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HANFORD REACH USER SURVEY: A survey of Hanford Reach Monument users is being conducted on the Reach. It started about December 10 and will last for about a year. A University of Idaho graduate student, Jennifer Mac Donald, will be conducting the survey. She will be handing out pamphlets for visitors to fill out on weekdays and weekends. It will take about ten minutes to complete the survey. The survey will be conducted at the Saddle Mountain Summit, WB-10 Ponds, Scenic Overlook, Ringold Hatchery boat launch, Vernita Bridge, and Snyder Street boat Launch in Richland. If you are asked to participate in the survey, take the time out to fill out the pamphlet. Information from the survey will be used to determine how visitors use the Reach, how they view their experiences and their preferences for various facilities and services.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!: The hunting season has started and once again it is time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held in March of 2005. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear or boar, upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut, steelhead and salmon are also needed. A good big game roast is the sirloin tip. It is boneless, relatively tender but dry, therefore it should be cooked with moisture in a closed pan. Every hunter, whether he cuts his own meat or not, can remove this roast as follows: (the diagram is shown on the Club's web page under 'Club News-Newsletter' and click on 'Other Club News'). After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap. Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone, turn your knife and follow the leg bone until you reach the rump knuckle, then turn the knife 45° and cut out. Another good boneless roast is the round roast which can be cut in about the same manner. It is located just above the sirloin tip roast. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (**NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE**). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General Meeting that will be held on January 4 (see first item in this newsletter). The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer at Mack McDonnell's home. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Good hunting and good fishing!

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, January 4, 2005, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 18, 2005, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 19, 2005, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

- There will be a January General Meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2004 at 7:00 PM at the usual place, the Richland Maintenance Facility. A speaker had not been selected at the time this Newsletter went to the printer. There will be a speaker. At this time his topic and name are not known. Check the Saturday, January 1, *Tri-City Herald*, Section D, in the Oudours section, to learn who the speaker will be or sign on to the Club website..
- An election for 2005 RR&GC officers and trustees will be held. The nominees are listed later in this newsletter.
- Tickets to the 2005 Wild Game Dinner will go on sale at the meeting. Price is still \$15.00/person. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Buy them early before they are all gone. You can also sign up for the Quality Trip. A few 2005 RR&GC calendars are left and can be purchased for \$3.00.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Paul Kison opened the meeting to a capacity audience.

- All the visitors introduced themselves.
- Paul announced that the election for 2005 Club officers and trustees will take place at the January General Meeting.
- The Fourth Planning Update to the Hanford Reach National Monument Comprehensive Conservation Plan was extensively discussed. There are four alternatives listed in the above document and it was announced that the Advisory Committee came up with a fifth alternative. The RR&GC Hanford Monument Committee met on December 9 at the Richland Senior Center.
- A letter from the Benton Conservation District thanking the Club for our \$1,200.00 donation to the Salmon In The Classroom project was read.
- Mack McDonnell will store game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner in a freezer at his home. Bring game meat and fish donations to the General Meeting where they will be placed in ice chests and moved to Mack's freezer.
- A sign up sheet for the January 21, 22, & 23, 2005 Lunker Lake and Pellet Gun Range at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show was circulated. Call Dennis Spore at 627-0589 if you would like to volunteer. We need many volunteers because of the large number of youth that participate.
- WDFW Biologist Mike Livingston stated that a member from South Eastern Washington is needed as a member of the Upland Game Advisory Committee. Call Mike at 545-2201 if you are interested.

● It was announced that the 2005 Fishing Kids event will take place on Saturday, May 7. We will need many volunteers to help on that day. The Tri-Cities had the greatest turnout in the State last year. A total of 1,248 youth participated. Our goal for 2005 is 1,500 youth!

● Dianne Warrant introduced the main speaker of the evening Dan Warehime. Dan is the vice-president of Senske Tree service. He started hunting when he was 15 years old and has never stopped. Title of his presentation was "Wyoming Elk Hunt and Grizzly Attack". The hunt started on Saturday, Sept. 19 and continued till Sept. 22, 2004. He started his presentation by showing us a video of a local news cast in Wyoming showing the results of the attack on the hunt guide and hunter, Wally Cash. Wally was 67 years old and had a knee replacement and a kidney removed on February 24. The video was not pleasant to watch, Wally's condition was not good. There were five men in the hunting party. They met north of Jackson, Wyoming on Sunday, September 19. It was raining as they packed into camp with five horses and a mule, Wally was the guide. It was pouring rain when they reached camp. They set up camp, pitched the tents away from their food which they pulled up high into a tree(s) and poured ammonia around their tents as a bear repellent. The rain continued most of the night and about 3 o'clock in the morning it started to snow. There was about 2 inches of snow on the ground when they got up. One of the party, Bruce, harvested a 5 point bull elk about a half hour after daylight. Dan did not get an elk that day but he did see a bear coming toward him. The bear stood up and stared down at Dan. The bear's underside appeared to be pure silver. Dan jumped up and down, waved his arms and made a lot of noise. The bear changed its mind and turned around and left. That night Dan related the bear sighting to the rest of the party. The next day, Tuesday, they got up early and went hunting, Wally was with Dan. Wally got tired, because of his knee, and decided to return to camp. Earlier that morning they had both received a message from one of the other hunters who saw a sow grizzly with 2 cubs on a gut pile. Wally continued towards the camp and was climbing up a ravine wall. When he reached the top, he was attacked by a bear that knocked him down and started crunching on his head and hand. The bear left after awhile and Wally got up. The bear returned and attacked him a second time and then left again. Dan realized that something was happening and started heading toward Wally and on the way heard cries for help. When Dan reached Wally, he called on his radio to Tom, one of the party, who was above him and related the attack details, Wally's condition and GPS coordinates. Tom had a satellite phone, he dialed 911 and was transferred to an Idaho Falls rescue station that informed him they would arrive in 28 minutes. Tom relayed the GPS coordinates he had received from Dan and headed to the attack site. In the meantime, Dan cleaned the coagulated blood from Wally's head and covered the wounds with some large band aids to stem the flow of blood. There was a large puncture wound on his head through which Dan could see Wally's brain throbbing. Dan and Tom moved Wally about a 1/4 mile to a flat spot in a meadow where the helicopter could land. The helicopter arrived on schedule. Wally was going into shock and the rescue crew spent about ten minutes working on Dave and installing an "IV" to replace the blood Wally lost. Because of the high altitude they could only carry Wally back to the hospital.

After Wally left, the four remaining hunters tried to figure out what to do. It was a three hour trek back to their vehicles from camp plus 3-4 hours to load the horses. They decided to go in the morning. Dan and Tom decided to go hunting that afternoon and hunted on the open side of the meadow, not in the timber. They spotted a cow elk in the trees about 250 yards away and shot it. After it was hit, the elk wandered into the woods in the same direction where the bear was earlier. They found the elk about 20 yards into the woods in a wash. They then radioed back to the camp for pack horses. The horses arrived with the other two hunters. The elk was then loaded on to the horses and started back to camp. Dan and Tom decided to try for a second elk. On the way back to camp the two horses were attacked by a grizzly but were able to escape. Dan and Tom then returned to camp where they built a fire from pitch wood which burns very bright. They stayed up all night. During the night they heard the pack mule hee haw and come running back to the camp. The next morning (Wednesday), they loaded up and left camp. On the way out they noticed grizzly tracks about 20 minutes ahead of them. Fortunately the grizzly took a fork in the trail in a different direction. They arrived safely, in rain, back at their vehicles and left.

Dave said that a good motto to remember is: "If it's black, fight back! If its got a hump make a lump". A Wyoming bear specialist from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department said that pine cones from a white barked pine are a food source for grizzlies and that the cones are in short supply. As a result the bears were foraging for other food sources. In addition, the grizzly bear population is up and bear attacks on humans have increased. Wally has recovered from the attack and plans to continue hunting. Dan gave an exceptionally good presentation. Besides the news video, he showed many slides of the camp and of Wally's condition after the attack. The audience was spellbound and asked many questions and commented on experiences they had with bears. This was probably the best presentation of the year.

● Raffle winners were: Bill Lambert who won a pellet rifle, Carl Stull - a \$75.00 Gift Certificate from State Transmissions, Ben Webb - a gift certificate from Tony Roma, Stan Brogden - a \$20.00 off dry cleaning certificate from Royal Cleaners, Lyle Gilk - a black powder kit, Mike Ashbranner, Ben Pesek, Dale Landon and Dale Schielke each won a belt buckle: young Joanna O'Neill, Dan Warehime, Doug Schuetze, Mike Ash, and Richard Sharp each won a pocket knife.

CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEE ELECTIONS: Election of Club Officers and Trustees for 2005 will be conducted at the January 4 General Membership meeting. The following slate of candidates has been assembled by the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor, subject to concurrence by the person nominated. Nominees will be introduced prior to the election.

President: Dianne Warrant
Vice President: Gene VanLiew

Secretary: Eddie Manthos
Treasurer: Lyle Gilk

Trustees

Ben Webb
Jim Shearer
Bob Gifford
Dale Landon
Mike O'Neill

Bill Hays
Jerry Burke
Larry Martin
Jack Pickard
Dan McGuire

Bill Lambert
Harvey Huisingh
Russ Wyer
Rick Nelson
Wade Warrant

DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED: Attention all duck hunters! If you harvest or have harvested a duck or goose with a leg band or collar, notify Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com with the following information: species, sex, where and when harvested, your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird) and, when you receive the information, where and when the bird was banded. The information will be collected and reported later in the newsletter :

2005 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER LAKE/PELLET RANGE: Dates for the Tri-Cities Sportsmens Show including Lunker Lake and the Pellet Rifle Range are January 21, 22 and 23, 2005. Keep these dates in mind and mark them on your calendar (preferably a Club calendar) Many, many volunteers are needed to make both projects a success. Setup for Lunker Lake and the Pellet Rifle Range will be Thursday, January 20. A sign-up sheet will be at the January 4 General Meeting. You can also sign-up by calling Dennis Spore at 627-0589 or Clare Cranston at 547-6273 (Pellet Rifle Range). Volunteers working at Lunker Lake should wear eye protection and carry a towel(s) and needle nose pliers or hemostat. Volunteers will be able to tour the show either before or after their shift free. More information about the show is at www.shuylrproductions.com/.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-Clare Cranston- Hunter Education classes (Maximum of 32 persons each) are scheduled to start January 17 and March 7, 2005. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Six entries were submitted in December. John Hall is the winner with a photo showing John with a caribou he bagged in British Columbia October. 5, 2004. John will win five free raffle tickets at the January General Meeting. Other entries were by Carl Higby, Harvey Huisingh, Dan McGuire, Mike Estes and a second entry by John Hall. The winning photo and the runner-ups can be viewed on the Club Website.

JANUARY McNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

January 9, 2004, McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA, 9 am to Noon
TOPIC: **Hiking in Winter**, Dave Linehan, is a winter hiker. He will Talk of the trails, Talk of the trials, Talk some tales
The scenery, the props, the perks and the hazards differ from hiking in any other season.
Find out all about it at the McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER
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MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION: Many Club memberships expire April 1, 2005. Renew your membership at the February and March General Meetings. **Please do not wait and renew the night of the Wild Game Dinner!** Annual dues are \$15.00 for individual membership and \$20.00 for family membership. Three year memberships are \$40.00 and \$50.00 respectively. You can renew by mail by sending dues to address at top of this newsletter. The expiration date on this Newsletter address label will be highlighted if your membership expires April 1, 2005 or earlier.

MARCH 12 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: A pheasant shoot for sixteen Hunter Education student graduates is going to be held on Saturday, March 12 at the Limits Game Farm. The farm is north of Mesa, Washington at the junction of Astoria Road and Lincoln Road, one mile north of the road 170 and Astoria Road junction. The event will start about 8:00 AM and last through the afternoon. Several volunteer coaches/mentors and other helpers will be needed that day. Please call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or send e-mail to shawcaran@owt.com if you can volunteer or for more information. See you at the event. This is just one of the many youth events that the Club is involved in.

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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, February 15, 2005, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - February 17, 2005, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

- There will be two speakers at the February General Meeting. Jerry Bloom will discuss the Quality Trip he and Arlen Schade participated in this past fall. Jerry was selected to be the partner of Arlen Schade, the 2004 Quality Trip winner. They rifle hunted Whitetail Deer in the East Tennessee hill country adjacent to the Smoky Mountains. Their guide was *Rocky Top Outfitters* from Pigeon Forge Tennessee. Arlen probably will not be able to attend the meeting because he presently resides in Knoxville, Tennessee. The other speaker will be Tim Kopf from the Benton Conservation District. Tim was at the November General Meeting and passed out survey forms to the audience for their input on what goals and objectives they considered to be important for the Conservation District. Tim will discuss the results of the survey and outline their long term goals and objectives. The meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1st at 7:00 PM at the usual place, the Richland Maintenance Facility.
- Tickets to the 2005 Wild Game Dinner will be available at the meeting. Price is still \$15.00/person. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Buy them early before they are all gone. The speaker will be Dr. R. A. Margulies who will discuss Survival and First Aid.
- You can also sign up for the Quality Trip. Rules for the Quality Trip are shown later in this newsletter.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- Outgoing president Paul Kison opened the meeting.
- Election for 2005 officers and trustees took place. Since there were no nominations from the floor for new candidates. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the nominations be closed. A nomination was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the list of officers and trustees be unanimously approved. The 2005 officers and trustees are listed later in this Newsletter.
 - Dennis Spore announced that volunteers were still needed to work at the January 21, 22, & 23, 2005 Lunken Lake Youth Fishing Pond at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show. A sign up sheet was circulated for volunteers. Clare Cranston commented that he had plenty of volunteers to work at the Pellet Gun Range.
 - Rachel Little from the Benton Conservation District thanked Club volunteers for the help they provided in distributing

salmon eggs to 23 elementary schools for "The Salmon In The Classroom Project." More information later in this Newsletter. She also gave a short slide presentation of the project and described the students enthusiasm involved in the project.

● Program Chairperson and incoming Club president Dianne Warrant introduced the main speaker, Yakama Indian Habitat Specialist Carol Craig. Carol stated that the Club Pledge, recited at the start of every General Meeting and shown at the top of this Newsletter is very similar to the beliefs of native Americans. Because of our pledge she felt very comfortable speaking to us. Salmon are of extreme importance to the Yakama Indian people and they are very involved in assuring that the fish thrive. Among other things, they are involved in assuring that habitat essential to survival of salmon is not destroyed or harmed and they are very active in building/providing new habitat for the fish. The salmon eggs that local school children utilized in their "Salmon In The Classroom" project were provided by the Yakama Indians from their Prosser hatchery. In addition to salmon they are also involved in the conservation and restoration of declining Pacific Lamprey. The lamprey or eel is a sacred food for Indians. They are also involved in elk tagging, duck banding and projects for fish other than salmon. For instance they are tracking and sampling Northern Pike minnow to determine the effect of their predation on salmon. Spawned out steelhead trout are taken to the Prosser facility where they are allowed to acclimate and recondition before they are released back into the river to continue their return trip to the ocean. The tribe is very involved in the "Salmon In The Classroom" project and are present and helping with exhibits on the day the salmon smolt are released into the Yakama river at Horn Rapids Park in early May. Carol gave an informative and interesting presentation and answered many questions from the audience. We learned much from her about the tribes beliefs and the numerous conservation projects they are involved in.

● Raffle winners were: Mack McDonnell who won a \$100.00 Griggs Gift Certificate, John Hall won a \$60.00 Griggs Gift Certificate, Paul Kison, Rick McFall, Ev Weakly, Don Hartshorn and Dan Sevcik each won a pocket knife.

Columbia Basin "Friends Of NRA" 13 th Annual BANQUET and BENEFIT AUCTION

Friday March 4, 2005 at Pasco Red Lion - Social at 5:30 p.m. - Prime Rib Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Call Bob Birney at (509) 628-3501 for reservations and information

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Entry tickets for the 2005 Quality Trip can be purchased at the February and March General Meetings and at the Big Game Dinner, until the maximum of 100 tickets have been sold. The drawing for the quality trip will be held at the Big Game Dinner on March 26, 2005. The rules are shown below and are identical to last years.

1. Only Club members with 2005 dues paid through **April 1, 2006** are eligible to purchase entry tickets.
2. Tickets are \$20.00 each, the value of the trip (amount paid to winners) is \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold, the maximum sold will be 100.
4. Each member may purchase 2 tickets. With a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents may also purchase 2 tickets each.
5. You must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
6. Winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership.
7. The winners will provide a written report of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and hunting license costs, name & addresses of lodging & guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club website. A good reference for the report format are previous Quality Trip reports that are on the website.
8. The drawing will be held at the March 26, 2005 Wild Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
9. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club and who must also have participated in the drawing.
10. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner is unable to go. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a Club member and have been in the drawing.
11. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 2006 Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
12. The trip must be approved by the Board of Trustees not later than the June Board meeting or the trip will be forfeited.
13. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.

and help decide how Club funds will be allocated for the year 2005. Call Howard at 943-9084 and let him know if you will be attending.

2005 CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES: Election of 2005 Club Officers and Trustees were conducted at the January 4 General Membership meeting. The nominees were unanimously approved and are:

President: Dianne Warrant, Vice President: Gene VanLiew, Treasurer: Lyle Gilk, Secretary: Eddie Manthos
Trustees: Ben Webb, Jim Shearer, Bob Gifford, Dale Landon, Mike O'Neill, Bill Hays, Jerry Burke, Larry Martin
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DELIVERY OF SALMON EGGS TO SCHOOLS: - Howard Gardner - At the October Board meeting, Rachel Little from the Benton Conservation District discussed their "Salmon in the Classroom" project and their need for additional fish tanks to meet the demand from local schools. In the schools the students and their teachers receive eyed salmon eggs from the Yakama Indian Hatchery at Prosser. The students watch the eggs hatch and then feed the salmon fry until they are ready to release into the Yakama River about the first week in May. The Board approved a donation of \$1,200 for the purchase of a tank and control system which was installed in Hawthorne Elementary school in Kennewick. Currently there are 32 schools in Benton Co. with tanks including 23 schools in the Tri-City area. With the availability of the eggs early in January, Rachel contacted Diane Warrant to see if the Club would help deliver eggs. As a result, on Jan.4, the following Club members plus Rachel helped deliver eggs to the Tri-City schools: Carl Higby, Harvey Huisingh, Bob Kolowith, John Pfeiffer, Gaylord Pyle, Dianne Warrant and Howard Gardner. It was great to see the excitement and interest of not only the students and teachers receiving the eggs, but the rest of the school as well. In addition, the club got some TV coverage on the 5:00PM news with KNDU.

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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: A total of nine entries were received, six from Kevin Grubbs, one each from Mike Estes and Bob Kolowith and one non-Club entry from Savannah, Georgia. Bob Kolowith won with a photograph of Bob with a 20 pound pike he caught in Miron Lake in Saskatchewan, Canada. He caught it on a flyrod with a Yellow Zonker fly. The entry from Savannah, Georgia, by young Cole Mahan's mother, was a Noteworthy Photo; it shows Cole fishing in Cherokee, North Carolina. Bob Kolowith will win five free raffle tickets at the February General Meeting. The winning photo, the runner-ups and the Noteworthy Photo can be viewed on the Club Website.

February 12, 2005, McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, Second Saturday Event

311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 9 am to Noon, presentation at 10 am

Examine nesting habits of Hawks and Owls and see their Nests, When? Where? And How?

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YOUTH DUCK DECOY PAINTING: - Ducks Unlimited is going to conduct a decoy painting day for youth in the Hunter Education facility at Griggs Shopping Center in Pasco Saturday, February 26 starting at noon. Decoys, paints, brushes etc will be supplied. Improvised smocks will be available, but the kids should wear "painting clothes." It is a chance for the kids to do a little craft work with their dads or granddads and have a decoy that they painted to put on their shelf at home or in dads decoy spread next fall. The painting is open to both DU Greenwing members and non members. A couple of volunteers from the RR&GC are needed to help, if you can help, call John O'Leary at 943-5541. Call the same number for more information or to sign up for the decoy painting.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MARCH GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, March 1, 2005, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 15, 2005, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March 24, 2005, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 26, 2004 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

- The meeting will take place at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 1 at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.
- The speaker will be Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist. He will speak about 2005 fishing prospects for Regions 1, 2 and 3. Trout allotments and stocking locations will also be discussed. Salmon and steelhead forecasts will be explained. Changes to the 2005-2006 fishing regulations will be covered. Additionally Paul will be able to answer most of your questions regarding fishing in this part of Washington State. Come early, there will be many attending.
- Many Club memberships will expire on April 1, 2005. Update your membership at the meeting. Annual dues are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family membership, three year memberships are \$40 (individual) and \$50 (family). If your membership has expired or will expire on 4-1-05, the expiration date on the mailing label on this Bulletin will be highlighted
- Tickets to the 2005 Wild Game Dinner are almost sold out. Check with Dale Schielke at 375-0183 to see if tickets are available. If they have all been sold, Dale can put you on a list to notify you if any tickets become available from people who may not be able to attend.
- You can also sign up for the Quality Trip. Rules for the Quality Trip are shown later in this newsletter.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Dianne Warrant opened the meeting.

- Visitors introduced themselves, including the Chairman of the Ducks Unlimited Waterfowl Festival, that will take place on June 4 and 5 at the fairgrounds in Kennewick.
- Dennis Spore reported that 1500 to 1600 fish were caught January 21, 22 & 23 at Lunker Lake; the remaining, about 200, fish were released at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond.
- Jerry Zeitler circulated a sign up sheet for volunteers to help at the March 26 Wild/Big Game Dinner. He announced that there were only 25 unsold tickets left for the dinner.
- Vice-president and Program Chairman Gene VanLiew introduced the first speaker, Tim Kopf from the Benton Conservation

wrap it; first with plastic wrap and then with waxed freezer paper. Be sure to squeeze all the air out around the meat (**NO GROUND MEAT PLEASE**). Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General Meeting that will be held on March. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer. Your donations will help make the Wild Game Dinner a big success. Donations so far this year are below normal.

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION: Many Club memberships expire April 1, 2005. Renew your membership at the March General Meeting. **Please do not wait and renew the night of the Wild Game Dinner!** Annual dues are \$15.00 for individual membership and \$20.00 for family membership. Three year memberships are \$40.00 and \$50.00 respectively. You can renew by mail by sending dues to the address at top of this newsletter. The expiration date on this newsletter address label will be highlighted if your membership expires April 1, 2005 or earlier.

MARCH 12 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: A pheasant shoot for sixteen Hunter Education student graduates will be held on Saturday, March 12 at the Limits Game Farm. The farm is north of Mesa, Washington at the junction of Astoria Road and Lincoln Road, one mile north of the road 170 and Astoria Road junction. The event will start about 8:00 AM and last through the afternoon. Several volunteer coaches/mentors and other helpers will be needed that day. Please call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or send e-mail to shawcaran@owt.com if you can volunteer or for more information. See you at the event. This is just one of the many youth events that the Club is involved in.

IN MEMORIAM OF HOWARD CHITTY: The Richland Rod and Gun Club was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Howard Chitty on Feb. 14, 2005. Howard had been a club member for 45 years and had taught Hunter Education Classes for 25 years in conjunction with his Physical Education Classes at Carmichael Middle School. In his early years, he was an avid waterfowl hunter and recognized the value of a variable choking device on his shotgun. He had a Herter's Vari-Choke installed, which in those days cost \$11.00. I remember him telling that on one hunting trip somehow he blew it off the end of his barrel. I can't remember whether he had another one installed on that gun or not. Howard will be missed by the Club. (Howard Gardner)

District.

• Tim thanked the Club for the donation of a "Salmon in the Classroom" tank system" to Hawthorn Elementary School in Kennewick. He also thanked the Club volunteers that helped deliver salmon eggs to the schools participating in the salmon project in January. He presented to the Club a large hand made thank you card from the students that received the eggs. The salmon smolt resulting from these eggs will be released in the Yakima River in April-May. About 1000 to 1300 students will be at Horn Rapids park to witness the release.

• Tim spoke to the Club last fall and at that time he distributed survey forms to the audience for their input on what Conservation District goals and objectives they considered to be important. He received 12 responses that showed the biggest concerns were *Public Access, Upland Habitat Restoration* and *Education*. The responses will be considered as the district is developing its Long Range Strategic Plan. Tim answered many questions from the audience. He invited Club members to attend Conservation District meetings that are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Benton REA Building, 6075 Van Giesen, West Richland.

• The second speaker was Jerry Bloom who shared his Tennessee Quality Trip hunt from November 20 to 28 with the audience. Jerry hunted with Arlen Schade the Quality Trip winner who lives in Knoxville, Tennessee. Jerry flew to Knoxville at a cost of \$380.00 round trip via Priceline.com. He recommended that photographic film be packed in an x-ray proof pouch during air line travel. He stayed at Arlen's home and they commuted to the hunt site on the days they hunted. Their outfitter/guide was Rocky Top Outfitters from Sevierville, Tennessee. They hunted for large whitetail deer on a 300 acre non populated farm that contained water, food plots, and cover. Hunting license costs were \$105.00/week or \$150.00/year. Cost to hunt was \$150.00/half day or \$275.00/day for each hunter. They hunted out of tree stands or a *Texas tower stand*, they did not hunt by walking. They hunted for a total of six days, including a bonus hunt day and did not harvest a deer. A more complete and excellent description of the hunt is on the Club's web site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/qualitytrip/id26.htm>. Jerry gave a very good presentation including slides of the hunt.

• Raffle winners were: Clare Cranston who won an \$80.00 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse and a book, Ted Burrington won a \$30.00 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse and a pocket knife, Rick Nelson won a box of shotgun shells, Karen Gardner and John Hall each won a vest, Larry Martin won a book, Gene VanLiew and Dan McGuire each won a 2005 Club calendar, Dale Schielke won a cap, Kenny Gardner, Gaylord Pyle, Lyle Gilk and Mack McDonnell each won a pocket knife.

Columbia Basin "Friends Of NRA" 13 th Annual BANQUET and BENEFIT AUCTION

Friday March 4, 2005 at Pasco Red Lion - Social at 5:30 p.m. - Prime Rib Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Call Bob Birney at (509) 628-3501 for reservations and information

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Entry tickets for the 2005 Quality Trip can be purchased at the March General Meeting and at the Big Game Dinner, until the maximum of 100 tickets have been sold; as of February 16, 25 tickets had been sold. The drawing for the quality trip will be held at the Big Game Dinner on March 26, 2005. The rules are shown below and are similar to last years.

1. Only Club members with 2005 dues paid through **April 1, 2006** are eligible to purchase entry tickets.
2. Tickets are \$20.00 each, the value of the trip (amount paid to winners) is \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold, the maximum sold will be 100.
4. Each member may purchase 2 tickets. With a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents may also purchase 2 tickets each.
5. You must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
6. Winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership.
7. The winners will provide a written report of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and hunting license costs, name & addresses of lodging & guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club website. A good reference for the report format are previous Quality Trip reports that are on the website.
8. The drawing will be held at the March 26, 2005 Wild Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
9. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club and who must also have participated in the drawing.
10. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner is unable to go. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a Club member and have been in the drawing.

11. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 2006 Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
12. The trip must be approved by the Board of Trustees not later than the June Board meeting or the trip will be forfeited.
13. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.

DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED: Attention all duck hunters! If you or your hunting buddies have harvested a duck or goose with a leg band or collar, notify Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com with the following information: species, sex, where and when harvested, your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird) and, when you receive the information, where and when the bird was banded. The information will be collected and reported in the April newsletter. .

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-Clare Cranston- A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start March 7, 2005. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: A total of seven entries were received from Richard Sharp, John Hall, Dan McGuire, Gaylord Pyle & Jerry Burke, Howard Gardner and Mike Estes & Gaylord Pyle. The winner was a photograph of Mike Estes and Gaylord Pyle, each with a turkey, that they harvested September 25, 2005. The photograph was taken by Paul Logman. The winner will win five free raffle tickets at the March General Meeting. The winning photo and the runner-ups can be viewed on the Club Website.

MARCH MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT:

Information about the March 12 Second Saturday event, '*Stories Behind The Masks*', was not available at the time this Club Newsletter went to the printers. Log on to <http://www.nwr.mcnary.wa.us/> to read the latest information about the event at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center,

Corner of Maple St and Lake Rd, Burbank WA Phone: 509-543-8322

WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES: - Dale Schielke - The annual inspection and repair of Wood Duck nesting boxes has begun. Twenty five wood duck boxes were inspected the weekend of March 12-13. Fifteen of the boxes at *Two Rivers* showed no evidences of wood duck habitation. Seven of the ten boxes inspected at *Burbank* showed evidence of wood duck usage. There are 200 boxes that have been installed and will be inspected. About eight trips will be required to inspect the remaining boxes. Call Dale Schielke at 375-0183 if you want to participate.

LUNKER LAKE DATA: - Dennis Spore - A total of 1530 fish were caught at Lunker Lake January 21, 22 and 23. The approximately 200 uncaught rainbow trout were released at the Columbia Fishing Pond Sunday night after the pond was drained. Net proceeds from the event were \$1700.00 (the cost of sending 7 kids to summer camp). The fish bite was very good all three days that the kids fished. The pellet rifle range also did very well in spite of the competition from the electronic shooting arcade booth next to it.

WELCOME TO RETURNING 'NEW' MEMBER: Don McMaster from Pasco.

MARCH 8 MEETING OF WILD GAME DINNER COOKS AND HELPERS: A meeting of all cooks and helpers will be held at the Kof C hall in Richland on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. Come to the meeting and help formulate the menu and other arrangements for the March 26 Wild Game Dinner. This is an important meeting.

• Big Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Jerry at 545-6694 and offer your services, he needs people for all day March 26 starting at 8:00am. Tasks will include preparation of potatoes, Hors D'oeuvres, salmon, table arrangements etc. You are also welcome if you can help for part of the day. Bring a sharp knife and cutting board. If you work for a minimum of 2 hours or are a food donor you can reserve table places for up to an 8 people party for the dinner by obtaining a place card(s) from Jerry or his delegate. That is the only way that seats at the tables can be reserved. You must show up, sign up and check with the Dinner Chairman for confirmation. Ice chests & counter top electric ovens (roasters) are needed. Please bring them in the morning and tag them with your name and be sure to pick them up after the dinner. - Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar or cougar, upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts are still needed. Duck and goose breast donations are below normal. Wild game sausage donations are also needed.. Clean the meat or fish thoroughly, pat it dry and double

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MARCH 12 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: - Thirteen youth participated in a Hunter Education Student Graduates pheasant shoot at the Limits Game Farm above Mesa, Washington on Saturday, March 12. Six students hunted in the morning, the other seven shot in the afternoon. Each group practiced shooting clay birds at the game farm, with the shot gun they were to hunt with. They then participated in a hunting/shooting refresher class led by Hunter Education instructors. After the class the six or seven students split in two smaller groups and hunted 'planted' pheasants. Besides the students, each group consisted of at least one pointer bird dog and its handler, a coach for each student, a photographer and following the group were parents and other helpers. Three pheasants per student had been planted immediately before the hunt started. Two students from each group were in the lead following the bird dog(s) and handler(s). The group stopped each time a dog went on point and one of the two youth lead hunters was appointed to be the shooter, the second youth was the backup shooter (if required). The bird was then flushed and if neither of the two youth harvested the bird, one of the coaches shot the flushed bird. After a youth shot, he went to the back of the group and was replaced by one of the other students. They continued hunting in this manner until all the birds were flushed. Because of the strong winds in the morning and the tendency of the birds to run instead of flush, the morning group harvested approximately 1/3 of the birds. The afternoon group was more successful and harvested about 75% of the planted birds. After the morning hunt was completed, the youth returned and cleaned the harvested birds under the instruction of Bill Moulds. The afternoon group had arrived by then and practiced shooting clay pigeons. About noon, both groups and all the adults ate lunch and feasted on cheeseburgers (grilled by Ignacio Escalera and Gary Scriven), chips, condiments, soda pop or water and beans prepared by Pam Piovesan. After lunch the second group had their safety refresher, hunted pheasants and cleaned the birds they harvested. Each student was presented, as a memento of the hunt, a beautiful engraved folding knife in a presentation wooden case, courtesy of the Ringold Branch of Pheasants Forever. Each student took one cleaned pheasant home with him and the remaining eleven cleaned pheasants were prepared at the RR&GC Wild Game Banquet. Sponsors of the shoot were The Limits Game Farm, Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever, RR&GC, Connell Oil Inc, Frontier Fine Foods and Mesa Grocery. Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan were the organizers and hunt coordinators, Steve Gaines was in charge of the student hunter groups. Other volunteers were Pam Piovesan, Mike O'Neill, Ned Hutchins, Ray Vollert, John O'Leary, Craig Johnson, Gary Scrivens, Steve Gaines, Doug Eggebraker, Don Board, Casey Hill, Bob Kolowith, Robert Moon, Dave Pauly, Tina Bernsen, Tony Bernsen, Bill Moulds, Robert Moon, Ignacio Escalera and Eddie Manthos. Once again Dave and Pam Piovesan went out of their way to host the hunt and be gracious hosts. The next Hunter Education Student Graduates pheasant shoot will be Saturday April 16 at the Limits Game Farm.

2005 QUALITY TRIP WINNER: The 2005 Quality Trip winner is John Arrabito, the alternate is Doug Graef.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

APRIL GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 5, 2005, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, April 19, 2005, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 21, 2005, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com
 FISHING KIDS EVENT - Saturday, May 7, 2005 at Columbia Park Pond - Volunteers needed from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

- Don Moody, Ryan Kilbury, Marv Bultena & Ryan Ollero from the Columbia Basin National Wild Turkey Federation will discuss turkey hunting. Topics they will cover are: the three turkey species in Washington state, firearms and ammunition, shotgun patterning, techniques, hunting methods, scouting and mapping, clothing, types of calls, insect protection and other subjects. The meeting will take place at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 5 at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Dianne Warrant opened the meeting.

- Visitors introduced themselves.
- Announcements were made by Jerry Zeitler, Gaylord Pyle, Mike Estes, Howard Gardner, Larry Martin, Dale Schielke and Gene VanLiew.
- Program chairman Gene VanLiew introduced Paul Hoffarth who discussed the 2005 fishing forecast. Paul is the District 4 Fish Biologist stationed in Pasco and can be contacted at 545-2284. Changes to 2005 fishing regulations were discussed and explained, the new 2005 Fishing Regulations pamphlet should be available at license dealers by April 1 (Fishing & Hunting licenses expire March 31). Spring and summer chinook seasons were discussed. Possibility of a spring chinook season on the Snake River looks good, latest information on these seasons can be obtained at the WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov>. About 1/2 million spring chinook fry will be released at Ringold in 2005 and 2006; as a result there is a possibility of a Ringold bank fishery in 2007. Paul also discussed the different types of coded wire tags that are inserted into the snout of salmon fry. Yakima River boat launch sites at Snively and Hyde roads are now available for use by the public as the result of efforts and cooperation by the WDFW, RR&GC, Tapteal Greenway and the City of Richland. Efforts are also underway to establish a boat launch at Dupportail. These sites will be under the jurisdiction of the WDFW and be maintained by them and volunteers from the RR&GC and Tapteal Greenway. The many features, information and links on the WDFW website, <http://wdfw.wa.gov>, were explained by Paul and shown through the projector connected to his laptop computer. Paul

USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE: The committee met February 8 and came up with the following recommendations that were approved by the Board of Directors at the February 15 Board meeting.

Use of Funds 2005

Feb. 2005

Item/Organization

Contributions(\$)
2003 2004 2005

Fitzner Memorial Scholarship (Annual award to a student in wildlife biology studies)	500	500	500
NRA Institute For Legislative Action (Fights the 2 nd Amendment battles)	200	300	300
NRA Foundation (Promotes firearm safety and shooting sports)	100	100	100
Columbia Dive Rescue (Rescue and body recovery)	300	300	300
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (Provides lobbying and grassroots support to protect sportsmen's rights)	250	250	250
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation (Conducts education, legal defense and research to protect sportsmen's rights)	250	250	250
Upland Wildlife Restoration Program (Supports local habitat development)	250	250	250
Delta Waterfowl (Works for a sustainable North American waterfowl population)	100	100	100
Youth Conservation Camp (10 total)-nominally six from Club and four from Hunter Ed. @ \$250 per camper	2450	2250	2500
Hunters Heritage Council (Promotion and political defense of hunting in Washington State)	250	250	250
USA Olympic Shooting Team (Donations are only source of funding)	100	100	100
McNary Environmental Education Center(MEECE) (Local environmental education facility)	100	100	100
Citizens for Responsible Wildlife Management (Funding lawsuit to overturn anti-trapping initiative, I-713)	100	100	0
Washington Wildlife Coalition (membership) (Promotes "Go Play Outside", a hunting, fishing and conservation initiative)	250	250	250
Crow Butte Park Assoc. (Volunteers keep park open)	0	200	200
Benton Conservation District (Purchase of tank for "Salmon in the Classroom")	0	1200	0
Friends of Badger Mountain (Support for purchase of public access)	0	100	0
Travel expenses (Limited funding of expenses incurred from attendance at out-of-area meetings)	44.25	59.49	250
Total Cost	5444.25	6559.49	
Total Allocation			5700

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Two entries were received in March. One from Larry Martin and the other from Mike Estes. Mike was the winner. He will receive five free raffle tickets at the April General Meeting. The winning photo and the runner-up can be viewed on the Club Website.

MAY 7 FISHING KIDS EVENT: This year the Fishing Kids event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 7. The goal is fifteen hundred children in four shifts. Many volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help at the pond. Starting time for volunteers is 7:00 AM, quitting time is about 3:00 PM. Sign up at the April General meeting or call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or send e-mail to emanthos@aol.com. More information at the April General meeting.

gave an outstanding presentation. He presented a lot of information, much more than can be presented in this newsletter. He answered many questions from the audience. You really missed out if you weren't at the meeting.

● Raffle winners were: Ben Webb won an \$80.00 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse, Ryan Rhoten won a \$30.00 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse, John Hall, John Pfeiffer and Richard Sharp each won a pocket knife, Mike O'Neill won a Flatfish lure, Paul Hoffarth won a box of steel shotgun shells, Jack Oversby, Dale Schielke and Dan Sevcik each won a bottle of KRILL, Bill Lambert won a jar of Erupt fish bait and 2pocket knives, Larry Martin won a jar of Erupt fish bait.

DUCK BAND INFORMATION 2004-2005:

Name	Where Harvested	Date	Information
Matthew Logan	Benton City, Yakima R	10/22/04.	Mallard Drake hatched 2002, banded by Pryor, 8/3/03 7 mi E of Mirror, AB
Mike Estes	Yakima River	12/30/04	Mallard Drake hatched 2004, banded 9/3/04 near LaGrande, OR
Bill Lambert	Peninsula, MWR	11/2004	Mallard Drake, banded in Alberta, Canada #1647-48116
Gaylord Pyle	West Richland, WA	1/09/2005	Mallard Drake, banded 8/07/02 1 mi. E of Burbank, WA #1667-04871
Sean Carr	Wallula, WA	1/08/05	Mallard Drake, hatched 1997 or earlier, banded 8/15/98 11 mi N of Scandia, AB
Gaylord Pyle	West Richland, WA	1/14/05	Mallard Drake, hatched 2003 near Badger, WA, banded Umatilla NWR by Howard Browers, 12/13/2004
Gaylord Pyle	West Richland, WA	1/14/05	Mallard Hen, hatched 2004 near Badger, WA, banded Umatilla NWR Howard Browers, 12/13/2004
Tim Clemons	Pasco, WA	1/22/05	Mallard Drake, banded in 1997 near Cataldo, Idaho
Tim Clemons	Walla Walla County	12/02/04	Mallard Drake, banded near High River, Alberta in 7/2002
Bryan Kerr	Paterson (RidgeUnit)	12/03/04	Mallard Drake, banded: 08/20/03 Edmonton, AB. Canada T6B 2X3
Dave Piovesan	Mesa, WA	10/26/04	Mallard Hen, hatched 2001 or earlier, banded 7/16/2002 by Pryor, Edmonton, AB
Dave Piovesan	Mesa, WA	1/05/2004	Mallard Drake, hatched 2003 or earlier, banded 8/17/2004 by Pryor, Edmonton, AB
Brian Nelson	Connell, WA	12/16/04	Mallard Hen, hatched 2001 or earlier, banded 8/14/2002 Edmonton, AB
L. M. Bell	Mesa, WA	1/20/2005	Mallard Drake, hatched 2003 or earlier, banded 8/17/2004 by Pryor, Edmonton, AB
Jeff Gardner	WA	1/26/2005	Mallard Drake banded 8/16/2003 in Alberta
Jeff Gardner	WA	1/29/2005	Mallard Drake banded 12/13/2004 near Badger, WA by Howard Browers, Umatilla NWR

APRIL 16 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: The second 2005 pheasant shoot for Hunter Education Student Graduates will be held on Saturday, April 16 at the Limits Game Farm. The farm is north of Mesa, Washington at the junction of Astoria Road and Lincoln Road, one mile north of the road 170 and Astoria Road junction. The event will start about 8:00 AM and last through the afternoon. Several volunteer coaches/mentors and other helpers will be needed that day. Please call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or send e-mail to shawcran@owt.com if you can volunteer or for more information. See you at the event. This is the second pheasant shoot event this year at the Limits Game Farm.

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McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center: Second Saturday event. 311 Lake Road, Burbank, WA 99323
April 09, 2005 Begin at 9 am End at Noon **HIKE FOR FLOWERS** on our native plant garden or hike the trail.

Seasons of Blooms - Wildflowers and Noxious Weeds

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Jack Oversby & family from Pasco, Ryan Rhoten from West Richland and Dave Linehan from Burbank.



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(photographer), Bill Moulds and Casey Hill (bird handlers) and Eddie Manthos. Tina Bernsen, Robert Moon, Doug Eggebraken and Tom Davis had bird dogs and handled them during the hunt. Once again Dave and Pam Piovesan went out of their way and worked very hard to host the hunt, be gracious hosts and make the hunt a success. The next Hunter Education Student Graduated pheasant shoot will be in September during Youth Hunt Day.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS:-Howard Gardner, Chief Instructor. The class started on March 7 and finished on March 21 after five three hour sessions. It included a six hour Range Day on March 19 at the Silhouette Club's facility with live firing of 22's, large bore rifle, 38 handgun, muzzle loading shotgun, modern shotgun, archery and a field course. A total of 24 students ranging in age from 9 to 56 were enrolled to start. Twenty two passed and two failed. Other instructors assisting in the class were Clare Cranston, Don Board, Jim Chesley, Don Hartshorn, Dusty Powers, Steve Roblyer and Jerry Zeitler. These gentlemen are to be commended for giving freely of their time to assist in this class. Many thanks.

GUZZLER REPAIR: Two guzzlers in the Prosser area were repaired by Larry Martin, Gene VanLiew and Larry Knowles on Saturday, April 16. Guzzler #14 was cleaned up and repaired by installing the roof from guzzler #16 over the existing roof. Guzzler #16 was cleaned up and parts to repair the damage caused by fire were installed and staged at the guzzler. Fence posts for the barbed wire were not installed but will be installed later.

2005 WILD GAME DINNER: Over 200 people attended the Wild Game Dinner on March 26 The hors'd oeuvres and food were great. Door prizes were plentiful and the raffle drawings had some exceptional items such as a Ruger 10-22 rifle, steelhead rod & reel (both donated by Sportsman' Warehouse), a Garman Trex GPS (donated by the RR&GC) and a turkey roaster donated by Dan McGuire Consulting). Gaylord Pyle was presented the Club's Distinguished Service Award. Larry Martin and Jack Pickard were presented the Life Member award. Jeff Fulks was presented a 25 Year Member belt buckle. The 2005 Quality Trip winner was John Arrabito, the alternate is Doug Groet. One of the donors not acknowledged in the Donors and Prizes list was Jeff Gardner /Kennewick Cash & Carry) who supplied all of the bottled drinking water.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MAY GENERAL MEETING. - Tuesday, May 3, 2005, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING. - Tuesday, May 17, 2005, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 24, 2005, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

FISHING KIDS EVENT - Saturday, May 7, 2005 at Columbia Park Pond - Volunteers needed from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

MAY GENERAL MEETING

● John Hone, WDFW fish Biologist involved in the Northern Pikeminnow fishery program and stationed in Pasco, will speak about Northern Pikeminnow (squawfish) fishing in 2005. The pikeminnow is a major salmon smolt predator and eats millions of salmon smolt a year. The 2005 season for the pikeminnow fishery from the John Day Dam to the mouth of the Columbia River will start May 2. The fishery upstream from The John Day Dam will open May 16. The season will end September 25, 2005. The 2005 Sport reward payment schedule for pikeminnows is 0-100 fish: \$5 per fish, 101-400 fish: \$6 per fish, 401 and above: \$8 per fish, minimum size is 9 inches; specially tagged fish are eligible for special prizes. John will discuss where to find them, previous years hot spots and how to fish for them. Illegal takes and methods will be discussed and geographical boundaries of the program will be described. He will have a slide show and distribute brochures that describe the program in greater detail. He will show statistics describing how successful fishermen have been and how many fish were caught in previous years. Come to the meeting and learn how to catch them and perhaps earn enough money to pay for your gasoline expenses incurred while fishing. The meeting will take place at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 3 at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store.

● BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Dianne Warrant opened the meeting. Visitors introduced themselves.

● Announcements were made by Jerry Zeitler, Mike Estes, Howard Gardner, Larry Martin, Clare Cranston, and Gene VanLiew.

● It was announced that the local chapter of the Wild Turkey Foundation donated \$500.00 and the Columbia Basin Fly Casters donated \$250.00 to the May 7 Fishing Kids event.

● Rachel Little, the Information Education Coordinator of the Benton Conservation District, announced that the salmon fry raised by grade school children in the Salmon In The Classroom Project will be released by the children into the Yakima River at Horn Rapids Park on Tuesday, May 3. Twelve hundred children will participate at the all day event. In addition to release of the salmon fry, the children will participate in many other conservation and outdoors related events at the Park. Rachel needs many volunteers to help at the event that day starting at 7:00 AM. **If you can help please call Rachel at 509-786-1923 ext. 106.**

● There was a lengthy discussion concerning a proposal by the WDFW to extend the eastern Washington ringneck pheasant

season to January 16 from the present closing date of December 31 and continuation of separate opening days for the deer hunting season, waterfowl hunting season and the pheasant hunting season. Motions were made, amended and approved that the Club be in opposition to the extended pheasant season and that the hunt openings be changed to a separate opening for the deer season and that the pheasant and waterfowl season be opened on the same date, except that the pheasant season start later at noon. The motion to oppose the pheasant season was defeated and the motion for separate opening dates for the deer and waterfowl/pheasant season with a noon opening for pheasants was approved by the membership.

- Program chairman Gene VanLiew introduced the main speakers, three members of the National Wild Turkey Foundation (NWTF), Don Moody, Ryan Kilbury and Marv Bultena. Ryan Ollero was not able to attend. Their presentation was a round table discussion between the three with questions from the audience.

- They started out by saying that the NWTF is heavily involved in habitat preservation/enhancement/ restoration. They mentioned two guzzlers that they installed in the Tucannon area of the Blue Mountains. They, earlier that evening, also pledged \$500.00 to the Kennewick Fishing Kids Event. Later in the evening they pledged \$200.00 to pay for bus expenses to transport students to the May 3 Salmon In The Classroom event at Horn Rapids park.

- The three then started discussing turkey hunting and mentioned that, turkey poults are showing up early this spring because of the warm weather we had earlier this year.

- During their discussions they emphasized that good camouflage clothing is extremely important while turkey hunting and that turkeys have 270° in-focus vision and hunters should be very careful to minimize movement while hunting. Hunters should **not** wear or carry any red, white or blue colored clothing or equipment for safety reasons.

- They discussed and demonstrated the various kinds of turkey calls available and their pros and cons. Locator and shock calls were explained and demonstrated.

- Shotguns and archery equipment were extensively discussed, including the different types of special turkey gun choke tubes available. All three were unanimous in stating that the shotgun must be patterned and sighted in with the sizes and types of shot to be used when hunting. In their experience #5 shot seemed to be the most popular shot size, if it patterned well. They also discussed the various type of sight devices that can be used on the shotguns, including low power scope sights.

- Various other items such as good vests, back supports (while sitting down) and gun supports were discussed All three agreed that good binoculars should be carried.

- Turkey decoys were discussed and it was stated that hunters should be very cautious when carrying decoys or a dead turkey. Decoys can also be used to judge distances by setting out the decoys at know distances. Jake decoys should be facing the hunter. Decoys appear to more effective early in the season; later in the season turkeys tend to become decoy shy.

- Many other things were discussed, including scouting prior to the hunt, where to set up, times of the day to hunt, how to arrange yourself and gun/bow when you set up below a tree or other site that you are hunting from, when and how to use shock or locator calls, how to recognize turkey sign such as scratchings, dust baths etc. Ticks and the use of insect repellants were discussed and emphasized. An effective insect repellent, Permethrin, that is applied to clothing was recommended.

At the end of their discussion, many questions were asked and answered and many stories were swapped

- Raffle winners were: Al Eidson who won an electric trolling motor, Mack McDonnell and Paul Kison - rifle cartridges, Larry Martin - .22 rifle cartridges, Tim Clemons, Paul Kison and John Pfeiffer - shotgun shells, Clare Cranston - pistol cartridges and Ben Webb - rescue flare shells.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start May 2, 2005. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at Grigg's Shopping Center at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is sponsoring 10 youth, nominally six from the Club and four from Hunter Safety Classes, to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp are July 17-23 for girls and July 24-30 for boys. A camper (boy or girl) must be 12 years or older and not older than 16 years before the camp start date. If you know of a youth(s) who is interested in attending camp, contact Larry Martin at 545-9647 as soon as possible to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until 12 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes. The Washington State Conservation Camp is a great camp and the kids learn about the outdoors, survival, conservation, habitat and really enjoy themselves. Those that have attended can't wait to go again.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: - Earl Mikkelson from Sumner, WA, Curtis Davis, Mike Thompson, Steve Minnick, Scot Tingey, Kirk Upton and Robert Margulies & family from Richland, Lars Olsen and John & Regina Stevens Jr. and family and Rick and Angie Conant and family from Kennewick and Jerry Freye from Pasco.

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center: Second Saturday Event. May 14, 2005 9 am to noon

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN MY PRETTY LITTLE BIRD? SOUTH AMERICA? MEXICO? ARIZONA?

Come to our Second Saturday event. Kathy Cridell will divulge the facts of what lured her to Australia and other far away lands. Slides of 70 common birds of the west from the Cornell library. Recorded bird songs.

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank, WA 99323, Phone: 509-543-8322

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Four entries were received in April. Bob Kolowith submitted a photo showing Bob with Canada Geese, Eddie Manthos submitted a photo of his daughter with a steelhead caught below Hells Canyon Dam, Mike Estes a photo of banded mallards and a bullhead sprig and a second photo, the winner, of Mike with a 19½ pound Merriam gobbler with a 7½" beard harvested this spring. Mike will receive five free raffle tickets at the May General Meeting. The winning photo and the runner-ups can be viewed on the Club Website.

MAY 7 FISHING KIDS EVENT: This year the Fishing Kids event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 7. The goal is fifteen hundred children in five shifts. Many volunteers will be needed the day of the event to help distribute the rods/reels, man fish cleaning stations, patrol the shoreline as Pond Walkers (a.k.a. fishing tutors) to help and coach the kids and distribute bait, and help wherever else needed (Registration or T-Shirt station). Many have already signed up to help. If you haven't volunteered, sign up at the May 3 General meeting or call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or come down Saturday morning and help. Many of the kids and their parents have never fished before and they need guidance on how to bait a hook, set the bobber level, cast a rod, remove the fish etc. Starting time for volunteers is 7:00 AM, quitting time is about 4:00 PM. More information at the May General meeting. Volunteers should arrive at the park about 7:00 AM and help set up. Volunteer orientation will begin at 7:30 sharp. There will be five flights of 300 kids each lasting for one hour and starting at 9:00, 10:30, 12 noon, 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM. The best way we can help is to provide as many Pond walkers (a.k.a. fishing tutors) as possible, at least 50 are needed. A Boy Scout troop has volunteered to serve snacks in the morning, the Lions Club will have a trailer at the event where you can buy breakfast and all volunteers will receive a lunch at the snack stand at the pavilion.

- As of April 18, all of approximately 1600 rods and reels have been assembled or are being assembled at members homes. Rods/reels were checked out by Howard Gardner, Lyle Gilk, Clare Cranston, Jim Shearer, Jerry Zeitler and Jon Manthos. Members that worked at the WDFW facility in Pasco, assembling rods and reels, were John Lavender, Mack McDonnell, Gene VanLiew, Dan Sevcik, Jim Shearer, Dianne Warrant, Lyle Gilk, Ben Webb, Clare Cranston and Eddie Manthos. Paul Hoffarth supplied the coffee at all the sessions, rolls at one session and Mack McDonnell supplied donuts and rolls at three sessions.

MARCH 12 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: - Sixteen youth participated in a Hunter Education Student Graduates pheasant shoot at the Limits Game Farm above Mesa, Washington on Saturday, April 16. Eight students hunted in the morning, the other eight in the afternoon. Each group practiced shooting clay birds at the game farm, with the shot gun they were to hunt with. They then participated in a hunting/shooting refresher class led by Hunter Education instructors. After the class the eight students split in two groups of four and hunted 'planted' pheasants. Besides the students, each group consisted of at least one pointer bird dog and its handler, a coach for each student and following the group were parents and other helpers. Two pheasants per student had been planted immediately before the hunt started. Two students from each group were in the lead following the bird dog(s) and handler(s). The group stopped each time a dog went on point and one of the two lead hunters was appointed to be the lead shooter, the second youth was the backup shooter (if required). The bird was then flushed and shot at. After a youth shot, he went to the back of the group and was replaced by one of the other students. They continued hunting in this manner until all the birds were flushed. Some of the flushed birds flew close to the ground and were not shot because of the danger of hitting the bird dog. A total of 32 birds were 'planted' and 16 were harvested. After the morning hunt was completed, the youth returned and cleaned the harvested birds under the instruction of Bill Moulds. The afternoon group had arrived by then and practiced shooting clay pigeons. About noon both groups and all the adults ate lunch and feasted on cheeseburgers and beef Hot Dogs grilled by Ignacio Escalera and Hugh McEachen; chips, condiments, soda pop or water and beans prepared by Pam Piovesan. After lunch the second group had their safety refresher, hunted pheasants and cleaned a harvested bird. Each student was presented, as a memento of the hunt, a beautiful engraved folding knife in a presentation wooden case, courtesy of the Ringold Branch of Pheasants Forever and Limits Game Farm. Each student took a cleaned pheasant home. Students from Walla Walla and from Lind and their Hunter Ed. Instuctors also participated in the shoot. Sponsors of the shoot were The Limits Game Farm, Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever, RR&GC, Connell Oil Inc and Frontier Fine Foods. Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan were the organizers and hunt coordinators, Don Board was in charge of the student hunter groups. Other volunteers were Pam Piovesan, Mike O'Neill, John Pfeiffer, Gary Scrivens, Leroy Watson (Lind Hunter Ed. Instructor), Richard Mason (Walla Walla Hunter Ed. Instructor), Randy Adkins, Mark Kimmel, John Prather, Tony Bernsen, Bryce Ellison (EMT), Mike Wise



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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Four entries were received in May. Mike Estes submitted a photo showing himself and a second gobbler he harvested this year, April 15, in Stevens County. J.C. Stevens submitted a photo of himself and a 25" saltwater drum he harvested, with a live shrimp, at Padre Island, Texas. Tim Logan submitted three photographs of RR&GC wood duck nesting boxes with wood ducks flying out of the box. The fourth entry was a photo of Jack Pickard with a giant crappie he caught April 5 in the Paterson Sloughs area. Jack was the hands down winner. Jack will receive five free raffle tickets at the June General Meeting. All the photo entries can be viewed on the Club Website.

SHOTGUN SHELL RELOADER: Call Ev Weakley at 946-1365 if you are interested in obtaining a free Pacific Gunsight model DL-105, 12 and 20 gauge shotgun shell reloader.

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center: Second Saturday Event. June 11, 2005 9 am to noon
BATS OF NORTH AMERICA McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311Lake Rd, Burbank WA
The most significant threats to bat survival are persecution by humans and loss of habitat. Vandalism and disturbance of roosting caves, loss of tree snags, and careless use of pesticides all seriously threaten remaining populations.
Find out from Bats Conservation International - MYTHS & REALITY video, Slides and narrative of North American Bats.

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BOARD MEETING. - Tuesday, June 21, 2005, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - June 24, 2005, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

WASHINGTON WATERFOWL FESTIVAL - June 4 & 5, Benton County Fairgrounds (www.wawaterfowlfestival.org)

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

• Jodee Penner is the June General Meeting speaker and will discuss all the species of snakes in this area, what to do when you run into them, how to recognize the common ones and what to do if you get bit. She may also discuss ticks and spiders, provide information about the diseases ticks in this region can carry and dispel a few myths about spiders. Jodee is a veterinarian at Battelle Northwest (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Battelle Toxicology Northwest). She oversees all animal use that Battelle Northwest performs or is involved with in Washington State. This is one meeting we shouldn't miss, especially at this time of the year. Both snakes and ticks are out and about now that the days are getting warmer. I'm sure that she will have many questions to answer from the audience. The meeting will take place at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 7 at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store. This will be the last General Meeting until September.

NOTE: There will be no General Meeting in July or August. The July meeting is being replaced by the Sidewalk Arts Show salmon booth and the August meeting is being replaced by the Club Picnic/Salmon Barbecue.

• **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Dianne Warrant opened the meeting.

• Visitors introduced themselves.
• Announcements were made by Dianne, Mike Estes, Paul Hoffarth, Larry Martin, Jim Shearer and Ben Tanke from the local Ducks Unlimited chapter.

• Ben announced that the Washington Waterfowl Festival will take place Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. The gates open at 9:00 am each day with duck calling contests, virtual shooting range, retriever and decoy contests and much more. Tom Knapp will host a shooting exhibition on Saturday, June 5. Admission is \$5.00, call Ben at 554-0776 or go to www.wawaterfowlfestival.org.

- Program chairman Gene VanLiew introduced the main speaker, John Hone. John is a WDFW fish Biologist stationed in Pasco and involved in the Northern Pikeminnow Reward Fishery Program. He spoke about the Program; the BPA, the WDFW, the ODFW are involved in the Program and the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission is administering it. The Northern Pikeminnow is native to the Columbia and Snake Rivers. Peak spawning period is mid June when the water temperature reaches 60°F, and is a good time to fish for them.. A Pikeminnow eats 7 to 12 salmon smolt per feeding period and feeds several times per day. Purpose of the program is not eradication of the species, but to reduce the average size and number of fish. The program is in effect from the mouth of the Columbia to Priest Rapids Dam and up the Snake River to Hells Canyon Dam and started May 2 from the mouth of the Columbia to John Day Dam. Upstream from the John Day Dam the program started May 16 and ends September 25 at both locations. There are 16 registration stations throughout the above area where you must sign up before you fish. You must register, in person, each day before you fish and the fish must be returned to the same registration station on the same day you registered before the station closes. The fish must be longer than 9"and alive or in fresh condition. Frozen fish or in poor condition are not accepted. The sport reward payment schedule is 0-100 fish: \$4per fish, 101-400 fish: \$5per fish, 401 and above: \$8 per fish. Specially tagged fish are eligible for prizes up to \$500.00. Last years top angler earned a total of \$34,000.00. More information is in the "2005 Northern Pikeminnow Sport Reward Fishery Program" brochure available at the registration stations and at www.pikeminnow.org.

- Steel head fishing gear, with 4 to 10 pound test line, is suitable tackle for pikeminnows. Fish can be caught from boats or from the shore. Bank fisherman seem to be more successful the further out they cast their bait or lure. Last years top angler was a bank fisherman. Many different techniques are used to catch the pikeminnow. Some of the methods/baits that John mentioned were chicken livers on a size 4 hook with an egg loop, *corkys*, Mormon crickets (available at bait shops), roll mop herring, crayfish, plastic baits such as *gitzits*, grubs, smolt imitations, trolling with lures such as metallic blue *Hottlips* and other lures such as spoons, spinners etc. Many anglers fish below dams. John answered many questions from the audience and passed out the brochure mentioned above. All the information you need to know about pikeminnows, including how to catch them is available at www.pikeminnow.org. **The Club is planning/organizing a pikeminnow fishing event in mid June, for more information see the following article.**

- Raffle winners were:-Dan McGuire won a \$60.00 gift certificate to Columbia Grain and Feed and a box of rifle cartridges, Dale Schielke won a \$50.00 gift certificate to Columbia Grain and Feed and a box of shotgun shells, Bill Lambert and John Stevens-a box of rifle cartridges, Briant Charboneau-a Quik Fish lure, John Pfeiffer and John McLaughlin-a box of shotgun shells, Rick Nelson and Preston Kelly-a jar of fish scent, Wade Conant-a jar of 'Pro Cure' and Jeremy Siefken and Dave Myers-a box of .22 rifle cartridges.

RR&GC NORTHERN PIKEMINNOW FISHING OUTING SATURDAY JUNE 18: Interested in putting the knowledge to work you learned at the May General Meeting presentation on Northern Pikeminnow fishing (see the report above)? On Saturday, June 18, the club will have an outing to see who can be a successful Northern Pikeminnow fisher. All fishermen (and women) will need to register at Columbia Point Park in Richland on June 18 and check back in by 4 PM on the same day. Register under RR&GC and the proceeds will go to the Cub. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June 7 General Meeting for those interested in the outing. On the sign-up sheet please indicate if you have a boat and if you will be able to accept other Club members (who don't have a boat) to fish with you. Also please indicate how many open spaces you will have. Those who don't have a boat and need a "ride" also will sign-up. We will match up the "haves" with the "have nots" for a hopefully successful and fun day of fishing. Also please indicate on the sign up sheet if you will be interested in having a gathering in the park after the outing. Any questions please call Dale Landon @ 627-6607 or 521-1437.

Fitzner Memorial Scholarship: - Howard Gardner - Since 1993, the Richland Rod and Gun Club has awarded eleven \$500 scholarships to students at universities in Washington State that are working on a science degree in a wildlife oriented field. The Richard Fitzner Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of an eminent Battelle biologist who died in a plane crash on a research flight in 1992. This year, of ten applications(three from WSU and seven from EWU), the Board of Trustees decided to award the scholarship to Frank Horwath, a senior at WSU, who is majoring in Biology with a concentration in Entomology. The focus of his interest is to determine how insects can be used as an indicator of stream and ecosystem health. He plans to continue his education through graduate studies. In previous years in addition to students at WSU, awards have been made to students at Eastern and Central Washington Universities.

SALMON BOOTH 2005:-Howard Gardner& Dale Schielke - The Allied Arts Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 29& 30. The Columbia Basin Fly Casters will have the lead this year. At least 70 volunteers will be needed. This is the Club's main money raising project for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday July 28 from 6-8:00 PM. The booth will operate from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Friday July 29 and Saturday July 30. Shifts will be 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM, and 5:00-9:00 PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-

9:00 PM. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/04, will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and during which shift. To save the phone tree callers some time please call Dale Schielke at (375-0183) to sign up for a shift(s). You can also sign up at the June 7 General meeting. Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun.

- Only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a Health Card. Shift workers are not required to have Health Cards. Those that would like to have that training and take the test to get a card can do so at the Allied Arts Gallery, 89 Lee Blvd., Richland on Thursday, June 30 and Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 6:45PM sharp at the Allied Arts Gallery. Doors will be closed right at 7PM. Health card and testing cost ~ \$10 but attendance only is free and open to all workers. If these dates are inconvenient, call the Benton Health Dept. on 582-7761 for other training and test dates. They are located at 800 W. Canal Dr., Kennewick. Cost of the cards, will be reimbursed by the Club on request. See you at the Booth.

MAY 7 FISHING KIDS EVENT: Approximately 1,180 kids between the ages of 5-14 years old registered and participated in the Fishing Kids Event that took place at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond on a breezy Saturday, May 7 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. For \$5:00 each kid received a Zebco fishing rod and reel with line, hook, sinker, float and bait and a Fishing Kids T-shirt. The pond had been closed earlier in the week after it had been stocked by the WDFW. Participants started to line up early before the event. Many kids caught fish in spite of the wind. The *Pond Walker* volunteers made a big difference and helped many kids, especially the first time fishers, catch their fish. Many volunteers from various organizations helped. Members of the Walla Walla Walleye Club camped out at the pond Friday night and patrolled it to stop people from fishing before the event. Grigg's Shopping center prepared all the signs. Griggs and the Sportsman's Warehouse donated baits and other tackle used by the kids and had many employees participate. The RR&GC was a major participant. We helped in planning of the event, handed out registration forms at Lunker Lake in January and assembled 1500 rods before the event. Volunteers from the Club at the event, including family members and friends, were: Gene VanLiew, Jerry Zeitler, Eddie Manthos, Wade Warrant, Dianne Warrant, Bill Lambert, Mike Estes, Mack M'Donnell, Ben Webb, Zack Hiemy, Russ Wyer, Dale Schielke, Clare Cranston, Jim Shearer, Larry Martin, Lyle Gilk, Rick Nelson, Mike O'Neill, Maire O'Neill, Dale Landon, Dan M'Guire, J.C.Stevens, Matt Conant, Rick Conant, Randy Conant, Rick Moulton & Zachary Mason, Bob Zinsli, Bob Henke, Dave Piovesan, Rich Holten. Dave Piovesan and Bryce Ellison, both from the Mesa area, were EMT's who came to help in case of accidents or medical emergencies. Columbia Basin Flycasters volunteers were: Kenyon Schur, Jack Moffett, Barbara Moffett, Gene Woodruff, Dan Robertson, Don Barnes, Jim Loomis, Tim Venziano, John Williams and Rich Holten. Hunter Education volunteers were: Clint Cole, Colton Cole, Shaylee Cole, Erica Templeton, and Alicia Barber. Phil Hight was a volunteer associated with the Sagebrush Free Trappers. I am sure that I did not get all the volunteers names especially all those that were involved in registration, passing out of T-shirts and those that, helped at the educational stations. Ken Johanning deserves a big hand for being the announcer and especially for feeding all the volunteers, gratis. Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist and Jim Berg (retired from the WDFW) worked very hard to ensure that everything went smoothly.

SALMON SUMMIT: The Salmon Summit event, where grade school children release salmon fry they raised in their classroom, took place Tuesday, May 3 at Horn Rapids Park. Club members that helped were Gaylord Pyle, Jim Shearer, Eddie Manthos, Bob Kolowith, Howard Gardner, Ev Weakley, Dianne Warrant, Gene VanLiew, Mack M'Donnell, John Pfeiffer, John Stevens and Mike Crowder. Other volunteers were Miky Gaines, Bob Clancy, and Bob McLaughin. About 1,200 children participated in the event. Club volunteers helped the children release the fry into the Yakima River.

- After the fish release at the boat ramp, the students participated in twenty one LEARNING STATIONS. Many of the Club volunteers helped at the various Stations until the Summit was over. The event was over about 2:30 pm; the tired but happy students boarded their buses and headed back to their schools. It was an event packed day for them.

- Rachel Little, the Summit organizer, did a fantastic job organizing the event. There were no glitches and everything was on schedule. She deserves a lot of credit for this event, I've never seen anything run as smoothly. We volunteers were very fortunate that we were able to participate and wish to thank Rachel for inviting us.

- Many thanks to "ALA CART" (Nancy Austin) in Richland and the "CAT RENTAL Store" (Jim Zimmerman) in Pasco for the loan of two golf carts and the trailer used to transport the carts to and from Horn Rapids Park. The carts were used to ferry volunteers and equipment to the various Learning Stations.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-Clare Cranston - Hunter Education classes (Maximum of 32 persons each) are scheduled to start **June 13, July 11 and August 8, 2005.** Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at Grigg's Shopping Center at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: - Fred E. Porter from Richland and Briant Charboneau and family from Kennewick..



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2005 QUALITY TRIP: John Arrabito, the 2005 RR&GC quality trip winner described the trip that he and Leo Pfeifer will be taking from August 10 to August 16 in LaPaz, Mexico at the June 21 Board of Directors meeting. The trip was unanimously approved by the Board.

Arrangements for the trip were made by 'Traveling Sportsman' from Boise, Idaho. They will be staying in LaPaz, Mexico and fishing for bill fish. They will be there for seven days, six nights and fish five days. Cost of the excursion including plane fare from Seattle to LaPaz and back is about \$1,480. Meals, bait and crew tips are not included. We wish them both good luck and good fishing.

IN MEMORIAM: Carl M. Stull passed away after a long courageous fight against cancer on June 12, 2005. Besides being a Club member, he served as a Club Hunter Education Instructor for ten years. He specialized and looked forward to teaching survival and first aid to the students. He loved working with youth. The outdoors was a passion with him, he particularly loved fishing and hunting and annually set up a deer hunting camp on the Klickitat. He was a retired Navy veteran and worked at Hanford until he retired in 1996. The Club offers our sincere condolences to his family. He will be missed by the Club and especially the Club Hunter Education staff. May his memory be everlasting.

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JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Dianne Warrant opened the meeting.

- Visitors introduced themselves including a new member Scott Stevens.
- Announcements were made by Dianne, Mike Estes, Larry Martin, Jim Shearer, Dale Landon and Dale Schielke. Dianne stated that the Club was selected to be on the Hanford Advisory Committee. Gene VanLiew is the Club representative and Paul Kison is the alternate. Dale Landon described the proposed Club June 18 northern pikeminnow fishing outing and circulated a sign-up sheet for interested members. Dale Schielke said that the Club needs volunteers to work at the salmon booth on July 29 and 30 and circulated a sign-up sheet. He also announced that the Club (Dale) received a \$1342 grant to purchase steel posts and other hardware for wood duck nesting boxes and software to be used to map the nesting box locations. Jim Shearer described the "Go Play Outside" event for the Windsong Girl Scouts in Spokane on Thursday and Friday, May 26 & 27. He and Gene Woodruff participated in the event that took place in Spokane. Jim demonstrated fly tying and gave away *tied* flies to the participants.
- Kenton Rod from the Benton Conservation District thanked the Club for our participation in the May 3 Salmon Summit event at Horn Rapids Park, he passed around photos showing Club members helping the 1300 students release salmon fry into the Yakima River. Rachel Little was not able to be at the meeting and Kenton substituted for her.
- Program chairman Gene VanLiew introduced the main speaker, Jodee Penner. Jodee is a DVM at Battelle Northwest. Her topic was "SNAKES AND OTHER CREEPY CRAWLIES OF WASHINGTON STATE".
 - Twelve species of snakes are present in Washington State. Eleven of them are found in the Tri-Cities area. Only one

JUNE 19 NORTHERN PIKEMINNOW FISHING OUTING: The Pikeminnow fishing outing scheduled for June 19 did not take place because there were not enough boats available for all who signed up to fish. Additionally, the weather outlook for that Saturday did not appear to be very good

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FOUNDATION COLUMBIA BASIN CHAPTER WEB SITE: The Columbia Basin Chapter of the NWTF now has a web site. It appears to be a very good web site and has information and links that all hunters can use. It's address is <http://www.columbiabasinlimbhangers.org/>.

species is dangerous, the Western Northern Pacific Rattlesnake which is a pit viper. There are many sub species of this snake. It has a large triangular head which is wider than its neck. and has vertical eye pupils, heat sensing pits, and hinged fangs. Length of the snake is from one to five feet. It's venom is painful and very rarely fatal. Fifty per cent of the time that they strike they do not inject venom. The pine snake or gopher snake is often mistaken for the rattler and is not dangerous. Jodee's advice is to leave snakes alone, be careful that you do not accidentally put your hand next to or on top of a rattler's head, use a walking stick and wear boots that reach above the ankle. Freeze if you hear a rattler, locate it and back away from it. Snakes can strike a distance equal to half of their body length. If you are bitten: keep calm, wash the bite area with soap and water, if possible keep the bite below the heart and go to the emergency room at a hospital. Do not use a tourniquet and do not put ice on the bite. If your dog is bitten, take it the veterinarian. Dogs can be treated with two anti-venom shots for annual protection. A booster shot must be given annually.

(VISTA VETERINARY HOSPITAL at 5603 West Canal Dr., 789-72131 has rattlesnake bite vaccine for dogs. The vaccine stimulates antibodies to the rattlesnake venom. Two shots are initially needed 1 month apart, followed by annual booster vaccinations. The vaccinations should be started 6 to 8 weeks before the anticipated exposure. Contact Vista or your veterinarian for more details.) This information was received from Vista Veterinary Hospital, William H. Keatts, DVM..

■ Jodee also discussed ticks. There are three tick species in the Tri-City area. Only female ticks suck blood. Six diseases can be transmitted by ticks, the most prevalent is Lyme Disease. Ways to avoid ticks are: wear long pants and long sleeves and wear light colored clothing because ticks are more visible and use an insect repellent such as DEET (30% for adults) or Permethrin. Check yourself and others for ticks. If a tick is found, remove it as soon as possible. Use a tweezer and grasp the tick as close to skin as possible and with a steady motion pull the tick out. You can also use your fingernails. Wash your hands and use an antiseptic after handling a tick. If tick mouth parts are attached to the skin, consult with a physician. A coating of oil over the tick may also cause it to back out.

■ Spiders were also discussed. Black Widow spiders are found in dark places. Their web is irregular and not uniform as other spiders webs are. The male of the species is not poisonous. The female defends her egg sac and will usually bite if the sac is disturbed. The bite, initially, is not painful, however within minutes the pain becomes more intense. The Black Widow bite is usually not fatal.

Brown Recluse spiders are not found in this area. Hobo spiders are found in this area and are about an inch long. They are not aggressive, have poor vision and are very quick. Their bite is nasty and must be treated by a doctor. They may cause scarring. The Northern Scorpion is found year around in warm rocky soil in this area and is harmless.

■ Jodee explained the difference between a poison and venom. Poison is a substance that causes death or injury when introduced into or absorbed by a living organism, an example is the toxin excreted by a toad that has no effect unless it is absorbed or ingested by the organism. Venom is a toxin that is injected into a living organism and causes injury or death.

■ There were many questions and discussions from the audience. It was mentioned that an allergic reaction to a bite may be severe and might be interpreted to be a poisonous reaction. Jodee gave a very good talk and at an opportune time.

● Raffle winners were: Scott Stevens who won a \$55.00 gift certificate to "Ranch and Home", Wade Warrant - a \$40.00 gift certificate to "Ranch & Home", Sammi Briggs - a large framed photograph, Bill Lambert an assortment of *fishing* flies tied by Jim Shearer and a jar of bait cure, Kelli Briggs - a pair of gloves and a box of rifle shells, Mike O'Neill - a container of fresh cherries, Doug Schuetze - a certificate for a free hunting dog examination, Paul Kison - a jar of bait cure, Rick Nelson - a box of shotgun shells and a fish identification *Key Chain*, Dale Schielke and John Hall - a fish identification *Key Chain*.

SALMON BOOTH 2005:-Howard Gardner& Dale Schielke - The Allied Arts Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 29 & 30. The Columbia Basin Fly Casters will have the lead this year. At least 70 volunteers are needed. This is the Club's main money raising project for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday, July 28 from 6-8:00 PM. The booth will operate from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30. Shifts will be 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM, and 5:00-9:00 PM both days with tear down on Saturday from 7:00-9:00 PM. All Club members that worked last year plus new members, since 7/01/04, will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and during which shift. To save the phone tree callers some time please call Dale Schielke at (375-0183) or Howard Gardner at (943-9084) to sign up for a shift(s). Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun.

● Only the person in charge of the booth for each shift is required to have a Health Card. Shift workers are not required to have Health Cards. Those that would like to have that training and take the test to get a card can do so at the Allied Arts Gallery, 89 Lee Blvd., Richland on Thursday, June 30 and Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 6:45 PM sharp at the Allied Arts Gallery. Doors will be closed right at 7PM. Health card and testing cost is ~\$10 but attendance only is free and open to all workers. If these dates are inconvenient, call the Benton Health Dept. on 582-7761 for other training and test dates. They are located at 800 W. Canal Dr., Kennewick. Cost of the cards, will be reimbursed by the Club on request. See you at the Booth.

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SEPTEMBER 17 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education students is being planned for Saturday September 17 at the Limits Game Farm North of Mesa. The hunt will take place on the Saturday of the WDFW 2005 Youth Hunt. Clare Cranston is organizing the hunt and more details will be forthcoming in the August and September Club newsletters.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: - Michael D Ashabranner and Scott J Stevens from Kennewick.

July 09, 2005, Second Saturday Event, McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 9 am to noon

311 Lake Rd, Burbank WA

Are you up for a snake walk? Explore the world of snakes with a great herpetologist, Gary Lentz. Come for a quick draw! - Several different species of snakes have been sighted on the trail but never a rattlesnake. **Special for beginning artists.** Learn to sketch from nature while you are there! Paper and pencils provided.

For you early birds, join us for bird watching before 8 am.

Many children's activities - bring the entire family!! - FREE - Find us at:

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank, WA 99323, Phone: 509-543-8322

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club has applications from 10 youth to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Two girls and 8 boys will be attending. Dates of the Camp are July 17-23 for girls and July 24-30 for boys.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: One entry was received in June from Larry Martin. He is the winner of the June contest and will receive five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting. The photo entry can be viewed on the Club Website and shows Larry fishing from a float tube below Mount Adams visible in the background. Larry won the float tube at one of the Club raffles.

GUZZLER REPAIR PROJECT: (Larry Martin) Five volunteers repaired two cisterns (guzzlers) in the Prosser area on Saturday May 2, a total of 35 man hours were expended to complete the repairs. The volunteers were Gene VanLiew, Howard Gardner, Larry Noggles, Dale Schielke and Larry Martin.

● The existing fence at cistern #16 was repaired by replacing the existing burned wooden fence posts with metal posts. The job was quite a bit more difficult than anticipated.

● The fiberglass roof on cistern #17 had a large hole on it that was patched with sheet metal and "pop rivets". Dirt was dug away from the large fiberglass holding tank, dirt was cleaned from the tank interior and the fence around the cistern was stretched to tighten it.

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re-nesting effort, as hens that lost early nests will persist in re-nesting well into the summer. The extremely wet conditions also are recharging groundwater supplies, which should help sustain many wetlands into next spring.

Each of the 10 most common duck species has responded differently to the present conditions. Some with increases in numbers while the count for others is somewhat disappointing. Mallards and pintails illustrate this contrast best. The breeding mallard count was 6.8 million birds, the lowest estimated number since 1993. The pintail count was 2.6 million birds, up from 2.2 million in 2004.

Mallards declined in far northern areas, indicating that a high proportion of the population did stop on the prairies to breed. Southern Alberta had 12 percent more mallards than last year, southern Saskatchewan was up 7 percent and southern Manitoba was up 16 percent. As anticipated, numbers declined by 22 percent in Montana and the western Dakotas and 8 percent in the eastern Dakotas.

Dr. Bruce Batt, DU's chief biologist, points out that despite the 56 percent increases in wetlands across prairie Canada, mallards are 17 percent below the population goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP).

"This is not unusual," Batt said. "We expect a lag between increased pond numbers and duck populations, because it takes more than one breeding season for the population to catch up to the increased habitat. Nevertheless, the mallard numbers are not as strong as we hoped they would be."

"The positive response in pintail numbers is welcome," Batt said. "It appears that a large proportion of the population did settle to breed in prairie Canada. Research being conducted by Ducks Unlimited Canada in Saskatchewan is yielding good pintail nest success. We think this will result in a modest recovery of pintail numbers, which have been languishing near record low numbers for several years. This will be quite helpful as we continue to conserve and restore critical breeding habitat under our pintail conservation initiative that is designed to sustain a more prolonged recovery of the species." Pintails are still 54 percent below the NAWMP goal. (<http://www.ducks.org/News/2005BreedingSurvey.asp>)



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EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS: If your membership has expired, the expiration date on this newsletter label will be highlighted. Annual dues are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family membership, three year memberships are \$40 (individual) and \$50 (family). Send your dues in to the address at the top of the newsletter.

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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: One entry was received in July from Ben Webb. He is the winner of the July contest and will receive five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting. The photo entry can be viewed on the Club Website and shows Ben's 10 year old grandson, Brennan, with a 10 lb. Lahontan Cutthroat trout caught 12-23-04 on Pyramid Lake in Nevada.

DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: A duck banding event will take place at the McNary Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, August 13. All youth 17 years of age and under including Ducks Unlimited Greenwings and RR&GC youth are invited and encouraged to attend. The banding and other events are being sponsored/organized by the USFWS/McNary National Wildlife Refuge, the Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited chapter, Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club and RR&GC. Meet at the McNary NWR Headquarters parking lot at Burbank, 600 Maple St. on Saturday August 13 at 8:00 AM. In addition to helping install bands on ducks that were trapped earlier, the youth will learn about the migratory habits of waterfowl and the importance of banding in waterfowl research and management. Come dressed (long pants and insect repellent) for the occasion and bring a duck call if you want to compete in the duck calling contest.. Other events that will take place that day are: Waterfowl ID, Wood Duck Box demonstration and building, duck and goose calling demonstration, water dog retriever demonstration and Hunter Safety demonstration. **There will again be a duck calling contest for all youth that bring a duck call with them.** Contestants will be divided into three age groups: under 8, 8 to 13 and 14 to 17. Awards/prizes will be given to the winner(s) in each of the groups. There were eleven entrants in last year's hotly contested event. Last year, the 14-17 year old contestants coached the younger youth on how to blow a duck call and even loaned them their calls so they could compete. Some of the kids were exceptionally good and much better than a lot of us adults. The Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever club will be there with water dogs for retriever demonstrations. Waterfowl mounts will be demonstrated. Dale Schielke will show wood duck nesting boxes, results from installed wood duck boxes and youth will help in building a new nesting box(s) that will be installed next winter/spring.. Lylè Gilk will have a firearms display and speak about hunter education and hunter ethics. Cold drinks and snacks will be provided for the participants. This will be an educational and fun project. It is a great opportunity for youth to learn about waterfowl and waterfowl banding.

Don't miss out, be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 13 If you need more information call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009. This event will be part of the August Second Saturday Event at the McNary Wildlife Refuge. Read information below.

August 13, 2005, McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323
9 am to 1pm, ongoing presentations

Ducks Unlimited returns with the annual Green Wing Day presenting taxidermy, duck calling contest, hunting dogs, gun safety, waterfowl identification, artificial nest building, and more. Tour McNary's Environmental Education Center and pick up a poster or coloring books for the grandchildren.

Learn to draw from nature from a successful artist. Come and join the fun and see it all at
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Management Advisory Council, which is a citizen panel of conservation and hunting representatives, has identified many issues. In addition, we asked Department staff to identify issues they have heard from the public. We are now asking you to please add issues to this list and then rank the top ten issues that you think need to be addressed. Comments and suggestions must be submitted by August 25th. The Department will review the list of issues and priorities to develop options for the 2006-08 hunting seasons. These options will be available for comment in October and we encourage you to participate in that review as well. Go to <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/scoping.htm> to see the list of issues and priorities and to respond with your comments.

BIG-GAME RAFFLE PERMIT TICKET PURCHASE DEADLINE AUG. 7: "A WDFW News Release."

OLYMPIA - Hunters have one last chance for a special big-game permit this fall, as the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will sell raffle tickets until Aug. 7 for deer, elk, moose, California bighorn sheep and mountain goat hunts. One winner will be chosen for each hunt. Winning tickets will be selected at random by computer, and winners will be notified by Aug. 15. Raffle tickets are \$5.98 each, \$11.45 for sheep, and can be purchased at <http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov> on the Internet, toll-free by telephone at 1-866-246-9453, or at license vendors statewide.

The winner of the deer hunt can hunt between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 in any open game management unit (GMU), except Private Lands Wildlife Management Areas, and those GMUs that are not open for either general season or special permit hunts. Winners of the elk hunts can hunt between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 in any open game management unit, except Private Lands Wildlife Management areas and those GMUs that are not open for either general season or special permit hunts.

The winner of the moose hunt will be allowed to hunt between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30 in any GMU open to moose hunting. The winner of the bighorn sheep hunt will be allowed to hunt between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 in the five sheep units that are open to raffle and auction hunting. The winner of the mountain goat hunt can hunt between Sept. 15 and Oct. 31 in the four goat units open to raffle and auction hunters.

New this year is a special raffle hunt for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in the Blue Mountains. Bighorn sheep haven't been hunted in this area for 10 years due to a disease die-off, but their numbers have rebounded to a level that allows one ram to be taken by a raffle winner. The hunt can take place between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 in GMUs 166, 169, 181, and 186.

The Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit is being raffled through Washington Chapter of Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS). Deadline for purchasing a raffle ticket is Aug. 2, and more information is available on the Washington FNAWS chapter website, <http://www.wafnaws.com>.

More information on big-game permit raffles is available in the 2005 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Rules pamphlet and at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/huntcorn.htm> on the Internet.

PRAIRIE DUCK POPULATIONS RESPOND TO WET HABITAT CONDITIONS: "A Ducks Unlimited News Release":

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 12, 2005 – Wetland conditions and duck populations on the prairies have shifted dramatically over what they were just a couple of years ago. The 2005 Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat survey was released Friday by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Bird Management.

Prairie Canada is extraordinarily wet with 56 percent more ponds than were counted in 2004 and 17 percent more than the long-term average count. The U.S. prairies didn't change significantly in overall number of ponds. However, large tracts of the best waterfowl habitat in the eastern U.S. prairie pothole region were extremely dry when early breeding ducks, such as pintails and mallards, arrived.

Total breeding duck numbers were relatively unchanged from last year at 31.7 million birds, slightly down from the 32.2 million estimated in 2004. Breeding ducks responded extensively to the improved habitat conditions on the Canadian prairies. Ducks settling in prairie Canada increased by 31 percent from the previous year but decreased in the U.S. prairies by 15 percent.

"The counts for early-nesting pintails and mallards in the Dakotas were lower in early May because of the parched landscapes that the ducks encountered when they arrived," said Dr. Jim Ringelman, director of conservation programs at DU's Great Plains regional office in Bismarck, N.D. "However, heavy and continuing rains from the end of April until the present have completely changed things. We expect the late-nesting species and re-nesting birds to do well."

Since the survey's completion in May, rainfall has been abundant and extensive across all prairie-breeding areas in both countries. Indeed, many of Canada's farmers, who are DU's partners in a multitude of waterfowl habitat conservation projects, are suffering greatly from too much water.

The abundant water should assure high brood survival for hens that successfully hatch nests. It's also encouraging a strong

2006 08 HUNTING SEASON ISSUES: "A WDFW News Release." The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is asking for your help to determine the major issues to consider changing for the 2006-08 hunting seasons. The Game



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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The first General Meeting after the summer break will be Tuesday, September, 6 at 7:00 PM at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store. Meeting topic will be the updated draft "Salmon Recovery Plan for the Yakima Subbasin". The main speaker will be Cliff Bennet from the Yakima County Public Works; in addition to Cliff, a biologist and a planner will also be present. This plan emphasizes recovery of steelhead in the Yakima subbasin (Satus, Toppenish, Naches, and Upper Yakima populations) and recovery of bull trout at the core-area scale within the Yakima subbasin. At the conclusion of the presentation there will be a question and answer period and comments to the Plan can then be accepted either verbally or in writing.
- The youth, sponsored by the Club, that attended the Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island in July of this year will be present and share their experiences with us. Come early to the meeting because they will probably be the first speakers. Their presentations are always very interesting and remind us of our youth..

• BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS:

SALMON BOOTH 2005: - Dale Schielke & Howard Gardner - In its 20th year, the Salmon Booth was successfully run under the Banner of the Columbia Basin Fly Casters Club. This year the profit was in excess of \$4200.00 to be shared equally by both clubs. "The Salmon Sandwich", in its seventh year, continues to be a good seller. A total of 550 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as dinners or sandwiches. Again, activities associated with the Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to the following great group of volunteers which includes members of both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and the Columbia Basin Flycasters: Marv Clement, Tom* and Mary Davis, Don and Chris Barnes, Dianne and Wade Warrant, Lou La Douceur, Gene Woodruff, Ben Webb, Jim Shearer, Jerry Zeitler, John Pfeiffer*, Dave Myers*, Richard "Mac" McDonnell*, Walt Allen, Harold Heacock*, Eddie and Nancy Manthos, Lyle Gilk*, Larry Martin*, Paul Kison, Gene Van Liew*, Mike Estes, Rich Holten, Ev Weakley, Bill Davis, Rocky Ross, Tom and Hana Kimball, Dale Landon*, Dennis and Sue Kreid, Dale* and Lou Ann Schielke, Larry Worden*, Gaylord Pyle, Jack Pickard*, Reed Kaldor, Jeff and Margaret* Fulks, Bob Kolowith*, Ken Thomas*, Richard Sharp, Jim Saunders*, Rick, Angie, Zack, Matt and Randy Conant*, Ted* and Kathy Poston, Ken Gano, Wally and Mary Jane Sheely, Dan Robertson, Dale Andert, Fred Porter, Paul and Wendy Briggs, Harvey Huisingh, Marilyn Steele*, Bob* and Sharon Zinsli, Jerry Caprio, Jack Oversby, Jim Loomis, Ryan Rhoten, John and Merle Lavender, Dean Hibbs and Howard Gardner*. A special thanks to Dale Schielke for again coordinating the tough job of solicitation of volunteer workers for the Booth. Also, a special thanks to Bob Zinsli for arranging for ice for use in the

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tied - Joel Bergman and Dan Allen.

• John O'Leary from the local Ducks Unlimited chapter organized the event and was a very busy man all morning. Others that helped besides those mentioned above were Naomi Sherer from MEECe, D.J. McVicker - a youth that showed up early and helped Lyle Gilk set up the Hunter Education display, Bob Kolowith and Eddie Manthos.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM FUNDING: (An e-mail letter from Rachel Little to the Club.) The Benton Conservation District (BCD) is struggling to fund Salmon in the Classroom for the coming school year. Although grant money was available to start this great program, we have not been able to secure grant money to continue. One of our strategies to fund Salmon in the Classroom is to ask the Benton County Commissioners for an assessment of \$3/parcel and one penny/acre. Nine of the other forty-eight conservation districts in Washington have a similar arrangement with their counties. (A conservation district is not a component of county government, but state law allows conservation districts to ask county commissioners for an assessment.) This assessment would give BCD a stable funding for Salmon in the Classroom and other programs. As part of their decision-making process, Benton county commissioners will conduct a public hearing. You can make a difference. You can tell the commissioners what Salmon in the Classroom means to our community, our schools, our students and families. The county commissioners will conduct the public hearing as part of their meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at 9 am at the Justice Center in Kennewick. I realize that, unfortunately, Salmon in the Classroom teachers will be in their classrooms at that time. So, let's get creative. Send principals or parents or PTO members to attend the

meeting and speak their support. Partners from other organizations can speak at the meeting. You can also send a letter of support for Salmon in the Classroom and the BCD assessment to the office at BCD, 24106 N Bunn Rd., Prosser, WA 99350 and we will deliver it to the commissioners. We really need your support to get the assessment and stable funding for Salmon in the Classroom. If you have any questions, please contact me at rachel.little@wa.nacdn.net. Thank you in advance for your support. It has been a pleasure working with you, and I hope to have the privilege to continue working with you on Salmon in the Classroom.

booth and to John Pfeiffer for again managing booth setup, tear down and storage, no small task. Except for a temporary slightly high cold holding temperature for the uncooked salmon fillets, we received a clean bill of health from the Benton-Franklin District Health Dept. Our extra effort in temperature control and cleanliness pays off. Our temperature control will be improved next year through the use of digital thermometers. We continue to get many compliments on the dinners/sandwiches and many customers come down year after year for the delicious salmon. Next year the Richland Rod and Gun Club will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers. (*Indicates those working more than one shift.) Again, many thanks to Lyle and Howard for working so hard to organize the event and purchase and stage all the supplies needed to make the Booth a success. Dale and Howard have been doing this since the first Salmon Booth, many years ago. Without their direction it would be very difficult to hold a successful event. They put in many, many hours to make sure everything went smoothly. Thank you very much!!

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SEPTEMBER 17 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education students will take place on Saturday September 17 at the Limits Game Farm North of Mesa. The hunt will take place on the Saturday of the WDFW 2005 Youth Hunt. Clare Cranston is organizing the hunt. If you are willing to help call Clare at 547-6273. Club members are welcome to come and view the shoot and see what it is all about.

Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Association Hunter Sight In Days : The range at the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Association will be open to the public for hunter sight in on the following dates: **Saturday, Sept 10, 2005 (9:00 to 3:00) and Sunday, Sept 18, 2005 (9:00 to 3:00)**. The range is located North-East of Pasco Washington. It is accessed from Highway 12 to the Pasco-Kahlotus road and is on the right hand or Snake River side of the Pasco-Kahlotus Road.

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RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic was held on Tuesday, August 2. The weather was beautiful. A total of seventy five adults and children attended. The alder smoked salmon was very good and was served by Gene VanLiew who served giant portions and there was plenty for second and third helpings. The pot luck side dishes, salads and desserts were excellent, especially the Dutch Oven cooked nectarine cobbler prepared by Dale Schielke

and the Dutch Oven pineapple upside down cake prepared by Dave Myers, both were cooked at the park. There were about 13 left over cooked salmon filets that were sold. After we finished eating, the hotly contested annual liars contest was held. There were seven entrants: Mike Estes, Dave Myers, Gaylord Pyle, John Silko, Mike O'Neill, Mary Davis and Joanna O'Neill. Dianne Warrant ran the contest and had the help of three judges. First place winner (Biggest Liar-\$30 gift certificate) was young Joanna O'Neill, second place winner (Bigger Liar-\$20 gift certificate) was young Mary Davis and third place winner (Big Liar-\$10 gift certificate) was not so young Mike Estes. The first two winners were much prettier than Mike, I doubt if their imagination could match Mike's however. Many thanks to Gene VanLiew who organized the picnic and served the giant salmon portions. Dale Schielke, Howard Gardner and Eddie Manthos cooked the salmon; Lyle Gilk obtained the drinks, ice and ice chests and Nancy Manthos set up the serving tables.

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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: Two entries were received in August. Paul Kison entered five photos from his his April hunt in Namibia, all five of Paul's photos were counted as one entry. Mike Estes entered a photo of Gaylord Pyle on the Kenai River in Alaska with a catch of sockeye salmon caught July 20, 2005. Paul Kison was the winner and will receive five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting. All the photos can be viewed on the Club Website.

2005 YOUTH DUCK BANDING AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: About 27 youth and an equal number of adults attended the duck banding event t at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday, August 13. Refuge biologists Howard Browers and MollyLinville, Refuge Manager John Gahr, Enforcement Officer David Linville and Michael Crowder helped at the banding. Twenty six ducks, 21 mallards and 5 wood ducks had been trapped earlier. One of the trapped mallards already had a band. Last year only 2 ducks had been trapped. Howard and Molly pointed out distinguishing characteristics of the ducks that determined its age and sex and allowed the youth and adults to closely examine the ducks. Each of the youth t held a duck while it was banded and then carried it to the waters edge and released it. Most of the ducks were still in the molting stage and swam way instead of flying.

● After the banding was completed, the youth were divided into three groups that traveled to four different stations where they learned how to call ducks, watched a retriever dog demonstration, learned about wood duck nesting boxes, learned about gun and hunter safety.

● Russ Round and his retriever put on a retrieving demonstration at the edge of the slough.
 ● Steve Schultz put on a very good duck calling class and demonstration including how to blow a call and demonstrated the different calls (feeding call etc.) hunters use. He also showed and demonstrated some of the different calls that hunters carry.
 ● Lyle Gilk showed a large display of different firearms and gun safety and Hunter Education literature available to the youth. Free trigger locks were also available for the taking. The main attraction seemed to be the different firearms on display. Lyle answered many questions from the youth.

● Dale Schielke had a wood duck nesting box display along with instructions for building and installing the nesting boxes. Each of the groups participated in the construction of a new nesting box from pre-cut parts. There were three groups that participated and they built a total of four nesting boxes that will be installed next year. After the group was done building the box(es) they walked to a nesting box that was installed five years ago in reeds. They climbed up a ladder and inspected the box interior. The last group cleaned out the box and installed fresh sawdust in it.

● Greg Greger from The McNary Environmental Education Center MEECe displayed a *boat* and a raft constructed from reeds. The raft was floating out in the slough and was being used as a resting place by ducks. The youth also examined a teepee constructed from reeds.

● The duck calling contest was the last event. Judges were Howard Browers, MollyLinville and Russ Round. There was one entrant in the eight years of age and under category - Gabe DuBois, three entrants in the 9-13 category - Conner Ehr, John Marsh and Ty Wittreich and four entrants in the 14-17 category - Ryan Willits, Joel Bergman, Dan Allen and Sean Ehr. The winner in the under 8 category was Gabe DuBois, in the 9 to 13 category Conner Ehr and in the 14 to 17 category two boys



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, October 4, 2005, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 18, 2005, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

- The second meeting of the fall season will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, October 4 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the WalMart. The speakers will discuss hunting forecasts for big game, upland game and waterfowl for WDFW Regions 1, 2, 3 and the USFWS Mid Columbia refuges.
- Pat Fowler, Region 1 biologist, will discuss general hunting prospects for upland and big game in Region 1..
- Jim Tabor, Region 2 biologist will cover the hunting prospects for Adams and Grant counties.
- Mike Livingston, Region 3 biologist will cover the hunting prospects for Region 3 upland and big game.
- Gary Hagedorn, USFWS manager of the Mid Columbia River Refuges, will discuss waterfowl and upland bird hunting on the Toppenish, McNary, and Umatilla Refuges.
- The youth sponsored by the Club to attend the Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island in July of this year will be present and will share their experiences with us.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

Bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the General Meetings, the meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to a freezer at Mack McDonnell's home.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Dianne Warrant opened the meeting.

- She thanked all the workers that participated in the Sidewalk Arts Show Salmon Booth and those who helped at the Club's August picnic/salmon barbecue.
- Dave Myers explained the details and rules for the Club's Salmon Derby,
- Paul Hoffarth said that he was looking for a few volunteers to help the October 4 and 5 Scootney Reservoir walleye pike survey. He also said that there may be a need for volunteers to electrofish carp at Worth Lake later this fall.
- Gene VanLiew stated that 25 local schools will probably not be able to participate in the "Salmon In The Classroom" project this school year because of lack of funding. This past spring more than 1,400 students participated in the project which culminated with release of the salmon fry and many educational exhibits and events at Horn Rapids Park. A meeting of the Benton County Commissioners to consider funding options for the event was scheduled to be Sept.21st but has now been

moved to Oct.5. Attend the meeting and voice your support of the project. The Club will be sending a letter of support for the event to the Commissioners.

● Mack McDonnell announced that the KC/Tri-Cities Prep is holding the 10th Annual Salmon Derby on October 1-2 along with weekly prizes from September 3-30. More information is available at <http://www.kc3307.org/derby.htm>.

● Club member Mike O'Neill announced that he and his family were moving to Los Alamos the next day. Mike has been a very active Club member since 2002 and served on the Club Board of Directors. He said that he and his family enjoyed working with the Club and that we should especially continue working with youth. We wish Mike and his family success in their move and we will miss them, especially little Joanna.

● Program Chairman Gene VanLiew introduced the speakers of the evening who discussed the Salmon Recovery Plan for the Yakima Subbasin. The main speaker was Phil Mees (planning) from Benton County. Richard Viser the WDFW representative and Cliff Bennett from the Yakima County Public Works also were present. Phil stated that there are representatives from 15 different entities and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on the Yakima Subbasin Fish and Wildlife Planning Board: The Yakama Nation, Benton County, Yakima County, Benton City, Ellensburg, Granger, Kennewick, Prosser, Richland, Roslyn, Selah, Sunnyside, West Richland, Union Gap, Yakima.

● Mission of the Board is to restore sustainable and harvestable populations of salmon, steelhead, and other at-risk species through collaborative, economically sensitive efforts, combined resources, and wise resource management of the Yakima Basin. To implement this mission the Board has created a Subbasin Plan and is creating a Salmon Recovery Plan, under contracts with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) and the State of Washington. The Yakima Subbasin Recovery Plan emphasizes recovery of steelhead in the Yakima subbasin (Satus, Toppenish, Naches, and Upper Yakima populations) and recovery of bull trout at the core-area scale within the Yakima subbasin. On August 26, 2005, the Yakima Subbasin Fish and Wildlife Planning Board released the draft Salmon Recovery Plan for the Yakima Subbasin (1.1 MB) for public review and comment. The draft plan was available for review for 30 days and is available at <http://www.co.yakima.wa.us/yaksubbasin/>. Workshops were scheduled at several locations within the Yakima Subbasin to receive comments. This presentation to the Club was the first of the workshops. There were many questions asked and answered at the end of the presentation to the Club and several suggestions were made from the floor concerning possible ways of improving the presentation.

● Club raffle winners were: Larry Martin who won a portable 1 Meg chargeable battery-operated searchlight and a Columbia River Cruising Atlas (donated by Harold Heacock), John Pfeiffer - an air rifle (BB gun), Paul Kison - a dozen duck decoys, Dale Landon - a *Swiss Gear* rechargeable battery operated lantern, Bill Hays - a folding sling shot, Matt Cummings - a box of 100 .45 cal auto cartridges and a pocket folding knife, and Lyle Gilk and Dan McGuire each won a pocket folding knife.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: -Clare Cranston- Hunter Education classes (Maximum of 32 persons each) are scheduled to start October 17 and November 7. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Grigg's Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

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SEPTEMBER 18 PHEASANT SHOOT FOR YOUTH AT LIMITS GAME FARM: Nineteen lucky youth were treated to a pheasant shoot for stocked pheasants at the Limits Game Farm, north of Mesa, on Saturday, September 17. Hunter Education students, both boys and girls, from the Club's Hunter Education program and five students from Walla Walla, Connell and Lind participated. They were divided into two groups, one group hunted in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

The morning group met at 8:00 am at the Limits Game Farm barn. They registered, listened to a safety lecture and discussion, went outside and practiced shooting at clay pigeons. Those who didn't have a shotgun were loaned one from a stock of shotguns provided by Clare Cranston. After they finished shooting at clay pigeons, they split up into smaller groups. A coach

and a dog handler with bird dog was assigned to each group. A minimum of two pheasants had been set out for each youth prior to the hunt. They hunted behind the dog handler and dog; a coach(s) also accompanied the group. Two youth were

hind the handler and the others followed behind. As soon as a bird was pointed, one of the group of two shot at the flushed pheasant. After the youth shot, the other half of the pair got to shoot at the next bird. The other youth then rotated to the front and hunted until they each had a shot at a bird. They continued shooting and rotating until all the birds were flushed.

The second group of youth showed up at 9:30 am, registered and listened to the safety lecture and discussion. They then took their turn shooting at clay pigeons. By the time they finished shooting, the early morning group had finished pheasant hunting and returned to the barn and cleaned their pheasants under the supervision of Bill Moulds. Both groups, their parents, the coaches, dog handlers and other helpers then retired to the barn where two rows of tables had been set up. All were then treated to a lunch consisting of German sausage hot dogs, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, beans, potato chips, bottled water or soft drinks. Everyone was able to go through the serving line until they were full. The food was great. After lunch the second group went hunting and after they finished, cleaned the pheasants they shot. A total of 19 kids hunted and harvested 21 of the 59 birds that had been set out. Before they went home, each kid received a beautiful engraved golden lock blade knife in a wooden presentation box as a memento of the hunt, courtesy of the Ringold Pheasants Forever Club.

Sponsors of the Pheasant Shoot were: Limits Game Farm, Ringold Pheasants Forever Club, Richland Rod and Gun Club, Frontier Fine Foods and Connell Oil Company. There were many, many volunteers that helped, many were from the Mesa region. Volunteers were: Clare Cranston, Dave, Pam, Veronica and Doug Piovesan,, Dusty Powers, Gary Scriven, Don Hartshorn, Don Board, John Pfeiffer, Ray Vollert, Eddie Manthos, Mike Estes, Tony Anca, Barry McEachen, Hugh McEachen, Ignacio (Nacho) Escalera, Bill Moulds, Mark Kimmel, Tom Woodrich, Cory Woodrich, Bob Kolowith, Clint Cole, Colette Chase, Mark Mathis and Mary Mathis. Special recognition must be given to Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan who organized the event and solicited the many volunteers. Dave, his wife Pam, son Doug and daughter Veronica worked very hard to ensure that everything went smoothly. Last, but not least, Hugh McEachen and Ignacio (Nacho) Escalera deserve a big pat on the back for the scrumptious feast they prepared. Dog handlers with their dog were Tina Bernsen, Doug Eggebraken, John O'Leary and Robert Moon.

This was the third Hunter Education Students Pheasant Shoot of the year. A total of 48 youth participated in the three hunts. Many thanks to Dave Piovesan/Limits Game Farm for making his facility available to Hunter Education student graduates and to Clare Cranston for organizing the events. There are 48 students out there who were fortunate enough to participate in a once in the lifetime event, an event they will not soon forget. There is probably no other event like this that takes place in Washington State. Dave and Clare should be very proud for what they have accomplished.

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 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - November 21, 2005, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The November meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 1 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the WalMart.
- The first topic will be WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A LLAMA? Speakers will be Herb Barrus and Scot Noga. They will cover buying, selling, raising, care, pets, pack animals, guard animals, shearing and wool spinning.
- Second topic will be LESSONS LEARNED FROM A BOATING ACCIDENT. The speaker will be Bill Brite who was involved in a boating accident on the Hanford Reach this past summer. He left from the Snyder Street boat ramp at 10:30 a.m. with his 8-year-old Boston terrier, Maggie, to fish for sturgeon. By 1:45 he had gone eight miles upstream near Ringold. He then drifted downstream and found a deep fishing hole under large power lines that cross the river. He anchored and began to fish. By about 2 p.m., he hadn't caught anything, gave up on fishing and attempted to pull up his anchor. He motored upstream to loosen and pull up the anchor. While attempting to pull up the anchor, the back of the boat went under. He went into the water; he was wearing a personal flotation device and he grabbed a cooler and Maggie by the collar. About 45 minutes he fell into the water he was found by one of three tour boats searching for him. This is one story that we should all hear!
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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Dianne Warrant opened the meeting.

- Visitors introduced themselves.
- Announcements were made by Dianne, Mack McDonnell, Larry Martin, Dave Myers and Gene VanLiew.
- After a short break three of the ten youth that attended the Orcas Island Washington State Conservation Camp, July 17-23, shared their camp experiences. Zack Ethington, Daniel Spore and Douglas (DJ) R Hoyt related their various camp experiences and stated that they enjoyed the camp and the meals. The mother of one of the boys thanked the Club for sponsoring her son and said that the camp was a great experience for him.
- Gene VanLiew introduced the four main speakers Pat Fowler, Jim Tabor, and Mike Livingston, WDFW Regions 1, 2 and

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SCOOTENEY RESERVOIR - WALLEYE SAMPLING PROJECT: Club members assisted the WDFW in a walleye sampling project at Scootenev Reservoir on October 4 and 5. Walleye and other fish were netted in gill nets. All the fish caught in the nets were measured and some were weighed. Catfish, carp, brown bullheads, lake whitefish, smallmouth, perch and crappie were some of the fish netted. Fish other than the walleye and carp were released. The walleye were moved to the shoreline where they were measured, weighed, the ear bones and gonads removed, fat content weighed and then fileted. Diannie Warrant, Gaylord Pyle Jim Shearer, Eddie Manthos and two other volunteers helped. Including Paul Hoffarth there were about a half dozen WDFW personnel there. The weather was great on both days. We had a lot of fun, except for the yellow jackets that were attracted to the fish. We volunteers each received some walleye filets to take home with us. This is the third year that the Club has helped in the Walleye Sampling Project.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Daniel Brite from Richland.

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3 wildlife biologists. The fourth speaker was Gary Hagedorn, USFWS manager of the Mid Columbia River Refuges.

● Pat Fowler from Walla Walla, the Region 1 biologist explained that because of plentiful precipitation and warm temperatures in May, pheasant populations in North Walla Walla county and Garfield county are very high, the highest in the last 20 years. Quail numbers are also high. Grouse numbers are fairly good and turkey numbers are high. Seventy mountain quail were introduced in the Asotin Creek drainage; approximately half the introduced birds were lost. However eight mountain quail nests were counted. The mountain quail season is closed and hunters should be very careful to ensure these quail are not shot. Access to private lands is down 70% because of the WDFW Go-Hunt Site. Mule deer numbers are down because of low fawn survival in the winter of 2003-04, as a consequence doe permits will be down. Mule deer numbers are also down on the North side of the Snake River in Whitman County. Some nice whitetail bucks will be taken in the North-East part of the State. The elk population is static and the success rate will be 5-10%. The archery bull elk season was very good with 100% success. Black bear hunting should be good especially in plum orchards and blackberry patches. Pat said that the fall School House fire burned all of the Tucannon Wildlife area including 75 miles of elk fence. He said that people should stay away from the Tucannon Wildlife Area, especially in blackened areas, because of smoldering roots and snags.

● Jim Tabor from Ephrata is the Region 2 Adams and Grant County District Biologist. Elk are not present in his district and there are some deer. Buck-doe Ratios in GMU 272 and 284 are at or below minimum. The buck-doe ration in GMU 290 is high and there are some big bucks there. Access to private lands is down compared to last year. Pheasant numbers are up compared to last year. Quail numbers are the highest in 25 years. Released pheasant numbers will be slightly more than last year. The birds will be released at the same sites as in prior years. There will be one release on October, two in November and one in December. Waterfowl hunting in his district is mainly on public lands. Native mallard numbers are similar to last years. Numbers of lesser Canada geese are down in Alaska, greater Canada geese numbers are stable.

● Mike Livingston is the Region 3 Benton and Franklin County Biologist. He stated that because of the mild winter deer hunting should be fairly good. He stated that the Coluckum has not been doing very well in the last few years. The Yakima elk herd is fairly stable. Forest grouse appear to be doing well. Pheasant numbers are generally down but appear to be slightly up in the Yakama Nation. Quail numbers are very good. Chukar and gray partridge numbers show a slight improvement but are still not very good. Bear hunting in Region 3 is not great. Access to private land in Franklin County has decreased considerably.

● Gary Hagedorn, manager of the Mid Columbia River Refuges was the last speaker.

■ He stated that Toppenish Creek at the Toppenish Refuge is essentially dry. There will be no water to flood the south side of the refuge until mid November. Blinds 17, 18, 19 and the handicapped blind will be flooded before October 15 with irrigation water..

■ Hunting on the McNary Burbank Slough unit is essentially unchanged from last year. Through the efforts of Bill Hays, three new blinds were installed and the handicapped #2 blind on the north end of the slough was relocated in the same general location and refurbished.

■ The millet fields in the Wallula Unit will not be flooded until about the first of November because of mosquito control concerns.

■ Gary said that wheat was not planted on the Peninsula Unit because of the gravelly soil. The soon to be issued Comprehensive Conservation Plan will address the soil problem.

■ The blinds in the McCormack Unit in Oregon are being relocated because the John Day pool elevation has been lowered about three feet.

■ The Mid Columbia Refuge offices have been relocated from Pasco to north Richland in the same building as the Hanford Monument offices, their phone number is unchanged, 371-1801. Their Comprehensive Conservation Plan is slightly behind schedule mainly because of loss of staff; two employees were laid off and three law enforcement personnel are presently stationed in Louisiana and Texas.

● Club raffle winners were: Don Hand who won a binocular and a pistol holster, Bob Henke - a pistol holster, arrows and suspenders, Jack Pickard - a hat, Matt Cummings - a box of rifle shells and a box of shotgun shells, Rick Nelson - a pistol holster, Bill Lambert - a box of shotgun shells, Larry Martin - a belt buckle and Jerry Bloom - a package of plastic shotgun wads.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-Clare Cranston- A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start November 7. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Classes will be held at the Grigg's Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were nine photo entries in October. Entries were from Bob Henke, Don Hand, Dan McGuire, Bill Hays, Jim Shearer, and Russ Wyer. The winner was Dan McGuire with a photo of Dan and a 38.4 pound Chinook salmon he caught on the Yakima River. Dan will win five free raffle tickets at the November General Meeting. The winning photo and the runner-ups can be viewed on the Club Website.

HANDICAPPED HUNTERS DUCK HUNTING BLINDS: There are three duck Hunting blinds for handicapped hunters on the McNary Wildlife Refuge. Two are on the Burbank Slough Unit and one on the Peninsula Unit. Handicapped hunters have priority use of these blinds. Many of these hunters are not able to set out decoys or perform other functions necessary to hunt waterfowl and may need help. Several Club members are willing to help handicapped hunters at these blinds. If you are a handicapped hunter that needs help at these blinds send an e-mail to emanthos@aol.com.

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NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS: A nominating committee to select Club officers and board of directors candidates for year 2006 will be meeting at Howard Gardner's home Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm. More members need to participate as officers and board members to make the Club a success. Please consider participating either as a Club officer or Board member. Many Board members and officers have been in office for quite a while and new blood is needed. If you wish to serve as vice president, treasurer, secretary or a member of the Board of Directors please call Howard Gardner at 943-9084.



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Comments to the documents are requested by the Monument and encouraged by the Club. The comment period closes Sunday, December 18, 2005. Comments submitted by email must be received by 10:00 pm on December 18. Comments sent by regular mail must be postmarked by the 18th. Emailed comments should be sent to: hanfordreach@fws.gov. Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Elk Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 3250 Port of Benton Boulevard, Richland, Washington 99354.

Club members should request and review the documents and make comments. The Draft Environmental Assessment lists three elk management alternatives on pages 11 through 14. Alternative A is 'no Action, Current Management'. Alternative B is the Integrated Approach the Preferred Alternative. It allows controlled hunting on the ALE (in conjunction with hunting on private lands), trapping/relocating and government culling (ground and aerial). Alternative C calls for controlled Hunting and Trapping/Relocating. Alternatives B and C are similar in some respects and they both need to be carefully read to understand the differences. Other considered but eliminated alternatives are listed in pages 14 through 16. The second document, the Draft Elk Hunt Plan, lists among other things, the Hunt Plan details.

Make sure you obtain copies of the three documents, review them carefully, make comments and submit them to the Monument. Many comments will be made by groups/organizations, including the Richland Rod and Gun Club, and individuals. Many of them are opposed to hunting. We need to voice our opinions so that they can be considered. A comment from an individual is equal in strength to a comment from a group or organization.

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Lyle Gilk, Treasurer (627-3441)	Eddie Manthos, Secretary (586-6009)
Jack Pickard, Membership Information (582-5397)	

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The last General Meeting of the year will be at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 6 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the WalMart.
- The speaker will be Jeff Tayer the Region 3 Director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). His topic will be "The Rattlesnake Hills Elk Herd". His talk will be very timely since it was announced in the November 14 edition of the "Tri-City Herald" that a Hanford elk hunt could start in the fall of 2006. More information concerning the elk hunt plan is shown later in this newsletter. Do not miss this meeting, you will find it to be very interesting and very important.
- The election for 2006 RR&GC officers and trustees will be held. The nominees are listed later in this newsletter.
- *2006 Club Calendars are still available and can be purchased for \$3.00 each at the meeting. They make excellent Christmas gifts.*
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- Visitors introduced themselves.
- Announcements were made by Larry Martin, Gene VanLiew, Paul Hoffarth and others.
- Bill Hays read a letter that was sent to Greg Hughes, Hanford Monument manager, from the Club expressing concern about future removal of the White Bluffs Boat Launch located in the Hanford Reach. Bill recommended that fishermen and launch users write letters to Greg Hughes expressing their concerns. Copies of the letter were made available to those attending the meeting.
- After a short break Program Chairman Gene Van Liew introduced Herb Barrus, Scott Noga and their wives who spoke about llamas. During the break, Scott and Gayle Noga brought a live llama into the meeting room to show the audience what a llama looked like. It stood in the front of the room throughout the presentation, ignored the audience and wandered around among the speakers. Herb explained that the llama is a member of the camel family; other South American members of the

camel family are the alpaca, vicuna and guanaco, the llama is the largest and tallest of the four. Herb has raised about 100 llamas and explained that his animals blood line are 50% Bolivian and 25% Chilean. He explained that llamas do spit, especially when they are pregnant, and give a warning before they spit by laying their ears back on their head. Gestation period of the llama is 11 ½ months. They are very good guard animals, especially with sheep, and spit and stomp coyotes and dogs to death. They are used for back packing and can carry about 1/3 of their weight, 85 pounds, and are not spooked by blood when carrying game meat. They eat available browse when they are packing; a bag of grain is also appreciated when available. Llamas are very human family oriented. They are used for milk production and cheese produced from the milk, meat, fur coats, cart driving and guard animals. Llama coats are sheared in the spring to produce a wool that is more insulating than sheep wool and lanolin free. They are intelligent, learn rapidly, have good memory and require low upkeep and maintenance. Scott demonstrated the pack frame/harness used on llamas and how loads are placed on the animal. Many questions were asked and answered at the end of their presentation

● Bill Brite was the second speaker. His topic was *Lessons Learned from a Boating Accident*. Bill was involved in a boating accident on the Hanford Reach on June 5 of this year. He had motored from the Snyder St. Ramp on the Columbia River in a 12 ft. aluminum boat with a 7.5 HP outboard motor to the Ringold area to fish for sturgeon and pike minnows. His companion was a Boston terrier, Maggie. He anchored in a deep hole downstream from Ringold and fished unsuccessfully, when he attempted to pull up his anchor the line fouled on the trolling motor and the rear end of the boat went under and he was up to his waist in 58° water. Fortunately he was wearing a CO₂ floatation device that inflated, he grabbed a cooler and Maggie with his left hand and hung to the boat with his right hand as they drifted downstream. After about ten minutes the anchor snagged again and the boat sank. He floated downstream for about 45 minutes unsuccessfully trying to reach the shoreline. He drifted past the 300 area and was rescued by one of three tour boats searching for him. He was taken to Kadlec Hospital to be treated for hypothermia and the doctors discovered that one of the arteries leading out of his heart was 80% blocked. A cardiologist put in two stents to prop open the artery. If it hadn't been for the boating accident the blockage might not have been discovered! Bill listed the following *lessons learned*: 1) There is a difference between anchoring in slow versus fast water. 2) He did not have an anchor pulling system. 3) The auto inflating PFD saved his life. 4) There was no reaction time once the anchor line snagged the trolling motor. 5) Stay with boat, if possible. 6) The trolling motor should have been tilted out of the water.

● Club raffle winners were: Jack Oversby who selected a duck decoy bag, Carl Higby - a pellet rifle, Lyle Gilk - shotgun shells, Dan McGuire - fly tying vise, Larry Martin - a water bottle and Paul Kison - a "River Guide" showing maps of the Columbia River from it's mouth to the Tri-Cities and from mouth of the Snake River to Lewiston (donated by Harold Heacock).

CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEE ELECTIONS: Election of Club Officers and Trustees for 2006 will be conducted at the December 6 General Membership meeting. The following slate of candidates has been assembled by the Nominating Committee that consisted of Dianne Warrant, Gene VanLiew, Jack Pickard, Rick Nelson and Howard Gardner. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor, subject to concurrence by the person nominated. Nominees will be introduced prior to the election.

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HANFORD ELK HUNT PLAN: The Hanford Reach National Monument recently released for public review and comment three draft documents, listed below, for elk population management on the Fitzner-Eberhardt Arid Lands Ecology Area (ALE). The documents are:

1. Draft Environmental Assessment for Elk Population Management on the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve Unit (ALE)
 2. Draft Hanford Reach National Monument Elk Hunt Plan for the ALE
 3. Draft Compatibility Determination for Elk Population Management
- You can order a copy of the three documents by calling 371-1801. The documents can also be downloaded on the internet