



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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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday May 2nd, Richland Public Library,
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, May 16th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Grigg's in Pasco

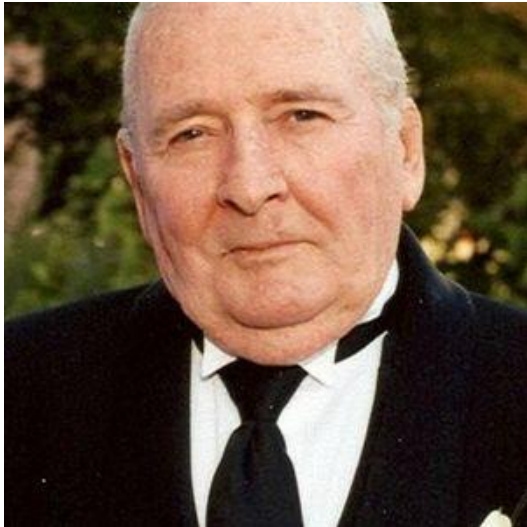
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – May 18th, Email rrgsecretary@gmail.com

MAY MEETING PROGRAM:



Jacob Munden from Munden's Rising Son's Adventures guide service will be presenting on spring fishing tactics. Jacob has 25 years of experience fishing the Pacific Northwest and he guides trips for Salmon, Steelhead, Sturgeon, Walleye, and Shad. Jacob will focus his presentation on tips and tactics for Spring Chinook and Summer Sockeye Salmon fishing. Springers are open on the snake below ice harbor dam on Friday and Saturday starting Friday April 28th and below little goose dam on Sunday's and Monday's starting Sunday April 30th. The daily limit is six chinook, only one may be an adult, jacks are less than 24 inches. All retained salmon must have their adipose fin clipped and must be longer than 12 inches. Jacob's presentation is at the general meeting on Tuesday May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Richland Public Library, you should be there.

ESTATE DONATION: REO R. RAKE



“The estate of Reo R Rake is very pleased to donate fishing rods and reels to the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Reo was a former US Marine. He was a fine marksman and gunsmith. As a boy he enjoyed fishing with his grandfather. As an adult he had little time to fish, but enjoyed collecting rods and reels. Reo would be so pleased to have his collection used and enjoyed by the members of the Richland Rod and Gun Club.” -Written by his daughter Amy and her husband Jeff.

The Richland Rod and Gun Club would like to extend its thanks for the donation on behalf of the late Reo R. Rake. We would also like to extend our condolences to the Rake family for their loss.

THANK YOU WGD PRIZE DONORS:

The Richland Rod and Gun Club would like to extend their gratitude and thanks to the following donors. The prizes that were donated contribute greatly to the success of our wild game dinners. The funds accumulated from the wild game dinner, support our clubs conservation and youth hunting and fishing programs. The generosity of the following donors was greatly appreciated:

- Atomic Anglers Guide Service
- Flatout Fishing
- FCO - Fishers Catch Outfitters
- Captain Z Guide Service - Lloyd Zinsli
- Chiropractic Care - Matt Lucas

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- Rowand Machinery
- Texas Roadhouse
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- Central Machinery
- Commercial Tire
- Top Transmission Mobile LLC
- A-1 Shoes
- Crazy Moose Casino
- Two Sisters Honey – Scott Ruppelius
- Monarch Machine
- SS Equipment
- Burbank Shell
- Finley Shopper
- High Country
- Bent Rod Tackle & Marine
- Ron’s Food Mart
- Agri Service, Caray – Bob/Pat Fuhrman

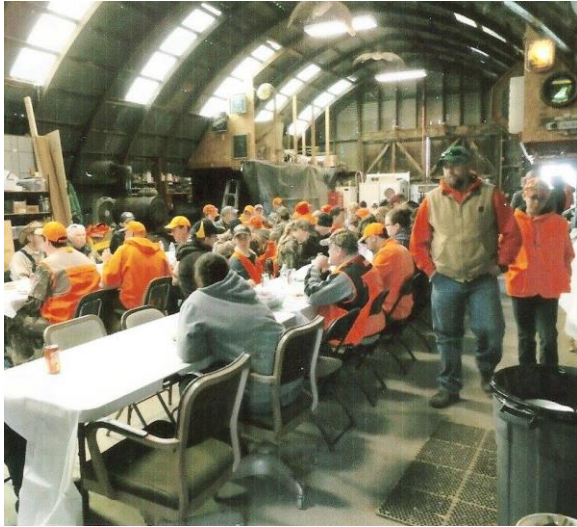
RRGC Thanks You

NEW MEMBERS:

Pat Hallet, Chris Gagner, Jay Houck, Keith Marsh, Steve Minnick, Brian Baddley, and Dan Edwards all joined as new members this past month. 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.

HUNTERS EDUCATION

The summer hunter's safety class is set to begin on June 19th and the class has been scheduled as a daytime class. A nighttime hunter's safety class will be offered in September. We need volunteers for these classes to maintain the acceptable ratio of instructors to students. Please contact Ron Ruth with your availability (509) 737 7350 or ron-rose@frontier.com.



The annual hunter education/youth pheasant hunt was held on March 4 up in the Mesa area. We had 25 students that had graduated from previous classes attend. The day started out for the students with some clay bird shooting at the Connell Gun Club. The Connell Gun Club has supported us for years now by allowing us to utilize their facility to warm up on shooting skills prior to the hunt. We thank them very much for this opportunity. The day was divided up into two separate hunts. First hunt was in the morning with 12 hunters in the field and the second hunt was in the afternoon with 13 hunters. The two hunts yielded more than 40

pheasants harvested. Students, parents, hunting mentors, dog handlers, and support staff total about 100 personnel. A great time was had by all.



This year WDFW was invited to participate in the festivities. WDFW provided a hunting clinic and the birds! Pheasants Forever personnel supported the hunt with mentors, dog handlers, cooks and all around support. Lunch was provided by Pheasants Forever and Limits Game Farm in the Limits facility.

A special thanks goes out to Limits Game Farm for their continued support to the hunter education pheasant hunt program. Not only did Limits Game Farm hold the WDFW birds in their pens due to a two week delay in the activity, but they allowed us to use their facility for the hunting clinic, they set up a dining area for everybody, cooking area, and some of their staff helped plant the birds in the field for the hunters. Again, thanks very much to Limits Game Farm for your continued support.

WATER GUZZLERS



Larry Martin has an ongoing effort involving the construction, and maintenance of water guzzlers. These water guzzlers collect rain water in areas that are otherwise too dry to support game birds and song birds. In the month of April, Larry Martin and volunteers inspected and cleaned five guzzlers. In Addition, Kelton Brooks a local boy scout working on his eagle scout project has inspected and cleaned nearly a dozen water guzzlers with Larry Martin and a group of volunteers.

WOOD DUCK BOXES



Dale Schielke has an ongoing effort involving the construction, maintenance, and monitoring of wood duck nesting boxes. Starting in January Dale and volunteers have

completed the annual maintenance on 443 wood duck nest. Last nesting season had 228 of the boxes used by wood ducks, 101 used by screech owls, 26 owls were either banded or had previously been banded, and 975 membranes were counted. The hens have started nesting now, and we have a number of in-box cameras installed and streaming video to the internet. We have purchased some new cameras and a couple of video switches that will allow us to display multiply cameras on an online Ustream channel,

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc-duckcam>. We are expecting our first hatch to start about the first of May and others will follow shortly afterwards. We are hoping to show (and record) some of the jumps with split screens showing both the inside and outside simultaneously. We have started checking boxes for hens to band and will continue for several weeks as time and volunteers allow.

APRIL MEETING RECAP:



Patrick Kaelber, McKenna Kaelber, and Marc Nelson presented Spring Turkey tips and tactics. Patrick and company gave tips on hunting locations, the big take home, especially for those of you hunting in the blues, was to follow the snowline, the birds just seem to follow it, so you should too. The edges of fields is also a good place to set up your decoys. Scouting is important so that you set up where you can be

the most successful, driving around early in the morning or late in the evening is a good way to find turkeys. Another tactic is using locator calls, such as an owl, goose, crow, or coyote call to find the turkeys. Camouflage is crucial to successful turkey hunting and Patrick warned that overcalling birds is not the best option, less can be more. Some great hunting tips were shared and if you are a turkey hunter, I hope you were able to attend the April meeting. Spring Turkey is from April 15th to May 31st for turkeys with visible beards only.

KIDS KOE FISHING POND RECAP



Friday night 59 volunteers from several organizations made the lives of many Special Needs Fishermen brighter. Saturday with five sessions the attendance was great. 78 volunteers helped around 1100 youth catch some great fish. The prizes flew out and smiles were abundant. The organizations present were Richland Rod and Gun Club, Columbia Basin Fly Casters, Benton County Fire District #1, Costal Conservation Association, DOA Adventures, STOC, White Bluff Construction. Pacific Northwest National Labs, Richland High Key Club, Master Hunters, Griggs, Flatout Fishing, Chiawana High Fishing Club, Kamiakin High FFA, Barnard-Griffin Winery, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and volunteers who just came out to help. Thank you volunteers for making this another successful year.

RRGC APPROVED GUIDES



Flatout Fishing: Is run by Gerry Reyes and he specializes in steelhead, salmon, walleye, sturgeon, and shad fishing. Gerry provides a fun fishing experience with lots of laughter and fish. He shares his fishing tips and is always willing to teach. This past fall Gerry gave an excellent presentation on his Fall Salmon fishing tactics. I highly recommend fishing with Gerry. Contact him by phone (509) 302 1240 or by email flatout@hotmail.com.



Fisher's Catch Outfitter: Is run by Tony Fisher for sturgeon, salmon, steelhead, walleye and shad fishing. Tony does an excellent job at getting folks onto fish and he provides an excellent family experience. Tony presented to the club fishing tactics for Sturgeon fishing. His presentation was excellent and he definitely knows his sturgeon fishing. Contact him by phone at (509) 727-7137.



Atomic Anglers Guide Service: Is run by Chris Tannahill for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, and walleye. Chris is a very successful fisherman that has been very successful walleye fishing, and he is ready to get after the spring salmon run. Contact him at (509) 539-1293 or email him at atomicanglersguideserviceinc@gmail.com

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.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 16th, 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

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.