



RICHLAND 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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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – April 6th via Zoom Meeting

Board Meeting- April 20th 7:00 PM, Zoom Meeting

May Newsletter Deadline is April 22nd email: admin@richlandrodandgun.org

KOE - Due to COVID-19 restrictions the format will differ somewhat from previous years. Most notably, on Friday there will be two fishing flights of two hours each and on Saturday there will be seven fishing flights of one hour each, limited to 75 youth per flight. Each child is allowed only one person to check in with them. Volunteers are needed to assist youth anglers, register participants, distribute rods, reels, and t-shirts, and clean fish for the kids. There will be two shifts for volunteers on both days and you can sign up to help for one or both shifts on either or both days. Please fill out the volunteer registration online by clicking [here](#) or by going to www.columbiabasinflycasters.org and selecting VOLUNTEER. Volunteers should bring their own mask. Food and drinks will be provided for volunteers on both days. April 23 – Special Needs register with ARC of the Tri-Cities <https://www.arcoftricity.com/events/fishing-day> Session times, 1:30 to 3:30 & 4 to 6 pm. April 24 – Youth 5-14 register with the City of Kennewick, <https://secure.rec1.com/WA/kennewick-wa/catalog> Seven 1-hour sessions beginning at 8am and over at 6pm, 75 youth per session. Rod Assembly: Contact Gene Van Liew if you are interested 509-946-7738 Security: From noon Wednesday to Saturday 7am. Space available for overnight. Text Marilyn at 509-392-2128 if you are available. Casting Demo: Several volunteers are needed for each session during the half hour between sessions for both events. Text Dave Myers (leader) at 509-438-1277 if you can assist.

General Membership Meeting –
April 6th at 7PM Guest Speaker Mike Erickson, Ringold Hatchery Manager will be speaking about the inner workings and goals of the hatchery.
[Click to Join Zoom Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 992 4098 2882
Passcode: 697270

WDFW - North of Falcon
Northeast McNary proposals for Columbia River waters and tributaries upstream from Highway 395 in Pasco. There is a video presentation for the Upper Columbia and Snake rivers on the forecasts for the upcoming seasons. If you are interested in watching it: [Upper Columbia & Snake Rivers: 2021 Salmon & Steelhead Seasons - YouTube](#)

Wood Duck Project - Annual maintenance on the 515 RRG wood duck nesting boxes has been completed. In addition to refreshing nesting material, boxes were converted to add a side door for easier inspection. 60% of the boxes were used last nesting season by wood ducks and 1643 membranes were counted. Counted membranes equates to ducklings hatched. Additionally, 84 boxes were used by Western Screech Owls. We found 33 owls in the boxes, 23 had been previously banded and the other 10 received new bands. About mid-April we will start checking boxes for banding hens and deploying in-box cameras where possible. COVID restrictions prevented our working with Libby Middle School, but we were able to have a few homeschool students assemble 2 boxes and Boy Scouts from Troop 159 assembled 4 boxes.

Breaking News on the Wind Farm Project - All 3 Benton County Commissioners have sent a letter to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council who is hosting a meeting on this topic currently (March 30th) opposing the project. Here is a link to the letter they sent: [Commissioners' Statement of Opposition to Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project - News Story \(benton.wa.us\)](#)

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS WINDFARM MEETING REPORT By Jack Pickard. March 16, 2021 the Benton County Commissioners held a meeting on the proposed Horse Heaven Wind Farm it was walk in as well as virtual. I did the virtual, the walk in allowed one person in the room with them at a time with a two-minute limit. The meeting started at 6 pm and ran to about 7:45. There were several people from a local union hall in favor of the windfarm for the short-term gain of construction. Most of the opposition were from people living along the base of the hill who must look at them daily. There was very little information shared about the negative side of a wind farm, the cost and environmental hazards. The commission wanted to hear the yays and nays period. Now they can say they had a public meeting on the issue.

Photo of the month contest: submit your outdoor recreation photo along with the name of the photographer, the date taken and description of subject to admin@richlandrodandgun.org The winning photo will be featured in a blog post and in the newsletter.

While working on guzzlers 3-17-21 Bill, Blaine & Larry were quite impressed with the flags flying on the farm equipment at Berg Ranch, southeast of Prosser.



3-17-21 Team of Bill Watson, Blaine Schwartz & Larry Martin inspected and cleaned 11 guzzlers 3 will need repairs at a later date, southeast of Prosser on the Berg Ranch.

Pond and Lake Trout Stalking

Don't forget to check WDFW for their Catchable Trout Plant Reports which have already started for 2021. You can find their plans for kokanee and hatchery trout state wide to help plan your next fishing trip.

HARLEY'S CORNER.

Do you know a kid that would like to be featured? Have them color one of the many coloring sheets available at [Harley's Corner](#) and turn them in via email to rrgcharleyscorner@gmail.com

Photo of the Month Taken by Greg Boeringa, March 12th, near Irrigon Oregon. Carla Boeringa with her 53.5" 44lb keeper sturgeon.

Hyde Street Boat Launch - RRG volunteers have been working with WDFW to coordinate needed improvements to the primitive launch to the Yakima River at the end of Hyde Street just up-stream of the West Richland bridge. The launch ramp currently has a 40% slope vs the normal 12 to 16% that is recommended. The steep slope can result in water coming over the transom before the boat being launched starts to float. Gaylord Pyle has volunteered to donate the use of his backhoe to regrade the launch slope. The RRG Board voted to purchase fuel for the backhoe. WDFW will provide the required permits and a truck load of gravel. The suggestion to widen the turn-around to the south of the street right-of-way was rejected by Tapteal Greenway over environmental concerns to their land. Work is pending permitting and the water level since all excavation is restricted to above water line. A picture of the launch site is provided below.



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March General Meeting Notes

We had our first Zoom General Meeting on March 2nd at 7:00 pm with J-Rod as guest speaker. The election of new officers and trustees took place and the results are as follows: **President:** Richard Sharp, **Vice President:** Dustin Ney, **Treasurer:** Rick Libby, **Secretary:** Carla Boeringa **Past President:** Packy Lackey **Trustees:** Gene Van Liew, Duane Schultz, Dale Schielke, John Prather, Jack Picard, Dave Myers, Chris Moser, John Merk, Larry Martin, Melissa Huston, Todd Hennick, Mike Estes, John Burt, and Greg Boeringa.

Webmaster Greg Boeringa reminded everyone that membership can now be paid on the website via Paypal. You do not have to have a Paypal account to be able to use it.

Game Recovery Chris Mosher reported that in mid-January recovered 16 snow geese that had been illegally shot. They were donated to charity.

SHOTGUN AMMO FOR SALE Please contact Ron Ruth 509-737-7350

STEEL 12 Ga.

Lot #1 (Sold as lot, not broken up)

- BlackCloud 3", BB shot; qty. 2 boxes
- Federal 2 3/4"; #2 shot; qty. 6 boxes
- Winchester DryLock; 2 3/4"; #4 shot; qty. 1 box
- PMC; #2 shot; 2 3/4"; qty. 3 boxes

Lot #2 (Sold as lot, not broken up)

- Winchester XPert; 2 3/4" x 7 shot; 1 oz.; qty. 7 boxes
- Winchester SuperX; 1 7/8 oz x #7 shot; Qty. 6 boxes
- Winchester Super X; 1oz. x #8 shot; qty. 8 boxes

STEEL 20 Ga.

Lot #3 (Sold by case)

- Winchester 2 3/4" x 3/4oz. x #7 shot; qty. 3 cases

LEAD 20 Ga.

Cases #4 (Sold by case)

- Federal 2 3/4" x 7/8oz. x 7 1/2 shot; qty. 2 cases
- Winchester 2 3/4" x 7/8oz. x 7 1/2 shot; qty. 3 cases