



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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2016-2017 Officers

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday June 7th, Richland Public Library,
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, June 21st, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - June 26th, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or

Email rrgcsecretary@gmail.com or secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: There are two new members that joined for the month of May. The new members are Mark Kerns, an individual membership and Drex Gauntt, an individual membership. Please welcome them to RRGCC at the next general meeting. Jennifer Gardner remains the Chair of the Membership Committee and can be reached at JEN_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM. An e-mail was sent to all of the members that receive electronic copies of the newsletter that listed their year of joining RRGCC as well as the date of expiration of their membership. To date, there were only four inquiries as to the currency and accuracy of the information provided. Jennifer purged the rosters of those names that were inactive as of early May. If you are not in agreement as to the duration of your membership, please inform Jennifer either at the June General Meeting or by email. We are attempting to keep all of our records current and as accurate as possible.

JUNE MEETING TOPIC: The guest speakers for the June General Membership Meeting will be Master Flyfisherman Mike Steckline and Flyfisherman Mike Roening. Mr. Steckline will speak on inland waters fly fishing. Mr. Roening will address ocean flyfishing tactics.

There were a total of 55 attendees at the May General Meeting. Of those in attendance, there were 5 visitors. Ben Burdett, as the Vice-President, will now promote the general membership meetings with flyers at local sporting goods stores and the Tri-City Herald will be requested to publish a meeting announcement on the Saturday prior to the meeting.

ELECTIONS: The election that was planned for the June General Membership Meeting to vote on a change in corporate status for RRGC will not take place until either September or October. At the present time, RRGC is not a Non-Profit Organization as registered with the IRS under the 501(c)(3) requirement. Over the past two years, the Bylaws were rewritten and updated to address a change in our status if we elect to establish ourselves as a fully compliant Non-Profit Organization. The Bylaws were approved by a vote of the General Membership in March of 2015. The Articles of Incorporation have also been reviewed with the intent that the amended Articles of Incorporation will be to establish compliance with IRS requirements. A copy of the Amended Articles of Incorporation will be sent as an attachment to a separate e-mail prior to either the September or October General Membership Meeting. As we did with the Bylaws, you will be asked to review the Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation prior to the vote. Any questions you may have can be directed to the Incorporation Committee Chair, Jeff Gardner or Mike Estes prior to the election. Jeff can be reached at 509 554 2450 and Mike can be reached at 509 582 2212.

MAY MEETING SUMMARY: John Hone of WDFW provided a significant amount of information regarding WDFW's program for pikeminnow. The first item that anglers need to address is registration for the day prior to fishing. In the Tri-Cities, registration forms can be obtained at the Columbia Point boat ramp. The completed form can be deposited in the stainless steel collection box at the boat ramp. Once that is complete, anglers are entitled to earn money based on the number of pikeminnow caught and turned in.

In order for the fish to be valid entries they must be at least 9 inches in length. The size limit is imposed in order to control the population, not eradicate the species from local waters. WDFW will have personnel at the Columbia Point ramp to collect the fish. They ask that the fish be iced down to preserve the fish in lieu of letting nature take its course. The collection effort starts at 1:30 PM and ends at 6:00 PM daily. WDFW pays on an increasing scale based on the number of fish caught and turned in. 1 to 25 fish, each fish is worth \$5. 26 to 200 fish, each fish is worth \$6. 201 and above, each fish is worth \$8. Fish with a spaghetti tag have a PIT TAG inserted and could be worth as much as \$500. A voucher will be submitted to WDFW for payment for each daily catch.

Fishing for pikeminnow is similar to fishing for catfish. Similar baits are used as well as fishing in similar waters. Mr. Hone recommended using the following baits; Mormon crickets, chicken liver, worms and salmon eggs. Salmon eggs should be considered as a last resort. He also recommends an Octopus Number 8 hook with 10 pound or less braided line with a ¼ ounce weight. He said that fishing the Yakima River from the delta to just below the 240 Hwy Bridge is the most productive area that he could recommend.

Fishing for pikeminnow can be lucrative. Mr. Hone gave an example of one fisherman who earned approximately \$60,000 over a five month period of time. This particular fisherman followed the season along the Columbia River. He started out above Bonneville Dam and moved upstream as the bite improved further upstream ending up in the Tri-Cities.

After Mr. Hone completed his presentation, former RRGC President Mike Estes provided a short summary of filling out hunting permit applications. Mike's first recommendation was to "Read the Regulations". (Editorial Comment – Nothing was said about being able to understand the regulations.) Mike stated that each application accumulates points towards special permit drawings. Each unsuccessful application also accumulates points towards the special permit drawings. Mike reminded everyone that applications must include weapon type (archery, modern rifle and muzzleloader). There are different requirements for different hunts and different Game Management Units. One change that Mike brought up was that crossbows could be used only during modern rifle seasons. The Washington 2016 Big Game Hunting Seasons & Regulations is 118 pages long.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

INCORPORATION COMMITTEE: Jeff Gardner is the Chair for the committee for both our Non-Profit Status with IRA as a 501(c)(3) organization as well as our corporate status with the State of Washington. The Articles of Incorporation have been revised and a final review has occurred. Please see the section above regarding Elections for further information.

USE OF FUNDS: The following information is provided in order for the general membership to be aware of RRGC's funding of wildlife related scholarships. The scholarship committee consisted of Bob Zylman, Howard Gardner and Mike Estes. They selected three recipients for \$1,000 RRGC sponsored scholarships. Additionally, one other student was recommended for a \$1,000 scholarship. Given that the annual budget established a line item for one \$1,000 scholarship and given the high quality of the applicants, the Scholarship Committee recommended to the Executive Board that RRGC increase the scholarship line item to \$2,000. The third student that the committee felt was eligible was referred to a long time RRGC member Delia Teeple, who agreed to be the benefactor for the funding of the third scholarship. Additional information is provided below under Scholarships. Much thanks to Delia for her generosity to further the education of future leaders within the wildlife and habitat community.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Richard Libby presented the Treasurer's Report for April at the May 17th Board Meeting. The report was accepted as presented. If any members are interested in obtaining a copy of the monthly treasurer's report or would like to become involved in future Use of Funds determinations, please contact Rick at Big_guy@charter.net. An order is being placed for RRGC embroidered baseball caps. Five dozen hats in camouflage and one dozen in pink camouflage will be ordered. The liability insurance for RRGC has been renewed and an insurance rider has been obtained for the Salmon Booth for Art in the Park.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth reported that the next Hunters Education Class will start on Monday, June 13 and continue through Friday, June 17 with Range Day on Saturday, June 18. Class times will be from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM Monday through Friday. Range Day will be at the tri-City Metallic Silhouette Range. The class has been announced on the WDFW website and is open for registration. As with previous classes, there will need to be sufficient number of volunteers on hand for each class day to ensure that there will two adults present for each class session. Please contact Ron Ruth at ron-rose@frontier.com if you are interested in becoming a hunters' education instructor. All volunteers must be screened by WDFW. The procedure consists of filling out background check form. This is done to ensure classroom safety. Washington State requires that there be two screened persons in a classroom at all times.

DATA MANAGEMENT: Russ Wyer and Sam Morrison have proceeded with the effort to convert RRGC data to an electronic drop box. The end result will be a permanent electronic record of RRGC records and operations that can be accessed by authorized officers and club members. The Committee Chair positions are now being utilized by individual chair persons. A effort by Russ and Sam that is continuing to yield very positive results.

GAME RECOVERY: Chris Mosher reported that Larry Martin recovered one small deer on the 12th of May. Approximately 40 pounds of venison was donated to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco.

CONSERVATION/HABITAT:

Cisterns - If you are interested in volunteering to maintain and rebuild the cisterns, please contact Larry Martin at 509 545 9647 or at his email address ljmartin49@charter.net. Larry needs to know in advance the number of volunteers he will have available for every effort. Larry reported that the framework for

cistern #102 was assembled and field installation was completed. Field efforts will be cutting back due to summer time temperatures.

Youth Conservation Camp – Larry Martin reported that RRGC would be sponsoring a total of eight youngsters for the Youth Conservation Camp this summer. As with previous years, Jerry Zeitler is providing funding for one of the participants. It was brought up that the Use of Funds allocated for our sponsorship would not cover seven youngsters. A motion was made, seconded and approved that RRGC would provide funding for a total of seven youngsters in the amount of \$2,100.

The dates for the 2016 Youth Conservation Camp have been listed as the following; Girls Camp – 17th through the 23rd of July. Boys Camp – 24th through the 30th of July. It remains the responsibility of the parent to have their child at the Anacortes Ferry landing at the correct time for registration and follow-on transportation to the camp. Further details can be obtained from Larry Martin at 509 545 9647. Campers must be 12 years of age at the time of camp.

Wood Duck Project – The Richland Rod and Gun Club (RRGC) currently has two in-box cameras with live streaming video on Ustream of the incubating wood duck hens. The different in-box cameras can be viewed at: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc-nestcam>. The universal link to all the RRGC in-box cameras and past video recordings of the duckling "jump" is found at: <http://www.rrgcwoodducks.org/in-box-cameras>. The camera status is updated on this page showing which cameras are live and which ones are off line. If you are interested in assisting with the annual maintenance effort, please contact Dale Schielke at 509-375-0183 or dahlialou@msn.com.

AWARDS: Dale Schielke was selected by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife as the “Volunteer of the Year” for his volunteer work that has benefitted wildlife and habitat. He is best known for the Wood Duck Nesting Boxes program that he initiated. The Nesting Boxes are also used by kestrel hawks and screech owls as well as the wood ducks. Dale has provided numerous years and countless hours of volunteer efforts and it is fitting that Dale has been recognized statewide. Dale is a great representative of Richland Rod and Gun Club. Our congratulations to Dale and a very special thanks to his wife LuAnn for her obvious support of Dale’s many hours provided to our community for which we have all benefitted.

SCHOLARSHIPS: RRGC Memorial Scholarships Awarded – Mike Estes

What was previously known as the Fitzner-Spore Scholarship, in memory of RRGC members Richard Fitzner and Dennis Spore, was renamed by the RRGC Board of Directors earlier this spring. The revised name, the RRGC Memorial Scholarship, is intended as recognition for all of the deceased RRGC members who have volunteered their extensive time and energy to the Club and our interests. 7 applications were received from students at the University of Idaho.

\$1,000 scholarships have been awarded to three University of Idaho students for Fall 2016. Jamie Jarolimek was the unanimous first choice of the Scholarship Committee. She is a graduate student majoring in Natural Resources with a 3.66 cumulative GPA. Jamie served with the Army in Iraq, has served sixteen years with the Idaho National Guard, has degrees in Zoology and Wildlife Sciences, and plans to apply to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services for employment when she completes her graduate studies. The Board of Directors agreed to award a second scholarship this year to another highly qualified applicant. Megan Whetzel is a Junior majoring in Wildlife Resources with a 3.67 cumulative GPA. Megan has worked as a research intern and assisted Idaho Fish and Game with game checks. Her goal is to be a Wildlife Biologist. RRGC Life Member Delia Teeple made a generous donation to fund a third scholarship. The recipient is Nicholas Hill, a Junior majoring in Rangeland Ecology with a 3.48

cumulative GPA. Nicholas was raised in Gifford, Washington, has volunteered with AmeriCorps, and has worked as a biotech for the National Park Service. All of the recipients expressed a strong pro-hunting and pro-fishing viewpoint in their student essays. Thanks to Howard Gardner and Bob Zylman for working with me to review the scholarship applications and to Delia Teeple for personally funding a scholarship this year.

KIDS OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE: Gene Van Liew provided the forwarded the following information as regarding RRCG's involvement with the Fishing Pond event. Friday evening's special needs participants numbered 195. Of that number 34 brought their own fishing rods. 161 rods and reels were handed out on Friday evening. The Saturday participants were broken down by flights. 1st Flight consisted of 334 kids, 2nd Flight consisted of 143 kids, 3rd Flight consisted of 63 kids and the 4th Flight consisted of 114 kids. The total number of participants was 849. There were 398 assembled rods and reels left over. It was recommended that the KOE event next year be held in mid-April. This would alleviate the normal hot temperatures associated with the event. Gene said he would bring up the proposed change. Gene also asked that Dale Schielke be reimbursed approximately \$185 for the gifts that Dale purchased and were distributed to the winners of the tagged trout. Rick Libby said that he would get the receipts from Dale so reimbursement could be made. A motion was made, seconded and a vote approved of the reimbursement. It was estimated that 6,000 trout were planted in the Fishing Pond this year.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM: Gene Van Liew provided the following information regarding the smolt released on the 3rd and 4th of May at Columbia Park. Rachel Little sent the information to Gene as regarding the smolt raised by schools and tagged at Salmon Summit by fisheries scientist Matt Nesbitt with NOAA Fisheries.

“8 Salmon in the Classroom fish were detected as they passed McNary Dam. The first fish was detected at McNary Dam on Wednesday May 4th and it had been released at Salmon Summit on Tuesday May 3rd. These fish were detected in the McNary Juvenile Bypass. Students who participated in Salmon Power should remember what that looks like - a white water slide. See photo below. The four boxes are antennae fields around the white pipeline where water and young salmon pass.

Remember that not every fish passes through this specific part of McNary Dam. Any fish going over the spillway would not be detected, for example. Spillways can be one of the safest ways for young salmon to pass at a dam. Each dam is different, partly because it uniquely matches its spot on the river.

3 fish were detected at Bonneville Dam in the Comer Collector (Salmon Power students remember this spot as it has the best passage survival rate for young salmon!). It took 2 of the fish 5 days to get there and 1 fish only 4 days to get there. These 3 fish are sneaky as they were not detected at McNary or any other dam between Salmon Summit and Bonneville, but we can be pretty sure they didn't fly there! Please remember that tagged salmon represent additional brother and sister fish who were not tagged, so more than these lucky 11 fish are alive and traveling downstream!

Rachel Little
Benton Conservation District”

SALMON BOOTH/ART IN THE PARK: Dale Schielke has the lead for the Salmon Booth once again. The event will take place on the 29th and 30th of July. Salmon fillet and chicken preparation will take place on the evening of Thursday the 28th. The assembly of the booth will take place on the evening of Thursday the 28th as well. Dale Schielke will have volunteer sign-up sheets at the general membership meeting.

BULLETIN HELP: Frank Scopa

If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to Frank Scopa at secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com with your email address. We are now current as to mailing addresses for the hard copies. We are down to 27 members receiving hard copies via the US Mail. New members will be added as the information is received. If you are receiving both a hard copy and an e-mail copy, please let me know. We are now mailing and/or emailing a copy of the monthly newsletter to the following organizations to keep them abreast of our activities; Ranch and Home, Sportsman's Warehouse, Griggs Ace Hardware and Columbia River Catering Co. These businesses listed have been and continue to be sponsors. When you do business with them, thank them for their sponsorship and let them know you belong to RRG. The cut-off date for information for the July Newsletter will be June 26, 2016. We will now be sending our electronic copies of the newsletter via our new G-Mail account. Please continue to use the secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com for any correspondence for the Officers or Board Members. You can also use rrgcsecretary@gmail.com.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS: Matt Cummings provided door prizes per his usual excellent level of performance. The list of winners is as follows; Mouche Fly Rod and Tackle – Mike Pearson, Primos Real Wing Turkey Fan – Amelia Hurlburt, Copper Kettle Brittle and Vest – Nathen Brechman, Tackle Box and Tackle – Jeff Falk, Midland Portable Emergency Weather Radio – Gerald Hayes, Shakespear Rod & Reel with Plano Box – Bob Scott, Concealed/Collapsible 12' Rod – Dave Erickson, Bushnell Bino Caddy – Frank Scopa, Cabela Multitool – Shane Scott, Mountain Sling – Nick Kunde, Mystery Box, Air Mattress – John Prather.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 21st, 7:00PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: June 7th, at the Richland Public Library at 7:00 PM.

WANT ADS AND SHOUT OUTS

If you have anything that needs to be in the Want Ads section or information that you would like to convey to the general membership, please keep in mind that the cut-off date for inclusion is normally the Sunday after the Executive Board Meeting. Send your information to secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com or rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

No want ads or shout outs for this month.

Photo of the Month below

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: Two intrepid fisherladies reeling in their first trout at the Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 13th, Kids Outdoor Experience. Photo by Richard Sharp.

