



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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Club Facebook- www.Facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – NONE

Board Meeting- July 21st, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

Newsletter Deadline for August is July 26th, Call Shannon Lackey at 948-3320 or

Email: rgcsecretary@gmail.com

WILD GAME DINNER CANCELLATION:

This month the board will decide how best to go forth and refund the tickets. I do know that we will only be refunding tickets that are handed over. So do not lose yours before we set up a time and place to proceed. As soon as the secretary has the details on refunds, she will email them out. There is discussion of an enhanced club picnic this year with some of the prepared food that won't hold over until next year being on the menu. Just remember that if you lose your ticket, we cannot refund you.

SALMON BOOTH: Art in the Park has been cancelled which means that the annual Salmon Booth is a bust as well this year.

WOOD DUCK PROJECT:

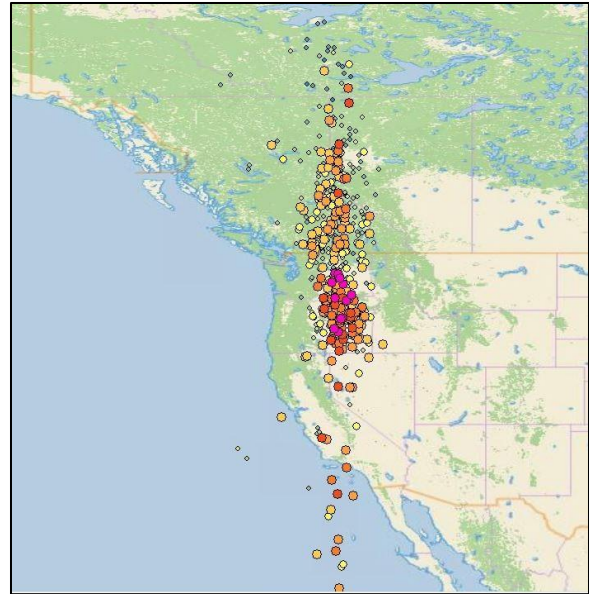
You can see the streaming areas on YouTube at: [WOOD DUCK PROJECT](#)

The nesting season is just about wrapped up for the year. In spite of the social distance restrictions we have made considerable progress. We have just finished with our last two in-box cameras live streaming and have the recordings. If you missed the jumps live then checkout the recordings on the web page <http://www.rgcwoodducks.org/in-box-cameras>. John Merk and Dale Schielke made a concerted effort to check all the boxes at Barker Ranch again on June 10th in hopes of finding additional geolocators. No additional geolocators were recovered. Of the 109 boxes checked 3 wood duck hens were captured and new bands installed. Numerous boxes where nests had hatched out were cleaned and data was

recorded. The side door modification on lower poles has expedited the ability to survey boxes and does not appear to have affected the box use. Earlier this year we worked with a WSU student that WDFW arranged to analyze past wood duck nest data. Bailey Hardy's full report will be on the website. Following is a paragraph from the summary report of her analysis:

After comparing the Wood Duck use throughout the years in various locations and against other species, the data showed that there has been a steady increase in wood duck use in nest boxes throughout the years. Squirrel, starling, and owl use showed over the same period of time their use has maintained consistent which rules out the alternative hypothesis that other animals have been nesting in the boxes, not allowing for wood ducks to use them. The comparison I found most significant was the use in Walla Walla jumping up and increasing at a mostly steady rate, while the other locations (Benton City, Yakima, Columbia, and Barker) maintained a consistent rate of usage, and the inland vs riverine usage followed the same trend. This increase of usage in Walla Walla could be due to the addition of more boxes in that area, inconsistent box checks in the area or many other possibilities. Finding that boxes have been so successful in Walla Walla is important for the Wood Duck population, knowing that ducks are thriving and nesting there is encouraging for this project

Wood ducks begin nesting bringing with them a year of data from geolocators: District 4 Wildlife Biologist Fidorra is assisting the Richland Rod and Gun Club's Wood Duck Nest Box Project with processing of Geolocator data. Geolocators were placed on 16 wood ducks captured in nest boxes in Tri-Cities during spring 2019. As ducks return and are recaptured during checks, the geolocator is removed so that the data can be downloaded. Geolocators capture light level data, and software can be used to estimate location by using day length and the curve of the light intensity change at sunrise and sunset. The location is imprecise with best accuracy around 150 miles. However, the light data also can be used to interpret behaviors, like coming and going from dark nest boxes.



(Geolocator Data Map)

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM: School closures in mid-March due to the coronavirus pandemic necessitated release of young salmon that were being raised in local classrooms into the Columbia River about a month earlier than usual by teachers and their assistants and resulted in cancelation of the Salmon Celebration for the students in Columbia Park this year where the students would typically release the fish. Part of the salmon education curriculum also includes the dissection of Chinook salmon. The salmon are mature spawning fish that are excess to WDFW hatchery needs with donation and delivery to schools facilitated by the Benton Conservation District. A pair of carcasses (one male, one female) were provided last fall to teachers who kept them frozen in anticipation of dissections for students this spring, usually in April or May. What to do with salmon carcasses in the freezer and no students at school? Welcome to Zoom video conferencing.

On May 27, for the seventh year in a row, Mike Estes performed dissections for Canyon View Elementary School in Kennewick but this year each student had to log in using an electronic device to participate from home rather than assembling in the school cafeteria. Students raised a virtual hand by clicking a symbol on their screen to be recognized by the teacher to

ask a question, and there were a LOT of questions. An unexpected benefit of the virtual presentation was that siblings and parents of students could also participate. A younger brother of one student was really into the whole thing and asked nearly a dozen questions. One drawback to the virtual session is that students didn't get to handle and feel the carcasses and organs after the dissections but that saved a lot of hand sanitizer and rolls of paper towels that normally would have been used to clean student hands. Thank goodness for new technology so these students did not miss out in a small but fun part of their education

GUZZLERS: 6-3-20 Larry Martin checked for potential guzzler damage from yesterday's wildfire in the Horse Heaven hills west of Benton City, Yakitat, Gibbon road area. Spokane BLM Wildfire department was still there. Larry talked with them about walking up to guzzler #2, which was the only one hit. They were reluctant to let him walk up until they left the scene but they volunteered to take the quadrants of the guzzler and go themselves for practice in finding things by GPS. They took pictures and sent them to Larry. This guzzler had metal legs installed several years ago and made it through only slightly scorched. The fence is partially down because some wood posts burned but there are no cattle in the area now so there isn't a rush to get it fixed. This guzzler was installed in the 50s or 60s although it has had repairs done over the years. 6-12-20 Larry Martin picked up trail camera from guzzler 53 and inspected/cleaned guzzler 72. Southeast of Prosser, Sellards and Bert James road area. Don Smith went through pictures and deleted blowing weeds pictures.

6-20-20 Melissa Huston and Larry Martin inspected/cleaned guzzlers 198, 199, 201 & 253 lots of shovel work filling in holes where animals (badger) dug. Set up camera on 253, land owner Don Walker says they have a single fawn and another set of twin fawns. Don and his wife Susan also saw a coyote going after the fawn but the adult antelope came to the rescue chasing the coyote all around. Some of these guzzlers were put in along with habitat plots. Southeast of Prosser, County Well and Highway 221 area. 6-27-20 Greg Herrin and Larry Martin

inspected/cleaned guzzlers 82, 95, 122, 205, 206 & 254. Set up cameras on 205 and 254. Had to do repairs on 95 and 206 realigning rain catchment aprons on one and reconnecting corner post and apron tin on the other. We got to see the twin fawn antelope plus a few other adults. These guzzlers are southwest to southeast of Prosser, Ward Gap, Sellards, Davis & Cemetery roads area. We work pretty hard, sometimes walk quite a ways, end up a little stiff and sore but we always seem to have fun doing these guzzler projects.

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



(Guzzler photo taken by Firefighters)



(Pronghorn Antelope)



(Melissa Huston standing next to a habitat plot also guzzler put in many years ago by Don Hand WDFW and his crew)

ZEITLER WRAP-UP:

FROM DAVE MYERS- Garage Sale of Jerry's accumulated fishing gear? The sale will be at my home, 9306 Vincenzo Dr, Pasco on July 10 and 11, starting at 0800 each morning. Jerry had a vast array of gear, ranging from rods and reels, salmon/steelhead, bass, walleye, trout lures and lure making supplies, an assortment of fly-tying materials, antique as well as modern accessories. One bay of my garage is full. All monies will be forwarded to Jerry's widow.

FROM HOWARD GARDNER-

A few weeks ago, to benefit the Zeitler Family, the Club sponsored a successful sale of ammunition and components from Jerry's barn. Unfortunately, a Ponsness Warren Single Stage Shotgun Reloader (the Du-O-Matic 375C) was not emphasized and didn't sell. Although not currently being produced it was generally regarded as a top-of-the-line shot shell reloader and is offered at Ballistic Products for \$542-658 or Ebay for \$224-345. These were all for 12 gauge only and Jerry's has both 12 gauge and 20-gauge capability plus an extra ~\$50 of shot and powder bushings.

In the interest of selling it locally and avoiding extensive packaging to ensure no damage during shipment, I would offer it for sale at \$ 250.

An item not available for the barn sale is pack boxes that Jerry made for

use in packing in on horseback with an outfitter. There are four sturdy and well-built wood boxes. Two have dimensions of 22 x 16 x 13 inches and the other two are larger at 28 x 18 x 13 inches. They are offered at \$200 for all four.



Dog Carriers for Travel

Selling two handmade sturdy wooden carriers for dog use when traveling. Both are nominally 20 inches high by 19 inches wide, 27 inches long and weigh 20 lbs. Both have double hinged doors that open at one end of the carrier. There are air spaces at the top of the doors and in the center of the rear fixed closures to provide good ventilation. The carriers were meant to be used inside a canopied truck bed or SUV. They were sized for dogs that weigh up to 50 pounds. In addition, there is allowance for a pad in the bottom of the carrier.



Herter's Super Model 3 Reloading Press

Jerry used this press for rifle and pistol reloading, it is in very good condition, shows no signs of wear or rust. The press is made from cast-iron, is very sturdily built and weighs 18 pounds. There is no flexing of components during use and there is no slop in the ram. The

ram moves easily with a 3 1/2-inch stroke. The primer seating component is installed. Dies and shell holder components can be obtained from Brownels and other reloading equipment suppliers. Call Howard 943-9084 to see or buy the press. I am offering it for Best Offer over \$25.00.



RRGC WEB PAGE: richlandrodandgun.org has had Over 8,628 visits. Photos, news, trips, or tutorials can all be added to the website from our members just email them to: admin@richlandrodandgun.org.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be July 21st at 7:00 PM HOPEFULLY VIA ZOOM!

FAUNA AND FLORA SURVEYS: For the spring and summer seasons there will be wonderful opportunities to get outside and get to know your native species that live right under your nose. I challenge each member to go out and find 5 native species of insect, animal or plant each week. See how many you can identify and send your pics to the secretary! Bumblebee surveys are starting, so don't mind the blonde one- running around taking pictures of bugs on flowers.



(Sweat Bee on Thistle)



(Lady Beetle on a Rose)



(This 2 year old Tom was taken at 6:13 Am (on May 9 in Bickleton) which was 5 minutes after 2 jakes were taken 1/4 mile away by a friend in another blind. you can see the blind I was in in the background. The Picture was taken by Miles McCary from Salem.)



(Melissa Huston standing next to a habitat plot also guzzler put in many years ago by Don Hand WDFW and his crew)

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.

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

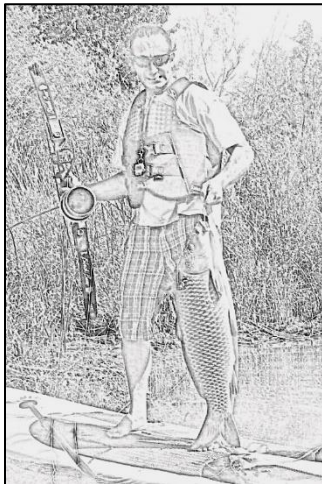
WANTED- The RRG is in search of a new Chief Hunter Education Instructor. This is for the RRG classes that are in a traditional classroom setting and are fully funded/backed by the club. If you or someone you know is interested in this position please contact **Richard Sharp at (509)551-6785.**

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



(Marilyn Steele with a nice Sockeye Photo By: Shannon Lackey)

HARLEY'S CORNER:



(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)