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**MEETINGS AND DEADLINES**

SEPT. GENERAL MEETING—7 pm, Tuesday Sept. 2, Benton PUD, 2721 W 10th Ave, Kennewick

BOARD MEETING—7 pm, Tuesday, Sept 16, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE—Sept. 18, Call Dave Myers at 438-1277 or davencarol68@gmail.com

**SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Guest speakers for the September 2, meeting will be Sarah Gregory and Paul Hoffarth, representatives of the WDFW, who will present the fall hunting forecast as well as what is in store for the fall salmon run on the Columbia. The youngsters that the club sponsored to Conservation Camp will also be presenting. Richard will have a selection of appropriate door prizes to accentuate the topics being covered. The meeting will be held at the Benton PUD building off 10th Avenue in Kennewick.

**BULLETIN HELP:** Dave Myers

If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, would you please drop a note to Dave Myers at davencarol68@gmail.com with your email address. Printing and mailing costs are eating into the club’s ability to carry on our stated goals (see pledge above). Your help is greatly appreciated.

**CLUB PICNIC (AUGUST MEETING)**

About 65 club members gathered at Leslie Groves Park on August 5, for the annual club salmon-feed and potluck picnic. Dale Schielke, Frank Scopa, and Dave Myers prepared the salmon and chicken for the smokers; delicious side dishes, salads and desserts were brought by those who attended. The weather was perfect, warm and shaded as the sun settled in the west. Dale sneaked in pen raised steelhead as a substitute for the salmon-wow-was it ever good. Good conversation over dinner was followed by the annual “Liars” contest. This years’ first place tale was told by Nikki Saleen (Eddie Manthos’ daughter) and covered a detailed encounter with some discourteous steelhead fishermen in Hell’s Canyon. Second Place went to Richard Sharp for his tale of the fishing and hunting prowess of club VP Matt Lucas. Third place went to Mike Estes for his “Tip-or-the-Month” on how not to catch sockeye salmon in the Columbia. A great time was had by all.

**SALMON BOOTH 2014**: Dale Schielke & Dave Myers

 The 30th Anniversary of the Salmon Booth in the Art in the Park Show was wonderfully successful.  This year the profit was $3927.36 for both the RRGC and the Columbia Basin Flycasters.  The “Salmon Sandwich”, in its 16th year, continues to be a good seller. The newly introduced Chicken Dinner provided a non-fish alternative that contributed to this banner year. A total of 383 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as sandwiches/dinners and 156 pounds of chicken thighs and breasts for dinners. We estimate that about 550 salmon dinners, 430 salmon sandwiches, 250 chicken dinners, and 850 drinks were served. The Tri-City Herald did an excellent story on our 30th year of serving salmon and easily found several devoted people to interview who return year after year to enjoy our salmon dinners. We continue to get many compliments on the dinners/sandwiches.

Special thanks to Lance Sawyer and O’Callaghan’s for providing space for us to store the salmon and marinate the fillets. Sue and Dennis Kreid were not in town during the event, but graciously made a “Chicken” sign for us before they left, THANKS!!! John Pfeiffer and his “booth crew” again did a great job with the booth setup, tear down and storage - thanks.  Thanks also to Gaylord Pyle for the many years of providing a storage container to store our cookers and associated equipment/supplies needed for the booth. Also, thanks to co-chairs Dale Schielke and Dave Myers for overseeing the Salmon Booth operation.

Activities associated with the Salmon Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to the following great group of volunteers which includes members of both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and Columbia Basin Fly Casters:  John Pfeiffer(2),  Paul Kison(2), Rich Holten, Dale Schielke(7), LouAnn Schielke, Jack Pickard(2), Bob Kolowith(3), Jerry Caprio, Russ Wyer, Paul Seuberlich, Gene VanLiew(2), David Myers(7), Rocky Ross, Mike Estes, Dan Robertson, Larry Martin(2), Jeff Gardner, Jennifer Gardner, Don Barnes, Russ Brown(2), Tom Logan, Fay Lyon, Jeff Fulks(2), Margaret Fulks(2), Ted Poston, Kathy Poston, Frank Scopa(3), Richard Santos, Dennis Collins(2), Ted Lewis, George Pappy Swan(2), Jim Loomis, Rod Gilge, and Terrell Finger(2), Joseph Choate(2), Anita Choate(2), Mike Evans(2), Jerry Zietler, Ben Webb, Randy Cannon, Mike Wade, Duane Horton, Josh Evans, Kirby Hammond, Bruce Wade, Rick Libby(2), Sam Morrison, Robert Thornton, Sammi Thornton, Brock Thornton, Jeff Dowley, Bob Schultz, Glen Edmonds, Rick Janecke, Ray Williams, Don Board, Donn Schell and Reed Kaldor.  The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered.

 Efforts from these wonderful volunteers, moderated temperatures, the Tri-City Herald article, and our dedicated customer base have all helped to make this 30th Anniversary Salmon Booth the most profitable year ever!

**FISHING AT CAMP LAKE:** Dave Myers

The club outing to Camp Lake on August 6 was a huge success. There were 27 club members who participated in this opportunity to catch Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Crappie and Perch. Photos of the event are included in the electronic version of this bulletin, those receiving the bulletin by mail, will need to visit the club website or facebook pages to see the results. Participants ranged from some of our older members to some of the youngest who fished under a family membership. Everyone caught fish. Jack Pickard caught the largest bass of the day, a nineteen inch fish that was returned to the water after fishing partners Rick Libby and Jerry Burke got the appropriate photos. Clare Cranston was the one who managed to catch all four species available (he fished multiple rods). All manner of techniques, shy of DuPont Spinners, were used. Dale Schielke provided a reprise of the Peach Cobbler he offered up at the club picnic; available too, were left-over cold chicken from the picnic and cold drinks. We will be looking into a repeat event for next year.

**GUZZLERS:** Larry Martin

The recent fires in the region have destroyed or severely damaged several guzzlers near Prosser and in Webber Canyon. In addition, there are many other guzzlers that are in need of repair/maintenance. Work parties will be formed to repair as many of these units as possible; the club is planning to seek grant monies to help cover the materials needed for these repairs.

**SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM:** Gene Van Liew

The 2015 Salmon in the Classroom program has suffered considerable budget reductions. The Salmon Summit and Classroom activities will continue. However, the biggest hit will be to in-classroom dissections, where Benton Conservation District personnel will no longer be available; dissections will be performed by individual teachers, with RRGC assistance if requested. The BCD will provide training to teachers to help them carry on. Gene has committed to assist with delivery of supplies; however tank setup and tear down will have to be done by individual teachers. These teachers are dedicated individuals, but this additional burden may tax them beyond their ability to keep the program going. Additional Rod and Gun Club volunteers may well be needed to provide setup and tear down assistance.

**ATOMIC SALMON DERBY:** Dale Schielke

This salmon derby will be held September 19, 20, 21. Entries can be made at Griggs in Pasco or any of the ACE Hardware outlets in the Tri-Cities. Earnings from this event are turned back into the community to help with youth-oriented outdoor activities. Plans for this year are to supplement funding for the Salmon in the Classroom. In the past, funds have been used to help with the Kid’s Outdoor Experience fishing day at Columbia Park Pond. The club will be helping out with the awards banquet/BBQ in Howard Amon Park on the 21st; we need about 10 volunteers to help cook and serve for this event. Contact Dale at 375-0183.

**DUCK CONSERVATION DAY:** Dale Schielke

The annual McNary Refuge Duck Conservation Day will be held this year on September 13th. Volunteers from the Club will be needed to help man several of the exhibits. Exhibits include: Wood Duck Nesting boxes, Firearm Safety, Retriever Demonstrations, Decoys, Duck Identification and others. If you are willing to help, please call Dale at 375-0183.

**GAME RECOVERY:** Chris Mosher

On August 4, John Cooper responded to a WDFW call to recover a spike bull elk that was killed under a depredation permit by a landowner on Rattlesnake Mountain. The landowner, with the assistance of RRGC member John Cooper, dressed the elk. John stored the animal in his cooler until August 9, when he and Richard Sharp deboned the elk. About 200 lbs of meat was delivered to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco.

