



# RIGHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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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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Club Website- <http://rgclub.tripod.com/clubhome>

Club Facebook Site – [www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub](http://www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub)

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#### 2016-2017 Officers

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#### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday November 1st, Richland Public Library,  
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, November 15th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Grigg's in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – November 27th, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or

Email [rgcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rgcsecretary@gmail.com)

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**NOVEMBER PROGRAM:** The guest speaker for the November General Meeting will be Mike Ritter. Mike is from WDFW. Both Mike and WDFW want input from us. WDFW has plans to breach the causeway to Bateman Island. Their thinking is that it will help salmon. If the causeway is removed, will it improve salmon habitat? Will it improve habitat for bass, walleye and catfish? How will this affect water flows? One obvious result will be no slough or backwater. What will we lose and what will we gain? Access will obviously be impacted. What will it cost? Join us and voice your opinion. WDFW wants input from us!

**RINGOLD SPRINGS FISH HATCHERY:** Dale Schielke led the volunteer effort for RRGC's assistance for WDFW at Ringold Hatchery again this year. At this time, there are no totals for volunteer hours furnished by RRGC

but we know that WDFW is appreciative. This is a thank you to Dale for his effort again this year.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Since I've been out of town for two months, I'm not certain if all of our new members have been recognized. Please join us in welcoming Ray Wilding, Justin Engel, Nathan Wood, Jeff and Kimberly Katalenich. A welcome back to Matt Lucas. Please welcome them at our general meetings and invite them to all RRGC activities.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS – Ron Ruth** reported to the Executive Board that there will be one Hunter Safety Class conducted during 2017 Spring Break. Ron Ruth reported that there will be one spring Hunters Safety Class. The class will be held during Spring Break. The class will be a daytime class. Further details

will be forthcoming as the time for the class draws closer. Ron reported that WDFW will be furnishing (a) new firearm(s) shortly. The number of firearms to be provided remains an unknown. Ron will report when he takes possession of the new WDFW provided firearm(s). Ron also informed the Board that there is a group in the Sunnyside area that would like to either get trained as Hunter Safety instructors or affiliate with RRGc in some manner to provide training in the Sunnyside area. Ron will provide additional information as it becomes available. Ron will also provide a list of RRGc owned firearms that are utilized in Hunters Safety at this time. At some point if the training for the future Sunnyside group comes to fruition, Ron would recommend that some number of RRGc owned firearms would be provided to them for use in the proposed class. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously for Ron Ruth to take the lead on this effort and report back to the Board as to the feasibility of training and further cooperation with the Sunnyside group.

The Hunter Education youth pheasant hunt is currently scheduled for February 18, 2017. WDFW has informed RRGc that WDFW will be providing all the birds for the hunt. This event will be coordinated between Limits Game Farm, Pheasants Forever, WDFW, and RRGc. We are planning on an enrollment of 25 students for the event from previous Hunter Education classes.

#### **CONSERVATION/HABITAT- Larry Martin**

A work party comprised of Gene VanLiew, Ron Ruth, Dave Gerdes, Steve Antonissen, and Larry Martin completely overhauled a water cistern, Guzzler #4, at McBee Grade south of Benton City of September 22. This guzzler was damaged by a recent fire. The team installed a replacement water basin and all new rain catchment aprons and installed metal support posts for the cover. It was a lot of dirty work but fun (much shovel work moving dirt), luckily we were able to drive very close to the guzzler. Also helping on other days gathering parts and assembling frames was Don Smith. A total of 52.5 man hours was expended on this repair. This is a repeat of the September Report.

**WILD GAME DINNER:** Attention deer, elk, duck, goose, and upland bird hunters. Also, walleye, bass, and salmon fishermen. Whether you shot it or caught it, we need your meat donations for the 2017 Wild Game Dinner. When you are successful on your outings, please consider sharing a portion of your bounty for the WGD. John Prather has graciously volunteered his freezers for storage of donated meat. Frozen meat can be transferred to John at any general membership or Board meeting or you can call John to make other arrangements. Each donation must be tagged with the following information: donor's name, WILD ID number, species and cut of meat, plus the date taken. No ground meat, please, due to the risk of contamination. John can be reached at (509) 582-2482.

Marilyn Steele will remain as the director again this year. Paul Kison and John Prather reported that they have not started the solicitation of prizes for the dinner.

If you are able, please let John and Paul Kison (509) 545 6050 know if you are willing to help collect door prize donations for the WGD or if you know of a business that we should solicit for a prize. The WGD is a success each year only because of the generosity of RRGc members!

Worth Matheson will be the guest speaker at the WGD. The subject will be both huntable and non-huntable birds.

**OCTOBER MEETING RECAP:** Jason Fidorra presented the fall hunting forecast. As many of our members are aware, Jason is the district biologist for District 3 Region. Jason's report was quite extensive. Mike Livingston, of WDFW, also made a presentation at the October meeting. A summary of both presentations will be posted on both the RRGc Face Book Page and the RRGc website

**BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS:** If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to [secretary.rrgc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@gmail.com). You will get quicker delivery and save us some money. If you have any questions about your membership,

please contact Jennifer Gardner, Membership Chair, at [jen\\_gardner11@yahoo.com](mailto:jen_gardner11@yahoo.com).

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** November 15, 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

**MONTHLY PHOTO CONTEST:** Don't be shy! We would like to see the photos from your hunting and fishing excursions and the monthly contest winner receives five free tickets for the raffle drawing at the next general membership meeting. Give your photo to Frank Scopa at any meeting or email it to him at [secretary.rrgc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@gmail.com). Submit as many entries as you want. Photo contest rules are on the RRGC web page. If you are receiving this newsletter electronically via email click on the

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH:** The September winner is a photo by Richard Sharp of his dad, Keith Sharp. Keith caught a King Salmon on the Yakima River on September 28<sup>th</sup>. No weight was given for the King.

**WANT ADS:** None this month.

**ONE LAST THING:** As some of the members may be aware, I was gone for two full months in Alaska. In my absence, Mike Estes took over the duties of RRGC Secretary. At the last General Membership Meeting, Sam Morrison took notes. I am grateful for both gentlemen stepping up and filling in during my absence. By the way, I highly recommend a trip to Alaska, via the Alaska Marine Highway System out of Bellingham to Whittier and a leisurely drive from Alaska to the lower forty-eight. I have several hundred photos that I will be sharing during the WGD slide presentation.



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