIG GAME DINNER - SATURDAY MARCH 27, 1999

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Spring is coming! Speaker for the February General meeting is Lloyd Zinsli who will speak about walleye fishing. Walleye fishing is becoming increasingly popular in eastern Washington. Undoubtedly they are probably one of the best tasting warmwater fish. Many good walleye fishing spots are close to the Tri-Cities. Come to the meeting and learn how and where to fish for walleye. Tickets for the March 27 Big Game Dinner will be on sale at the meeting.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

First meeting of the year was at the RR&GC Hunter Safety Facility at Big Pasco. President John Silko opened the meeting. Dennis Spore made several announcements concerning Lunker Lake. Jerry Zeitler announced that tickets for the Big Game Dinner to be held on March 27 were available. He also announced that meat and fish donations for the Big Game Dinner are very slim and that if the donations don't pick up we will have to buy meat for the Dinner. I'm sure that many Club members have plenty of meat in their freezers, so lets get busy and take it down to Chuck's. See the article later in this Bulletin that describes where to take the meat/fish.

• Clare Cranston gave a very informative presentation on how to care for firearms. He covered many facets of gun care including how to remove plastic fouling from shotgun barrels, cleaning and storage of shotgun and rifle barrels, care and repair of wooden gun stocks, repair of worn bluing on guns, how to store firearms etc. Clare also announced that Phil's Sporting Goods in Pasco will disassemble and clean most rifles and shotguns for \$15.00 to RR&GC members. Just show Phil a current RR&GC membership card to obtain the \$15.00 price, some complicated firearms such as the Browning Automatic Rifle will cost you more. The disassembled firearm will be thoroughly cleaned in an ultrasonic cleaner and then lubricated so that the gun will be ready to go when the next hunting season rolls around. This is too good an opportunity to miss. Phil is an ardent supporter of the Club and the Hunter Safety Program.

• Clare announced that the Club's Hunter Safety Program trained 287 students last year at an average cost of about \$74 per student.

• Winners of the raffle drawings were: John Hall - a \$50.00 gift certificate to Alexander's Art Studio, Mike Estes - a "Snake Light", Clarence Corriveau - a "Storm Light" and a styrofoam ice chest, Gene VanLiew - a "Snake Light" and Mac McDonnell a styrofoam ice chest

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Entry tickets for the 1999 Quality Trip can be purchased at the February and March General Meetings and at the Big Game Dinner, until the maximum of 100 tickets have been sold. The drawing for the quality trip will be held at the Big Game Dinner on March 27, 1999. The rules are shown below and are identical to last years.

1. Only Club members with 1999 dues paid through April 2000 are eligible to purchase entry tickets.
2. Tickets are \$20.00 each, the value of the trip (amount paid to winners) is \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold, the maximum sold will be 100.
4. Each member may purchase 2 tickets; with a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents may also purchase 2 tickets each.
5. You must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
6. Winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership.
7. The drawing will be held at the March 27, 1999 Big Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
8. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club and who must also have participated in the drawing.
9. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner is unable to go. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a Club member and have been in the drawing.
10. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 2000 Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
11. The trip must be approved by the Board of Trustees not later than the June Board meeting or the trip will be forfeited.
12. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.

49TH ANNUAL BIG GAME (WILD GAME) DINNER: -Jerry Zeitler- The 49th Annual Wild Game Dinner will be held at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday March 27. Ticket cost is the same as the last 3 years, \$15.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale at the February and March General Meetings (if they have not been sold out) and will not be sold at the door on the night of the dinner. Eligibility deadline for the *Early Bird* door prize drawing is the March 2 General Meeting. The social hour will start at 6:00 PM with dinner scheduled at 7:00 PM. The program speaker will be Dr. Steven Link. His topic will be: "*Native Plants.*"

- If you are unable to attend the meetings, you can also mail payment to the RR&GC, P.O. Box 337, Richland WA, 99352. Mail orders will be honored, subject to the availability of unsold tickets. You can also contact a Board member to obtain tickets.

- Fish, fowl, especially pheasant, and big game meat, especially venison, donations are still needed, the lockers are not full. Please bring your donations to Chuck's as soon as possible so we can determine how much meat will be available. See the November, December or January Club Bulletins for packaging and labeling requirements. Leave the meat at Chuck's Meat & Lockers, 17 E. 1st Ave. in Kennewick, locker I-40. Chuck's holds the key. Contact Jerry Zeitler, Wild Game Dinner Chairman, at 545-6694 if you have any questions.

- Big Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Jerry and offer your services, he needs people for all day March 27 starting at 8:00AM. You are also welcome if you can help for part of the day. If you are willing to donate a door prize for the dinner or if you know of anyone who is willing to donate a door prize, please contact John Silko at 627-1241.

- If you are going to the dinner, please pay for your 1999 membership prior to the dinner. One of the major bottlenecks at prior dinners was the long line of people updating their membership. Many people have been forced to stand outside in a long line. Eliminate the bottleneck, update your membership beforehand at the February and March General Meetings. Remember! To be eligible for the Quality Trip and some of the door prizes your dues must be paid up through April 2000. Your membership expiration date is shown on this Bulletin mailing label.

FRIENDS OF THE NRA Banquet: March 25, 1999 at Cavanaugh's, contact Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or Dwight Hughes at 547-5279 for tickets. Tickets are: \$25 ea. for NRA members and spouses; \$60 for non-members (price includes NRA membership). Proceeds from the Banquet, among other things, are used to fund the fight against anti-firearms groups. The anti-firearms groups are becoming more aggressive. Several large cities are taking gun manufactures such as Remington, Winchester and others to court and suing them for expenses the cities paid for gun death/accident medical expenses. They are claiming the

gun manufacturers, by producing the products that caused the deaths/accidents, were the cause and are liable for the expenses. This is a ploy to put the manufacturers out of business and stop the production of firearms. Patronize the Banquet and help stop the tactics of the anti-gun forces.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES: There are many of us who are one or two years delinquent with our membership dues. The Membership Committee will be going over the membership list and deciding what names will be dropped from the membership. If you are dropped and want to rejoin the Club, you will have to fill out a new application and be approved by the Board of Trustees before you are accepted as a member. To be eligible for the Quality Trip and some of the Big Game Dinner prizes you must be a paid up member through April 2000. Your membership expiration date is shown on this Bulletin mailing label. You can update your membership at the February 2 General Meeting at the Richland Library. Dues are: Individual: \$15 or \$40 for 1 or 3 years and Family: \$20 or \$50 for 1 or 3 years

WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX PROJECT: During the next few months volunteers are needed to help with the inspection and repair of wood duck nesting boxes. The boxes are located along the Yakima and the Walla Walla Rivers and were put up by Dale Schielke, Club volunteers and Boy Scouts. The project will consist of locating the boxes, inspecting them to determine if they had been utilized by wood ducks or other birds and repairing them if necessary. Hopefully a GPS unit will be used to pinpoint the location of each box after it has been located. If you are interested in participating in this project, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

UPCOMING NW SPORTSMAN'S SHOWS Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show, Portland Expo Center February 10-14, 1999 and Big Horn Show in Spokane at the fairgrounds March 18-21.

FOR SALE: English leather shooting gloves in mens size-small only (possible womens). Retail price \$45 - sale \$10. Call Dale at 375-0183. *Free Coleman Lantern Parts to RR&GC members. Miscellaneous generators and other parts for gasoline lanterns. If we can find a match, the parts are free.* Call Dale at 375-0183.

LOCAL FLY TYING CLASSES: A fly tying class is being offered by the Columbia Basin Fly Casters. The classes will be from 2-11-99 (Thursdays) to 3-25-99 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Kennewick 1st Presbyterian Church. There will be a \$5 fee for cost of materials. Class size is limited to 24 students. Sign up sheets are at the Clearwater Fly Shop in Kennewick, Phil's Sporting Goods in Pasco and Critters Outdoor World at Broadmoor Shopping Mall. If necessary, call Max Sloan at 735-1863 for any questions

TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW: The final results from Lunker Lake are not in yet. It appears that there were about 1350 fish caught. About 250 fish were left in the pond. Half the remaining fish were taken by a lady from Umatilla and the other half went to a man from Wallula, both placed the fish in private fishing ponds. Both shifts on Saturday were understaffed, they were so understaffed that the workers were not able to take any breaks. Many of the people from the morning shift stayed over and helped the afternoon shift. Special thanks are due to the RED APPLE grocery store at 10th and Washington in Kennewick for supplying the plastic boxes used at the fishing pound for the little ones to stand on and be able to see into the pond.

WALLA WALL RIVER HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: The Club was approached by the Tri-City State Steelheaders from Walla Walla to participate in a habitat enhancement project for the Walla Walla River in the region adjacent to the Nine Mile Ranch. At their January meeting the Board of Trustees agreed to participate in the project. The region to be enhanced is where the Walla Walla River crosses Highway 12 about halfway between Wallula Junction and Touchet. The project is still in the planning stage, but it appears that it will take place about the middle of March. There will be more information at the February and March General Meetings. We would like a large turnout from the Club for this project.

1999 RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSES: Starting April 1, fishing licenses will be divided into three license options: freshwater, saltwater and shellfish/seaweed licenses. The licenses will be valid from April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000.

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License	Resident Adult/Sr.	Nonresident	Youth*
Big Game:			
#1 Deer + elk + cougar + bear	\$66	\$660	\$33
#2 Deer + elk	\$56	\$560	\$28
#3 Deer or elk + cougar + bear	\$46	\$460	\$23
#4 Deer or elk	\$36	\$360	\$18
#5 Bear + cougar	\$20	\$200	\$10
Small Game if purchased w/a big game package	\$16	\$80	\$8
Small Game if purchased alone:	\$30	\$150	\$15
3-day non-resident small game:		\$50	

* Youth are under the age of 16. This category includes disabled veterans.

WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX PROJECT: During the next few months volunteers are needed to help with the inspection and repair of wood duck nesting boxes. The boxes are located along the Yakima and the Walla Walla Rivers and were put up by Dale Schielke, Club volunteers and Boy Scouts. The project will consist of locating the boxes, inspecting them to determine if they had been utilized by wood ducks or other birds and repairing them if necessary. Hopefully a GPS unit will be used to pinpoint the location of each box after it has been located. If you are interested in participating in this project, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

WASHINGTON STATE: (An NRA News Bulletin) Two mandatory firearms storage bills are still pending -- SB 5294, in the Senate Judiciary Committee, and HB 1424, in the House Criminal Justice & Corrections Committee. It is critical that you contact your State Senator, Pat Hale at (360) 786-7614, State Representatives Shirley Hankins at (360) 786-7882 and Jerome Delvin at (360) 786-7986 and urge them to oppose these restrictive measures.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday March 2, 1999, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday March 16, 1999, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library, Small Conference Room
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March 23, 1999, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com
7TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE NRA FUNDRAISER BANQUET - Friday March 5 - CAVANAUGH'S
RR&GC BIG GAME DINNER - SATURDAY MARCH 27, 1999

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Mike Blatt of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will be the main speaker at the March General Meeting which is at 7:00 PM Tuesday March 2 at the Richland Public Library. His topic will be "Turkey Hunting". This should be a very timely presentation since the statewide turkey season starts April 15 and runs through May 15. Tickets for the March 27 Big Game Dinner and the Quality Trip will be available at the meeting.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

The meeting was opened by President John Silko. About forty people were in attendance. The announcements were:

- Big Game Dinner chairman, Jerry Zeitler announced that more game meat is required for the dinner. He also passed out a signup list for volunteers to work at the dinner.
- John Silko stressed the need for more volunteers to solicit door prizes for the Big Game dinner. He stressed that the door prizes should be solicited as early as possible because of the number of other events, all soliciting prizes, that are taking place in the same time frame as our dinner.
- Mike Estes announced that he had tickets or the Quality Hunt. He also went over some of the rules for participation in the drawing.
- John Silko solicited volunteers to work at the "Biological Resources of the Hanford Site: Their Value, Health and Management" Information Exchange that was held at the Battelle Auditorium on February 6, 1999. The Club participated in the exchange and the volunteers manned the Club table.
- Dennis Spore reported the results of Lunker Lake at the Tri-Cities Sportsmans Show. Approximately 200 more fish were caught this year compared to last year. More information about the event later in this Bulletin.
- Program Chairman Paul Kison introduced the speaker, Lloyd Zinsli who discussed walleye fishing. He started off his presentation by showing a taxidermy mount of a 14 lb. walleye caught in the Columbia River by a friend. He discussed fishing variables, walleye fishing techniques and lure color selection. Walleye are found in the Columbia River all the way from Canada to the tidewaters. They are in the Potholes Canal, O'Sullivan Reservoir, Moses Lake and other lakes or reservoirs. They are caught at Burbank, Plymouth, Irrigon, Boardman, Arlington, O'Sullivan Reservoir, Moses Lake, Scooteny Reservoir, Soda Lake and Sprague Lake. There is no documented evidence of walleye upstream of Ice Harbor Dam. There also is no evidence of walleye feeding on salmonid smolts. They are bottom feeders and feed on suckers, sculpins, perch and other baitfish. Actually, walleye are a member of the perch family. Some of the techniques used to catch walleye are; jigging, trolling with plugs and spinners, night crawlers fished under a slip bobber, etc. Best times to fish for walleye are in the fall and night

fishing, during the summer. Walleye are sensitive to light and sometimes are caught more easily in low light situations, including choppy water. Jigs appear to do better in the spring, spinners in the summer and plugs in the fall. Lloyd emphasized that fisherman should practice etiquette towards other fishermen, such as not crowding them and not making loud noises; he also emphasized catch and release fishing. The average size of walleye appears to be decreasing probably because of over fishing. A good Internet web page devoted to walleye fishing is: <http://www.walleyecentral.com>. After his presentation the audience was invited to examine the walleye tackle and lures that Lloyd uses and had on display.

- Winners of the raffle drawings were: Al Garret who won a \$50.00 gift certificate to Phil's Sporting Goods, Paul Kison, Richard Badda and Orville Long each won a pepper spray

SKUNK ODOR REMOVAL: Howard Gardner: "When my Springer tangled with a skunk last fall, I stopped by the Desert Veterinary Clinic to buy a bottle of "Skunk Off" which based on previous experience had worked pretty good. The Receptionist gave me a recipe which she said works better, and it does. Don't get any in the dogs eyes or nose:

1 quart hydrogen peroxide(any drug store), 1/4 cup Arm and Hammer Baking Soda, 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap. Mix in a plastic container, but don't cap it because the gas generated may cause the container to bulge or explode. Using rubber gloves, sponge on dog, let set for 5 minutes and rinse thoroughly. Works great, the skunk odor disappears almost immediately."

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Entry tickets for the 1999 Quality Trip can be purchased at the March General Meeting and at the Big Game Dinner, until the maximum of 100 tickets have been sold. The drawing for the quality trip will be held at the Big Game Dinner on March 27, 1999. The rules are shown below and are identical to last years. This is a good opportunity to win \$2000 that you and your partner can use to finance the fishing or hunting trip of a lifetime.

1. Only Club members with 1999 dues paid through April 2000 are eligible to purchase entry tickets.
2. Tickets are \$20.00 each, the value of the trip (amount paid to winners) is \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold, the maximum sold will be 100.
4. Each member may purchase 2 tickets; with a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents may also purchase 2 tickets each.
5. You must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
6. Winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership.
7. The drawing will be held at the March 27, 1999 Big Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
8. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club and who must also have participated in the drawing.
9. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner is unable to go. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a Club member and have been in the drawing.
10. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 2000 Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
11. The trip must be approved by the Board of Trustees not later than the June Board meeting or the trip will be forfeited.
12. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.

49TH ANNUAL BIG GAME (WILD GAME) DINNER: -Jerry Zeitler - The 49th Annual Wild Game Dinner will be held at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday March 27. Ticket cost is the same as the last 3 years, \$15.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale at the March General Meeting (if they have not been sold out) and will not be sold at the door on the night of the dinner. Eligibility deadline for the *Early Bird* door prize drawing is the March 2 General Meeting. The social hour will start at 6:00 PM with dinner scheduled at 7:00 PM. The program speaker will be Dr. Steven Link, his topic will be: "*Native Plants.*"

- If you are unable to attend the meetings, you can also mail payment to the **RR&GC, P.O. Box 337, Richland WA, 99352**. Mail orders will be honored, subject to the availability of unsold tickets. You can also contact a Board member to obtain tickets.

- It is not too late to donate fish, fowl, especially pheasant, and big game meat, especially venison for the dinner. Donations are still needed, the lockers are not full. Please bring your donations to Chuck's as soon as possible. See the November, December or January Club Bulletins for packaging and labeling requirements. Leave the meat at Chuck's Meat & Lockers, 17 E. 1st Ave. in Kennewick, locker I-40. Chuck's holds the key. Contact Jerry Zeitler, Wild Game Dinner Chairman, at 545-6694 if you have any questions or leave meat at the locker after the March General Meeting.

- Big Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Jerry at 545-6694 and offer your services, he needs people for all day March 27 starting at 8:00AM. 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 the dinner by obtaining a place card(s) from Jerry or his delegate. That is the only way that seats at the tables can be reserved

If you are willing to donate a door prize for the dinner or if you know of anyone who is willing to donate a door prize, please contact John Silko at 627-1241.

If you are going to the dinner, please pay for your 1999 membership prior to the dinner. One of the major bottlenecks at prior dinners was the long line of people updating their membership. Many people have been forced to stand outside in a long line. Eliminate the bottleneck, update your membership beforehand at the March General Meeting. Remember! To be eligible for the Quality Trip and some of the door prizes your dues must be paid up through April 2000. Your membership expiration date is shown on this Bulletin mailing label.

FRIENDS OF THE NRA Banquet: March 5, 1999 at Cavanaugh's, contact Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or Dwight Hughes at 547-5279 for tickets. Tickets are: \$25 ea. for NRA members and spouses; \$60 for non-members (price includes NRA membership). Proceeds from the Banquet, among other things, are used to fund the fight against anti-firearms legislation. Patronize the Banquet and help stop the tactics of the anti-gun forces.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES: There are still some of us who are one or two years delinquent with our membership dues. The Membership Committee will be going over the membership list and deciding what names will be dropped from the membership. If you are dropped and want to rejoin the Club, you will have to fill out a new application and be approved by the Board of Trustees before you are accepted as a member. To be eligible for the Quality Trip and some of the Big Game Dinner prizes you must be a paid up member through April 2000. . Your membership expiration date is shown on this Bulletin mailing label. You can update your membership at the March 2 General Meeting at the Richland Library. Dues are: Individual: \$15 or \$40 for 1 or 3 years and Family: \$20 or \$50 for 1 or 3 years

MEMBERSHIP TELEPHONE NUMBERS NEED TO BE UPDATED: While contacting members to work at Lunker Lake we discovered that many members phone numbers are incorrect. If your telephone number has changed, please call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or e mail him at emanthos@aol.com and give him your new phone number.

UPCOMING NW SPORTSMAN'S SHOWS: Big Horn Show in Spokane at the fairgrounds March 18-21.

TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW: The final results from Lunker Lake are in. A total of 1430 fish were caught, 310 on Friday, 780 on Saturday and 340 on Sunday. The total catch was 200 more than were caught in 1998. The remaining fish, 222, were sold to 2 people who placed them in private fishing ponds. The Club will receive about \$800.00 from the Show promoter. This money will be used to fund camp fees for the youth that will attend the 1999 Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. The pellet rifle range was also very successful, the number of youth who shot was probably equal to the number of fish caught.

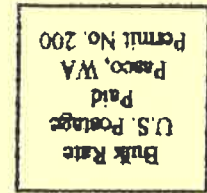
WALLA WALL RIVER HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: The Club was approached by the Tri-State Steelheaders from Walla Walla to participate in a habitat enhancement project for the Walla Walla River in the region adjacent to the Nine Mile Ranch. The region to be enhanced is where the Walla Walla River crosses Highway 12 about halfway between Wallula Junction and Touchet. The project is still in the planning stage, but it appears that it will take place about the middle of March. There will be more information at the March General Meeting. We would like a large turnout from the Club for this worthwhile project.

1999 HUNTING LICENSES: Starting April 1 the hunting license package is divided into big game and small game licensing options.

Big Game -- The big game package contains five options. All prices include license and tags. Forest grouse may be hunted with either a small game or big game license purchase.

Small Game -- The small game license allows the holder to hunt for wild animals and wild birds, except big game. The small game license includes one transportation tag for turkey and includes prorated surcharge for Eastern Washington pheasant enhancement. There are additional charges for the second and third turkey tags, Western Washington pheasant and migratory bird stamps. A second Bear, and Cougar tag are available for an additional fee of \$10.00 per tag. Falconry, Taxidermy and Trapping licenses, Goat, Sheep and Moose tags are sold only at the WDFW Olympia Office, License Division.

Also new in '99 is WDFW's **access stewardship decal**. The decal is required to use water access sites and wildlife areas and is free with fishing and hunting license purchases. Fishers and hunters should display the decal on the rear of their motor vehicle so WDFW enforcement officers know they helped pay for the maintenance and operation of these properties. (Decals will be sold for \$10 each to non-hunting and non-fishing recreationists who use these access areas for other activities.).



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IN MEMORIAM: - Howard Gardner. The Club was deeply saddened by the passing of Bill Stinson on Mar. 21, 1999. As near as I can tell Bill joined the Club in 1960 or 1961 and immediately became involved in Club activities. He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1962 and was Chairman of the Fish Committee. After being elected Secretary in 1963 and President in 1964, he served on the Board in a number of capacities for many years. During the year that Bill was President, the Club won the Washington State Sportsmen's Council's John C. Stevenson Award as the outstanding sportsmens club in the state. He was treasurer from 1982 through 1986. In addition, he was a holder of a 25 year member belt buckle and received the Club's Distinguished Service Award in 1987. Bill could always be counted on to volunteer to help or lead Club projects or activities, participating in our Salmon Booth as recently as 1997. Sometime in the 80's he was a participant in the Club's Quality Trip, going on an elk hunt in Idaho. I helped him develop a hand load for the 7mm magnum that he won at a Big Game Dinner and used on the trip. Bill and his enthusiasm for the Club and the outdoors will be greatly missed.

MOUNT SAINT HELENS STATE WILDLIFE AREA CLOSED TO PROTECT ELK: (A WDFW News Release) - A 2,800-acre wildlife viewing area near Mount Saint Helens will be closed to the public beginning March 18 to protect a herd of wintering elk. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is temporarily closing the Mount Saint Helens State Wildlife Area due to human disturbance of elk. Pushed into the area by heavy snowfalls at higher elevations, more than 500 elk are now occupying the site. At this time of year elk are trying to conserve energy, and are further stressed when they move around to avoid people. The wildlife area, located on State Route 504 (Spirit Lake Memorial Highway) about 30 miles east of Castle Rock, is a grassland which has grown up on a mud flow from the eruption of Mount Saint Helens. The area may remain closed through May, said Ray Crosswell, lands program manager for the WDFW regional office in Vancouver.

MASS MARKING: (A WDFW Fact Sheet) - Mass marking is a technique used to distinguish hatchery-produced chinook and coho salmon from wild fish. Marking offers fishers an obvious way to tell if their catch is a hatchery fish which may be kept, or a wild salmon which must be returned to the water. Marking allows fishing to continue on hatchery stocks, while protecting wild fish in waters where the two stocks intermingle. Hatchery fish are marked by removal of their adipose fin, a small fin on the fish's back near the tail. Mass marking has been used by the Department of Fish and Wildlife since 1996 for coho, and 35 million coho will be marked this year. In addition, the Department this year will begin marking chinook, and expects to mark at least 13 million chinook statewide, including 10 million Puget Sound chinook. Until recently, all marking was done by hand. To mark a larger number of fish, the Department of Fish and Wildlife is beginning to use an automated fish marking system. The new mass marking machine is housed in a trailer which can be moved from one hatchery to another when marking is underway. The marking machine, which can mark 7,000 fingerlings per hour, or two fish per second, uses a flow of cold water to attract fish to a chute where mechanized gates separate them and hold them for individual fin clipping. A tiny camera and special software helps position the clipper and verifies that the adipose fin is removed.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday April 6, 1999, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday April 20, 1999, 7:00 PM - IT Corp., 1045 Jadwin, Richland

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 22, 1999, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Speaker at the April General Meeting will be Eldon Ladd whose topic will be "Steelhead Fishing". Eldon is an accomplished steelhead fisherman who lives in Richland. He is also the author of a steelhead fishing book.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club president John Silko opened the meeting held at the Richland Public Library. There were several announcements.

- Jerry Zeitler updated the status of the Big Game Dinner.
- Dale Schielke reported the results of the wood duck nesting box examinations. Fifty three boxes were checked so far this year. Twenty eight of the boxes showed signs of wood duck nesting and 5 showed evidence of screech owl nesting. Members who helped Dale with the inspections were Dave Koontz, Larry Martin and Dave Myers. Dale is looking for the loan of a 15 HP short shaft OB motor to be used this spring for the nesting box inspections. An application for an ALEA (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account) grant to purchase a jet drive outboard, a GPS unit and materials to build and install 50 additional nesting boxes has been submitted. The motor and GPS will be used in the nesting box inspections and later installation of the 50 new duck nesting boxes.
- New members Dennis Winden and sons were acknowledged.
- Dave Linehan and Art Shine from the McNary National Wildlife Refuge were at the meeting. Dave explained the history of the lands that will be incorporated in the Three Rivers management Unit that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will manage. The unit will include the Peninsula HMU, the Two Rivers HMU and the Wallula HMU, a total of about 12,278 acres. The Three Rivers Unit will be managed essentially the same as the three parcels were managed under the Army Corps of Engineers. There will be a Three Rivers Management Unit public information meeting about the middle of April at CBC, be sure to attend. More information, as soon as is available, will be in this Bulletin or at the General Meeting.
- The main speaker, Dan Blatt of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, was introduced by Program Chairman Paul Kison. (The March Bulletin was in error, Dan was identified as Mike Blatt, my apologies to Dan.) Dan was a speaker at a Club General meeting several years ago when he spoke about Fly Tying. Dan's topic at this meeting was *Turkey Hunting in Washington State*. Dan is heavily involved in the introduction of wild turkeys into the state. He explained the precautions that must be taken during the introduction of the three different strains of turkeys. The three turkey subspecies present in Washington State are: Merriam, Rio Grande and Eastern. It is possible for a hunter to harvest one each of the three species if he secures the additional required turkey tags. A tag is not required for the first turkey, it is included in the Small Game Hunting License. The first spring hunting season was in 1965, the first fall season was in 1970. He stated that the success rate for turkey hunters is about 15%. There were about 50 participants at the meeting; eight of the 50, or 16%, had harvested a turkey. According to Dan, harvesting a turkey is not difficult. You must have the right mind set - "Think Like a Turkey." To locate

turkeys you need to go scouting prior to the season, a good tool to use is *shock gobbling*. Use calls like crow, owl, goose or woodpecker to locate the birds and determine their location. Three things that are important are: 1) Use good camouflage 2) Be comfortable and 3) Show no white color. It is extremely important to not move while you are calling. If you have to move at any other time, move very, very slowly (slow motion). Equipment that you need for turkey hunting includes a good vest, a game bag, pouches to carry your turkey *junk*, orange cloth (to place around your dead turkey), locator calls (shock gobbling), turkey calls, turkey decoy(s), light weight long johns and long socks tucked into long johns and tick spray repellent. There are many kinds of turkey calls – box calls, wing bone calls, trumpet calls, diaphragm calls, friction calls - slate or glass, and striker calls. Dan stressed that a hunter must be very attentive while calling. Cougars, bears, bobcats and people may walk up on you, they are all attracted to the turkey call. Dan's recommendation for a good turkey gun is a 12 gauge shotgun with a tight choke and he recommended that you pattern your gun and pick the choke tube (if you have one) that gives you the tightest pattern. Do not shoot at distances greater than 35 yards and aim for the neck and head region. Dan gave a very good presentation that was instructional for both beginning and experienced turkey hunters.

• Raffle prize winners were: Don Hand a \$50 gift certificate to the Hole In The Wall, Chuck Johnson an Audubon book on mammals, Orville Long an Audubon book on birds, John Pfeiffer two pepper sprays, Frank Scopa a calendar and a foam cooler and Dave Myers a foam cooler.

APRIL BRINGS ANGLING RULE CHANGES TO SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON RIVERS: (A WDFW News Release)

-April will bring sport fishing regulation changes to several southwest Washington rivers. The rule changes will affect the following rivers:

- **Wind River:** Closes to salmon angling at 12:01 a.m. April 1 through July 31 because there are no harvestable fish
- **Little White Salmon River (Drano Lake):** closes to salmon angling at 12:01 a.m. April through July 31 because there are no harvestable fish
- **White Salmon River:** Anglers will be limited to one salmon or hatchery steelhead beginning at 12:01 a.m. April 1 through July 31. Fewer than 50 harvestable chinook are expected
- **Klickitat River:** Opens at 12:01 a.m. April 3 through May 29 on Wednesdays and Saturdays only from the mouth to the Fisher Hill Bridge. There will be a one salmon or hatchery steelhead daily limit and a two-salmon season limit. Anglers are expected to harvest 50 adult chinook. From June 1 through July 31 the following permanent regulations apply: From the mouth to the Fisher Hill Bridge: standard daily limit (six salmon of which two may be adults); From 400 feet upstream from fishway No. 5 to the boundary markers below the Klickitat Salmon Hatchery: six jack daily limit. Steelhead regulations for the Klickitat will be listed in the 1999-2000 Fishing in Washington regulation pamphlet available on May 1.

NEW FISHING/HUNTING LICENSES, ACCESS DECALS REQUIRED APRIL 1 BEWARE!! Temporary Fishing/Hunting licenses purchased for the first three months in 1999 will expire and not be valid after March 31. New 1999 Fishing and Hunting licenses will be required on April 1!!

CLUB RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR ARID LANDS ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT (ALEA) GRANT: Dale Schielke (the Club Project Manager for the grant request) was notified that the Club's request for funding to expand the annual wood duck nesting project has been approved. The grant will allow the purchase of a jet drive outboard motor, a pair of oars, a 20 ft. extension ladder, a hand-held GPS unit and miscellaneous materials for the construction of 50 new wood duck boxes. The RR&GC will provide the volunteer labor, travel expenses and annual box maintenance expenses. The jet drive outboard motor will be installed on an existing 16 ft. flat bottom boat owned by the WDFW. The combination of the shallow draft nature of the boat coupled with the jet drive outboard motor will provide an excellent combination to use in accessing existing nesting boxes and installing the additional boxes on local rivers. The GPS unit will allow permanent *mapping* location of existing and new nesting boxes and easy accurate relocation of the boxes for inspection and repair. The GPS unit will also be used for the location and relocation of dryland bird guzzlers that are inspected and maintained by the Club.

USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE: The annual committee meeting was held in January of 1999. In attendance were Mike Estes, Howard Gardner, Lyle Gilk, Chuck Johnson, Paul Kison, John Silko and Dennis Spore. The following recommendations were made for uses of Club funds in CY 1999 were made and approved by the Board of Trustees at their January meeting.

Item/Organization	Contribution for 1999(\$)
Fitzner Memorial Scholarship at WSU	500.00
NRA ILA	200.00
National Shooting Sports Foundation	50.00

Columbia Dive Rescue	250.00
Wildlife Legislative Fund of America	250.00
Tapteal Greenway	50.00
Upland Wildlife Restoration Program	250.00
Delta Waterfowl	50.00
Hanford Reach (Save The Reach)	100.00
Youth Conservation Camp(12 total)-[nominally eight from Club and four from Hunter Ed.] @ \$175.00 per camper	2100.00
Total	3800.00

WALLA WALL RIVER HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: - NINE MILE RANCH PROJECT SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1999

WHAT - PHASE ONE OF THE NINE MILE RANCH PROJECT. INSTALLING A RIPARIAN BUFFER (PLANT NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS) ALONG APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF MILE OF THE LOWER WALLA WALLA RIVER. THE ENTIRE NINE MILE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN THE FALL OF 1999.

WHERE - NINE MILE RANCH IS THE FIRST RANCH DOWNSTREAM ON THE WALLA WALLA RIVER FROM THE NINE MILE BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY 12. THE RANCH IS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY. MEET IN THE DRIVEWAY. LOOK FOR THE "PEOPLE FOR SALMON" SIGNS.

WHEN - SATURDAY, APRIL 10. VOLUNTEERS WILL REGISTER AND RECEIVE WORK ASSIGNMENTS BEGINNING AT 8:30 A.M. WORK WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. AND END AT 1:00 P.M. VOLUNTEERS NEED NOT STAY FOR THE ENTIRE FOUR HOURS.

WHY - TO CREATE 100' WIDE BUFFERS ALONG BOTH BANKS OF THE WALLA WALLA RIVER. THESE BUFFERS WILL HELP STABILIZE THE BANKS, EXCLUDE LIVESTOCK FROM THE RIVER, SHADE THE STREAM AND PROVIDE SUPERIOR HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE. **THE LOWER WALLA WALLA RIVER IS AN IMPORTANT MIGRATORY CORRIDOR FOR ENDANGERED STEELHEAD AND BULL TROUT.**

• The Nine Mile Ranch project is a cooperative effort involving numerous federal and state agencies. The entire project is being coordinated by Walla Walla County Conservation District. "People for Salmon" is recruiting volunteers to work on the project. The local conservation district hopes to establish an uninterrupted riparian corridor stretching twenty-three miles along the Walla Walla River from Lowden downstream to the river's mouth. Nine Mile Ranch project is the first step toward accomplishing this goal.

• The Nine Mile Ranch owner has agreed to fence livestock away from the stream and to permit installation of 100' wide riparian buffers along both sides of the river for a distance of nearly two and one-half miles. In addition, the landowner will enroll the property in the WDFW "feel free to fish" access program. Both wildlife and people will gain from this incredibly generous act. It's now time for conservationists to step up and help complete the project.

• The Tri-State Steelheaders will help with the planting on April 10th and also have agreed to do annual maintenance on the project. Richland Rod and Gun Club and Blue Mountain Chapter of Pheasants Forever will participate with the April 10th planting. "People for Salmon" volunteers from as far away as Seattle will be there to help. Additional individuals and groups have been contacted to assist with the project.

• Sixty volunteers are needed Saturday, April 10th, to complete the phase one planting. Call Eddie Manthos (586-6009) to volunteer. The Club has agreed to support this project and encourages Club members to participate in this worthwhile project. There will be a sign-up sheet available at the April General meeting.

• There will be volunteer jobs available for everyone (registering participants, transporting materials, serving refreshments, etc.), regardless of their physical condition. Volunteers must be fourteen years of age or older. Bring stout shoes, gloves, hat, long pants and long sleeved shirt, and plenty of water. Snacks will be provided but it would be wise to bring a lunch as well.

This is a rugged area with stinging insects and the occasional rattlesnake. Work will take place within 100' of the Walla Walla River, which may be at flood stage at this time of the year. For these reasons, children younger than fourteen should not attend this planting activity. *The phase one planting will consist of planting shrubs, trees etc. in rows of plastic, the same type of work that the Club has done previously at guzzler plots and at Windmill Ranch. This should be a fun project and will give us the opportunity to scout this stretch of the river that will be open to the Feel Free to Fish access program.*

FRAME HITCH FOR SALE: Reeses frame hitch with spring bars, snap up brackets and ball mount with ball. The frame mount is not included. \$75.00 or best offer. Call Chuck Johnson at 375-1482

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to new members Dennis Winden and family from Kennewick.

BIG GAME DINNER QUALITY TRIP WINNER: Winner of the Quality Trip at the March 27 Big Game Dinner was Keith Brady, the alternate is Larry Martin. More information about the dinner will be in next month's bulletin.

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Sweet & Sour Duck, Jon Manthos & Jerry Zeitler (One of the dishes served at the Wild Game Dinner)

1/4 cup flour	1/4 cup cooking oil	1 tsp. Salt
1 tsp salt	1 cup water	1 lg. onion (chopped)
dash pepper	1/2 cup catsup	3 cups chopped carrots
2 lb. boneless duck	1/4 cup brown sugar	orange juice
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar	1 tblsp Worcestershire sauce	

1. Skin and bone duck. **2.** Slice duck lengthwise in 3/16"-3/8" thick strips. **3.** Place sliced duck in pot of boiling water for about 5 minutes. **4.** Remove duck & drain on paper towels. **5.** Place duck into plastic bowl. Cover with fresh or frozen orange juice, marinate for 3-6 hours. **6.** Combine flour, 1 tsp salt and pepper. **7.** Remove duck from orange juice, drain and coat with flour mixture. **8.** Brown meat in pan with oil. **9.** Combine water, catsup, brown sugar, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce and 1 tsp salt. **10.** Stir the mixture into the browned meat. **11.** Add onion. Cover and cook over low heat for 45-60 minutes, stirring occasionally. **12.** Add carrots and cook for 45 minutes more or until carrots are tender. **13.** Serve over cooked noodles.

Other game meats can be cooked the same way. Cranberry juice seems to be a better marinade for deer, elk etc.
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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday May 4, 1999, 7:00 PM -- RR&GC HUNTER SAFETY FACILITY, BIG PASCO
E. AINSWORTH AVE. MIDDLE OF WAREHOUSE 5
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday May 18, 1999, 7:00 PM - IT Corp., 1045 Jadwin, Richland
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 20, 1999, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

MAY GENERAL MEETING

Speaker at the May General Meeting will be Dave Goeke who will speak about the Arid Lands Ecology (ALE) site at Hanford. Dave works for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Please note that the meeting site is in Pasco at the Club's Hunter Safety Facility at Big Pasco.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club president John Silko opened the meeting held at the Richland Public Library. There were several announcements.

- John reported that the Big Game (Wild Game) Dinner held March 27 was a success and that the Quality Hunt winner was Keith Brady and that Larry Martin is the alternate.
- Eddie Manthos announced that the Walla Walla River habitat enhancement project at Nine Mile Ranch was cancelled until this fall. Delaying the enhancement projects until fall will result in a significant increase in funding.
- Eddie also announced that the public meeting on the proposed future management of the Two Rivers, Peninsula and Wallula HMUs will be held at the CBC Workforce training Center April 20 from 7-9PM. He urged that as many Club members as possible should attend.
- Eldon Ladd the speaker was introduced by Paul Kison, the Program Chairman. Eldon is an auditor and statistics is his main interest. He used his statistics expertise to write a book entitled Steelheaders Reference Guide. The book is full of statistics about steelhead. The view graphs that he showed were excerpted from his book. Steelhead counts over Columbia river dams for the last 20 years were shown. The results do not show a steady decrease in numbers over the past 20 years. In fact the numbers in the last couple of years appear to be increasing. The top 10 steelhead rivers in Washington and Oregon for both summer and winter run steelhead were also shown. Peak catch months for the rivers were shown. Steelhead catches for the past 20 years were also shown. Eldon showed viewgraphs of many other statistics. He stated that there are about 5,000 to 6,000 steelhead now returning to the Yakima river, a substantial increase from previous years. One interesting statistic that he brought up was that the return of stocked steelhead is about 2 to 6%. Return of stocked salmon is about 0.1%. He likes to use herring oil for scent while fishing for steelhead. One good hint that he gave was to use a strobe light (that is used with cameras) for charging fluorescent lures. Another interesting fact is that sockeye salmon numbers appear to follow a 4-year cycle. About 40 people were in the audience and there were many questions and comments from the audience. Eldon gave a very interesting and informative talk. He is planning to write and publish a Salmon Reference Guide Book in the future.

FAREWELL To Club members Chuck Johnson and his wife Stephanie who moved to South Carolina. They have been Club members for about 2 years. Chuck was very active in the Club and worked on many projects. He is a member of the Board of Trustees. We will miss them and wish them good luck.

1999 BIG GAME DINNER: The last RR&GC Big Game (Wild Game) dinner of this century was held on March 27, 1999. Attendance was a little bit lower than normal. The food as always was very good, in fact almost fantastic. The speaker, Dr. Steven Link, a member of the Tri-Cities WSU Botany Faculty and PNWL staff member, gave an exceptional presentation about "Native Plants and Weeds of the Columbia Basin". The door prizes were many and good. Dinner chairman Jerry Zeitler deserves a large vote of thanks for organizing the dinner. John Silko did an exceptional job as chairman in charge of getting the prize donations. Club president John Silko presented outgoing president Dennis Spore with a gift certificate to Cabellas and, on behalf of the Club, presented a plaque to Dennis. John Silko acknowledged the efforts of Howard Gardner and Clare Cranston who have worked many years in the Club's Hunter Safety program. Howard received a framed print of an elk (framing by 'You and I) and Clare received a framed print of a bighorn sheep (framing by Klais Antiques and Creative Framing). John also announced that the Club is initiating the Gardner-Cranston award, a beautiful carved and painted drake pintail. The award will be issued annually to a Club member who has shown exemplary volunteerism. The winner will keep the award for one year and then surrender it to the new awardee at the next Big Game Dinner. Eddie Manthos was fortunate enough to receive the award for this year. Winner of the "food donors" drawing was Jim Choate who received a beautiful print entitled 'Badger Canyon Sunset'. Russ Brown won a GPS-12 (donated by Jerry Zeitler) in the first of two members only drawings. Larry Martin won the second members only drawing, a Fall Hunting Season Membership (with guest) to the Sportsman Landowner Club in Clarkston Washington. Lyle Gilk won the kitchen help drawing, a Zebco rod and reel. The volunteers drawing, a Zebco rod and reel, was won by Ev Weakley. Raffle drawing winners were John Silko, Columbia River/Hanford Reach boat tour for two by Columbia River Ventures of Richland, a gun locker (donated by Ranch and Home Supply Inc. - Pasco) was won by John Cummings, the second gun locker (also donated by Ranch and Home) was won by an unidentified person, an 'Outdoorsman's Custom Fringed leather Jacket' (donated by Mac McDonnell) was won by Bill Lambert and a Wine Connoisseur's Package sponsored by Barnard Griffin Winery, Bookwalter Winery, Horizon's Edge Winery, Hunter Hill Vineyards and Hyatt Vineyards Winery was won by an unidentified person. Winner of the Quality Trip was Keith Brady and Larry Martin is the alternate. There were a total of 75 entries in the drawing for the Quality Trip. Special thanks to Bob Henke who cooked all day. He was not acknowledged in the program

WALLA WALL RIVER HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: - The project scheduled at the Nine Mile Ranch was cancelled until this fall. The sponsors learned that they could obtain considerably more funding if start of the project is delayed until this fall.

WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES: - Dale Schielke - Wood duck nesting boxes on the Yakima River, between Horn Rapids Dam and Richland, were inspected and maintained on 4/17/99 by Lucas Swanson and Dale Schielke. The new 20 hp jet drive outboard motor was used for this trip with excellent success. The shallow water operating properties of the motor allows ready access to the nesting boxes located on the river banks. Of the 33 boxes checked, on this section of the river, 15 boxes had evidence of wood duck use, 10 boxes had nesting screech owls and 4 boxes had squirrel nests.

McDONALD ROAD ACCESS SITE WORK PARTY: Howard Gardner, Walt Allen and Eddie Manthos worked with Rocky Ross on 3/31/99 planting shrubs/trees at the WDFW Access Site at McDonald Road just east of Lowden. The shrubs and trees were planted immediately above the Walla Walla River. We were fortunate enough to use a tractor pulled planting machine that dug a furrow for the plants and then covered up the furrow immediately after the plants were set. Two of us sat on the machine and placed the plants in a chain driven conveyor that placed the plant in the furrow and released it. A third person sat behind the two *planters* and dropped a fertilizer pellet in the furrow, next to the plant, before it was covered. This technique is a lot faster than hand planting and sets the plants at a consistent depth.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is again sponsoring 12 youth, nominally eight from the Club and 4 from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Conservation Camp. Dates of the Camp have not been announced as yet. The dates are usually the last two weeks in July. There will be one week devoted to a girls camp followed by the boys camp the following week. One of the 8 youths is being sponsored in the name of the Yakima County Search & Rescue Squad in appreciation of the help they gave us in delivering, setting up and taking down the Lunker Lake pond that was used at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show. A camper must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. In order to be eligible for sponsorship to the summer camp the youth's parent must be a Club member or the youth must be a Club member. Contact **Larry Martin at 545-9647** to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until the first 8 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes. You will be notified about the Camp dates as soon as they are announced.

Attention Sportsman: In view of an ongoing and escalating atmosphere of anti-gun and anti-hunting activity, the Richland Rod and Gun Club (RR&GC) Board of Trustees has voted to make the following recommendations to the Club's General Membership.

(1) If you are not currently a member of the National Rifle Association, the RR&GC Board of Trustees strongly urges your consideration of membership. Your membership in NRA endorses NRA's efforts in lobbying Federal lawmakers to preserve your Second Amendment rights. We realize that NRA may take positions that are unpopular or that you may disagree with, but remember NRA is the sole truly effective national organization fighting against the "anti-gunners". In addition, the NRA is also very active in protecting hunting rights. NRA annual dues are \$35.00 which includes your choice of a subscription to either the American Hunter or the American Rifleman. Call toll free 1-800-672-3888 to join.

(2) A second national organization in which RR&GC Board of Trustees strongly advise your membership is The Wildlife Legislative Fund of America (WLFA). WLFA is the sole truly effective national organization fighting to protect our hunting, fishing and trapping rights. In fact, WLFA is significantly more involved in these areas than the NRA. WLFA is the most vocal and legislatively successful of hunter advocacy groups. WFLA activists have helped formulate hunter anti-harassment laws and have lead organized efforts to defeat anti-hunting proposals in many states. Last year, WLFA involvement in California and Colorado issues resulted in the protection of sportsmen's rights. In addition, WLFA backed sportsmen's rights groups challenging anti-hunting and hunter harassment issues in Kentucky, New Mexico, Illinois and at the national level in Washington DC. Currently, the WLFA is active on issues in California, Ohio and Iowa. In recognition of the effectiveness of WLFA, The National Wild Turkey Federation contributed \$100,000 to enhance WLFA'S work. RR&GC contributed \$250.00 to the WLFA last year. Annual individual member dues for a membership in WLFA are \$25.00. Upon joining you will receive a monthly bulletin describing WLFA activities and indicating where action is required to protect the rights and interests of its sportsmen's membership. In addition, if you make a contribution to WLFA's "Wildlife Conservation Fund of America", some employers will make a matching contribution. Simply obtain a Matching Gift Form from your employer, fill in the blanks and send to:

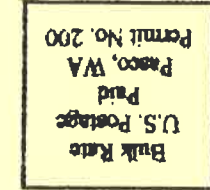
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(3) If you are currently a member of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), RR&GC Board of Trustees recommends that you cancel or not renew your membership. The NWF has a definite anti-hunting attitude. The first issue surfaced several years ago when NWF, through a lawsuit, forced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to require the use of nontoxic shot for waterfowl hunting on the entire lands of the United States instead of the hot spot closures the USFWS was pursuing where lead shot was proved to be a problem. The second issue involves a petition the NWF has filed seeking protection for the black-tailed prairie dog stating that the species is in danger of extinction. This has forced USFWS to begin a nine-month review to determine if the prairie dog should be protected by the Endangered Species Act (ESA). A FWS biologist estimates an approximate current population of 10 million prairie dogs in the West. The population is down somewhat because of a sylvatic plague epidemic. However, the dogs are beginning to rebound. It is apparent that the "anti's" are using the decline caused by the plague to attempt to stop recreational hunting of the prairie dogs, which only takes part of the harvestable surplus. It is the RR&GC Board of Trustee's position that prairie dog populations may require management in the future, but certainly not listing under the ESA.

(4) You may be receiving solicitations from the Second Amendment Foundation and/or the Citizen's Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Note that both organizations are managed by Alan M. Gottlieb who supported a bill (which failed in the recent legislative session) that required that guns be locked up in the home and a stipulation for mandatory penalties for adults who did not comply with the writ of the proposed law. Additionally, note that a national organization, "Gun Owners of America" (which is even more pro-gun than the NRA) refuses to support Gottlieb's organizations. Further, it is believed that a large share of donated funds that Gottlieb receives do not go to support the pro-gun cause. RR&GC Board of Trustees recommends that you do not contribute to Gottlieb's organizations noted above.

An application for membership in the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America is in this Bulletin. Please seriously consider joining both organizations to help protect your Second Amendment rights as individuals and hunting, fishing, and trapping rights as united, avid sportsmen. Thank you, Board of Trustees, Richland Rod and Gun Club

LAKE WALLULA LAND MANAGEMENT: It appears that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is now interested in managing Wallula, Two Rivers, Juniper Canyon, Stateline and Peninsula Habitat Management Units (HMU) and Madame Dorion Park. The Corps says that they now have funding to manage these properties, about a year ago they claimed that they had no funding and they were looking for other entities to manage them. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who presently manages the McNary, Umatilla, Toppenish and Cold Spring Refuges has an excellent comprehensive management plan for the above HMUs and park and is very interested in managing them. The Corps is soliciting public comments on the management of these properties until May 7, and is very interested in you opinions. For information or comments regarding these issues contact Phil Hixson at (509) 527-7131, at E-mail: phil.hixson@usace.army.mil or write to: Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers; Attn Mr. Phil Hixson; 201 N. 3rd Ave.; Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876. It is very important that you let your opinions be known. We all know what the Corps record has been while they managed these lands for the past 13-14 years.



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Other fishing opportunities beckon across the state including:

Kokanee fishing is good now in Merwin Reservoir on the Lewis River in southwest Washington. WDFW Ken Vilante, who manages the Speelyai Hatchery where kokanee are raised, says the chances of catching a limit (five) of wild kokanee in Merwin are great right now. The most recent creel checks show that the fish are running 14 to 17 inches. For more information call Ken at (360)231-4210.

Halibut fishing opened May 16 in the Westport area (all of Marine Area 2) including the well-known "hotspot" off Cape Elizabeth which has produced large numbers of halibut in past years. Shallow waters of Marine Area 2 are open seven days a week while deeper areas are open five (closed Fridays and Saturdays). The area affected by this change is described on page 18 in the Fishing in Washington regulation pamphlet.

Lingcod fishing is picking up in the San Juan Islands near Sucia Island and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. WDFW biologist Greg Bargmann says you can use a variety of baits, jigs and lures, but just keep the presentation "lively" and fish near the bottom at slack or ebb tides in rocky areas with high current. Lingcod are predators that prefer live prey so keep your herring or jig moving. For more information call Greg at (360) 902-2825.

Salmon fishing in South Puget Sound continues to provide catches of hatchery chinook, particularly at Lyle Point at the southern tip of Anderson Island. Other opportunities include Gibson Point on the east end of Fox Island and Point Fosdick south of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.

Hatchery chinook on the Cowlitz River is picking up stream downstream from the I-5 Bridge and on the Lewis, the White Salmon and the Klickitat rivers. Drano Lake, at the mouth of the Little White Salmon River also is open to hatchery chinook salmon from May 20 through May 31. The daily limit is two chinook salmon with a 12-inch minimum size. For more information call Joe Hymer at (360) 906-6740.

Lake fishing across the state continues with lots of hatchery trout yet to be caught. Check with WDFW regional offices, or WDFW's website for specific stocking records.

Wildlife viewing opportunities increase as spring progresses, but whether you're fishing, hiking, or camping over Memorial Day weekend, WDFW reminds you to leave wild babies in the wild and enjoy wildlife only from a distance. On coastal beaches at this time of year you're bound to see harbor seal pups. If you're fishing or hiking in the woods, you're likely to see deer fawns or young bear cubs. Sometimes these adorable wild babies appear to be orphaned or helpless, and every year at this time some well-meaning people can't resist the urge to pick them up. Taking wild babies out of the wild is not only unsafe for animals and people, it's against Washington state law. The minimum fine for holding any wildlife in captivity is \$152. It's equally important to enjoy wildlife only from a distance. Use binoculars, scopes, and telephoto camera lenses rather than trying to get closer to wildlife. If you close in on their space, you'll either scare the animals away unnecessarily or put yourself and your family in danger of a defensive attack by a protective parent or otherwise potentially harmful animal.



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GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday June 1, 1999, 7:00 PM - RR&GC HUNTER SAFETY FACILITY, BIG PASCO
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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday June 15, 1999, 7:00 PM - RR&GC HUNTER SAFETY FACILITY, BIG PASCO
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ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - JULY 30 & 31 (FRIDAY & SATURDAY)
RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC - August 3, 1999 (TUESDAY), LESLIE GROVES PARK

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Speaker at the May General Meeting will be Dave Goeke or Jeff Haas who will speak about the Arid Lands Ecology (ALE) site at Hanford. They work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This is the presentation that was scheduled for last month, but was cancelled. Please note that the meeting site is in Pasco at the Club's Hunter Safety Facility at Big Pasco.

MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club president John Silko opened the meeting held at the Hunter Safety Facility and introduced Dave Oakley who explained a signature initiative to ban all commercial *net fishing* in Washington State waters. The ban would include gill nets and trawlers. The initiative was circulated to all those present.

- Mike Estes read and explained a letter to the commander of the Walla Walla District of the Army Corps of Engineers. The letter supports the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the most appropriate agency to manage the Wallula, Two Rivers and Peninsula Habitat Management Units. The letter was discussed and a motion was made and seconded from the floor to send the letter to the Corps. The vote to send the letter was unanimous.

- Larry Martin announced that he used the new GPS unit to locate and inspect guzzlers located east of Prosser in the area where a grass fire occurred last summer. He found three guzzlers that were burned out and will need to be replaced. The GPS unit operated flawlessly and he was able to locate the guzzlers without any difficulty.

- Dale Schielke announced that he used the new jet drive outboard motor to locate wood duck nesting boxes. The motor worked exceptionally well and he was able to navigate shallow water not accessible to a propeller driven outboard motor. He announced that two Boy Scouts have volunteered to build 30 nesting boxes each, as service projects. They will need help to install the boxes and Dale said that the installation would be an ideal project for Master Hunter candidates or Master Hunter renewals.

- Paul Kison introduced the main speaker, Jim Grimes. The scheduled speaker Dave Goeke was not able to attend. Jim is a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and his topic was very timely - *Drowning*. He showed a very good video titled "*Reasons People Drown*." The information in the video showed that most people do not recognize a drowning victim because they expect the victim to be yelling for help. A drowning victim cannot call for help because he is too busy trying to get air to breathe. The victim can usually be recognized by the "butterfly" like motions he is making trying to stay above the water. The victim sinks and then attempts to get back above the water by moving his arms up and down in

“butterfly” like motion. Many victims have drowned a few feet away from other people because they did not realize they were drowning. Drowning is the third leading cause of accidental death. Jim also showed and demonstrated the different kinds of life jackets or vests. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is very involved in three phases of *Recreational Boating Safety* - Public Education, Courtesy Marine Examinations and Patrolling For Safety Purposes. Jim’s presentation was very good and demonstrated the dangers of water based activities.

- Winners of the raffle drawings were: John Silko – a folding chair, Frank Scopa – a Zebco rod and reel and Jack Pickard – dinner for two at Las Margaritas.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to new members Dale Bambrick and Mike Lynch from Yakima and Dom Duncan from Kennewick.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is again sponsoring 12 youth, nominally eight from the Club and 4 from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Conservation Camp. Camp dates are July 18-24 for girls and July 25-31 for boys. One of the 8 youths is being sponsored in the name of the Yakima County Search & Rescue Squad in appreciation of the help they gave us in delivering, setting up and taking down the Lunger Lake pond that was used at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show. A camper must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. In order to be eligible for sponsorship to the summer camp the youth's parent must be a Club member or the youth must be a Club member. Contact **Larry Martin at 545-9647** to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until the first 8 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes.

GUZZLER INSPECTIONS: Larry Martin, Bill Lambert and Gene VanLiew inspected 6 guzzlers located above the Prosser area on May 16. Larry had inspected six other guzzlers earlier. The new GPS unit, obtained with ALEA funding, was used to locate and/or map the guzzlers. Three of the guzzlers inspected earlier had burned during the grass fire above I-82 this summer some of the guzzlers were damaged and need to be repaired. Routine maintenance was done on the other guzzlers.

FFA BARBECUE FOR WDFW AT HOOD PARK: Five Club members - Howard Gardner, Larry Martin, “Mac” McMcDonnell, Jerry Zeitler and Eddie Manthos barbecued steaks at Hood Park on the evening of April 29. The steaks and other foods were provided, by the WDFW, for FFA youth that spent essentially all week building and installing guzzlers throughout Regions 1, 2 and 3. The barbecue was sponsored by the WDFW in appreciation to the youth for their efforts. We, the Club members, started the charcoal and barbecued the steaks. There was even a birthday cake for one of the youth whose birthday was that day. We had a great time helping out. Some of those kids could really eat, they had really worked up appetites working with the guzzlers.

JACK RABBIT SURVEY: The WDFW is very interested in determining the distribution of Black Tailed and White Tailed Jackrabbits. If you have seen any jackrabbits, call Rocky Ross at 545-2420 or by e-mail at rossrr@dfw.wa.gov. He would like to know where you saw the jack rabbit(s), the kinds & number of rabbits and if possible when you saw them. The WDFW needs this information to complete a survey and would really appreciate any help that you can give them.

1999-2000 Summary of Hunting Season Dates (Mammals)

SPECIES	AREA	1999 SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT**
DEER			
Modern Firearm	High Buck	Sept. 15-25	1
	General	Oct.16*	
	Late Buck (eastside)	Nov.8-21	
	Late Buck (westside)	Nov.18-21	
Archery	Early Deer	Sept.1-30**	
	Late Deer	Nov.24-Dec. 15**	

Muzzleloader	High Buck	Sept.15-25	
	Early Deer	Oct.9-15	
	Late Deer	Nov.24-Dec.15**	
ELK			
Modern Firearm	Northeast WA	Oct.30-Nov.7	1
	Blue Mtns.	Oct.30-Nov.7	
	Colockum	Oct.30-Nov.7	
	Yakima	Oct.30-Nov.7	
	Western WA	Nov.6-14	
Archery	Early Elk	Sept.1-14	
	Late Elk	Nov.24-Dec.15**	
Muzzleloader	Early Elk	Oct.9-15	
	Late Elk	Nov.24-Dec.15**	
BLACK BEAR	Western Washington	Aug. 1-Nov. 14**	2
	Eastern Washington	Aug. 1-Nov. 7**	1***
COUGAR	Statewide	Aug. 1, 1999-Mar. 15, 2000	2
BOBCAT	Statewide	Sept. 7, 1999-Mar. 15, 2000	None
RACCOON	Statewide	Sept. 7, 1999-Mar. 15, 2000	None
FOX	Statewide	Sept. 7, 1999-Mar. 15, 2000	None
COYOTE	Statewide	Open year round. If hounds are used, Season is: Sept. 7, 1999-Mar. 15, 2000 (Except, year round with hounds in Adams, Benton, Franklin, & Grant counties)	None
RABBIT & HARE	Statewide	Sept. 1, 1999-Mar. 15, 2000	5 straight or mixed bag
PYGMY RABBIT	Closed Statewide		
* Ending dates vary. ** Dates vary in some areas*** See regulations for exceptions**** Bag Limits for Big Game are for calendar year and Bag Limits for Small Game are Daily Bag Limits unless otherwise noted.			

EXCERPTS FROM THE WDFW “MAY 20 TO JUNE 2 WEEKENDER REPORT”: River and stream fishing opens June 1 including summer-run steelhead on several westside rivers. This kind of fishing often is restricted to protect wild salmonids that spawn in rivers and streams, so check the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) 1999 "Fishing In Washington" regulations pamphlet carefully before setting out to fish. Several streams and rivers across the state are stocked now with WDFW hatchery catchable-size (mostly seven-to-nine-inch) rainbow trout to boost fishing. They include: Asotin County's Asotin Creek; Clark County's Canyon Creek; Columbia County's Tucannon River; Garfield County's Pataha Creek; Kittitas County's Wilson/Mercer Creek; Klickitat County's Bird, Blockhouse, Bloodgood, Bowman, Mill, Outlet, and Spring creeks, and Little Klickitat River; Lewis County's Skate Creek and Tilton River, Lincoln County's Cottonwood, Crab and Hawk creeks; Skamania County's Little White Salmon River; Spokane County's Little Spokane and Spokane rivers; Walla Walla County's Mill Creek; Whitman County's Union Flat Creek; and Yakima County's Tieton River and Wildhollow Creek.



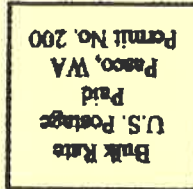
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consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service for over a week in resolving questions regarding potential impacts on native spring chinook and steelhead, which is also listed as endangered throughout the upper Columbia River system. These issues were resolved, allowing WDFW to open the fishery.

RICE ISLAND CASPIAN TERNS: (Information obtained from WDFW Web Site) About 10,000 pairs of Caspian terns nest on the sandy dredge deposits of the 200-acre man-made Rice Island, which lies about 20 miles from the mouth of the Columbia River. Studies of the birds' feeding habits indicate the terns eat six to 25 million migrating salmon and steelhead smolts. That's six to 25 percent of the smolts that reach the estuary, and three to 12 percent of the smolts produced throughout the Columbia River Basin. The fish are from Columbia and Snake river runs, some of which are listed as threatened or endangered. Late in March of this year, WDFW biologists and local volunteers helped National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers workers erect hundreds of rows of plastic mesh silt fencing across seven acres of Rice Island to discourage terns from nesting. Terns like open, sandy islands for nesting where they can see each other and the water. The fences, which obstruct the birds' view, may reduce their sense of security and ultimately make the area less attractive for nesting. The idea is to entice most of them to move 17 miles downstream to East Sand Island, a natural island in the Columbia River. Because of its closer proximity to the ocean, the diet of fish-eating birds there includes other species, such as sculpin and shiner perch, and far fewer salmonid smolts. The Corps of Engineers, with the help of the U.S. Marines, has made East Sand Island more attractive to terns by depositing and smoothing sand dredged from the river bottom. Tern decoys and tern mating call recordings also are encouraging terns to nest on East Sand Island. The Rice Island Caspian tern relocation project is showing remarkable success, at least in reaching some of its objectives. On June 5th the researchers reported 1,450 terns on East Sand Island, with 750 pairs having nests with eggs or chicks. This is the largest one year relocation of its kind ever, and exceeds most expert's expectations. However a sizable number of terns remain at Rice Island. On June 6th roughly 8,300 terns were counted by the

researchers on the 1-acre area and adjacent vegetated buffer. The number of nests w/ eggs or chicks was estimated to be around 5,000. It is noteworthy that the area fenced with rows of "silt fencing" as a deterrent, is completely devoid of nesting terns. This technique appears to be 100% successful, but no one expected the remaining 1 acre area to be packed so tightly. There are also another 1,750 - 2,500 individual terns counted in two satellite colonies outside the fencing on the west end of Rice Island. There is no nesting anywhere else on Rice Island. The Caspian Tern Working Group (CTWG) met last week to discuss the year's progress and plan the future. The main question at hand is whether any nesting at Rice Island will be acceptable next season. The majority of participants agreed that the goal for nesting on Rice next year should be zero, with the USF&WS the main hold-out for continued nesting at Rice Island. The WDFW position would be for zero nesting at Rice Island, but only with successful demonstration that the needs of the terns would be substantially met at East Sand Island, and that provisions for further support of nesting at other locations out of the estuary, was well underway. The next meeting of the CTWG is July 7.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday July 20, 1999, 7:00 PM - RR&GC HUNTER SAFETY FACILITY, BIG PASCO
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - July 22, 1999, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - JULY 30 & 31 (FRIDAY & SATURDAY)
RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC - August 3, 1999 (TUESDAY), LESLIE GROVES PARK

JULY GENERAL MEETING

There will be no General Meeting in July or August. The July meeting is being replaced by the Allied Arts Show Salmon Booth on July 30 and 31 (see the article below for more information about the salmon booth.). The August meeting will be replaced by the Club's annual picnic/salmon barbecue on August 3 (see the article below.)

JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club treasurer Mike Estes opened the meeting that was held at the Hunter Safety Facility. There were about 20 members present. Several announcements were made.

- Dale Schielke announced that the Club will participate in the Sidewalk Arts Show at Howard Amon Park on July 30-31.
- The annual Club picnic and salmon barbecue will be at Leslie Groves Park on Tuesday August 3.
- Larry Martin announced that repair/replacement of guzzlers discovered to be damaged will probably not be until next spring. He also announced that there are five youth that have submitted applications for the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp.
- Dale Schielke announced that the paperwork from two Boy Scouts to build and install Wood Duck nesting boxes has been approved. The nesting boxes will be installed late this summer or early in the fall.
- The speaker, Jeff Haas, was introduced by Mike Estes. Jeff is a Deputy Project Leader at the Arid Lands National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The complex is managed by the United States Fish & Wildlife Service and consists of the Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge, the Arid Lands Ecology (ALE) site and the Wahluke Slope area (presently managed by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife). The ALE reserve as well as the Wahluke Slope were originally Hanford Site buffer areas. Present condition of the ALE is essentially the same as it was in the time of Lewis and Clark. The USFWS will manage the complex for the next 25 years and are in the process of preparing a "Comprehensive Conservation Plan". Jeff showed a very good slide presentation of the ALE. At present (early spring) there are about 800 elk on the ALE, it is calculated that by fall there will be about 1,050 elk present. By the year 2010, if the elk continue multiplying at the same rate, there will be about 13,000 elk on the reserve. Approximately 250 to 400 elk can be supported on ALE without any damage to the environment. There are at least two ways of managing the elk population. One method is to trap and move the excess elk to other sites that can support the elk. This alternative is rather expensive, trapping and moving costs are at least \$800.00 per animal. The second alternative is to allow hunting on the reserve, assuming the Department of Energy will permit hunting. There was a long discussion between meeting attendees and Jeff concerning hunting alternatives and problems. Discussions were also held concerning ALE access by other users such as hikers, naturalists etc. Jeff's presentation generated good participation from the

audience, most of the meeting was spent in discussions between Jeff and the audience. It was a good meeting both for Jeff and Club members. This was one meeting that should have been more heavily attended.

- Howard Gardner gave a brief presentation about shad fishing on the Columbia River. He discussed where to fish, what to fish with and how to fish it. He also discussed cleaning and cooking the fish. It was a very timely presentation since the shad numbers are increasing at all the dams.
- Winners of the raffle were: Gene VanLiew, a \$50.00 gift certificate to Critter's Outdoor World; Frank Scopa and Charlie Morbeck each won a latest edition of the Washington State Gazetteer.

SIDEWALK ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH: The Sidewalk Arts Show at Howard Amon Park will be Friday and Saturday July 30 & 31 this year. The RR&GC and Columbia Basin Fly Casters will again sponsor a Salmon Booth. The Fly Casters will have the lead this year.

- Set up of the booth (6 volunteers) and preparation of salmon and "boats" etc (12 volunteers) will take place Thursday evening July 29 at Howard Amon Park, a minimum of 18 volunteers are needed starting at 6:00 PM.
- Nine to 10 volunteers are needed for each of the shifts that run from '9 AM - 1 PM', '1 PM - 5 PM', '5 PM - 9 PM' on Friday and Saturday. Retirees are especially needed for the first two shifts on Friday.
- Board members will be contacting you soon to determine what shift(s) you can work. If you know what days/shifts you can work and you have not been contacted please call Dennis Spore at 627-0589.
- If you have a "Food Servers Card" check its expiration date. If your card is expiring or you don't have one, you can obtain a current card at a special test session that will held for Sidewalk Arts Show workers on Tuesday July 13 at the Allied Arts Center, 89 Lee Blvd. (at the entrance to Howard Amon Park). Be there at 6:45 pm because testing begins at 7:00 pm and no one will be admitted late. The cards can also be obtained from the Benton Health Department by calling 582-7761 and scheduling an appointment at 800 W Canal Drive in Kennewick. The Club will reimburse the cost of the card (\$8.00), if you request it.

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held on Tuesday Aug 4, starting at 6:00 PM, at South Leslie Groves Park. For \$3.00 per person, (\$1.00 for children 12 and under) the Club will provide **Alder Smoked Salmon**, beverages, bread and condiments such as tartar sauce, lemon juice, butter etc. Attendees/each family should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for your dish. If your family name starts with A through K, please bring a dessert dish to share; if your name begins with L through Z bring a salad dish. Bring your own utensils, including plates, also bring chairs tables, blankets etc. in case there are not enough picnic tables. Dave Myers will put on a 'Dutch Oven' demonstration and Paul Kison has volunteered to make some home made ice cream. The park has a children's play area, rest rooms, shade trees and a wading pool. After we have eaten there will be a "Liars Contest" that will take place by the horse shoe pit. 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, second and third place. Prepare your **tall tale** and see if you can top all the others. Directions to the picnic are: From George Washington Way, turn east (towards 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 smell of alder smoke and barbecued salmon will lead you to where the picnic is.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is sponsoring 12 youth, nominally eight from the Club and 4 from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Camp dates are July 18-24 for girls and July 25-31 for boys. One of the 8 youths is being sponsored in the name of the Yakima County Search & Rescue Squad in appreciation of the help they gave us in delivering, setting up and taking down the Lunken Lake pond that was used at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show. A camper must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. In order to be eligible for sponsorship to the summer camp the youth's parent must be a Club member or the youth must be a Club member. Contact **Larry Martin at 545-9647** to obtain a registration form. So far 5 youth have signed up. The applications will be accepted in the order received until the first 8 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes.

FOR SALE: Simmons 44 Mag. rifle scope, 2-7X by 44 mm objective lens. It has never been installed on a rifle. \$80.00. Call 943-7681.

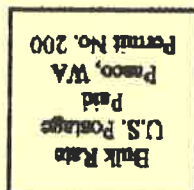
CONNELL GUN CLUB TRAP SHOOT: There will be a trap shoot for RR&GC members at the Connell Gun Club on Saturday July 17 at 11:00 AM. Bring your own shotgun and shells with # 7½ or # 8 shot. If you do not have a shotgun you will be able to borrow one, but bring your own 12 gauge shells. Cost for the clay pigeons is \$2.50 per round. For more information and directions to the Gun Club call Clare Cranston at 547-6273.

DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: A duck banding project is scheduled for RR&GC youth and Ducks Unlimited Greenwings at McNary Wildlife Refuge on Saturday August 28 starting at 8:00 AM. Meet at the parking lot at the McNary NWR Headquarters at Burbank. Come dressed (long pants and insect repellent) for the occasion. Bring a pair of gloves if you have one. The ducks will have been trapped earlier and the youth will band the ducks. This should be a fun and educational project. There will be more information in the August Bulletin.

1999-2000 Summary of Hunting Season Dates (Small Game)

SPECIES	AREA	1999 SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT (Daily Bag Limit)
PHEASANT	Eastern WA	Youth Only Season: Sep. 25-26, 1999	3 (cocks only)
		Regular Season: October 9-Dec. 31, 1999	3 (cocks only)
QUAIL (Valley or Bobwhite)	Western WA	Oct. 9-Nov. 30, 1999 (8am-4pm)	10 valley or bobwhite
	Eastern WA	Oct. 9, 1999-Jan. 9, 2000	10 valley or bobwhite
QUAIL (Mountain)	Western WA	Oct. 9-Nov. 30, 1999 (8am-4pm)	2
	Eastern WA	Season Closed	
PARTRIDGE (Chukar & Gray)	Eastern WA	Oct. 1, 1999-Jan. 9, 2000	6 chukar & 6 gray
FOREST GROUSE (Blue, Ruffed, & Spruce)	Statewide	Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 1999	3 of any species
SAGE & SHARPTAILED GROUSE, PTARMIGAN, BANDTAILED PIGEON		Closed Statewide	
TURKEY	Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, & Walla Walla counties	Nov. 25-29, 1999 (AHE Graduates Only)	Either sex
	Klickitat & Skamania counties	Nov. 25-29, 1999	Either sex
MOURNING DOVE	Statewide	Sept. 1-15, 1999	10
CANADA GOOSE (Early Season)	Statewide	Sept. 7-13, 1999	3
CROWS	Statewide	Oct. 1, 1999-Jan. 31, 2000	None

CHINOOK SALMON FISHING OPENED JUNE 20 ON ICICLE CREEK: (From WDFW Web Site) Sport fishing on north central Washington's Icicle Creek spring chinook salmon opened June 20 and will close on July 17, 1999. The daily catch limit is one chinook, possession limit is two. As in past years, closed waters are from the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery rack to 400 feet downstream. Fishing hours are one hour before sunrise until one hour past sunset (night closure rule) The non-buoyant lure rule is also in effect (see fishing regulations pamphlet). Whether this fishery would even open this spring was in doubt for many months, based on an extremely low prediction of the number of returning adults. Estimates varied from a low of 400 to a high of 1200 fish entering Icicle Creek. But unusually low river temperatures throughout the Columbia River, and late snowmelt and runoff, simply delayed the spring chinook run by about three weeks. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) biologists could not be certain that enough chinook would enter the Wenatchee River system to meet spawning needs at Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. Approximately 1000 adult chinook are required to meet the egg-take goal. That goal was reached on June 16 and WDFW biologists expect a few to several hundred excess chinook to be available for fishing. While spring chinook are listed as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act, the stock of spring chinook returning to the Icicle are excluded from that listing since the stock is not native to the Wenatchee or other upper Columbia River systems. They were brought from a lower Columbia stock several years ago. The fish have maintained a remarkable fidelity to returning to Icicle Creek and the Leavenworth Hatchery. While a few native spring chinook may enter the Icicle, none of the native fish have ever been harvested in the Icicle Creek fishery. The WDFW was in



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increases in population of American wigeon ring-necked duck, and goldeneye, while other populations remained largely unchanged from 1998. This recently-developed survey includes the eastern provinces and northeastern states and is a part of the Service's effort to expand the surveys outside the traditional area.

A NEW SALMON FISHING ERA BEGINS WITH JULY 19 OCEAN OPENER: (A WDFW News Release) OLYMPIA – A new era for salmon fishing in Washington arrives July 19 with opening of the ocean sport fishing season. That's because for the first time, ocean sport anglers will be targeting hatchery coho bearing special markings to distinguish them from wild fish. "Selective fisheries for marked hatchery coho, and eventually hatchery chinook, will be a major tool in the state's effort to protect wild salmon while providing fishing opportunities," said Jeff Koenings, WDFW director. "In an era when so many salmon stocks have federal Endangered Species Act protection, we probably would have no fishing opportunities without this marking program." Koenings said fishing will be monitored carefully by WDFW biologists and enforcement officers to educate fishers about the selective fishing technique and make sure it is effective in ensuring unmarked coho are released with minimal harm. Hatchery coho are marked when they are young by removing their adipose fin, which is located on the back between the dorsal fin and tail. WDFW currently is marking millions of hatchery chinook so selective fishing for them can occur in future years. "Once anglers recognize wild fish because of the adipose fin they bear, they will have to learn to release them carefully, without taking them from the water, if we want to minimize harm to them and convince the federal government selective fisheries work," Koenings said. Koenings noted the state has a huge investment in the hatchery salmon marking program. "Since 1996 the department has marked 113 million salmon. That's a major effort and we want to make sure it is effective — for fishers as well as for salmon." The selective fishing for coho will protect wild runs of coho as they make their way to the Columbia River. Puget Sound chinook and other species, protected by the Endangered Species Act, are not affected by fisheries off the coast. Koenings added, returns of hatchery coho as well as chinook to the Columbia are expected to be some of the largest in recent years because ocean conditions are improving for salmon and because Canadian harvests have been reduced dramatically. For example, until a couple years ago Canada annually harvested more than a million Washington-bound coho. In 1998 and again this year Canada is expected to incidentally kill approximately 50,000 Washington-bound coho in fisheries directed at other salmon species. "It is through selective fisheries, as well as through time and area closures, that we can increase the fishing seasons substantially above those of last year and still keep the impacts to declining stocks of salmon at or below last years levels," Koenings said. The same selective fishing regulations requiring the release of

unmarked coho went into effect for south Puget Sound (Marine Area 13) on July 1. They are scheduled to go into effect on Aug. 1 when salmon fishing seasons open in the Strait of Juan de Fuca (Marine Areas 5 and 6). This year's regulations in Marine Area 1 (Ilwaco) and Marine Area 2 (Westport-Ocean Shores) require the release of all coho with adipose fins. Anglers may keep two salmon daily, of which one may be a chinook. Fishing is open Sundays through Thursdays. Marine Area 3 (LaPush) also offers a two-salmon daily limit, but both fish may be chinook. Wild coho must be released. All of Marine Area 4 (Neah Bay) from the Sekiu River to Cape Alava, also opens July 19 with a two-hatchery coho daily limit. All chinook must be released. Marine Areas 3 and 4 are open seven days per week.



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WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club sponsored three girls Alison Marlin, Vanessa and Victoria Manthos and three boys Patrick Anthony, Kevin Spurlock and Andrew Powers to attend Youth Conservation Camp. Andrew Powers is a Hunter Safety participant that was selected by Hunter Safety Staff to attend. Camp dates were July 18-24 for girls and July 25-31 for boys. Andrea Manthos, one of the campers sponsored by the Club last year, was selected by Camp staff to be a counselor at the Girl's camp this year. We also learned that Brad Nye, who was sponsored by the Club a few years ago as a camper, is the Director of the Boy's camp this year. The Club's program of sponsoring youth to the Conservation Camp appears to be paying off.

CONNELL GUN CLUB TRAP SHOOT: Only one Club member, Dave Myers, showed up at the trap shoot for RR&GC members at the Connell Gun Club on Saturday July 17 at 11:00 AM. I can't believe that only one of us was interested in honing up his shotgun skills. Dave had a very good time. He was able to shoot any of the wide selection of shotguns that were available at the Club. Some of the shotguns were exotic trap and skeet guns valued up to \$6,000.00 or more. There will be another trap shoot later this summer or fall so that members can sharpen up their shooting skills before start of the bird and waterfowl season.

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MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (NWR) HUNT PERMIT APPLICATIONS: Applications for advanced reservations for this fall's waterfowl season at McNary Refuge have been mailed to last year's applicants. If you did not receive an application and desire to receive one, call (509) 547-4942 or (541) 922-3232 as soon as possible. Completed applications must be received no later than Sept. 1, 1999 at the NWR Complex at Umatilla, Oregon. This will be the third year that the advance reservation system will be in effect. The application form is free, a \$3.00 non-refundable application fee must be submitted with the application.

- This year's youth hunt day, at McNary NWR, will be Saturday December 4. Youths must be 10 to 17 years old to participate in this hunt, have a Hunter Safety Card and must be accompanied by an adult companion at least 21 years old. Youth Hunt reservation and blind fees will be waived for youth hunters and their companions. To apply for the hunt, send a standard post card with your name, address and words "McNary Youth Hunt Day" on it to USFWS-Mid Columbia River NWR Complex, P.O. Box 700 - 830 Sixth Street, Umatilla, OR 97882. Applications must be received by November 1st, 1999.

Club Sponsored Outdoor Photo Contest: (Dave Myers) The club is initiating a monthly outdoor photo contest to promote sharing of hunting and fishing experiences of our membership. The contest will run on a license year basis (April 1 to March 31). A few simple guidelines for submitting pictures:

1. Photos must be taken during the current license year.
2. Pictures are to be of hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, habitat restoration or similar activity.
3. Pure scenery shots are not acceptable, there has to be a critter (human or wild) in the picture.
4. If the picture is of game harvested, the successful hunter/angler is to be in the picture.
5. A monthly prize of five (5) General Meeting raffle tickets will be presented for the winning submission. The winner must be present at the General Meeting to receive the tickets.
6. Winners will be selected at the monthly board meeting, by those in attendance. Any board member submitting a picture will not participate in the selection process. The photo will be scanned and published in the monthly news letter.
7. Any submitted photo becomes the property of the Richland Rod and Gun Club, and may be used in club promotional materials.
8. An annual award for the best picture of the year will be made at the Big Game Banquet.

The person entering the photo selected as the monthly winner is encouraged to tell the story behind the picture at the monthly club meeting following its publication in the bulletin.

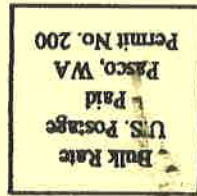
RAINWATER WILDLIFE AREA DEDICATION: In September of 1998 the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) purchased the Rainwater Wildlife Area for fish and wildlife habitat. It is located south of Dayton, Washington and is adjacent to the Umatilla National Forest. The Tribe used BPA funds under the Northwest Power Planning Council's Columbia River Basins Fish and Wildlife Program to purchase the property. The Wildlife Area is part of the lands that were ceded to the U.S. government by the CTUIR in the 1855 treaty. Tribal people know the area as "Too'sha". Prior to purchase by the CTUIR the land was formerly known as the Rainwater Ranch and was privately owned. The Wildlife Area (8,441 acres) includes 5,500 acres of timber plus range land and over 8.5 miles of anadromous fish spawning and rearing habitat in the South Fork Touchet River. Major fish bearing streams on the property include the South Fork Touchet River and Griffin Fork which support threatened summer steelhead and bull trout. The area is summer and winter range for Rocky Mountain elk, mule and white tailed deer, black bear and mountain lion. It supports healthy populations of wild turkey and grouse and provides important habitat for a wide variety of non-game species.

The CTUIR is developing a draft management plan for the property. Tribal members, local governments, local community members, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Bonneville Power Administration are involved in development of the management plan. An advisory Committee made up of individuals from local communities, agencies, interest groups and governments will help identify key issues and concerns and provide input on management direction and strategies. The Richland Rod & Gun Club is a member of the Advisory Committee.

The Rainwater Wildlife Area was dedicated on June 25, 1999. Club members Mike Estes and Eddie Manthos attended. The dedication site was on a grassy clearing high up at the Wildlife area. It had rained heavily the previous night and the access road to the site was muddy. The wind was blowing fiercely. The Invocation and Tribal honor songs and prayers were completed on the mountain, in spite of the strong winds; after the ceremonies were completed a Memorandum of Understanding between the CTUIR and the WDFW was signed by Antone Minthorn, Chairman of the CTUIR and Jeff Koenigs, Director of the WDFW. Because of the high winds the rest of the dedication was transferred to a school gymnasium in Dayton. There were speeches by BPA personnel, Jeff Koenigs, other WDFW personnel Antone Minthorn, CTUIR chairman and other Tribal Chiefs. All present at the dedication were treated to a delicious luncheon, prepared by the tribe, consisting of elk, salmon, potatoes, roots, salad and fruit pies. I was fortunate enough to get a piece of delicious huckleberry pie. Because of the muddy roads and windy weather, tours of the wildlife area were cancelled. It was a very interesting morning, the religious Tribal prayers were very interesting, the scenery was awe inspiring, despite the high winds, the speeches by the Tribal Chiefs were impressive and sincere and finally the lunch was great. Both of us were glad that we attended.

IMPROVED HABITAT CONDITIONS PRODUCE BUMPER CROP OF DUCKS: (A USFWS News Release)

- Reflecting improved habitat conditions throughout much of their breeding range, the population of breeding ducks rose by 12 percent to 43.8 million, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 1999 annual survey of key nesting areas for breeding ducks. The increase reverses an 8 percent decline in 1998, and represents a 34 percent increase over the long-term average breeding population since 1955. Prior to 1998's decline, duck populations enjoyed three straight years of increases.
- Breeding populations of mallards rose 15 percent to 11.1 million, 51 percent greater than their long-term average. Blue-winged teal numbers, at 7.2 million, were similar to 1998, but 66 percent greater than the long-term average. Other species also saw improvement, with northern pintails up 21 percent, northern shovelers up 22 percent and green-winged teal up 61 percent.
- Scaup populations rose 27 percent, an encouraging sign for a population that has declined steadily in recent years. Despite the improvement, scaup populations remain 18 percent below their historic average. Pintail populations also remain 30 percent below their long-term average.
- An early warm spring and good precipitation created abundant ponds and excellent nesting cover in much of the survey area. Most of the Dakotas, northern Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories and Western Ontario saw improved habitat conditions over 1998. The estimated number of May ponds in prairie Canada and portions of the north-central U.S., critical to the reproductive success of waterfowl, rose 46 percent over 1998 levels, to a level 37 percent above the long-term average.
- "It's heartening to see duck populations at these impressive levels. While improved habitat and weather had much to do with the improvement, wetland restoration efforts deserve a good share of the credit," said acting Service Director John Rogers. "For the fourth time in five years, we enjoy record duck populations, but the need for continued habitat conservation has not diminished."
- According to preliminary estimates of waterfowl harvest and hunter activity gathered during the 1998-99 season through the Harvest Information Program, hunters harvested over 16.5 million ducks, a 4 percent increase over the previous season. Persons buying duck stamps for hunting averaged nearly 9 days afield and harvested an average of more than 10 ducks, an increase of 7 percent over the previous season's level.
- "Improved duck numbers don't always translate into greater hunting success, as any hunter knows. But the best way to ensure continued hunting opportunities is to conserve populations by doing everything we can to protect, restore and even rebuild waterfowl habitat," Rogers said.
- The traditional breeding duck survey samples 1.3 million square miles across the north-central United States, western and northern Canada and Alaska and estimates the approximate numbers of ducks in important breeding areas.
- Among other duck species, the breeding population of canvasbacks rose slightly to 700,000, while redhead populations remained steady at 1 million.
- Habitat conditions in the eastern areas of Canada and the U.S., which are not part of the traditional survey area, were generally poorer than in other surveyed areas. Dry conditions throughout Maine and Southern Quebec and Ontario resulted in few temporary ponds and low water levels in permanent water bodies.
- Despite these conditions, total breeding duck populations in the eastern survey areas grew to approximately 1.8 million, an increase of 82 percent over 1998 and 85 percent above the long-term average. These totals were led by



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- In response to a rising number of complaints about cougars and black bears, WDFW in 1995 began systematically collecting data on citizen complaints about both animals. In 1996, the first full year for which data was available, the Department verified 495 cougar complaints. In 1998, WDFW received 927 confirmed complaints about cougars, 447 of which were sightings or chance encounters
- It is WDFW policy to attempt to track and kill any cougar that attacks a human. The Department also may kill a cougar in the case of attack on domestic animals or livestock. In other complaints, WDFW attempts to mark and relocate captured cougars once, unless there is an immediate human-safety risk. If a marked cougar reappears in a human area it will be killed. Relocation often is not effective, with moved animals becoming repeat offenders or dying because they are not able to establish a home range
- Reasons for the growing number of cougar sightings include: increasing populations of both humans and the animals, human development encroaching into former wildlife habitat and a decreasing number of animals being taken by hunters. Cougars, especially younger animals learning to survive on their own, may wander into developed areas searching for food.
- Cougars are classified as game animals and may be hunted under rules and regulations established by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission. In 1998, 184 cougars were taken by hunters.
- In addition, the Department has taken steps to increase public awareness about cougars. A brochure, "Living With Wildlife in Washington," and other informational materials have been widely distributed in parks and other places where people recreate. Information from the brochure also is available on the Wildlife Science section of the WDFW website at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov> on the Internet.

Safety tips to minimize the risk of injury if a cougar is encountered include the following:

- Don't run. Pick up small children so they do not run. • Shout, wave arms and throw rocks.
- Stand tall; do not crouch. Stand on a stump, rock or other available object to appear as large as possible.
- Never take your eyes off the cougar. • If the cougar attacks, attempt to fight back and remain standing.

ILWACO CLOSED TO HALIBUT SPORT FISHING:—(A WDFW Announcement)—Sport fishing for halibut in Marine Area 1 (Ilwaco) closed at 11:59 p.m. Sunday (Aug. 29), the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has announced. The area is being closed because only 324 pounds of the annual quota of 7,747 pounds of halibut remained unharvested as of Monday Aug. 23. The remaining 324 pounds will be caught during the following week, fish managers believe.



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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The first General Meeting, after the summer break, will be held at the Richland Public Library at 7:00pm on Tuesday September 7. The speaker will be Region 2 WDFW biologist Joe Foster. His topic will be "Rehabilitation of Fishing Lakes." Fishing lakes, such as those in the Pot Holes, Sprague Lake etc. are usually rehabilitated when populations of undesirable fish species such as carp or sunfish have grown in these lakes, diminishing trout populations and, in some cases, waterfowl production. Lake rehabilitation involves treatment of the water with the natural chemical rotenone to kill fish. Rotenone is non-persistent in the environment and is not toxic to humans at the levels used to control fish. After treatment, lakes are restocked with hatchery trout to restore sport fishing. Treatment costs are expensive, mainly because of the rotenone cost. Rotenone treatment is not permanent and after a few years when undesirable species have taken over again, the rehabilitation process is repeated. Questions have been asked if there are other methods that might accomplish the same results at a lower cost and be longer lasting. Joe will discuss the various aspects of treatment and why rotenone rehabilitation is the preferred method of treatment. The Columbia Basin Flycasters have also been invited to attend this meeting.
- The youth who attended the Youth Conservation Camp at Orcas Island have been invited to attend the meeting and will share their experiences with us. Come early because they will be first on the agenda.

SALMON BOOTH 1999: Dale Schielke & Howard Gardner Possibly because of an innovation by Dale: "The Salmon Sandwich", and possibly because of ideal weather, the booth profit this year was in excess of \$6000.00 to be shared equally by both clubs. One of our better years. Again, activities associated with the Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to a great group of volunteers. In particular, thanks are due Bob Zinsli for providing the ice and to Lou Ann Schielke for suggesting we switch to a sourdough roll for the dinners, and it worked great for the sandwich. The following volunteers includes members of both our Club and the Columbia Basin Flycasters: John Pfeiffer, Jim Saunders, Dave and Carol Myers, Richard McDonnell, Dennis Spore, John Hall, Lou LaDoucer, Tom Logan, Wally & Mary Jane Sheely, Dick Nightengale, Clare Cranston, Carl Stull, Charlie Morbeck, Walt Allen, Bob Zinsli, Clif Graber, Harold Heacock, Ev Weakley, Eddie, Nancy, Lorna, Andrea, Vanessa & Victoria Manthos, Bob Lyness, Sharron Taff, Lyle Gilk, Steve Anthony, Larry Martin, Jim

Shearer, Gene Woodruff, Paul Kison, Jerry Zeitler, Don Hand, Sid Daughtridge, Mark Freshley, Albert Turner, Gerald Bloom, Gene Van Liew, Dave Thonn, Craig Anderson, Orville Long, Rusty & Leslie Morlan, Duane & Todd Woolum, Mike Thompson, Don Board, Tim Clemons, Erik Fulgrare, Buddy Davis, Richard McFall, Bill Davis, Duncan Kirk, Rocky Ross, Heather Davis, Mark and Becky Hoffmann, Bill Thoreson, Jack Varnado, Bob McPhee, Wes Bryan, Larry Worden, Dale Landon, Mike Estes, Mike McWethy and Dick Rhoades. Although Jim Martin couldn't help this year because of major surgeries, he donated two very useful serving trays and his wife Rebecca came down and got some salmon for him and two fillets. Next year the Rod and Gun Club will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers. Also, again, many thanks to Dale and Howard for organizing the event and for purchasing and staging all the supplies needed to make the Booth a success. Without their help it would be very difficult to hold a successful event. Thank you very much!

RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC: The annual picnic and salmon barbecue was held on a beautiful Tuesday evening on August 3. There were 78 members and family attending. The salmon was cooked by Howard Gardner and Eddie Manthos. Vice President Paul Kison was the MC and served the delicious salmon. The salads and desserts were exceptional. Dave Myers, Dale Schielke and Frank Scopa prepared "Dutch Oven" dishes. Paul Kison made ice cream. There was plenty of salmon, salads and deserts for everyone, including seconds. The highlight of the evening was the Liars Contest that was held after we finished eating. There were at least a dozen contestants. One contestant had two stories to tell. After the stories were told, the winners were picked by the audience. The Biggest Liar, first place, was won by Mike Estes, for his efforts Mike won a \$30 gift certificate to Garts. Second place, Bigger Liar, was a \$20 gift certificate that went to Howard Gardner. Third place, Big Liar, and a \$10 gift certificate that went to Dale Schielke. It was a very enjoyable evening, the weather was perfect, the food was great and we got together with members that in some cases we hadn't seen since the last picnic.

RR&GC PARTICIPATION IN CREHST RETURN OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON POW WOW: The Club has been asked to participate in the *Return Of The Columbia River Salmon Pow Wow* that is being put on by Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology (CREHST) on September 10 & 11. The Club accepted the request at its August 17 Board Meeting. We will cook the salmon for the September 11 Salmon Bake that will take place starting at 11:00am and continuing until 6:00pm.

WANTED: A pair of oar locks with 5/8 inch diameter shafts. Oar locks that are sold now have 1/2 inch shafts. The type of oar lock is not that important - as long as it fits the oar. Call Eddie at 586-6009

"GPS BUG IMMINENT"- INFO FROM RICH LANDERS THE SPOKESMAN- REVIEW: On Sunday Aug.22, an EOW rollover occurred that could cause GPS units to give inaccurate readings unless the units are EOW compliant. This is of particular concern for units built before 1994. EOW means "end-of-week" a term given to the satellite calendar adjustments that are made every 1,024 weeks- roughly every 20 years. People with newer units can minimize the chance of problems by keeping their receivers off on Aug.22 from 4-6 p.m when the rollover is scheduled. Check with receiver makers to find out if receivers are EOW compliant, also ask if they are Y2K compliant. For manufacturer contact information, call the Y2K consumer hotline at (888) 872-4925. For info on EOW, check the Coast Guard's Web site at: www.navcen.uscg.mil/gps/geninfo/v2k/default.htm.

WASHINGTON STATE DUCK SEASON: Washington State will continue the maximum 107-day waterfowl hunting season allowed under federal rules. Hunting will run statewide from Oct. 9-20 and Oct. 22 -Jan. 23. A one-day Oct. 21 closure was set to allow hunting to begin on a Saturday and end on a Sunday, while adhering to federal season-length limits. A one-day youth hunt will be held Sept. 25. Hunters should consult the WDFW Migratory Waterfowl Game Season pamphlet that is now at license dealers for specific details on waterfowl hunting rules, including bag limits.

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WOOD DUCK NESTING PROJECT: - Dale Schielke - Two scouts working towards their Eagle Scout rank have been constructing wood duck nesting boxes. The two scouts are Andy Elder of Troop 249 and Michael Pease of Troop 228. Both scouts organized and supervised other scouts in constructing 30 wood duck nesting boxes. These projects will provide an additional 60 nest boxes to be added to the 100+ boxes currently monitored by the Richland Rod and Gun Club. The WDFW boat and new jet outboard will be used on August 28th to assist Andy Elder in installing 20 boxes along the Yakima River from the mouth up river towards the West Richland bridge. Ten boxes from each of the scouts will be held until next spring to supplement existing RR&GC boxes. Another installation trip for Michael Pease will be scheduled sometime during the next couple of months. Thank you to RR&GC member Tim Clemons who donated some of the plywood and OSB used for building Micheal Pease's boxes.

FISHING & HUNTING DATES REMINDER: (Check the "Big Game Hunting Seasons and Rules" and *Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons* pamphlets for other dates and regulations).

Aug. 16-Dec. 31, Salmon, Columbia River from Highway 395 bridge to Old Hanford Power Lines and from Vernita Bridge to Priest Rapids Dam. (Wild Coho release.)

Aug 16-Oct 22, Salmon, Columbia River from Old Hanford Power Lines to Vernita Bridge (wild Coho release.)

Sept. 1-Mar. 31, 2000, Snake River, Steelhead over 20 inches, Wild Steelhead must be released, barbless hooks only.

Sept. 1-15, Mourning Dove Season (Caution: You must possess a State Migratory Bird Stamp to hunt doves in Washington.)

Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 1999, Statewide Forest Grouse (Blue, Ruffed & Spruce) Season.

Sept. 7-12, Early Statewide Geese (except for Brant & Aleutian Canada Geese)

Sept 25, Youth only (under 16 years of age) duck hunt and goose hunt. Youth must possess a Washington Migratory Bird Stamp (free to youth 15 years of age and under) and complete a HIP survey form at a license dealer. (See *Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons* pamphlet)

Sept 25-26, Youth only Pheasant season in Eastern Washington.

Oct. 3-Dec. 31, 1999, Eastern Washington Pheasant season.

Oct. 9-Jan 9, 2000, Quail (Valley or Bobwhite) and Partridge (Chukar & Gray) season in Eastern Washington.

Oct. 9-20 and Oct.22-Jan. 23, 2000, Eastern Washington Duck season. See *Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons* pamphlet for goose season information.

COUGAR FACT SHEET - (Copied from the WDFW Web Page)

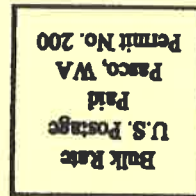
- Cougars, also known as mountain lions or pumas, are native to Washington state. About 2,500 live in this state, double the populations of the early 1980s, and their numbers are growing.
- Cougars normally are reclusive animals which avoid humans. They make their dens in rocky outcroppings, dense thickets and under uprooted trees. They are highly territorial - a male cougar may dominate a range of up to 100 square miles.
- There have been nine recorded attacks by cougars on humans in this state. Eight of those attacks have occurred in the 1990s. In addition there was one fatality of a 13-year-old child which occurred in 1924 in Olema (Okanagan County).
- An adult cougar can range in length from 42 to 54 inches, with a 3-foot-long tail. Adult males weigh up to 200 pounds, and adult females up to 120 pounds.
- The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife responds to complaints about cougars, which may range from attacks to livestock depredations to sightings that cause concern. In recent years, WDFW has expanded training for its enforcement officers in how to properly capture, relocate and, when necessary, euthanize the animals.



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EASTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM: (A WDFW document)

The Pheasant Enhancement Program was developed in 1997 by the Washington State Legislature. The idea was to develop a dedicated funding source to improve pheasant hunting in eastern Washington. Most of the funds are used to raise rooster pheasants for release on lands that are open for public access. The balance of the money will be available for pheasant enhancement grants to private organizations, individuals, or state and federal agencies.

Since the 1980's pheasant harvest has declined, with a few exceptions during years of favorable spring weather. Habitat loss has been the key problem. In 1991, WDFW initiated a very aggressive habitat enhancement program to address this continual loss. Until these habitat enhancement efforts can be established on a broad scale, the release of pheasants will help supplement harvest and maintain hunter opportunity.

In 1997, the Legislature created the Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Fund using a "surcharge" of \$10 on eastern Washington pheasant hunters. Beginning in 1999, a simplified license system will result in a single fee for small game hunters. The pheasant enhancement fund will be retained by dedicating a percentage of the small game license fees. It will be based on the number of eastern Washington pheasant hunters. The small game license is \$30. It is \$16 if purchased with any big game license, and kids under 16 years old pay \$15.

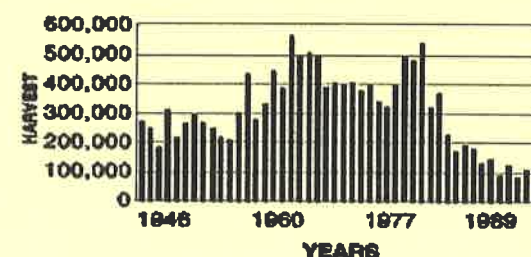
Each year thousands of pheasants will be released on public lands. Those release sites are shown on the map below. The idea behind the release of roosters in eastern Washington is to supplement the harvest. Typically there are plenty of pheasants around on opening weekend so most of the releases will occur periodically over the six weeks or so after the opener. That way there will be more pheasants available throughout the hunting season. Releases will also take place for the youth seasons on some of the sites in late September. We do not provide release dates because we want to reduce crowding at the release sites and to promote the highest hunter ethics possible.

Habitat protection and enhancement continue to be the primary goals to maintain pheasant populations and hunting opportunity over the long term. WDFW invests up to \$1.5 million each year on upland bird habitat management. The pheasant enhancement program will provide another \$50,000 per year for habitat enhancements.



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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

It's that time of the year again. The topic of the October General Meeting at the Richland Public Library Gallery room will be the annual hunting forecast. Dave Linehan of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mid-Columbia River Refuges will kick off the meeting. He will explain the changes at the Umatilla and McNary Refuges and update us on the status of the Three Rivers Unit (Peninsula, Two Rivers and Wallula HMUs). The main speakers will be Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife representatives from Regions 1, 2 and 3 who will discuss and explain the hunting prospects in their respective regions. This will be your chance to learn where to hunt this fall. Any changes in the hunting regulations will also be discussed. Don't forget. The meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. at the Gallery Room in the Richland Public Library. Come early and get a good seat. Club calendars for the year 2000, will be available for \$3.00 each, the first calendars of the millennium.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The meeting was opened by Club President John Silko. Several announcements were made.

- John described the Club Photography Contest announced in the last two Bulletins.
- John also announced that the October 5 General Meeting will be the Annual Hunting Forecast meeting.
- Mike Estes described the youth duck banding project that took place at McNary Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, August 28. About 40 people were present, including two USFWS Biologists. Sixteen youth participated in the banding. The project was definitely a success. The youth were unanimously enthusiastic about the banding and would participate in another banding project if it were offered.
- Mike also announced a September 25 work and cleanup project at the McNary Wildlife Refuge.
- Dale Schielke announced that Eagle Scout Andy Elder installed 20 wood duck nesting boxes on August 28. They were installed on the Yakima River delta from the mouth to the I-182 bridge. The WDFW boat and new jet outboard motor (operated by Dale) were used to help Andy install the boxes. A second scout will install an additional 20 boxes later this fall.
- John Pfeiffer announced that he had raffle tickets for the Benelli shotgun drawing that will be held at the Ducks

Unlimited Banquet on September 25.

- Mack McDonnell announced the details for the Tri City Prep Salmon Derby that will be held above Richland on the Columbia River on Oct.2 & 3. The lucky entrant that catches a salmon tagged by the WDFW will be the winner of a jet drive aluminum boat and trailer. Mack had the boat and trailer on display just outside the Library.
- Howard Gardner announced that the NRA has three exceptional books that can be purchased from them. The books are: *Inherit the Hunt*, *NRA Guide to Reloading* and *Sinclair's Precision Reloading*. Howard had the details on how to order the books.
- Dave Myers gave more details on the GPS Bug EOW problem. He stated that after September 21 the Bug would go away and the affected GPSs would function properly.
- Vanessa Manthos, Victoria Manthos, Pat Anthony, Andrew Powers, Alison Marlin and Kevin Spurlock related their experiences at the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp held on Orcas Island and at the Duck Banding project. Their presentations were spirited, entertaining and exceptional. They all thanked the Club for sponsoring them and stated that they would like to be selected for next year's Conservation Camp.
- Paul Kison introduced the speaker of the evening Joe Foster, a Region 2 WDFW biologist. Also present was Jeff Korth, also a WDFW biologist. Joe's topic was the WDFW Rehabilitation Program for stocked fresh water lakes. Joe explained that the program was initiated in 1940 and that at one time a total of 450 lakes, statewide, were being rehabilitated. At the present time, rehabilitation of west side lakes has almost stopped. Rotenone powder is the only *poison* used for fish rehabilitation in the State. Rotenone has been used for this purpose for centuries. It was first used in the United States in the State of Maine in 1935. The rotenone does not poison the fish. It kills them by asphyxiation. Almost every State in the U.S. has used rotenone to improve fishing in lakes that have been infested by undesirable fish such as sunfish, carp etc. These fish multiply so rapidly that trout and other desirable fish cannot survive. Rehabilitation of a lake takes place when performance of the fishery has deteriorated so that stocked trout or other fish cannot survive. Waterfowl habitat and production are also affected by undesirable fish such as carp that destroy vegetation essential for waterfowl production and/or survival. Rotenone is the treatment of choice. It deteriorates fairly rapidly, depending upon a number of variables such as vegetation density, water temperature, water depth etc. Other treatment chemicals are much more toxic and last for a longer time so that restocking may not take place for a year or longer. Rotenone is not 100% effective because of factors such as water depth and vegetation density.
- Raffle drawing winners were Mack McDonnell who won a Washington State Gazetteer. Dusty Powers and Dale Schielke each won a free Preseason hunting dog physical. Since Dusty Powers does not have a hunting dog, he gave his certificate to Gene VanLiew.

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New Books for Sportsman: - Howard Gardner

- *NRA Guide to Reloading*- Spiral bound, up to date manual for rifle, pistol and shotgun reloading. The Guide is very complete with excellent illustrations and explanations given for each step. To order call (800)336-7402, cost is \$9.00 plus \$3.50 shipping.

- Sinclair International's Precision Reloading & Shooting Handbook - Covers all levels of reloading for accuracy from techniques for modest improvement to those designed to wring the last ounce of accuracy from any rifle including bench rest shooting. It is an excellent manual. To order call (219)493-1858, cost is \$12.95(no shipping charge). Also, ask them to send a copy of their catalog on products for the precision shooter.
- *Inherit The Hunt*, by Jim Posewitz - Reviews the tradition of hunting from early man to the present and concludes with the observation that the most serious peril to hunting opportunity for the average hunter is other hunters that try to possess or exploit the wildlife that belongs to all of us. Access to the hunt is being denied by excessive demands for money. He states "For example, if they choose to hunt in almost any western state, it is big money for nonresident licenses, money for services, and in some cases still more money for access. Exclusion based solely on wealth is no way to share a heritage built on democratic principles and common sacrifice." "My interpretation is that he is saying that the leasing of land for hunting by hunters, guides and outfitters, if allowed to continue, may very well lead to the exclusion of the average hunter from participating in the harvest of wildlife except on state or federal lands." An excellent book. To order call Falcon Press (800)582-2665, cost is \$17.95.

CREHST 2nd Annual "Return of the Columbia River Salmon" PowWow: - Dennis Spore and Howard Gardner. As they did last year, members of the Club provided pre event advice and salmon cooking crews on Sept.11 for the CREHST-SPONSORED PowWow. The following club members worked on a two-shift basis from 9:00AM to 7:00PM to prepare and cook 450 lbs. of salmon(purchased from Albertsons) served to approximately 800 PowWow attendees: Steve Anthony, Mike Estes, Howard Gardner, Lyle Gilk, Paul Kison, Eddie Manthos, Larry Martin, Richard McDonnell, Rocky Ross, Dale Schielke, Dennis Spore and Gene Van Liew. Although Dave Myers couldn't work, he brought the cooks over from Pasco. The Club's profit from the event was \$500.00. Many thanks to a hard-working crew. By the way our contact with CREHST was Dennis's wife Debbie who was Co-Chair of the PowWow. She did a tremendous job.

Youth Duck Banding Day a Success: - Mike Estes - Sixteen youths, their parents, members of the Richland Rod & Gun Club and Ducks Unlimited, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service biologists participated in duck banding at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday, August 28. Two traps were set on Friday evening that produced nearly two dozen mallards and wood ducks. Several of the birds were juveniles and the adults were in the molt which made age and sex identification more difficult than might have been expected. Youths held the birds while data was recorded and the bands were installed, then they got to release the ducks back to the wild. There were numerous photo opportunities and many, many pictures were taken. After the banding was completed, attendees were treated to a retriever demonstration and refreshments. RR&GC members who participated include Dave Myers, Jon Manthos, John Pfeiffer, Bob Henke, Dick Rhodes, Buddy Davis, and Mike Estes. Many thanks to Rebecca Chuck and Howard Browers, USF&WS, for their efforts to make it a special day. This was the first duck banding at McNary in many years but Rebecca and Howard were so pleased with the interest and reactions from the attendees that they intend to plan for it as an annual event.

Note From Chuck Johnson to Dale Schielke: "Dale, I read about the effort you and Howard put out to make the Salmon Booth a real success, and was reminded that I owe you a note. Our phone number is (864) 297-8195, address is 25 Chelseabrook Court, Mauldin, SC. 29662. We are in a rental house, trying to get a place built on the lot we own on Lake Hartwell. We are getting close now and hope construction will start in Oct. I have joined a gun club that offers both trap and skeet, (five fields each) a rifle range (up to 300 yds.) and a 25 and 50-yard pistol range. I have joined a cowboy action shooting club and shot my first match last week. Did ok for not shooting since Oct. 98. Also joined a deer hunting club with 5000 acres of land. Today is opening day for deer here and I should be out trying my luck. However, the lease is over near Florence, and sitting in a tree stand with Floyd's hurricane force winds and rain approaching was unappealing. I guess I am a fair weather hunter. I will have plenty more chances, the season goes until 12/31. I hope you all are doing well. Please say hello to Howard and Jerry Z. for me. I miss the RR&GC. They are a great bunch of guys. Send a note if you get a chance. Be sure and let me know if you are going to be in the area. Chuck." (Chuck Johnson and his wife Stephanie were active Club members that moved to South Carolina this spring.)

HUNTERS SIGHT IN DAY: The Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Association is holding a Hunter Sight-In day at their range just off Kahlotus Highway on Saturday, October 9. Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to about 5:00 p.m. (dark). The public is invited to attend. There will be no fees charged but contributions will be accepted. (Suggested \$5.00.) The shooting range is off the Pasco-Kahlotus Highway, about 2 miles from Highway 12. There should be a sign on the right-hand side of Kahlotus Highway identifying the turnoff to the shooting range.

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SALMON DERBY RESULTS: (Courtesy of Don McBride.) Almost 250 anglers enjoyed great weather and excellent fishing during the 4th Annual KC/Tri-Cities Prep Salmon Derby, which was held in Richland, Washington October 2-3, 1999. The event raised almost \$4,000 to benefit Tri-Cities Prep, the new Catholic high school that opened in August 1998. The participants competed for thousands of dollars worth of cash and merchandise, including a boat, motor, and trailer for anyone lucky enough to catch a specially tagged fish. Unfortunately no tagged fish were caught, but one hundred forty-seven chinook salmon were weighed in during the derby. Gene Osborne of Richland landed the First Prize winner, weighing 36.41 pounds. Second Prize went to John Propson of Richland with 31.85 pounds; Third Prize to Lon Raney of Kennewick with 30.19 pounds; Fourth Prize to Diane Stumbaugh of Richland with 29.16 pounds; Fifth Prize to Bob Duncan of Coeur d'Alene with 28.32 pounds and Sixth Prize to Kevin Beebe of West Richland with 28.22 pounds. Dan Houfek of Yakima caught a total of 91.17 pounds of salmon during the two days to net the Tournament Prize, and Kennewick's Scott Snook caught a 16.70-pounder that was randomly selected as the "Mystery Fish" winner. Planning is already starting for next year's derby, tentatively scheduled for October 1-2, 2000.

ANGLERS SET STATE RECORDS WITH LARGE CATFISH, SALMON, AND DOLLY VARDEN:
OLYMPIA—New state records have been set for several fish species, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife announced. The fish are:

- Channel catfish: 36.20 pounds, caught Sept. 6 in Interstate 82 Pond #6 in Yakima County by Ross Kincaid of Buena. The previous record was 32 pounds, 8 ounces
- Atlantic salmon: 14.38 pounds caught Sept. 22 in King County's Green River by Ron Howard of Auburn. The previous record was 13 pounds 11 ounces
- Dolly Varden: 10 pounds, 15 ounces, caught Aug. 5 in Snohomish County's Whitechuck River by Leroy Thompson of Darrington. The previous record was a 10-pound fish.
- Kelp greenling: 4.42 pounds, caught Sept. 19 off Sucia Island in San Juan County by Danita Rixen of Bellingham. The previous record was 3 pounds, 8 ounces.
- Great sculpin: 4 pounds, 9.5 ounces, caught July 29 in Port Angeles Harbor by Mark Reynolds of Port Angeles. The previous record was a 4 pound, 6 ounce fish.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, November 2, 1999, 7:00 P.M. - RR&GC HUNTER SAFETY FACILITY, BIG PASCO E. AINSWORTH AVE. MIDDLE OF WAREHOUSE 5
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, November 16, 1999, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Conference Room
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -November 18, 1999, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Club member Lyle Gilk will be the main speaker at the November General meeting. Lyle hunted for moose in Alaska from September 14 to September 23 of this year. He and Gaylord Pyle used a boat to travel to the area that they hunted. They were unsuccessful in bagging a moose. The trip was not wasted however. The country and scenery were spectacular. It was the trip of a lifetime. They did catch Northern Pike. Lyle will describe the trip, their equipment and the preparations they made. He will have a number of slides to illustrate their hunt. The meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. on November 2 at the Club's Hunter Safety Facility at Big Pasco. Club calendars for the year 2000, will be available for \$3.00 each, the first calendars of the millennium.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- The meeting was opened by Club President John Silko.
- Debbie Spore, of the CREHST, read a letter from Gwen Leth-Director of CREHST thanking the Club for its help at the "Return of the Salmon Pow Wow." The Club's participation helped make the Pow Wow a success. A check for \$500 was presented by Debbie to John Silko. CREHST will not be hosting the Pow Wow next year.
- Rocky Ross announced that he will be administering the special "Western Washington Goose Management Area 2 Goose Identification Test" the first week in November. It will be up to the applicants to obtain the training materials. More details about the test are on page 4 of the "Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons" pamphlet.
- Paul Kison introduced the first speaker of the evening, Dave Linehan of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Mid Columbia Rivers Refuges. He described the changes in the blind locations at the Toppenish Refuge and passed out literature with a map and refuge regulations. He also explained that the Toppenish Refuge has a blind for handicapped hunters and there are now two blinds for handicapped hunters at the McNary Refuge. In answer to a question from the audience, he stated that the Army Corps of Engineers will be managing the Wallula HMU, Two-Rivers HMU and the Peninsula this hunting season. The USFWS and the Corps are still working on agreements between the two agencies concerning management of Wallula, Two Rivers and the Peninsula by the USFWS.

- Second Speaker of the evening was Pat Fowler from Region 1 of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Pat stated that pheasant numbers are generally lower than last year in Region 1 because of a poor nesting season. Wild turkey and grouse numbers also appear to have decreased in many locations. Quail, chukar and hungarian partridge numbers are similar to last years and in some cases have increased. Black bear numbers have increased and elk numbers are down in the Blue Mountains because of low calf survival.
- Third speaker was Mark Quinn from Region 2 of the WDFW. Mark stated that pheasant numbers in Region 2 were down about 65%. However, there will be about 22,000 pheasants released in Eastern Washington this hunting season. Waterfowl numbers should be up for both local and migratory waterfowl. He also stated that Mule Deer numbers have increased and are back to normal.
- An excelleny twenty minute USFWS video entitled "Status of Waterfowl, 1999 Outlook" was shown toward the end of the meeting.
- Raffle Drawings winners were: Frank Scopa - Binoculars, Al Yonk - a camouflage USFWS cap, Jack Pickard - a carton of 22 rifle shells and a "Fanny Pack" and Rick McFall won four boxes of 12 gauge shotgun shells.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Roger M. Golladay & Family from Kennewick and Allen Yonk from Richland.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: We have learned from Ray Lloyd that two campers sponsored in prior years by the Club were counselors at this year's Boy's Camp on Orcas Island. Congratulations to Brian Miller and Jared Wendlandt.

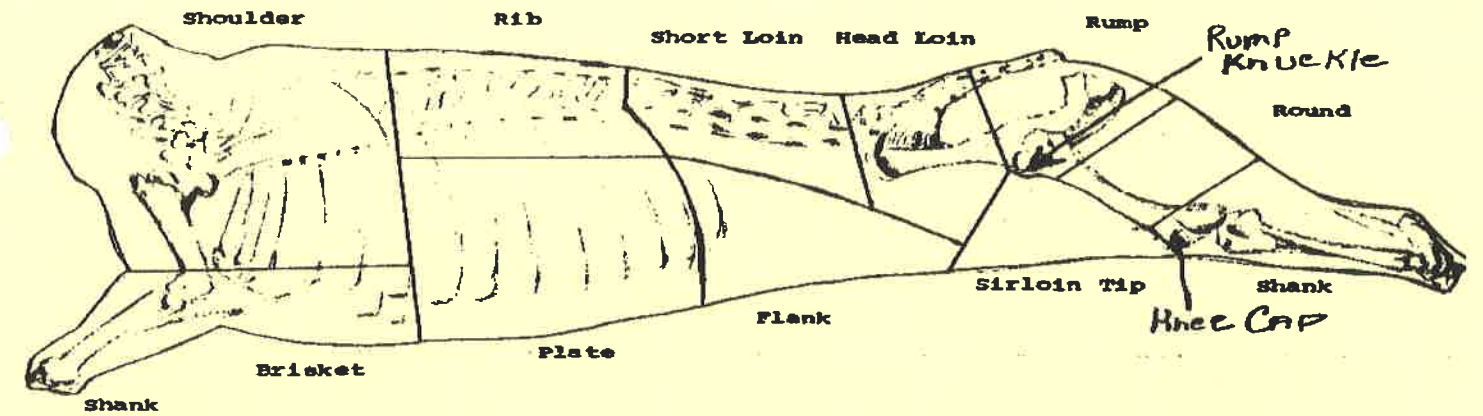
Club Sponsored Outdoor Photo Contest: The club is initiating a monthly outdoor photo contest to promote sharing of hunting and fishing experiences of our membership. The contest will run on a license year basis (April 1 to March 31).

A few simple guidelines for submitting pictures are:

- Photos must be taken during the current license year.
- Pictures are to be of hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, habitat restoration or similar activity.
- Pure scenery shots are not acceptable. There has to be a critter (human or wild) in the picture.
- If the picture is of harvested game, the successful hunter/angler is to be in the picture.
- A monthly prize of five (5) General Meeting raffle tickets will be presented for the winning submission. The winner must be present at the General Meeting to receive the tickets.
- Winners will be selected at the monthly board meeting, by those in attendance. Any board member submitting a picture will not participate in the selection process. The photo will be scanned and published in the monthly news letter.
- Any submitted photo becomes the property of the Richland Rod and Gun Club, and may be used in Club promotional materials.
- An annual award for the best picture of the year will be made at the Big Game Banquet.

Call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 if you have a photo(s) to submit. The person entering the photo selected as the monthly winner is encouraged to tell the story behind the picture at the monthly club meeting following its publication in the bulletin. Mike Estes submitted a photograph at the September General Meeting. So far there have been no photos submitted in October.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!!: The hunting season has started and once again the Club is looking for donations of game meat for next springs Big Game Dinner that will be held March 25, 2000. The game meat includes waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear or boar, upland birds (especially pheasant and quail) and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut and salmon can also be used. 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 the diagram below). After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Finally, clean the meat 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. You then take the roasts to Chucks Meats in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chuck has control of the key. The Club may not be able to obtain any halibut for the dinner this year. If halibut is on the menu this spring, it will have to be provided by Club fishermen. So all you halibut fishermen keep this in mind and set some fish aside for the dinner. If you have any questions, call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694. All donations will be greatly appreciated the night of the Big Game Dinner. Good hunting!!



EASTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT RELEASE SITES: Shown below are some of the pheasant release sites close to the Tri-Cities. A more complete listing can be obtained by contacting a WDFW Regional Office. Phone numbers for the offices are: Spokane - 509-486-4082, Ephrata - 509-754-5624 and Yakima - 509-575-2740. You can also download the listing, including detailed maps from the Internet at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/wlm/game/water/ewaspheas.pdf>. Name of the document is 'Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Program', you will need Acrobat Reader software to read the pdf file.

Region 1 Sites: **Mill Creek Release Site** - The Mill Creek site is located just east of the town of Walla Walla. To find the site, travel east on Hwy 12 to Tausick Way exit. Go south to Reservoir Road. Go west on Reservoir Road to the Mill Creek site, **Wallula HMU Release Site** - the site is off Hwy 12 where the Walla Walla River empties into the Columbia River, **Two Rivers Release Site** - The site is 9 miles S from Pasco off Highway 12, **Hollebeke HMU Release Site** - travel south on Hwy 12 to Hwy 124, just prior to the town of Burbank. Head north and east along Hwy 124 about 19 miles to the Eurika Road. Go north on the Eurika Road past the town of Eurika about 1 ½ miles. Take the Rice Road west and north. Follow Rice Road approximately 4 miles to where it intersects Van Hollebeke Road and the release site.

Region 2 Release Sites: **Gloyd Seeps Release Site** - From Moses Lake, head north on Hwy 17. While still in town, after crossing Crab Creek, take the next exit onto the Moses Lake - Stratford Hwy (J NE). Head north on the Stratford Hwy. Most of the roads that travel west between roads 9 and 20 will take you to access points on the Gloyd Seeps, **Quincy Wildlife Area Release Site** - go north on Hwy 281 from the Interstate 90 exit at George. Go west on Road 5 about 2 miles to the release site, **Winchester Lake Release Site** - take the Dodson Road exit off Interstate 90 between the towns of Moses Lake and George. Head north on Dodson Road 2 miles to Road 3. Go west on Road 3 to the Winchester Lake release area, **BuckShot Ranch Release Site** - head south from Interstate 90 at Vantage on Hwy 243. Follow Hwy 243 along the Columbia River to Mattawa. The release site can be reached by turning east on Road 24 or Road 26, **Linda Lake Release Site** - From Othello, head south on Hwy 24 four miles to Yeisley Road. Go west on Yeisley to the Linda Lake release site, **White Bluffs Lake Release Site** - head south on Hwy 24 from the town of Othello. Follow Hwy 24 south and then west for about 16 miles, the access road to White Bluffs release area leave Hwy 24 to the south (this is in the same area where the White Bluffs boat launch is located).

Region 3 Release Sites: **Sunnyside Wildlife Area Release Site (Giffin Lake and Byron Release Sites)** - To reach the Sunnyside Wildlife Area, head north on Hwy I- 82. Take the Midvale Road Exit at Sunnyside. Travel south on Midvale Road 4 miles to Holaday Road. Head west on Holaday to reach the **Giffin Lake** site. To find the Byron Unit, go east on Holaday Road to the Mabton-Sunnyside Hwy., then south on the Hwy to Mabton. In Mabton, take Euclid Road east for 3 miles to Bus Road. Go south on Bus Road one mile and turn east on Foxx Road. Travel about ½ mile down Foxx Road into the **Byron Unit** release site, **Wenas/LT Murray Wildlife Area Release Site** - There are several sites on the Wenas Wildlife Area where pheasants will be released. To access this area from Yakima, head north on Hwy 82 and take the Selah exit. Follow the Wenas Road to the Mt. Vale site; or turn north on Sheep Company Road to the Cottonwoods release site; or continue north on Sheep Co. Rd to Durr Road and the Millerguard release site. These sites can be accessed from Ellensburg by taking the Canyon Road Exit from Interstate 90. Head north into Ellensburg and turn west and south onto Umtanum Road. Follow Umtanum Road about 5 miles and turn south onto Durr Road. Follow Durr Road about 3 miles to the Millerguard site, **Hill Road Release Site** - From the town of Goldendale, head west on Hwy 142 for 5 ½ miles to Hill Road. Turn north on Hill Road and travel one mile to Homestead Road. Go east along Homestead Rd. into the release site, **Big Flat HMU Release Site** From Pasco, head south on Hwy 12 about 1 ½ miles out of town to the Pasco-Kahlotus Road. Go north along the Pasco-Kahlotus Road about 12 miles, then turn east onto the Herman Road and drive about 1 mile down to the Big Flat release site, **Ringold Release Site** - Everyone should know the location of Ringold, there are several ways to get there.

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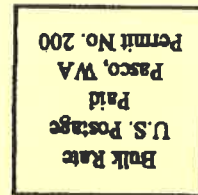
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UPCOMING NW SPORTSMEN'S SHOWS: Oregon International Sportsmen's Expositions at Portland Oregon Convention Center Jan 6-9, 2000, Portland Boat Show at Portland Expo Center Jan 8-16, 2000, Tri-Cities Sportsmen's Show (at the TRAC) January 21, 22 and 23 2000, Washington Sportsmen's Show at Puyallup, WA Fairgrounds Jan 26-30, 2000, International Sportsmen's Exposition at Seattle Stadium Exposition Center Feb 9-13 2000, Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show at Portland Expo Center Feb 9-13, 2000, 2000 Big Horn Sports and Recreation Show at Spokane Fairgrounds March 16-19, 2000 and Tacoma Dome Boat Show at Tacoma - Tacoma Dome Mar 29-Apr 2, 2000.

EASTERN WASHINGTON WINTER-ONLY FISHING OPENS DECEMBER 1: (A WDFW news release) Winter-only fishing opens Wednesday (Dec. 1) and runs through March 31 on several eastern Washington lakes stocked with hatchery rainbow trout. The fishing is expected to be on open water rather than ice, at least at the outset, due to unusually warm fall weather.

Some of the best fishing of this special season may be found at Fourth of July Lake on the Adams-Lincoln county line south of Sprague. Rainbow fry stocked there earlier this year are about 10 inches now, and those that carried over in the lake from last year are running between 13.5 and 19 inches. Fishers may only keep two trout longer than 14 inches in their daily limit of five trout. The lake has a boat launch but no internal combustion engines are allowed.

Hog Canyon Lake, about 10 miles northeast of Sprague in Spokane County, was treated to remove tench last year and now offers 9- to 13-inch rainbows. The public access area to the lake will be closed through Dec. 17 for repairs to the dam, but until then fishers can park on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property above the lake and hike about a half mile to the lake.

Williams Lake in Stevens County, about 14.5 miles north of Colville, has 10-to 13-inch rainbows. Hatch Lake, also in Stevens County, was just treated with rotenone and will not be re-stocked until next year.

Four lakes in Okanogan County are open for the winter-only season. Green Lake and Lower or Little Green Lake, about five miles northwest of Omak, will produce catches of 9- to 14-inch rainbows. Little Twin Lake, about two miles south of Winthrop, has mostly 11-inch rainbows with some up to 16 inches. Rat Lake, about 5.5 miles north of Brewster, offers rainbows from 11 to 16 inches, plus 14-inch brown trout.

North Elton Pond in Yakima County near Selah, alongside Interstate 82, will be stocked just before the Dec. 1 opener with half-pound rainbows. There is a two-trout daily catch limit and no internal combustion engine boats are allowed.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, December, 7 1999, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, December 21, 1999, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Conference Room

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -December 22, 1999, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The last meeting of this millennium is very timely, the topic is Winter Survival. Mark Bales of Yakima Mountain Rescue is the speaker. Mark is a long time member of Yakima Mountain Rescue and is a member of the Hanford Patrol. He will demonstrate equipment, show a video and answer questions from the audience. The winter season is upon us and we need to be aware of the dangers that we may face as we are hunting or fishing. As many of us as possible should attend this meeting. Election for Club officers and the Board of trustees will be the first item on the General meeting agenda. There will a be raffle at the end of the meeting. Club calendars for the year 2000 will be sold for \$3.00 each. The meeting will be held in the Gallery Room of the Richland Public Library at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday Dec. 7.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The meeting was opened by Club president John Silko.

- Eddie Manthos announced that the Nine Mile Ranch Project, organized by the Tri State Steelheaders was going to be held on Nov. 13 and 14. Volunteers were needed to plant trees etc. along the Walla Walla River. Club members were urged to attend.
- Jerry Zeitler announced that no game meat or fish donations for the Big Game Dinner had been turned into Chuck's Meats in Kennewick. He reminded everyone to save some of their game and fish for the dinner.
- Mike Estes announced that the year 2000 calendars were still available for \$3.00.
- Visitor Don Knowlton was introduced.
- Program Chairman Paul Kison introduced the evening's main speakers, Lyle Gilk and Gaylord Pyle, whose topic was their Alaska moose hunt. Lyle, Gaylord, Lyle's son and a friend hunted in Alaska from September 14 to September 23 of this year. They flew from the Tri-Cities to Anchorage and drove from there to Kenai by car (3 hour trip). They then flew from Kenai to Twin Lakes (200 miles) on a float plane. From there they floated the Stony River to Lime Village, and then flew out to Kenai and Anchorage. Lyle opened the presentation with a list of dos and don'ts. His first and most important 'do' was a recommendation that you have a written contract with the float plane company(s) that will transport you in and out of where you are going. They received a cancellation notification from the company that was to fly them to Twin Lakes four days before the date they were to be flown. Fortunately they were able to find a different company to fly them. Unfortunately the

cost was significantly higher than the original cancelled flight. All their equipment was carried in and out on planes including two 16' rafts that they leased in Anchorage. The weather was unseasonably warm but beautiful. They did not bag any moose. Never the less, they had a most enjoyable hunt. In Lyle and Gaylord's words the white water was spectacular. The trip was self guided and they used a GPS to help them navigate. They believe that the self guided trip was much more challenging and rewarding. They floated 70 miles on the Stony River and stopped and camped out five times They showed a number of slides and Gaylord narrated as the slides were shown..There was a question and answer period after the slide presentation. Both Lyle and Gaylord said that they can't wait to do it again and are looking forward to next year.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER Don Knowlton of West Richland.

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, band/collar identification and your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird). The information will be collected and reported in this newsletter at the end of the waterfowl season.

NINE MILE RANCH PROJECT UPDATE: The Nine Mile Ranch project, on the Walla Walla River, held on November 13 and 14 was a big success. It was organized by the Tri-State Steelheaders. A total of 102 volunteers showed up for the two day project, 79 on Saturday and 23 on Sunday for a total of 417 hours. A total of 2,450 shrubs/trees and 600 willow and red osier dogwood cuttings were planted along the initial half mile stretch of the river that runs through th ranch. The turnout on Saturday was so large that the work that was expected to require two days was completed on Saturday. John Geidl of the Tri-State Steelheaders hustled and was able to come up with another 450 plants for Sunday's crew. Sunday's crew completed their plantings at 11:30 in the morning and were able to leave early. Work on the Nine Mile Ranch will continue until all of its river front is planted, down to the where it meets the trailer park/campground, located next to the highway. Additional planting projects will be planned for the coming months. Eventually the full 23 miles from Lowden to the Columbia River will be planted. We will be notified of each project and we will get the word out to the membership so that they can have an opportunity to participate. I know of at least three Club members that participated on Sunday, Jon Manthos and my twin granddaughters. If you participated in this project please let me know so that you can be given credit for this project, call me at 586-6009.

LUNKER LAKE INFORMATION: The RR&GC will man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and the air rifle shooting range for the 7th consecutive year at the *Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show* on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 21, 22 and 23, 2000 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 4 and 5 hour shifts. The phone calling tree is being activated. You can expect a call asking you to volunteer. The Fishing Pond is a lot of fun, it introduces kids (and many parents) to fishing and gives us an opportunity to increase awareness of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. The air rifle shooting range will be manned again this year under the direction of Clare Cranston. A group of about 6 people will be needed Thursday morning January 20, starting at 9:00AM, to set up the fishing pond. During the Show a minimum of 16 volunteers will be needed to man Lunker Lake per shift. Shift times are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Thursday the 20th for set up of the fishing pond. Shift times for Friday the 21st are 1-5 PM and 5-9 PM. Saturday the 22nd, shifts will be from 10 AM-3 PM and 3-8 PM. Sunday the 23rd, shifts will be from 10-2PM and 2-6 PM; the last shift will stay over to help disassemble the pond. Please volunteer to work at Lunker Lake. It and the shooting range are both very worthwhile projects. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond/shooting range. Profits from the two events are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation camp.

CLUB ELECTION FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: The election for Club officers and board of trustee members will be held at the December General Meeting. The candidates (and past president and volunteers) are:

President: Paul Kison, **Trustees:** Tim Clemons, Stephen Dart, John Hall, Ben Holten, Don Knowlton, Larry Martin,
Vice President: Bill Lambert, Britt Marlin, Richard McDonnell, Pascal Mouette, Jack Pickard, Dennis Spore,
Treasurer: Mike Estes, Dan Sullivan and Allen Yonk.(Two additional trustees will be named at the meeting)
Secretary: Eddie Manthos, **Past President:** John Silko
Volunteers: Clare Cranston, Howard Gardner, Jack Hampton, Herald Heacock, Dale Landon, Dave Meyers,, John Pfeiffer, Dale Schielke, Rocky Ross, Ev Weakley and Gerry Zeitler. Nominations for officers or trustees will also be accepted from the floor.

Club Sponsored Outdoor Photo Contest: The club is initiating a hopefully monthly outdoor photo contest to promote sharing of hunting and fishing experiences of our membership. The contest will run on a license year basis (April 1 to March

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- Photos must be taken during the current license year.
- Pictures are to be of hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, habitat restoration or similar activity.
- Pure scenery shots are not acceptable. There has to be a critter (human or wild) in the picture.
- If the picture is of harvested game, the successful hunter/angler is to be in the picture.
- A prize of five (5) General Meeting raffle tickets will be presented for the winning submission. The winner must be present at the General Meeting to receive the tickets.
- Winners will be selected at the monthly board meeting, by those in attendance. Any board member submitting a picture will not participate in the selection process. The photo will be scanned and published in the monthly news letter.
- Any submitted photo becomes the property of the Richland Rod and Gun Club, and may be used in Club promotional materials.
- An annual award for the best picture of the year will be made at the Big Game Banquet.

Call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 if you have a photo(s) to submit. The person entering the photo selected as the monthly winner is encouraged to tell the story behind the picture at the monthly club meeting following its publication in the bulletin. So far there have been two photographs submitted through November 16. Get your hunting and fishing photos in as soon as possible. There should be plenty of photos taken this fall that could be a prize winner.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!: The hunting season has started and once again the Club is looking for donations of game meat for next springs Big Game Dinner that will be held March 25, 2000. The game meat includes waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear or boar, upland birds (especially pheasant and quail) and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut and salmon can also be used. 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 the diagram below). After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Finally, clean the meat 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. You then take the roasts to Chucks Meats in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chuck has control of the key. The Club may not be able to obtain any halibut for the dinner this year. If halibut is on the menu this spring, it will have to be provided by Club fishermen. So all you halibut fishermen keep this in mind and set some fish aside for the dinner. If you have any questions, call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694. All donations will be greatly appreciated the night of the Big Game Dinner. Good hunting!!

