



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

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site – www.northwestgamerecipes.com

2016-2017 Officers

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday March 7th, Richland Public Library,
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, March 21st, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Grigg's in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – March 25th, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or

Email rrgsecretary@gmail.com

MARCH MEETING PROGRAM:

The guest speaker for the March general meeting will be Tony Fisher presenting Sturgeon fishing tips and tactics. Tony is a guide from Fisher's Catch service and we look forward to his presentation on sturgeon fishing. Sturgeon is open on the Columbia river for retention of a daily limit one sturgeon 43" to 54" fork length from above the Dalles Dam to below Priest Rapids Dam on the Columbia River and below Ice Harbor Dam on the Snake River. Come to the meeting on March 7th general meeting at 7 p.m. to learn some tips and tactics to catch Sturgeon this season.



**MEMORIUM:
CLARENCE E. CORRIVEAU JR.**



The Richland Rod and Gun Club offers condolences on the passing of Clarence E. Corriveau Jr. on February 6, 2017 at the age of 70. Clarence joined the Club in 1997 and was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1998 and 1999. In addition to his Board activities he volunteered for many Club projects. He will be missed.

NEW MEMBERS:

Rich Ozanich, Jerry Spears, and John Merk all joined as new members this past. Please welcome the new members to the club at our next meeting. All membership issues should be addressed to Carla Boeringa at boeringac@gmail.com.

WILD GAME DINNER:

Final Call for Wild Game!!!

Anyone who has pledged meat needs to bring it to the March 7th general meeting or call for pick up ASAP so the meat can be inventoried and the menu confirmed. We are still in need of meat donations; all species other than skunk and housecat. 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 and Marilyn can be reached at 509 392 2128 or momhoops46@gmail.com.

Marilyn Steele is the committee chair for the wild game dinner. There will be a planning meeting for cooks, helper, and organizers on Monday March 13th at 7 p.m. at Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco. If you are aware of an individual or business that would be interested in donating a prize, you can obtain a letter on RRGc letterhead, stating our position/need, from Richard Sharp. Richard can be reached at (509) 586 4790 or ospreytallons@yahoo.com. 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 Mathewson will be the guest speaker at the WGD. Worth Mathewson of Amity, Oregon has been selected as the program speaker for the Wild Game Dinner which will be held on March 25, 2017 at the Shilo Inn in Richland. Mr. Mathewson is an avid, life-long hunter and is field editor for *Delta Waterfowl*, an organization principally involved in funding postgraduate waterfowl research. He has written articles for more than forty magazines, is the author of five books, and has compiled or edited nine additional titles. He has hunted in several states and countries including a trek to Alberta and Saskatchewan this fall to pursue waterfowl. The title of his dinner presentation is "Birds: Hunttable and Non-Hunttable".

March 7th is the last day to buy tickets!!!

Dale Schielke will have WGD tickets available for sale. Appetizers and no host cocktails will be available starting at 5 PM, dinner will be served at 6 PM. Tickets to the event will be available at the December meeting for \$20 per person or contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183, dahlialou@msn.com. You can purchase 10 tickets to reserve a table ahead of time. The event is for members and guests only. The WGD is not open to the public at large; this is driven by Health Department rules that preclude serving non-inspected wild game to the

public. A variety of wild game dishes and appetizers will be served.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS – Ron Ruth reported to the executive board that there will be one hunter safety class conducted during spring break from April 3rd through April 8th. That class will be a daytime class. There will be several new firearms furnished by the WDFW that will be used for the Hunters Education Range Day.

The Hunter Education youth pheasant hunt was rescheduled for March 4th 2017, due to flooding of the fields. This event will be coordinated between Limits Game Farm, Pheasants Forever, WDFW, and RRG. We are planning on an enrollment of 25 students for the event from previous Hunter Education classes. Please contact Ron Ruth with your availability. Ron can be reached at 509 737 7350 (cell) or ron-rose@frontier.com.

**For the youth pheasant hunt:
We need volunteers for hunter
safety instructors and dog
handlers, with dogs!!!**

WOOD DUCK PROJECT

The snowy spring has delayed the annual wood duck box maintenance by 3 weeks for the 439 RRG nesting boxes. As of Feb 25th we have checked 187 boxes (only 43%). Of the boxes checked 109 had signs of wood duck usage last nesting season, with 73 boxes having a total of 431 membranes. Additionally 48 of the boxes show signs of western screech owl usage. We have recaptured 11 screech owls that were banded and captured and installed new bands on 4 owls. We would like to finish all the boxes before mid-March if possible, so many of the remaining trips will need to be completed on weekdays as well as weekends. Anyone that want to volunteer can contact Dale Schielke 375-0183 dahlialou@msn.com.

FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP:

Regan and Amelia Hurlbert gave a terrific presentation on their outings as the 2016 Quality trip winners. They chose to fund successful multiple guided duck and goose hunting trips with the Burbank Guide service.



Regan and Amelia detailed their hunting trip and their enjoyment on their family hunting trip. It was really enjoyable to see that the Quality Trip winners made life long father daughter memories. Great presentation.



Purchase your quality trip tickets now for your chance at \$2,000 towards your dream hunting trip. Past winners have taken trips to Alaska, Canada, and Mexico for their dream hunting and fishing expeditions. Tickets can be purchased now and the rules for the quality trip drawing are on the club website, below.

<http://rrgclub.tripod.com/qualitytrip/id23.htm>

HATCHERY VOLUNTEER WORK

WDFW is in need of a few volunteers to assist transfers of fish between ponds and raceways in preparation for stocking programs. The work will be "herding" fish in the pond as it is drained to concentrate them for netting and transfer to raceways. The work will be in knee deep water - waders are provided by WDFW. Activities are currently scheduled for March 13th and 27th. To volunteer contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183 or dahlialou@msn.com

NORTH CASCADE GRIZZLY BEAR REINTRODUCTION PLAN



A federal proposal for the reintroduction of grizzly bears is open for comments until March 14th. Whether you are for or against this proposal, educate yourself, and make your voice heard. Please contact Mike Estes if you would like to be active in public response to the proposal reintroduction, estes.mike@frontier.com. Please follow the link below for further information: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?documentID=64266>

WILDLIFE REFUGE CLEANUP

Volunteers have been requested for cleanup at the McNary and Umatilla wildlife refuges on March 11th at 9:30 a.m. Please bring work gloves and hip waders. The McNary cleanup team will meet at the McNary Environmental Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank, Wa (the hunter check station). The Umatilla cleanup team will meet at the refuge ship at 72650 Riverview Lane, Irrigon, WA. Please contact Keely Lopez at (509) 546-8318.

BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS:

If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and are able to receive a digital copy please contact the club secretary.

MEMBERSHIP: The Richland Rod and Gun Club would like to thank Jennifer Gardner for her service as the membership. The club would also like to extend its appreciation to Carla

Boeringa for serving as the chair for the membership committee.

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Carla Boeringa, Membership Chair, at boeringac@gmail.com.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 21st, 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 Richard Sharp at any meeting or email it to rrgcsecretary@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 link on the masthead

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:

Photo taken by Dale Shielke of Branden and Josh Evans holding a Western Screech Owl that they retrieved during the annual Wood Duck box maintenance program



WANT ADS: Club members looking to sell hunting and fishing supplies in the upcoming newsletter; contact the club secretary with a description and photos of the items for sale.

Tom Steinert is looking to sell his 12 foot extra wide Colville Superfisherman, galvanized Carnai trailer, 15hp long shaft Mercury 2 stroke for \$2,600. Please Contact Tom [509-995-1433](tel:509-995-1433)



ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE:

Please use the rrgsecretary@gmail.com account for all email inquiries and correspondence.