



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

(INCORPORATED)

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

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – **May 5th (Cancelled)**

Board Meeting- May 19th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

Newsletter Deadline for June is May 24th, Call Shannon Lackey at 948-3320 or

Email: rgcsecretary@gmail.com

MAY GENERAL MEETING: There will be no General Membership Meeting at the Richland Public Library. We might be able to resume in June. Instead, I would like you all to go out and enjoy responsibly; your state lands, fishing, and your local small businesses that are struggling.

WDFW UPDATE: Governor Jay Inslee, Kelly Susewind, director of the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Don Hoch, director of the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission, and Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz just provided a [COVID-19 update](#), including announcing plans to partially reopen some fishing, hunting, and outdoor recreation opportunities in Washington starting Tuesday, May 5.

WDFW has been anticipating this day, and will continue ramping up weeks of planning and

preparation to be ready to reopen some fishing and hunting -- and public lands and water access points next week (May 5).

“We’ve had so many people doing their part to stay home, and we’re seeing results. We’re now at a point where we will soon be able to begin welcoming people back outdoors,” said Kelly Susewind, WDFW director. “I’m asking people to take what they’ve learned these past few weeks and continue putting these measures into play as you fish, hunt, and enjoy your local wildlife area. We’re happy to reopen these opportunities, and we need you to continue working with us to stay safe.”

For more details on what’s open and guidelines for #ResponsibleRecreation, please have a look at these links:

WDFW to open some recreational fishing and hunting starting Tuesday, May 5

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/news/wdfw-open-some-recreational-fishing-and-hunting-starting-tuesday-may-5>

State recreation lands to reopen May 5 for local day-use only <https://wdfw.wa.gov/news/state-recreation-lands-reopen-may-5-local-day-use-only>

Reopening state lands, fishing, and hunting; social distancing guidelines:

<https://medium.com/@wdfw/frequently-asked-questions-reopening-state-lands-fishing-and-hunting-967a6726fe26>

MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE

REFUGE: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Employment Opportunity

Youth Conservation Corps Crew Leader

Lead a team of students in outdoor conservation work at McNary National Wildlife Refuge this summer!

- Full-time summer position working 40 hours per week at \$14.00 - \$16.00 (DOE).
- Employment will last approximately 10 weeks, from the middle of June – August.
- Supervise a youth crew of 5 high school students.
- Most days are spent out in the field. You must like working in an outdoor environment.

Requirements & How to Apply:

- You have one full year experience working with students and documented on your resume.
 - You possess a Social Security card, which you will be required to show if hired.
 - Email resume to: Denise McInturff, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, YCC
Application denise_mcinturff@fws.gov.
- RESUME DEADLINE – Received by May 4, 2020

THE DETAILS:

• The incumbent serves as a “Group Leader” for the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) at McNary National Wildlife Refuge. The position is responsible for directing a group of 5 YCC enrollees on assigned work projects relating to fish and wildlife habitat improvement, natural resource

conservation and management, etc. Incumbent also participates in environmental education programs.

- Most days will be spent out in the field! You must like an outdoor work environment.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Instructs a crew of 5 YCC enrollees engaged in a wide variety of land resource improvement projects such as fish and wildlife habitat, watershed diversion structures, improving hunting habitat, removing invasive species, trail maintenance, and field work.
- Provides technical guidance and direction in all phases of field projects to ascertain proper performance and to satisfactorily answer the enrollee's questions about the projects.
- Assigns duties on a rotating basis to ascertain an even coverage of experience. Maintains a constant alert for unsafe situations to avoid any injuries and points these hazards out to the enrollees for their information.
- Provides a sufficient amount of description to accomplish a given project safely and efficiently and with an adequate amount of time for a learning experience. Is alert for any adverse social behavior and discipline problems.
- Assists in the educational portion of the enrollee's work day.
- Reports enrollees' time, work programs, and overall performance evaluations.
- Counsels enrollees on personal and/or group matters.
- Operation of federally-owned or leased equipment and/or motor vehicles is required. The employee must possess and maintain a current driver's license.

MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa has 4 new memberships pending board approval. Due to our April Board meeting being cancelled we will vote them in at our May Board Meeting. (Premature welcome guys!)

RRGC WEB PAGE: richlandrodandgun.org has had Over 8,076 visits. Greg Boeringa has

updated the calendar as well as the homepage and this is your best chance to stay up-to-date on the club functions right now. Photos, news, trips, or tutorials can all be added to the website from our members just email them to: admin@richlandrodandgun.org.

WILD GAME DINNER: Marilyn has rescheduled the wild game dinner for Saturday **June 27th**. Same place and same times apply. We will NOT be printing new tickets so; your original tickets need to be held on to. If you are for any reason unable to make it, we will be giving refunds for tickets. If you lose your ticket, we cannot refund you.

WOOD DUCK PROJECT: Wood duck nesting season is upon us. We have been monitoring several nest boxes with hens sitting on eggs. On April 20th we had the first "jump" from box #412. There were 8 ducklings that made the "jump". You can view the recording of the event on YouTube at https://youtu.be/yJmCXW3IY_8. A couple of the other nests are close to hatching. Watch the live streaming video on the RRG in-box cameras, the best place to find the live links is at <http://www.rrgewoodducks.org/in-box-cameras>. Hopefully we will record some of the future jumps also and make the links available. The "jump" only lasts a minute or two, the trick is catching the start which happens about 24 hours after they hatch out.

Our cooperative bird banding effort with WDFW has started also. The virus restrictions have changed our approach this year. We were not able to engage the students for banding field trips, as we had planned. We have been making solo trips to check boxes and band hens and owls that are found in those boxes. The modifications we made to many of the boxes this spring are paying off in our ability to more easily do the checks and be able to complete more in a day. Between John Merk and Dale Schielke, we have checked 135 boxes since the first of April. Of those checked so far (Apr 26th) 44 boxes were used by wood ducks, 18 by western screech owls, 3 by saw whet owls. Banding efforts have resulted in 8 wood duck recaptured (banded in previous years), 14

new bands on wood ducks, 6 screech owls recaptured, 9 new bands on screech owls, and 11 saw whet owls with new bands. Of the recaptured wood ducks, 6 of the hens also had tarsal bands with geolocators. So, to date 7 of the 16 geolocators deployed last spring have been recovered, one on a duck shot last fall and 6 on hens returning to nest boxes. The first 5 recovered geolocators were removed and the data downloaded in the office. Since the batteries have a two-year life the removed geolocators will be redeployed in the first part of May. On the last geocator we recovered, we downloaded the data in the field and then restarted the data logger to record another year of migration data. We will share the results of the data recovered in future newsletters or on the web page.

You can see the streaming areas on YouTube at: [WOOD DUCK PROJECT](#) We hope to add cameras and additional channels as we find active nesting hens or screech owls.

GUZZLERS: Dates 3/31, 4/14 & 4/20 Larry Martin inspected and cleaned 11 guzzlers numbers 1, 19, 38, 130, 138, 205, 283, 284, 285, 309 & 310. Trail cameras are now set up on 38 and 309. Inspected/cleaned guzzlers 244, 245, 246, 247 and 248. Franklin county, east of Connell, highway 260, Blackburn road area. We have never been to these guzzlers, found most in desperate need of cleaning and or repair with much shovel work needed because of debris and mud on the ramp (one ramp was so full of mud it had cattails growing in it) also a lot of animal digging under aprons. Guzzler 246 has one apron torn off by farm equipment (I propped it up so it will still catch water until repaired properly) and 248 is a total loss due to range fire. All but the two damaged ones were full or nearly full of water. Larry says it is much harder and not nearly as much fun doing guzzler work by himself and can't wait till others can go along. Greg Herrin was able to capture some great photos of wildlife at the guzzlers. You can find more on the website under the blog. Any volunteers? Call Larry Martin at (509)545-9647. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead



(Cattails growing in mud on ramp)



(Badger)



(Pronghorn Antelope)

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be May 19th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter Education Room, Pasco. Unless current Corona Virus conditions continue to inhibit our meetings.

VETERANS RECREATION GROUP: There has been considerable interest in the forming of a group of just veterans within the club. The function of the group will be to assist with club projects and to enhance hunting and fishing opportunities for veterans and disabled outdoorsman. If you are interested please call Bill Lambert at: (509)308-3657.

“LET US FISH” PROTEST: While we all patiently wait for our regular fishing seasons to open back up; I really want to give a huge thank you to all of our members that tastefully exercised their right to assemble. The protest at Columbia Point Marina on Saturday April 18th had everyone’s attention across the state. You guys are passionate about what you love and it shows. Those of us that wield a pen have been sending our thoughts to all involved with the closures across the state. Times like these set things back, but you all have not given up on your pursuit of happiness in the great outdoors and have not turned into the mob they made you out to be. Kudos, for keeping your composure in these times of great calamity. Don’t forget to send in those pics of kissing Bass to the secretary! Thanks Guys-Shannon Lackey

FOR SALE: WW2 Military Wall Tent. 14'X14'. Good condition. Complete with extras. \$950 OBO. Rocky Ross 492-0380

FOR SALE: Bench Rest .22-250 built on Mauser action. Relatively new SST bull barrel. Fitted with 10X RA Spot Shot Litschert long target scope + brass & reloads. \$875 OBO. Rocky Ross 492-0380

FOR SALE: Jerry Zeitler’s pack boxes for packing in on horses. There are 4 sturdy well-built boxes in great condition. Two are 22x16x13 and the other two are larger at 28x18x13 these are being offered at \$200 for all four boxes. Howard Gardner 943-9084

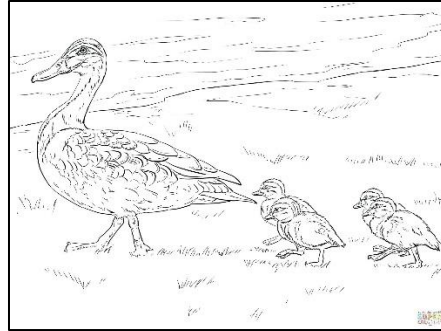
SHOUT OUT: A huge thank you to Mike Estes for being a representative for the RRG in the online meeting with other associated sportsman and the state. He always conveys and weighs things with reason, and a resounding purpose for the betterment of this club.

WANTED- The RRGC is in search of a new Chief Hunter Education Instructor. This is for the RRGC classes that are in a traditional classroom setting and are fully funded/backed by the club. If you or someone you know is interested in this position please contact **Richard Sharp at (509)551-6785**.

NASP AT ENTERPRISE MIDDLE SCHOOL: The students sent the RRGC a thank you card for all of our volunteer help at the state competition held on March 6th.

Richland Rod & Gun Club,
 Thank you for helping with the NASP State
 archery shoot. Enterprise Middle school greatly
 appreciates your help, you've been a good part
 to our success. Thank you again,
 EMS Archery Team.

Jay Wany Alvin Miguel Lopez
 Kyle Gemma Wyatt Tyler
 Killia
 Layla Mitchell Robinson Sophia
 Kaixin Oliver A. Melville
 Brady Jordan
 Isaac
 Ian Emma Dredy Wyatt Esler
 Somali



(Would a youth that you know, like to be featured? Have them color one of the many coloring sheets available at [Harley's Corner](#) and turn them in via email or a meeting)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



(Eli Holland with his first coyote. February hunt in the Horse Heaven hills photo submitted by: Larry Martin)

HARLEY'S CORNER: