



# RIGHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

(INCORPORATED)

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

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## 2016-2017 Officers

Richard Sharp, President	586-4792	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
Ben Burdett, Vice-President	582-0103	Frank Scopa, Sec.	375-4748

## MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday September 6th, Richland Public Library,  
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, July 19th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - July 24th, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or

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**MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:** There are no new members for the month of June. Jennifer Gardner remains the Chair of the Membership Committee and can be reached at [JEN\\_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JEN_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM). If you have any questions regarding your length of membership, please contact Jennifer.

**THERE WILL BE NO JULY MEETING:** A reminder that the RRG function for July will be the Salmon Booth at the Allied Arts Festival. More information will be provided further in the newsletter.

There were a total of 45 attendees at the June General Meeting. Of those in attendance, there were 6 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. Richard Sharp now has a sign board that can be updated as to meeting dates. The sign is located at the entrance to the Hanford Area on Jadwin Avenue.

**ELECTIONS:** The election that was planned for the June General Membership Meeting to vote on a change in corporate status for RRG will not take place until either September or October. At the present time, RRG 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. There are several issues that must be resolved in order for the election to take place and the Articles to be approved. Mike Estes has reviewed the voting requirements and has provided the following evaluation.

“A hurdle that we need to think about is how do we intend to distribute the document to all members. The Coke Roth version said ‘unanimous approval by the Board’ followed by ‘adopted by the members..... at which a quorum was present in person or by proxy, by not less than a two-thirds majority voting....’) I watered that down to ‘approval by the Board’ and ‘adopted by a majority of the members’. To my knowledge we don’t have a definition for a quorum for a general membership vote. Further, we don’t have a process for revising articles of incorporation or collecting votes by proxy. Do we plan to deliver the 10 page amendment via USPS to members who don’t have email? Should we post the document on our web page and provide a link so members can view it there? How and by whom would proxy votes be collected? Several process issues to resolve soon if we plan to seek general member approval in September. The Board would need to approve the amended A of I at the August Board meeting.”

If you have any suggestions as to how the review/vote can be accomplished and the distribution of the Articles of Incorporation, please contact either Jeff Gardner or Mike Estes. 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.

**JUNE MEETING SUMMARY:** Paul Kison was recognized for the Life Member Award he received at the Wild Game Dinner in March of this year. There were audio problems at the WGD and it appears that the majority of the members and guests at the dinner did not understand the award for which Paul was being recognized. Congratulations to Paul and sincere thanks for all the volunteer hours that he has provided to and for RRG.

The guest speakers for the June Meeting were Mike Steckline and Mike Roening. Mr. Steckline discussed flyfishing for inland waters and Mr. Roening discussed ocean flyfishing tactics. The presentation is summarized as follows;

Mike Steckline began the program with the basics. He recommended that beginners start out with a 5-7 line. He also stated that the most important thing for beginners was to learn how to read the water. Of all of the tackle and equipment, the line was the most important item. He stated that a thermocline of 3 to 4 degrees can make a large difference in the bite. He also uses topographic maps for structure and elevations. Given the degree of water clarity, matching the hatch and specifically the colors, has a significant impact in your success. Mr. Steckline utilizes a No. 6 grasshopper in the Columbia Basin. He stated that flyfishing the Columbia River is difficult. He addressed using a double tapered line since it initially floats and gradually sinks. He also talked about a weight forward shooting line in order to get distance. One of the problems with the different lines was that the lines can take a memory set. He removes the set by soaking the line in hot water for 10 to 15 seconds and putting the line in cold water. He also recommends using a dish detergent such as lemon joy to remove oils and smells from his equipment. He does use poppers for bass. He said that flyfishing for walleye is practically non-existent.

Mike Roening addressed saltwater flyfishing. He frequently fishes the Olympia Peninsula. He starts out

by trolling off-shore parallel to the shore. He lets out 50 feet of line behind the prop wash with a trolling speed of approximately 4.5 MPH. The trolling effort allows him to what fish are in the area. Once he is satisfied with the quantity/type of fish, he will begin to fly cast. He will specifically fish for silvers and rockfish. He likes to fish along a rip or the edge of the kelp. He doesn't use large flies but the color match is for bait fish. He uses 15# to 25# tapered line with blood knots. When he is fishing for rockfish, he will fish under kelp beds about 30 feet from shore. He will fish his flies just a little below the surface.

#### **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. See the paragraph above under Elections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Richard Libby presented the Treasurer's Report for May at the June 21st 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](mailto:Big_guy@charter.net).

**HUNTERS EDUCATION:** Ron Ruth reported that the next Hunters Education Class will start on Monday, Sept. 12th and continue through Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> with Range Day on Saturday, Sept. 17th. The final exam will be given in the evening of Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Class times will be from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM Monday through Friday. Range Day will be at the tri-City Metallic Silhouette Range on Saturday. The class will be listed on the WDFW website for registration about mid-August. As with previous classes, there will need to be sufficient number of volunteers on hand for each class day to ensure that there will be two adults present for each class session. Please contact Ron Ruth at [ron-rose@frontier.com](mailto: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.

Ron Ruth also reported that 24 of 24 students passed the June 13<sup>th</sup> class. Six volunteers were available for the classroom instructions plus additional volunteers for range day.

**DATA MANAGEMENT:** Russ Wyer and Sam Morrison have proceeded with the effort to convert RRGCC data to an electronic drop box. The end result will be a permanent electronic record of RRGCC 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. This is an effort by Russ and Sam that is continuing to yield very positive results. Now that the Secretary is up to speed and no longer confused, his Dropbox will remain updated.

**GAME RECOVERY:** Chris Mosher reported on 6-13-16 Larry Martin received a call from WDFW Sgt. Brian Fulton about an elk that had fallen in a canal near Clodfelter Road in Kennewick. The elk had completely worn off its hoofs trying to get out of the canal and was put out of its misery. Brian took the elk to the WDFW headquarters at King City. Paul Kison, Mike Estes and Larry Martin met him there and deboned the elk on the tailgate of the pickup. Larry took approximately 200 pounds of meat to the Union Gospel Mission 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](mailto:ljmartin49@charter.net). Larry reported that he was able to recover two water storage tanks from two cistern locations. One location will have the cistern completely

removed and the other location was damaged due to high winds. Larry will be asking for assistance once the weather cools off but he will need to know in advance the number of volunteers he will have available for every effort. As with every summer, field efforts will be cutting back due to summer time temperatures.

**Youth Conservation Camp** – Larry Martin reported that RRGCC would be sponsoring a total of eight youngsters for the Youth Conservation Camp this summer. As with previous years, Jerry Zeitler is contributing funding. This year he has contributed \$600 in order for two additional youngsters to attend. RRGCC is sponsoring six youngsters directly for a total expenditure of \$1,800 under the Use of Funds.

The dates for the 2016 Youth Conservation Camp have been listed as the following; Girls Camp – 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July. Boys Camp – 24<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 RRGCC 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](mailto:dahlialou@msn.com).

**AWARDS:** See the June Meeting Summary above for the Paul Kison Life Member Award.

#### **QUALITY TRIP REQUEST:**

Regan Hurlbert attended the June Board Meeting and presented his Quality Trip plan per the updated Quality Trip rules. Regan plans for himself and his daughter Amelia to hunt for five days in Burbank for geese and ducks. The five days will not be consecutive since his daughter will be in school. The trip was approved by the Board since Regan has a family membership and as such, both he and his daughter are RRGCC members.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** What was previously known as the Fitzner-Spore Scholarship, in memory of RRGCC members Richard Fitzner and Dennis Spore, was renamed by the RRGCC Board of Directors earlier this spring. The revised name, the RRGCC Memorial Scholarship, is intended as recognition for all of the deceased RRGCC members who have volunteered their extensive time and energy for the Club and our interests. It was requested at the June Board Meeting that a list be provided of all of the Distinguished Service Award recipients. The list is below.

1966 Joe Woodhead	2007 Fred Scott
1977 Bill Switzer	2007 B.O. Wichman
1977 W.D. Norwood	2008 Jim Shearer
1978 A.F. Mitchetl	2008 Dan Stepnewski
1979 Lafe Myers	2008 Leo Pierce
1980 Lowell Johnson	2008 Phil Van Hoy
1981 W.A. Watts	2009 Mac McDonnell
1981 Bill Foote	2010 Gordon Hanson
1986 D.A Knapp	2011 Al Garrett
1986 Ernie Berreth	2011 John Waite
1987 Henry Bellarts	2013 Lyle Gilk
1987 Jim Bach	2013 Pat Travis
1990 Lee Harrington	2013 Russ Thorson
1991 R.S. Quarles	2014 Eddie Manthos
1993 Jack Hampton	2014 Arlen Schade
1993 Richard Fitzner	2014 David Thonn
1996 John Moffett	2014 Harold Heacock
1996 Ferd Dreher	2015 Clare Cranston
1996 Paul Telford	2015 Fay Lyon
1999 Bill Stinson	2015 Jerry Caprio
2001 Carl Wheeler Sr	2016 Glenn Gunn
2003 Bob DeWolf	
2004 Bruce Teeple	
2004 Jim Martin	
2005 Howard Chitty	
2006 Dick Foster	
2006 John Mowery	
2006 Ron Brodzinski	
2007 Dennis Spore	
2007 Jack Fletcher	

**SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM:** Gene Van Liew reported that he had received a “Thank You” note from Rachel Little of the Benton Conservation District. Rachel reported that over 2,600 students were involved. Gene also reported that 51 tagged smolt were detected passing through one or more of the Columbia River dams. Not all of the tagged smolt will be detected as they pass through the dams. The detected smolt are just a small number that were released.

**SALMON BOOTH/ART IN THE PARK:** Dale Schielke has the lead for the Salmon Booth once again. The event will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of July. Salmon fillet and chicken preparation will take place on the evening of Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>. The assembly of the booth will take place on the evening of Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> as well. There are still openings on the volunteer roster. Please contact Dale if you are able to volunteer. A roster will be sent to all current volunteers the week before the event to remind them of the days and times for which they have volunteered.

**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](mailto: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 RRGC. The cut-off date for information for the July Newsletter will be July 24, 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](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com) for any correspondence for the Officers or Board Members. You can also use [rrgcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rrgcsecretary@gmail.com).

**DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:** Matt Cummings and Chris Mosher provided door prizes per their usual excellent level of performance. The list of winners is as follows; Ladies Edition Pink Okuma 9' casting steelhead rod and reel – Regan Hurlburt, Mad Man's shooter's Aid Run Rest – Jim Cartmell, XL Men's Fly Fishing Vest - Mick Keating, Medium Youth Fly Fishing Vest – Chris Mosher, 120 Quart Coleman 6-Day Cooler – John Prather, Coleman Folding Double Back Packing/Camping Washbasin – Bob Scott, Craigslist Special Plano tackle box – Paul Kison, Mystery Box (\$30 Sportsman's Warehouse Gift Certificate donated by Delia Teeple) – Richard Sharp.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** July 19th, 7:00PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** September 6th, 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](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com) or [rrgcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rrgcsecretary@gmail.com)**

Wanted - Kirby Hammond is looking for approximately 60 lineal feet of 1" diameter. The rope will be used for "yard art". Kirby can be reached at 509 713 4668 or [kirby1941@gmail.com](mailto:kirby1941@gmail.com).

Wanted – John Evans is looking for a fishing boat with motors etc. He would like the boat to be at least 20 feet long or perhaps longer. It is his intent to use the boat on the Columbia. John can be reached at 509 4911829.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH:** Mike Estes with a 7 pound, 6 ounce walleye caught at the mouth of the Yakima River in Richland. Photo by Jack Pickard.

