



# **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**

Next General Meeting – April 4th, 7:00 PM at Richland Public Library

Next Board Meeting- April 18th, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

May Newsletter Contribution Deadline is April 22nd email:

[admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org)

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## **April 4th General Meeting Presentation**

**7:00pm at the Richland Public Library**

The April General Meeting presentation will be James Castillo titled Spring Bass Fishing in the Tri-Cities.

## **Memorial Scholarship**

RRGC has been offering scholarships to college students pursuing a conservation related degree since 1993. Students must have enough academic credits to at least be of junior undergraduate status for the upcoming fall registration.

Scholarship winners have majored in Wildlife Biology, Wildlife and Fisheries Resources, Wildlife Management, Rangeland Ecology and Management, Fire Ecology and Rangeland Conservation, Ecology and Conservation Biology, and Biology Entomology. A few recipients were working on Masters degrees or were PhD candidates.

Application instructions and forms are posted near the bottom of the RRGc home page (most likely the page on which you are reading this newsletter). Applications must be postmarked by April 10, 2023 or submitted via email by April 15, 2023.

Please share this opportunity with anyone who you feel might qualify, or call Mike Estes (509-551-9066) for assistance.

### **Salmon in the Classroom**

We will be looking for volunteers to help with Salmon Summit on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet at our next General Meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. It only takes a couple hours each morning to help kids free their salmonid into the Columbia River. This is a great program that RRGc participates in to help kids in Benton County learn about the life of a salmon. Be sure to sign up and come join us at the East end boat launch in Columbia Park.

### **KOE Kids Fishing Day**

April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> are the dates for Kids Fishing Day so mark your calendars. We will be looking for volunteers to help with this event. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next General Meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The event sold out and more spaces were added. There are 6 sessions with 150 kids in each. Friday Special Needs Kids will have stickers to try to make sure we don't have people sneaking in.

### **Wood Duck Education and Boxes**

Dale Schielke said they are done with all the cleaning and prep of boxes. The girl scouts rescheduled their trip so they will be helping install 2 new boxes soon. It will be then time to monitor boxes and install web cameras then band checks around mid April.

### **Guzzlers**

Larry Martin reset 2 cameras, inspected and cleaned the guzzlers they were at. He inspected 8 more, 5 of which were damaged by a fire a few years ago. Repaired 3 and one maybe a total loss and removed since it is close enough to another guzzler. There will be more inspections and cleaning after this coming weekend.

### **Jason Lee Elementary School Archery Program**

Jason Lee Elementary School's Archery Team is going to Nationals in Sandy, Utah April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The Richland Rod and Gun Club has helped support this after school program and the Board was happy to donate \$250 towards their trip to Nationals. Congratulations to the team and good luck!

### **Hunter Ed**

The spring Hunter Ed class starts April 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs through April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Also Ron Ruth is going to help start a chapter of First Hunt Foundation in Tri-Cities.

There will be an Intro to Firearms class on August 12<sup>th</sup> for people 18 years and older.

Ron Ruth, John Prather, John Drewrey, and Greg Herrin will be attending a WDFW training session for Hunter Ed instructors in Wenatchee this month.

### **Get Involved in RRGc**

There has never been a better time to get involved in the club. The best way to start is by attending the monthly meetings. Come support the club and these speakers. Save the date on your calendar for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Richland Public Library.

### **In Memory of Delia Porta Teeple**

Delia Porta Teeple passed away on February 24, 2023. She was a lifetime Washington State resident born in Cusick, WA on June 4, 1921.

She attended the University of Washington where she met Bruce Teeple and was married on June 21, 1942. Her husband preceded her death in 2004.

Delia was member of Christ the King Catholic Church, a member of the All States Rebekah Lodge 319, a member of the Royal Neighbors of America Camp 7299, a life member of the Richland Yacht Club, a lifetime member N.R.A. and a member of the Richland Rod & Gun Club. She fished until hunting season, and hunted until fishing season. She was instrumental in cooking for Richland Rod and Gun events such as the club picnic and the Wild Game Dinner.

She is survived by her son, Tom and his wife Claire of Kennewick; daughter Francine and her husband John Wolf of Spokane, WA; three grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren and her niece, Dee Anne Loyal of Bonnie Lake, WA; Dear friends Pat and Lucy Finley of Inchelium, WA.

To all who showed their sympathy and compassion to our family with the loss of our dear mother, we extend our heartfelt appreciation.

Respecting the wishes of Delia, in lieu of flowers or contributions, the family suggests you do a random act of kindness for a stranger.

### **Wild Game Dinner**

RRGC had another very successful Wild Game Dinner. Thank you to all the people who helped set up, cook, gather prizes, donate meat, fish and fowl and clean up! It's a big job and many members help to make it a great event for our club.

### **2023 RRGc Awards**

Every year at the WGD awards are given out to members who have earned them. The following are the awards given out at this year's dinner:

25-year member belt buckle – Chad Markel.

Distinguished Service Awards – John Merk and Packy Lackey Family.

Gardner-Cranston Exemplary Volunteerism Award – Richard Sharp.



**Photo of the Month**



Photo taken by Pete Workman of Cheyenne while they were helping Dale Schielke inspect and clean wood duck boxes on the Yakima River.

**Update your contact information!**

If you have changed your address, your phone number, or your email address please use this link and scroll to the bottom of the page where it says "Update My Contact Information".

[Richland volunteer opportunities for members \(richlandrodandgun.org\)](http://richlandrodandgun.org)

**Also get involved in one of our Committees:**

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**RRGC Club Upcoming Activities**

Hunter Education class at Griggs Pasco - April 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> -9 AM till Noon

Salmon Summit at Columbia Park - April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

KOE Rod Building Session – April 1<sup>st</sup> Hunter Ed Room at Grigg’s in Pasco

KOE (Kids Fishing Day) April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Pikeminnow Fish-In – May 20<sup>th</sup>

Catfish Challenge – June

Hunter Education class at Griggs Pasco – June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Club Picnic - August



## Wild Game Dinner Photo Gallery

