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Shooting Range will be manned again this year under the direction of Clare Cranston. Please volunteer to work at Luncker Lake. It and the shooting range are both very worthwhile projects. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond/shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from the two events are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation camp. Call Dennis Spore at 627-0589, now, if you wish to volunteer.

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

President: Bill Lambert, **Trustees:** Wes Bryan, Tim Clemons, Buddy Davis, Chris Foster, Rick Freeman, Lyle Gilk, Rich
Vice President: Paul Kison (acting) Holten, Don Knowlton, Eldon Ladd, Larry Martin, Rich McDonnell, Jack Pickard,
Treasurer: Mike Estes, Gaylord Pyle, Gene VanLiew and Russ Wyer
Secretary: Eddie Manthos **Past President:** Paul Kison

Volunteers: Clare Cranston, Howard Gardner, Herald Heacock, Dale Landon, Dave Meyers, John Pfeiffer, Rocky Ross, Dale Schielke, Dennis Spore, Ev Weakley and Gerry Zeitler. Nominations for officers or trustees will also be accepted from the floor.

ANIMAL RIGHTS COMMUNITY QUESTIONS BRITAIN'S QUEEN (From the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America On Target Outdoor Sportsmen's News Headlines) *Animal rights activists took issue with Britain's Queen after she killed a wounded pheasant with her hands. In a bold statement, she went to church the next Sunday wearing pheasant feathers in her hat.*

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There was one entry in December from Eldon Ladd. Since he was the only entrant in December, he won five free raffle tickets to the raffle at the January General Meeting. Bring your entries to the January General meeting.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Jay Lavender and family from Kennewick. Jay is a past president of the Club.

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2000 Officers

Paul Kison, President (545-6050) **Bill Lambert, Vice President (628-2143)**
Mike Estes, Treasurer (582-2212) **Eddie Manthos, Secretary (586-6009)**
Jack Pickard, Membership Information (582-5397)

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday January 2, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 16, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Room 110.
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 24, 2001, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
LUNKER LAKE - Friday, Saturday & Sunday - January 19, 20 & 21, 2001
RR&GC Big Game Dinner - March 24, 2001

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

- The January General Meeting will be at the Richland Public Library Gallery Room on Tuesday January 2, at 7:00 PM. Speakers will be Club members Rich and Ben Holten winners of the Club Quality Trip. They will discuss their early goose /duck hunting trip and fishing trip to Alberta, Canada in September of 2000.
- You will be able to sign up for the Quality Trip at the meeting. If you are lucky you may be able to go on a trip similar to the one that will be presented at the meeting.. Details of the Quality Trip and drawing are shown later in this Bulletin.
- Year 2001 Club calendars are still available at the meeting for \$3.00 each.
- Tickets for the March, 24 2001 Big Game Dinner will be available at the meeting. Ticket cost is unchanged from previous years, \$15.00 per person

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- Club President Paul Kison opened the meeting.
- Paul explained the difficulties in obtaining door prizes for the Big Game Dinner. More members need to get involved in soliciting prizes. It appears that the number of door prizes will be much lower than normal at the March 24 Big Game Dinner. Paul suggested that as an alternative to soliciting prizes, an amount not to exceed \$1000 be spent from the Club treasury to purchase prizes. A vote was taken by all those present to determine if the Club should purchase door prizes. The vote was almost unanimous that the Club not purchase door prizes. If we are not successful in soliciting prizes, the number of door prizes at the dinner may be smaller than usual.
- Howard Garden announced that the Club has received a mounted moose head with a 48 inch spread from Lisa Fitzner. The moose head is worth about \$850.00. Howard has listed it on EBAY.
- There was one photo entry, in the Club contest, for December.
- It was announced that the Club will be participating in manning Luncker Lake and the shooting range at the *Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show* at TRAC on January 19, 20 and 21. Club members were urged to volunteer and help at these events.
- Dave Linehan of the USFWS at McNary Refuge announced that there will be a meeting at the Burbank Middle School Commons at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 15 to discuss the status of the Three Rivers Unit (Wallula, Two Rivers & Peninsula HMUs) of McNary National Wildlife Refuge.

- Program Chairman Bill Lambert introduced the two speakers for the evening, Paul Hoffarth and Don Larson.
- Paul Hoffarth is the District 4 Fish Biologist for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and is stationed in Kennewick. He spoke about the fall salmon fishing season on the Yakima River. Paul reminded everyone that there is no open season on steelhead on the Yakima River. He stated that there were good returns of fall chinook and coho in the Yakima River. About 250 chinook and 50 coho were caught in the stretch between Richland and the Prosser dam. Coho were observed in significant numbers in small streams and tributaries below and above the Prosser dam. Continued success of the Coho run may be dependant on clear flows in the small streams & tributaries. Siltation in these waters will adversely affect survival and spawning of the Coho. Success of the coho returns are mainly the result of Yakima Fisheries Project hatchery production programs managed by the Yakama Nation Fisheries Resources Program, with WDFW cooperation.

● Don Larson, a Wildlife Biologist from Region 3 of the WDFW and also stationed in Kennewick, spoke about 4 subjects. The future of lead shot in Washington State, mechanical decoys, status of the Hanford elk herd and a proposed wind farm in the Horse Heavens above Kennewick.

■ Banning the use of lead shot in several areas was brought about by the mortality of swans from lead on the west side of the state. The area that the swans died in was heavily used by hunters. As a result 11 sites, including some close to the Tri-Cities, were converted to nontoxic shot use based on a high potential for ingestion of lead by wildlife. The Fish and Wildlife Commission has directed staff to conduct a review of lead shot impacts on wildlife before any further action is taken. Staff are collecting scientific information and are preparing a report for the Commission. After the Commission reviews the report, they will decide whether further action is appropriate and conduct a meeting to report their decision(s). Interested hunters and others should be present at this meeting to voice their agreement or dissatisfaction with the decision(s).

■ Don stated that Washington State is not studying the use of mechanical duck/goose decoys. To his knowledge, there are no other states that are concerned about the use of mechanical decoys. At this time mechanical decoys do not appear to be a conservation issue.

■ Don stated that post calving surveys of the Hanford ALE elk herd this year showed a population of 660 animals. Present population of the herd, both on and off the reservation, is 445 animals. Legal harvest of elk this fall was 172 animals. He also stated that crippling loss, due to hunting is about 5% or about 9 animals. Three elk were killed on roads and 1 on the Yakima Firing Range. Five elk were killed illegally or poached on the ALE. It appears that there will be no thinning of the herd in 2001. He also stated that elk damage claims by farmers are about \$250, 000 dollars. The WDFW is liable for payment of these claims, if they are proven.

■ Two possible sites for location of wind power farms were investigated by Energy Northwest. A location south of Prosser was eliminated because it did not meet all requirements. The other location, in the Horse Heavens at Nine Canyon, is being considered for construction of a wind power farm. A bird survey of the area, by the Audubon Society, showed that the location is below all thresholds for bird damage. Funding for construction of the farm will be by Energy Northwest.

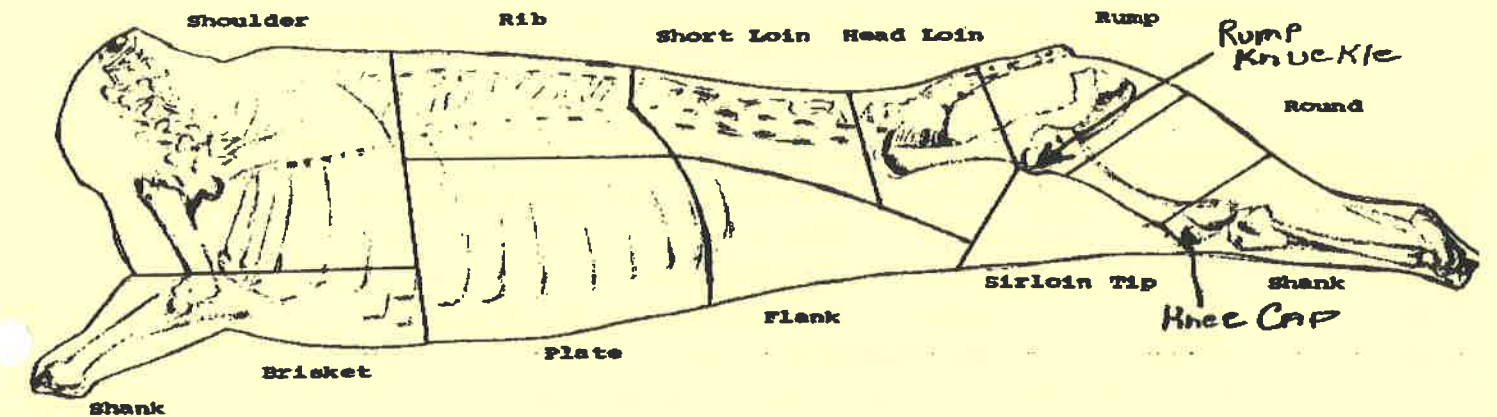
● Winner of the raffle drawing was Paul Kison who won a back packing water purification kit.

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Entry tickets for the 2001 Quality Trip can be purchased at the January, 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 24, 2001. The rules are shown below and are identical to last years.

1. Only Club members with 2001 dues paid through April 2002 are eligible to purchase entry tickets.
2. Tickets are \$20.00 each, the value of the trip (amount paid to winners) is \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold, the maximum sold will be 100.
4. Each member may purchase 2 tickets, With a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents may also purchase 2 tickets each.
5. You must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
6. Winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership.
7. The drawing will be held at the March 24, 2001 Big Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
8. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club and who must also have participated in the drawing.
9. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner is unable to go. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a Club member and have been in the drawing.
10. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 2002 Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
11. The trip must be approved by the Board of Trustees not later than the June Board meeting or the trip will be forfeited.

12. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!: The hunting season has started and once again the Club is looking for donations of game meat for next springs Big Game Dinner that will be held March 24, 2001. The game meat includes waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear or boar, upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut and salmon can also be used. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: (see the diagram below). After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Finally, clean the meat thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. You then take the roasts to Chucks Meats in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chuck has control of the key. *Jerry reported As of Dec. 19: "There is still a need for venison boneless roasts, upland game bird breasts, waterfowl breasts, salmon & halibut."* If you have any questions or can't get the meat to Chuck's, call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694. All donations will be greatly appreciated the night of the Big Game Dinner. Good hunting!!



● All Club members should be alert for the opportunity to solicit and obtain door prizes for the Big Game Dinner. While you are shopping for hunting, fishing and outdoors equipment, don't be bashful to request a door prize from the merchant. Inform him that he will receive recognition for his donation in the Big Game Dinner program. Obtain the door 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 John Silko at 627-1241.

DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED: Attention all duck hunters! If you harvest or have harvested a duck or goose with a leg band or collar, notify Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com with the following information: species, sex, where and when harvested, 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. Last year we reported information about seven ducks with leg bands.

LUNKER LAKE INFORMATION: The RR&GC will man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 8th consecutive year at the *Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show* on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 19, 20 and 21, 2001 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 4 and 5 hour shifts. The phone calling tree is being activated. You will receive a phone call asking you to volunteer at the fishing pond. Your duties will consist of baiting the hook for each child and 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 doing it. The reactions of the children when they catch a fish are indescribable, each kid is different. The children (and many parents) are introduced to fishing at this event. Lunker Lake and the Shooting Range gives us an opportunity to increase awareness of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. A group of about 6 people will be needed Thursday morning January 18, 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 18th for set up of the fishing pond. Shift times for Friday the 19th are 1-5 PM and 5-9 PM. Saturday the 20th, shifts will be from 10 AM-3 PM and 3-7 PM. Sunday the 21st, shifts will be from 10AM-2PM and 2-6 PM; the last shift will stay over at 5PM to help disassemble the pond. The Air Rifle

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WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is sponsoring 12 youth, nominally eight from the Club and 4 from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp have not been set yet and are usually the last two weeks in July. A camper (boy or girl) must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. Seven youth have already expressed an interest in attending camp. If you know of a youth who is interested in attending camp contact **Larry Martin at 545-9647** as soon as possible to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until 12 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes. The Washington State Conservation Camp is a very good and very comprehensive camp. If your son, daughter or grandchild is eligible to go to the camp or if you know of another youth(s) that would enjoy and benefit from the Camp call Larry now to request a registration form.

FLY TYING AND ROD BUILDING CLASSES: The Columbia Basin Fly casters are sponsoring a fly tying class and rod building class. The fly tying class will be on Thursdays and should start February 1, call Bob Newell at 943-6931 for more information or to enroll. The rod building class is tentatively scheduled to start in April, Call John Pfeiffer at 627-5429 for more information.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two winners in January, Rocky Ross and Rick Freeman. They will each receive five free raffle tickets to the raffle at the February General Meeting. Bring your entries to the February General Meeting.

41ST ANNUAL BIG HORN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SHOW: The 41st Annual Big Horn Outdoor Adventure Show will be held in Spokane March 15 - 18, 2001 at the Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds. Show hours are Thursday and Friday noon to 9 pm, Saturday 10am to 9pm and Sunday 10am to 6pm.

DUCK BAND RESULTS: Three hunters reported banded ducks that they harvested this hunting season (all mallards). Results are shown below:

Name	Where Shot	Date Shot	Information
Tim Tate	Wallula HMU	12/10/00	Hatched 1999 or earlier, banded 8/00 near Edmonton, AB (drake)
Tim Tate's Friend	Wallula HMU	12/17/00	Banded 8/95, (young bird that could not fly) near Edmonton, AB (drake)
Tim Clemons	Columbia River	12/27/00	Hatched in 1997 or earlier, banded 9/1/98 near Tilley Station, AB (hen)



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING - February 6, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, February 20, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - Los Alamos Technical Associates (LATA) Bldg.,
Richland, 309 Bradley Blvd Across the street from the Shilo Inn. Northwest corner of the building.
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - February 28, 2001, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or
9th ANNUAL COLUMBIA BASIN FRIENDS OF THE NRA - BANQUET & AUCTION FRIDAY MARCH 2 -
WEST COAST INNS (CAVANAUGH'S) IN KENNEWICK
RR&GC BIG GAME DINNER - March 24, 2001

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

- The February General Meeting will be at the Richland Public Library Gallery Room on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 PM. The speaker will be Tom Kinney a local taxidermist. He will discuss the preparation of waterfowl mounts and how the birds should be cared for after they are harvested and before they are submitted to the taxidermist. He will also discuss the preparation and care of *stuffers*. *Stuffers* are waterfowl skins, usually geese, that are stretched over a form and used as decoys. He will also discuss the preparation of deer and fish and how they should be cared for after they are harvested and before they are submitted to the taxidermist.
- You will be able to sign up for the March 24 Big Game Dinner Quality Trip drawing at the meeting. Details of the Quality Trip and drawing are shown later in this Bulletin.
- Year 2001 Club calendars will be available at the meeting.
- Tickets for the March, 24 2001 Big Game Dinner will be on sale at the meeting. Ticket cost is unchanged from previous years, \$15.00 per person. Buy your tickets early so that you will be eligible for the Early Bird drawing.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- Club President Paul Kison opened the meeting..
- Candidates for Club officers and the Board of Directors, that were present, were introduced. A motion was made and seconded from the floor that the candidates shown in the January Club Bulletin be accepted. The vote was unanimous. Your President for 2001 is Bill Lambert and the acting Vice President is Paul Kison. Names of the officers and board members are shown later in this Bulletin.
- The main speakers for the evening, Rich and Ben Holten were introduced by Bill Lambert. Rich and Ben thanked the Club for the memorable hunt that they won at the 2000 Big Game Dinner Quality Hunt Drawing. They narrated and showed a visual presentation of their trip from September 9 to September 15 in Alberta. They hunted for specklebelly (white fronted) and canadian geese in the prairies of Alberta and also bagged a snow goose and ducks. They bagged 32 black geese (Specklebellys and Canadians), 1 snow goose and 3 ducks. The geese they bagged will be part of the Club

Big Game Dinner on March 24 this year. This was the first year that steel shot was required to hunt waterfowl in Alberta. They also fished for trout in the Bald River. Cost of their combination hunting/fishing license was \$140.00 each.

● Raffle winners were: Rocky Ross-a \$25 gift certificate to Phil's Sporting Goods, Mike Estes-a \$25 gift certificate to Critters, Charlie Morbeck-a 1 lb. box of chocolates donated by B&B Express Printing (they print this Bulletin) and Gaylord Pyle-a varmint call.

USFWS MEETING -STATUS OF THREE RIVERS UNIT: There will be a meeting at the Burbank Middle School Commons at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 15 where the USFWS will discuss the status and future management of the Three Rivers Unit (Wallula, Two Rivers & Peninsula HMUs) of McNary National Wildlife Refuge. All waterfowl and upland bird hunters and others interested in the future of these lands should attend.

MOOSE HEAD DONATION AND SALE: (Howard Gardner)-Several years ago recently deceased club member Richard Fitzner shot a 51 ½ in. moose in Alaska. Being trained in taxidermy as well as biology, he did a great job on a shoulder mount. In September, I received a call from Don Hand who had been in contact with Fitzner's wife, Lisa. She wanted to donate the moose mount to the Club to raffle or sell for the Club's benefit. An attempt to sell locally through the Giant Nickel met with some interest but no sale. I listed it on eBay Dec.3, with a first bid of \$850.00, and it sold on Dec.13 to the only bidder who was located in Fredericktown, MO. Of course it had to be shipped as freight which meant building a crate. Paul Kison(an expert crate builder), Everett Weakley and I built a crate on Dec.16 and shipped the mount on Dec.19. The mount arrived in St. Louis on Dec.30. The couple who took the bid were very pleased with the head and have it on the wall in their great room. The net proceeds to the Club were \$816.57. My expenses were: Giant Nickle \$9.55, listing on ebay and sale cost \$23.88, which totaled \$33.43. The Club is very grateful to Lisa Fitzner for thinking of the Club regarding disposition of the moose mount.

Hunters are after something that cannot be gained simply by hiking in the woods, looking at animals or taking pictures of wildlife. It's something deeper and more powerful in the human psyche. Something that eludes the grasp of language and might be comprehensible only to those who actually experience the hunt—**Richard Nelson, "Heart and Blood: Living with Deer in America"**.

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ATTENTION HUNTERS!!!: We are still looking for donations of game meat for the Big Game Dinner that will be held **March 24, 2001**, especially boneless elk roasts, duck breasts and upland bird breasts. Other game meat, salmon and halibut can also be used (**NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE**). Instructions for preparing and wrapping your donation were shown in the last two monthly Bulletins. Take the game meat/fish to Chucks Meats in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chuck has control of the key. Make sure that your packages are marked as to what they contain and with your name and hunting license number. If you have any questions or can't get the meat to Chuck's, call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694. All donations will be greatly appreciated the night of the Big Game Dinner.

BIG GAME DINNER SPEAKER!! (Dale Schielke)The speaker for the Annual Wild Game Dinner will be C.W. "Butch" Welch dutch oven and camp cooking expert. Cee Dub is the host of the PBS series Dutch Oven and Camp Cooking which airs locally on KWSU Wednesday at noon and 6:30 PM. He served for 21 years as a conservation officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. His wit and back country experiences should provide the basis for a interesting program. You can find more information on his web site at <http://www.ceedubs.com/> and if dutch oven cooking interests you, sign up for his free e-mail newsletter.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES/BIG GAME DINNER - Many memberships will expire on April 1. There are still some of us who are one or two years delinquent. Your membership expiration date is shown on this Bulletin mailing label. If your membership date has expired, the expiration date on the label will be highlighted in red. To be eligible for the Quality Trip and some of the Big Game Dinner door prizes your dues must be paid up through April 2002 (4-1-02). If your membership expires on 4-1-01, the expiration date will be highlighted in blue. Please pay your dues early, especially if you plan to attend the Big Game Dinner. Eliminate the bottleneck at the dinner, update your membership beforehand at the February and March General Meetings. Membership dues are: Individual: \$15 or \$40 for 1 or 3 years or Family: \$20 or \$50 for 1 or 3 years. You can also renew your membership by mail. Mail your check with a short note stating if you are renewing an Individual or Family membership and for how many years to the RR&GC, P.O. Box 337, Richland, WA 99352.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Steve Minnick from Richland and Tony Umek from West Richland

CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS: The election for Club officers and board of trustees was held at the January General Meeting. The results are: President - Bill Lambert, Acting Vice President - Paul Kison, Treasure - Mike Estes, Secretary - Eddie Manthos. Trustees are: Wes Bryan, Tim Clemons, Buddy Davis, Chris Foster, Rick Freeman, Lyle Gilk, Rich Holten, Don Knowlton, Eldon Ladd, Larry Martin, Rich McDonnell, Jack Pickard, Gaylord Pyle, Gene VanLiew and Russ Wyer. The Past president is Paul Kison and the volunteers are: Clare Cranston, Howard Gardner, Herald Heacock, Dale Landon, Dave Meyers, John Pfeiffer, Rocky Ross, Dale Schielke, Dennis Spore, Ev Weakley and Jerry Zeitler.

ANGLING EDUCATION PROGRAM: The Club will be sponsoring an Angling Education Program starting in February. Training will take place at the Club's Hunter Education Facility. The person in charge is John Fuhrer. Clare Cranston, Howard Gardner and Jerry Zeitler will also be assisting as instructors. Club members are asked to donate rods, reels, fly tying vises and equipment and other accessories such as hooks, split ring, snaps, swivels etc. All this paraphernalia should be in place before classes start. Bring your donations to the next meeting or call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or Eddie Manthos at 586-6009. All instructional materials will be provided by the WDFW.

DRAFT REPORT ON THE USE OF NONTOXIC SHOT FOR HUNTING IN WASHINGTON - The subject report prepared by the WDFW can be viewed on the internet at www.wa.gov/wdfw/wlm/game/water/nontoxicshot.htm. The draft concludes with three regulatory options for restricting the use of lead shot in the state. The options are 1) Prohibition of lead shot use on selected problem areas, 2) Prohibition of lead shot use on all state wildlife areas and 3) Prohibition of lead shot use for some or all game bird hunting. The WDFW is requesting written comments to the Report by February 5. They can be e-mailed to wildthing@dfw.wa.gov. Printed copies of the document can be obtained at regional WDFW offices. Read the document and let your views be known, they are very important and will have an effect on how this report will be implemented. Remember the cutoff date is February 5.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 25 persons each) is scheduled, starting March 5 and continuing on March 6, 8, 10, 12, 13 & 15 at the RR&GC Tri-Cities Training Facility at the Port of Pasco. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084

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● **WINDMILL RANCH HABITAT PROJECTS:** Rocky Ross has scheduled two habitat planting projects at Windmill Ranch, east of Basin City, and needs 13-15 volunteers for each. The first project is at the end of March and the second is in the middle of April. Call Rocky at 545-4898 to sign up and learn more details.

● **WOOD DUCK BOX INSPECTIONS:** Dale Schielke has started on the annual spring inspections and repairs of Wood Duck nesting boxes. He has 4-5 more days of inspections to complete. He needs 1-2 volunteers for each day. If you are able to help call Dale at 375-0183 and schedule a work date.

GENEROUS DONATIONS: - Clare Cranston - The generosity of sportsman during the last year have added special meaning to the Richland Rod & Gun Club's Hunter Education program and to the startup of the Fishing Education program.

● It started with Mr. Ken Burgard's commitment to provide free trap shooting to good students in the Hunter Education program. This was extended to feed and provide all expenses for 56 students to shoot a minimum of one round of trap each. Students were from a class at Bailey's "Boy's Ranch", and Connell. Total donation: \$4,200.00

For the Richland Rod and Gun Club, Mr. Burgard's donation was the use of guns, shells, clay pigeons, coaching, and refreshments for 62 students. Total donation: \$4,030.00

● The Burgard donation was followed by the donation of a Marlin Mod 60-W 22 rifle by Mr. Keith Brady. This new unfired rifle is #0001 of a special series for the "Friends of NRA". This rifle will be the object of a special fund raiser at the 2001 Big Game Dinner. Value approximately \$500.00

● Next in line for special thanks is for a very large donation of new lures and assorted tackle to the Fishing Education program by Mr. Gene Batey, owner of Al's Bait and Tackle located at East Lewis in Pasco. The donated items have a retail value of \$1,450.00.

● The last large donation was from Dr. Richard Pette, retired, of Richland. Dr. Pette decided it was time to give up his hobby of fishing and donated his accumulated tackle to the Fishing Education program. Donation value: \$1,120.00

● It bodes well for the future of hunting and fishing with the support of donors such as these.

Total donations \$11,300 in money, equipment and services

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS:-Howard Gardner, Chief Instructor. The class started on Jan.22 and finished on Feb.5 including a range day at the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility. A total of 31 students ranging in age from 8 to 43 were registered to start. Twenty seven finished and all passed with 16 of those scoring 90% or higher on the exam. In addition, five of the fathers took the exam and passed to get their certificates. Other instructors helping in the class were: Clare Cranston, Don Board, Don Hartshorn, Max Jones, David Oakley, Aaron and Andrew Powers, Steve Roblyer and Jerry Zeitler. In addition, State Wildlife Agent Gary Scrivens came to one class and discussed his function and perspectives as a Wildlife Agent. These gentlemen are to be commended for giving freely of their time to assist in these classes. Many thanks!



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MARCH GENERAL MEETING - March 6, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 20, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Room 110.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March 21, 2001, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

9th ANNUAL COLUMBIA BASIN FRIENDS OF THE NRA - BANQUET & AUCTION FRIDAY MARCH 2 - WEST COAST INNS (CAVANAUGH'S) IN KENNEWICK

RR&GC BIG GAME DINNER - SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2001 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

● The March General Meeting will be timely, right at the start of the fishing seasons. The meeting will be at the Richland Public Library Gallery Room on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 PM. The speaker will be Rob Phillips, Sales Manager for the Yakima Bait Company. He will show the various fishing lures that Yakima Bait manufactures and will discuss which lures are used for different fish such as bass, walleye, trout, panfish, steel head, salmon etc. Lure colors/finishes and under what conditions they are effective will also be discussed. Ways that the various lures are rigged and used will also be discussed and demonstrated.

● You will be able to sign up for the March 24 Big Game Dinner Quality Trip drawing at the meeting. Details of the Quality Trip and drawing are shown later in this Bulletin.

● Tickets for the March, 24 2001 Big Game Dinner will be on sale at the meeting. Ticket cost is unchanged from previous years, \$15.00 per person. Buy your and your guests tickets early. Tickets purchased after the General Meeting (March 6) will not be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing. **All unsold tickets and the money received for sold tickets should be brought to the General Meeting so that a general accounting of the tickets can be made and the stubs for the Early Bird Drawing can be removed. If you are not able to come to the meeting, please call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694 so that he can determine how many tickets have been sold.**

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The meeting was opened by president Bill Lambert. Bill introduced some prospective Club members that were present. He urged Club members to attend the February 15 McNary Wildlife Refuge meeting at Burbank.

● Bill Lambert introduced the speaker, Tom Kennney, who spoke about the care and preparation of fish, birds and big game and skins that will be mounted or tanned.. He also discussed the care of mounted fish, birds and larger animals after they have been mounted or tanned. Tom is a taxidermist with 15 years of experience.

● Winners of the raffle were: John Cummings - a \$30.00 gift certificate to LasMargaritas, Tim Clemons - a \$30.00 gift certificate to O'Callahans and Carl Stull - a \$25.00 gift certificate to O'Callahans.

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Entry tickets for the 2001 Quality Trip can be purchased at the March General Meeting and at the Big Game Dinner, until the maximum of 100 tickets have been sold. The drawing for the quality trip will be held at the Big Game Dinner on March 24, 2001. The rules are shown below and are identical to last years.

1. Only Club members with 2001 dues paid through April 2002 are eligible to purchase entry tickets.
2. Tickets are \$20.00 each, the value of the trip (amount paid to winners) is \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold, the maximum sold will be 100.
4. Each member may purchase 2 tickets, With a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents may also purchase 2 tickets each.
5. You must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
6. Winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership.
7. The drawing will be held at the March 24, 2001 Big Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
8. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club and who must also have participated in the drawing.
9. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner is unable to go. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a Club member and have been in the drawing.
10. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 2002 Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
11. The trip must be approved by the Board of Trustees not later than the June Board meeting or the trip will be forfeited.
12. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.

RR&GC VICE PRESIDENT: We now have a Vice President. Gaylord Pyle, a member of the Club's Board of Directors, was unanimously voted to be our Vice President at the February 20 meeting of the Board. Congratulations and good luck to Gaylord.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Joe Buckley from Selah and Ed Vander Veer from Kennewick.

USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE- The annual meeting was held on Jan. 23, 2001. In attendance were: Mike Estes, Howard Gardner, Larry Martin, and Dale Schielke. The following recommendations for uses of Club funds were made:

Item/Organization	Contributions(\$)		
	2000	2001	
<u>*Fitzner Memorial Scholarship at WSU or other school</u> (Annual award to a student in wildlife biology/studies)	500	500	
<u>*NRA Inst. For Legislative Action</u> (Fights the 2 nd Amendment battles)	400	200	
<u>*National Shooting Sports Foundation</u> (Has programs attempting to enlist new hunters)	100	100	
<u>*Columbia Dive Rescue</u> (Rescue and body recovery)	250	250	
<u>*Wildlife Legislative Fund of America</u> (Provides lobbying and grassroots support to protect sportsmen's rights)	250	300	
<u>*Wildlife Conservation Fund of America</u> (Conducts education, legal defense and research to protect sportsmen's rights)	250	300	
<u>*Upland Wildlife Restoration Program</u> (Supports local habitat development)	250	250	
<u>*Delta Waterfowl</u> (Works for a sustainable North American waterfowl population)	50	100	
<u>*Youth Conservation Camp(8 campers in 2000)</u> from Club and three from Hunter Ed. @ \$200 per camper)	1600	2000	(10 total-nominally seven)
<u>*Hunters Heritage Council</u> (Promotion and political defense of hunting in Washington State)	0	100	
<u>*Kettle Range Conservation Group</u>	100	0	

<u>*Warm Water Fish Advisory Comm.(Meseberg Memorial)</u>	300	0
<u>*Wash. Firearms Rights Coalition</u>	50	0
<u>*Citizens for Responsible Wildlife Management</u> (To fight against Anti-Trapping Initiative 713)	100	0
<u>Tapteal Greenway</u> (Dedicated to a trail along the Yakima R. from Richland-Benton City)		50
<u>USA Olympic Shooting Team</u> (Donations are only source of funding)		100
<u>Pheasant Rearing- Steven Leibing,Eagle Scout Project</u>		200
Total Allocation		4450
Total Cost	4200	

BIG GAME DINNER: • The 51st Annual Wild Game Dinner will be held at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday March 24. Ticket cost is the same as the last 3 years, \$15.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale at the March General Meeting. Eligibility deadline for the *Early Bird* door prize drawing is the March 6 General Meeting. Tickets can also be purchased from Mike Estes at 582-2212 and other Club Board members or ordered by mailing your request to the address at the top of this newsletter. The social hour will start at 6:00 PM with dinner scheduled at 7:00 PM. The program speaker will be C.W. "Butch" Welch Dutch oven and camp cooking expert. Cee Dub is the host of the PBS series Dutch Oven and Camp Cooking which airs locally on KWSU Wednesday at noon and 6:30 PM. He served for 21 years as a conservation officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. His wit and back country experiences should provide the basis for an interesting program. You will also be able to purchase Cee Dubs autographed cook books at the dinner or if you already own one of his cookbooks bring it to the dinner and he will autograph it.

• Big Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Jerry at 545-6694 and offer your services, he needs people for all day March 24 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. 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. *Observers are welcome to come and watch the Dutch oven cooking that will be taking place in the afternoon behind the Knights of Columbus Hall.*

• Ice chests & counter top electric ovens (roasters) are needed for storage of food and ice and to keep food warm. Please bring them in the morning and tag them with your name and be sure to pick them up after the dinner.

• There will be a meeting of all the cooks, food preparers and anyone else interested on Thursday March 8 at Dave Myers home at 1621 Road 80 in Pasco to discuss the preparations for cooking etc..

• We are still looking for donations of game meat especially boneless elk or deer roasts, duck breasts and upland bird breasts (**NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE**). Call Jerry at 545-6694 for information or help.

• If you are willing to donate a door prize for the dinner or if you know of anyone who is willing to donate a door prize, please contact John Silko at 627-1241. All door prizes etc should be reported to John Silko as soon as possible and preferably at the March General Meeting so that the donors list can be prepared.

If you are going to the dinner, please pay for your 2001 membership prior to the dinner. One of the major bottlenecks at prior dinners was the long line of people updating their membership. Many people have been forced to stand outside in a long line. Eliminate the bottleneck. Update your membership beforehand at the March General Meeting. Remember! To be eligible for the Quality Trip and some of the door prizes your dues must be paid up through April 2002 (4-1-02). Your membership expiration date is shown on this Bulletin mailing label and will be highlighted if it is less than 4-1 02.

WORK PROJECTS: There are several projects that Club members should participate in and they are listed below:

• **QUARRY POND LITTER CLEANUP:** Saturday, March 3 starting at 9:00 AM. Meet at the parking lot next to Quarry Pond. We will be working with the USFWS from the McNary Refuge. If we have enough volunteers we should be done before noon. Call Mike Estes at 582-2112 or Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 if you have any questions.

• **PLYMOUTH AREA HABITAT PLANTING PROJECT:** Saturday, March 17 starting at 8:30 AM. Meet at the Coffin Road exit off Highway I-82 on the way to Umatilla. Two sites on DNR land leased by AgriNorthwest will be planted. Call Larry Martin at 545-9647 to sign up and learn more details



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Among improvements over the existing manual license system, the WILD system is expected to:

- Speed license sales by cutting the time it typically takes to purchase a license by half.
- Improve information on hunting and fishing effort to better guide WDFW species management.
- Offer more timely information on license sales trends, which in turn will improve WDFW revenue projections.
- Collect license revenues from private dealers more quickly and efficiently through daily electronic fund transfers.
- Improve hunting and fishing enforcement activities by reducing license fraud.

To pay for the WILD system a 9.5% transaction fee, approved by the Legislature, will be levied on each license sale. In return, MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. is providing all the computer equipment, software and training to operate the WILD system for the next five years. Once the WILD system goes into operation, Social Security numbers will be collected from all license applicants, as required by federal law. That law was enacted as part of a nationwide effort to improve child support compliance. Applicants who are declared by the state Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) as being six months or more in arrears on child-support payments, will be automatically blocked from purchasing a recreational license until DSHS clears their names. Social Security numbers will not be printed on license documents and will not be visible on WILD computer terminals once they are entered.

NEW WDFW TOLL FREE NUMBER: The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Enforcement Program has created a new, one-stop, toll-free emergency/incident hotline service for reporting all dangerous wildlife and poaching incidents. The new hotline service, which replaces a dangerous wildlife hotline established a few months ago, may be reached by calling 1-800-477-6224.

OAK CREEK ACCESS CLOSED UNTIL MAY: Access to Oak Creek will be closed to avoid causing stress to elk. Collectors of shed elk antlers will have to wait until May before entering the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) Oak Creek Wildlife Area west of Yakima, to avoid causing the animals stress and making them move from their prime forage areas. Posted portions of the wildlife area will be closed during the months of March and April to all access,

whether by foot, horseback or motor vehicle. The closures cover about 13 square miles of Bethel Ridge, the area adjacent to Oak Creek's main winter feeding station where up to 2,000 elk congregate, and about nine square miles of the Cowiche unit, which is host to about 1,200 elk. WDFW Oak Creek Manager John McGowan explained that during the past several years, it has become popular for people to search these portions of the wildlife area for shed elk antlers. The activity has drawn hundreds of people. People moving about in search of antlers, he said, move elk off of their best late-winter and early-spring foraging areas. The elk either move higher where snow cover remains and forage is scarce, he said, or they move off the wildlife area onto private rangeland, where they are unwelcome. "It's OK to pick up shed antlers," McGowan said, "But not until May when the elk have moved higher and are not impacted by that activity."

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

APRIL GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 3, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, April 17, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Room 110.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 18, 2001, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

- The April General Meeting of the Richland Rod and Gun Club will be held at the Richland Maintenance Facility at 7:00 PM on Tuesday April 3. The speaker will be Club member Eldon Ladd whose topic will be "Spring Chinook Salmon Fishing - When, Where and What?" The Maintenance Facility is located at 2700 Queensgate Drive. You can access it from I82 exit #3.

MARCH MEETING REPORT: The meeting was opened by president Bill Lambert who introduced Jeff Rampon a prospective Club member. He also introduced Gaylord Pyle the new Club Vice President. He announced that the Yakima Bait Company had donated 30 fishing lures to the Club. He described the pheasant rearing project of Eagle Scout candidate Steve Liebling that the Club is partially funding.

- Big Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler announced that more than enough wild game meat and fish have been donated for the Big Game Dinner.
- Gaylord Pyle introduced the speaker for the evening, Rob Phillips the marketing director for the Yakima Bait Company. Rob has been the marketing director for the Yakima Bait Company since 1980. Rob is also the Outdoor Writer for The *Yakima Herald Republic*. The Yakima Bait Company produces and sells Wordens Lures. The company started in Granger, Washington in the early 30's and is still located there where they employ about 150 people and produce most of their lures. The Rooster Tail put Wordens on the map They also own a factory in Mexico where Poe's lures are produced. Wordens produces many fishing lures that are sold in almost every country in the world and that many of us are familiar with and have used. Rooster Tails, Flatfish, Timber Tigers, Hawg Boss, Poe's lures, Spin-N-Glo, Corkies are some of the lures produced. Wordens purchased Flatfish in 1988 and are the only producers of this popular lure. Rob showed several methods of how to rig rods for steelhead, salmon and walleye fishing. He answered a multitude of questions from the audience and had Wordens Lures catalogues for those of us who wanted them.
- Dale Schielke announced that 129 Wood Duck nesting boxes have been inspected so far this year. Forty eight of the boxes had been used by Wood Ducks. Many of the other boxes had been used by screech owls.
- Mike Estes said that he still had tickets for the Club Quality Hunt and that Big Game Dinner tickets purchased after tonight would not be eligible for the Early Bird drawing(s).. He also announced that Dan Sullivan's Lip Locked Guide Service has donated, for the Big Game Dinner, a guided fishing trip for two during the spring Chinook salmon fishing run.
- Larry Martin announced that he had a sign up sheet for those wanting to volunteer for the habitat planting project on March

17 on DNR Land leased by Agri Northwest farms above Plymouth.

● Winners of the raffles were: Wes Bryan - a bait casting rod and reel, Gaylord Pyle - a fishing tote bag, Larry Martin - a youth spin casting rod and reel, Gerald Bloom - a battery operated light, and Mike Estes, Dave Oakley, Gene VanLiew, Gerald Bloom and Lloyd Zinsli each won a Wordens fishing lure.

COYOTE TAILS: - Howard Gardner and Larry Martin

Three January-February coyote hunting trips provided some interesting experiences. We found a rancher whose cattle were being bothered by three coyotes. One coyote was shot close to the calving cows. Late in the day we decided to call in a sagebrush area a little ways from the cows. After calling for a normal period and no coyotes, we were almost ready to quit when Larry switched to his quiet call and I saw a coyote coming in. It ran out of my sight and Larry shot. At the shot I saw a coyote running from where it had disappeared and I shot it. It turned out that two had come in and Larry didn't see the one I shot and I didn't see his. Sometimes you're lucky.

For a second January trip two weeks later to the same ranch, we were directed to a different area. After parking the truck and walking about 300 yards to the edge of a large canyon Larry started calling. Within minutes, a coyote came in and stopped at about 150 yards and I shot it. Since Larry had just started calling, he kept it up and about 2 minutes later a second coyote came in and Larry shot it at about 75 yards. The first coyote was one of the largest we had ever seen and looked to have a full stomach. So, after skinning Larry opened the stomach on both. The smaller one had straw in its stomach, but the large one had a lot of fur and crunched bones, and as he continued digging in the mess he found two paws from a small dog. You hear a lot of stories about coyotes eating cats and small dogs, and here we had proof. That coyote was just rolling in fat, he had been living good. On both trips we did a lot of walking in about 6 in. of crusted snow that broke with each step, hard work!

On the February trip, Larry shot and crippled a coyote. We blood trailed it through snow and bare spots for about two hours finally ending at a coyote den, a large hole in the ground. We were about two miles from the truck and needed shovels, although the frozen ground probably would have stopped us.

WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX INSPECTIONS: Dale and LouAnn Schielke, Gene VanLiew, Rick Freeman, Rocky Ross, Paul Kison and Tim Clemons and Larry Martin have participated in Wood Duck nesting box inspections this year. A total of 129 nesting boxes have been inspected so far. Forty eight of the boxes inspected show evidences of Wood Duck nesting. Evidences of screech owls, flickers, starlings and bees were found in some of the boxes.

PLYMOUTH AREA HABITAT PLANTING PROJECT: RR&GC members participated with *Pheasants Forever* members, Boy Scouts, their parents and other youth Saturday March 17 to plant about 2500 shrubs on two habitat plots on DNR land leased by Agri Northwest. A total of at least 40 volunteers showed up and worked for about 4 hours. One of the plots will be irrigated and the second, located in a low area, will not be irrigated. As soon as the first plot was planted, the sprinklers were turned on to "water the plants in". After both plots were completed, the Boy Scouts prepared lunches for all the workers. Don Hand of the WDFW and Toby McKay of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) were present and coordinated the project. The plants were provided by the Benton Conservation District. Volunteers representing the RR&GC were: Larry Martin, Chase Santilue, Gene Van Liew, Jon and Victoria Manthos, Howard Gardner, Dale Schielke, Terral Finger and Eddie Manthos.

WINDMILL RANCH SAGEBRUSH PLANTING: Planting of sage plants is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 at Windmill Ranch. Windmill Ranch is West of Basin City. Meet at 8:00 sharp at the Shell Gas station just north of I-182 on Road 68 (near the entrance to the TRAC facility.) It is a 45 minute drive to the site. If there is a full crew, it should only take a half day. We will be using planting bars and planting tubeling stock (no augers). Rocky has 10 or 11 planter bars but if there are extra people, we can work in teams of 2 and go faster. Rocky will bring some doughnuts and pop but lunches should be on your own. Rocky has a list of about 15 folks already signed up from the RR&G Club and the local Pheasants Forever chapter. He plans to call all of them to make sure they are coming, and to give them the information listed above. He could still use another 5 people. Anyone who can volunteer or has any questions can call Rocky at 545-2420 or 545-4898.

QUARRY POND LITTER CLEANUP: Eight Club members and four USFWS personnel participated in cleanup of the litter around Quarry Pond on Saturday March 3. Cleanup started at 9:00 AM and was completed about 11:00 AM. There was much less litter than was picked up last year. There were no large objects such as refrigerators, tires etc. Most of the litter was bottles, cans, monofilament line, throw away diapers (yuck), and plastic objects. It was a beautiful day and some of the fisherman and especially their children pitched in and helped. The newly installed fishing dock for the handicapped is a welcome addition to the pond and looked great. Club volunteers were Bill Lambert, Mike Estes, Russ Wyer, Paul Kison,

Rocky Ross, Jon, Vanessa and Victoria Manthos and Eddie Manthos. Rebecca Chuck, Ray Haight, John Gahr and Al Shine from the McNary Refuge also participated.

ANGLING EDUCATION CLASSES: The first Angling Education Class taught by the RR&GC started on February 26. Three students participated in the class. Goal of the class is to teach safe and ethical angling skills to youth and adults. The next Angling Education class starts on April 2 at the Club's Tri-City Training Facility at Big Pasco. Each class will consist of 3-4 sessions, each starting at 6:30 PM and lasting until 8:30 PM. There is a \$5.00 class fee. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W. Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Jim Shearer from Kennewick. Jim is a member of the Washington State Archery Association and the Columbia Basin Flycasters. Jim donated 14 beautiful hand tied flies as a door prize for the Wild Game Dinner.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - **Clare Cranston** - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 25 persons each) is scheduled, starting June 18 and continuing on June 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26 and 28 at the RR&GC Tri-Cities Training Facility at the Port of Pasco. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084

LUNKER LAKE: Lunker Lake results: Attendance on: Friday was 321, Saturday 561 and Sunday 250 for a total of 1132. There were 250 fish left over and sold at the end of the day on Sunday. A total of \$1984.00 was collected. The organizer's (Merle Shuyler) expenses were \$1447.00. The difference was about \$537.00. Merle added \$263 to make a grand total of \$800.00 which was presented to the Club. The \$800.00 will be used to fund camp fees for the youth that will attend this years Conservation Camp at Orcas Island.

CLUB SPONSORED PHOTO CONTEST: There were no entries in March. Bring your photos to the April General meeting and enter them in the Photo Contest.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is sponsoring 10 youth, nominally seven from the Club and 3 from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp have not been set yet and are usually the last two weeks in July. A camper (boy or girl) must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. Seven youth have already expressed an interest in attending camp. If you know of a youth(s) who is interested in attending camp contact **Larry Martin at 545-9647** as soon as possible to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until 10 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes. The Washington State Conservation Camp is a very good and very comprehensive camp. If your son, daughter or grandchild is eligible to go to the camp or if you know of another youth(s) that would enjoy and benefit from the Camp call Larry now to request a registration form.

HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES EXPIRE MARCH 31: Your hunting and fishing licenses will expire at the end of March. This year you will purchase your licenses from a computerized recreational licensing system which went into operation March 1 and promises to speed customer service, improve accounting and make it possible to buy licenses from home or the road.

The new hunting and fishing license sales system, known as the Washington Interactive Licensing Database (WILD), was developed by MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., under a contract with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Besides computerizing in-person license sales, the WILD system will offer hunters and fishers the option of purchasing licenses by telephone at (1-866-246-9453), which also goes into operation March 1. After May 1, recreational license sales also are scheduled to be available over the Internet.

Customers purchasing licenses in person at WDFW offices or sporting goods stores and other retail outlets will be issued license documents on the spot. Those making purchases over the telephone or Internet will be issued an authorization number for use while the physical license is mailed. Persons submitting applications for special permit big-game hunts must use the interactive telephone number (1-877-945-3492). Operating from a central database linked to individual computer terminals at WDFW offices and hundreds of private license dealers statewide, the WILD system will replace manual license sales, which previously took months to tally. The system will be used for all sales of recreational licenses and also will issue hunt transport tags, special permits and raffle tickets, as well as fishing catch record cards as needed. In order to accommodate some unique situations a two-day fishing stamp will still be sold without using the WILD system in areas without telephone service and by some charter operators in coastal communities.

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from the mouth of Ahtanum Creek (near the I-82 bridges at Union Gap) downstream to the Granger Bridge, must purchase a Yakama tribal fishing permit in addition to a 2001 WDFW freshwater fishing license. 2 salmon daily limit, 12 inch minimum length. Fishing must stop for the day after catching 2 salmon, whether retained or released. Season limit of 10 spring chinook from the Yakima River per person.

Bait allowed: "non-buoyant lure restriction" and "night closure" are in effect (see "Statewide General Definitions" section in fishing rules pamphlet). Fishing for steelhead remains closed. All steelhead must be immediately released unharmed. Closed to fishing for all species 400 feet downstream of Sunnyside (Parker) Dam; 400 feet downstream of Wapato Dam; and 400 feet upstream from the upstream side of the Yakima Ave./Terrace Heights Road bridge in Yakima, including the area adjacent and downstream of the Roza Wasteway No. 2 fish barrier rack next to Morton & Sons, Inc. "Closed Water" boundaries will be designated with signs and painted landmarks (trees, boulders). If the run size is below forecasted levels and harvest is greater than expected, the fishery could be closed earlier than June 15. For information contact: John Easterbrooks, Regional Fish Program Manager, (509) 457-9330 or Jim Cummins, Fish Biologist, (509) 457-9316

RINGOLD AREA BANK FISHERY OPENS EARLY FOR SPRING CHINOOK SALMON: A WDFW News Release:

Action: Open the Ringold area bank fishery for spring chinook

Effective date: April 21, 2001 through June 15, 2001

Species affected: Spring chinook salmon (steelhead fishing remains closed)

Location: Waters of the Columbia River adjacent to Ringold Hatchery (in Franklin Co. north of Pasco) from the WDFW markers 1/4 mile downstream of the Ringold irrigation wasteway outlet to the markers 1/2 mile upstream of Spring Creek (hatchery outlet). Only the hatchery side of the river is open — bank fishing only.

Reason for action: WDFW is predicting that between 2,200 and 2,800 hatchery spring chinook will return to the Ringold Springs Rearing Facility this spring. The Mitchell Act that funded the spring chinook rearing program at Ringold was cancelled in 1999 due to federal budget cuts, therefore, none of these fish are needed for hatchery broodstock. These salmon were produced solely to provide spring salmon fishing opportunity for anglers in the Tri-Cities area. The season is beginning earlier than the normal May 15 opener to take advantage of the forecasted large return. Several factors suggest the fish may return early to the Ringold Area this year. The table quality of the catch will also be improved by shifting the season earlier.

Other Information: Any chinook, regardless of presence or absence of an adipose fin, may be retained. Two (2) fish daily limit, 12 inch minimum size. All steelhead must be immediately released unharmed. The 2001 run is projected to be the last large return of spring chinook to Ringold due to the cancellation of the rearing program. The return in 2002 is expected to be 80 percent less than the 2001 run. The 2002 fishery will likely be the last year for spring chinook salmon fishing at Ringold unless funding for the rearing program is reinstated.

For information contact: Paul Hoffarth, District 4 fish biologist (Kennewick), (509) 734-7434 or John Easterbrooks, regional Fish Program manager, (509) 457-9330. Fishers must have a current Washington fishing license. Check the 2000 Fishing in Washington rules pamphlet for details on fishing seasons and regulations. Fishing regulations are subject to change. Check the WDFW Fishing hotline for the latest rule information at (360) 902-2500, press 2 for recreational rules.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MAY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, May 1, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 15, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 23, 2001, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

MAY GENERAL MEETING

The May General Meeting of the Richland Rod and Gun Club will be held at the Richland Maintenance Facility at 7:00 PM on Tuesday May 1. The speaker will be Ryan Kilbury whose topic will be TURKEY HUNTING. Ryan is the chairman of the Tri-Cities chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Last year he accomplished the *Washington Slam* by harvesting in a single season the eastern, Merriam's, and Rio Grande subspecies of wild turkey which currently inhabit Washington state. The Maintenance Facility is located at 2700 Queensgate Drive. You can access it from I82 exit #3.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The meeting was opened by president Bill Lambert. Vice president Gaylord Pyle announced that next months General Meeting would be about turkey hunting.

● Gaylord introduced Club member Eldon Ladd, the main speaker, who spoke about the *springer* salmon run on the Columbia River. Forecasts call for an estimated 364,600 upriver spring chinook, mostly hatchery-produced fish, to return. That would be the largest number since fish counts began on the Columbia River in 1938. Eldon showed and passed out tables showing Year 2000 chinook, coho, sockeye salmon and steelhead fish counts for Columbia and Snake River dams compared to the past 10 year average. A second table showed spring salmon counts for Columbia and Snake River dams for the past ten years. He described and demonstrated the techniques that he personally uses when fishing for salmon. Eldon stressed the importance of sharp hooks and stated that he replaces the hooks on the lures he uses with Gamakatsu hooks. He uses a gel herring scent when salmon fishing and a gel shrimp scent for steelhead. A unique boat rod holder, that he recommends, called the **QUICKDRAW**, and available from Cabellas was shown. He showed a new rig for steelhead fishing called a *shrimp spinner* that is tied by Motyka and is commercially available as *Eric's Prawn Rig*. Eldon also showed how to make a snap swivel by using *plug connector snaps*, available from Luhr Jensen, and a swivel (ball bearing or normal) and opening the snap and fastening it to one end of the swivel. According to Eldon this combination functions a lot better than commercial snap swivels especially with plugs such as the *Wiggle Wart*. Several rigged rods were available as examples of how to rig rods for steelhead and salmon fishing. He gave a very good and informative presentation and it was obvious that Eldon spends a lot of time fishing both on and off the water.

● Gaylord also introduced the second speaker of the evening, Jeff Tayer, WDFW regional manager of Region 3 (Yakima.) Jeff contacted the Club earlier and asked if he could come and talk to us about several subjects that he thought would be of interest and concern to us.

● The first was the *Rangeland Damage Bill*, HB-1752, which was being considered by the Washington State Legislator. If this bill is passed, rangelands would be considered as a crop and the WDFW would be liable for crop losses caused by

wildlife such as elk and deer feeding on rangelands. Damage payments would come directly from the WDFW and impact their budget and cause cuts in other WDFW programs. (*The Bill was passed by the legislature on April 17.*)

- Jeff stated that about 200 elk were harvested by hunters from the ALE elk herd this past year. Present population of the herd is between 400-500 with a goal of 300-400 elk as the preferred population. The elk caused damages of about \$250,000 to farms and orchards bordering ALE. The WDFW is liable for these damage claims. He also stated that there would be no elk trapping this year.

- About 26,000 chinook salmon are forecast to enter the Yakima River this spring. This number of salmon is about eight times as great as the ten year average for the Yakima River. Jeff said that there will probably be a spring salmon season from the Granger Bridge to the Roza Dam starting about the third week in April. (See details later in this Bulletin.)

- Jeff answered many questions concerning all the topics he discussed. We appreciate and thank him very much for taking the time out from his busy schedule to come and talk with us.

- Winners of the raffles were: Walter Chuck - a \$50 gift certificate to Critter's, Bill Lambert - a \$45 gift certificate to John Clements Gallery, Larry Martin - a \$25 gift certificate to Chucks Meats and Lockers, Rees Bang - compact binoculars and Dale Landon, Gene VanLiew, Walter Chuck, Paul Kison and Lyle Gilk each won a Worden's lure.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO CASEY POND: - Mike Estes Bill Lambert and Mike Estes presented oral and written input at a WSDOT Access Hearing on March 21 at the Burbank High School regarding WSDOT plans to eliminate public access to the boat launch area at Casey Pond. The proposed project will expand Highway 12 from a two-lane to a four-lane highway from Burbank to the Walla Walla River. The first phase is expected to be built next spring from MP 299.0 to MP 302.3, from the top of the hill north of Casey Pond to Dodd Road. All current accesses from the southbound lanes for the 3.3 miles section would be closed. The current access to Quarry Pond and the Two Rivers HMU will be relocated south to the intersection of Dodd Road.

Bill and Mike spoke in support of public access to public property for recreational uses including fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, photography, boating, and hiking. We requested that access be retained to the current boat launch at Casey Pond in preference to a new proposed launch site near Quarry Pond. The proposed site would be difficult or impossible to use during low water, would only accommodate small boats and could be less safe due to increased exposure to wind and waves. WSDOT staff assured us that they would attempt to incorporate an access to the existing parking area and boat launch at Casey Pond in the final design.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: William Tanner & family from West Richland and Dana Mueller & family from Kennewick.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Two winners were selected at the April Board Meeting. They are Carl Higby with a photograph of his granddaughter Morgan Watson holding a sturgeon. Larry Martin also won with a photograph of Gene VanLiew holding a screech owl found in a wood duck nesting box. during their inspections of the boxes. They each will win five free raffle tickets for the May General Meeting. Bring your photograph entries to the May General Meeting or Board meeting.

MARCH 31 WINDMILL RANCH HABITAT PLANTING PROJECT: Approximately 2100 plants were set out at the Windmill Ranch on a wet, rainy Saturday on March 31. Rocky Ross directed the project in which 13 volunteers from the RR&GC and Pheasants Forever participated. Bitterbrush, Basin Big Sagebrush, Wyoming Big Sagebrush and Four Wing Salt Bush plants were planted. They were planted to replace native sage destroyed by range fires before the WDFW procured the land. The plantings were completed around noon. Rocky provided muffins and soft drinks that we feasted on both before and after the planting. Participants were; Jordan Case, Bill Lambert, John Pfeiffer, Russ Wyer, Mike Estes, Eddie Manthos, Mike Schmitz, Paul Kison, William Zickuhr, Gene VanLiew, Richard Gies, John Silko and Rich Holten. We observed many ducks and geese, especially Speckle Belly geese, while we were at the Ranch. Some of us fished, unsuccessfully, at Powerline lake before we returned home.

APRIL 28 WINDMILL RANCH HABITAT PLANTING PROJECT #2: For those of you not able participate in the project shown above, you have a chance to help on this second project scheduled this Saturday April 28. Rocky Ross is in charge of this project also. Meet at 8:00 AM sharp at the Shell gas station just north of I-182 on Road 68 (north of TRAC) again like was done with the sagebrush planting. It is a 45 minute drive to the site. This project will probably take most of the day, although Rocky hopes we get done sooner than that. Bring and wear the usual work clothes/gloves, etc. A mechanical tree planter on the back of a tractor will be used to plant the shrubs. Plastic mulch will then be laid right over the top of the plants with a second tractor. Holes for the shrubs will be cut as the plastic is laid and people will walk behind and pull the shrubs through the hole and staple the plastic in place. It's a little easier than augering holes and hand planting. If there are 15 people, it should be pretty easy on everyone. Rocky will be calling people on his original list first before moving to his secondary list. If you need more information and are willing to help, call Rocky at 545-2420 or 545-4898.

TRI-CITIES KIDS KLASSIC FISHING EVENT: This fishing event, C.A.S.T. "Catch A Special Thrill" FOR KIDS, Will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday May 5. It is one of a series of fishing events designed to give kids 'a hands-on fishing experience.' For a \$5 registration fee, participants receive a "Kids Klassic" T-shirt and a Zebco

rod and reel, which is theirs to keep. Or they may bring their own fishing gear and participate in all the activities at no cost. In addition, bait, floats and sinkers will also be provided. The WDFW will stock the pond Friday with fish. It is anticipated that 1,000 or more children may participate. Many organizations are participating in this event including the WDFW, Washington BASS Federation, Salomon Smith and Barney, The Fishing Connection, Kennewick Parks Dept., Columbia Basin Fly Casters, Walla Walla Walleye Club, Richland Rod & Gun Club, Boys & Girls Club of Benton & Franklin Counties, Tri-Cities Tourist Bureau, Critters and 4H. We are a participant and have been asked to man the fish cleaning station and help to patrol the shoreline to help and coach the kids. CAST will have printed fish cooking recipes available to go with the cleaned fish. We will need at least 10 Club members to participate. Actually many more volunteers can be used for other jobs such as passing out rods, reels, bait etc. Please call Eddie at 586-6009 or at emanthos@aol.com if you can help. Last year there were only two Club members that showed up. Volunteers should show up at the fishing pond by 6:00 AM to help set up. There will be three shifts of kids starting at 7:00 and continuing at 8:30 and 10:00 AM. Last year the kids showed up and started waiting in line while it was still dark. The event should be over by noon and we should be able to go home soon after that. Please volunteer to help at this important event, it is a very worthwhile project and gives kids an opportunity to fish and hopefully will give them a fishing start that will stay with them the rest of their life just like it has for us. Children from 5 to 14 years of age are eligible to participate.

PLYMOUTH AREA HABITAT PLANTING PROJECT: Several members asked what kinds of shrubs were planted at the March 17 project. Hansen's Hedge Rose, Golden Currant, Blackberry and Karagena were planted that day. Rocky Mountain Junipers had not arrived and were planted later.

2001 WILD GAME DINNER: The RR&GC Wild Game Dinner that was held March 24 was a success.

- The hors d'oeuvres and food were exceptional and there was more than enough for everyone. Everyone went away both full and satisfied. Jerry Zeitler and all the cooks deserve a pat on the back from all of us.

- The speaker of the evening C.W. 'Butch' Welch was great, he held us entranced with his back country stories and humor. The cookbooks that he brought with him were in great demand and sold out early in the evening.. He took many orders for more books that were autographed and shipped to the Tri-Cities within a week. We were very fortunate that we were able to have him. Dale Schielke deserves many thanks for making the arrangements for C.W.'s appearance.

- The Gardner-Cranston Award was presented to Jerry Zeitler. John Silko was presented with the Club's Distinguished Service award. Eddie Manthos was presented the Life Member award. Paul Kison was presented with the Outgoing President award and a gift certificate. Gerald Caprio was awarded a 25 Year Member Richland Rod & Gun Club belt buckle.

- A total of 242 people attended the dinner, 14 of these were guests of the Club. John Silko won the Members Only Drawing, a Fishing Trip for Two for Spring Chinook Salmon. The trip was donated by Lip Locked Guide Service that is operated by Club member Dan Sullivan who can be contacted at 967-3752. I believe John went fishing with Dan on Thursday April 19. Numerous other door prizes and raffles were won by those present. My wife won a dozen hand tied flies donated by Club member Jim Shearer, the flies are works of art almost too pretty to use. Other Club members that donated prizes were Eldon Ladd, Russ Wyer, John Silko and A-1 Shoe Retail & Repair/Keith Brady who donated the Marlin .22 rifle (NRA Ltd. Ed 0010) that was raffled off.

- There were 69 entries for the Quality Trip drawing. Winner was Leo Pfeifer, the alternate is Mike Estes.

- If this wasn't the best Wild Game Dinner ever held by the Club, the other best one(s) must have been out of this world. Many, many thanks to Jerry Zeitler, all the meat and fish donors, all the cooks and their helpers, all the volunteer kitchen workers, Howard Gardner and Jerry who did all the shopping for the dinner, John Silko the raffle/door prize chairman, C.W. 'Butch' Welch, the Master of Ceremonies Dave Myers and all the other people that were involved. It was GREAT!!

YAKIMA RIVER SPRING CHINOOK FISHERY OPENS: A WDFW News Release.

Action: Open the middle reach of the Yakima River to salmon fishing and allow retention of hatchery (adipose fin clipped) and wild spring chinook salmon with a two fish daily limit, whether retained or released.

Effective date: April 21, 2001 through June 15, 2001, or until further notice.

Species affected: Wild and hatchery Yakima Basin spring chinook.

Location: Yakima River from the SR 223 bridge at Granger, WA (river mile 83) to the painted "closed water" boundary line 3,500 feet downstream of Roza Dam at river mile 127.2.

Reason for action: Yakama Nation and WDFW fish biologists are forecasting a return of 26,100 adult spring chinook to the Yakima River in 2001 (estimate range: 15,700 to 36,500). Approximately 62% of the run is predicted to be wild salmon and 38% hatchery supplementation fish—the first return of adult salmon from Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project research hatchery at Cle Elum. The biologists estimate that only 37% of the wild run will be Naches River fish—the weaker of the two wild stocks and currently not supplemented by hatchery production. However, the forecasted run of Naches/American River wild spring chinook (estimated at 6,000) is of sufficient size that it is capable of supporting a modest level of sport harvest without threat to acceptable spawning escapement.

Other Information: Fishermen who intend to fish from the Yakama Reservation river bank (south or west bank), extending

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1ST. ANNUAL PACIFIC FLYWAY REGIONAL CALLING CONTEST: This calling contest will take place Saturday, June 23, 2001 at Columbia Burbank High School auditorium. 787 Maple St. Burbank, WA. The contest is open to callers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, British Columbia, and Alberta. All spectators and contestants are welcome to come enjoy the festivities of a day of waterfowl calling. Come to show off your talent, hear some excellent callers from around the Northwest or just to enjoy the atmosphere. This is an opportunity to show off your calling ability in one or more of three contests. There will be a two man team duck calling contest, calling as if in a real hunting situation. The other two contests are single man duck and goose calling contests based on sanctioned competition rules.

The categories are:

- Sanction style duck calling - Single entrant, 90 second routine judged on hail call, come-back call, feeding call, and lonesome hen call.
- Meat style duck calling - Two entrants. 90 second routine, judged on typical hunting style calling.
- Sanction style goose calling - Single entrant, 90 second routine, judged on hail call, greeting call, comeback call, intermediate call, and lay-down call.
- If there is enough interest, there will be a two man "pit" goose calling contest. Each contestant will pay a minimal fee at the event, and the winning team will split the pot.

Contestants should register as soon as possible for ease of organizing the event. Registration forms can be obtained on the Internet at <http://backwing.tripod.com/contest.html> or by contacting Jordan at (509)543-3756 or at jbowell@earthlink.net, Chad at (509)886-1631 or at duck_46@hotmail.com or Joe at (509)967-9010 or at jghanson@bentonrea.com. Questions can also be answered by any of the three persons. Registration at the event will be available, and must be done at least 1 hour before the first contest. Cash, check, or money order should be made out to Pacific Flyway Waterfowlers, please do not mail cash. Fees are: \$15 per person for one contest, \$25 per person for two contests and \$30 for all three contests. Contestants must be present at the contest by 9:00am.

The 1st. Annual Washington State Goose Calling Contest, a sanctioned event, will also take place on that date. This is a sanctioned contest for Washington State residents only. The first place winner will receive 1 point, good towards the World Goose Calling Contest, of course there will be prizes as well. The State contest will be held in the same place, and on the same date as the regional contests. Columbia Burbank High School 787 Maple st. Burbank, WA. Contestants need to be present by 9:00am for a contestants meeting. And the contests will begin at 10:00am. Directions are available on the directions page at <http://backwing.tripod.com/contest.html>, or call one of the three persons above for more information.

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ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - JULY 27 & 28 (Friday & Saturday)

RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC JULY 31 (Tuesday) 6:00 PM

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The June General Meeting of the Club will be at the Richland Maintenance Facility at 7:00 PM on Tuesday June 5. There will be two speakers, John Easterbrooks and Rocky Crisp. John is the WDFW Region 3 Regional Fish Program Manager.

- John will explain that the WDFW is soliciting proposals from the public for possible changes in next year's sport fishing rules. This meeting is one in a series of meetings scheduled around the state in June to discuss the rule-change process and regional fishing issues. If people have any ideas about ways to improve our fishing seasons, the WDFW wants to hear them. This meeting will be the place for you to express your thoughts about any ideas or changes that you think are needed.
- Rocky Crisp from Critter's Outdoor World will present a fishing equipment seminar and discuss what equipment is the best buy, both quality and money wise.

This will be the last General Meeting until September. The salmon booth at the Sidewalk Arts Show will take the place of the July meeting and the annual Club picnic will take the place of the August meeting. The Maintenance Facility is located at 2700 Queensgate Drive. It can be accessed from I82 exit #3.

MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The meeting was opened by president Bill Lambert. Guest Jeff Gardner, manager of a Cash & Carry store, was introduced. Jeff hunts and fishes and he picked up a membership application. Mark Cook, a member of the Safari Club was also introduced. Mark gave a short talk about the Safari Club and suggested that the Club join. The Safari Club now has about 40,000 members and 200 chapters worldwide. It is in the forefront of fighting for hunter's rights. Mark also picked up a membership application for the RR&GC. A Safari Club chapter is starting up in the Tri-Cities. Twenty five members are needed to start a chapter and they may have 37 members signed up.

• Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Agent Gary Scrivens was presented the Club's Distinguished Service award by Clare Cranston in recognition of his many years of service to the people of Franklin County, the Tri-City area and to the Club's Hunter Education Program.. Mr. Scrivens, who is retiring June 30, was also given a \$100 gift certificate by the Club, Phils Sporting Goods and others. We all wish him a happy retirement and many years of good health.

● Gaylord Pyle introduced Gary Hagedorn of the USFWS who spoke about the hunter suggestions, generated during the February 15 meeting at the Burbank school in which 100 people participated. About 300 oral and written comments were received as a result of the meeting. Gary went over the suggestions that will be adopted and answered questions from the audience. He also gave the Club a dozen *Hunter Fee Waiver Certificates* for the Club members that participated in the Quarry Pond litter cleanup.

● Gaylord introduced Ryan Kilbury, the main speaker. Ryan is the chairman of the Tri-Cities chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation. He is an accomplished turkey hunter and last year he accomplished the *Washington Slam* by harvesting in a single season the eastern, Merriam, and Rio Grande subspecies of wild turkey. He has been turkey hunting for the last 10 years and has hunted in Idaho, the Blue Mountains, the Klickitat and the Colville. Ryan does his homework before he goes turkey hunting. He scouts for turkey roosts by being in the woods at 6:15-6:30 in the morning and listening for gobbling to locate the roost(s). When asked if he uses decoys, his answer was that he may or may not depending on the situation. He feels that weather kills more birds than predators or hunters. Ryan will probably become a pro-staffer for Knight and Hale.

● Raffle winners were: Paul Kison - a \$50 WalMart gift certificate, Lou LaDouceur - a \$40 certificate, Dale Schielke - a \$30 certificate and Jack Pickard, John Pfeiffer, Walter Chuck, Larry Martin and Reese Bang each won a Worden's fishing lure.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Mark Cook & family from Kennewick and Reese Bang from Richland.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were no photo entries in May. Bring your photograph entries to the June General Meeting or Board meeting.

TRI-CITIES KIDS KLASSIC FISHING EVENT: The fishing event, C.A.S.T. "Catch A Special Thrill" FOR KIDS, took place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday May 5. It was an event designed to give kids a hands-on fishing experience. For a \$5 registration fee, participants received a "Kids Klassic" T-shirt and a Zebco rod and reel, which was theirs to keep. In addition, bait, floats and sinkers were provided. The pond was stocked with fish the day before by the WDFW. About 602 kids signed up and fished. Many fish (trout) were caught including many lunkers. The shore line was ringed with kids and parents. In many cases, the whole family participated and made it an all day event. The weather was beautiful except for a stiff breeze that didn't seem to make any difference to the kids. The RR&GC participated with 14 volunteers: John Pfeiffer, Russ Wyer, Bill Lambert, Paul Kison, Russ Brown Mark Cook, Gaylord Pyle, Dennis Spore, Clare Cranston, Jon Manthos, Andrea Manthos, Victoria Manthos, Vanessa Manthos and Eddie Manthos. The volunteers helped register the kids, pass out T-shirts, pass out the rods and reels, patrol the shoreline and help the kids wherever needed, test and rig the rods and reels with hooks, and clean fish (Bill Lambert's specialty.) Gaylord Pyle brought some *Hostess* cupcakes that were appreciated by the volunteers, especially the younger ones. We were finished and out of the park by noon. It was an interesting morning and one that left us feeling good because we were able to help the kids get a start in fishing..

SIDEWALK ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH 2000: -The Allied Arts Sidewalk Show will take place on Friday and Saturday July 27 and 28. We and the Columbia Basin Flycasters will again sponsor the Salmon Booth. The Flycasters will have the lead this year. A lot of help, about 70 volunteers will be needed. This is our main money raising project for the year.

1. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July, 26 from 6-8:00 PM (18 workers).
2. The booth will operate with 9-10 workers per shift from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Friday July, 27 and Saturday, July, 28. 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 7:00-9:00PM.

All club members will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and what shift(s). **Retirees** are especially needed for the first two shifts on Friday. Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun. If for some reason you are not contacted or just want to volunteer before you are contacted, call Dennis Spore (627-0589), the shift coordinator, and give him your shift preference.

Only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a *Food Servers Card*". Shift workers are not required to have a "Food Servers Card". If you have a "Food Servers Card" check its expiration date. If your card is expiring or if you don't have one and would like to have the training and take the test to get a card, you can obtain a current card at special test sessions that will held for Sidewalk Arts Show workers at the Allied Arts Gallery, 89 Lee Blvd., Richland at 6:45 PM sharp on Thurs. June 28 and Tues. July 10. No one will be admitted after the program starts at 7:00PM.. If these dates are inconvenient, call the Benton Health Dept. at 582-7761 for the training and a test date. They are located at 800 W. Canal Dr., Kennewick. Cost of the cards will be reimbursed by the Club on request. See you down at the Booth.

HUNTER EDUCATION FIREARMS DONATION: Six firearms, a .22 rifle, three 12 gauge shotguns and two 20 gauge shotguns, one a youth model, were donated to the Club's Hunter Safety facility by Ralph Broz. Thank you Ralph these firearms will help to replace the firearms that were stolen from the facility last year.

FISHING & BIG GAME SEASON PAMPHLETS: The 2001-2002 Fishing Regulations Pamphlet and 2001 Big Game Hunting Seasons And Rules Pamphlet are now available wherever fishing & hunting licenses are sold.

2001 BIG GAME SEASONS SUMMARY:

SPECIES	AREA	2001 SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT***
DEER			
Modern Firearm	High Buck	Sep. 15-25	1
	General	Oct. 13*	
	Late Buck (eastside)	Nov 5-19 or Nov. 10-18	
	Late Buck(westside)	Nov. 15-18	
Archery	Early Deer	Sep. 1-30	1
	Late Deer	Nov. 21-Dec. 8**	
Muzzleloader	High Buck	Sep. 15-25	1
	Early Deer	Oct. 6-10	
	Late Deer	Nov. 21-Dec. 8**	
ELK			
Modern Firearm	Eastern WA	Oct. 27-Nov. 11	1
	Western WA	Nov. 3-11	
Archery	Early Elk	Sep. 1-14	1
	Late Elk	Nov. 22-Dec. 15**	
Muzzleloader	Early Elk	Oct. 6-12	1
	Late Elk	Nov. 21-Dec. 8**	
BLACK BEAR	General Western WA (except N. Cascades)	Aug. 1-Nov. 11**	2
	N. Cascades	Aug. 1-Nov. 30	
	General Eastern WA (Except NE & Blue Mtn)	Aug. 1-Nov. 4**	
	NE & Blue Mtn	Sep. 4-Nov. 4	
COUGAR	Statewide	Aug. 1, 2001-Mar. 15, 2002	2

* Ending dates vary. ** Dates vary in some areas.

*** Bag Limits for Big Game are for calendar year and Bag Limits for Small Game are Daily Bag Limits unless otherwise noted.

HUNTERS REMINDED TO MAKE PHONE PERMIT APPLICATION BY

JUNE 10, 2001: A WDFW news release.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) officials remind hunters that, for the first time this year, all applications for special permits for fall hunts

must be made over the telephone or the Internet. Hunters seeking special hunting permits must submit their applications by June 10. The toll-free telephone number to submit permit applications is 1-877-945-3492. The Internet website for permit applications (www.fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov) is expected to be operational by June 1. Hunters must first purchase a permit application from a license dealer or by calling 1-866-246-9453, then use the telephone or Internet to submit information about hunt choices. All details of the application process are on page 18 of the newly-available WDFW 2001 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Rules" pamphlet.

ICICLE RIVER OPENS FOR SPRING CHINOOK FISHERY

A WDFW news release.

Action: Allows recreational fishing for spring chinook on Icicle River (tributary to the Wenatchee River)

Effective date: May 7, 2001 through July 22, 2001

Species affected: Spring chinook

Location: Icicle River from 500 feet downstream of the Leavenworth Hatchery barrier dam to stream mouth.

Reason for action: Leavenworth Hatchery spring chinook are predicted to return at an estimated run size level of 11,000 fish. The brood stock requirement for the hatchery is 1,000, leaving an excess of 10,000 fish available for harvest. Hatchery spring chinook returning to the Icicle River will have separated from wild fish. Thus the fishery is expected to have insignificant impacts on the listed spring chinook population. Because of the scheduling in developing preseason forecasts, there is insufficient time to promulgate permanent regulations.

Other: There is a daily limit of two salmon greater than 12 inches in length. Night closure and non-buoyant lure restrictions are also in effect.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JULY GENERAL MEETING - THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST.
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, July 17, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - July 25, 2001, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - JULY 27 & 28 (Friday & Saturday)
RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC JULY 31 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 27 and 28 (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 July 31 (see article below.)

JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The meeting was opened by president Bill Lambert. Bill made several announcements. One was about the proposed addition of the Eagle lakes Unit to the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge north of Othello. He passed out copies of the first Planning Update for the new unit and urged members to comment on the proposal. The unit will be about 23,000 acres in size.

● Bill introduced the first speakers, John Easterbrooks the WDFW Region 3 Regional Fish Program manager and Paul Hoffarth District 4 Fish Biologist stationed in Kennewick. They spoke about proposals that the department is soliciting for possible changes in next years fishing regulations. They explained that proposals can be submitted electronically on the internet by accessing <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/fish/regs/2002prop.htm>. Some proposed regulation changes were presented and are shown on the third page of this newsletter. Most of the comments at the meeting were about lack of enforcement, which has nothing to do with fishing regulations. Many comments were also heard about closing of the Ringold Hatchery, again not related to fishing regulations. The speakers reply to the hatchery closure was that fishing clubs and their members should contact their federal congressman and senators and impress on them the importance of renewing the funding for hatcheries. Money for operation of the hatcheries is funded through the federal government. When funding is cut, the state is forced to decide which hatcheries are closed down or where operations are curtailed.

● Gaylord Pyle introduced the second speaker Rocky Crisp from Critter's Outdoor World. Rocky showed some of the new fishing products that are available this year. First were some high quality beautiful Fenwick, Loomis and Shimano steelhead, bass and walleye fishing rods that cost from about \$280.00 down to about \$129.00. He showed a functional Loomis fly rod case that would protect your rod from just about any kind of accident. A selection of Shimano and Okuma spinning, bait casting and salt water reels were passed around for inspection. A Loomis fly fishing reel machined from aluminum with an exceptional, dependable drag mechanism at a price of less than \$100.00 was also shown. Rocky showed some Shimano soft

THIRD ANNUAL SKAGIT WATERFOWL FESTIVAL: You duck hunters and decoy collectors may be interested in attending the Third Annual Skagit Waterfowl Festival on July 14, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The festivities will be at the Skagit County Fairgrounds at Mt. Vernon Washington. The 29th Annual Northwest Decoy Collector's Rally, a World Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest and Used Waterfowl Gear Swap Meet will all take place that day. For more information check the Internet at <http://www.waduck.org/2001festival.htm>.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is sponsoring 10 youth to this years Washington State Conservation Camp. Dates of the Camp are July 15-21 for girls and July 21-28 for boys. A camper must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. Contact **Larry Martin at 545-9647** to obtain a registration form. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes. There was a shortage of campers last year at the Camp. So far the Club has received eight applications, 5 boys and 3 girls. The Washington State Conservation Camp is a very good and very comprehensive camp. If your son, daughter or grandchild is eligible to go to the camp or if you know of another youth(s) that would enjoy and benefit from the Camp call Larry and request a registration form. As of June 20 there were 8 applicants for camp.

2001 QUALITY TRIP: Leo Pfeifer who won the 2001 Quality Trip described his trip to the Board of Trustees at the June 19 Board Meeting. The trip was unanimously approved by the Trustees. Leo and his partner John Arrabito will go fishing in Soldatna Alaska for 7 days starting the last week in June. Congratulations and good luck to Leo and John.

tackle boxes and some very functional hard plastic lure boxes in them. The lure boxes can be purchased separately at Critter's. Various lures, a *Luhr Jensen Jet Diver* that can dive to 50' and *Berkley Whiplash* fishing line were also shown. Rocky showed two battery lighted lures, called *Litefish*, similar to a large salmon sized flatfish and selling for less than \$10.00. The battery in the lure is easily replaceable and in a watertight compartment. Rocky donated the two lures for that evening's raffle. All the equipment he demonstrated was of very high quality and is in stock at Critter's at the Broadmoor Mall.

● Raffle winners were: Dale Schielke - a \$50 gift certificate to Sergeant Bubbs, Mack McDonnell - a \$30 gift certificate to the Kennewick Rite Aid Drug Store, Paul Kison and Larry Martin each won a Litefish fishing lure donated by Critter's and, Leo Pfeifer, Reese Bang, Mike Estes and Tim Clemons each won a Worden's fishing lure donated by Worden's.

IN MEMORIAM: Club members were deeply saddened by the death of Bob McPhee. Bob passed away on May 25, 2001 at the age of 67 after a lingering fight with heart disease. He had been a Club member since 1979 and was an active volunteer on many Club projects. He was Secretary and also wrote the Bulletin in 1982 and served on the Board of Trustees for several years. He was chairman of the Big Game dinner in the 1980's and was an active supporter of the Second Amendment. Our deepest sympathies go to his family and friends.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Jeff Gardner & Family from West Richland, Sharon Rhodes from Pasco, and Charles M. Rowland from Redmond, WA.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Winner of the June photo contest was Walter Chuck with a photograph of a sturgeon that he caught. He won five free raffle tickets for the September General meeting. Bring your photograph entries to the July Board meeting or at the Club picnic on July 31.

SIDEWALK ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH 2000: -The Allied Arts Sidewalk Show will take place on Friday and Saturday July 27 and 28. We and the Columbia Basin Flycasters will again sponsor the Salmon Booth. The Flycasters will have the lead this year. A lot of help, about 70 volunteers will be needed. This is our main money raising project for the year.

- Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July, 26 from 6-8:00 PM (18 workers).
- The booth will operate with 9-10 workers per shift from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Friday July, 27 and Saturday, July, 28. 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 7:00-9:00PM.

All club members will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and what shift(s). Retirees are especially needed for the first two shifts on Friday. Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun. If for some reason you are not contacted or just want to volunteer before you are contacted, call Dennis Spore (627-0589), the shift coordinator, and tell him your shift preference.

Only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a "Food Servers Card". Shift workers are not required to have a "Food Servers Card". If you have a "Food Servers Card" check its expiration date. If your card is expiring or if you don't have one and would like to have the training and take the test to get a card, you can obtain a current card at special test sessions that will held for Sidewalk Arts Show workers at the Allied Arts Gallery, 89 Lee Blvd., Richland at 6:45 PM sharp on Thurs. June 28 and Tues. July 10. No one will be admitted after the program starts at 7:00PM.. If these dates are inconvenient, call the Benton Health Dept. at 582-7761 for the training and a test date. They are located at 800 W. Canal Dr., Kennewick. Cost of the cards will be reimbursed by the Club on request. See you down at the Booth.

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic will be held on Tuesday July 31, starting at 6:00 PM, at South Leslie Groves Park. For \$3.00 per person, (\$1.00 for children 12 and under) the Club will provide **Alder Smoked Salmon**, beverages, bread and condiments such as tartar sauce, lemon juice, butter etc. Attendees/each family should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for your dish. If your family name starts with A through G please bring a salad dish to share, if your name begins with H through P bring a side dish and Q through Z bring a dessert.. Bring your own utensils, including plates, also bring chairs, tables, blankets etc. in case there are not enough picnic tables. The park has a children's play area, rest rooms, shade trees, wading pool and a horseshoe pit.

• The Annual Liars contest will take place by the horseshoe pit. Anyone present can enter. Tell your **tall tale** and it will be judged in competition against all the others. Gift certificate prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. Prepare your **tall tale** and see if it can top all the others. Directions to the picnic are: From George Washington Way, turn east (towards the river) on Newcomer Ave. Continue to Harris Ave. Turn left at the "T" onto Harris and continue to Park St. (about one block). Turn right onto Park St. and follow it to the parking lot for South Leslie Groves Park. The aroma of alder smoke and barbecued salmon will lead you to where the picnic is.

THE SEASON BEGINS SATURDAY (JUNE 16) FOR HATCHERY STEELHEAD, SOCKEYE, AND JACK CHINOOK: A WDFW news release.

● **Action:** During open hatchery summer steelhead seasons (see 2001-2002 Fishing In Washington Sport Fishing Rules for the Columbia River summer steelhead regulations) chinook salmon greater than 12 inches and less than 24 inches in length and sockeye greater than 12 inches in length will be allowed to be retained from the mainstem Columbia from the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco downstream to the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line.

● **Effective date:** *From the I-5 Bridge downstream to the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line: 12:01 a.m. May 16 through 11:59 p.m. July 31.* From the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco downstream to the I-5 Bridge: 12:01 a.m. June 16 through 11:59 PM July 31

● **Species affected:** Summer chinook jacks and sockeye

● **Location:** The main stem Columbia River from the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco downstream to the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line

● **Reason for action:** This fishing rule change will allow anglers to retain summer chinook jacks and adult sockeye during fisheries targeting hatchery steelhead. An estimated 78,000 upriver-bound sockeye are expected to return to the Columbia in 2001. Upper Columbia summer chinook and sockeye are not listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Impacts to Snake River stocks, which are listed, are anticipated to be minimal.

● **Other information:** Any chinook jack or adult sockeye with or without an adipose fin intact may be retained. The salmon daily limit is six fish, of which no more than two may be sockeye. Minimum size is 12 inches. Chinook salmon 24 inches or more in length must be released immediately, unharmed.

SOME PROPOSED 2002 CHANGES IN FISHING REGULATIONS

Comments to these proposals can be submitted electronically on the internet by accessing <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/fish/regs/2002prop.htm>. These proposals were passed out at the June General meeting and the Department would like to receive comments concerning these proposals.

Use of lures for sturgeon is illegal according to WAC rules but are not listed in freshwater regulations (listed in saltwater).

Option 1 Same (no change)

Option 2 List in freshwater regulations also

Trout fishing in the Snake River min 10", why do we allow trout fishing? Smolts, are impacted. Try to keep people from catching smolts, ESA listed chinook, steelhead, sockeye.

Option 1 Same (no change)

Option 2 Close Snake River to trout

Option 3 Trout open June 16 to March 31, 12" min.

Columbia Park Pond

Option 1 Same (no change)

Option 2 Juvenile only (Ages 15 and under)

Option 3 Reduce daily limit to 2 trout and combined limit for all species of 5 fish

Option 4 One adult allowed with juvenile, statewide rules

Option 5 One adult allowed with juvenile and reduced bag limits

Option 6 Juvenile only (Ages 15 and under) and reduce daily limit to 2 trout and combined limit for all species of 5 fish

Railroad Pond

Option 1 Same (no change)

Option 2 Allow juveniles, only, to use bait, same bag limit

Yakima River

Option 1 Same (no change)

Option 2 No limit or size restriction on bass

Option 3 Slot limit, No more than 3 over 17", <17" no limit

McNARY HUNTER FEE WAIVER CERTIFICATES: Gary Hagedorn of the USFWS, at the June General Meeting, gave the Club a dozen *Hunter Fee Waiver Certificates* for the Club members that participated in volunteer projects such the Quarry Pond litter cleanup. Each certificate entitles the bearer to one free day of waterfowl hunting during the 2001-2002 waterfowl season, on the Burbank Slough Unit of the McNary National Wildlife Refuge. Eligible members are Mike Estes, Paul Kison, Bill Lambert, Rocky Ross, Russ Wyer, Clarence Corriveau, Tim Clemons, Gaylord Pyle, Jon Manthos, Eddie Manthos, Bob Henke and John Pfeiffer. If you have not received your certificate, pick it up at a Board meeting, the Club picnic on July 31 or at the September General meeting.

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HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 25 persons each) is scheduled, starting August 13 and continuing on August 14, 16, 18, 20, 21 and 23 at the RR&GC Tri-Cities Training Facility at the Port of Pasco. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084

2001 SPECIAL HUNT PERMIT DRAWING RESULTS: Results of the drawing can be viewed on the WDFW's webpage at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/wlm/game/hunter/specperm/>. You can also determine if you were successful and won a special permit by accessing <http://198.187.3.50/cgi-bin/permit.cgi> and entering your 'wild id' number in the search form box and hitting enter on your keyboard to initiate the search

HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM DONATION: Mr. J. E. Smith of Pasco donated more than \$900.00 of reloading equipment to the Hunter Education program. This equipment will be of great value to the Hunter Education program. Thank you very much Mister Smith.

MCWHORTER RANCH ACQUISITION: (Mike Estes) The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), through the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program, is seeking funding for acquisition of the 11,000 acre McWhorter Ranch on the south slope of Rattlesnake Mountain. The property shares its north border with the ALE Unit of the Hanford Reach National Monument and its east border with the Rattlesnake Slope Unit of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Sunnyside WMA. RMEF intends to transfer management and ownership of the ranch to the WDFW. Public ownership could increase elk hunting opportunity and assist in management of the Hanford elk population.

The RR&GC Board of Directors has voted to support this acquisition. Individual letters of support should be sent to Alan Christensen, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, P.O. Box 8249, Missoula, MT, 59807-8249. Information on the NWPPC's Fish and Wildlife Programs can be obtained on the internet at <http://www.nwcouncil.org> and <http://www/cbfwa.org>

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were no entrants in the July photo contest. Bring your photograph entries to the August Board meeting or September General Meeting.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING - THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST.

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, August 21, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - August 22, 2001, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET AT THE RICHLAND KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS (Saturday) SEPT. 15, 2001.

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

There will be no General Meeting in August. The August meeting was replaced by the Club's annual picnic/salmon barbecue on July 31. The September General meeting on September 4 will be the Annual Hunting Forecast where representatives from Regions 1, 2 and 3 of the WDFW will present the outlook for the fall hunting season.

DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: A duck banding project is scheduled for RR&GC youth, Ducks Unlimited Greenwings and other interested local youth, 17 years of age and under. The banding is being sponsored/organized by the USFWS/McNary National Wildlife Refuge, the RR&GC, Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited chapters and Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever club. Banding will take place at McNary Wildlife Refuge on Saturday August 18 starting at 8:00 AM. The youth will learn about the migratory habits of waterfowl and the importance of banding in waterfowl research and management. Meet in the parking lot at the McNary NWR Headquarters at Burbank, 600 Maple St. Come dressed (long pants and insect repellent) for the occasion. The ducks will have been trapped earlier and the youth will help band the ducks. The day's schedule is:

Duck Banding---8:00 to 9:30	Waterfowl ID---9:30 to 9:45	Wood Duck Box Demo	9:45 to 10:00
Duck Calling Demonstration-----10:00 to 10:15		Retriever Demonstration-----10:30 to 11:15	

Andy Cluck from the Hole In The Wall will demonstrate goose calling and Steve Schultz will demonstrate duck calling. The Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever club will be there with dogs for retriever demonstrations. Still Life Taxidermy will display goose mounts. Dale Schielke will show the wood duck nesting boxes and results from installed wood duck boxes. Cold drinks and snacks will be provided for the participants. This should be a fun and educational project. It is a great opportunity for youth to learn about waterfowl and waterfowl banding. Don't miss this opportunity, be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 18. If you need more information call Jeff Rampon at 376-0289.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club sponsored 11 youth to this years Washington State Conservation Camp. Three girls and 8 boys attended. Andrea Manthos, one of the campers sponsored by the Club a couple of years ago, was again selected to be a counselor at the girls camp for her third year.

IN MEMORIAM - The Club was deeply saddened by the death of Carl Wheeler, Sr. at the age of 89 on June 23, 2001. Carl had lived in the Tri-Cities for 26 years and was an expert gunsmith as well as a sporting goods store owner. It was hard to find a gun owner in the area who didn't have at least one gun repaired by Carl. He joined the Club in 1976 and received the unique Benefactor Award in 1985 because of his many donations to the Club. Until he retired in 1995, he donated a telescopic sight or a fine rifle or a classic shotgun for the main door prize at each Big Game Dinner. He received the Life Member Award in 1993 and a 25 year member belt buckle in 2000. Our deepest sympathies go to his family and friends.

PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET/FUND-RAISER: There will be a Three River Chapter of Pheasants Forever Banquet and auction in the Tri-Cities this year. The event will take place at the Knights of Columbus in Richland on Saturday September 1. A Browning BPS shotgun will be raffled off during the banquet, raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. For more details and to purchase tickets call Tim Clemons at 547-6626.

BPA RAISES BOUNTY FOR PIKEMINNOW (SQUAW FISH) ANGLING (From The Columbia Basin Bulletin- Barry Esperson)

- The Bonneville Power Administration raised the bounty on northern pikeminnow with the hope more anglers will be enticed into targeting predatory fish and, as a result, allow more of their salmon and steelhead prey to continue their migration toward the Pacific Ocean. The increased pikeminnow rewards are intended to help mitigate impacts to the Endangered Species Act listed salmonids caused by emergency federal hydrosystem operations implemented this year.
- Sport anglers on the Columbia-Snake river mainstem can earn enough to make their car and/or house payment if they land a tagged fish -- now worth \$1,000. The reward for a tagged fish had been only \$50. Until the Sept. 30 end of the sport reward season, anglers will get \$5 each for the first 100 untagged pikeminnow they catch, an increase of \$1. For additional catches up to 400, the reward has been boosted from \$5 to \$6. Fishers will be paid \$8 per fish (up from \$6) for any catches over 400 fish. The counting under the new reward structure, which is for the rest of the 2001 season only, began on July 11. Anglers are paid for fish 9 inches long or longer.

LICENSES CAN NOW BE PURCHASED BY TELEPHONE OR ON THE INTERNET: If you wish to purchase a 2001 fishing or hunting license, obtain transport tags, purchase/submit special hunt applications, submit harvest reports, purchase access decals, obtain catch record cards, purchase raffle ticket or make contributions online! You can do it by phone on a toll free line at 1-877-945-3492 (877-WILD-4-WA) or on the Internet at the WDFW web page at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/> and then click on the "Online License Sales" link. Before you proceed with purchasing an Internet license, please note that it will normally require 4-6 business days to receive your license documents in the mail. This means that if you are planning to go fishing for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, Dungeness crab, or halibut, or if you are planning on hunting big game in the next 10 days, you will not have the proper documents in your possession and should consider purchasing your license through a local license dealer. All other fishing and hunting opportunities can be pursued immediately upon purchase of an Internet license by using the Authorization Number provided to you at the end of the transaction and until your licenses have arrived in the mail. You will need a printer to print the sales receipt and/or fishing or hunting license if you wish to have a record of your license and sales receipt. If you have already submitted your special hunt application and you want to verify it, go to the WDFW web page and click on the [Online License Sales](#) link.

UPPER COLUMBIA OPEN TO CHINOOK FISHING: (A WDFW News Release)

1. Action: Open summer chinook fishery on the upper Columbia
2. Effective date: July 15 through October 15, 2001
3. Species affected: Chinook
4. Location: Columbia River: Priest Rapids Dam to Wells Dam, and between Highway 173 Bridge at Brewster and Highway 17 Bridge at Bridgeport to Highway 97 Bridge at the mouth of Okanogan River.
5. Reason for action: It is expected that the abundance of summer chinook returning to the upper Columbia will greatly exceed hatchery brood stock and natural spawning escapement needs. Exceeds the Priest Rapids escapement floor of 15,000 and is more than a 50% increase over the brood. This allows a recreational fishery with a 5% maximum impact. This stock is considered stable, not listed under ESA, and the proposed fishery is not likely to have measurable impacts on listed fish species (spring chinook and steelhead).
6. Other information: Daily limit is six salmon, no more than two adults. Wild coho must be released and the non-buoyant lure restriction will be in effect.
7. Information contact: Joe Foster (509) 754-4624, Art Viola (509) 665-3337

FALL SALMON FISHERIES OPEN AUGUST 1, 2001 FOR BUOY 10, COLUMBIA RIVER MAIN STEM:

(A WDFW News Release) Information contact: Joe Hymer, (360) 696-6211

OLYMPIA -- With 1.1 million coho, predominantly of hatchery origin, forecast to return to the Columbia River and the fall chinook return expected to surpass last year's, Columbia River fisheries scheduled to open Aug. 1 should be good this year. While the fall chinook run is expected to be slightly higher this year than last with 300,000 fish anticipated to return to the Columbia and its tributaries, the hatchery coho return is forecast to be the best since 1986. Scientists attribute the increased fall return in part to good ocean conditions, including cool temperatures and plenty of food, which both contribute to salmon survival during their ocean phase.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Director Jeff Koenings said the high return rate will allow the Department to not only meet its natural spawning and hatchery eggs needs, but substantially increase fishing opportunity. "We're very pleased to see this large return to the Columbia," Koenings said. "After a number of years of enduring incredibly harsh restrictions on fisheries, the high number of fish returning this year will provide plenty of opportunities for families to once again enjoy being on the water fishing." Because the fish are mostly of hatchery origin, WDFW is able to provide additional opportunity through increased bag limits in the selective fisheries on coho. Selective fishing refers to the rule that requires anglers to retain only those coho with a clipped adipose fin, indicating the fish came from a hatchery. "Just like the fisheries underway on the ocean and in Puget Sound, it will be extremely important for fishers to abide by selective fishing rules and return any wild fish caught to the water unharmed," Koenings said. "This year's unusually large returning run should provide an excellent opportunity for families to teach youngsters how to fish selectively to protect wild fish for the future." More information about selective fishing methods is available on the WDFW website, (<http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/>). Last year's Columbia River fall salmon return resulted in 61,000 angler trips at Buoy 10 for the season. Above the Megler-Astoria bridge, the fall season had a record 80,700 angler trips.

The Buoy 10 fishery will extend from the mouth of the river, upstream to the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line, just above the Megler-Astoria bridge. The season will begin with a daily limit of two salmon, only one of which may be a chinook. On Aug. 16, the daily bag limit will increase to three salmon, only one of which may be a chinook. Anglers must release all sockeye and chum, as well as coho under 16 inches and chinook under 24 inches. Only coho with the adipose fin clipped, indicating hatchery origin, may be kept. The North Jetty fishery will be open seven days a week when Marine Area 1 or Buoy 10 fisheries are open and barbed hooks are allowed. Meanwhile, the mainstem fishery will extend from above Rocky Point/Tongue Point line and will allow a daily bag limit of six salmon, no more than two of which may be adults. All sockeye and chum must be released. Only coho with a clipped adipose fin, indicating hatchery origin, may be kept below John Day Dam. In the mainstem Columbia, as well as the Buoy 10 fishery, both marked and unmarked chinook salmon also may be retained.

MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (NWR) HUNT PERMIT APPLICATIONS: Applications for advanced reservations for this fall's waterfowl season at the McNary Refuge, Burbank Slough Unit, have been mailed out. Photocopies of the application can also be submitted. If you have any questions or did not receive an application and desire to receive one, call (509) 545-8588 or 547-4942 as soon as possible. Completed applications must be received no later than Sept. 4, 2001 at the USFWS-Mid Columbia River NWR Complex, PO Box 2527, Pasco, WA, 99302. A \$3.00 non-refundable application fee must be submitted with the application.

- This year's Youth Hunt Days, at the McNary NWR, will be Saturday December 1 and Saturday December 29. Youths must be 10 to 17 years old to participate in this hunt, have a Hunter Safety Card and must be accompanied by an adult companion at least 21 years old. Youth Hunt reservation and blind fees will be waived for youth hunters and their companions. To apply for the hunt, send a standard post card with your name, address and words "McNary Youth Hunt Day" on it and designate which day you are applying for. Mail the post card to USFWS-Mid Columbia River NWR Complex, P.O. Box 2527, Pasco, WA 99302. Applications must be received by November 1st, 2001. Adult applications for the youth Hunt Days will not be accepted.
- Blind fees for permittees and standby hunters are \$5.00 and payable at the time of the hunt. A \$50.00 season pass is available and can be purchased at the hunter check station. Holders of 'Golden Age' or 'Golden Access' cards pay half price for hunt fees (daily hunt fee or season hunt pass). There is no fee for youth hunters aged 15 years or younger.
- The hunter check station will be staffed from 1 ½ hours before legal shooting hours until 8:00am and 11:30am to 1:30pm on scheduled hunt days (Saturday, Sundays, Wednesdays, Thanksgiving Day and New Years Day).
- Upland bird hunting will be allowed from noon to the end of state shooting hours on Saturday, Sundays, Wednesdays, Thanksgiving Day and New Years day. No permit or check-in will be required for the 2001-2002 hunt season for upland bird hunters.

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● One change would restore the Sept. 1-30 archery season for mule deer bucks with at least three points on their antlers in game management units (GMU) 243-247. All of those GMUs are located in Chelan County except for a portion of 244 in Snohomish County. Jerry Nelson, WDFW deer and elk section manager, said those areas were inadvertently dropped from the WDFW 2001 "Big Game Hunting Seasons and Rules" pamphlet, but will be open to bow hunters as they were last year. "The three-point buck-only archery season should have minimal impact on the mule deer herd and it was not the Department's intention to drop it," Nelson said.

● The second change would scrub a modern firearms season listed in the pamphlet for youth and disabled hunters in those same GMUs, Nelson said. That hunt, scheduled Oct. 13-21 for any species of deer of either gender, has been canceled due to concerns over the strength of the mule deer herd in those areas. "The department made a concerted effort to expand opportunities for young and disabled hunters, but an any-deer hunt for mule deer in those units would not be appropriate at this time," Nelson said. "The local mule deer population is still recovering from the wildfires of 1994 and the harsh winter of 1996-97, and we need to keep a rein on hunting seasons in that area." Other new youth and disabled hunter seasons listed in the pamphlet will proceed as scheduled, Nelson said. Check the hunting pamphlet for descriptions of GMUs, deer species and other rules.

NUMBERS OF ANGLERS & HUNTERS: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced that the number of anglers and hunters who bought licenses has remained fairly steady since 1998, their expenditures have continued to rise.

● Anglers bought 29.6 million fishing licenses in 2000 compared with 29.7 million in 1999. These anglers paid \$490.8 million for their licenses, tags, permits, and stamps, compared with \$481.2 million in 1999. Additionally, the number of hunters remained fairly steady, with 15 million buying licenses in 2000, closely mirroring the 1999 statistics of 15.1 million purchasers in 1999. However, expenditures were in excess of \$613.9 million for hunting licenses in 2000, up from \$580.2 million the year before.

WASHINGTON STATE WATERFOWL SEASONS: It appears that the 2001-2002 waterfowl season will be the same as last years except for the difference in dates between the two years. The duck daily bag limit will probably still be seven birds including no more than two mallard hens, two redheads, four scaup, one pintail, and one canvas back. Canvasback duck hunting will be closed Oct. 6 - Dec. 14, due to a nationwide decline in the species. The Washington State Migratory Waterfowl pamphlet with the final regulations should be available soon after the first of September at license dealers and can also be viewed on the WDFW web site (<http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/>) at the same time.



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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING - September 4, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, September 18, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - September 20, 2001, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET AT THE RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Saturday) SEPT. 15, 2001.

DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET AT DOUBLE TREE HOTEL PASCO, (Friday) SEPTEMBER 28, 2000.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The annual hunting forecast meeting will again be in September, one month early, so that archers, muzzle loaders and other early season hunters can obtain forecast information before their hunts. The meeting will be at the at the Richland Maintenance Facility at 7:00 PM on Tuesday September 4. The speakers will be Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife representatives from Regions 1, 2 and 3. The forecast will cover both big game and upland game birds in Eastern Washington. Each district will present expected numbers of species and hunter prospects. Any changes in hunting regulations will also be discussed.

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The annual picnic and salmon barbecue was held on Tuesday July 31. There were 59 adults and 12 youth attending. The salmon was cooked by Howard Gardner Dale Schielke and Jerry Zeitler. Dale Schielke and Dave Myers prepared Dutch Oven dishes. Dale prepared baked beans and Dave prepared a fruit cobbler. Vice President Gaylord Pyle was the salmon server and was very generous with the portions. Gaylord was also the MC. There was plenty of salmon and side dishes, salads and deserts for all. The highlight of the evening was again the Liars Contest that was held after we finished eating. At first there didn't appear to be any contestants. However after the first contestant (liar) finally came forward, other liars came out of the bushes and before the contest ended over a half dozen liars had come forward. After the stories were told, the winners were selected by applause from the audience. The Biggest Liar, first place, was won by Gene Fulks, Jeff Fulks father. Gene won a \$30 gift certificate. Second place, Bigger Liar, a \$20 gift certificate went to Dale Schielke. Third place, Big Liar, and a \$10 gift certificate went to, Mike Estes. Once again it was a very enjoyable evening, the weather was perfect, the food was great and the tales were tall.

SALMON BOOTH 2001: Dale Schielke & Howard Gardner

In its 16th year, the Salmon Booth was successfully run under the Banner of the Columbia Basin Flycasters. This year the profit was close to \$6500.00 to be shared equally by both clubs. The "Salmon Sandwich", in its third year, continues to be a good seller. A total of 660 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 our Club and the *Columbia Basin Flycasters*: Jerry Zeitler, Bob and Sharon Zinsli, John Pfeiffer, Dave and Carol Myers, Richard "Mac" McDonnell, Dennis Spore, John Hall, Lou LaDoucer, *Dick Nightengale*, Clare Cranston, Walt Allen, Harold Heacock, Eddie and Nancy Manthos, Bob Lyness, Lyle and Yvonne Gilk, Larry Martin, *Gene Woodruff*, Paul Kison, Gene VanLiew, Dave Thonn, *Albert Turner*, Steve Minnick, *Mike Schmitz*, *Rusty and Leslie Morlan*, Todd Woolum, Rocky Ross, *Larry Worden*, Mike and Karen Estes, Rich and Pat Holten, Bill Lambert, Jeff and Margaret Fulks, Russ Wyer, Gordon Hanson, Gaylord Pyle, *Bob and Eric Gamache*, Ev Weakley, Jeff Rampon, *Bob Newell*, *Dennis Kreid*, *Wally and Mary Jane Sheely*, Paul Logman, Dan Stepnewski, Rick and Chase Freeman, Jerry Caprio, Lou Ann Schielke, *Mark Simms*, Tim Clemons, Jim Shearer, Chris Foster, Wes Bryan, Jack Pickard, *Reed and Jacob Kaldor* and Reese Bang. Also, a special thanks to Rich and Pat Holten for donation of part of the supplies, and to Bob Zinsli for providing ice for use in the booth. Next year our Club will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers. *And especially many thanks to Dale and Howard for organizing the event and for purchasing and staging all the supplies needed to make the Booth a success. They have been doing this since the first Salmon Booth, many years ago. Without their help it would be very difficult to hold a successful event. Thank you very much!!*

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Gary Hagedorn from Burbank. Gary is the manager of the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: About 45 youth, parents, grandparents and friends were present at the duck banding that took place at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday, August 18. The youth varied in age from toddlers to 16 years. About 20 ducks had been trapped earlier and were banded by Howard Browers and Rebecca Chuck, Howard Gahr recorded the information for each of the banded ducks. Prior to banding, the ducks were held by the youngsters while the birds were inspected and then banded, the older youth helped some of the younger kids hold the ducks. After the ducks were banded, the youngsters carried the birds, walked out on a platform into the water and released them. Some of the ducks were able to fly away, molting ducks paddled away. There were almost as many photographers taking pictures as there were kids. Most of the ducks were mallards, there were at least two hen Wood Ducks and drake that were banded. After the banding Dale Schielke gave a presentation about the RR&GC Wood Duck nesting box project he has been spearheading. He displayed nesting boxes and data about nesting box locations and box inspections. He also installed a new post and nesting box next to the water and visible from the trail below the refuge parking lot. Lyle Gilk gave an exceptional presentation concerning gun safety at home. Both the kids and their parents listened intently to the talk. Steve Schultz, a professional duck hunting guide, gave a duck calling demonstration. Andy Clark from the Hole In The Wall demonstrated goose calling. Members of the Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club and their retrievers put on a very good retrieving demonstration. Some of the retrieves the dogs made were almost unbelievable. Snacks and refreshments, including duck sausage and smoked duck were available for all. The Kennewick Ducks Unlimited Chapter had posters, color books, crayons and other goodies for the kids to take home. Jeff Rampon did a very good job organizing the event. Club members that helped were Dale Schielke, Lyle Gilk, Gene VanLiew, Tim Clemons and Eddie Manthos. It was a beautiful day, the kids learned a lot and had fun. Many of the younger ones ended up hunting young frogs in the weeds along the waters edge. This is a very good event and should be continued annually.

'ROBODUCKS' BANNED IN WASHINGTON STATE: In a 6-2 vote, the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted a ban on waterfowl hunting with battery-powered or electronic decoys. Commission chairman Russ Cahill, who was among the six in favor of the ban, called it a "fair chase" issue. Cahill said many waterfowlers he heard from said use of the so-called "robotic" decoys "just increases the killing, not hunting participation." Other Commissioners expressed concern about increased harvest resulting in future restrictions on waterfowl hunting. Commissioners Kelly White and Will Roehl voted against the ban; Commissioner Fred Shiosaki was absent during that vote.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Winners of the July and August photo contests are Larry Martin and Gene VanLiew. Larry's photograph showed Howard Gardner rigged out in camouflage gear with varmints acquired while hunting for predators. Gene's photo showed a youngster fishing at Lunker Lake this past January. Larry, Gene and Walter Chuck, winner of the June contest, will each receive five free raffle tickets at the September General meeting. Bring your photograph entries for September to the September General Meeting.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club sponsored 11 youth to this years Washington State Conservation Camp. Three girls and 8 boys attended. Andrea Manthos, one of the campers sponsored by the Club a couple of years ago, was again selected to be a counselor at the girls camp for her third year. Girls that attended were Victoria

Manthos, Vanessa Manthos and Megan Cherwien. Victoria and Vanessa were pressed into service as counselors after they arrived at camp. Boys that attended were Daniel Mintzer, Derek Wheeler, Jason Jahnke, .J.J. Williams, Mark Malone, Travis Klug, David Hewitt and Justin Grimes. Jason Jahnke's mother, Melody Jahnke, died while he was at camp and he was brought home. The youth will relate their camp experiences at the October 2 General Meeting.

CONDOLENCES: Condolences from the Club to Mike Estes, his mother and family on the passing away of Mike's father, Harry, on August 18, 2001. May his memory be everlasting.

PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET/FUND-RAISER: There will be a Three Rivers Chapter of Pheasants Forever Banquet and auction in the Tri-Cities this year. The event will take place at the Knights of Columbus in Richland on Saturday September 15. A Browning BPS shotgun will be raffled off during the banquet, raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. For more details and to purchase tickets call Tim Clemons at 547-6626.

DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET/FUND RAISER: There will be a Ducks Unlimited *Fall Harvest* Banquet and auction at the Double Tree Hotel in Pasco on Friday September 28. Cocktails at 5:00 PM, Banquet at 7:00 PM and Auction at 8:00 PM. For more information and to purchase tickets call Bill Lambert at 628-1243.

SALMON DERBY: The fifth annual KofC/Tri-Cities Prep Boosters Salmon Derby will be held Saturday and Sunday Oct. 6 & 7 on the Columbia River above Richland. Entry fee is \$25.00 per person, if purchased before 6 PM, Thursday October 4, 2001. If purchased after 6 PM October 4, the fee is \$30.00, if tickets are available. Entry forms and information are available at Northwest Boats and Sports, Motyka's Fishing Post, Critter's Outdoor World, Hole In The Wall and Phil's Sporting Goods. There is a \$10.00 entry fee and special prizes for kids 12 and under. Adult prizes are a NW Marine & Sports Boat with motor and trailer for a specially tagged salmon, \$1,000 for the biggest salmon; and prizes for two-day total weight, "Mystery Fish" (random), and 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th largest fish. For more information look on the Internet at <http://www.rc.net.knights/kc3307/derby.htm> or phone 943-0723 or 542-8738.

HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT HUNT: The Club partially funded Eagle Scout candidate Steve Liebling this spring for his project of rearing 100 pheasant chicks. The chicks are now full grown. The Club Board of Directors voted at the August board meeting to utilize the 50 pheasants, funded by the Club, for a pheasant hunt for 25 graduates of the RR&GC Hunter Education program. The graduates will be from Lind, Connell, Bailie's Youth Ranch and the Tri-Cities. Dave Piovesan owner of "Limits Game Farm", located near Mesa, has graciously allowed us to use his farm for the hunt. Rocky Ross has helped work out many of the hunt details such as contacting Dave Piovesan, locating crates for transporting the pheasants to the hunt site, securing bands required on each pheasant before they are released and other necessary requirements. Clare Cranston is organizing the event and rounding up volunteers to help. Scheduled date for the event is Saturday September 8. The day will start off at 8:00 AM with the the first group of 8 graduates shooting a round of trap at the Connell Gun Club. They will then move to "Limits Game Farm," where they will pair off and hunt the pheasants, raised by Steve, behind a bird dog. Each pair of youth hunters will be accompanied by two adults and the dog handler with his dog(s). Each hunter will have the opportunity to shoot at two pheasants. After each group of eight has finished their hunt, they will leave the hunting area and be replaced by another group of eight arriving from the Connell Gun Club and so on until all 25 of the hunters have had an opportunity to shoot at two pheasants each. Full details for the hunt have been worked out. At present it appears that we should have enough volunteers to help at the hunt. It also appears that there will be enough dogs and handlers. However if there are any Club members that have bird dogs and are willing to help, they can be used to relieve the other dogs and handlers and stand by as a backup for those that might not be able to come. If any members are willing to help at the Game Farm at other jobs such as stocking birds, escorting the youth during the hunt or other odd jobs that might show up, please call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or Eddie Manthos at 586-6009.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 25 persons each) is scheduled, starting September 10 and continuing on September 11, 13, 15, 17, 18 and 19 at the RR&GC Tri-Cities Training Facility at the Port of Pasco. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084.

TWO CHANGES IN HUNTING RULES FOR FALL SEASONS: - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has announced two changes in hunting regulations for the fall hunting season that will affect hunting opportunities in two counties in northeastern Washington.

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5 lb. frozen squid (whole squid - calamari) - (\$9.95 at Albertson's Butcher Block)

Pickling salt (or table salt) - a 4 lb. box pickles a bunch of squid

1) Thaw enough squid for a couple weeks of fishing. Keep rest frozen. 2) Coat each squid liberally with salt on all sides. 3) Place salted squid in a covered glass bowl and refrigerate 24 hours. 4) Drain off liquid and rinse squid with fresh water. 5) Coat each squid liberally with salt on all sides a second time. 6) Place squid in a convenient size glass jar and add sufficient water to cover. 7) Add a tablespoon of salt to top of squid. 8) Cap jar tightly. 9) Keep squid refrigerated until used. 10) Keep squid on ice while fishing.

● My wife has been very tolerant of my keeping several jars of squid in our refrigerator as long as it doesn't smell. If it gets smelling bad, just repeat steps 4 - 10. I use 100# braided line, 150# swivel, 50# monofilament leader with a single 6/0 barbless hook, and a 16 oz weight on a 6-inch 50# leader attached to the line with a slide swivel. I've boated a bunch of sturgeon this year. I've taken two keepers and hooked a number of big 'uns that I never saw. After an hour I was tired and they weren't, so I cut the line. Good fishing! Carl Higby

FISHING EVENT FOR THE DISABLED AT THE FAMILY FISHING POND: Tri-City Residential Services on Saturday, September 15 conducted a fishing event for the disabled at the Family Fishing Pond. There were approximately 15 who participated. They ranged in age from the late teens to over 40 years old. The 15 fishermen received a bag with fish hooks, weights, bobbers, a Fluor Hanford flashlight, and some other items. Anyone who didn't have a fishing pole (rod and reel) was given one to use and to keep. In addition to the fishing there was a really good picnic lunch served and

all the participants seemed to really enjoy themselves. The WDFW stocked the pond the day before with about 700 Rainbow Trout. The trout did not cooperate and the fishermen switched to worms and started catching some small bass and bluegills. Members of the RR&GC that helped were Jim Shearer, Tony Umea, John Pfeiffer, Russ and Leila Brown, and Mike Estes. Paul Hoffarth from the WDFW also participated. In addition to the volunteers, staffers from the Tri-Cities Residential Services plus the adults that brought the "clients" to the event helped so that there was at least one volunteer or staffer for each fisherman.



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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING - October 2, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October, 16 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -October 25, 2001, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The October General meeting will be at the Richland Maintenance Facility at 7:00 PM on Tuesday October 2.

● The main speaker will be Club member Gene VanLiew. His topic will be GPS (Global Positioning System) units. Gene gave a similar talk several years ago. Since that talk, GPS units have greatly improved and their cost has decreased. The basics of GPS units, how to use them and the different kinds available will be presented and discussed. There will be several GPS units at the meeting for us to examine and try out. Gene asks that if you have a unit, bring it to the meeting along with its manual/instructions. More and more of us are purchasing these units and I am sure there are many of us that do not how to fully utilize them. If have any questions about your unit, Gene will probably be able to answer them. Since the hunting season is upon us there are probably many of us that are thinking about purchasing a unit now or perhaps hope that "Santa" may bring them one for Christmas. This talk may help you make up your mind about what to buy. Gene's last talk was very informative and very good. This will be an opportunity for you to learn all about the units and what they can be used for. This is a meeting you should not miss.

● The first part of the meeting will be given over to the youth that attended this summers Washington State Youth Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. The youth will share their impressions and experiences at the Camp. The Club sponsored eleven youth to attend the camp. Come to the meeting and show them that you are concerned with their future and interested in their camp experiences.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

● The meeting was opened by President Bill Lambert. He announced that the leg bands for the pheasants raised by Eagle Scout candidate Steve Liebling had arrived and will be installed on the pheasants that will be utilized for Hunter Education student graduates that will participate in a pheasant hunt at the Limits Game Farm, just north of Mesa, on September 8. Approximately 25 graduates will participate in the hunt Bill also announced and showed the "Rotating President's Trophy" that will be presented to new Club presidents at the start of their office term. This trophy was originally presented to Carl Wheeler. After Carls death, his family returned the trophy to the Club and asked that it be used by the Club as it saw fit. The Board decided to modify the trophy and use it as a Rotating President's Trophy. The trophy was originally prepared by Jack Pickard and Lana Schleder, both members at that time of the Tri-City Woodcarvers Association.

● First speaker from the WDFW was Pat Fowler from Region 1 who stressed the importance of hunters sighting in their big

game rifle and checking its point of impact. Statistics show that less than 50% of hunters rifles have been sighted in before they go hunting. Pat stated that upland birds, especially pheasants, in Region 1 had a poor year because of cool and wet weather in late May and June. Quail and chukars also suffered, perhaps not as severely as pheasants. Hungarian partridges did better and their numbers should be good. Hunters appear to be doing well hunting grouse in NE Washington. Blue Mountain grouse hunting should be good in GMUs 162-Dayton, 166-Tucannon and 169-Wenaha. Turkey numbers appear to be good. Bear numbers in the northeast are down, probably because of a poor berry crop. Bear hunting is usually better in the spring. Mule deer populations are better, almost back to normal numbers. Mule deer hunting along the Snake River should be good especially in Units 145 - Mayview and 178 - Peola. Units 113 - Selkirk and 117 - Stevens 7 Pend Oreille Cos should be good for White Tails. Deer populations in the mountains appear to be depressed and they should be scouted before you go hunting. Elk in NE Washington seem to be better than average; however you should scout the area you plan to hunt. Elk numbers in the Blues appear to have stabilized except for the east side where it appears that elk calf predation was severe.

- Don Larsen from Region 2 gave the forecast for both Regions 2 and 3. He stated that the upland bird forecast for both regions is similar to that for Region 1. Waterfowl numbers are 14% below last year but still 9% above the average. He believes that the waterfowl opening in the Basin will be slow. Later, weather will be the determining factor for waterfowl hunting success in the Basin. Numbers of deer appear to be increasing in both Regions 2 and 3. Elk numbers are poor in the Kittitas and in the Yakima area there appear to be good numbers of spike bulls. Don reported that there were 13 antlerless elk harvested above Benton City on Saturday, September 1 and no elk were harvested the following Sunday and Monday.

- Bob Pittman of the *South East Washington Alliance for Pheasant Habitat* gave a short presentation on what he called a Pheasant Production System. He stated that different types of cover or habitats are required at different stages by pheasants for optimum pheasant production. The four critical habitat types are: (*The following is excerpted from Bob's talk.*)

- **Winter Cover**--- In the winter pheasants need protection from the elements and food sources.

- **Territory Sites**--- In the spring roosters set up territories, usually no closer than 300 yards to each other, along an edge where permanent cover borders on open ground where the hens can feed under the watchful eye of the rooster.

- **Nesting Cover**---Good nesting cover provides concealment for the hen and nest and is easy for the hen to get in and out of. (Example: A patch of last year's grass about knee high.) The average distance of a hen's first nest is a couple of hundred yards from the rooster's territory, so that's where the nesting cover needs to be. Planting big blocks of nesting cover is wasteful. What's needed is smaller strips and patches of nesting cover close to the rooster's territory.

- **Brood Cover**---In the Columbia Basin, as in many other areas in the age of herbicides, brood cover is in short supply and a lack of brood cover is most often going to limit pheasant production. To see why, let's look at brood cover in more detail. Brood Cover, according to Bob, has the following characteristics:

- Brood cover is rich in big slow bugs, larvae, and caterpillars at chick level. Chicks eat nothing but big slow insects for the first couple of weeks of their lives. These insects are found on broad leaf forbs, or "weeds" as most of us call them.

- It is open enough for chicks to move through without getting soaked.

- It furnishes overhead cover so the chicks don't get eaten by predators. The farther the hen has to go with the chicks to brood cover, the fewer survive, so the brood cover should be right next to the nesting cover. The big problem with pheasant production in the Columbia Basin is that for practical purposes brood cover is against the law. The elimination of noxious weeds is required by law and in practice that means most broad leaf forbs are controlled. It's hard to control noxious weeds and not control all weeds. So here is the dilemma: 1)Pheasant chicks eat nothing but insects. 2)Most of the insects chicks eat are found on "weeds." 3)If you eliminate the "weeds," you eliminate most of the insects chicks must have to survive. 4)Therefore, when we eliminate "weeds," we eliminate pheasants. So what does the future hold? Will pheasants ever come back in the Columbia Basin on a large scale? As far as private farmland is concerned, probably not. Strict weed control will probably always be with us. Now public hunting areas are something else. The SE Washington Alliance for Pheasant Habitat believe it is intolerable when our public hunting areas are managed in such a way as to ruin the pheasant hunting. They are going to work with Pheasants Forever and the Department of Wildlife to do something about that. One way or the other, ways must be found to satisfy requirements for noxious weed control and still maintain good pheasant habitat. That's not going to be easy to do. It will probably take a lot of work from pheasant hunters. The Alliance wants to invite the Richland Rod and Gun Club to help out with the work load, when help is needed. For further information or information about the Alliance, contact Bob at (509) 946-8318 or at jbobbpittman@aol.com.

- Winners of the Raffle drawings were: Ev Weakely - a \$50 gift certificate to the Hole In The Wall, Rich Holten won a \$30 and a \$10 gift certificate to the Hole In The Wall. Bill Lambert won three fishing lures and also a "Hunting Fee Waiver Certificate" to the McNary Refuge.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were no photo entries in September. Bring your photograph entries for October to the October General Meeting.

CONDOLENCES: Condolences from the Club to Jack Pickard, his mother and family on the passing away of Jack's father, William, on August 26, 2001. The Club extends its deepest sympathies.

APOLOGIES: Apologies to Bob Henke for not acknowledging him as one of the workers at the McNary Refuge duck banding on August 18. I just plain forgot him and it had nothing to do with his Labrador pup peeing on my shoe.

GOOSE HUNT DAYS SHORTENED IN PART OF EASTERN WASHINGTON: A WDFW news release. The goose hunting season will be shortened by three days this fall in much of eastern Washington, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has announced. The change will end the regular fall goose season on Oct. 25 instead of Oct. 28 in Goose Management Area 4 (includes Benton, Franklin & Walla Walla counties). With the change, opening and closing dates for the fall goose season will be uniform throughout eastern Washington. The Area 4 fall goose season set earlier last month by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission and published in WDFW's 2001-2002 Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Season pamphlet had to be shortened to comply with federal regulations limiting goose hunts to a total of 107 days, including early-season, youth and late-season hunts, said Don Kraege, WDFW waterfowl manager

SALMON DERBY: The fifth annual KofC Tri-Cities Prep Boosters Salmon Derby will be held Saturday and Sunday Oct. 6 & 7 on the Columbia River above Richland. Entry fee is \$25.00 per person, if purchased before 6 PM, Thursday, October 4, 2001. If purchased after 6 PM October 4, the fee is \$30.00, if tickets are available. Entry forms and information are available at Northwest Boats and Sports, Motyka's Fishing Post, Critter's Outdoor World, Hole In The Wall and Phil's Sporting Goods. There is a \$10.00 entry fee and special prizes for kids 12 and under. Adult prizes are a NW Marine & Sports Boat with motor and trailer for a specially tagged salmon, \$1,000 for the biggest salmon; and prizes for two-day total weight, "Mystery Fish" (random), and 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th largest fish. For more information look on the Internet at <http://www.rc.net.knights/kc3307/derby.htm> or phone 943-0723 or 542-8738.

HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT HUNT: The hunt was successfully held at the Limits Game Farm, located near Mesa, on a bright, hot Saturday, September 8 (see www.limitsgamefarm.com for information about the Game Farm). The day started off with the students, in groups of eight, shooting a round of trap at the Connell Gun Club. They then moved to the Limits Game Farm where they shot, in groups of four or less, on one of five separate hunt sites. Immediately prior to the 'shoot', two pheasants per hunter were released by Limits Game Farm personnel at the site. These birds had been raised by Eagle Scout candidate Steve Liebling with funds provided by the Club. After a group finished hunting, they vacated the hunt site and another group took their place, after the site was stocked with pheasants. A total of 21 students, including Steve Liebling, participated in the shoot. A total of 40 pheasants were released and 15 were harvested by the hunters. Five of the students each harvested 2 pheasants and another five each harvested one bird for a total of 15 birds. Club members Lyle Gilk, Dave Myers and John Silko each brought their bird dog and hunted with the students. Bruce and Ben Benson and Bob Romine members of the Sand & Sage Hunting & Retriever Club (Bob is also a Kennewick Ducks Unlimited member), Ken Burgard and Ned Hutchins also brought their bird dogs and hunted with the students. RR&GC members Clare Cranston, who organized the event, Bill Lambert and Eddie Manthos helped. Aaron Powers and son Andrew helped at the Connell Gun Club. Fathers, mothers, grandfathers and even a grandmother accompanied the students to the trap shoot and the pheasant hunt. Dave Piovesan, his wife Pam, his son Douglas and Lee Magouirk, all from the Game Farm, made the event a success. Without their help the shoot would not have been possible. We wish to thank Dave and his wife Pam for allowing us to use their farm and facilities. They were very gracious hosts, we felt like we had been invited into their home. Dave is very serious about the importance of getting youth involved with both hunting and fishing. It was a great day and will long be remembered by all who participated. The *Tri-City Herald* will tentatively publish an article about the Pheasant Shoot on October 6.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: The Club thanks the parents of Hunter Education students who donated the following to Hunter Education: - Carl Petty - \$50.00 and Verona Bender - \$100.00. Francis Kiholm donated a personalized handcrafted leather rifle sling that was awarded to Jeremy Romanowski who achieved a perfect score on the Hunter Education test.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - **Clare Cranston** - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 25 persons each) is scheduled, starting October 8 and continuing on October 9, 11, 13, 15, 15, 16 and 18 at the RR&GC Tri-Cities Training Facility at the Port of Pasco. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084.

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provide their Washington Interactive Licensing Database (WILD) identification number. It is of utmost importance that this number be correctly entered.

- **Mandatory hunter reports:** Hunters will be asked to report by species tag. The following information is required and will be entered on the Remember, written reports, whether hand delivered or mailed, will not be accepted for deer, elk, bear and turkey. Deer, elk, black bear and turkey hunter report questions: (1) Game animal hunted deer elk bear turkey 2nd tag species? 3rd tag species?, (2) Did you hunt? (yes/no), Total number of days hunted? (3) Game management unit (GMU) hunted most. (GMU #). (4) Number of days hunted in that GMU? (# days). (5) GMU hunted second most? (GMU #). (6) Number of days hunted in that GMU? (# of days). (7) Were you successful (yes/no)? (8) Location of kill? (GMU #). (9) Date of Kill? (mm/dd). (10) Sex of kill (male or female)? Buck/doe Bull/cow Male/female Male/female. (11) Age of kill [adult or juvenile (fawn or calf)]?(12). The number of points on the left antler and right antler? (13) whitetail, blacktail or mule deer?
- Special species hunter reports: All moose, goat, and sheep hunters will be notified by mail and requested to provide information. They may submit their hunting reports by automated toll-free phone line or the Internet. Moose, goat and sheep hunter reports are not a part of the special incentive permit program.

DISTRICT COURT RULING: A Wildlife Legislative Fund of America (WLFA) news release. A U.S. District Court has ruled in favor of animal rights interests in a case regarding dog breeding licensing regulations. Individuals selling dogs as pets must now be federally licensed. Sportsmen who breed and sell hunting dogs may not be far behind. In a lawsuit brought by the Doris Day Animal League (DDAL), the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia decided that virtually all individuals who sell dogs for pets must obtain a federal license and comply with all applicable requirements of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). This ruling invalidates the regulation that individuals who sold dogs as pets from their residences were exempt from AWA licensing and regulations. No ruling was issued on the claim that AWA also requires licensing and

regulation of those who sell hunting dogs, but the Wildlife Conservation Fund of America (WCFA) expects a legal challenge when the agency issues its final regulations on this matter. Implications of the court's decision are enormous for all sporting dog owners. All of the breeding, maintenance and sale of hunting dogs by an individual who breeds and sells, even one litter, from his residence will come under federal jurisdiction. This will allow animal rights groups like DDAL and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to use federal courts, regulations and law to harass hunting dog owners.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING - November 6, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, November 20, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - November 23, 2001, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The November General Meeting will be at the Richland Maintenance Facility at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 6. The main speaker will be Dave Ware of the WDFW in Olympia. His topic will be "a progress report on the Elk Risk Assessment Panel." The Elk Risk Assessment Panel is made up of a group of external elk experts contracted to evaluate options and strategies for managing elk in Washington State. Dave Ware is one of the two panel members from Washington State. The panel gave a progress report to the WDFW Commission on Oct 6, 2001. Dave will also explain the WDFW required post hunting season reports for deer, elk, turkey and black bear.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club President Bill Lambert opened the meeting and introduced the guests present.

- The first speakers were five of the eleven youth, sponsored by the Club, that attended the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Megan Cherwien, Justin Grimes, Mark Malone, Derek Wheeler and Daniel Mizer related their camp experiences.

- The main speaker, Club member Gene VanLiew, spoke about Global Positioning Units (GPS) and gave a very good presentation. He quizzed the audience and learned that fourteen of the thirty people in the audience owned GPS units. Some of them brought their units to the meeting and went through the various unit functions as Gene explained them. Gene was very thorough and did an exceptional job describing GPS units. He spent a lot of time researching the units and preparing his talk. He described how the unit(s) functioned and what they can do. He wrote to manufacturers of various units and obtained descriptive literature which he distributed at the meeting. Gene suggested that users of the units should: 1.) Carry a compass as a backup, 2) Make sure that you carry spare batteries for the unit, 3.) Use a neoprene case for the unit if it is used in a boat and 4.) Carry a note pad and pencil with you. He also strongly recommended that you carry a "Quick Reference Card," for your unit, with you when you are using it. Reference books can be purchased from REI. GPS Land Navigation is available at REI for about \$19.95. There was so much interest in the topic that the meeting went well beyond the quitting time of 9:00 P.M.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were four photo entries in October. Mike Estes was the contest winner with a photograph of his son Scott showing off a large bass. Mike will win five free raffle tickets for the November General Meeting raffle.

Bring your photograph entries for November to the November General Meeting.

NEW MEMBER: Welcome to new members Todd Nelson and family from Richland.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - **Clare Cranston** - The regularly scheduled Hunter Education class starting November 12 is full. An extra November class (Maximum of 25 persons each) is starting on Monday, November 26 at the RR&GC Tri-Cities Training Facility at the Port of Pasco. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084.

OCTOBER 6 INLAND FISHERIES MEETING: Clare Cranston - The Inland Fisheries Committee met at the Richland Rod and Gun Hunter Education Facility on Saturday, October 6. Eleven members and Paul Hoffarth, District 4 Fish Biologist, were in attendance. They were very impressed with the facility and training aids, i.e., firearms. The Club funded a luncheon for the attending people who were very appreciative. The meeting was hosted by Clare Cranston and his wife Dorothy, without her help the meeting wouldn't have come off as smoothly as it did. Some of the topics addressed at the meeting were:

- ◆ The Moses Lake fishery study project has probably been killed by the Independent Review Panel. Panel's conclusion was that carp are the problem and that efforts should be made to kill carp. There are apparently enough funds to do most of a years work.
- ◆ A new report -- "A Report on Washington Dept. Of Fish & Wildlife High Lakes Fisheries Management Program" by Bob Fife & Associates has been completed and will soon be available.
- ◆ East Side Lake rehabilitation program (*west side dead due to human densities around lakes*) is moving slowly. Hopefully a few Rotenone treatments in 2002 - 2003 will be accomplished.
- ◆ The WDFW Commission workshop for fishing regulation proposals will be in November. If we want to create a new RCW permitting two rods for fishing, public pressure will have to be put on the commission and legislature for the change.
- ◆ The legislature provided more funds for the Youth Fishing program, \$250,000.00 and \$150,000.00 for a coordinator. More fishing events will be held in 2002.

Warmwater fisheries program:

- ◆ Based on a freshwater angler preference survey, 49% of WA anglers now prefer warmwater species.
- ◆ As warmwater enhancement funds become available, it is planned to expand the Meeseberg hatchery facility at Ringold.

2001 Warmwater program:

- ◆ About 800,000 Sagieye (Sauger-Walleye cross) were planted in Liberty Lake.
- ◆ About 18,000 channel catfish were planted in the Potholes Reservoir.
- ◆ About 1,800, 10"-14" channel catfish were planted in Sprague Lake.
- ◆ Black Crappie, there was no production due to aquatic growth in the rearing pond. Personnel were unable to seine out adult Crappies which ate the fry.
- ◆ Tiger Muskie, 5-6,000 on hand to be stocked.

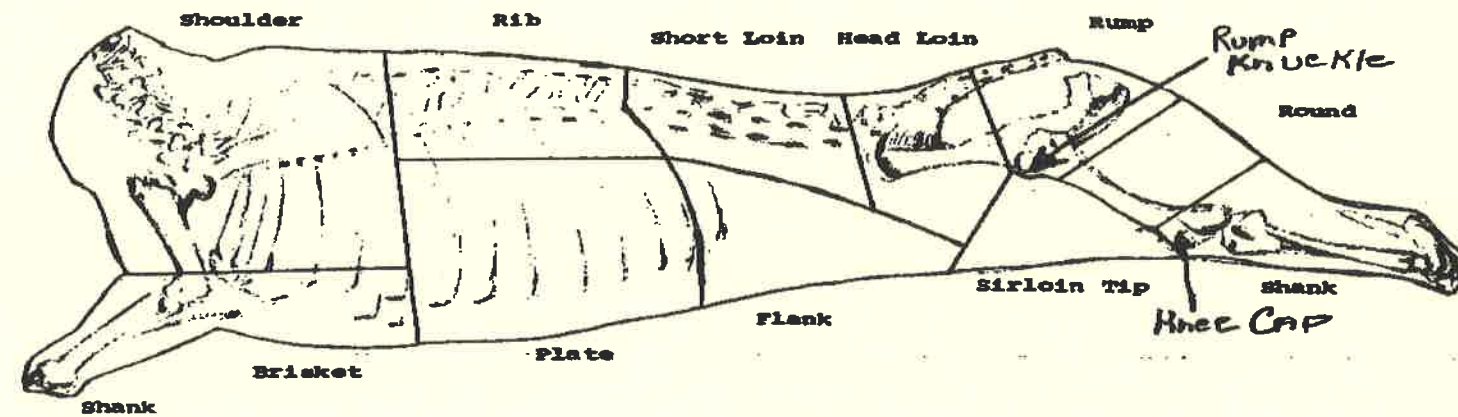
Quality water trout program:

- ◆ Number of *trout waters* has remained virtually unchanged for years. The WDFW is considering what changes could and/or should be made. Clare requested background data, ie program costs - versus angler numbers in quality program and the effects on habitat of the quality program compared to general public usage.

HUNTER EDUCATION EXHIBIT AT McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DAY: Clare Cranston set up and manned a Hunter Safety Exhibit, in the name of the Club, on Saturday, October 20 at the Environmental Education Center at McNary NWR. The exhibit consisted of a selection of firearms and firearms safety literature on a large table. More than 600 people attended the National Wildlife Refuge Day event and stopped at the exhibit and asked questions and obtained information and literature from Clare. There were many other exhibits and displays at the event. Clare should be commended for spending over a half day of a beautiful Saturday at the event. He represented the Club very well, thank you Clare.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!!: The hunting season has started and once again the Club is looking for donations of game meat for next springs Big Game Dinner that will be held March 23, 2002. The game meat includes waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear or boar, upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut, steelhead and salmon can also be used. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: (see the diagram below). After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap. Cut into the leg until you

reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Finally, clean the meat thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. You then take the roasts to Chucks Meats in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chuck has control of the key. If you have any questions, call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694. All donations will be greatly appreciated the night of the Big Game Dinner. Good hunting!



◆ All Club members should be alert for the opportunity to solicit and obtain door prizes for the Big 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 Big Game Dinner program. Obtain the door 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 John Silko at 627-1241. 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.

MANDATORY REPORTS FOR DEER, ELK, BLACK BEAR AND TURKEY HUNTERS: (From WDFW Website)

Accurate and complete information on hunting activity is vital to sound wildlife resource management. To improve the amount and accuracy of information on hunting activities, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) now requires hunters to submit post hunting season reports. In an effort to make harvest reporting more convenient, the WDFW is offering hunters the option of reporting their activity either by telephone or over the Internet, rather than in writing.

◆ Traditionally, WDFW conducted post-season mail surveys to assess game animal populations and hunter effort and success. Survey information was collected along with reports directly from hunters in the field, at highway checking stations and at locker storage facilities. However, the response has been low to the voluntary mail survey. Each year, follow-up mailings have been needed to collect the surveys. In addition only about 40 percent of successful deer and elk hunters typically reported harvest information. As a result, the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission -- the citizen panel which oversees WDFW activities -- took action last April to make the hunting reports **mandatory** for all persons holding a state hunting license, whether or not they actually hunted. The mandatory reporting requirement is expected to dramatically increase the amount of information available to resource managers and ultimately could benefit both wildlife resources and hunters.

◆ To improve compliance, WDFW is offering incentives for early reporting and is imposing penalties on hunters who fail to submit their reports. Those who do not complete the reports will be blocked from future purchase of hunting tags.

◆ (Early reporting incentives) Deer, elk, bear and turkey hunters who submit their report on or before Jan. 10 will be entered into a drawing for one of nine deer or elk special permits valid for next year's hunting season. Those permits include: Two special incentive elk permits for western Washington and two for eastern Washington. Five statewide, any deer, special incentive permits valid in any area open to general or permit hunting seasons except GMU 157, 485 and Private Lands Wildlife Management Areas. Deer and elk permits will require a hunter to use the appropriate legal weapon during any open general or permit hunting season. Hunters who win the special incentive permits must purchase the appropriate license and tag from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) headquarters in Olympia. **Hunters have their choice of two systems in place for collection of harvest reports. An automated, toll-free phone line at 1-877-945-3492 or on the Internet at www.fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov.**

◆ **Do not hand deliver or mail** written reports for deer, elk, black bear and turkey. Hunters are encouraged to report within 10 days of harvest while details of the hunt are still fresh. All deer, elk, bear and turkey hunters, including hunters who ended up not hunting, must report by Jan. 31. Deer, elk, bear and turkey tag holders who do not submit a report by Jan. 31 will not be allowed to purchase tags for the subsequent hunting season until they report. Hunters submitting reports will be asked to

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- Public Meetings-The Club generally has a member(s) in attendance at WDFW meetings held in our area. The meetings have been well conducted, with ample time for presentation of various points of view.
 - Regulatory Processes-We generally provide written comment on proposed regulations for Freshwater Sport Fishing and Hunting Seasons.
 - General- In an attempt to get more feedback/comment on WDFW issues or proposed regulations, the WDFW should work to develop strong working relationships with the appropriate editors of daily newspapers and television to ensure that publicity on issues/regulations is published/aired. Simply providing news releases and hoping for the best doesn't get the information into public domain. Since everyone doesn't have internet access, too much reliance on a website also doesn't get the job done
- WDFW Information Products:**
- General- The WDFW website is very useful, but only sportsmen with internet access can be reached. See comment in preceding section on newspapers and television. For all Information Products, emphasis should be as described under Education Programs above. The non-hunting and fishing public need to be continually reminded that hunting, fishing and trapping are acceptable activities and part of America's pioneer heritage. Further, since the anti-hunting Seattle area controls elections in Washington, additional emphasis should be placed on saturating this area with information supporting the consumptive sports.
 - Wild About Washington-This show should be made available to households that do not have cable.
 - Washington Hunting News, Game Trails- This publication wasn't mentioned as an information product. I pick one up at a license dealer, when I see it. How often is it published?(once a year I learned) The issues I have seen contain interesting and useful information.

PORT OF WALLA WALLA HUNT INFORMATION: - Bill Lambert - The area on the Snake River at Burbank between the railroad bridge and the Highway 12 bridge is off limits to hunting according to the Port of Walla Walla.. Port lands west (downstream) of the railroad bridge can be hunted.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

- DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, December 4, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
- BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, December 18, 2001, 7:00 P.M. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - December 26, 2001, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
- BIG GAME DINNER Saturday March 23, 2002**

NOTE THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD ON NEW YEARS DAY JANUARY 1. IT WILL BE HELD ONE WEEK LATER ON TUESDAY JANUARY 8.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The December General Meeting will be at the Richland Maintenance Facility at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 4. The main program speakers will be Larry Martin and Howard Gardner. They will present a program on coyote hunting. To be demonstrated and discussed will be calls, calling techniques, rifles and shotguns, types of bullets, skinning (if a coyote cooperates), fleshing and pelt care and the selling of pelts, skulls, claws and baculum. With some encouragement they may tell a few coyote tails.
- Tickets for the March 23, 2002 Big Game/Wild Game Dinner will go on sale at the meeting. The price is still \$15.00 per person. Club members, their families and members guests can attend the dinner.
- Year 2002 Club calendars will be available for \$3.00 each. Buy extras to give to your hunting and fishing buddies as Christmas gifts.
- **Elections for Club officers and trustees will be held at the start of the meeting.** More information is later in this Bulletin.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING: Since the first Tuesday in January falls on New Years day, the January General Meeting will be held the following Tuesday January 8 at 7:00 PM, probably at the Richland Maintenance Facility.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The November General Meeting was opened by Club president Bill Lambert who made two announcements:

- A letter was received by the club from the Tri-Cities Residential Services thanking the Club members who participated and helped at the September 15 Fishing Event for the Disabled at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond..
- The existing boat ramp at Casey Pond will be replaced by a ramp at the opposite end of the pond by the large irrigation pump. The existing ramp will be put out of service when the highway is widened to four lanes.

- Bill introduced the main speaker of the evening Dave Ware of the WDFW. Dave is stationed in Olympia and moved there about 10 years ago. Prior to that time Dave was stationed at the McNary game range at Burbank. His next assignment was working with the Snake River mitigation program. From there he went to Ephrata where he worked on the private landowner program. From there he was assigned to Olympia where he presently serves as a Game Division manager in the Wildlife Program. There are five divisions in the Wildlife program. Within the program there are six regions and seventeen districts. Dave spoke about the Elk Risk Assessment Panel which is an *outside* group that was formed to help assess management of Washington State elk. Most of the 25 panel members are from out-of-state and are academia people. They were asked, among other things, to look at optimum bull/cow ratios, antlerless harvest, late season hunts and hunting during rut. The final report will be issued in late December or early January. Data collection that can be mainly supplied by hunters is extremely important so that the results of the assessment can be applied. Organizations such as the Richland Rod & Gun Club and its members can be extremely important in supplying data by answering opinion survey questions.

Dave also explained the necessity and requirements for filling out post season hunting reports for deer, elk, turkey and black bear. He also answered many questions from the audience and listened to complaints and suggestions concerning the WDFW. Dave is a very good and personable speaker and was well received by the audience.

- Clare Cranston spoke about the termination of the Hunter Education Facility lease at Big Pasco. A tenant for the building will occupy it in December. The facility needs to be vacated by December 9. Clare explained that Grigg's Department store in Pasco has offered storage space for the equipment and material from Big Pasco and possibly space for a classroom in the near future. Registration for future Hunter Education classes will be at Grigg's instead of at Phil's Sporting Goods. Phil's is going out of business. More information about the move from Big Pasco to Grigg's is later in this Bulletin.

- Winners of the raffles were: Russ Wyer - a Black & Decker tool set, Lind Smith - a Black & Decker electric planer, Lyle Gilk - a McNary Refuge "Hunter Fee Waiver Certificate" and Paul Kison a \$50 gift certificate to Sergeant Bubbs.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were four photo entries in November. Eddie Manthos was the contest winner with a photograph of Hunter Education students hunting pheasants at the Limits Game Farm on September 8. Eddie will win five free raffle tickets for the December General Meeting raffle. Bring your photograph entries to the December General Meeting.

HUNTER EDUCATION FACILITY: - Clare Cranston was notified that the Hunter Education Facility in Big Pasco will not be available after December 9. The Port has a tenant that wants to rent the building in which the Hunter Education classes are held. There is a large volume of equipment, records, teaching aids etc. that will have to be moved from Big Pasco. It presently appears that Griggs Department Store in Pasco will make available, in its building, storage space for the material and possibly space for a classroom. Clare is asking for volunteers to help load, move and unload this material at Griggs and clean up the old facility on Friday December 7. A large 24 foot van will be used to move much of the material. Sheets of plywood and other bulky items will be transported in a pickup truck(s). There are also numerous bales of straw that must be moved to the silhouette range off Kahlotus Highway. If you have a pickup truck and can help or if you don't have a truck and have a strong back, please call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or send an e-mail to emanthos@aol.com. There will be more information about the move at the December General Meeting.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS: - Howard Gardner, Chief Instructor - The class started on November 5 and finished on November 19. A range day was held on Nov.10 that included firing with 22's, large bore rifles and 20 ga. shotguns plus a simulated pheasant hunt. Of the 30 registered students, 26 passed the class and 19 of those scored 93% or better on the exam. Two students had perfect scores. Other instructors assisting in the class were Clare Cranston, Don Hartschorn, Jerry Zeitler, Max Jones and David Oakley. These gentlemen are to be commended for giving freely of their time to assist in the class. Many Thanks.

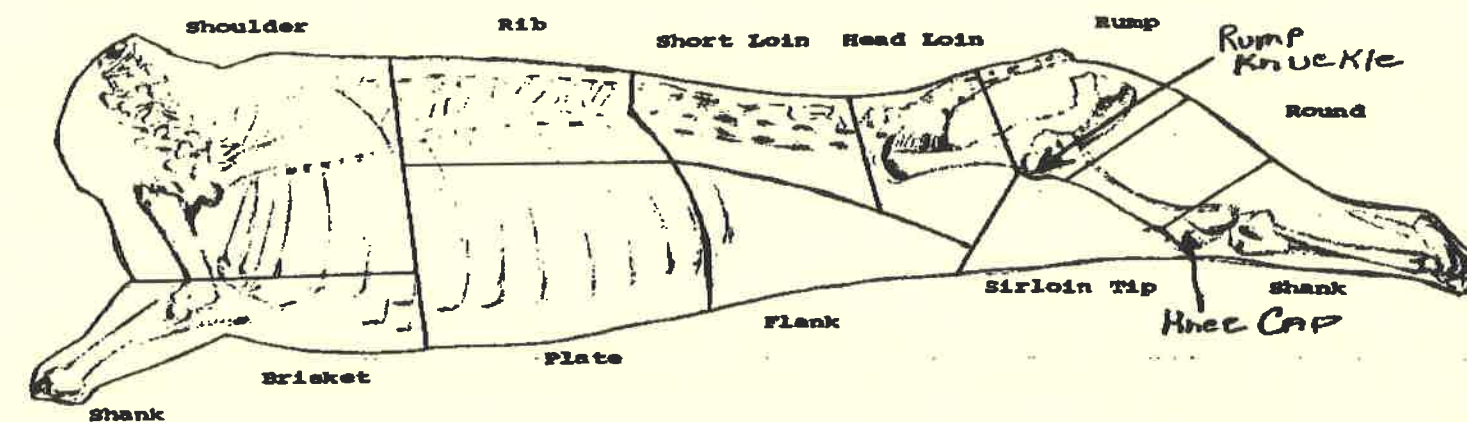
CLUB ELECTION FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: The election for Club officers and board of trustee members will be held at the December General Meeting. The candidates are:

President: Gaylord Pyle, **Trustees:** Wes Bryan, Walter Chuck, Tim Clemons, Mark Cook, Steve Dart, Robbin
Vice President: ?????????? Duncan, Jeff Gardner, Lyle Gilk, Rich Holten, Eldon Ladd, Dale Landon, Larry Martin,
Treasurer: Mike Estes Steve Minnick, Scott Novak, Jim Shearer, Gene VanLiew, Russ Wyer
Secretary: Eddie Manthos

There are 17 trustee candidates, 15 of the 17 will be elected to the board of Trustees. At present we do not have a candidate for Vice President. Nominations for officers or trustees will also be accepted from the floor.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!!: The hunting season has started and once again the Club is looking for donations of game meat for next springs Big Game Dinner that will be held March 23, 2002. The game meat includes waterfowl, other unique game

meat such as bear or boar, upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut, steelhead and salmon can also be used. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: (see the diagram below). After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Finally, clean the meat thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. You then take the roasts to Chucks Meats in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chuck has control of the key. If you have any questions, call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694. All donations will be greatly appreciated the night of the Big Game Dinner. Good hunting!



● All Club members should be alert for the opportunity to solicit and obtain door prizes for the Big 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 Big Game Dinner program. Obtain the door 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 John Silko at 627-1241. 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.

DIRECTOR'S ROUNDTABLE, CONNECTING WITH CITIZENS: - Howard Gardner - On Nov. 6, I attended a meeting in Yakima in which the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife sought comment on how they are connecting with their constituents. Comment was sought in three areas: Interpersonal Communications, Public Involvement Processes and Information Products. I provided the following comments:

WDFW Interpersonal Communications:

- Field Contacts-In the Tri-City area we had four Enforcement Officers. One retired this spring and another is taking a different job with the WDFW. We have heard of no plans to replace these officers. In general, we believe that the number of enforcement officers in the state should be substantially increased. For the sportsmen that do not belong to an organized club, the enforcement officer is their only contact with the WDFW. An increased frequency of such contacts would give the average sportsman a better understanding of the WDFW and hopefully better support of its workings.

- Education Programs-Organizations with anti-hunting and anti-fishing agendas are attempting to influence youth. The WDFW should develop and make available to schools a program that explains wildlife management and wildlife population dynamics from the standpoint of identifying hunting as an essential tool to control the numbers of some wildlife and harvest a fraction of the surplus of other wildlife. The consumptive use of wildlife should be described as a positive way to utilize part of a renewable resource.

- WDFW Contacts, Speeches and Volunteer Supervision-In the past year, the Richland Rod and Gun Club has had Game and/or Fish Biologists at 3-4 meetings to provide WDFW related information. We have also provided volunteer labor on three wildlife habitat plantings in Benton and Franklin Counties. All interactions with WDFW personal were very beneficial and professional. We have, in fact, two WDFW Habitat Biologists that contribute a great deal as club members.

WDFW Public Involvement Processes:

- Citizen Advisory Groups-The Richland Rod and Gun Club currently has a member, Clare Cranston, on the Inland Fish Citizen Advisory Group.