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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, January 3, 2006, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 17, 2006, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 23, 2006, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

### JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

- The first General Meeting of 2006 will be at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 3 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the WalMart. Two local hunters will share their hunting experiences with us at the first meeting of the year.
- Steve Roblyer bagged a whitetail buck that scored 164 inches, which doesn't quite meet the minimum of 170 inches for the Boone & Crockett requirements. He will bring the mounted horns for display. He will describe his hunt and also discuss the 28 foot fall he incurred from a tree stand and the safety precautions and equipment that are needed to prevent this type of accident.
- Club member Bob Kolowith drew a tag for a big horn sheep hunt and bagged a full curl California Big Horn ram on the third day of his hunt in the Cleman Mountain Unit late hunt West of Yakima. The horn lengths are 35" & 36" respectively. There were approximately 30 sheep in a herd he spotted with 8 being rams, he harvested was one of the eight. There will also be a slide presentation showing the hunt. He has donated a roast from this animal for the Club's March 25 Wild Game Dinner.

**• March 25 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$15.00 each will be on sale at the meeting. The price is unchanged from last year. Speaker at the Dinner will be Rich Landers, outdoors editor of the Spokane Spokesman Review. His topic will be Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.**

- 2006 Club Calendars may still be available and can be purchased for \$3.00 each at the meeting.
- BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.

**• Bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the General Meetings, the meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to a freezer at Mack McDonnell's home. So far the donations have been slim.**

**DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** President Dianne Warrant opened the meeting to an overflowing audience. More than 30 visitors were present.

- The election for 2006 Club officers and trustees was held. The results are shown later in this newsletter.
- Jerry Zeitler, Wild Game Dinner Chairman, announced that tickets to the March 25, 2006 dinner will be available at the

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!!:** The hunting season has started and once again it is time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held March 25, 2006. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear or boar, upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut, steelhead and salmon are also needed. *Twenty pounds of game sausage are desperately needed.* A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: **(the diagram is shown on the Club's web page under 'Club News-Newsletter' and click on 'Other Club News')**. 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. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer at Mack McDonnell's home. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing!

• **Donations for the dinner are very slim, please get them in as soon as possible. If you can't get your donations to the General or Board meetings call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694 and he will arrange to have your donation(s) picked up.**

**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](mailto:emanthos@aol.com) with the following information: species, sex, where and when harvested, your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird) and when you receive the information, where and when the bird was banded. The information will be collected and reported in this newsletter at the end of the waterfowl season.

January General Meeting at the same price as last years tickets, \$15.00 per person. Only 200 tickets will be sold and he suggested that we purchase tickets early before they are all sold. He also said that there will not be any donations of game sausage from locker plants this year. He requested that Club members donate some of their game sausage, about 20 pounds are used at the dinner.

- Paul Hoffarth, District 4 WDFW Fish Biologist, thanked the Club and members that participated and helped Paul at various projects throughout the year. He presented the Club and volunteers WDFW Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts.
- Program Chairman and newly elected Club President Gene Van Liew introduced the main speaker of the evening Jeff Tayer. Jeff is the manager of WDFW Region 3 with offices located in Yakima. He has been the Region 3 Manager for about four years. Prior to that he served in various capacities in the WDFW. He started out as an enforcement officer. The topic of his presentation was "The Rattlesnake Mountains Elk Herd".

- A few elk appeared on the Fitzner-Eberhardt Arid Lands Ecology Area (ALE) about mid 1970. They multiplied slowly at first and then as their numbers grew they started multiplying exponentially at about 1990. The herd had grown to 800 elk in 2000. About two hundred elk were trapped in 2000 and relocated to other areas off the Hanford Site. The large Hanford Fire took place in 2000 and about two hundred elk were harvested by hunters on private and public lands off the ALE. In 2002 the elk herd numbered about 400 animals. The size of the elk herd in 2005 is again at about 800 animals.

- Present elk management goal is to reduce the present elk population to 350 animals in a five year period. The 350 animal goal was chosen because experience has shown that damage claims start after the 350 animal limit is reached. Many techniques to manage the population and decrease crop have been tried. Trapping is expensive and is a temporary solution because of normal elk population increases. Approximately 100 to 150 elk per year are born on the Ale, approximately 50 to 100 elk per year are harvested from elk hunting on adjacent lands off the ALE resulting in a population increase of 50-100 animals per year. Hazing the elk from the ground and air to move them back onto ALE was effective at first. However the animals realized that they were not in danger and moved back to the fields.

- During 2000, when the herd population was 800 animals, crop damage claims were about \$200,000. Since 1999 over \$500,000 has been paid to farmers to compensate for elk damage to their crops. The damage claims decreased after the herd declined to about 400 animals. In the 2004-2005 time period the damage claims were about \$200,000 again. According to Washington State law the State is liable for damages caused by elk and landowner(s) are reimbursed by the WDFW.

- During the spring and summer elk migrate off the ALE into wheat fields southwest of Rattlesnake Mountain and damage the wheat looking for young wheat for forage and also damage it by creating trails and trampling the wheat. Later in the fall the elk migrate off the west boundary of ALE and cause damage to alfalfa fields, vineyards and orchards.

- An integrated approach to reduce the elk population to 350 animals by controlled hunting on ALE, with modern firearms, and hunting on private lands through general elk hunt licensing, issuance of landowner access permits and special permits is being pursued. Initially only antlerless elk would be harvested on ALE.

- Hanford Monument staff have issued a proposed Elk Hunt Plan. Two alternatives (Alternative B and Alternative C) are based on an integrated approach. Deadline for comments to the Elk Hunt Plan documents were accepted up to December 18. The documents can be downloaded and viewed on the internet at [www.fws.gov/hanfordreach/elkhtml](http://www.fws.gov/hanfordreach/elkhtml).

- Jeff answered many questions and discussions from the audience concerning the Rattlesnake Hills Elk Herd. He also answered other questions not related to the elk herd. We were very fortunate that Jeff took time out to meet with the Club and inform us about the Rattlesnake Mountain Elk Herd. As evidenced by the size of the audience this was a topic of concern to all.

- Winners of Club raffle were Martin West who won a Crossman pellet rifle and Euryll Davison who won a \$12 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse.

**2006 CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES:** The following officers and trustees for 2006 were unanimously elected at the December 6 General meeting.

**President:** Gene VanLiew, **Vice President:** Dale Landon, **Treasurer:** Lyle Gilk, **Secretary:** Eddie Manthos.

**Trustees:** Ben Webb, Jim Shearer, Fred Porter, Bob Kolowith, Tom Halecki, Bill Hays, Jerry Burke, Larry Martin, Jack Pickard, Dan McGuire, Richard Libby, Harvey Huisling, Russ Wyer, Rick Nelson, Don McMasters.

**WORTH LAKE CARP REMOVAL:** Worth Lake in Franklin County was electro shocked on November 22 to remove carp that infested the lake. Over 900 pounds of carp were shocked and provided to a company that will utilize the carp eggs and meat for food. Volunteers that helped Paul Hoffarth were Paul Kison, Jerry Burke, and Lyle Gilk.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-**Clare Cranston

- The first class of the year is scheduled for February 2006, the exact date will be announced in the February 2006 Newsletter.

- Last year, ten hunter education classes were taught, we manned the pellet rifle range at the January Tri-cities Sportsmen Show and conducted three youth pheasant shoots at the Limits Game Farm. We also conducted three youth 22 rifle shooting events and one Boy Scout evening troop shoot at the Silhouette Club's range. A Gun Safety display was manned at the Duck Banding event held at the McNary Wildlife Refuge in August. Guns and archery equipment were loaned to Riverview Baptist Church for two youth events. The hunter education staff expended considerable effort in the issuance and review of a new Washington Hunter Education and Gun Safety Manual.

**2006 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RANGE:** Dates for the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show including Lunker Lake and the Pellet Range are January 20, 21, and 22, 2006. The Club will man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 13th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 20-22 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 4 and 5 hour shifts. Some members have already signed up and some have been contacted by Dennis Spore to help at Lunker lake. If you have not volunteered and you wish to volunteer please call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or Dennis at 627-0589. Your duties will consist of baiting the hook for each child, removing the fish, after it is caught and placing it in a plastic bag after you have dispatched it. You will get a big kick out of working with the kids. A group of about 6 volunteers or more will be needed Thursday morning January 19, starting at 9:00AM, to set up the fishing pond. During the show a minimum of 16 volunteers per shift will be needed to man Lunker Lake. Shift times are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Thursday the 19th for set up of the fishing pond. Shift times for Friday the 20th are 1-5 PM and 5-9 PM. Saturday the 21st, shifts will be from 10 AM-3 PM and 3-8PM. Sunday the 22nd shifts will be from 10AM-2PM and 2-5PM, the last shift will stay over at 5 PM to help disassemble the pond. The Air Rifle Shooting Range will be manned again this year under the direction of Clare Cranston. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond/shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from Lunker Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Lunker Lake volunteers should wear eye protection bring a needle nose pliers or hemostat to remove the hook from the fish and bring a towel(s) to wipe your hands after you have handled a fish. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided for the volunteers. More information about the show is at [www.shuylrproductions.com/](http://www.shuylrproductions.com/).

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** Winner of the December photo contest was Mike Estes with a photo of Mike and a 34" Lake Trout (Mackinaw) he caught 11/20/2005 on Flathead Lake in Montana. Richard Sharp entered three photos of salmon he caught on the Yakima River this fall. Mike will win five free raffle tickets at the January General Meeting. All the photos can be viewed on the Club Website.

**RR&GC SALMON DERBY:** There were ten fishermen that paid \$10.00 to enter the derby. Four fish were entered. The largest fish and the winner was Dan McGuire who caught a 38.4 lb, 47 inch long and 23.5 inch girth Chinook on the Yakima River with salmon eggs, he won \$70.00. Richard Sharp took second place, \$20.00, with a 32 lb, 43.5 inch long and 23 1/4 inch girth Chinook he caught on the Yakima River on a *tuna ball*. Third place, \$10.00, went to Bill Hays who caught a 31.2 lb, 39 inch long and 26 1/4 inch girth Chinook at Ringold/Columbia River with a diver and salmon eggs. Bill also caught a 28.3 lb, 37 1/2 long and 24 1/2 girth Chinook below John Day dam with a "Wiggle Wart". Photos of the four entries can be viewed on the Club's Website.

**JANUARY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT** January 14, 2006 at McNary Wildlife Refuge's Environmental Education Center 311 Lake Rd, Burbank WA 99323.  
**Second Saturday Event. Visitors can see huge flocks of waterfowl that have come in from northern regions as the weather became colder. Come and see how many species you can identify! Starting at 10:00 AM. Visitors can see a Dive, Rescue and Support display/activity at the Education Center**

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:** John (Jack) H Armstrong from Kennewick



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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, February 7, 2006, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, February 21, 2006, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

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**RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 25, 2006 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**

### FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Susan Carlin, Executive Director, of the Tri-State Steelheaders from Walla Walla will be the speaker at the February General Meeting. She will discuss the projects the Tri-State Steelheaders have been involved in, the successes they have had, their plans for the upcoming year and beyond and how we can combine resources with them on some projects. They are a hard working organization and are responsible for the habitat plantings on both sides of the Walla Walla River from the mouth to the city of Walla Walla..

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**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** President Gene Van Liew opened the meeting. Several announcements were made.

• Dale Schielke announced that inspection and modification of wood duck nesting boxes will start in January. Twenty boxes will be converted from tree mount to pole mount. Twenty new boxes will also be built. Call Dale at 375-0183 if you wish to participate. Wild Game Dinner tickets can be purchased from Dale. Cost is \$15.00 each, the same price as last year. They can be purchased at the General and Board of Trustees meetings or contact Dale at 375-0183.

• Clare Cranston said that this is the last year that he will be able to organize the pellet range at the Sportsmen Show. Seven Hunter Education Classes and two pheasant shoots at the Limits Game Farm are scheduled for 2006. The first pheasant shoot be March 18 and the other on Youth Hunt Weekend this fall. Because of poor health, Clare is looking for someone to take over the responsibility of managing/organizing the Club Hunter Education program in 2007. Clare will continue being an

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• Wild 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 25** starting at 8:00am. Tasks will include preparation of potatoes, Hors D'oeuvres, salmon, table arrangements etc. You are also welcome if you can help for part of the day. Bring a sharp knife and cutting board. If you work for a minimum of 2 hours or are a food donor you can reserve table places for up to an 8 people party 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. You must show up, sign up and check with the Dinner Chairman for confirmation. Ice chests & counter top electric ovens (roasters) are needed. Please bring them in the morning and tag them with your name and be sure to pick them up after the dinner.

**FEBRUARY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT February 11, 2006, 9 am to Noon**  
**McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).**  
**Examine the spit of owls, PICK APART A PELLETT, An owl will visit from Pendleton. BLUE MOUNTAIN REHABILITATION that provides a haven for raptors that cannot be returned to nature See the owl display in the Education Center Come and find out what an owl eats**

instructor.

● Jerry Zeitler circulated a sign up sheet for volunteers to sign up to help prepare for the Wild Game Dinner. He said that an additional two pounds of halibut are needed for the preparation of halibut chowder. Game meat such as deer, antelope, elk etc. are still needed. Dale Schielke procured game Kielbasa and Salami sausage. Other game sausages are still needed. Jerry stressed that memberships should be renewed prior to the night of the dinner to eliminate the bottleneck at the entrance door. If your address label on this Newsletter is highlighted your membership needs to be renewed.

● Gaylord Pyle requested members to solicit door prizes for the Wild Game Dinner. He has introductory letters and other literature that members should use to introduce themselves and describe the Club's functions and goals. His phone number is 948-2392.

● Club President Gene Van Liew introduced the first speaker of the evening Steve Roblyer, one of the Club's Hunter Education instructors. He is an avid tree stand hunter and has hunted from them for the last 30 years. He stated that about 1/3 of tree stand hunters will experience a fall from a tree while hunting. On July 20, 2003 he became one of those hunters. He was in the process of removing a stand from a tree; during removal, the stand dug into the tree bark and fell. Steve fell from the tree about 28 feet, made a 3/4 flip and landed on the ground between the tree roots. He was shaken up, broke his ankle and fractured several vertebrae. Rescue workers were contacted and came and transported Steve to a hospital.

● Hunters should always wear a *climbing* harness when tree stand hunting. Harnesses are available at sporting goods stores such as the "Sportsman's Warehouse".

● Steve uses an *ascending* and *descending* device, he fabricated, when going up and down a tree. A 1/2 inch diameter eye-bolt was bent into a hook. He ties a heavy nylon rope to the opposite end of the hook and uses the hook and rope to ascend and descend from the stand. The hook is looped over a tree branch and an *ascender* is installed on the rope to help him in going up and down the tree. *Ascenders* can be purchased from stores that sell mountain climbing equipment such as "REI".

Steve is very safety conscious and stills hunts from tree stands even after his accident. In reply to questions from the audience he stated that elevation of his tree stand is about 30 feet or more above the ground. Cost of a harness is about \$40.00. The ascender that he uses to control ascent and descent from his rope is about \$60.00 and cost of the eye bolt hook and rope that he uses is from \$15.00 to \$20.00. Many questions were asked and answered.

● Club member Bob Kolowith was the second speaker. He described his hunting trip this fall at the Cleman Mountain Unit big horn ram late hunt West of Yakima. His hunting companions were his son Marv and Club member Jerry Bloom. Bob and Jerry Bloom have both been trying for a sheep tag for 20 years. Odds of being drawn for a sheep, in the drawing he participated in, were about 800 to 1. Because of the large number of sheep in the unit 29 sheep tags were allotted in 12 hunts. He was very fortunate and was drawn for a once in a lifetime hunt. The drawing fee was \$5.00 and the sheep tag was \$109.50. The hunt took place on November 8, 9 and 10. Because it had snowed before the hunt, the sheep had moved to a lower elevation. Bob stated that a walking stick made a big difference in the open country that they hunted; back packs and a game cart were also used. Bob practiced shooting his rifle before the hunt and realized that his scope was defective. As a result he purchased a new rifle scope and used it during the hunt. He used a *Nikon* laser rangefinder. They observed over 60 sheep in the afternoon on the first day of the hunt. His ram was harvested at a range of 220 yards on the third day of the hunt about three canyons from the narrow access road. Bob wanted to have the animal mounted and he used a Yakima taxidermist because of the requirement that the horns be *plugged* and two teeth obtained by the WDFW. Since his taxidermist was in Yakima, he was able to store the ram there until the WDFW came to plug the horns and obtain the tooth samples. The ram weighed about 250 pounds and had 35 inch full curl horns with a 15 inch base. Jerry Bloom showed a very good slide presentation and described the photography equipment that was used.

● Winners of the Club raffle were Richard Sharp who won a Nikon Buckmasters binoculars and Dale Schielke won a Columbia River Cruising Atlas donated by Harold Heacock.

**IMPORTANT CHANGE: Board of Trustees meetings will be held at the Hunter Education Facility at Griggs until further notice. Meetings are at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of every month.**

**SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM EGGS DELIVERED:** (Gene Van Liew) - On Thursday January 5, fall Chinook salmon eggs were picked up at the Yakama Indian Prosser Fish Hatchery and delivered to 15 Elementary schools, 4 Middle schools, and 2 High schools for the "Salmon In The Classroom" project under the sponsorship of the Benton Conservation District. The schools were located in the region from Benton City to Richland, Kennewick and Finley." Howard Gardner, Lyle Gilk, Bob Kolowith and Gene Van Liew took the time to deliver the eggs to the schools in their personal vehicles. Many of the

teachers and students at the schools were eagerly waiting for the arrival of the eggs. Thanks to the four of the volunteers, without their help the Salmon In The Classroom project might not happen.

**QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES:** Entry tickets for the 2006 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 25 2006 The rules are shown below and are identical to last years.

1. Only Club members with 2006 dues paid through April 1, 2007 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 winners will provide a written report of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and hunting license costs, name & addresses of lodging & guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club website. A good reference for the report format are previous Quality Trip reports that are on the website.
8. The drawing will be held at the March 25 2006 Wild Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 2007 Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
12. The trip must be approved by the Board of Trustees not later than the June Board meeting or the trip will be forfeited.
13. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.

**Columbia Basin "Friends Of NRA" 14 th Annual BANQUET and BENEFIT AUCTION**

Friday March 10, 2006 at Pasco Red Lion - Social at 5:30 p.m. - Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Call Bob Birney at (509) 628-3501 for reservations and information

**MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION:** Many Club memberships expire April 1, 2006. Renew your membership at the February and March General Meetings. **Please do not wait and renew the night of the Wild Game Dinner!** Annual dues are \$15.00 for individual membership and \$20.00 for family membership. Three year memberships are \$40.00 and \$50.00 respectively. You can renew by mail by sending dues to the address at top of this newsletter. The expiration date on this newsletter address label will be highlighted if your membership expires April 1, 2006 or earlier.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** -Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education classes (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start February 27, 2006. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were four photo entries in the January photo contest. Dave Myers entered a photo showing Dave's two bird dogs Sage and Emma on point and Richard Sharp entered three duck hunting photos. The winner was Richard Sharp with a photo showing his son Travis with a limit of Mallards and Widgeons harvested December 14. Richard will win five free raffle tickets at the February General Meeting. All four photos can be viewed on the Club Website.

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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MARCH GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, March 7, 2006, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 21, 2006, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March 23, 2006, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

**WILD GAME DINNER COOKS PLANNING MEETING 7:00 pm March 14, 2006 at Richland Kof C Hall**

**RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 25, 2006 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**

### MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The March meeting will feature John Arrabito, winner of last years quality trip drawing at the Annual Banquet. John along with his drawing partner Leo Pfeiffer traveled to La Paz Mexico to fish. Both of them will be here to share their story. Also Club member Richard Sharp will give a presentation on bass fishing in the Columbia Basin with ultra-light gear. Based on stories we have heard, Richard has developed and refined his techniques for catching bass with this method, his presentation should be very informative. The meeting will be held at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility.

● **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

**FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** President Gene Van Liew opened the meeting to a packed audience, about 45 people. Several announcements were made.

● Dale Schielke announced that all the tickets for the Wild Game dinner were sold. There may be some tickets available later because some of the ticket buyers may not be able to attend and wish to return their tickets. Dale will be taking tentative orders for tickets, if they become available. Call Dale at 375-0183 if you wish to be put on the list for tickets that may be become available.

● Dale also announced that annual maintenance of wood duck boxes is continuing. He estimated that at least ten more sessions will be required to complete inspection, maintenance and modification of the nesting boxes. Call Dale at 375-0183 if you wish to help.

● Rick Nelson reported the results from the Lunker Lake fishing pond at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show held January 20-22. The event was successful and a lot of kids fished. He thanked all the volunteers that participated. More information below.

● Gaylord Pyle requested members to solicit door prizes for the Wild Game Dinner. So far solicited door prizes are very slim. He has introductory letters and other literature that members should use to introduce themselves and describe the Club's functions and goals when soliciting the door prizes. His phone number is 948-2392.

● Club Vice President and Program Chairman Dale Landon introduced Tod Newsome, the evenings first speaker. Tod is associated with the Yakima Klickitat Fisheries Project (YKFP) and is employed by the Yakama Nation and is in charge of Coho Salmon restoration in the Yakima River. He stated that spring Chinook Salmon are the most important fish to the

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**MARCH MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT March 11, 2006 ,9 am to Noon**

Native plants and wildflowers will be the topic.

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).

**TRI-STATE STEELHEADERS 'SCHOOL FIRE RESTORATION PROJECT':** The next big project of the Tri-State Steelheaders is the restoration of some of the areas that were damaged during the School Fire last August. They are partnering with the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife to restore some of the areas that were damaged during the School Fire. They are focusing on the area around Camp Wooten for this spring and are hoping to organize volunteers for day trips or overnight trips to the area. There, volunteers would help replant areas that were damaged by the fire. The School Fire, the largest in the lower 48 states last year, destroyed about 50,000 acres of land, and it will take years, of course, for the area to begin to recover. However the Steelheaders are targeting some of the most sensitive areas—those near streams which are susceptible to heavy run-off without trees to protect the banks. They will first be working along the Tucannon River, eventually moving on to Cummins Creek and Tumulum.

● Food, gloves, and all necessary tools will be supplied. Basic services (restrooms, running water) are available in the area. WDFW would also allow volunteers to use the cabins at Camp Wooten. Susan is really excited about getting people out for the weekend, with an overnight stay in the cabins. She knows that this is a bit of a drive for folks in the Tri-Cities, but then again, this is one of the greatest recreation areas in eastern Washington! Due to the scope of the fire, she believes this as just

about the most important project that volunteers can participate in. She would appreciate anyone from the RR&GC helping. She is hopeful that the work sessions will be taking place every weekend in March. If you are interested in helping contact Dale Landon at [Dale\\_Landon@msn.com](mailto:Dale_Landon@msn.com) or Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com). Details of the School Fire can be viewed at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/fire/school.shtml>.

Camp Wooten information is at <http://www.parks.wa.gov/elcs.asp#Camp%20Wooten>.

Yakama Nation and showed slides with graphs that described spring salmon returns in the river from 1982-2003 and number of redds. He showed the research facility hatchery at CleElum where experiments are conducted. One experiment was to determine the most efficient feeding methods for hatched smolts. Habitat protection is very important to the YFKP and three biologists are assigned full time to that task. Tod stated that a bird or avian biologist is on the YFKP staff. Studies have shown that gulls are the primary predators of juvenile fish. Pelicans have replaced the gulls at the Chandler Juvenile Bypass below Prosser. They eat the most fish, pound wise, of the avian predators and it appears that they do not discriminate which fish they eat. However they concentrate on adults rather than juvenile fish. Mergansers are the primary predators in the middle and upper sections of the Yakima River in the spring and summer. Coho salmon were extinct in the Yakima River and have been reintroduced and it appears that they are now spawning in the river above the City of Yakima. Fall Chinook are now moving up past the lower part of the Yakima River because of heavy vegetation in that part of the river. Another project that the YFKP is involved in is the conditioning or reconditioning of steelhead kelts (kelts are fish that have spawned and are trying to return to the ocean). Kelts are in a very weakened condition after they have spawned and their chances of making it back to the ocean are very slim. Kelts that are captured and reconditioned by feeding and allowing them to rest appear to have a greater chance of making it back to the ocean and then returning later to spawn. Another project that the YFKP is involved in is the return of sockeye to the Yakima River. Sockeye that have returned up the Columbia and the Wenatchee River are trapped and placed in Lake CleElum to grow and then return to the ocean, via the Yakima River, and hopefully return, spawn and grow in Lake CleElum. Tod showed many slides and answered many questions from the audience.

● Susan Carlin, Executive Director of the Tri-State Steelheaders located in Walla Walla was the second speaker. Susan explained that the Tri-State Steelheaders started in the 1960s and were associated with the Northwest Steelheaders. In 1980 they decided to go it on their own and became a non-profit 501(c)3 association. In 2001 they joined the Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups. Their mission statement is: **“The Tri-State Steelheaders Fisheries Enhancement Group, by completing habitat enhancement projects, crafting coalitions with conservation organizations, conducting educational outreach and securing volunteer assistance will perpetuate salmonid populations and create measurable increases in their habitat in southeastern Washington, northeastern Idaho and north central Idaho”.**

● The fish species that are of most importance to the group are bull trout, steelhead and Chinook salmon. Susan stated that habitat restoration is the Steelheaders r most important project. One example of habitat restoration was removal of the Kooskooskie Dam on Mill Creek. Project cost was about \$192,00.00 and resulted in the addition of 14 miles of previously off limits habitat to Chinook, steelhead and bull trout. An example of riparian restoration she described was a conservation easement of 279 acres on Coppei Creek. Stream flow gauge monitoring at 14 stations on the Walla Walla River was another project mentioned. A research example mentioned was a fish counting at weir at Yellow hawk Creek. Steelheader member Wib Waggoner has been counting fish at a weir located in his backyard on Yellowhawk Creek since 1989. He was honored by WDFW in 2005 as a WDFW Volunteer of the Year. High school and college students, Scouts and 4H volunteers help by planting trees and pulling weeds and in the process learn the effects of habitat on fish and wildlife. Education and outreach are very important and some of the examples Susan gave are classroom visits, community support in the form of a Career Fair, stocking fish in Bennington lake and conducting two Kids Fishing Days. They also are involved in a Salmon In The Classroom Project. Their main fund raiser is an Annual Crab feed where they feed over 500 people. Susan answered many questions from the audience and said that she would keep in touch with Dale Landon and let him know of projects that the RR&GC could help with. Both Susan and Tod stayed after the meeting and answered many questions.

● Winners of the Club raffle were Richard Sharp and Mike Estes. They each won an ultra.light fishing rod and reel

**LUNKER LAKE FISHING RESULTS:** A total of 1,394 fish (Rainbow trout) were caught during the three day (Jan 19-Jan 22) event. Shuyler Productions, the sponsor of the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show, returned \$1230.79 to the Club for our efforts, the difference between Lunker Lake expenses and admissions. This money will be used to send youth to the Orcas Island Summer Conservation Camp in July. Many thanks to all those who participated and especially to Rick Nelson and Dennis Spore who organized the event. The Saturday 10AM to 3PM shift caught the most fish, 494. The following 3-7PM shift caught the second most fish, 289. About 384 fish remained in the pond Sunday night at the end of the event.

**IMPORTANT CHANGE: Board of Trustees meetings will be held at the Hunter Education Facility at Griggs until further notice. Meetings are at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of every month.**

**MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION:** Many Club memberships expire April 1, 2006. Please, please renew your membership at the March General Meeting. **Please do not wait and renew the night of the Wild Game Dinner!** Annual dues are \$15.00 for individual membership and \$20.00 for family membership. Three year memberships are \$40.00 and \$50.00 respectively. You can renew by mail by sending dues to the address at top of this newsletter

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:** Paul F Seuberlich from Pasco.

**QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES:** Entry tickets for the 2006 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 25 2006 The rules are shown below and are identical to last years.

1. Only Club members with 2006 dues paid through **April 1, 2007** 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. Only Club members with 2006 dues paid through **April 1, 2007** are eligible to purchase entry 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 winners shall provide a written report of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and hunting license costs, name & addresses of lodging & guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club website. A good reference for the report format are previous Quality Trip reports that are on the website.**
8. The drawing will be held at the March 25 2006 Wild Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 2007 Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
12. The trip must be approved by the Board of Trustees not later than the June Board meeting or the trip will be forfeited.
13. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.

**PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET** (Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever) **Saturday March 4** at Kennewick Clover Island Inn. Call Gary Scriven at (509)-266-4697 or Dave Piovesan at (509)-265-4578.

**Columbia Basin “Friends Of NRA” 14 th Annual BANQUET and BENEFIT AUCTION Friday March 10** at Pasco Red Lion - Social at 5:30 p.m. - Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Call Bob Birney at (509) 628-3501.

**COLUMBIA BASIN FLY CASTERS BANQUET Saturday March 11** at Meadow Springs Country Club, Call Jim Shearer at 585-3582 or John Pfeiffer at 627-5429

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** -Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start April 10, 2006. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg’s Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were two photo entries in the February photo contest. Mike Estes was the winner with a photo of Mike, his dog Cinder and two banded mallard drakes. Bob Kolowith submitted the second photo which showed his hunting partner Darren O’Leary with a bag of Canada geese. Mike will win five tickets at the March General Meeting. Both photos can be viewed on the Club Website.

**WILD GAME DINNER SETUP:** Wild Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the Wild Game dinner. Please contact Jerry at 545-6694 and offer your services, he needs people for all day **March 25** starting at 8:00am. Tasks will include preparation of potatoes, Hors D’oeuvres, salmon, table set up etc. You are also welcome if you can help for part of the day. **Bring a sharp knife and cutting board. If you work for a minimum of 2 hours or are a food donor you can reserve table places for up to an 8 people party 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.** You must show up, sign up and check with the Dinner Chairman for confirmation. Ice chests & counter top electric ovens (roasters) are needed. Please bring them in the morning and tag them with your name and be sure to pick them up after the dinner.

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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

APRIL GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 4, 2006, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, April 18, 2006, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 19, 2006, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

### APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist, will be the speaker. His topic will be 2006 fishing prospects for Regions 1, 2 and 3. Trout allotments, stocking locations and salmon and steelhead forecasts will be discussed. Changes to the 2006-2007 fishing regulations will also be covered. He will demonstrate how to access the fishing information available in the WDFW website. Additionally Paul will be able to answer our questions regarding fishing in Washington and especially in this part of the State. **Come early, there will be many attending!** The meeting will take place at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 4 at the usual location, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.  
● **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

**MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** President Gene Van Liew opened the meeting to an audience of over 60 people.

- Visitors introduced themselves.
- Howard Gardner announced that long time Club member Delia Teeple made a very generous donation of \$1,000 to the Fitzner Memorial Scholarship fund. More information later in this Newsletter.
- Announcements were made by Larry Martin, Eddie Manthos, Gaylord Pyle and Gene Van Liew.
- Dale Schielke announced that 74 wood duck nesting boxes have been inspected and repaired, if necessary. He stated that they are half way thorough the inspections and modifications of the boxes. If you wish to help Dale with the inspections call him at 375-0183
- Dale Schielke announced that all the tickets for the Wild Game dinner were sold.
- President Gene Van Liew introduced the first speakers of the evening 2005 Quality Trip winners John Arrabito and Leo Pfeifer. They fished for marlin and sailfish at La Paz, Mexico August 10-16. Their trip lasted 7 days and 6 nights. Cost, not including tips and eating out, was \$1,480 each. They spent two of the seven days traveling, to and from LaPaz, because of poor travel arrangements by the travel agency. La Paz is a modern city and their hotel in LaPaz was satisfactory, had good service and was on the marina. During their stay they drank only bottled water. Fish were not caught on two of the five days they fished. They did catch marlin and 85 pounds of dorado. Leo caught three dorado, the largest was 42 inches long. The fishing tackle supplied by the charter boat was unsatisfactory because of poor maintenance. Cost of bait fish purchased at the dock was very high, \$20. Leo lost a marlin because the boat captain grabbed the fishing line instead of the marlin's bill and the line broke. They did not catch any tuna because they are caught only in the winter. The weather was very hot and when

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**FISHING KIDS EVENT:** The Fishing Kids event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 6. The goal is 1,200 children in four shifts. **Many** volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help at the pond. Starting time for volunteers is 7:00 AM, quitting time is about 3:00 PM. Sign up to volunteer at the April and May General meetings or call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or send e-mail to [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com) Registration deadline for the youth is April 28. Youth can be registered online at [www.ci.kennewick.wa.us](http://www.ci.kennewick.wa.us) The Club is involved in planning of the event, assembling the 1,200 rods, reels, floats and hook prior to the event and supplying volunteers the day of the event to help at the registration, pass out assembled rods and bait, clean the fish and supply fishing mentors to help the youth and their parents learn how to fish, many of who have never fished before, This is a very worthwhile event!

**MARCH MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT APRIL 8, 2006 ,9 am to Noon  
COME FLY A KITE!**

**McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).**

**Hunter Education Class:**-Howard Gardner, Chief Instructor. The class started on Feb.27, 2006 and finished on Mar.13 after five three hour sessions. It included a six hour Range Day on Mar.11 at the Silhouette Club's facility with live firing of 22's, large bore rifle, 38 Special hand gun, shotgun, archery and a field course. A total of 28 students ranging in age from 9 to 48 were enrolled to start. Twenty four passed and four failed. In addition, four parents went through the class, passed the test and will receive their certifications. Other instructors assisting in the class were Clare Cranston, Don Board, Lyle Gilk, Don Hartshorn, Steve Roblyer, Craig Seal and Jerry Zeitler. These gentlemen are to be commended for giving freely of their time to assist in this class. Many thanks.



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**2006 WILD GAME DINNER:** The dinner was a big success, practically all of the seats were filled. The food was great, the door and raffle prizes were numerous and worth winning. The speaker Rich Landers and his presentation "A Sportsman's Guide Arctic National Wildlife Refuge" were spectacular. Winner of the Quality Trip was Rick Freeman, the alternate is Richard Libby. Larry Martin, Keith Brady, Ron Brodzinski and Richard Badda were awarded 25 year belt buckles. Jim Shearer and Russ Wyer were awarded the Distinguished Service Award and Mack McDonnell was awarded a Lifetime Membership. Many thanks to the Chairman Jerry Zeitler and the many that helped make the Dinner a success.

they were not fishing they did not leave their air conditioned hotel until after sundown. Leo donated a dorado for the March 25 Wild Game dinner. He also showed some very interesting slides of a South Dakota deer hunting trip he participated in this fall. They answered many questions from the audience and we were reminded again that we need to be very careful when we arrange hunting and fishing trips and travel. John and Leo gave a complete written description of the LaPaz trip to the Club that will be published on the Club website in the near future.

• The second speaker was Club member Richard Sharp who spoke about bass fishing with ultra light fishing gear. Richard has lived in the Tri-Cities area most of his life. He believes that this area is a fisherman's dream because of the four rivers in the area. He is a very serious and dedicated fisherman and hunter and participates in fishing tournaments. He loves to experiment, fish in new places, try different techniques, is methodical and keeps very good records of the results. When fishing gets tough, Richard's advice is to downsize the lure and resort to ultra light tackle. He demonstrated the different ultra light rods and reels that he uses including some rods he made from the tip sections of heavier rods that had failed. He strongly believes in plastic baits, including drop shot rigs, and showed how to use them by demonstrating them in a water filled glass tank that he photographed with a video camera. It appeared that he has almost as many lures as most sporting good stores. He donated many lures to the Club raffle. He believes in using *fine wire hooks* because of their better penetration and is a believer in keeping his hooks sharp, he does not use cheap hooks. He sharpens his hooks frequently with a pocket sized *EZE-LAP* diamond abrasive hone and demonstrated the sharpening technique he uses. He also showed and demonstrated the various trolling rigs, Carolina rigs and knots he uses. He passed out cards showing the different knots and trolling rigs. He showed slides with maps/sketches of productive smallmouth areas on local streams. He went over a lot of very good information and his presentation continued until 9:25 pm. He obviously spent a lot of time and thought organizing his presentation. He answered many, many questions and they continued after the meeting was adjourned.

• Winners of the Club raffle were: John Cooper who won a telescoping spinning rod and reel and a cup full of fishing goodies, David Miller - a Shakespeare spinning rod and reel, Lyle Gilk - a cap and a cup full of fishing goodies, Leo Pfeifer and John Pfeiffer - a cup full of fishing goodies, Gene Van Liew, Jack Pickard, Sammi Briggs, Mike Estes and Paul Kison - two lures (a jig and a spinner).

#### **VOLUNTEER PROJECTS:**

**Tiger Muskie Tagging:** Bill Hays and Jerry Burke helped the WDFW *pit tag* tiger muskie fry at the Ringold Hatchery on February 8. The fry varied from 7 to 12 inches long.. They also accompanied Paul Hoffarth and helped him change a river water temperature monitor on the Columbia River in the Hanford Reach.

**MCDONALD ROAD/WALLA WALLA RIVER HABITAT PLANTING:** Dale Landon, his daughter and her boy friend worked with the Tri-State Steelheaders on Feb 25th planting habitat along the Walla Walla River where it intersects McDonald Road

**WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND MODIFICATION:** A total of 312 Wood Duck nesting boxes have been checked and 56 show evidences of duck activity: 21 boxes show screech owl activity. Inspection, maintenance and modification of the boxes is continuing. The Club maintains about 200 boxes. Thus far the following have worked on the project: Dale Schielke (7 times), Dave Myers, Rick Nelson (2), Doug Akers (2), Kevin Grubbs (2), Jordan Grubbs,, Gaylord Pyle, Mike Estes, Tim Logan and Tim Clemons. Inspections are continuing, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183 if you wish to help.

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Dave and Norma Miller and Family from Pasco and Ray Cox from Kennewick.

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**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There was one photo entry in the March photo contest. Larry Martin entered a photograph of Howard Gardner, in camouflage gear, with a coyote he harvested. Larry will win five raffle tickets at the April General Meeting. The photo can be viewed on the Club Website

**USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE:** The Use Of Funds Committee met January 24 and came up with the following recommendations approved by the Board of Trustees at the February 21 Board meeting.

<u>Item/Organization</u>	<u>Use of Funds 2006</u>			<u>Feb. 2006</u>		
				<u>Contributions(\$)</u>		
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
<b><u>Fitzner Memorial Scholarship</u></b> <b><u>(Annual award to a student in wildlife biology studies)</u></b>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>			
<b><u>NRA Institute For Legislative Action</u></b> <b><u>(Fights the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment battles)</u></b>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>			
<b><u>NRA Foundation</u></b> <b><u>(Promotes firearm safety and shooting sports)</u></b>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>			
<b><u>Columbia Dive Rescue</u></b> <b><u>(Rescue and body recovery)</u></b>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>			
<b><u>U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance</u></b> <b><u>(Provides lobbying and grassroots support to protect sportsmen's rights)</u></b>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>			
<b><u>U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation</u></b> <b><u>(Conducts education, legal defense and research to protect sportsmen's rights)</u></b>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>			
<b><u>Upland Wildlife Restoration Program</u></b> <b><u>(Supports local habitat development, as needed up to \$250.00)</u></b>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>			
<b><u>Delta Waterfowl</u></b> <b><u>(Works for a sustainable North American waterfowl population)</u></b>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>			
<b><u>Youth Conservation Camp(10 total)-nominally six</u></b> <b><u>from Club and four from Hunter Ed. @ \$250 per camper</u></b>	<u>2250</u>	<u>2500</u>	<u>2500</u>			
<b><u>Hunters Heritage Council</u></b> <b><u>(Promotion and political defense of hunting in Washington State)</u></b>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>			
<b><u>USA Olympic Shooting Team</u></b> <b><u>(Donations are only source of funding)</u></b>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>			
<b><u>McNary Environmental Education Center(MEECE)</u></b> <b><u>(Local environmental education facility)</u></b>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>			
<b><u>Citizens for Responsible Wildlife Management</u></b> <b><u>(Funding lawsuit to overturn anti-trapping initiative, I-713)</u></b>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			
<b><u>Washington Wildlife Coalition(membership)</u></b> <b><u>(Promotes "Go Play Outside", a hunting, fishing and conservation initiative)</u></b>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>			
<b><u>Crow Butte Park Assoc.</u></b> <b><u>(Volunteers keep park open)</u></b>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>			
<b><u>Benton Conservation District</u></b> <b><u>(Purchase of tank for "Salmon in the Classroom")</u></b>	<u>1200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			
<b><u>Friends of Badger Mountain</u></b> <b><u>(Support for purchase of public access)</u></b>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			
<b><u>Travel expense</u></b> <b><u>(Limited funding of expenses incurred from attendance at out-of-area meetings)</u></b>	<u>59.49</u>	<u>160.22</u>	<u>250</u>			
	<b><u>Total Cost</u></b>	<b><u>6559.49</u></b>	<b><u>5610.22</u></b>	<b><u>5700.00</u></b>		
	<b><u>Total Allocation</u></b>				<b><u>5700.00</u></b>	

**FITZNER SCHOLARSHIP DONATION BY DELIA TEEPLE:**-Howard Gardner- Bruce (recently deceased) and Delia Teeple have been Club members since 1960. They were very active in the club until Bruce retired around 1982 when they started spending 6-8 months of each year at Twin Lakes on the Colville Indian Reservation. Delia was Club treasurer in 1970-71 and Bruce from 1974 through 1981. A few weeks ago Delia called and wanted to donate a salmon for the Wild Game Dinner. When I went to pick it up she invited Dorothy and I in to talk. She is great story teller and we had a good time reminiscing. As we were about to leave, she asked if we still had the Scholarship Fund and after I said we did she went to get her check book. She wrote a check to the Club for \$1000.00. I was overwhelmed by her generosity and extended many thanks on behalf of the Club. After thinking about the gift, I realized that it was typical of her and Bruce's generous past support of Club activities.



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**FISHING KIDS EVENT:** The Fishing Kids event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 6. The goal is 1,200 children in four shifts. Many volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help at the pond. Starting time for volunteers is 7:00 AM, quitting time is about 3:00 PM. Sign up to volunteer at the May General meeting or call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or send e-mail to [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com). Registration deadline for the youth is April 28. Youth can be registered online at [www.ci.kennewick.wa.us](http://www.ci.kennewick.wa.us). The Club is involved in planning of the event, assembling the 1,200 rods, reels, floats and hooks prior to the event, supplying volunteers at the event to help at registration, pass out assembled rods and bait, clean the fish and supply fishing mentors to help the youth and their parents learn how to fish, many of whom have never fished before. This is a very worthwhile event!

**MAY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT May 13, 2006 ,9 am to Noon**  
**Songbird Migration**  
**McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).**

**FISHING, HUNTING LICENSE RENEWAL:** Your licenses expired at the end of March. If you fish or hunt after that date you need to renew your license(s). When you renew your license, request the licensing agent to add a **\$1.00 or more** donation to your license fee for **YOUTH OUTDOOR EDUCATION ACTIVITIES**. Events such as the Fishing Kids , Go Play Outside and others are funded through your donation.

**PATCHES AVAILABLE FOR PAST PRESIDENTS:** - Howard Gardner - Over the years Richland Rod & Gun Club patches have emerged from various sources. Currently I have a total of eight new full size patches, three full size used patches, one small size new patch and three Club decals. In addition, I have three *Past President rockers* for the full size patches. In an attempt to distribute the patches in an unbiased manner, a special drawing for Past Presidents will be held at the May meeting. The first drawn will get their choice of one of the items. If a full size patch is selected, a Past President rocker may also be selected until they are gone. Any patches remaining after the drawing will be entered into the general door prize drawing.



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**MEETINGS AND DEADLINES**  
MAY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, May 2, 2006, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility  
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 16, 2006, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**  
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 19, 2006, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

**MAY GENERAL MEETING**  
Club member Paul Kison will be the main speaker at the May General Meeting and will describe the hunting trip he took the last two weeks of April 2005. He hunted at Jan Oelofse's Mt. Etjo Game Lodge located 180 miles north of Windhoek, Namibia. There were three hunters in the group and had a variety of animals on their trophy want list and were successful in filling their lists. Paul will discuss the opportunities, accommodations, the experience and more. They also spent a week in South Africa sightseeing. Paul will show some highlight pictures and give a short discussion about hunting in Namibia, Africa. The meeting will take place at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 2 at the usual location, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.  
● **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

**APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** President Gene Van Liew opened the meeting to an audience of over 60 people.  
● Visitor Mark Shear who donated a guided fishing trip for two at the Wild Game Dinner introduced himself.  
● Announcements were made by Larry Martin, Eddie Manthos, Gaylord Pyle, Jerry Zeitler, Michael Crowder, Howard Gardner and Dale Schielke.  
■ Jim Shearer and Russ Wyer were presented the Club's Distinguished Service Award that was announced at the Wild Game Dinner on March 25.  
■ Dale Schielke stated that the installation and inspection of Wood Duck nesting boxes started in 1983 is continuing and should conclude the weekend of April 8-9. Total boxes checked was 171. Sixty boxes showed evidences of Wood Duck nesting, 38 showed screech owl nesting and two contained bees. An application for an ALEA grant for about \$1,127.00 will be submitted and the funds will be used to fabricate 40 new boxes, purchase poles for the boxes to be installed on and miscellaneous hardware. The 40 new boxes will be fabricated by youth at the August duck banding event at the McNary Refuge and at the 2007 Washington Sportsmans Show at the TRAC during January of 2007. Twenty five of the boxes will be placed at the Barker Ranch  
■ Howard Gardner read a draft letter from the Club to the WDFW supporting procurement by the WDFW of lands east and south of the Baile Youth Ranch. A motion to send the letter was made and seconded from the floor and unanimously approved by the membership present.  
■ Michael Crowder from the Barker Ranch announced that a *Youth Day* will be held at the Ranch on November 11 for youth 14 years of age and under. Fifteen youth and an accompanying adult will be able to participate. They will hunt till 11:00 am

and then attend seminars afterwards. Ducks Unlimited is the sponsor. Michael said that they are donating a *hunt* to the RR&GC for a youth and adult selected by the Club.

■ Michael also announced that a *Sporting Clays* event, sponsored by Ducks Unlimited, will be held at the Ranch on June 10. Those attending the the event should register a week before the event. For more information call 967-3063.

● President Gene Van Liew introduced the speaker of the evening, Paul Hoffarth, District 4 WDFW Fish Biologist. Paul is stationed at the WDFW facility at 2620 N. Commercial Ave. in Pasco. His topic was the 2006 fishing forecast and regulation changes. He discussed the multitude of fishing information available on the WDFW website (<http://wdfw.wa.gov>) and told of a *Washington Lakes* website with a lot of information including fishing reports at [www.washingtonlakes.com](http://www.washingtonlakes.com). The 2006 Washington Fishing Regulations will take effect on May 1 and can be downloaded at the WDFW website or picked up at a local license dealer. In order to protect large breeding sturgeon, sturgeon fishing will be prohibited from May 1 through July 31 from McNary Dam downstream to the Highway 82 Bridge and from John Day Dam to the west end of the grain silo at Rufus, OR. Walleye catch limits for Sprague, Moses lake, the Potholes Reservoir and Roosevelt Lake will be a limit of eight fish below 12" and over 22". There will be no catch limit for bass on the Yakima River except only 3 bass over 15" may be kept. Size and catch limits for all fish should be checked in the 2006 regulations. According to the regulations ,wild fish (salmon, steelhead etc.) and non-legal sturgeon cannot be removed from the water. Knotless landing nets will be required on all selective-gear waters starting May 1 to reduce abrasion and scale loss and increase survival of released fish. Paul mentioned that Marmes Pond has been or will be stocked with *Tiger trout*, a brown trout-brook trout sterile cross, that grow to a very large size. He showed numerous graphs including walleye sampling results, salmon and steelhead creel survey results and others. He mentioned several hot fishing spots, showed boat launch locations and where to fish in the Columbia River/Hanford Reach and showed the location of ponds and lakes in Franklin County. He covered a lot of ground and gave out a lot of information. He answered many questions from the audience even after the meeting ended.

● Winners of the Club raffle were: John Pfeiffer who won a Winchester spotting scope ith tripod and John Everyll who won a beautiful Swiss army knife .

**FISHING KIDS PROGRESS REPORT:** Assembly of 1200 rods and reels for the May 6 Fishing Kids event was essentially completed April 6 in four separate sessions at the WDFW facility on Commercial Ave. in Pasco. Volunteer workers were Clare Cranston, Ben Webb, John Lavender, Russ Wyer, Mack McDonnell, Jim Shearer, Paul and Dianna Seuberlich, Dianne Warrant, Carl Higby, Eddie Manthos and Bob Kollowith. Volunteers who took rods/reels home to assemble were Gaylord Pyle (108), Jerry Zeitler (108), Jerry Burke (108), Richard Ding (36) and Lyle Gilk (144).

**2005-2006 DUCK BAND RESULTS:**

Name	Where Harvested	Date	Information
Bob Henke	LosBanos, CA	11/27/05	Gadwall Male, banded Summer Lake, OR 8/12/02-too young to fly
Bob Henke	Boyerstoen, PA	12/29/05	Male Canada Goose banded 7/21/2003 at Odinnagua RIV MTH, ON.
Richard Sharp	300 area, Col. River	12/28/05	Mallard Male, Banded 8/20/04----20 mi W peace river AB Canada--- 2003
Richard Sharp	300 area, Col. River	12/28/05	Mallard Female Banded 8/31/2004---Porthill Idaho! 2003
Richard Sharp	Ringold, Col.River	12/29/05	Mallard Male, banded 8/17/04 7 mi east of Mirror AB, Canada. Hatched in 2003 or earlier.
Richard Sharp	Ringold, Col. River	12/29/05	Mallard Male,Banded 8/05/05 7 mi west Grandview Wa.. Hatched 2005
Mike Estes	Burbank, WA	1/4/06	Mallard Male banded on 8/2/2004 at Fairview, Alberta., Hatched in 2003 or earlier
Mike Estes	Burbank, WA	1/4/06	Mallard Male banded on 8/15/2005 at Seven Persons, Alberta.Hatched in 2004 or earlier
Dawn Piovesan	Mesa, WA	11/25/05	Mallard, Male banded 7/30/2004 approximately 20 miles West of Peace River Alberta, hatched 2003 or earlier
Tom Long	Mesa, WA	12/01/05	Mallard Female banded 8/3/2004 about 7 miles East of Mirror, Alberta. Hatched in 2003 or earlier
Tom Long	Mesa, WA	11/04/25	Mallard Female banded 8/2/2005 near Naples, ID. Hatched in 2005
Tom Long	Mesa, WA	12/07/05	Mallard Female banded 8/25/2003 near Kootenay Flats, B.C.. Hatched in 2002 or earlier
Lee Magouirk	Mesa, WA	1/21/06	Mallard Male banded 8/21/2003 near Naples, ID.. Hatched 2002 or earlier
Lee Magouirk	Mesa,. WA	1/21/06	Mallard Male banded 8/13/2002 about 24 miles NNE of Norman, MT.. Hatched 2001 or earlier

**WILD GAME DINNER:** I neglected to mention in the last Newsletter that Dave Myers was presented the Gardner-Cranston award at the Wild Game Dinner.

**SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM PROJECT:** Termination of the 2006 Salmon In the Classroom Project will take place on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 when the salmon fry raised by grade school students will be released in the Yakima River at Horn Rapids Park. About 1,200 students will participate and volunteers will be needed, starting at 7:30 am to help with the fry release and at other events taking place that day. There will be a sign up sheet at the May General Meeting or call Gene Van Liew at 946-7738 if you can help.

**QUALITY TRIP ON WEBSITE:** Leo Pfeifer and John Arrabito's fishing trip to Mexico has been published on the Club's website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/qualitytrip/id17.htm>, two other Quality Trips can also be accessed at this address.

**MARCH 18 PHEASANT SHOOT FOR YOUTH AT LIMITS GAME FARM:** Twelve fortunate youth were treated to a pheasant shoot for stocked pheasants at the Limits Game Farm, north of Mesa, on Saturday, March 18. Hunter Education students, both boys and girls, from the Club's Hunter Education program and students from other programs participated. They were divided into two groups of six, one group hunted in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Before each hunt, the students registered, participated in a safety lecture and discussion, and practiced shooting at clay pigeons with the shotgun they would use at the pheasant shoot. Those who didn't have a shotgun were loaned one from a stock of shotguns provided by Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan. After they finished shooting at clay pigeons, they split up into two groups of three. Coaches and a dog handler with a bird dog accompanied each group. A minimum of three pheasants had been set out for each youth prior to the hunt. The students hunted behind the dog and with the dog handler and coach(s). Two youth were behind the dog the others followed behind. As soon as a bird was pointed, one of the group of two shot at the flushed pheasant. After the youth shot, the other half of the pair got to shoot at the next bird. The other youth then rotated to the front and hunted until they each had a shot at a bird. They continued shooting and rotating until all the birds were flushed. The coaches harvested any birds missed by the students.

The second group of youth showed up later in the morning, registered and listened to the safety lecture and discussion. They then took their turn shooting at clay pigeons. By the time they finished shooting. the early morning group had finished pheasant hunting and returned to the barn and cleaned their pheasants under the supervision of Bill Moulds . Both groups, their parents, the coaches, dog handlers and other helpers then retired to the barn where two rows of tables had been set up. All were then treated to a lunch consisting of German sausage hot dogs, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, chili beans, potato chips, bottled water or soft drinks. Everyone was able to go through the serving line until they were full. The food was great. After lunch the second group went hunting and after they finished they cleaned the pheasants they shot. Each youth was able take home a cleaned pheasant. The remaining pheasants were prepared at the Club's Wild Game Dinner the following Saturday. Before they went home, each kid received a beautiful engraved golden lock blade knife in a wooden presentation box as a memento of the hunt, courtesy of the Ringold Pheasants Forever Club and the Limits Game Farm. Sponsors of the Pheasant Shoot were: Limits Game Farm, Ringold Pheasants Forever and the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Hunter Education instructor Don Board was in charge of the actual hunt. Volunteers and guests that helped were: Dave and Pam Piovesan,, Clare Cranston, Don Hartshorn, John Pfeiffer, Eddie Manthos, Mike Estes, Craig Seal, Lyle Gilk, John Prather, Gene Van Liew, Richard Libby,, Barry McEachen, Hugh McEachen, Bill Moulds, Casey Hill, Chris Cerna and Bob Loeffler. Dave Myers, Doug Eggebraken, John O'Leary and Tina Bernsen (along with their dog) were the dog handlers. Special recognition is again due to Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan who organized the event and solicited the many volunteers. Dave's wife Pam cooked the chili, set up the serving line and kept us supplied with coffee. Hugh McEachen was the barbecue cook. This was the first Hunter Education Students Pheasant Shoot of the year. The second shoot will take place this fall at the Limits Game

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Jim Kline of Snohomish, Eric Sims of Puyallup, John Prather & Family and Chris Landon from Kennewick, James Meisna and Robert F Thornton from Richland.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:**-Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start **June 12, 2006**. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were no entries in the April photo contest.



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### JUNE MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT June 10, 2006 ,9 am to Noon "SAFE FROM DROWNING"

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).

**SPORTSMEN STOP CALIFORNIA ANTI-HUNTING BILL:-** (05/26), Grassroots action by the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and California outdoorsmen has blocked a bill that threatens hunting dog competitors and field coursers. Assembly Bill 2110, which will make open field coursing competitions illegal, did not move out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 25. The bill's sponsor, Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, D-El Cerrito, failed to garner enough support among the committee members, which prevented the bill from reaching the Assembly floor. The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA) invested thousands of dollars on a series of mailings and e-mail alerts to sportsmen in key legislative districts. The USSA supporters were urged to turn the heat up on assembly members who had not committed to protecting sportsmen's interests by opposing AB 2110. In addition, the USSA hired a lobbyist who helped identify legislators that sportsmen needed to target with calls. The Masters of Foxhounds Association of America and the United Kennel Club also sent mailings to their California members in specific legislative districts, alerting them to the dangers of AB 2110. They were urged to call lawmakers and describe the bill's impact on sportsmen and its financial impact to local law enforcement. Grassroots action by members of California Houndsmen for Conservation and field coursing and falconry groups were also essential in stopping the damaging bill. The California Waterfowl Association also lobbied against the bill. A measure of victory was achieved earlier when Hancock amended the bill to remove the original language that would have made vulnerable to prosecution all who hunt with dogs and pet owners whose dogs have run-ins with backyard wildlife. Above information from the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and [www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org).

### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JUNE GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, June 6, 2006, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility  
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, June 20, 2006, 7:00 pm - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco  
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - June 21, 2006, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

### JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Speaker at the June General Meeting will be Bruce Bjornstad who will be speaking on the Ice Age Floods that have shaped the terrain of the Columbia Basin. Bruce is a geologist and senior research scientist at PNNL. He has recently written a book about the ice age floods and the features they created in the Mid-Columbia Basin. The ice age floods were of an enormous magnitude and were responsible for the formation of features such as the Potholes area, Grand Coulee, and White Bluffs as well as many other features we as hunters and fishermen see but don't understand.

The meeting will take place at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 6 at the usual location, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.

- There will be no General Meeting in July or August. The July meeting is being replaced by the Sidewalk Arts Show salmon booth and the August meeting is being replaced by the Club Picnic/Salmon Barbecue.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

### MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Gene Van Liew opened the meeting.

- Former Club member Jeff Rampon announced that he and his family have returned to the Tri-Cities from South Carolina.
- Announcements were made by Larry Martin, Howard Gardner, Dianne Warrant and Gene Van Liew..
- The main speaker, Club member Paul Kison, was introduced. His topic was the Namibia big game hunting trip he took April 17, 2005 after retiring from work August, 2004. He flew from Pasco to Atlanta, then to the Solomon Islands, from there to Johannesburg and then to Winto, Namibia on the South Coast of Africa, total travel time was 37 hours. Namibia, according to Paul, is probably one of the safest countries to visit. Credit cards are accepted by only a few places except at large cities and some restaurants. Personal checks however are usually accepted. He hunted at Jan Oelofse's Mt. Etjo Game Lodge located 180 miles north of Windhoek, Namibia. He arrived late in the day at the lodge and was treated very well upon his arrival. The facility has three lodges with a staff of 85 permanent employees and is a 90 square mile area surrounded with 10 foot high fences. Besides hunting, some of the visitors vacation at the lodge and view the wildlife in the area. A lake inhabited by 17 hippopotamuses is adjacent to the lodge. Food service was very good and delicious at the lodge. Paul mentioned that there were 19 elephants on the lodge property and ate table scraps from the lodge. One of the first things that Paul did was to sight in his guns, rifles were required to be 30-06 or larger. While hunting they traveled in "All Wheel" or 4 wheel drive vehicles made by UNI. Ostriches were everywhere in the area and 8 to 9 feet tall. There are many Springbuck on the property and were of

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were two entries in the May photo contest. Gary Hagedorn entered a pair of photos showing Gary with the results of fishing for Ling Cod at Neah Bay in April, 2006. Mike Estes entered a photo taken by Paul Logman showing Mike with a Merriams gobbler he harvested this spring that weighed 18 pounds and had a 9 inch beard and one inch long spurs.

very good quality. Paul succeeded in harvesting a Gemsbuck that was #1 on his list. He also harvested a 'left handed' Warthog (left tusk shorter than the right). A left handed hog roots with his left tusk and as a consequence it is the shorter tusk. After his hunt, Paul toured South Africa and visited Capetown where he saw the Cape pf Good Hope.

Airfare for the trip was \$2,100 per person. Cost for the hunt, including lodging and trophy preparation was \$6,600. Paul's Powerpoint presentation was very good and the photographs he showed were spectacular. He answered many questions from the audience and many stayed after the meeting to get more details from Paul concerning the trip.

● Winners of the Club raffle were: Dianne Warrant who won a binocular and case, John Hall - 200 .22 rimfire cartridges, John Everyll - 2 boxes of 12 gauge shotgun shells, David Hetzer - 45 caliber pistol shells, and Dave Myers - a box of 20 gauge shotgun shells.

● Winners of the Past Club Presidents drawing for Richland Rod & Gun Club patches were: Dale Schielke, Dave Myers and Mike Estes, each won a patch and a *Past President* 'rocker'. Paul Kison, Jeff Fulks, John Pfeiffer, Gaylord Pyle, Larry Martin Bill Lambert, Dianne Warrant and Jack Pickard each won a patch.

**WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP:** The Club is sponsoring 10 youth, nominally six from the Club and four from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp are July 16-22 for girls and July 23-29 for boys. A camper (boy or girl) must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. If you know of a youth(s) who is interested in attending camp, contact Larry Martin at 545-9647 as soon as possible.

**SALMON BOOTH 2006:**-Howard Gardner - The Allied Arts Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 28 & 29. The RR&GC will have the lead this year. At least 70 volunteers will be needed. This is the Club's main money raising project for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July 27 from 6-8:00 PM. The booth will operate from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Friday July 28 and Saturday July 29. Shifts will be 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM and 5:00-9:00 PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00 PM. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/05, will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and during which shift. To save the phone tree callers some time please contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183 to sign up for a shift(s). You can also sign up at the June 6 General meeting. Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun.

● Only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a Health Card. Shift workers are not required to have Health Cards. Those that would like to have that training and take the test to get a card can do so at the Allied Arts Gallery, 89 Lee Blvd., Richland on Wednesday, June 28 and Wednesday, July 12 at 6:45 PM sharp at the Allied Arts Gallery. Doors will be closed right at 7PM. Health card and testing cost ~ \$10 but attendance only is free and open to all workers. Cost of the cards, will be reimbursed by the Club on request. See you at the Booth.

**FISHING KIDS:** About 1,250 kids between the ages of 5-14 years old registered and participated in the Fishing Kids Event that took place at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond on a breezy Saturday, May 6. For \$5:00 each kid, that pre-registered, received a Zebco fishing rod and reel with line, hook, sinker, float, bait and a Fishing Kids T-shirt. The pond had been closed earlier in the week after it had been stocked by the WDFW. Participants started to line up early before the event. Many kids caught fish in spite of the wind. The *Pond Walker* volunteers made a big difference and helped many kids, especially the first time fishers, catch their fish. Many volunteers from various organizations helped. Members of the Walla Walla Walleye Club camped out at the pond Friday night and patrolled it to stop people from fishing before the event. Grigg's Shopping center prepared all the signs. Grigg's and the Sportsman's Warehouse donated baits and other tackle used by the kids and had employees participate. The RR&GC was a major participant. We helped in planning of the event, handed out registration forms at Lunker Lake in January and assembled 1, 250 rods before the event. Volunteers from the Club, including family members and friends, were: Jerry Zeitler, Gene Van Liew, Paul Seuberlich, Richard Sharp, Dan McGuire, Gaylord Pyle, Dave Myers, Dale Landon, Bob Kollowith, Jerry Burke, Dianne and Wade Warrant,, Leonard Northrop, Fred Porter, Rich Holten, Clare Cranston, Rick Nelson, Luke Winkleman, Rick and Angie Conant, Eddie Manthos, Bill Lambert (the Club's master fish cleaner), Russ Wyer, Mike Estes, Mac McDonnell, Paul Kison, Larry Martin, and Dave Piovesan. Other volunteers were: Steve Post, Joseph Bauman, Rick Moulton, Jim Verome and Ted Posten. Joe Pauly and Bryce Ellison were EMT volunteers from the Mesa region. A lunch snack for the volunteers was cooked by Ken Johanning. Hot dogs, buns, potato chips and condiments were donated by Costco and Pepsi Cola and other soft drinks were donated by Pepsi Cola. I am sure that I did not get all the volunteers names especially all those that were involved in registration, passing out of T-shirts and those that helped at the fishing rod casting instruction station. Ken Johanning deserves a big hand for being the announcer and especially for cooking lunch for the volunteers. Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist and Jim Owens from the Cast For Kids organization worked very hard to make the event a success. Lauri Sherfey member of the WSU Extension Faculty and involved in 4-H

Youth Development was very instrumental in organizing this event and prior events. Without her, this event would have been difficult to organize. The Kennewick Recreation Department took care of the kids registration, set up the park for the event and supplied the tables and fencing used at the park. WDFW enforcement agents Brian Fulton and John Horn were present and helped wherever they were needed. Prior to the Event, **eighteen kids** attended and passed an Angling Education Class at Griggs on Monday, May 1 and Friday, May 5. They were able to fish in the first shift of the event. Many thanks to instructors Dave Myers, Dave Neff, Clare Cranston and Ben Webb who taught on Monday and Dave Myers, Dave Neff, Clare Cranston and Jack Pickard who taught on Friday.

**SALMON SUMMIT:** The Salmon Summit event, where grade school children release salmon fry they raised in their classroom, took place Tuesday, May 9 at Horn Rapids Park. Club members that helped were Jeff Fulks, Bob Kolowith Eddie Manthos, Mack McDonnell Dan McGuire John Pfeiffer John Stevens Gene Van Liew, Dianne Warrant, Ev Weakley Ben Webb and Ron DeMarquette (non member). About 1,200 children participated in the event and arrived in school buses. The first event was release of the salmon fry. We netted the tiny fry from the large containers the students brought the fry in and placed one or more in a paper cup. The students then walked down the boat ramp and released the fry from their cup into the Yakima River. Reaction of the students as they released the fry was varied; some cried, others laughed and some tried to photograph the fry after they were released. Teachers and parents photographed the students as they released the fry.

● After the fish release at the boat ramp, the students participated in many LEARNING STATIONS. Many of the Club volunteers helped at the various stations until the Summit was over. The tired but happy students then boarded their buses and headed back to their schools. It was an event packed day for them.

● Rachel Little, the Summit organizer, again did a great job organizing the event. There were no glitches and everything was on schedule. She deserves a lot of credit for this event.

● Many thanks to "ALA CART Golf Carts" 500 Wellsian Way, Ste. C, Richland, WA. (Nancey Austin) for the loan of two golf carts and the "CAT RENTAL Store" 1620 James, Pasco, WA. (Chris Nolte) for the trailer used to transport the carts to and from Horn Rapids Park. The golf carts were used to ferry volunteers and equipment to the various Learning Stations.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:**-Clare Cranston - Hunter Education classes (Maximum of 32 persons each) are scheduled to start **June 12, 2006 and July 10, 2006.** Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to sign up and verify the dates.

**INPUT NEEDED FOR FRESHWATER FISH COMMITTEE:** Clare Cranston is a member of the WDFW Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Committee. To be an effective committee member Clare needs input from Club members and the public about any ideas, concerns, changes or other information that he can report to the Committee. Please call Clare at 547-6273 and give him any input that should be discussed at the quarterly meetings.

**RICHARD FITZNER SCHOLARSHIP:** - Howard Gardner - The Club received no scholarship applications from WSU, but we have four from Eastern Washington University which I just received about two months late. In the interest of prompt action on our part, the Board of Trustees and interested Volunteers are requested to stay after the June 6 Club meeting to select a student for the \$500.00 annual scholarship.

#### **VOLUNTEER PROJECTS**

- Gaylord Pyle helped WDFW Fish Biologist Paul Hoffarth net salmon & steelhead fry on the Columbia River on May 11.
- Bill Hays helped Paul Hoffarth net salmon & steelhead fry on the Columbia River on May 24.
- Two guzzler tanks, that were burned by the 2002 fire on Rattlesnake Mountain, were dug out and replaced with new tanks on Saturday, May 20 by Rick Conant, Mike Estes, Kelly Kiez, Paul Kison, Larry Martin, Rocky Ross, Jack Stevens, Scott Stevens, Gene Van Liew and Randy Wiseman. A new top was installed on one tank and the other top will be installed in the near future.

**T-SHIRTS WITH CLUB LOGO CAN BE ORDERED AT JUNE GENERAL MEETING:** You can order short sleeved T-shirts with an embroidered Club logo at the June 6 General Meeting. Dianne Warrant will have a sample(s) of the shirt with logo at the meeting. The shirts are of a high quality 50-50 cotton-polyester fabric in a khaki color. Cost of the shirt with logo is about \$10-\$11.00. They can be worn at Club events such as the Salmon Summit, Fishing Kids, Salmon Booth to publicize the Club. They are a handsome shirt and are available in mens and womens sizes. If you order them at the June meeting, they should be available to be worn at the July 28-29 Allied Arts Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth.



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### VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

- A new metal top and metal supports were installed on Guzzler #75 on June 5 by Larry Martin, Ben Webb and Gene Van Liew.
- If you have participated in a volunteer project that I am not aware of, please let me know so that you can be credited on the Club Volunteers data base. Please call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or send e-mail with details of the project to [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com) I know that some members have participated in projects that I am not aware of. Thanks.

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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JULY GENERAL MEETING - **THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST**  
 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, July 18, 2006, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**  
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - July 20, 2006, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).  
 ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - Friday & Saturday, July 28 & 29  
 RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC August 1, 2005 AT SOUTH LESLIE GROVES PARK (Tuesday) 6:00 PM

### 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 28 and 29 (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 Tuesday August 1 (see article below.)

### JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Gene Van Liew opened the meeting.

- Rachel Little from the Benton Conservation District announced that 1,100 students attended the Salmon Summit at Horn Rapids Park on May 9. As of early June, seven of the released and tagged salmon fry had passed over McNary Dam; an eighth fry was also detected at John Day Dam. She thanked the Club for its assistance at the last two Salmon Summits, the donation of a fish tank and associated equipment used at one of the schools and for helping to secure funding for the 2006 and future Salmon In The Classroom projects. She presented the Club a large framed appreciation certificate that will be displayed at the Club's Hunter Education Facility at Grigg's. Those present thanked Rachel for her efforts in making the Salmon In The Classroom projects and two Salmon Summits big successes.

- Two guests introduced themselves.

- Announcements were made by Larry Martin, Lyle Gilk, Dianne Warrant, Dave Myers, Gene Van Liew and Dale Schielke.
  - Dianne showed the T-shirts with Club Logo that could be ordered. Cost of the khaki short sleeved T-shirts was \$10.00 for small to extra large sizes and \$14.00 for 1X to 2X sizes and \$15.00 for 3X size. A sheet was passed around for people to sign up who wanted the shirts that will be available at the June 20 Board Meeting.

- Dave Myers announced that a Club Salmon Derby will take place this year, the Columbia River salmon season opens August 15. Derby dates will be announced in the July Club Newsletter. Rules for the derby will be the same as last years and are shown later in this Newsletter.

- Dale Schielke stated that the Club's ALEA grant application for Wood Duck nesting boxes was not selected. There was a total of nine applications for the grant. Dale is investigating the possibility of applying for a grant from different sources.

- Program Chairman Dale Landon introduced the speaker of the evening Bruce Bjornstad. Bruce is of Norwegian ancestry and is a geologist and PNNL Senior Research Scientist. His topic was Ice Age Floods of the Mid-Columbia. The floods took

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There was one entrant for the June photo contest. Dale Schielke was the winner with a photo, taken by Dan Evans, of Dale with an 18 inch smallmouth bass he caught in Casey Pond on a yellow beadhead bugger. Dale caught and released the fish on May 21, 2006. Dale will win five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting.

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place over about a 15,000 year period and were of giant magnitude. They were the result of ice dams that formed and created Lake Missoula that was about 2,000 feet deep. When the ice dam gave way, a flood occurred. The floods occurred every few dozen years and the number of floods could have been a thousand or so. The area which is now Portland was covered with 300 feet of water. A 100 to 200 foot deep layer of loess, a fine soil, was deposited as a result of the floods. Many lakes and much wildlife habitat were formed by the floods. Potholes (lakes) were formed from water vortexes. Many spectacular slides were also a result of the floods. As the floods passed through Wallula Gap, water backed up over the Tri-Cities area to an elevation of 1250 feet. The lake formed by the backed up water is named Lake Lewis. Each flood had a duration of one to two weeks. Bruce showed many photos, including aerial and satellite photos, of the flood results that are still visible. The photos were spectacular. Bruce is the author of a new book entitled "On the Trail of the Ice Age Flood". It is a geological field guide to the Mid-Columbia Basin. It lists 30 hiking and biking trails, five driving tours and two aerial tours. It has 250 new photographs and diagrams and has a color insert with 16 color plates. It also lists the GPS coordinates of the different areas referenced in the book. It is a 'Keokee Guide Book' and retails for \$19.00. Many questions were asked from the audience. Several autographed books were purchased after the meeting.

- Winners of the Club raffle were: Mike Estes who won a large radio controlled model truck, Dale Schielke and Richard Libby won a package of shotgun shells, Larry Martin won a package of .22 rifle shells, Dave Myers won a package of pistol shells and Ben Webb, Larry Martin and Jack Pickard won a bottle of Pro-Cure salmon egg cure donated by Lloyd Zinsli.

**WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP:** The Club is sponsoring 10 youth, nominally six from the Club and four from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp are July 16-22 for girls and July 23-29 for boys. A camper (boy or girl) must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. If you know of a youth(s) who is interested in attending camp, contact Larry Martin at 545-9647 as soon as possible.

**SALMON BOOTH 2006:**-Howard Gardner - The Allied Arts Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 28 & 29. The RR&GC will have the lead this year. At least 70 volunteers will be needed. This is the Club's main money raising project for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July 27 from 6-8:00 PM. The booth will operate from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Friday July 28 and Saturday July 29. Shifts will be 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM and 5:00-9:00 PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00 PM. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/05, will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and during which shift. To save the phone tree callers some time please contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183 to sign up for a shift(s). Most who have worked at the in the past agree that it is a lot of fun plus you get a salmon dinner at the end of your shift.

- Only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a Health Card. Shift workers are not required to have Health Cards. Those that would like to have that training and take the test to get a card can do so at the Allied Arts Gallery, 89 Lee Blvd., Richland on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:45 PM sharp at the Allied Arts Gallery. Doors will be closed right at 7PM. Health card and testing cost ~ \$10 but attendance only is free and open to all workers. Cost of the cards, will be reimbursed by the Club on request. See you at the Booth.

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER** - Dan Mayer from Kennewick.

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 I have a boat, and am willing to take others \_\_\_\_\_ My boat can accommodate \_\_\_\_\_ fishermen in addition to myself.

Mail the completed registration form and remittance to:  
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**DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:** A duck banding event will take place at the McNary Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, August 13. All youth 17 years of age and under including Ducks Unlimited Greenwings and RR&GC youth are invited and encouraged to attend. The banding and other events are being sponsored/organized by the USFWS/McNary National Wildlife Refuge, the Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited chapter, Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club and RR&GC. Meet at the McNary NWR Headquarters parking lot at Burbank, 600 Maple St. on Saturday August 13 at 8:00 AM. In addition to helping install bands on ducks that were trapped earlier, the youth will learn about the migratory habits of waterfowl and the importance of banding in waterfowl research and management. Come dressed (long pants and insect repellent) for the occasion and bring a duck call if you want to compete in the duck calling contest.. Other events that will take place that day are: Waterfowl ID, Wood Duck Box demonstration and building, duck and goose calling demonstration, water dog retriever demonstration and Hunter Safety demonstration. **There will again be a duck calling contest for all youth that bring a duck call with them.** Contestants will be divided into three age groups: under 8, 8 to 13 and 14 to 17. Awards/prizes will be given to the winner(s) in each of the groups. There were eleven entrants in last years hotly contested event. Last year, the 14-17 year old contestants coached the younger youth on how to blow a duck call and even loaned them their calls so they could compete. Some of the kids were exceptionally good and much better than a lot of us adults. The Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever club will be there with water dogs for retriever demonstrations. Waterfowl mounts will be demonstrated. Dale Schielke will show wood duck nesting boxes, results from installed wood duck boxes and youth will help in building a new nesting box(s) that will be installed next winter/spring.. Lyle Gilk will have a firearms display and speak about hunter education and hunter ethics. This will be an educational and fun project. It is a great opportunity for youth to learn about waterfowl and waterfowl banding.

Don't miss out, be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 13 If you need more information call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009.

This event will be part of the August Second Saturday Event at the McNary Wildlife Refuge.

**JULY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT July, 8 2006 ,9 am to Noon**  
**"CATCH A BUG"**  
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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, August 15, 2006, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - August 22, 2006, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC August 1, 2005 AT SOUTH LESLIE GROVES PARK (Tuesday) 6:00 PM

### AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

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• Raffle tickets for the November 11 Barker Ranch Guided Youth Duck Hunt will be available for purchase at the picnic. See following article for details.

**SALMON BOOTH PAINTED AND MODIFIED:** The booth which is utilized at the Sidewalk Arts Show for the preparation of salmon dinners was cleaned, painted and modified on July 17 and 18. The modifications consisted of new counter tops and braces. John Pfeiffer, Clint Worchester, Bob Kolowith, Gaylord Pyle and Gene Van Liew participated in the project that took place at the Richland Knight of Columbus grounds. Gaylord Pyle's pressure washer and airless sprayer were used to clean and paint the booth.

**USFWS 2006 WATERFOWL BREEDING GROUND POPULATION AND HABITAT SURVEY;** (Excerpted from a USFWS news release). The preliminary 2006 Waterfowl Breeding Ground Population and Habitat Survey conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates a total duck population of more than 36 million; or a 14 percent increase from last year's estimate and 9 percent above the 1955-2005 average.

• Pintail populations are below their historic average numbers, the survey shows a 32 percent increase in pintail population from the previous year. However, wigeon and scaup are not experiencing those positive trends and that's cause for concern."

Highlights from the survey in the north-central United States, south-central and northern Canada, and Alaska include:

- Mallard abundance was 7.3 million birds, which was similar to last year's estimate of 6.8 million birds and the long-term average.
- Blue-winged teal abundance was 5.9 million birds. This value was 28 percent greater than last year's estimate of 4.6 million birds and 30 percent above the long-term average.
- The estimated abundance of green-winged teal at 2.6 million was 20 percent greater than last year and 39 percent above the long-term average.
- The estimated number of 2.8 million gadwall was 30 percent greater than last year and was 67 percent above the long-term average; whereas the estimated number of 916,000 redheads increased 55 percent over 2005 and was 47 percent above the long-term average.
- Canvasbacks numbered 691,000, 33 percent higher than last year and 23 percent over the long-term average.

• Northern shovelers at 3.7 million were 69 percent above their long-term average.

• Although the numbers of most species increased over last year and were greater than their long-term averages, American wigeon at 2.2 million and scaup (lesser and greater combined; 3.2 million) were 17 percent and 37 percent below their long-term averages, respectively. The estimate for scaup was a record low for the second consecutive year.

• The abundance of northern pintails at 3.4 million was 18 percent below the 1955-2005 average, although this year's estimate was 32 percent greater than that of last year.

• This preliminary report does not include estimates for the eastern survey area or information from surveys conducted by State or Provincial agencies. The entire 2006 Trends in Waterfowl Breeding Populations report can be downloaded from the Service's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/> and will be updated when the data are compiled.

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**DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:**

● A duck banding event will take place at the McNary Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, August 12. All youth 17 years of age and under including Ducks Unlimited Greenwings and RR&GC youth are invited and encouraged to attend. The banding and other events are being sponsored/organized by the USFWS/McNary National Wildlife Refuge, the Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited chapter, Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club and RR&GC. Meet at the McNary NWR Headquarters parking lot at Burbank, 600 Maple St. on Saturday August 12 at 8:00 AM. In addition to helping install bands on ducks that were trapped earlier, the youth will learn about the migratory habits of waterfowl and the importance of banding in waterfowl research and management. Come dressed (long pants and insect repellent) for the occasion and bring a duck call if you want to compete in the duck calling contest.. Other events that will take place that day are: Waterfowl ID, Wood Duck Box demonstration and building, duck and goose calling demonstration, water dog retriever demonstration and Hunter Safety demonstration. **There will again be a duck calling contest for all youth that bring a duck call with them.** Contestants will be divided into three age groups: under 8, 8 to 13 and 14 to 17. Awards/prizes will be given to the winner(s) in each of the groups. There were eleven entrants in last years hotly contested event. Last year, the 14-17 year old contestants coached the younger youth on how to blow a duck call and even loaned them their calls so they could compete. Some of the kids were exceptionally good and much better than a lot of us adults. The Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever club will be there with water dogs for retriever demonstrations. Waterfowl mounts will be demonstrated. Dale Schielke will show wood duck nesting boxes, results from installed wood duck boxes and youth will help in building a new nesting box(s) that will be installed next winter/spring. Lyle Gilk will have a firearms display and speak about hunter education and hunter ethics. This will be an educational and fun project. It is a great opportunity for youth to learn about waterfowl and waterfowl banding. Don't miss out, be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 12 If you need more information call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009. This event will be part of the August Second Saturday Event at the McNary Wildlife Refuge.

- Refuge personnel may need help with the duck capture traps from Monday August 7 through Saturday, the day of the event. Help may also be needed removing the ducks from the traps; if you can help call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009.
- Raffle tickets for the November 11 Barker Ranch Guided Youth Duck Hunt will be available for purchase at the event.

**AUGUST MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT**

**August 12, 2006 ,9 am to Noon**

**"BAND A DUCK"**

**McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).**

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were two entries for the July photo contest. One from Mike Estes and the other from Dan McGuire. The Board of Trustees decided that both photos were winners. Mike and Dan will each win five free raffle tickets at the September General meeting. Mike's entry shows Mike with a Greater Kudu he harvested in South Africa on June 12, 2006. The photo was taken by Professional Hunter Carl Erasmus. Dan's entry shows Dan and Jerry Jacubi with limits of Alaska King Salmon. Both photos can be viewed on the Club website

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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, September 19, 2006, 7:00 pm - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - September 21, 2006, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The first meeting after the *summer break* will be held on Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 PM at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility on Queensgate in Richland. The subject of the meeting will be Fall Hunting - Water and Fire Arms Safety.
- Mr. Mark Allen of the Columbia Basin Dive Rescue will speak about water safety as it relates to hunting and fishing.
- Mr. Gary Scriven, retired WDFW Enforcement Officer, certified Hunter Safety Training instructor and member of the Ringold branch of Pheasants Forever will speak about fire arms safety at home and in the field.

### SALMON BOOTH 2006: Dale Schielke & Howard Gardner

• In its 21st year, the Salmon Booth was successfully run under the Banner of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. This year the profit was in excess of \$4000.00 to be shared equally by both clubs. "The Salmon Sandwich", in its eighth year, continues to be a good seller. A total of 500 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as dinners or sandwiches. Again, activities associated with the Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to the following great group of volunteers which includes members of both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and the Columbia Basin Fly Casters: Walt Allen, Chris Barnes, Don Barnes, Sara Barron, Jerry Bloom, David Bucher, James Bucher, Jim Bucher (2), Terry Christensen, Tim Clemons, Clare Cranston, Karen Estes, Mike Estes (2), Jeff Fulks, Margaret Fulks (2), Ken Gano, Howard Gardner (5), Bob Gough (2), Harold Heacock (2), Rich Holten, Harvey Husingh, Paul Kison, Bob Kolowith (4), Lou LaDouceur, Dale Landon (2), Rick Libby (2), Jim Loomis, Eddie Manthos, Bob Margulies, Mack McDonnell (2), Jim McKinnis, Mike McWethy (2), Rick Nelson (2), John Pfeiffer (2), Jack Pickard, Gaylord Pyle, Dan Robertson, Rocky Ross, Diana Santos, Richard Santos, Jim Saunders, Dale Schielke (5), Mary Jane Sheely, Wally Sheely, Bill Siefken, Duane Sobotka, Marilyn Steele, Dan Stepnewski, Mike Thompson, Robert Thornton (2), Gene VanLiew (3), Dianne Warrant, Wade Warrant, Ev Weakley, Ben Webb, Gene Woodruff, Dewey Woollum, Todd Woollum, Clint Worcester (2), Margie Worcester, Larry Worden, and Sharon Zinsli. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered.

• Also thanks to John Pfeiffer for again managing booth setup, tear down and storage, no small task. Additionally we want to thank John Pfeiffer, Gene VanLiew, Gaylord Pyle, Bob Kolowith, and Clint Worcester for repainting the booth and modifying the countertops with new supports 10 days prior to the set-up. Many thanks again to Dale Schielke and Howard Gardner for organizing the event, purchasing the *groceries* and being present at every shift. They are a big reason the event is a success. As in previous years, we received a clean bill of health from the Benton-Franklin District Health Dept. Our extra

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**CATERED SALMON BARBECUE:** - Dale Schielke-A catered Salmon BBQ lunch will be held Thursday, Sept 7th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Battelle Staff Association picnic grounds at 7th Street and Einstein Ave. We will start cooking about 10:30 am. We will need about 5 volunteers to assist in setting up; pick-up/delivering fish, coleslaw, and rolls; cooking; and serving on Thursday morning.

We will also need volunteers to assist in fish preparation on Wednesday evening to will be held at Cash & Carry after closing at 6 pm. We will be making boats and preparing/applying the secret sauce for 150 # of salmon filets. With a good crew we should be able to complete this in an hour. Please confirm with Dale Schielke, (375-0183) for which activity you are available to volunteer (Wed Sept 6th fish prep or Thurs Sept 7th cook). You can also sign up at the September 5 General Meeting.

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September 9, 2006 , 9 am to Noon  
"Bats- Mammals, not baseball"

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**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** The August winner is Bob Kolowith who is shown with his trophy Bighorn Sheep that he harvested in November 2005. Bob will win five free raffle tickets at the September General meeting. He harvested the ram at the Cleman Mountain Unit west of Yakima. The photograph can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/id23.htm>.

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effort in temperature control and cleanliness pays off. In addition, we get many compliments on the dinners/sandwiches and many customers that come down year after year for the delicious salmon. Next year the Columbia Basin Fly Casters will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers.

**RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC:** The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic was held on Tuesday, August 1. We were once again fortunate that the weather was beautiful. A total of sixty six adults attended. The alder smoked salmon, prepared by Dale Schielke, Dave Myers and Dale Landon was great and served as soon as it was ready. In fact the serving line opened up a few minutes early. Dale Landon served generous salmon portions and there was plenty for seconds and more. The pot luck side dishes, salads and desserts were excellent, especially the Dutch Oven cooked desserts prepared at the park by Dale Schielke and Dave Myers. Left over cooked salmon filets were sold. After we finished eating, the annual hotly contested liars contest was held. At first it appeared that there would be only two contestants. After some persuasion we ended up with a total of seven. They were Bob Margulies, Paul Kison, Clare Cranston, Jerry Burke, Sharon Zinsli, Paul Seuberlich and Mike Estes. Dale Landon ran the contest with the help of several judges. First place winner (Biggest Liar-\$30 gift certificate) was Mike Estes, second place winner (Bigger Liar-\$20 gift certificate) was Sharon Zinsli and third place winner (Big Liar-\$10 gift certificate) was Paul Seuberlich. Sharon and Paul were first time contestants in the contest. Many thanks to Dale Landon, Dale Schielke and Dave Myers who helped make the picnic a great success.

**RR&GC 2006 SALMON DERBY:** The Club with the help of Dave Myers is organizing a Salmon Derby that will be open to members of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Juvenile anglers who are children of Club members are entered under the Club members entry. Rules/guidelines for the Derby are:

- Angler must be registered in the Derby at the time the fish is caught. Derby runs from Registration Date of each angler through October 22, 2006.
- Area: Waters of the Columbia River and its' Washington tributaries from Bonneville Dam upstream to Priest Rapids Dam.
- All entered fish must be taken in accordance with Fishing Regulations established by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife..
- Registration fee is \$10:00 per adult angler.
- Prize values will be determined based on the number of participants, all registration fees to be returned as prizes.
- To be eligible all successful anglers must provide the following: (1) Photo of the fish, showing the successful angler. (2)Length of fish (from snout to tip of tail). (3) Girth of fish (measured immediately forward of the dorsal fin). (4) Approximate weight (use Deliar, bathroom scale, or other system). (5) Date caught and approximate location: (we are not seeking your secret hole). (6) Rig used (bait, lure, presentation method). (7) Name of successful Angler.
- Prizes will be distributed at the November General Meeting. Photos will be posted on the club website.

*It is our desire to get members out, together if possible. To that end, if you have a boat and are willing and able to take one or more club members with you please indicate on the registration form.*

#### **Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a boat, and am willing to take others \_\_\_\_\_ My boat can accommodate \_\_\_\_\_ fishermen in addition to myself.

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547-6273. Club members are welcome to come and observe the shoot and see what it is all about.

**DISABLED HUNTER BLIND AT PENINSULA UNIT UPGRADED:** Disabled waterfowl hunters will now have much better access to the #11 disabled hunting blind at the Peninsula Habitat Management Unit this season with the addition of a sturdy 48-foot ramp. Four volunteers, all avid waterfowl hunters, repositioned the blind so it's closer to the back-water bay of the Columbia River and built the ramp, which makes the hunting blind accessible to wheelchairs. The blind can be approached by vehicle for easy unloading at the ramp. An old service road into the blind is closed off with a locked gate; however, disabled hunters can obtain permission to drive on the service road. This project was led by Bill Hays who proposed

the idea and design to the McNary National Wildlife Refuge staff. After receiving approval, Bill and his team of Eric Bickel, Curt Cleveland, and Steve Goodwin constructed the ramp over two weekends. A photo of the blind and access ramp is on the Club's website at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/id24.htm>. Lumber for the ramp and other materials was provided by the McNary Refuge.

**2006 YOUTH DUCK BANDING AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:** Fifteen to twenty youth attended the duck banding event at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday, August 12. Unfortunately no ducks were trapped even though traps were set out at two different locations.

- Biologist Howard Browers gave a very good presentation explaining why ducks and other birds are banded and he showed the different styles of and sizes of bands. He also showed some of the information learned from returned bands. The group of youth and adults then moved to the location of one of the duck traps and Howard demonstrated how the traps operate. He answered many questions from the youth and adults.

- The group then moved further down the slough and observed two well trained black Labrador retrievers owned by Jeff Rampon and John O'Leary. The dogs put on quite a show as they made 'blind retrieves' and demonstrated their obedience to the owner's commands. Perhaps the most spectacular part of the show was the enthusiasm demonstrated by the dogs during the retrieves.

- Steve Schultz put on a very good duck calling class and demonstration including how to blow a call and the different types of calls hunters use (feeding call etc.). He also showed and demonstrated some of the different duck and goose calls hunters carry.

- Tom Kinney brought a number of various duck species mounts and displayed them. The youth observed the mounts and attempted to identify them with help from Tom.

- Clare Cranston had a large display of various firearms, including rifles, shotguns, side arms and black powder weapons that the youth observed and attempted to identify. The display was impressive and the youth were able to hold and shoulder the long guns and realize how heavy and long some were. Clare talked to the youth about firearms handling and safety and quizzed many about their knowledge of firearm handling especially as related to gun safety.

- Staff of the McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center set up a station where youth could capture insects with a butterfly net and then examine them with a macro microscope.

- Dale Schielke had a wood duck nesting box display along with instructions for building and installing the nesting boxes. Seven youth participated in the construction of a new nesting box from pre-cut parts and built a total of three new nesting boxes. One of the seven youth, a Boy Scout, discussed with Dale the possibility of an Eagle Scout nesting box. Dale, a former Scoutmaster, told the youth that he would help him with the planning of a project. A young lady, who lives close to the river, asked Dale if she lives in a location suitable for installation of a nesting box. Dale told her that he would come see the location and let her know its suitability..

- Unfortunately none of the youth participated in the duck calling contest.

- It was a beautiful day and all the youth enjoyed themselves and learned much. Photographs of the event and participants can be viewed at <http://www.nwrnary.org/>, click on **WHAT YOU MISSED**.

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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 17, 2006, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -October 26, 2006, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

- The second meeting of the fall season will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, October 3 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the WalMart. The speakers will discuss hunting forecasts for big game, upland game and waterfowl for WDFW Regions 1, 2, 3 and the USFWS Mid Columbia Refuges.
- Pat Fowler, Region 1 biologist, will discuss general hunting prospects for upland and big game in Region 1..
- Jim Tabor, Region 2 biologist will cover the hunting prospects for Adams and Grant counties.
- Mike Livingston, Region 3 biologist will cover the hunting prospects for Region 3 upland and big game.
- Gary Hagedorn, USFWS manager of the Mid Columbia River Refuges, will discuss waterfowl and upland bird hunting on the Toppenish, McNary, and Umatilla Refuges.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

• Bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the General Meetings and Board Meetings, the meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to a freezer for storage.

**SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** Three of the six youth that attended the youth summer camp at Orcas Island related their camp experiences.

• Melaina Cooper was the first speaker. She stated that a total of 70 girls attended camp and some were from Oregon. She told about the hike she participated in to the top of Mount Constitution and back. Other events that she particularly remembered were survival training, canoeing, - including how to upright a tipped over canoe and tie her jeans to utilize them as a life preserver. She was particularly impressed with the quality of the food.

• Victoria Paxton was impressed with the leadership training, Hunter Safety, First Aid, air rifle shooting, archery and also enjoyed the food served. The two girls became great friends at camp and also became friends with many of the other girls there.

• Jordan Filbrun liked many of the same things the two girls mentioned and really liked the swimming competition and half mile swim. He agreed that the food was great.

### Announcements were made by:

• Dale Schielke announced that he was looking for volunteers to help at a Salmon Barbecue to be prepared for 300 people at a Safety Meeting.

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### SEPTEMBER MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

October 14, 2006 ,8 am to 1 pm

EXPLORE AT THE McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

**Look For Shorebirds on New Water's Edge Along Trail. SEE - Big Machinery, Fire Fighting, Tools & Refuge Staff. Dig Like an Archaeologist. Of interest to all ages and FREE**

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● Paul Hoffarth is looking for four volunteers per day on October 3 and 4 to help net walleye and other fish at Scooteny Reservoir for a walleye survey from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. Call Paul at 545-2284.

● Dave Myers encouraged members to enter the Club Salmon Derby. He said that only 4 members had entered so far.

● Michael Crowder and Mike Estes spoke about the November 11 Barker Ranch Youth Duck Hunt. The Ranch has donated to the Club a free hunt for a youth and accompanying adult. We are selling raffle tickets to the hunt for \$5.00 each. At the time of the meeting only 40 raffle tickets had been purchased. Michael Crowder gave more details about the hunt. In addition to the guided hunt many other events will take place that day (see details later in this Newsletter). The guided duck hunt alone is worth about \$500.00. A total of 16 youth with their adult companion will participate that day. Tickets will be sold until the October 18 Board meeting when the drawing for the winner will be conducted.

● Dale Landon introduced the first adult speaker of the evening, Mark Allen from Columbia Basin Dive Rescue whose topic was Water Safety. Columbia Basin Dive Rescue consists of 15 squad members and 5 administrators. Mark slanted this program specifically for hunters and fishers and he had plenty of input from the audience. One of the points that he made was about waders. If waders fill with water they do not cause the person to sink, the main effect is that movement by the person is more sluggish than if he was not wearing waders. In fact in many cases, especially if a chest wader has a tight belt around the waist, the wader adds buoyancy when air is trapped in the waders. Hunters should not carry on their person, because of the weight, shotgun shells and/or a gun. He stressed that boaters should write a float plan listing trip details such as where the boat will be launched, what areas will be fished or hunted and other details such as a description with license plate number of automobile used, description of boat - including boat number, names of other participants-with their phone numbers and date and/or time they plan to start fishing/hunting and when they plan to quit. The plan should be left at home with their spouse or other adult. A method of communication such as a cell phone or marine radio should also be available in case of an emergency. Flares should also be available in the boat for emergencies. Throw lines should be available for retrieving anyone that falls overboard. When a person falls into the water, their first reflex is to take a deep breath deep and suck in water, they panic and usually are not able to put on a life jacket. Mark emphasized that the rescuer should remain in the boat instead of jumping in and trying to retrieve a person in the water. Mark demonstrated several kinds of Personal Flotation Devices (PFD), formerly called life preservers/jackets. They are all effective, but only when they are worn. He demonstrated an 'inflatable collar PFD' that is worn around the neck and with a waist belt (Type V). They can inflate automatically when they come into contact with the water. Some are not automatic but are activated by the wearer. They are expensive but can save your life. He mentioned that children under 13 years of age should wear a PFD at all times when in the boat. Mark brought a multitude of boating devices with him. He also had boating safety literature available for the audience to take home with them. There were many questions and discussions at the end of his talk. His presentation was excellent and timely because there are many fishermen and duck hunters out in boats. The weather at this time of the year can be very dangerous for boaters.

● Dale then introduced the final speaker of the evening, Gary Scriven. Gary is a retired WDFW enforcement officer, a Hunter Education instructor, the treasurer of the Ringold branch of Pheasants Forever and a hunter and fishermen. He attends the Club's Hunter Education classes and lectures the students about firearms and range safety, in fact he said that he was going to give us essentially the same presentation he gives to the students. He embellished his talk with firearms accident stories and some of the audience related their stories. He stressed that we should periodically review firearm safety rules, even though we are all aware of them, to remind us of the consequences of being careless and forgetful. He reminded us that guns, loaded or unloaded, should not be left out in our homes, they should be placed out of sight and if possible in a locked gun cabinet or safe. Keep guns and ammunition in separate places. As we all know, loaded guns should not be kept in the house where they could become available to children or strangers. Many gun hunting accidents occur around cars, boats, ORVs etc. He also stated that statistics show that 8 to 9 times out of ten gun accidents happen to someone the hunter knows - not strangers. Make sure that your gun is always pointed in a safe direction and to always be sure of your target before you pull the trigger. Gary's presentation was very good, had every one's attention and invited many comments from the audience.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Dale Schielke who won a water purification kit, Bob Kolowith won a water cooler jug and Dale Schielke, Mike Estes, Gene Van Liew, Paul Kison, Dan McGuire and Larry Martin won an assortment of shotgun or rifle shells.

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!!:** The hunting season has started and once again it is time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held in March of 2007. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut, steelhead and salmon are also needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: (the diagram is shown on the Club's web page under 'Club News-Newsletter' and click on 'Other Club News'). 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

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**RR&GC 2006 SALMON DERBY:** The Club with the help of Dave Myers is organizing a Salmon Derby that will be open to members of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Juvenile anglers who are children of Club members are entered under the Club members entry. Rules/guidelines for the Derby are:

● Angler must be registered in the Derby at the time the fish is caught. Derby runs from Registration Date of each angler through October 22, 2006.

● Area: Waters of the Columbia River and its' Washington tributaries from Bonneville Dam upstream to Priest Rapids Dam.

● All entered fish must be taken in accordance with Fishing Regulations established by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife..

● Registration fee is \$10:00 per adult angler.

● Prize values will be determined based on the number of participants, all registration fees to be returned as prizes.

● To be eligible all successful anglers must provide the following: (1) Photo of the fish, showing the successful angler. (2) Length of fish (from snout to tip of tail). (3) Girth of fish (measured immediately forward of the dorsal fin). (4) Approximate weight (use Deliar, bathroom scale, or other system). (5) Date caught and approximate location: (we are not seeking your secret hole). (6) Rig used (bait, lure, presentation method). (7) Name of successful Angler.

● Prizes will be distributed at the November General Meeting. Photos will be posted on the club website. *It is our desire to get members out, together if possible. To that end, if you have a boat and are willing and able to take one or more club members with you please indicate on the registration form.*

#### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a boat, and am willing to take others \_\_\_\_\_ My boat can accommodate \_\_\_\_\_ fishermen in addition to myself.

Mail the completed registration form and remittance to:

**Richland Rod & Gun Club, P.O. Box 337, Richland, WA 99337-0337** or bring to a General or Board Meeting.

**NOVEMBER 11, 2006 BARKER RANCH YOUTH DUCK HUNT:** Michael Crowder on behalf of The Barker Ranch has donated to the Club a free youth Duck Hunt with an accompanying adult companion. The Club decided at the July 18 meeting of the Board of Trustees to conduct a raffle and award the **Hunt** to the raffle winner.

● Raffle details are: **1).** Cost of a raffle ticket is \$5.00. **2).** The raffle is not restricted to Club members but is open to others. **3).** The youth hunter (under 16 years of age) must possess a valid WDFW hunting license, the adult companion must also possess a valid WDFW license and required migratory bird stamps. **4).** A total of 200 raffle tickets will be printed and available for purchase. **5).** The raffle drawing will be held at the October 17, 2006 Board of Directors meeting. The winner(s) do not need to be present. The raffle will be held no matter how many tickets have been sold.

● Youth Duck Hunt details are: The entire day of November 11 will be dedicated to youth hunting at the Barker Ranch. There will be several youths and their companions hunting that day. Hunting will conclude at 11:00 A.M. The remainder of the day will be a variety of youth oriented activities. Examples are Steve Schultz giving duck calling instruction and a dog handling demo. Each youth hunter will receive a free hand-made wood duck call. Michael Crowder of the Barker Ranch says the value of the call is \$100 and the call is identical to the one he hunts with. Adult companions can hunt but the understanding is that the youths get the first shot, each and every time. A lunch will also be prepared and served to the participants.

● Participants will supply their own shotguns and legal shot shells. They should wear suitable clothing and gear based on the weather conditions that day. The Barker Ranch will supply guides and retrievers.

● The raffle tickets are available for purchase at the Club's October General and Board Meeting.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Rex Gatton from Richland and returned member Terral Finger from Kennewick.



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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday November 7, 2006, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility  
 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, November 21, 2006, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**  
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -November 22, 2006, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

### NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The second meeting of the fall season will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 7 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the WalMart. The first topic will be Water Star Grass, it is the weed that is growing rampant in the Yakima River between the Tri-Cities and Prosser. Marie Zuroske of the So. Yakima County Conservation District will present information about the studies that are being done on the Yakima River to evaluate the Water Star Grass problem. Rachael Little of the Benton County Conservation District will present what Benton County is planning on doing about it. The second topic will be the Amon Creek Wetlands project that is being sponsored by the Tapteal Greenway. Scott Woodward of the Tapteal Greenway will be the speaker.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

• Bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the General Meetings and Board Meetings, the meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to a freezer for storage.

**OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** The Annual Hunting Forecast meeting was opened to a packed house by Club President Gene Van Liew. Eight guests including Sgt. Gene Beireif from WDFW Enforcement stationed in Pasco were in attendance. Several announcements were made by Club members.

- Program Chairman Dale Landon introduced the first speaker Gary Hagedorn, Manager of the Mid Columbia Refuges.
  - Gary mentioned that the 2006 Waterfowl Population Status can be viewed and downloaded in a PDF format at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/reports/status06/waterfowl%20status%202006.pdf>. He said that waterfowl populations are about the same as last year except that widgeon numbers are down and pintail numbers are up. He reminded us that waterfowl hunting success is **weather dependent**.

- The north side of the Toppenish Refuge will probably be flooded in time for the waterfowl season, the south side will not be flooded, except possibly later.

- The McCormack 'B' area in the Umatilla Refuge will be opened and should be good for goose hunting. The McNary Refuge is essentially the same as last year. A maximum of nine posts (hunt sites) will be installed at the millet fields at Wallula Unit, the remainder of the area will be free roam. The millet fields should have been flooded the week of Oct. 2-6. Goose hunting pits on the Peninsula Unit will be phased out. Harvested waterfowl will be swabbed for Avian Flu at the Umatilla and McNary check stations. Because of construction, the McNary check station will be housed at the fire trailer. The Conboy Refuge at Glenwood has been added to the Mid Columbia Refuges complex. It allows deer hunting and has a small waterfowl hunt area.

### NOVEMBER MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

November 11, 2006, 9 am to noon. C'Mon in To Our House - Meet a Local Wildlife Official  
 McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were six entries in October by Bill Brite(2), Richard Sharp(2), Sean Carr and Howard Gardner. The winner was Sean Carr with a photo of Mike Estes, Junior (Sean's English Pointer) and two limits of Huns & one Sharptail harvested in Western Montana on September 23. Sean will receive five free raffle tickets at the November General meeting. All the photos can be viewed on the Club's website under [Photo Contest](#).

**INTERNATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING TRIPS ON CLUB WEB SITE:** Descriptions of international hunting or fishing trips experienced by Club members can be viewed on the Club's web site at: <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/id77.htm>. Two trips are presently shown. Paul Kison's 2005 hunting trip in Namibia and Mike Estes's 2006 trip to South Africa. You can also see the trips by going to <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/> and clicking on [International Hunting & Fishing Trips](#).

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:**-Clare Cranston - There are no Hunter Education classes scheduled for the remainder of 2006. The classes will start again after the first of the year. The first of the 2007 classes will be announced in the December Newsletter.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Club member Clayton Nelson of Richland passed away October 22 of this year at the age of 87. He had been a Club member since 1986. Clayton retired from Westinghouse Hanford in 1984. The Club offers sincere condolences to his wife Ruth and family. May his memory be eternal.

● The second speaker was WDFW Biologist Pat Fowler from Region 1. He discussed the two fires that took place in the Umatilla Forest, the 2005 School House fire and this years Columbia Complex fire. The Columbia Complex fire was not as hot as the School House fire and it burned out old brush and left most trees essentially undamaged and caused no problems for wildlife. The School House fire killed a few animals. He stated that hunters should, before they hunt ,check the Umatilla Forest web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/> to check on road closures due to logging of fire damaged trees. ,

● Pat said that turkeys are doing very well and their numbers are high. Upland birds, pheasants, quail and chukar numbers are down. Grouse numbers are a little better than last year. Whitetail and Mule deer numbers are down in S.E. Washington, Whitetail numbers are also down in the mountains and in Whitman County. There are a few more spike bulls in the Blue Mountains this year, elk are not rebounding in the Wenaha. More permits were allotted for trophy bulls this year and chances are good if you are drawn. Bear numbers are increasing, however they are difficult to hunt in the fall; they should be hunted in old orchards and huckleberry patches. One hundred spring hunt bear permits have been allotted and 600 applications have been received. The cougar population is expanding and the season was lengthened; this year hunters can get two Cougar tags. Cougar predation kills are significant in the Wenaha. There have been no confirmed wolf sightings in Region 1, however there is a good change they are in the region. Moose are migrating into the Blues.

● The last speaker was Mike Livingston from Region 3. Mike is the Biologist for Benton and Franklin Counties. He stated that an average of 273 deer per year are harvested in Franklin County with a 41% success rate. Population of the Rattlesnake Hills elk herd is about 650 The Colockum elk herd is about 3500 animals with a very low bull ratio. The Yakima herd is about 9500 elk. Pheasant numbers are not very good because of farming practices. Pheasant numbers on the Yakama reservation may get better because of a late hatch. Quail numbers have increased to above the 10 year average. Chukar partridge numbers are still low. There are only a few bear in the region.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Richard Libby who won an inflatable collar personal flotation device worth \$130.00, Ken Allread won a dove decoy and Larry Martin won a container of.BBs.

**RICHARD FITZNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** -Howard Gardner The twelfth annual Fitzner Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Lucas Swanson, a student in Wildlife Resources at the University of Idaho. There was one other applicant from the University of Idaho. The \$500.00 annual award, started in 1992, is given to a student in a wildlife field of study to memorialize Richard Fitzner, a well respected biologist and Club member, who died in a tragic plane crash.

**BARKER RANCH YOUTH DUCK HUNT WINNER:** A total of 63 raffle tickets were sold for the November 11 Barker Ranch Youth Duck Hunt raffle. The drawing for the winner was held at the October RR&GC Board of Directors meeting. The lucky winner was Tim Clemons. Congratulations to Tim!

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● All Club members should be alert for the opportunity to solicit and obtain door prizes for the Wild Game Dinner. While you are shopping for hunting, fishing and outdoors equipment, don't be too bashful to request a door prize from the merchant. Inform him that he will receive recognition for his donation in the Wild Game Dinner program. Obtain the prizes as early as possible. After the first of the year there will be many, many solicitors from other clubs 'out on the street' trying to get door prizes for their events. When you obtain a door prize, call Gaylord Pyle (948-2392) or Paul Kison (545-605). Remember that it is up to the Club members to obtain the prizes. Without donations there will not be any door prizes at the dinner.

● Tickets for the Wild Game dinner will be available in January.

**2006 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RANGE:** Dates for the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show including Lunker Lake and the Pellet Range are January 19, 20, and 21, 2006. Keep these dates in mind and mark them on your calendar. We will need many volunteers to work at both projects. Set up for Lunker Lake and the Pellet Range will be Thursday, January 18. You will be able to volunteer and sign up at the November, December and January general meetings. Call Rick Nelson at 628-2636 if you would like to sign up early or desire more information. More information about the show is at <http://www.shuylrproductions.com/>.

#### VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

● Harvey Huisingh, Fred Porter and Richard Libby helped at the walleye survey at Scootney Reservoir on Tuesday October 3. The weather was great Tuesday. The following day, Wednesday, the weather was wet and blustery.

● Lyle Gilk, Bob Kollowith, Gene Van Liew and Jerry Zeitler helped at the walleye survey at Scootney Reservoir on Wednesday October 4. Volunteers from both days were able to take walleye filets home with them.

● Walt Allen, Gerry Bloom, Bill Brite and Gaylord Pyle helped retrieve crappie from a rearing pond at the Ringold Hatchery. The tail end of the retrieval consisted of wading in the muck of the pond after it was drained and picking the little crappies out of the mud. A photograph of the drained pond and volunteers can be viewed in the Club web site under Photo Contest.

**SEPTEMBER 23 PHEASANT HUNT FOR HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS AT LIMITS GAME FARM:** Fifteen fortunate youth were treated to a pheasant hunt for stocked pheasants at the Limits Game Farm, north of Mesa, on Saturday, September 23. Eight students hunted in the morning and the other seven hunted after lunch. Hunter Education students, both boys and girls, from the Club's Hunter Education program and students from other programs participated. Unfortunately half the number of students that had originally registered for the hunt showed up, apparently their parents thought that other events that day were of a higher priority. Before the hunt each group traveled to the Connell Gun Club where they practiced shooting at clay pigeons. After they finished shooting at clay pigeons they traveled to the Limits Game Farm. Before they hunted, the students were registered, participated in a safety lecture and discussion and were divided into two groups. Those who didn't have a shotgun were loaned one from a stock of shotguns provided by Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan. A coach was assigned to each student and each group was provided with a dog handler with a bird dog. A minimum of three pheasants had been set out earlier for each youth. The students hunted behind the dog and dog handler. Two youth, each with their coach, were behind the dog and handler. The other students and others, including an EMT and parents followed behind. As soon as a bird was located, one of the group of two shot at the flushed pheasant. The other youth of the pair then rotated to the front and hunted until they each had a shot at a bird. The next pair then rotated to the front and took their turn. They continued shooting and rotating until all the birds were flushed.

The second group of youth showed up later in the morning after they finished shooting clay pigeons at the Connell Gun Club. Both groups, their parents, the coaches, dog handlers and other helpers then retired to the barn where two rows of tables had been set up. All were then treated to a lunch consisting of German sausage hot dogs, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, chili beans, potato chips, bottled water or soft drinks. Everyone was able to go through the serving line until they were full. The food was great. After lunch the second group participated in a safety lecture and discussion and were divided into two groups. Those who didn't have a shotgun were loaned one from the stock of shotguns. They were then divided into two groups and hunted in a similar manner as the morning hunters. Again, three pheasants for each youth had been set out earlier. Successful hunters from the morning and afternoon group cleaned the birds they harvested under the direction of Bill Moulds. Before they went home, each youth received a beautiful engraved golden lock blade knife in a wooden presentation box as a memento of the hunt, courtesy of the Ringold Pheasants Forever Club and the Limits Game Farm.

Sponsors of the Pheasant Shoot were: Limits Game Farm, Ringold Pheasants Forever and the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Mesa Groceries donated the ice used for cooling the refreshments. Hunter Education instructor Don Board was in charge of the actual hunt. Volunteers and guests that helped were: Dave, Pam and Dody Piovesan., Clare Cranston, Dusty Powers, Howard Gardner, Eddie Manthos, Mike Estes, Duane Woolum, Todd Woolum, Gene Van Liew, John Prather, Barry McEachen, Hugh McEachen, Bill Moulds, Casey Hill, Tony Anca, Gary Scriven, Carri Redding, Joe Pauly, Curt Lacey, Doug Lacey, Robert Escalero (Nacho), Mark C Kimmel, Richard Mason, Cory Woodrich.. Dave Myers, Doug Eggebraken, Dale Schielke, Mark Almquist and Dan Evans (and their dogs) were the dog handlers. Special recognition is again due to Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan who organized the event and solicited the many volunteers. Dave's wife Pam cooked the chili, set up the serving line and kept us supplied with coffee. Robert Escalero (Nacho) was the barbecue cook. It is obvious from the above list of names that a lot o people are needed to run this event, they all deserve a lot thanks from all of us. This was the second and last Hunter Education Students Pheasant Shoot of the year. If all goes well these shoots will be repeated in 2007. Last but not least, two families that were at the event, donated \$250.00 to the Club's Hunter Education program. Steve and Cherie Sharp from Mesa, operators of the Mesa Crossroads Service, Station donated \$50.00 and Caleb and Tony Anca from Kennewick donated \$200.00.



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### DECEMBER MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

**December 9 , 2006 ,9 am to noon COME SHARE YOUR DREAMS OF FUTURE FOR REFUGE**  
McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were two entries in November from Richard Sharp and Tim Sumner. The winner was Tim Sumner with a photo of Tim and two salmon he caught on the Yakima River. Tim will receive five free raffle tickets at the December General meeting. All the photos can be viewed on the Club's website under [Photo Contest](#).

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Marilyn Steele of Richland and Tim Sumner and family from West Richland.

**IN MEMORIAM OF RON BRODZINSKI** - The Richland Rod and Gun Club was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Ron Brodzinski on Oct. 31, 2006. Ron had been a club member for 25 years and had received his 25 Year Belt Buckle in April of this year. He was an avid hunter and hunted all over the United States including Alaska plus the Yukon in Canada. In 1988, Ned Wogman won the Quality Trip and with Ron as his partner went to Arizona where both harvested nice Coues deer bucks. Ron will be missed by the Club. (Howard Gardner)

**McNARY WILDLIFE REFUGE CCP:** The draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the McNary and Umatilla National Wildlife Refuges should be issued in the very near future.

**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](mailto:emanthos@aol.com) with the following information: species, sex, where and when harvested, your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird) and when you receive the information, where and when the bird was banded. The information will be collected and reported in this newsletter at the end

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#### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday December 5, 2006, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility  
 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, December 19, 2006, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**  
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - December 20, 2006, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

#### DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The last General Meeting of 2006 will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, December 5 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the WalMart. Club member Howard Gardner will be the speaker. He will start off the meeting with a brief instructional knife sharpening demonstration. His main topic will be a description of a mountain sheep hunting trip he and his brother took in Alaska about twenty years ago.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**
- **2007 Club Calendars have arrived and can be purchased for \$3.00 each at the meeting.**

• Don't forget to bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the General Meetings and Board Meetings, the meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to a freezer for storage.

**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** President Gene Van Liew opened the meeting, visitors introduced themselves and announcements were made by Rick Nelson, Lyle Gilk, Larry Martin and Dave Myers. Program Chairman Dale Landon introduced the three excellent and very informative speakers. Two of the speakers addressed the Water Stargrass problem in the lower section of the Yakima River. The third speaker discussed the 'Amon Creek Wetlands Project.

• Marie Zuroske of the South Yakima County Conservation District spoke about the 'Lower Yakima River Eutrophication Study: Mid Study Update'. She utilized a Power Point *slide* presentation that showed numerous charts/graphs and photographs. Water StarGrass (*Heterenthera dubia*) is a plant native to Washington State that used to be considered rare. It spreads by seeds and stem fragments. In the lower Yakima River (Kiona Reach) the plant roots are tightly bound to the river bed and grow through gaps in densely spaced cobble. It is present in 10 foot water depths and the densest or highest biomass is at 4 to 6 foot depths. Marie discussed four aspects of the study: 1). Possible Yakima River Recent Changes, 2). Where are Plants and Algae Most Abundant?, 3) Why are Aquatic Plants so abundant in the lower river?, and 4) Do highest Nutrient Concentrations respond to Worst Dissolved Oxygen and pH Conditions? For study purposes the river was divided into three separate sections, the Zillah, Mabton and Kiona reaches. Each of these sections differs considerably from each other. The Kiona reach is the only section that has a Water Stargrass problem. Some of the conclusions that the study has revealed at this time are:

- Improved water quality and high nutrients (river bed or water column) and suitable habitat are the probable reason for the abundant plants and/or algae.
- The Water Stargrass in the Kiona Reach is likely obtaining its nutrients from the water bed.

Marie stated that the study is continuing and that she would not be surprised if her understanding of the Yakima River changed after another year of study.

● Rachael Little from the Benton Conservation District was the second speaker. Rachael is well known to the Club because of her involvement with and management of the Salmon In The Classroom Project. She discussed what can be done about the Water Stargrass problem or the Crowding Aquatic Plant Reduction Project (CARP). Some of the effects/problems caused by Stargrass are:

- It consumes dissolved oxygen present in the water and causes a pH increase.
- It slows down the flow rate of the river.
- It blocks mainstem spawning habitat and reduces connectivity with upstream water.
- Warm water fish favor Stargrass.
- Stargrass is impacting salmon habitat. In 2000, 689 redds were counted and in 2005 only 60 redds were counted in the same area.

At present there are three control methods.

- Chemical controls would be very difficult to implement because of permitting problems.
- Biological controls are effective only in closed systems (lakes or ponds).
- Mechanical controls at present are effective in lakes only.

The goal of CARP is to improve fish habitat. At present, methods to decrease Stargrass density, improve water quality, improve salmon habitat, determine the longevity of the treatment method, evaluate mechanical control methods and implementation practicality are being investigated. Unfortunately Rachael had to cut her presentation short because of time constraints.

● Scott Woodward from the Tapteal Greenway was the third and last speaker. His topic was the Amon Basin Community Project located in Richland. Amon Creek, which flows through the Basin, is the largest tributary which runs into the Yakima River. The Amon Basin is an endangered and fragile urban wilderness in our own backyard. The wetlands in the Basin are the highest rated wetlands in Eastern Washington and are a crucial corridor for fish and wildlife including salmon. The proposed Amon Basin park lands include the creek wetlands and shrub steppe habitat. It is a wilderness that extends north from the intersection of Leslie and Clearwater Roads to Columbia Park Trail and into the Yakima River. Property development is on the western edge of the Basin and is up to the edge of the Creek which runs through several neighborhoods including Willowbrook, Meadow Spring and Canyon Terrace. The Tapteal Greenway envisions a proposed park in the Basin with interpretive trails and activities from walking, wildlife viewing, horse back riding and bicycling. To that end they have secured grants of 1.3 million dollars and \$55,000 in private donations. In addition to development of the park, these funds and others will be used to purchase 100 acres of property which will be established and maintained by the "Greenway" and donated to the City of Richland. Scott passed out a handout including a map of Amon Basin and information about the Project. For more information about the Basin and how to donate to it go to [www.tapteal.org](http://www.tapteal.org) and click on Amon Basin in the left hand margin of the page.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Richard Sharp who won a Crossman pellet pistol, Mike Estes - a predator call, Richard Conant - a predator call tape, Dale Landon - a rain suit and Dale Schielke and Tim Sumner - a 2007 calendar.

**CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEE ELECTIONS:** Election of Club Officers and Trustees for 2007 will be conducted at the December 5 General Membership meeting. The following slate of candidates has been assembled by the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor, subject to concurrence by the person nominated. Nominees will be introduced prior to the election.

**President:** Dale Landon\*

**Secretary:** Eddie Manthos\*

**Vice President:** Rick Nelson

**Treasurer:** Lyle Gilk\*

**Trustees**

Jerry Burke\*

Richard Libby\*

Rob Thornton

Rick Conant

Larry Martin\*

Pete Shaw

Bob Gough

Dave Myers

Ben Webb\*

Bill Hays \*

Jack Pickard\*

Russ Wyer\*

Bob Kolowith\*

Fred Porter\*

\*Incumbent Trustee/Officer

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!:** The hunting season has started and once again it is time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held March 24, 2007. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut, steelhead and salmon are also needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should

be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: **(the diagram is shown on the Club's web site under 'Club News-Newsletter' and click on 'Other Club News')**. 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. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (**NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE**). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing!

● All Club members should be alert for the opportunity to solicit and obtain door prizes for the Wild Game Dinner. While you are shopping for hunting, fishing and outdoors equipment, don't be too bashful to request a door prize from the merchant. Inform him that he will receive recognition for his donation in the Wild Game Dinner program. Obtain the prizes as early as possible. After the first of the year there will be many, many solicitors from other clubs 'out on the street trying' to get door prizes for their events. When you obtain a door prize, call Gaylord Pyle (948-2392) or Paul Kison (545-605). Remember that it is up to the Club members to obtain the prizes. Without donations there will not be any door prizes at the dinner.

● Tickets for the Wild Game dinner will be available at the January General Meeting.

**2007 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RANGE:** Dates for the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show including Lunker Lake and the Pellet Range are January 19, 20, and 21, 2007. Keep these dates in mind and mark them on your calendar. We will need many volunteers to work at both projects. Set up for Lunker Lake and the Pellet Range will be Thursday, January 18. You will be able to volunteer and sign up at the December and January General Meetings. Call Rick Nelson at 628-2636 if you would like to sign up early or desire more information. More information about the show is at <http://www.shuylerproductions.com/>.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:**-Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start February 26, 2007. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

**CLUB SALMON DERBY:** The Club salmon derby ended October 22, 2006. A total of four members participated in the Derby and did not enter any salmon in the Derby. The four entrants agreed that the \$40.00 (\$10.00 each) in entry fees should not be returned to them and that they should be held in reserve and added to the prize kitty for the 2007 Salmon Derby.

**HANFORD REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT CCP**" The Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Hanford Reach National Monument will be released and mailed to the those on the CCP mailing list in December of 2006. Copies can be obtained at the Monument offices at 3250 Port of Benton Blvd in Richland or on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/hanfordreach/planning.htm> after the CCP has been released. The plan will include six preliminary management alternatives (A through F). Starting at the end of January 2007 there will be public meetings held at Mattawa, Sunnyside, Richland and Pasco. The public comment period will run from the middle of December to February 23, 2007.

**GARY HAGEDORN IS RETIRING:** Gary Hagedorn, manager of the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuges, is retiring January 3, 2007. Gary has addressed the hunting prospects for the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuges at the RR&GC annual fall hunting forecast General Meetings for the last several years. He has always listened to the concerns of the Club and Club members and kept us informed of changes/problems at the refuges during his management. I remember a General Meeting that he spoke at several years ago where he explained the reasons for instituting the waterfowl fee permit hunt program at the Burbank Slough Unit (now called the McNary Fee Hunt Unit). There were many questions from hunters about the reasons for the fee hunt and the proposed regulations. He was able to answer all the questions (some of them heated) and instituted some of the suggestions that were made. Gary has been a member of the Club since 2001. The Club wishes Gary good luck and happy fishing and hunting during his retirement. We will miss him.