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JANUARY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT

January 12, 2008, 9 a.m. to Noon "Owls, who's nesting?"

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).

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 2008. Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts. Halibut, steelhead and salmon are also needed. **Donations thus far have been very slim, please get them in as soon as possible.** 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 or Board Meetings. 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. Good hunting and good fishing!

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were no entries in the in the December Photo Contest. View the November photos on the Club's website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start February 29, 2008. 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.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING - January 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m. - **Battelle Auditorium in Richland**
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 18, 2008, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 experience emanthos@aol.com.
LUNKER LAKE/TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW AT TRAC January 18, 19 & 20, 2008
RR&GC WILD GAME DINNER - SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008

JANUARY, 2008 GENERAL MEETING

- The first meeting of the New Year will be 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 8 at the **Battelle Auditorium in Richland** instead of the Richland Maintenance Facility. A map showing the location of the auditorium is at: <http://picturethis.pnl.gov/picturet.nsf/by+id/AMER-5X7VR8?opendocument>, the auditorium is identified as AUD on the map. To access the auditorium, drive north on George Washington Way, turn left at Battelle Blvd. and then turn right at Q Ave. and the auditorium is on your left behind the Research Operations Bldg. (ROB).
- The Tip of The Month will be by Don Hunter who will relate his experiences after he fell out of his boat into the Columbia River this December.
- The main topic will be "Predator Calling & Fur Handling" by Club members Howard Gardner and Larry Martin.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**
- **March 29 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$15.00 each will be on sale at the meeting. The price is unchanged from last year.**

• Bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the General and Board Meetings, the meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to a freezer for storage.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The last meeting of the year meeting was opened by Club President Dale Landon. The meeting room was full. There were many, many visitors in attendance.

- Dale Landon stated that Marilyn Steele was the winner in the Club's Salmon Derby. She entered two salmon, the only fish entered, and won a total of \$70.00; the entry fees from both the 2006 and 2007 Derby.
- The mini-presentation of the month was given by ten year old Cody Carr, his 10th birthday was on December 4-the same date as the meeting. Cody was one of the two youth that participated in the Barker Ranch Youth Day Duck Hunts held on November 10. Mason Nelson, the second youth, was not able to attend the meeting. Cody hunted with his father, Sean, and guide Dean. He described his successful hunt, the after the hunt barbecue luncheon, all the training sessions he attended and the gifts he received from the Barker Ranch including a custom hand made duck call. He was thrilled with the event and

thanked Michael Crowder and the Barker Ranch that made it possible for him to participate.

● After Cody's presentation, voting for 2008 Club officers and trustees was held, results are shown in this Newsletter. Several announcements were made after the election by Rick Nelson, Lyle Gilk and Richard Sharp.

● Gary Loomis the main speaker of the evening was introduced by Stan Brogdon, local member of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA). Gary was the founder of GLoomis Rods. He started the *Fish First* organization (<http://fishfirst.org/>) located in Oregon. Gary is very active in the CCA (<http://www.joincca.org>), he is the Chairman of CCA-PNW which now has chapters in Oregon and Washington (www.ccapnw.org). CCA-PNW is an advocacy group for salmon, steelhead, and other Northwest fish. Its goal is to give voice to this precious resource that cannot defend itself against destruction.

Gary started off his presentation by describing the FFA organization which started in 1995 in Oregon and whose goal is 'more and better fishing and NO politics'. He described and showed some of their successes in Oregon such as: a) the introduction of net pens located in streams where hatchery fry are placed in the pen and allowed to grow to smolt size and then released into the stream, b) egg boxes with fish eggs are placed in streams where the eggs are hatched at 98% yield and the fry are able to swim from the egg box into the stream, since there usually are not sufficient nutrients in the stream for the fry to thrive; spawned out fish carcasses are placed in the stream to provide nutrients for the fry, these nutrients are available for fish 3-4 years after the carcasses are placed in the stream, c) removal and replacement of culverts that block access of fish to streams upstream from the culverts and d) habitat restoration to allow the formation of correct ripples to pond ratios in streams.

■ Commercial fishing and non-selective harvesting of salmon are the major reasons that salmon numbers are declining. Eighty five percent of the salmon that should be returning to Washington and Oregon are harvested in Alaska. After salmon gill netting in Washington and Oregon, there are a few fish left for sport fishing and spawning.

■ After the collapse of the Atlantic salmon in 1864 due to harvesting for canneries, 36 canneries were relocated to the Pacific coast. From 1871 to 1883, 1 to 3 million salmon per year were harvested and canned. The salmon runs collapsed in 1884 and inferior fish were harvested for the canneries. At that time 12 hatcheries were built to produce salmon for the canneries. In 1938 the first Columbia River dam, Bonneville, was put into operation. It and other dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers are being blamed for the decline in salmon. The salmon had collapsed more than 50 years earlier and the dams and lack of habitat are now being blamed for the decrease in salmon and steelhead.

■ The CCA, with more than 90,000 members, is the largest of three advocacy groups in the United States. It has been very successful in turning around the decrease in Redfish and Striped Bass numbers in the Gulf and Atlantic coast by lobbying and putting pressure on local legislators to pass laws that stop indiscriminate harvesting of these and other fish and seafood. Additionally the CCA is very instrumental in the prevention of habitat destruction and habitat restoration. The goal of CCA-PNW is to recruit 3,000 new members in Washington and Oregon. A CCA-PNW Chapter is being formed in Yakima. Dues are \$25.00/year, you can join on-line at (www.ccapnw.org). Gary Loomis gave a very interesting and informative presentation with much more information than presented in this newsletter. He answered many questions and there was a long line of people waiting to join the CCA after the meeting ended.

● Raffle winners were: Pat Ruane who won a completely rigged steelhead rod assembled by Richard Sharp and including many goodies and a large tackle box, Ron DeMarquette - a Motorola Talkabout set (2 radios) with a 20 mile range, Greg Baker - a *Big Chief* smoker, Marilyn Steele - a large tackle box, Russ Wyer - a \$20.00 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse, John Prather - a crank operated LED headlamp, and Don McBride and Mark Tavelli each won a hat.

CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEE ELECTIONS: Election of Club Officers and Trustees for 2008 was conducted at the December 4 General Membership meeting. The following officers and trustees were approved by the membership present:

President-Rick Nelson, **Vice President**-Angie Conant, **Secretary**- Eddie Manthos, **Treasurer**-Lyle Gilk

Trustees: Jerry Burke, Rick Conant, Scott Estes, Bob Gough, Bill Hays, Mark Kimmel, Richard Libby, Larry Martin, Dave Myers, Jack Pickard, John Prather, Jeff Rampon, Marilyn Steele, Gene Van Liew and Ben Webb. Alternates are Fred Porter and Rob Thornton.

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3. A minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. If less than 50 tickets are sold, no winner will be drawn and members who purchased tickets will be reimbursed.
4. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.

5. RR&GC members with a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents (18 years or older) may also purchase up to 2 tickets each.

6. The drawing will be held at the annual RR&GC Wild Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.

7. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the RR&GC and who must also have participated in the drawing.

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12. Quality trip funds will be allotted as reimbursements after the winner has paid for portions of the trip. For example reimbursement for booking fees, airline tickets, etc. Note a check for reimbursement will not be provided to the winner prior to incurring costs without Board approval.

13. The winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership in February or March prior to the next RR&GC Wild Game Dinner.

14. The winners will provide a written summary of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and 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.

15. The winner will sign and date a copy of these rules, as an acknowledgment of understanding of the rules. The President of the RR&GC will send a letter notifying the winner of the trip approval.

16. The RR&GC board may, if requested, modify these rules for special circumstances.

2007 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RANGE: Dates for the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show at TRAC including Lunker Lake and the Pellet Range are January 18, 19, and 20, 2008. The Club will man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 15th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 18-20 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 4 and 5 hour shifts. Some members have already signed up and some have been contacted by Rick Nelson to help at Lunker Lake or Clare Cranston to help at the Air Rifle Range. If you have not volunteered and you wish to volunteer please call Rick Nelson at 628-2636 or Clare Cranston, for the Air Rifle Range, at 547-6273. Your duties at Lunker Lake will consist of baiting the hook for each child, removing the fish, after it is caught and placing it in a plastic bag after you have dispatched it. You will get a big kick out of working with the kids. A group of about 6 volunteers or more will be needed **Thursday morning January 17**, starting at 9:00 A.M., to set up the fishing pond. During the show a minimum of 16 volunteers per shift will be needed to man Lunker Lake. Shift times are 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Thursday the 17th for set up of the fishing pond. Shift times for Friday the 18th are 1-5 P.M. and 5-9 P.M. Saturday the 20th, shifts will be from 10 AM-12: 30:00 P.M., 12:30-3:30 P.M. and 3:30-8 P.M. Sunday the 21st shifts will be from 10 AM-2 P.M. and 2-5 P.M., the last shift will stay over at 5:00 P.M. to help disassemble the pond. The Air Rifle Shooting Range will be manned again this year under the direction of Clare Cranston. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond or shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from Lunker Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Lunker Lake volunteers should wear eye protection, bring a needle nose pliers or hemostat to remove the hook from the fish and bring a towel(s) to wipe your hands after you have handled a fish. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided for the volunteers. More information about the show is at www.shuylerproductions.com/. More information and sign up sheets will be presented at the January General Meeting.

● Dale Schielke will be presenting at least three Wood Duck Nesting Box construction seminars where youth will participate in building Wood Duck nesting boxes on Friday, January 18 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. and from noon to 2 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday January 19 and 20. He needs at least two helpers each day, please call Dale at 375-0183 if you can help!!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Richard A. Geis from Richland and Greg Baker from Pasco.



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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - February 20, 2008, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 29, 2008 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The topic of the February 5 General Meeting is 'Walleye Fishing' and will be presented by Club member Richard Sharp. The meeting will be at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store at 7:00 pm. Walleye fishing in the Columbia River heats up at this time of the year. Mike Hepper from Richland, caught a 19.3-pound walleye Feb. 5, 2007 on the Columbia River above McNary Dam and set a new state record for the largest walleye caught in Washington waters, it was 33.7 inches long, with a girth of 22.24 inches. Note that the date of this General Meeting is also February 5. Richard Sharp is an experienced angler as evidenced by his earlier presentations on Sturgeon fishing, Salmon Fishing and Steelhead fishing, a few months ago. Richard will also present the 'Tip(s) Of the Month' at the meeting. He will discuss and demonstrate tackle, lures, techniques and where to fish for walleye. This will be a heavily attended meeting so be sure to come early to get a good seat and perhaps stay late since Richard will be answering a lot of questions.

• I'm sure that one of the many prizes in the raffle drawing, held at the end of the meeting, will be a completely rigged walleye rod, reel (with line) lures and other items necessary for walleye fishing,

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March 29 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$15.00 each will be on sale at the meeting. Speaker at the dinner will be Gaylord Mink and his topic will be "ALE 2007: Before and After the Fire." The video will show the impacts of the August 2007 fire on the wildlife and plants with an emphasis on activities of the Rattlesnake Hills (Hanford) elk herd.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Incoming President Rick Nelson opened the January meeting on a cold snowy, wet/icy evening to a group about 35 people. Because New Years day fell on the first Tuesday of the month, the meeting was held on the second Tuesday at the Battelle Auditorium. Announcements were made by Rick, Mike Estes, Gene Van Liew, Jerry Zeitler, Howard Gardner and Tim Sumner who substituted for Richard Sharp.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!: Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear or boar, upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts are needed for the Wild Game Dinner. Halibut, steelhead and salmon are also needed. Bring the package(s) to the February or March General or Board Meetings. 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. Instructions for preparing and packaging the game meat are shown in previous Newsletters and on the Club's web site under ('Club News-Newsletter' and click on 'Other Club News'). **Donations for the dinner are very slim, please get them in as soon as possible. If you can't get your donations to the General or Board meetings call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694 and he will arrange to have your donation(s) picked up.**

• Wild 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 29** 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.

FEBRUARY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT February 9, 2008, 9 am to Noon

Celebrate National Wildlife Refuges Statewide

McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322).

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 in this newsletter at the end of the waterfowl season.

● Program Chairman Angie Conant introduced the Tip of The Month speaker, Don Hunter. Don went winter Steelhead fishing on Monday, December 7 behind McNary Dam. He launched his boat on the ramp at the Washington side of the Dam. And proceeded to fish alone on the Oregon side. After fishing on the Oregon side he moved to the center of the river and continued fishing. He had a strike and as he reached for the rod he went over the gunwale of his boat into the river. He was wearing a manually inflatable PFD and finally was able to climb over the transom into the boat. By the time he got into the boat he was confused and probably hypothermic. He did not put on dry clothes and finally was able to start the outboard and raced to the boat ramp, beached his boat and climbed up the ramp one step at a time and walked slowly to his camper, crawled in and changed to dry clothes and slept for 13 hours. The next day Mark Sherer recognized Don's boat that was adrift, he towed the boat back to the ramp and went to the camper and woke up Don. Don went home and by Tuesday he wasn't feeling well, he went to a doctor Wednesday because he had difficulty breathing and learned that he had strained his chest muscles while attempting to get into the boat. Don knows that he should have had someone in the boat with him, but he enjoys fishing alone. He estimates that he was in the river for nine minutes. The air temperature was 34° and the water temperature 46°. Don believes that a step ladder on the side of the boat would have allowed him to get back into the boat almost immediately.

● Angie then introduced the main speakers Howard Gardner and Larry Martin who spoke about coyote calling and fur handling. According to Howard, one of the fascinations about coyote hunting is that it requires less work than other forms of hunting. They showed and described different calls they use when coyote hunting. Two mouth calls that they demonstrated were open and closed reed calls. They also demonstrated two battery powered electronic calls. Decoys can also be used in conjunction with the calls. The decoys can be stuffed objects that imitate squirrels or rabbits, attention getters such as feathers can be used to get the predators attention. The electronic call and/or decoys should be positioned so that they are visible to the hunter. Different hunting techniques that they use were described. Howard's favorite rifle is a 220 Swift. Larry uses a 22-caliber center fire rifle and also 0.17 caliber rifle. Howard showed the shooting stick that he uses, he made it from two long 1/2" wooden dowels joined together with a rubber band(s). He also showed and described the equipment/(goodies) that he carries in his pack while hunting - water bottle, binoculars, GPS, compass, food, camera, flashlight, knife, home made tail stripper, skinning gloves, insect spray that he sprays into a plastic bag containing the skinned hide, fire starter and candle, poncho and toilet paper. They also described the skinning, washing and drying techniques for skinned hides. Howard also demonstrated the fleshing knife and technique he uses on a fresh hide. Larry and Howard answered many questions from the audience.

● Raffle prize winners were Pat Travis who selected a combination drill bit set, Dan Edwards picked the assembled Steelhead spinning rod and reel, complete with lures and other goodies assembled by Richard Sharp. He selected a cap as his second raffle prize, Ben Hooper selected a Deluxe Sports Bucket, Jerry Zeitler selected the Mystery Box which contained a \$20.00 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse, John Prather selected a sport utility box, David McDonald selected an Enduro LED Streamlight headlamp donated by Angie Conant/Stellar Industrial Supply-Pasco and Rick Conant who won a telescoping long handles landing net.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Tim Lynch, Gary Pennington and Tim Hooper - all from Richland.

IN MEMORIAM OF GORDON HANSON: The Richland Rod and Gun Club was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Gordon Hanson on January 9, 2008 at the age of 89. Gordon joined the Club in 1960 and was elected president in 1962, vice president in 1971 and president again in 1972. He was a recipient of the Club's Distinguished Service Award in 1978 and received a 25 Year belt buckle in 1985. In addition, he served many years on the Board of Trustees and volunteered for many club projects. Gordon was a staunch supporter of the Club and its programs. He will be missed. (Howard Gardner)

IN MEMORIAM OF CHARLES MORBECK: The Richland Rod and Gun Club offers condolences concerning the passing of Charles Morbeck on December 30, 2007 at the age of 91. Charley joined the Club in 1989 and volunteered for many Club projects. Charlie was an attorney and practiced law in Kennewick until he was in his 70's. He will be missed. (Howard Gardner)

Wood Duck Nesting Boxes: During the three days of the Sportsman Show 30 wood duck boxes were assembled by 42 kids. Assisting mentors were Dale Schielke, Bob Gough, David Mc Donald, Wade Conant, and Scott Estes. In addition to having fun pulling the trigger on the nail gun and operating the power screw driver, kids learned a few facts about wood ducks and nesting boxes. The boxes still need to be painted (too messy for the show) and a few other minor holes need to be drilled for mounting and drainage. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with painting some evening, and/or to volunteer on weekend outings to install new boxes or check/clean/maintain existing boxes should contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183. At least ten different outings will need to be completed before early April when the wood ducks start to nest.

Montana Whitetail Salami: A few extra 1.5 lb. sticks of salami and jalapeno salami are available for the cost of the processing. Cost is \$4.25 per stick. Contact Dale Schielke @ 375-0183, extras will be brought to the February General Meeting.

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SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM EGGS DELIVERED: (Gene Van Liew) - On Monday, January 7, fall Chinook salmon eggs were picked up at the Yakama Indian Prosser Fish Hatchery by John Pfeiffer and Gene Van Liew and delivered to 33 schools for the "Salmon In The Classroom" project. Since the fall Chinook salmon return was low, only about half the number of eggs, normally delivered, were allotted to each school.

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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in the January photo contest. Paul Kison entered a photo of Loretta Carvin, Paul, surrogates grandfathers of Loretta, and the first deer taken by 16 years old Loretta at Rocky Bluff, Nevada on October 2007. The photo was taken by grandfather Don Frick. The other entry was a photo of Neil Sullivan on a Montana elk hunt on 10/23/07 in the Snow Crest Mountains. Mike Estes entered the photo and was the photographer. The winner was Paul Kison. Paul will win five free raffle tickets at the February General Meeting. Both photos can be viewed on the Club website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

DUPORTAIL BOAT LAUNCH: John Pfeiffer, Rocky Ross and Paul Hoffarth worked six hours on the boat ramp on November 7. According to John, the project really looks good, although the water at the ramps is shallow and is designed for unloading and loading small boats (e.g., canoes, rafts, drift boats, etc.).

● If you have worked on any projects, please call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or e-mail me at emanthos@aol.com. Give me a description of the project, the project date(s), approximately how many hours you worked and names of any others that participated in the project. I try to keep track of all the projects Club members have worked on, the project days are then totaled and entered in the Volunteers drawing at the Wild Game Dinner



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MARCH GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, March 4, 2008, 7:00 pm - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 18, 2008, 7:00 pm - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March 19, 2008, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
Coastal Conservation Association Meeting - Gary Loomis - March 6, 7:00pm, Battelle Auditorium in Richland
RR&GC Wild Game Dinner Cooks and Helpers Meeting - March 11, 7:00pm at Richland Knights of Columbus Hall
RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 29, 2008 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

There will be two speakers at the March General Meeting. Jon Jeffries, the 2007 Quality Trip winner, will discuss the trip that he and John Arrabito took the first week in February in Arizona to hunt for Mearns quail. The second speaker, Richard Sharp, will discuss 'Spring Salmon Bait Preparation and Rigging'. The meeting will be at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store at 7:00 pm on March 4.

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

Please bring game and fish donations for the Wild Game Dinner to the March General Meeting. The meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to a freezer. Duck & goose breasts & upland game birds are especially needed.

March 29 Wild Game Dinner tickets are sold out! If you would like to be on the waiting list for any returned tickets, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183. If you cannot use tickets you have purchased Call Dale immediately.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Rick Nelson opened the February meeting to a full house. He announced that the Club received \$1,650.00 from Shuyler Productions for our participation in Lunker Lake. That money will be used to sponsor youth to the Washington State Conservation Camp on Orcas Island in July.

- Announcements were made by Mike Estes concerning the Club's efforts to determine the feasibility of organizing a project to salvage and process wild game killed by automobiles or illegally killed and to make it available to charitable organizations
- Jerry Zeitler spoke about the status of the March 29 Wild game Dinner and the need for duck, goose and upland game meat donations. Gene Van Liew spoke about the status of the Salmon In The Classroom project. Dale Schielke spoke about the status of the Wood Duck nesting box project. Eddie Manthos spoke about the status of the Fishing Kids event on May 3 and Dianne Warrant described the May 15 and 16 Go Play Outside event that will take place in the Benton County Fairgrounds.
- Program Chairman Angie Conant introduced the speaker of the evening, Club member Richard Sharp, who discussed late winter walleye fishing. He started off his presentation by showing slides of locally caught walleye. The three walleye fishing rigs (rod, reel and other tackle) that he uses were shown and discussed. The three rigs were raffled off at the end of the meeting. The various baits, lures and rigging techniques, including knots, that can be used with each the three fishing rigs were

MARCH 15 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education student graduates will be held on Saturday, March 15 at the Camp Lake Ranch. The event will start about 8:00 am and last through the afternoon. Clare Cranston may need some coaches, please call Clare at 547-6273 if you can help. The pheasants that are harvested will be used at the Club's Wild Game Dinner on March 29.

Wild Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the Wild Game Dinner. Please contact Jerry at 545-6694 and offer your services, he needs people for all day **March 29** 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.

The Club Board of Directors voted to develop a "Northwest Wild Game Cooking" website covering field dressing, transport, processing and storage, cooking method, recipes, and menus. It will cover all types of Northwest game including big game, upland game, fowl, fish and shellfish. To help make this a success, Club members are requested to write one or two paragraphs on any of these topics and also submit some of your favorite recipes. Use a standard recipe format - Recipe Name, Number Served, Ingredients, Directions and Contributor (optional). Do not copy recipes from cookbooks or other documents (copyright issue); however, if you have modified the recipe to meet your own tastes and have written it in your own words, there will be no issue. Send your input to emanthos@aol.com.

DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED: Attention all duck hunters! If you 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 this newsletter at the end of the waterfowl season.

discussed and shown. He went into very detailed descriptions of the rigging set ups including fishing line and hook recommendations, lure depths, down riggers, trolling patterns and gadgets such as *worm blowers*, trolling plates, buoys to mark where fish were caught, etc. He also showed maps/sketches of locations, (Paterson, Plymouth, below McNary Dam, the *Two-Rivers* Peninsula, Snake & Columbia Rivers confluence, above the Blue Bridge, Potholes Reservoir/Crab Creek, and Scooteny Reservoir) where walleye can be caught. His very detailed presentation lasted about two hours. There were many questions answered and recommendations were made from the audience concerning their fishing techniques. I know that I learned a lot and I'm sure many others did also. Thanks again Richard!

● Raffle prize winners were Marilyn Steele who selected the bait casting rig for walleye assembled by Richard Sharp and including numerous goodies, Jim Reynolds selected the large walleye spinning rig assembled by Richard w/goodies, John Bale selected the walleye ultra light spinning rig assembled by Richard w/goodies, Grover Wolk selected a Coleman 2 mantle lantern, Ron Stewart selected a Deluxe Sport Bucket, Paul Seuberlich selected a Jerky Maker, Kyle Hacker selected an Enduro LED Streamlight headlamp donated by Angie Conant/Stellar Industrial Supply-Pasco, DJ Daniels selected a tackle box, Brian Miller selected a fish cleaning board, John Pfeiffer selected the *Mystery Box* which contained a \$20.00 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse, Tammy McMurtrey, Doug Fearing, Dick Gies, Rich Wyrwas, Al Hageman and Richard Libby all won a fishing rod rack.

REVISED QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: The Quality Trip drawing rules were revised at the December 18 Board of Trustees meeting and are shown below. Entry tickets for the 2008 Quality Trip can be purchased at the February and March General Meetings and at the Wild Game Dinner, until the maximum of 100 tickets have been sold

1. Only RR&GC members with current dues paid through April 1 of following year are eligible to purchase up to 2 entry tickets each. Example: for drawing in March 2008, a member must have dues paid through April 1, 2009.
2. Tickets are \$20.00 each, the value of the trip (maximum amount reimbursed to winner) will be \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. If less than 50 tickets are sold, no winner will be drawn and members who purchased tickets will be reimbursed.
4. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
5. RR&GC members with a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents (18 years or older) may also purchase up to 2 tickets each.
6. The drawing will be held at the annual RR&GC Wild Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
7. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the RR&GC and who must also have participated in the drawing.
8. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner's trip cannot be taken as approved. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a RR&GC member and also have participated in the drawing.
9. A written copy and a presentation in person (winner or partner) of the proposed trip must be provided to the RR&GC Board in either the May or June Board meeting for Board approval.
10. The winner must have confirmation of key trip logistics (e.g., guide services, airline tickets, lodging, etc.) by August 1 and the trip taken before December 31 of the year of award. If the trip cannot be confirmed in the allotted time frame (prior to September 1). The winner shall forfeit the trip and the trip will be awarded to the alternate. The alternate will follow the same criteria as the original trip winner, with the alternate presenting his proposed trip to the RR&GC board by the September board meeting.
11. In the event that the approved trip cannot be taken; the winner shall notify the RR&GC President immediately upon the winner's realization that the trip cannot be taken as approved.
12. Quality trip funds will be allotted as reimbursements after the winner has paid for portions of the trip. For example reimbursement for booking fees, airline tickets, etc. Note a check for reimbursement will not be provided to the winner prior to incurring costs without Board approval.
13. The winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership in February or March prior to the next RR&GC Wild Game Dinner.
14. The winners will provide a written summary of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and 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.
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USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE: The committee came up with the following recommendations that were approved by the Board of Directors at the February 19 Board meeting

Item/Organization	Use of Funds		
	2006	2007	2008
Fitzner Memorial Scholarship (Annual award to a student in wildlife biology studies)	500	500	1,000
NRA Institute For Legislative Action (Fights the 2 nd Amendment battles)	300	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
Habitat Projects (Supports local habitat development, as needed up to \$250.00)	250	0	250
Delta Waterfowl (Works for a sustainable North American waterfowl population)	100	100	100
Youth Conservation Camp (16 total)-nominally six from Club and four from Hunter Ed. @ \$250 per camper	2,500	1,000	2,500
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
Go Play Outside Alliance Washington (membership) (A hunting, fishing and conservation initiative)	250	250	250
Crow Butte Park Assoc. (Volunteers keep park open)	200	200	0
Tapteal Greenway-Amon Basin Project (Preservation of wildlife area)	100	0	0
Salmon In The Classroom (Purchase of equipment)	0	500	0
Game Recovery Program (Salvage big game for Union Gospel Mission)	0	0	200
Youth Fishing (Fishing Kids)	0	480	250
Coastal Conservation Association (Membership)	0	0	100
Travel expense (Limited funding of expenses incurred from attendance at out-of-area meetings)	55.31	0	250
		Total Cost	6110.31
		Total Allocation	7050

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WILDFLOWERS, NATIVE PLANTS
McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322)

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 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, April 15, 2008, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 23, 2008, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist, will be the speaker. His topic will be 2008 fishing prospects in Eastern Washington. Trout allotments, stocking locations and salmon and steelhead forecasts will be discussed. Changes to the 2008-2009 fishing regulations will also be covered. He will show how to access fishing information available on the WDFW website. Additionally Paul will be able to answer questions regarding fishing in Washington and especially in this part of the State. The meeting will be at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store at 7:00 p.m. on April 1. Come early this is always a heavily attended presentation.

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

MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Rick Nelson opened the meeting to a full house. Eight visitors introduced themselves. Announcements were made by Rick, Jerry Zeitler, Gaylord Pyle, Eddie Manthos, Dianne Warrant, Jerry Burke, Mike Estes and Howard Gardner. Mike Estes stated that Washington State H.B. 2438 'a pilot project that allows for the use of dogs to hunt cougars was passed by both branches of the legislature. The bill is awaiting signature by the governor. A motion was made from the floor, seconded and unanimously approved by the membership that the Club send a letter of support for HB 2438 to the governor. *Bill 2438 was signed by the governor on March 13.* Howard Gardner announced that Club member Jim Shearer passed away on February 16. A condolence card was circulated for signature by those present and will be mailed to the family.

● Program Chairman Angie Conant introduced the first speaker of the evening, Jon Jeffries the 2007 Quality Trip winner. He and John Arrabito went hunting for Mearns Quail in Arizona, 70 miles SE of Tucson, the first week in February 2008. They stayed at "*Sweet Sixteen Quail Hunting*" operated by a husband and wife. They stayed in the couples' home, a Bed & Breakfast operation, with separate rooms and shared a bathroom. Breakfast, a sack lunch and a good dinner were supplied. Rick Pavlik, the husband, guided with a Vizla bird dog, he had four available and alternated them, so that they were always fresh. They hunted two days and harvested 15 quail, eight of them were Mearns Quail. Mearns Quail are smaller than the desert quail, have a round body and head, very short tail, and large eyes. Jon gave a quality rating of 9-10 to the hunt and accommodations. Contact Rick & Judy Pavlik at P.O. Box 367, Elgin, AZ 85611, (520) 455-5170 for more information about the hunts.

● Angie Conant then introduced the second speaker of the evening, Club member Richard Sharp who discussed 'Spring Salmon Bait Preparation and Rigging.' Richard started his presentation by showing photos of spring chinook salmon that can be caught at this time of the year. He showed items useful for bait preparation, including a knot tying tool, gauze pads, various scents, *Miracle thread*, Jet Diver, pyramid and bell sinkers. Lures that he uses were also shown. Preparation of herring and

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MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE: Jack Pickard - On April 1, 2008 Richland Rod & Gun Club membership dues will increase to \$25/year and \$65/three years for an individual and \$35/year and \$85/three years for a family. The dues will still run from April 1 to April 1. Any new member joining between Oct 1 and April 1 will get a 50% discount on the above rates. The last dues increase was in 1996 because of increased bulletin costs. Due to continuing cost increases, mainly due to postage increases, it is again necessary to increase membership dues.

RICHARD FITZNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: - Howard Gardner. The fourteenth annual Fitzner Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Thomas Schrempp, an undergraduate student in Wildlife Resources with a Statistics Minor at the University of Idaho. There were nine other applicants from the University of Idaho. The annual award, started in 1992 and increased this year from \$500.00 to \$1000.00, is given to a student in a Wildlife related field to memorialize Richard Fitzner, a well-respected wildlife biologist and Club member, who died in a tragic plane crash.

FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES EXPIRE: Washington State fishing and hunting licenses expire **3/31/2008.**

tuna ball burritos to be used with *Flatfish/KwikFish* and rigging of Spin N Glos with eggs were also shown. Several different kinds of rigging he uses on rods were also shown and demonstrated. He was very thorough and answered many questions.

● Raffle prize winners were Mike Estes who selected the Shimano salmon plunking rig assembled by Richard Sharp and including a level wind reel and numerous goodies, Dick Gies selected the under water/TV fish camera, Greg Baker selected the 10 ft. super ultra light spinning rod w/reel with plastic float and flies, Bill Lambert selected a Rapala filet knife, Russ Wyer selected a hatchet w/ knife, Chris Pearson selected the *Mystery Box* that contained a \$20.00 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse, Marilyn Steele selected a small fly box, Grover Wolk selected a water bottle and small cooler, John Nelson selected an Enduro LED Streamlight headlamp donated by Angie Conant/Stellar Industrial Supply-Pasco and Jim Cartmell, Gaylord Pyle, Rich Wyrwas and Bob Gough each selected a hand made *billie club*.

IN MEMORIAM OF JIM SHEARER: The Richland Rod and Gun Club offers sincere condolences concerning the passing of Jim Shearer on February 16, 2008 at the age of 68. Jim joined the Club in April 2001, was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. Among other things, Jim was an excellent fly tier and donated flies for many Club projects. In addition, he was involved in the formative stages of "Go Play Outside" a cooperative initiative with the Washington Fish & Wildlife Dept. to encourage people to get out in the outdoors and have fun. Jim was an active participant in a variety of Club projects and will be missed. (Howard Gardner)

IN MEMORIAM OF PHIL VAN HOY: Phil passed away on March 7, he would have been 70 years old on March 22, 2008. He was a life member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. He was born and raised in Pasco, living there most of his life. His people came to the northwest in the 1890's where some of them settled in the Goldendale area and others in the Yakima Valley below Union Gap.

Phil's father had owned various businesses in Pasco, such as a grocery store and a bicycle shop. His father was also mayor of Pasco at one time. Phil learned to fish as a boy and enjoyed fishing for the rest of his life.

About 1980 Phil decided to open a sporting goods store on north 4th in Pasco. Shortly thereafter he started having Hunter Education classes in a small, dark, and hot/cold, depending on the time of the year, storage room in the back of the main store. About 1986 Phil built a sporting goods store on West Court in Pasco.

When the new Court store sporting goods store opened, the Richland Rod and Gun Club started holding Hunter Education classes in the basement. Phil was a great supporter of the Hunter Education programs, both financially and time wise.

Phil at sometime in his life had been a trap-shooter. He and his son John were members and shooters in the original Tri-City Pistol Silhouette Club. He was instrumental in getting the Friends of NRA (FNRA) events started in the Tri-Cities. The first event 16 years ago was the second FNRA event in the nation. Phil was a member of the WA. Dept. of Freshwater Fisheries advisory committee. He also served on an advisory committee recoding the separate Revised Codes of Washington (RCW's) for the Department of Fisheries and the Department of Wildlife when they were combined. Many of us will miss Phil and his teasing and humor. The Club offers sincere condolences to the family. (Clare Cranston)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Brian C. Millar from Burbank, Bruce Gradisher from Benton City, Barry Lawrence, Tammy R McMurtrey, Robert E Hanson and Grover Wolk from Pasco, Chris Pearson, Gary Portlock, Brian S Homes & Family and Kyle Hacker from Kennewick and Mark Engelmann, Keith Sharp and Howard Hill from Richland.

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HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS:-Howard Gardner, Chief Instructor. The class started on Feb.25, 2008 and finished on March 10 after five three-hour sessions. It included a six hour Range Day on March 8 at the Silhouette Club's facility with live firing of 22's, large bore rifle, 38 Special hand gun, shotgun, archery and a field course. A total of 31 students ranging in age from 8 to 36 were enrolled to start. Twenty five passed, three were incomplete and three failed. Other instructors assisting in the class were Clare Cranston, Don Hartshorn, Don Board, Buddy Davis, Ed Coyne, Teresa Frase, Jerry Zeitler, David Myers, Steve Gaines and visitor Rick Conant. Special thanks to Don Hartshorn for his hard work in preparing special purpose rosters and Certificates of Completion for students passing the course. These gentlemen are to be commended for giving freely of their time to assist in this class. Many thanks

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were three entries in the March photo contest. Richard Sharp entered two photos showing three generations of Sharps with the results of waterfowl hunts on 12/29/2007 and 01/26/2008. Dan Edwards had two entries; one was a photo of his son, 9 year old Hunter, with an 11 lb.-5 oz. hen Steelhead caught 3/10/08 with a rod/reel combo won at a RR&GC raffle. The other entry was a photo of Dan's father-in-law, Larry Walt, with a 7 lb. hen steelhead caught in late February 2008 on the Grande Ronde with a Slinky and corky/yarn. Dan is the winner with the photo of his son and steelhead he caught. Dan will win five free raffle tickets at the April General Meeting. All of the photos can be viewed on the Club website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/trgclub/id23.htm>.

APRIL MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT April 12, 2008, 9 a.m. to Noon

BONES WANT TO DIG?

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

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is sponsoring 10 youth to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp are July 13-19 for girls and July 20-26 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 **IMMEDIATELY** to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until 10 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper(s) 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.

FISHING KIDS EVENT: The Fishing Kids event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 3. The goal is 1,200 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 A.M.. Sign up to volunteer at the April General Meeting or call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or send e-mail to emanthos@aol.com. Registration deadline for the youth is April 21. Registration forms can be obtained at: http://www.ci.kennewick.wa.us/Recreational_Services/documents/2008REGISTRATIONFORM.pdf or at the April General Meeting. The Club is involved in planning of the event, assembling the 1,200 rods, reels, floats and hooks prior to the event and supplying volunteers the day of the event to help at the registration, pass out assembled rods and bait, clean the fish and supply fishing mentors to help the youth and their parents learn how to fish, many of who have never fished before. This is a very worthwhile event! A complimentary light lunch will be served to volunteers at the park.

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MARCH 15 PHEASANT HUNT FOR HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS: Sixteen fortunate youth were treated to a pheasant hunt for stocked pheasants north of Mesa, on Saturday, March 15. Seven of the students were from Connell and Lind. The hunt was organized by Dave Piovesan from the Limits Game Farm www.limitsgamefarm.homestead.com/limitsgamefarm.html. The students hunted in two separate flights, one in the morning and the other after lunch. Each flight registered and participated in a safety lecture and discussion and then proceeded to shoot at clay pigeons with their own shotguns or shotguns loaned to them from a stock of shotguns provided by Clare Cranston. Prior to the hunt each shift was divided into groups and assigned coaches and a dog handler and bird dog. Three pheasants per youth had been set out earlier before the hunt started. The youth hunted until all the birds were flushed. They then returned to the 'barn' and cleaned the harvested birds under the direction of Bill Moulds and Howard Gardner. At about noon both flights, their parents, the coaches, dog handlers and other helpers then retired to the 'barn' where tables had been set up. All were then treated to a lunch consisting of barbecued chicken breasts and thighs and beef roast, baked beans, potato chips and bottled water or soft drinks. All were able to go through the serving line until they were full. The food was great. Before they went home, each youth 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 and the Limits Game Farm. Sponsors of the Pheasant Shoot were: Limits Game Farm, Ringold Pheasants Forever and the Richland Rod and Gun Club. JC's Mesa Grocery donated bottled water, soda pop and ice. Mr. Mike Wieseler of Rocking MT Farms paid for the chicken and beef roasts. Mr. Chris Cerna donated \$100.00. Hunter Education instructor Don Board was in charge of the actual hunts. Volunteers that helped were: Dave, Pam and Doug Piovesan, Clare Cranston, Howard Gardner, Eddie Manthos, Casey Hill, Bob Loeffler, Don Hartshorn, Gene Van Liew, John Prather, Mark C Kimmell, Jim Reynolds, Hugh McEachen, Bill Moulds,, Gary Scriven, Tyra Thomas, Robert Escalero (Nacho) Club offers sincere condolences and Teresa Frase and. Dave Myers, Tina Bernsen and Gary Swank (and their dogs) were the dog handlers. Special recognition is again due to Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan who organized the event and solicited the many volunteers. Dave's wife Pam set up the serving line, prepared the baked beans, kept us supplied with coffee and made sure all the forms etc. were filled out. Robert Escalero (Nacho) and Hugh McEachen were the barbecue cooks. It is obvious from the above list of names that many volunteers are needed to run this event, they all deserve a lot thanks from all of us. This was the first Hunter Education Students Pheasant Hunt for the year 2008. The next hunt will be in September.

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WELLSIAN WAY JUVENILE POND: - (Howard Gardner) The following information was assembled by Howard for the City of Richland. Here is a brief history of the Club's involvement in the Pond: Club records show that the Wellsian Way Juvenile Pond was constructed in 1950 under the leadership of Club Member Art Mitchel who lined up the volunteer heavy equipment operators and their equipment. Other Club members participating were: Ken Parchen, Rex Bissel and Al Olson. The work was done in cooperation with the Richland Recreation Unit. I would guess that the Pond was first planted with trout in 1950 or 1951 by the Washington State Dept. of Game. The first record of the Club arranging for trout planting with the Dept. of Game was in the spring of 1956. Also, in March 1957, Club members installed an intake pipe and weir box to help maintain the water level. A fish screen was also installed, the total effort required 150 man-hours of effort. Members involved were: Dave Byrd, Jerry Zeitler, Lane Bray, Ernie Berreth, George Houtrouw, Pat Hogan, Ward Lyon, Ted McKenzie, Kenny Schulz and Howard Gardner. Smallmouth Bass were planted by Club members in April 1957. Starting probably in 1950-51, the Washington State Game Dept. Game Fish regulations listed the Pond as Wellsian Lake with an April opening date and it was open through Oct. 31 for juveniles only (under 14 years of age). My records go back to 1955 and the Pond was managed this way through 1981. Through the years the Club arranged for the trout plants with the Washington State Dept. of Game and had periodic work parties for maintenance and cleanup. One reference states that the Pond was stocked with 25,000 trout in 1963. Also, in April 1965 the Club received a letter from Ernie Curtis, Recreation Director, City of Richland thanking the members of the Junior Richland Rod and Gun Club for their assistance in cleaning up the Pond on March 13 prior to its opening in April. Another reference acknowledges their assistance in the 1966 cleanup. Other references for the Club's activities with the pond were in May 1973 and April 1974. I don't have any information on why the last trout stocking was in 1981 and what ultimately happened to the Pond.

ADIPOSE FIN CLIPPING AT RINGOLD HATCHERY: The Ringold Hatchery needs four people to help 'adipose clip' fall chinook salmon. The clipping will take place in the next few weeks. Call Paul Hoffarth at 545-2284 if you can help and for more information.

WILD GAME DINNER COOKS AND HELPERS CLOSEOUT CRITIQUE MEETING: A meeting of the cooks and anyone else involved with the March 29 Wild Game Dinner will be held at the Knight of Columbus facility in Richland at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 13.



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 22, 2008, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

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Barry Lawrence from the WDFW is the main speaker and will discuss Stream Restoration. The Tip of The Month speaker will be Club Member Mike Estes and will discuss mid season turkey tactics. The meeting will be at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store at 7:00 p.m. on May 6.

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

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT: President Rick Nelson opened the meeting to a full house. Five visitors introduced themselves. Rick thanked Jerry Zeitler for organizing the very successful March 29 Wild Game Dinner and thanked Gaylord Pyle and Paul Kison for all the door and raffle prizes they helped secure. Bill Hays was presented the Club's Distinguished Service Award that was awarded to him at the Wild Game Dinner. Announcements were made by Eddie Manthos, Russ Wyer, Larry Martin, Dianne Warrant, Gene Van Liew, Lyle Gilk, Jack Pickard, Mike Estes, Richard Sharp and Howard Gardner. Howard stated that permission for a Sea Lion Removal Program to kill 85 sea lions that had been eating salmon had been secured. It was mentioned from the floor that an injunction to prevent the killing of the sea lions had been obtained by an animal rights group. A motion was made and seconded from the floor and unanimously approved by the members present that the Club write a letter in support of the Sea Lion Removal Program.

● Program Chairman Angie Conant introduced Paul Hoffarth the WDFW Benton and Franklin Counties Fish Biologist. Paul started off his presentation by discussing some of the new regulations that will take effect May 1. He stressed that anglers should check the new regulations before they go fishing to ensure that the regulations have not changed for the stream or lake they will be fishing. The regulations for the lower Yakima River, Dalton Lake and Pampa Pond should especially be checked because of the changes. The region below Ice Harbor Dam and the region from the 'Sacajawea Park power lines across the

Columbia River' to the railroad bridge upstream on the Columbia River is now treated in the **Steelhead regulations** as the Snake River. Railroad Pond in the coulee that runs from Mesa to Connell will not be stocked with fish because it is private property. As a result the Triploid Trout that were to be stocked in Railroad Pond will be stocked in Powerline Lake. Starting May 1 a second Steelhead Sport Catch Record card can be purchased when the first one is filled. Paul stated that Emergency Regulations on the WDFW Web Site should be checked to determine current salmon and steelhead regulations. Paul also said that walleye and other warm water fish survey data for lakes that are sampled are available on the WDFW Web Site under Fish and Shellfish Science - Freshwater - Warm water Enhancement Program Reports. Paul announced that the Duportail Boat Launch on the Yakima River is now open. The launch is shallow and not really suitable for large boats. Paul covered a lot of ground and gave out a lot of information. He answered many questions from the audience even after the meeting ended.

● Raffle prize winners were Clare Cranston who selected a porcelain "Table Top Grill" and a complete Dutch Oven kit, Brian Miller selected a Walleye rigged spinning rod/reel assembled by Richard Sharp and including numerous goodies, Marilyn Steele selected a Salmon plunking rod and a level wind reel assembled by Richard Sharp and including numerous goodies, Rick Nelson selected a Bass rod and reel with drop shot rigging assembled by Richard Sharp and including numerous goodies, Russ Wyer selected an Igloo Playmate Cooler and bottle of Crown Regal, Craig Baker won the Mystery Prize which contained a \$20.00 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse, Les Carpenter selected a propane - double mantle Coleman Lantern, Dan Carl selected a *Black Cat* catalytic heater and Mike Estes won a set of drill bits donated by Stellar Industrial Supply-Pasco.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Pat Hallett from Seabuck, Derek Melton from Eatonville, Kelvin & Amanda Efferfield and Family from Pasco and Rudy Seholm from Kennewick.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: -Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start July 7, 2008. 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: There was one entry in the April photo contest. Mike Estes entered two photos, taken by his son Scott, of a 22" long largemouth bass caught by Mike. The fish was caught 4/15/2008 on Powerline Lake. Mike will win five free raffle tickets at the May General Meeting. All of the photos can be viewed on the Club website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

MAY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT May 10, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to Noon
"Migration, New Visitors"
McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center, 311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323 (509-543-8322)

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SALMON SUMMIT: The Salmon Summit will take place on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at the Horn Rapids County Park. About 1,200 students will participate and volunteers will be needed, starting at 7:30 a.m. to help with the salmon fry release and other events taking place that day. A second event will take place at the same time and place a week later on Tuesday, May 13. Older

students from middle schools will participate. Volunteers will be needed to help with the fry release and to teach fishing rod casting. There will be a sign up sheet at the May General Meeting or call Gene Van Liew at 946-7738 if you can help. Volunteers should meet at the new Park building at the rear of the park and park their vehicles in the parking lot behind the building. We will be transported to our work stations. Free camping will be available at the Park before and after the event. Bring your own lunch and refreshments. Keep track of your mileage and volunteer hours for both events.

The Board voted to develop a "Northwest Wild Game Cooking" website. It will cover all types of Northwest game including big game, upland game, fowl, fish and shellfish. To help make this a success, Club members are requested to submit their favorite wild game recipes. Use a standard recipe format - Recipe Name, Number Served, Ingredients, Directions and Contributor (optional). Do not copy recipes from cookbooks or other documents (copyright issue); however, if you have modified the recipe to meet your own tastes and have written it in your own words, there will be no issue. Our goal is to have 100 recipes - To date we have 25 - Need your help! . Send your input to emanthos@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE: Jack Pickard - On April 1, 2008 Richland Rod & Gun Club membership dues will increase to \$25/year and \$65/three years for an individual and \$35/year and \$85/three years for a family. The dues will still run from April 1 to April 1. Any new member joining between Oct 1 and April 1 will get a 50% discount on the above rates. The last dues increase was in 1996 because of increased bulletin costs. Due to continuing cost increases, mainly due to postage increases, it is again necessary to increase membership dues.

2007-2008 DUCK BANDS

Name	Where Harvested	Date	Information
Terral Finger	Umatilla NWR Paterson Unit	01/19/2008	Lesser Snow Goose Hatched in 2003 or earlier, banded 08/04/2004 on Wrangel Island, Russia.
Bob Kolowith	Near Paterson, WA	11/21/2007	Small Canada Goose Hatched 2001 or earlier, banded 7/13/2002 12 mi. NE of Noat, AK.
Dave Piovesan	Near Connell, WA	10/17/2007	Mallard Male hatched in 2005 or earlier, banded at South Lateral A Wildlife Area, 10 miles NW of Harrah, Yakima County, WA by Don Kraege. (\$100 Reward Band also)
Dave Piovesan	Near Connell, WA	11/09/2007	Mallard Male hatched in 2002 or earlier, banded 08/11/2003 at 10N 7W Fairview, Alberta.
Dave Piovesan	Near Connell, WA	01/25/2008	Mallard Male hatched in 2006 or earlier, banded 07/31/2007 at Hay Lake, 5 miles North, 4 miles West of Fairview, Alberta.

2008 WILD GAME DINNER: The 58th Wild Game Dinner held on March 29, 2008 was a big success and a sellout. The food was great, varied and plentiful, the door and raffle prizes were numerous and worth winning. The speaker, Gaylord Mink, and his video presentation - 'ALE 2007: Before and After the Fire' was educational and spectacular. Winner of the Quality Trip was Bill Tanner, the alternate was Arlen Shade. Lyle Gilk and Gene Van Liew were presented the Gardner-Cranston Award. Bill Hays earned the Distinguished Service Award which was presented to him at the April General Meeting. Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler once again did a fantastic job organizing the event. Master of Ceremonies Dave Myers and Door Prize/Raffle Chairmen Gaylord Pyle and Paul Kison helped make the event a success.

2008 WASHINGTON YOUTH OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EXPO - May 16 & 17 at Benton County Fairgrounds: Volunteers are **desperately** needed to work Friday, May 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a volunteer dinner for the Thursday, May 15 volunteers at 5:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. At least **100 volunteers** are needed each day. This is a very worthwhile event whose goal is to connect youth to the outdoors. At least thirty-five events will take place. There will be hands-on activities and other educational opportunities for everyone regardless of age, physical ability or age. If you can help part of a day, one day or both days please contact Angie Conant at home 509-396-0223 or cell 509-460-6319. The kids really need our help!



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 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - June 22, 2008, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
 ALLIED ARTS SIDEWALK SHOW SALMON BOOTH - July 25 and 26
 RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC Tuesday, August 5 - 6:00 PM AT SOUTH LESLIE GROVES PARK (

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

- Rachel Little from the Benton Conservation District will be the first speaker. She will show and discuss photos taken at the May 6 and May 12 Salmon Summit events at Horn Rapids Park where salmon fry raised by school children through the Salmon In The Classroom project were released into the Yakima River. In addition to the salmon fry release, numerous other displays and events took place both days.
- The second speaker will be Rob Phillips a representative from Wordens Lures/Yakima Bait Co. located in Granger, WA. Rob has spoken to the Club at least one other time. He will discuss the various lures and other fishing paraphernalia produced by and distributed by Wordens. We are all familiar with and use their lures. Rob will discuss new lures added to the Wordens line and modifications/color changes to their other lures.
- Since there will not be any more General Meetings until September, I'm sure Richard Sharp will have some really good raffle prizes at the June meeting. 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.
- The June meeting will be at the usual place, the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive across from the Walmart store at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, June 3.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The meeting was opened by President Rick Nelson, visitors were asked to introduce themselves.

- Announcements were made by Rick, Howard Gardner, Lyle Gilk, Jack Pickard, Mike Estes, Eddie Manthos, Gene Van Liew, Russ Wyer and Richard Sharp. The scheduled speaker, Barry Lawrence, was not able to attend the meeting.
- It was decided to hold a critique of the Fishing Kids event that was held on May 3. Comments and suggestions were made by several of the members that were present at the event. It was mentioned that the rod racks fabricated by Richard Libby made a big difference in the distribution of the rods to the children. The comments and suggestions will be discussed in the next meeting of the sponsors and participants in the Fishing Kids event.
- A sign-up sheet for volunteers to the May 16-17 - 2008 Washington Youth Outdoor Adventure Expo event was circulated by Tammy McMurtrey.

SALMON BOOTH 2008: - The Allied Arts Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 25 & 26. The RR&GC will have the lead this year. An application to participate in the event has been submitted. Final food booth selection will be made in June. This is both Clubs' main money raising project for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday, July 24 from 6-8:00 PM. The booth will operate from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26. 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 7/01/07, 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 contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183 to sign up for a shift(s). **You can also sign up at the June 3 General Meeting.** Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun plus you get a gratis salmon lunch at the end of your shift. 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.

2008 WASHINGTON YOUTH OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EXPO: - The event took place on two very hot days, Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17. Friday was for school children who traveled to the event in school buses, private vehicles or by Ben Franklin Transit. Friday was a very busy day. There were school children and teachers all over the Benton County Fairgrounds. There were many events for the children to participate in. It appears that about 3,007 children and 393 teachers/adults showed up Friday. About 1,500 were in attendance Saturday (Family Day).

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● A short break was then taken to allow purchase of raffle tickets. Angie Conant then introduced the 'Tip of The Month' speaker Mike Estes whose topic was 'Mid Season Turkey Tactics'. Mike stated that early in the season, hunters will be competing with hens for the Gobbler's attention. Hunters should be aware that some of the hens may still have last years brood chicks with them. The number of gobblers responding may be down because of hunting pressure. He stated that a successful hunter needs to have *patience, persistence* and *confidence* to be successful. He suggested that locator calls such as crow, coyote etc. should not be used and the best times to hunt are between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. He said turkey calls should be softer or muted during the mid season hunts Mike also uses a *hearing aid* to help hear turkeys when they are moving. He stressed that hunters should '*Be Ready & Be Steady*' at all times. Mike answered many questions and turkey hunting experiences were swapped after the end of his presentation.

● Raffle prize winners were Dave Myers who selected a Modular Cook Stove, Grover Wolk selected a fly rod and reel with a selection of flies, Bill Lambert selected a "rifle bipod," Rick Nelson selected a Tri Hone knife sharpener, Larry Martin selected a double mantle propane lantern, Richard Sharp selected a walnut *Billie* club, Gary Portlock and Bill Lambert each selected a *Billie* (the *Billies* were donated by Les Carpenter who hand turned them), Lyle Gilk, Dave Myers, Tammy McMurtrey, Gaylord Pyle and Marilyn Steele each selected a turkey call, Tammy McMurtrey, Paul Kison, Bill Lambert and Richard Wyrwas each won a machete.

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION WARNING: If your membership expired 4-1-08 or earlier and is not renewed immediately, this is the last Club Newsletter you will receive. If this newsletter mailing label is highlighted your membership has expired! Annual dues are \$25.00 for individual membership and \$35.00 for family membership. Three year memberships are \$65.00 and \$85.00 respectively. You can renew by mail by sending dues to the address at top of this newsletter.

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FISHING KIDS: At least twelve hundred kids between the ages of 5-14 years old registered to participated in the Fishing Kids event that took place at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 3. For \$5:00 each kid that preregistered, received a Zebco fishing rod and reel with line, hook, sinker, float, bait and a Fishing Kids T-shirt. Kennewick Parks and recreation did a fantastic job taking care of registrations and setting up at the Park. The weather was cloudy, sprinkled for a bit and also turned breezy. There were some registrants that may not have shown up for the second flight because of the weather. Kids that had not preregistered were allowed to register and fish during the last flight. The pond had been closed earlier in the week after it had been stocked by the WDFW. Fishing was slow during some flights and many kids stayed after the end of the last flight and continued fishing. Many came back and fished on Sunday and the following week.

The *Pond Walker* volunteers helped many kids and their parents, especially the first time fishers, catch fish. Many volunteers from various organizations helped. 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 1, 200 rods before the event. Many Club members, spouses, sons and daughters helped at the event. There were many volunteers from other groups and organization that helped also. Club members Ben Webb, Eddie Manthos, Gene Van Liew, Chris Webb, Mack McDonnell, Clare Cranston, John Lavender, Dianna Seuberlich, Paul Seuberlich, Russ Wyer, Bob Gough and Bob Kolowith assembled rods and reels at the WDFW facility in Pasco. Howard Gardner, Lyle Gilk, Paul Kison, Gaylord Pyle, Rick Libby, Ben Webb, Bob Gough, Bob Kolowith, Russ Wyer and Jerry Burke assembled rods and reels at their homes. Club member Gary Portlock patrolled the pond Thursday to prevent people from fishing for trout stocked that day, members of the Ringold Chapter of Pheasants forever camped out Thursday night and guarded the pond, Marilyn Steele patrolled the pond Friday and cooked food for employees of Sportsman's Warehouse that camped out Friday night to guard the pond. Grigg's Shopping center prepared all the signs, Grigg's and the Sportsman's Warehouse donated baits and other tackle used by the kids. Seven Sportsman's Warehouse employees helped during the event. Bruce & Norene Benton cooked the hot dogs and passed out all the condiments, potato chips, drinks and Marilyn Steele's delicious cole slaw to the volunteers. Tammy McMurtrey arranged for Coca Cola to donate plenty of soft drinks for the kids and parents. Volunteers from the Club including family members and friends were: Marilyn Steele, Tammy McMurtrey, Angie Conant, Dianne Warrant, Gary Portlock, Eddie Manthos, Dave McDonald, Jim Reynolds, Dave Piovesan, Jack Pickard, Gaylord Pyle, Richard Libby, Richard Sharp, Alana Sharp, Lyle Gilk, Jerry Zeitler, Rick Nelson, Les Carpenter, Mack McDonnell, Pat Travis, Clare Cranston, Wade Warrant, Chris Webb, Brian Millar, Bob Kolowith, Dave Myers, Paul

Kison, Russ Wyer, Frank Porter, Mike Estes, Bill Lambert, Dale Landon, Tim Lynch, Verna Ballard and Jerry Burke. Dave Piovesan took care of the first aid. Bill Lambert, Leonard Northrop and Keith Sharp were the fish cleaners. Beth Northrop helped Marilyn Steele at the T-shirt station. Other volunteers were Ellen Bentley, Corbey Kinsey, Randy Wiseman, Amber Pickerd, Chad Everett, Travis Lackey, Mark Myers, Renie Ruder, Mark Runsvold, and Dennis Redmond. I am sure that I did not get all the volunteers names. Ken Johanning deserves a big hand for being the announcer and especially for arranging for coffee, donuts and lunch for all the volunteers. Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist, worked very hard to make the event a success.

SALMON SUMMIT: The Salmon Summit event where grade school children release salmon fry raised in their classroom, took place Tuesday, May 6 at Horn Rapids Park. This was the fifth year that the Summit, sponsored by the Benton Conservation District, took place. Club members and family that helped were Rick Conant, Dianne Warrant, Rick Nelson, Ben Webb, Chris Webb, Eddie Manthos, Paul Kison, John Pfeiffer, John Nelson, Ev Weakley, Gary Portlock, John Stevens, Bob Kolowith and Gene Van Liew. Some of the members worked at the Salmon Fry Release station and some worked at the Casting Rod Clinic; Bob Kolowith was the photographer for the event. The tiny salmon fry were netted from large containers that they were transported in and then placed, one or more into a paper cup. The students then walked down the boat ramp and released the fry from their cup into the Yakima River. Pit tags were inserted into 260 of the fry by Todd Newsome and crew from the Yakama Nation Fish Hatchery located in Prosser. Some of the salmon fry had also been pit tagged earlier at the schools and released with the other fry. Reaction of the 4th and 5th grade students as they released the fry was varied; some cried, others laughed and some tried to photograph the fry as they were released. Teachers, parents and news cameraman photographed the students as they released the fry.

● After the fish release at the boat ramp, the students participated in a total of 38 *LEARNING STATIONS* presented by various entities. Some of the Club volunteers helped at some of the other stations until the Summit was over. The tired but happy students then boarded their buses and headed back to their schools. It was an event packed day for them and the volunteers.

● Rachel Little, the Summit organizer, again did a great job organizing the event. There were no glitches and everything was on schedule. She deserves a lot of credit for this event. Rachel and many of the volunteers put in a full, satisfying, pleasing and tiring day. The Benton Conservation District treated the volunteers to delicious box lunches. It was a sunny, beautiful but windy day.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL SALMON SUMMIT: A second Salmon Summit for Middle School and High School students was held on Monday, May 12 at Horn Rapids Park. The students were older and fewer in number than the students at the May 6 Salmon Summit. The weather was cooler but not windy. There were slightly fewer *Learning Stations* than the May 6 event. The Club participated in two *Learning Station* events. John Pfeiffer, John Nelson, John Stevens, Bob Kolowith, Larry Martin, Angie Conant, Chris Webb and Ron Kwis helped at the Salmon Fry Release station and Eddie Manthos, Paul Kison, Ev Weakley, Gary Portlock and Howard Gardner participated at the Casting Rod Clinic event.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Brian Homes & Family from Kennewick.

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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were three entries in the May photo contest. Jack Pickard entered a photo of a smallmouth bass caught 5/17/08 by Marv Greenwalt in the Burbank sloughs. Richard Sharp entered a photo of a 10 lb. spring chinook salmon caught 5/10/08 by Mark Engleman with a spinner and prawn below McNaryDam. Richard also entered a photo of his 16 year-old son Travis with a 6.7 lb. Largemouth bass caught in the Potholes Seep Lakes on 4/6/08. The winner was the photograph of Travis with the largemouth bass. Richard will win five free raffle tickets at the June General Meeting. All of the photos can be viewed on the Club website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JULY GENERAL MEETING - **THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST**
 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, July 15, 2008, 7:00 p.m. - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - July 22, 2008, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.
 ART IN THE PARK SIDEWALK SHOW SALMON BOOTH - July 25 and 26
 RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC Tuesday, August 5 - 6:00 P.M. AT SOUTH LESLIE GROVES PARK

JULY GENERAL MEETING

- There will be **no** General Meeting in July or August. The July meeting is being replaced by the Art in The Park Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth on July 25 and 26 (see the article below for more information about the Salmon Booth). The August meeting will be replaced by the Club's annual picnic/salmon barbecue on Tuesday, August 5 (see article below.)

JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The meeting was opened by President Rick Nelson.

- Announcements were made by Rick, Lyle Gilk, Dianne Warrant, Mike Estes, Clare Cranston, Russ Wyer, Brian Howald and Richard Sharp.
- Program Chairman Angie Conant introduced Rachel Little from the Benton Conservation District. Rachel organized the very successful Salmon Summit events held on May 6 and 12. She thanked the many volunteers from the RR&GC that helped at both events. Local schools plus a class from Bickelton participated in both events. A total of 50 classes from local schools and from Bickelton participated. A total of 2,000 students attended at both events. One of the fish that was pit tagged on May 5 was monitored later that month as it swam past the John Day dam. The trailer mounted large chinook salmon used at the Salmon Summits, Fishing Kids and many other local events was leased from Portland and returned. The rental fee for the salmon is costly and the trailer was difficult to transport from Portland and back. A display similar to it is needed in this region and would be used at many educational events. It appears that a similar salmon display could be fabricated locally and then made available to many organizations and events. A family Fund Day and raffle will be held on July 26 and the proceeds from the event will be used to build a new easily transportable salmon display trailer. Rachel stated that next year the two Salmon Summits will be held on back to back days. She also said that the Benton Conservation District and the Franklin Conservation District are trying to combine their salmon release events into one.
- Angie then introduced Rob Phillips, the marketing Director for Worden's Lures/Yakima Bait Co. located in Granger. Rob stated that the company was started in 1932 by R.B. Worden in Granger. The *Rooster Tail* was introduced in the 1950s by Howard Worden. It was named after the rooster tail seen behind racing boats. It is sold around the world and can be obtained in 150 different colors. Six new colors will be introduced for the Rooster Tail in 2009. Size of the company has doubled in the last 20 years. It has purchased the Helin Lure Co., Poes, Hawg Boss, Hildebrand Co. and many others. Worden's also has a plant in Mexico that they inherited from one of the lure companies they purchased. A new UV coating on some lures will be introduced in 2009. Ultraviolet (UV) light penetrates through the water deeper than other light spectrums and may be more

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- The Annual Liars contest will take place after we have eaten. Anyone present can enter. Tell your **tall tale** and it will be judged in competition against all the others. Gift certificate prizes will be awarded for first (\$30), second (\$20) and third place (\$10) liars. Prepare your **tall tale** and see if you can top the others. Directions to the picnic are: From George Washington Way, turn east (towards the river) on Newcomer Ave. Continue to Harris Ave. Turn left at the "T" onto Harris and continue to Park St. (about one block). Turn right onto Park St. and follow it to the parking lot for South Leslie Groves Park. The aroma of alder smoke and barbecued salmon will lead you to the picnic.

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 15-21 for girls and July 22-28 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 10 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, fishing, archery, Hunter Education and really enjoy themselves. Those that have attended can't wait to go again.

readily visible to fish. He also described some of the new changes that some of the lures have undergone. Rob passed around some of the new lures to illustrate the changes in colors, design and sizes. He also had 2008 Worden's catalogues that were available to anyone that wanted one. He donated a selection of lures that were part of the evening's raffle. He answered many questions from the audience, during and after his presentation.

● Raffle prize winners were: John Pfeiffer who selected a sturgeon rod and reel with other goodies assembled by Richard Sharp (Richard also promised to take him sturgeon fishing), Paul Kison selected a spinning rod and reel and other goodies assembled by Richard Sharp, Curtis Howald selected a catfish rod and reel and other goodies assembled by Richard Sharp, Mike Estes selected a portable shooting bench and a package of Gravy Mix, Marilyn Steele and Rick Libby each selected a Knife Sharpening System and knife donated by Sportsman's Warehouse and Marilyn also won a package of Gravy Mix, Bill Lambert selected a spinning rod and reel and other goodies assembled by Richard Sharp, Angie Conant selected a Maxam Fisherman Set, Greg Baker selected the 'Mystery Box which contained a Hook Removal tool, Ed Darrah and Larry Martin selected an Emergency Flashlight & Tool Kit, Brian Charboneau selected boat Dry Box, Tammy McMurtrey, Dave Myers and Jim Reynolds each selected a hand made Billie club made by Pat Travis, Rick Nelson and Richard Sharp selected a clock donated by Sportsman's Warehouse, John Hall and Rick Conant selected an Orion clip-on light donated by Sportsman's Warehouse, Pat Travis and Rick Libby selected a Sportsman's Warehouse cap, Jack Pickard, Ed Darrah, John Pfeiffer, Dan Edwards, Frank Anderson and Wade Warrant each won 2 Worden's lures,

RR&GC COLUMBIA PARK GAZEBO - The Richland Rod & Gun Club Gazebo or picnic shelter is located in Columbia Park just South of the pond. The shelter was built in 1977 and named the Mitchell Shelter. A new roof was recently installed by the City of Kennewick. The sign at the shelter was in very bad condition. The Club logo had been bleached by the sun and was barely legible and the remainder of the sign was badly weathered and needed to be repaired and painted. Ben Webb volunteered to oversee repair of the sign. The old logo was removed and the sign was repaired and painted. A new logo was procured and installed on the refurbished sign. Besides Ben; Angie and Rick Conant, Paul Seuberlich, and Bob Gough helped to repair the sign. Rick Libby donated some fasteners.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE ESTES: - Mike Estes, a Club member for 22 years, received a 2008 Volunteer of the Year recognition award from WDFW Director Jeff Koenings at an awards ceremony where the WDFW recognized citizens' contributions toward fish and wildlife stewardship in Olympia on May 30, 2008. Mike was credited with recently organizing the RR&GC wild game meat recovery program in which big game carcasses are donated to the Union Gospel Mission or other charitable organizations. Mike was also identified as the current chairman of the WDFW Master Hunter Advisory Group. Mike was nominated for the award by Sergeant Gene Bares, WDFW Region 3 Enforcement.

WDFW Area Manager and Club member Rocky Ross, at the same awards ceremony, received the Conservation Award which recognizes an employee's focus on the enhancement, acquisition, development, and protection of the state's natural resources. Rocky is the Wildlife Area Manager of the Sunnyside Wildlife Area and Snake River Mitigation Lands Complex. Rocky recently partnered with the Yakama Indian Nation and Ducks Unlimited to secure a \$1 million North American Wetlands Conservation grant. Rocky also recently submitted a proposal for acquisition of high quality wildlife habitat in Franklin County. The proposal was ranked third in the state by the Lands 20-20 team. WDFW Director Dr. Jeff Koenings noted that Rocky has been a tireless advocate for habitat protection through acquisition and habitat improvements.

Paul Hoffarth, WDFW District 4 Fish Biologist stationed in Pasco, was a member of the Sprague Lake Rehabilitation Project Team that was recognized at the awards ceremony with a team award for treating 2,500 surface acres of water and 30 miles of stream with approximately 85,000 pounds of powdered rotenone and 1,000 gallons of liquid rotenone. Dr. Koenings thanked the team members for their enthusiasm, hard work, professionalism, and excellent safety record during the project. Paul is well known to many Club members through his presentations to the Club and to members that have volunteered to help Paul at numerous local projects and events.

JULY MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT July 12, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

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Don't miss out, be there at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 8. 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

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CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There was only one entry of three photographs by Bob Kollowith. Bob is automatically the winner. He will win five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting. The photos show Bob with a 5.5 pound, 20 ½ inch smallmouth bass caught 4/1/08 with a *Gizit* lure at Bateman Island. The other fish, a 7.5 pound, 25 ½ inch largemouth bass pound largemouth bass, was caught 6/1/08 at the Paterson Slough with a *Sinko* lure. The photos can be viewed on the Club website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/rrgclub/id23.htm>.

SALMON BOOTH 2008: - The Art in The Park Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 25 & 26. The RR&GC will have the lead this year. An application to participate in the event has been submitted. Final food booth selection will be made in June. This is the main money raising project of the year for both Clubs' (RR&GC & Columbia Basin Flycasters). Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday, July 24 from 5:30-7:00 PM. The booth will operate from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26. Shifts will be 9:00 AM-1:00 P.M., 1:00 PM-5:00 P.M. 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 7/01/07, 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 contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183 to sign up for a shift(s). Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun plus you get a gratis salmon lunch at the end of your shift. 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.

LEECH LAKE OUTING Date: July 18, 19, 20 - Host: Marilyn Steele. I will be going to Leech Lake on Wednesday night or Thursday morning (July 18) and plan to leave on Monday the 21st. I will have my camp set up and you are welcome to cook at my campsite if you want to travel light. I can claim a spot for you if you notify me ahead of time at momhoops@hotmail.com.

Scheduled meals: Participation welcome at any or all. **Friday Night Dinner** - 5-? - TBD depends on the whim of the cook. **Saturday Breakfast** - biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee. **Saturday Potluck** - 2pm - bring a side to go with pulled pork and rolls. **Sunday Breakfast** - Pancakes, bacon, coffee.

WHITE PASS LAKE (LEECH LAKE) HWY. 12 AT WHITE PASS MILEPOST 152.F.S. ROAD 498. THIS IS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF HWY. IF HEADING EAST. 16 SITES, Max. RV 20' \$5 or NWFP. Vault toilets, tables, garbage service, boat launch No motors. Fly fishing only. Most other descriptions say no potable water. DOG LAKE is just 2 miles down the road toward Yakima and is not a restricted fishery.



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wigeon, bufflehead, goldeneyes, and mergansers surveyed in eastern North America were similar to last year as well as their 1990-2007 averages.

This preliminary report does not include estimates from surveys conducted by State or Provincial agencies. The entire 2008 Trends in Duck Breeding Populations report can be downloaded from the Service's Web site at

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BASIN SOCKEYE KEEP ON COMING HOME (Excerpted from NW FISHLETTER 249): Sockeye are returning to the Columbia River in numbers not seen since the 1950s, helped by a multi-national effort that planted more than a million juvenile fish in Canada's Osoyoos Lake that feeds into the Okanagan River. Sockeye counts at Bonneville Dam are about three times what Columbia Basin harvest managers had originally expected. By July 21, more than 213,000 had been counted, four times the 10-year average and higher than any year since 1959. Even the tiny, ESA-listed component of the run that heads up the Snake River and aims for Idaho's Redfish Lake is showing signs of life. More than 800 of these ESA-listed cousins to "Lonesome Larry," the single spawner that returned to Redfish Lake in 1992, have been counted at Lower Granite Dam, the halfway point on their journey to the high-altitude spawning grounds.

<http://www.newsdata.com/fishletter/249/1story.html>

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"Ducks Unlimited, Greenwings"

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

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start August 4, 2008 and September 1. 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. The Pheasant Hunt for Hunter Education student graduates will be on Saturday, September 20. There will be more information in the September Bulletin.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There was only one entry in the July photo contest. Mike Estes entered a photo of his son Scott with a large carp he shot on the Columbia River on July 4, 2008 with a bow and arrow. Mike will win five free raffle tickets to the September general meeting Raffle. The photos can be viewed on the Club website at <http://www.members.tripod.com/trgclub/id23.htm>.

THREE YOUTH ATTENDED WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: Danica Marlin attended the Girls Camp at Orcas Island from July 13 to July 19. Cody Gaunt and Julian Zapien attended the Boys Camp from July 20 to July 26. All three were sponsored by the Club to the Camp.

THE REPAIR OF SEVEN FIRE DAMAGED CISTERNS (GUZZLERS): - (A description of the efforts required to repair seven guzzlers as logged by Larry Martin.) Seven guzzlers that were damaged by a fire started by a train were repaired. Hopefully the cost of repairs will be reimbursed by the railroad. The guzzlers are located on the B&B Farms in Finley. The owner Brian Wake needed help repairing the guzzlers. Larry Martin met with Brian 3/31/08 and they toured the damaged guzzlers, photographed them to document the damage and estimated the damage costs. (A total of 14 man hours was expended on this task.)

- On 4/18/08 Brian contacted Larry and said he had all the lumber construction material except for the metal for the roofs.
- On 4/21/08 Larry picked up the lumber from Brian and transported it to his garage and fabricated eight rain catcher frames, he ran out of screws and was short three 2x4s to complete the 9th frame. (A total of 10 man hours was expended to construct the frames.)
- On 4/26/08 Larry Martin, Jeff Martin and Dale Schielke worked on Cisterns 100 and 101 and met at Finley Middle School at 8:30am. These two guzzlers were completely destroyed, tanks and all. They completed both guzzlers except for the metal roof and finished at 3:00pm (21 Man-hours).
- On 5/5/08 Larry Martin and Howard Gardner worked on Cisterns 96 and 97. Met at 8:30am at Larry's house and completed repair on 97, and decided to return later to complete 96. (16 man-hours)
- On 5/10/08 Larry Martin and Howard Gardner finished Cistern 96. They found Cisterns 98 and 102 and created GPS track logs for them. They found the remains of a coyote under the collapsed rain catcher roof on cistern 98, apparently the coyote tried to hide from the fire. They photographed the burned carcass. (15 man-hours)
- On 5/19/08 Larry Martin and Howard Gardner repaired Cistern 102, They met at Larry's house at 8:30am and were done by 12:30pm. (9 man-hours)

- On 5/24/08 Larry Martin and Bob Kolowith repaired Cistern 99. Met at 8:00am at Finley Middle School. Brian Wake had the corrugated sheet metal and they were able to complete this cistern. They forgot to install ID tag. They finished at 12:30pm and brought the fiberglass tank top back to Brian's shop, Larry will repair the hole in it later. (11 man-hours)
- On 5/27/08 Larry Martin put the metal roof on Cisterns 100 and 101 and the ID tag on 100. Picked up old parts of Cistern 100 and took them back to Brian's shop. 4:00pm to 8:30pm. (4 man-hours)
- On 5/31/08 Larry Martin, Larry Noggles, Dale Berndt and Joe Berndt met at Finley Middle School at 8:00am. They replaced the Cistern 98 tank which still had water in it. They used a couple five-gallon buckets to remove water before they could pull the old tank out. They took the burned up parts back to Brian's shop. Brian took all the old parts to the dump later. (22 man-hours)
- On Wednesday, 6-11-08 - Mike Czebotal and Larry repaired a guzzler near Wallula Junction. This guzzler was damaged by fire a couple years ago. The tank was in good shape but the rain catcher wings were burned. All but one of the rain catcher legs were replaced with posts made from old 3 inch sprinkler pipe which should hold up better in a fire. They were able to save the corrugated metal roof which was a significant savings. (10 man-hours) There is one more guzzler about a half mile from this guzzler that is also damaged from the same fire which will be repaired later this year.
- Permission was obtained to go in and repair and fence-in a couple guzzlers South of Coffin Rd. which were damaged by cattle. This project may have to wait until next year.
- One of the guzzler fiberglass tank tops was salvaged from the project at the B&B farms in Finley. Larry repaired a hole burned into the tank with a fiberglass patch. Mike Keller picked up the repaired tank at Larry's home and took it to Windmill Ranch to store it for later use. (3 man-hours)

2008 WATERFOWL SURVEY SHOWS DUCKS BREEDING FARTHER NORTH, BYPASSING DRY PRAIRIES

(A USFWS news Release) - The preliminary estimate of total ducks from the 2008 Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey was just over 37 million, which is a nine percent decline from last year's estimate, but still 11 percent greater than the 1955-2007 average. In the U.S. and Canadian prairies, population estimates of many species declined; while populations increased in the boreal forest to the north, likely reflecting in part those birds that overflowed the prairies because of drier habitat conditions there.

The Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey, the largest and most comprehensive survey of its kind in the world, samples two million square miles across the north-central and northeastern United States, south-central, eastern, and northern Canada, and Alaska. The survey estimates the number of ducks on the continent's most important nesting grounds. Overall, habitat conditions for breeding waterfowl in 2008 were generally similar to or somewhat worse than to conditions in 2007. The total pond estimate (Prairie Canada and United States combined) was 4.4 million ponds. This was 37 percent below last year's estimate of 7.0 million ponds and 10 percent below than the long-term average of 4.9 million ponds.

The annual survey guides the Service's waterfowl conservation programs under authority of the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The Service works in partnership with state biologists from the four flyways - the Atlantic, Mississippi, Central and Pacific - to establish regulatory frameworks for waterfowl hunting season lengths, dates, and bag limits.

Highlights from the survey in the north-central United States, south-central and northern Canada, and Alaska (the traditional survey area) include:

- Mallard estimated population of 7.7 million birds, similar to last year's estimate of 8.3 million birds and the long-term average.
- Blue-winged teal estimated population of 6.6 million birds, similar to last year's estimate of 6.7 million birds and 45 percent above the long-term average.
- The estimated population of green-winged teal stands at 3.0 million and is similar to last year and 57 percent above the long-term average.
- The estimated population of 2.7 million gadwall was 19 percent below last year and 56 percent above the long-term average.
- The estimated number of 1.1 million redheads was similar to last year and was 66 percent above the long-term average.
- The canvasback estimate was 489,000 which is 44 percent below last year's estimate of 865,000 and 14 percent below the long-term average.
- The estimated abundance of northern shovelers (3.5 million) was 23 percent below last year and 56 percent above their long-term average.
- Scaup (lesser and greater combined), estimated at 3.7 million, were similar to last year and 27 percent below the long-term average.
- The 2.6 million estimate for northern pintails is 22 percent below last year and 36 percent below the 1955-2007 average.
- Population estimates for American black ducks, ring-necked ducks, American



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING - September 2, 2008, 7:00 p.m. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility
 BOARD MEETING - September 16, 2008, 7:00 p.m. - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - September 16, 2008, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The first meeting of the fall season will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 2 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. The speakers will discuss 2008 hunting forecasts for big game, upland game and waterfowl for WDFW Regions 1-3 and the USFWS Mid Columbia Refuges.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

SALMON BOOTH 2008: Dale Schielke & Howard Gardner - In its 23rd year, the Salmon Booth in Art in the Park was successfully operated under the Banner of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. This year the profit was \$5308.54 to be shared equally by both clubs, \$2654.27 each. This was \$1133.81 more than 2007. "The Salmon Sandwich," in its tenth year, continues to be a good seller. A total of 500 pounds of salmon fillets was 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 Fly Casters: Tom and Rachael Davis, Don Barnes, Lou La Douceur, Ben Webb, Jerry Zeitler, John Pfeiffer(2), Dave(2) and Carol Myers, Richard "Mac" McDonnell(3), Harold Heacock, Eddie and Nancy Manthos(2), Paul Kison, Rich and Pat Holten, Ev Weakley, Rocky Ross, Dale Landon, Dale(7) and Lou Ann Schielke, Larry Worden, Jack Pickard, Jeff and Margaret Fulks, Bob Kolowith(2), Ted and Kathy Poston, Ken and Sue Gano, Harvey Huisingh, Marilyn Steele(2), Jerry Caprio, Jim Loomis, Rick Libby(2), Tim Clemons, Russ Wyer, Dan Edwards, Mike McWethy(2), Karen Noland(3), Mike Evans(2), Rick Nelson(2), Diane Santos, Terral Finger, Dennis Kreid(2), Robert Thornton, Clint and Margie Worcester, Jim Reynolds(2), Dennis Collins, Bob Gough, Angie(3), Rick(2) and E. Conant, Walt Allen, Tim Lynch, Richard Gies, Gary Portlock, Ben Hooper, Tammy Mc Murtrey, Grover Wolk, Paul Seuberlich, David O'Brien, Gene Woodruff, Scott Estes, Rudy Seholm, Fr David Rapheal and Howard Gardner(5). A special thanks to Dale Schielke for coordinating the tough job of solicitation of volunteer workers for the Booth and also for management of the Booth. Also, a special thanks to John Pfeiffer for managing booth setup, tear down and storage again, no small task. Also to Ev Weakley, Mac McDonnell, Ben Webb and Howard Gardner for obtaining ice for use in the booth. We again received a clean bill of health from the Benton-Franklin District Health Dept. for our operation of the cooking and serving activity associated with the Booth. Also, many thanks again to Dale Schielke and Howard Gardner for organizing the event, purchasing the groceries and being present at every shift. They are a big reason the event is a success. Our extra effort in temperature control and cleanliness pays off. We continue to get many compliments on the dinners/sandwiches and many

ODFW UNVEILS OREGON HUNTING ACCESS MAP: (Excerpted from "The Outdoor Wire")

<http://www.theoutdoorwire.com/> SALEM, Oregon - Oregon's fall hunting season is fast approaching and the perennial question "Where can I go hunting?" will be much easier to answer this year. ODFW has unveiled its new Oregon Hunting Access Map, <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/map/index.asp>, a great tool to find out where to hunt, especially for people new to hunting or new to the state. Even experienced Oregon hunters are likely to discover a new hunting location by exploring the comprehensive list of opportunities in a centralized place

The map features state wildlife areas, national wildlife refuges, private lands open to hunting through ODFW's Access & Habitat (A&H) and Upland Cooperative Access (UCAP) programs, Travel Management Areas on private timberlands open to hunting, and Willamette River Greenway properties that allow hunting. Because the map is based within Google Maps™, users can calculate distance and driving directions to the hunting area, switch between map, terrain and satellite views, zoom in and out of areas, and customize the map to their liking.

A descriptive bubble for each area provides further information about the principal species hunted, size of the area, access periods and special regulations. Big game and game bird icons will help hunters quickly determine if an area is right for them. In addition, many of these areas have links to further information-PDF maps, harvest reports and regional hunting reports. Users can also discover more about "by-permission-only" hunting on certain A&H and UCAP properties from the orange icons.

"This map makes it easy for those just getting started hunting in Oregon to figure out where to go," said Matthew Keenan, ODFW's Access and Habitat program coordinator. "Experienced hunters can explore their favorite and as-yet-undiscovered hunting locations from one centralized place."

Every hunter knows scouting is key to success, and these Google Maps™ make it easy to start scouting from home," Keenan added.

The interactive map lets users leave comments, too. "This map is a work-in-progress, and we want to hear from hunters about how to make it more useful and user-friendly," noted David Budeau, ODFW upland bird program coordinator. "In the future, we'll consider adding other opportunities such as popular hunting areas on BLM and Forest Service lands, and even creating additional maps for fishing, clamming/crabbing and wildlife viewing opportunities."

The maps should be used for reference only-hunters are still responsible for knowing their particular hunt's boundaries and regulations.

customers come down year after year for the delicious salmon. Next year the Columbia Basin Fly Casters will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers. The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered.

RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic was held Tuesday, August 5. We were once again fortunate that the weather was beautiful, it was hot but there was a cool breeze coming off the river that made it comfortable. A total of eighty-six people attended. The alder smoked salmon and chicken breasts, prepared by Dale Schielke and Dave Myers were great and served as soon as they were ready. Angie Conant served generous portions and there was enough for everyone. The pot luck side dishes, salads and desserts were again excellent, especially the Dutch Oven cooked apricot-peach cobbler prepared at the park by Dale Schielke. After we finished eating, the annual hotly contested liars contest was held. After a lot of persuasion by Angie we ended up with a total of six contestants. They were: Mike Estes, Mack McDonnell, Richard Sharp, Dave Myers, Larry Martin and Paul Kison. Angie Conant ran the contest and the audience decided the winners. First place winner (Biggest Liar-\$30 gift certificate) was Larry Martin, second place winner (Bigger Liar-\$20 gift certificate) was Richard Sharp and third place winner (Big Liar-\$10 gift certificate) was Dave Myers. The Gift Certificates were to Sportsman's Warehouse. Many thanks to Angie Conant, Dale Schielke, Dave Myers and Lyle Gilk who helped make the picnic a big success.

SEPTEMBER 20 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT: A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education students will take place on Saturday, September 20 at the Limits Game Farm North of Mesa. The hunt will take place on the Saturday of the WDFW 2008 Youth Hunt. Clare Cranston is organizing the hunt and needs pointing bird dogs with owners/handlers and coaches for the students participating in the hunt. Please call Clare at 547-6273 if you can help.

RR&GC 2007 SALMON DERBY: The Club with the help of Dave Myers is organizing a Salmon Derby that will be open to members of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Juvenile anglers who are children of Club members are entered under the Club members entry. Rules/guidelines for the Derby are:

- Angler must be registered in the Derby at the time the fish is caught. Derby runs from **Registration Date** of each angler through October 22, 2008
- Area: - Waters of the Columbia River and its' Washington tributaries from Bonneville Dam upstream to Priest Rapids Dam.
- All entered fish must be taken in accordance with Fishing Regulations established by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Registration fee is \$10 per adult angler.
- Prize values will be determined based on the number of participants, all registration fees to be returned as prizes.
- To be eligible all successful anglers must provide the following: (1) Photo of the fish and including the successful angler. (2) Length of fish (from snout to tip of tail). (3) Girth of fish (measured immediately forward of the dorsal fin). (4) Approximate weight (use Deliar, bathroom scale, or other system). (5) Date caught and approximate location: (we are not seeking your secret hole). (6) Rig used (bait, lure, presentation method). (7) Name of successful Angler.
- Prizes will be distributed at the November General Meeting. Photos will be posted on the Club website.

It is our desire to get members out, together if possible. To that end, if you have a boat and are willing and able to take one or more club members with you please indicate on the registration form.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

I have a boat, and am willing to take others _____ My boat can accommodate _____ fishermen in addition to myself.

Mail the completed registration form and remittance to: **Richland Rod & Gun Club, P.O. Box 337, Richland, WA 99337-0337** or submit it at the September General Meeting.

CATERED SALMON BARBECUE: - A catered Salmon BBQ lunch will be held Thursday, Sept 11th, for about 300 Battelle employees at the Battelle complex in Richland. Alder Cooked Salmon and barbecued chicken breasts along with baked beans, bread rolls, condiments and refreshments. Preparations for the event will start at 8:00AM, food will be served about 11:30 A.M. and the event should be over about 1:30 P.M.. If you can help call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

PLANNED GIFT TO CLUB: In the event that a Club member is interested in making a Planned Gift to the Club through a will, living trust or other route, information is available to accomplish this and possibly receive tax benefits. Contact: Rick Nelson, 628-2636.

Second Saturday Events at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge Education Center in Burbank have been cancelled for the remainder of 2008 because of ongoing construction.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: -Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start September 1 and October 6. 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: There were two entries in the August photo contest. Richard Sharp entered a photo of five youth who celebrated a birthday party by sturgeon fishing August 16, 2008 in a boat below McNary Dam. Jerry Zeitler entered the second photo, showing Jerry, Dennis, Roy and Jim with limits of Coho salmon and some pink salmon caught aboard the "Rock & Roll" owned by AK Premium Charters out of Sitka Alaska. The photo was taken by Captain Johnny with the help of Nate, the deck hand. The winner was Richard Sharp. Richard will win five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting Raffle. Both photos can be viewed on the Club website at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>.

NOVEMBER 15, 2008 BARKER RANCH YOUTH DAY The Barker Ranch has again donated to the Club two free youth Duck Hunts each with an accompanying adult companion to the Barker Ranch Youth Day on Saturday, November 15. The Club decided at the August meeting of the Board of Trustees to conduct a raffle and an auction and award one hunt to the raffle winner and the other to the auction winner. The raffle tickets are the same price as last year's tickets - \$5.00 each and only 150 were printed. **The raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the September 2 General Meeting.** The raffle is not restricted to Club members but is open to others. The youth hunter (15 years of age and under) must possess a valid WDFW hunting license, the adult companion must also possess a valid WDFW license and required migratory bird stamps. Other details concerning the raffle and auction details and rules will be announced at the September 2 General Meeting. The duck/goose hunt will be at the Barker Ranch Hunt in West Richland. The actual hunt will take place in the morning starting at shooting time and until 11:00 A.M.. All eligible hunters must have a valid hunting license, plugged shotgun, nontoxic shells, chest waders, and appropriate clothing for the weather. Guides and decoys will be provided. All state and federal hunting regulations apply. A snack lunch will be provided at noon. After lunch there will be duck and goose calling seminars, a duck I.D. seminar, a hunter safety and hunter ethics seminar and other activities.

Contact Info: Michael Crowder - GM of Barker Ranch, 85305 Snively Road, West Richland, WA 99353. Home: 509-967-3023, Cell: 509-521-3663. barkerranch@verizon.net.

NORTHWEST GAME RECIPES: The Club is sponsoring a brand-new website - www.northwestgamerecipes.com developed by Russ Wyer. The website is on line now. It will be a stand-alone site and can be linked from the Club's website, <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/club/home>, and the Club website can be linked from the recipes website. The Newsletter site is <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>. Russ put in a lot of time and effort developing the site and was fortunate to receive help from Bob Kolowith and Howard Gardner who proofed the recipes and processing information. Presently there are more than 100 recipes on the website. The site contains seven different categories: - Recipes, Food Safety, Cooking Methods, Menu, Handling Big Game, Handling Game Birds, Handling Fish, Nutrition and Wild Game. Russ should be very proud of what he developed.

SIGHTING IN DAYS: You can sight in your rifle(s) at the Tri Cities Metallic Silhouette Association Range located NE of Pasco and can be accessed from Highway 12 to the Pasco-Kahlotus road. Sight in days are Sunday, September 7 and Saturday, September 20. The range will be open those dates starting at about 8:00 A.M.. You can also sight in at the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Range off of Highway 225 N from Benton City on Friday, September 19 starting at 9:00 A.M. at the 200yd. and High power ranges. There is a \$5.00 charge for nonmember at the Rattle Snake Mountain Range.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING - October 7, 2008, 7:00 p.m. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - October 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m. - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - October 22, 2008, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

- The October meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 7 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. Mrs. Lisa Domnoske-Rauch from the Tri Cities Quarter Horse Association will be the speaker. Lisa is an avid Quarter Horse enthusiast and will be giving a presentation on what is available in the Tri-Cities for horse riders, including the different clubs, trail riding, or horse showing.

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

- **RR&GC 2009 calendars should be available at the October General Meeting and can be purchased for \$4.00. Buy them early before they are sold out. They make great Christmas gifts for your hunting and fishing buddies.**

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: The first General Meeting of the Fall Season was opened by Club President Rick Nelson. Visitors introduced themselves. Announcements were made by Eddie Manthos, Lyle Gilk, Russ Wyer, Mike Estes, Larry Martin and Dale Schielke. Howard Gardner spoke about the Teaming with Wildlife Act of 2008, S 2670, which amends the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer specified funds to the 'federal aid to wildlife restoration fund' for deposit in the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Account for each of FY2010-FY2015. A letter was read to the audience, urging Senators Cantrell and Murray to support S-2670. A motion was made from the floor, seconded and unanimously passed for the Club to send the letter.

- Howard Gardner gave the 'Tip of The Month' presentation which was about the care and repair of hip boots.

- Mike Erickson from the WDFW Ringold Springs Warm Water Program Hatchery announced that he needs volunteers to help drain a large crappie rearing pond and salvage any crappies at Ringold on Wednesday, October 8 at 8:00 A.M. Mike will provide lunches for the volunteers. Contact him at (509) 269-4448 or (509) 430-5143 if you can help.

- Angie Conant introduced the three main speakers of the evening. WDFW Wildlife Biologist Pat Fowler from Region 1, (Spokane), Mike Livingston WDFW Wildlife Biologist from Region 3 (Yakima) and Brian Allen Manger of five of the eight refuges in the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex. They discussed the hunting prospects for 2008 and regulation and Brian also spoke about U.S. Fish and Wildlife facility and management changes. All three used PowerPoint presentations and answered many questions from the audience.

- Raffle drawing winners were: Pat Travis who selected an 'Old Timer' knife, Mike Estes picked a camouflaged back pack, Russ Wyer an 'Old Timer' knife, John Nelson a gun cleaning kit, Rick Nelson a Steelhead kit, Bob Gough won a Wheel Alignment certificate and a Billie club (both Billies were made and donated by Pat Travis), David O'Brien also won a Billie, Paul Kison won the Mystery Box which held a bottle of liquid refreshment, Bill Lambert and Paul Seuberlich each won an

RR&GC MEAT RECOVERY PROGRAM: The first two game animal meat recoveries by the Club were in early September.

- Mike Estes received a call from Franklin County Dispatch about 6:20 A.M. September 4 concerning a bull elk that had been hit by a vehicle on the Pasco-Kahlotus Highway. The elk had two broken legs and his suffering was ended by a Franklin County Deputy. Mike contacted Gaylord Pyle to serve as team leader on the recovery. Gaylord was assisted by Pat Travis, Paul Kison, and Jerry Zeitler. The animal was gutted, skinned, and the meat was deboned at the scene. Gaylord was able to contact the Union Gospel Mission and they requested that the meat be delivered to McCary's Meats in Basin City for packaging. Gaylord delivered the meat to Basin City and the 5x5 antlers were delivered to Officer Brian Fulton of WDFW Enforcement.

- WDFW Enforcement tried to contact Mike Estes on Friday morning September 5 and then called Lyle Gilk to see whether the RR&GC would be able to take possession of a mule deer that was harvested illegally near Paterson. Lyle made calls to several people to coordinate the activity and then was able to contact Mike Estes in the early afternoon. Mike made contact with Officers John Horn and Brian Fulton and arranged to meet them as they arrived back in the Tri-Cities from Oregon where they had recovered the animal. The skinned carcass was transferred to Mike's vehicle and he delivered it to McCary's Meats before 4:00 P.M.. Officer Fulton praised the efforts of the RR&GC meat recovery team. He said that if RR&GC had not been available to take possession of the deer and transport it to a butcher, that it would likely have gone to waste. Mike expresses thanks to the volunteers who helped make the first game meat salvage a success!

- A reminder to those who have volunteered to help with this activity is to keep the phone tree, Volunteer placard, WDFW letter of authorization, and a sharp knife where you can find them quickly because we don't know when the next call will come.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There was one entry in the September photo contest. Paul Logman entered a photo taken at night with his 'Trail Cam' on September 12 of a coyote. Paul is automatically the winner and will win five free raffle tickets at the October General Meeting. Raffle. The photo can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>.

TUNA BALL RECIPE FOR SALMON FISHERMAN: In case you are a salmon fisherman and want to try Richard Sharp's Tuna Ball Recipe. Here it is: Only three ingredients are required: a can of the cheapest grade tuna in water (the cheaper the better), two tablespoons of brown sugar and a teaspoon of salt. Squeeze the water out of the tuna and add the brown sugar and salt, mix thoroughly, compact tightly and form into 5 to 6 round balls. Wrap a ball into fine netting such as used for salmon eggs and tie unto a hook or lure.

Ice Fishing rig, Gene Van Liew a folding fish tool, John Silko a Ted Nugent book.

CATERED SALMON & CHICKEN BARBECUE: - A catered Salmon BBQ lunch was catered by the Club Thursday, Sept. 11 for about 400 Battelle employees at the Battelle Picnic Park. Alder smoked chicken and salmon, baked beans, cole slaw bread rolls, three kinds of cookies and refreshments were served. Club members who helped at the event were Lou Ann and Dale Schielke (who prepared the baked beans), Paul Kison, Jerry Zeitler, Gary Portlock, Howard Gardner, Bob Gough, Rick Conant, Bob Kolowith, Ben Webb, Eddie and Nancy Manthos, Derek Schoenrock and Neil Sullivan. Dale Schielke planned and organized the event. The weather was great, all of the salmon was consumed just before the last customer went through the serving lines. There was plenty of chicken to satisfy those who came through the line for seconds or thirds. Many commented on the quality of the food. The Club wishes to thank Dale and the "crew" that worked so hard to make this event a success.

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RR&GC 2008 SALMON DERBY: The Club with the help of Dave Myers is organizing a Salmon Derby that will be open to members of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Juvenile anglers who are children of Club members are entered under the Club members entry. Rules/guidelines for the Derby are:

● Angler must be registered in the Derby at the time the fish is caught. Derby runs from **Registration Date** of each angler through October 22, 2008

● Area: - Waters of the Columbia River and its' Washington tributaries from Bonneville Dam upstream to Priest Rapids Dam.

● All entered fish must be taken in accordance with Fishing Regulations established by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

● Registration fee is \$10 per adult angler.

● Prize values will be determined based on the number of participants, all registration fees to be returned as prizes.

● To be eligible all successful anglers must provide the following: (1) Photo of the fish and including the successful angler.

(2) Length of fish (from snout to tip of tail). (3) Girth of fish (measured immediately forward of the dorsal fin). (4)

Approximate weight (use Deliar, bathroom scale, or other system). (5) Date caught and approximate location: (we are not seeking your secret hole). (6) Rig used (bait, lure, presentation method). (7) Name of successful Angler.

● Prizes will be distributed at the November General Meeting. Photos will be posted on the Club website.

It is our desire to get members out, together if possible. To that end, if you have a boat and are willing and able to take one or more club members with you please indicate on the registration form.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

I have a boat, and am willing to take others _____ My boat can accommodate _____ fishermen in addition to myself.

Mail the completed registration form and remittance to: **Richland Rod & Gun Club, P.O. Box 337, Richland, WA 99337-0337** or submit it at the October General Meeting.

SEPTEMBER 20 PHEASANT HUNT FOR HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS AT LIMITS GAME FARM: Thirty three-fortunate Hunter Education student graduates were treated to a pheasant hunt for stocked pheasants at the Limits Game Farm, north of Mesa, on Saturday, September 20, the first day of the Statewide youth-only bird hunt held Sept. 20-21

● Eighteen students hunted in the morning and the other fifteen hunted after lunch. Besides Hunter Education students from the Club's Hunter Education program, students from Connell, Mesa, Walla Walla, Lind and Prescott also participated. Each group traveled to the Connell Gun Club where they practiced shooting at clay pigeons. After they finished shooting, they traveled to the Limits Game Farm North of Mesa for the pheasant hunt. Before they hunted, the students were registered, participated in a safety lecture and discussion and were divided into smaller groups. Those who didn't have a shotgun were loaned one from a stock of shotguns provided by Clare Cranston. A coach was assigned to each student and each group was provided with a dog handler with a bird dog. A minimum of three pheasants had been set out earlier for each youth. The students hunted behind the dog and dog handler. Two youth, each with their coach, were behind the dog and handler. The other students and others, including an EMT and parents followed behind. As soon as a bird was located and flushed, one of the group of two shot at the bird. The other youth of the pair then rotated to the front and hunted until they each had a shot at a bird. The next pair then rotated to the front and took their turn. They continued shooting and rotating until all the birds were flushed.

● The second group of 15 showed up later in the morning at the Limits Game Farm after they finished shooting clay pigeons at the Connell Gun Club. 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 barbecued Tri-Tip beef steak, barbecued chicken breasts and thighs, Dutch Oven baked beans (prepared by Dave Myers and Rick Conant), bread rolls, potato chips, brownies (prepared by Marilyn Steele) and bottled water or soft drinks. The second group was first to go through the food line since they were going to hunt as soon as they finished eating. More than 100 people were served and the food was excellent. Everyone was able to go through the serving line until they were full. After lunch the second group then participated in a safety lecture and discussion and were divided into smaller groups. Those who didn't have a shotgun were loaned one from the stock of shotguns. They hunted in a similar manner as the morning group. The morning group did not fare as well as the afternoon group. The weather was clear and dry in the morning and the stocked pheasants were reluctant to flush and as a result the morning group had fewer shots than the afternoon group which hunted in cloudy weather after a short rain shower. The morning group harvested four and the afternoon group harvested eleven birds. Successful hunters from both groups cleaned their harvested birds under the direction of Bill Moulds. Before they went home, each youth received a beautiful engraved *Pheasants Forever* lock blade pocket knife courtesy of the Ringold Pheasants Forever Club and the Limits Game Farm.

● Sponsors of the Pheasant Shoot were: The Limits Game Farm, Ringold Pheasants Forever and the Richland Rod and Gun Club.

● Manager Darrell Toombs of Yokes Fresh Market in West Richland subsidized the Tri-Tip steaks and chicken. J.C.'s Mesa Grocery Store donated the bottled water, soda pop and ice for the luncheon. A total of \$89.00 was donated at the hunt by the students parents, this money will be deposited in the Club's Hunter Education account.

● Hunter Education instructor Don Board was in charge of the actual hunt. Volunteers and guests that helped were: Dave, Pam and Doug Piovesan, Clare Cranston, Howard Gardner, Eddie Manthos, Dusty Powers, Teresa Frase, Rick and Angie Conant, Gene Van Liew, John Prather, Barry McEachen, Hugh McEachen, Bill Moulds, Mike Bass, Craig Seal, Marilyn Steele, Blaine Elvbaken Bob Birney, Casey Hill, Gary Scriven, Joe Pauly (EMT).

● Dave Myers, Dale Schielke, Don Evanson, Jim Reynolds, Jose J. Ramos and Doug Eggebraken (with their dogs) were the dog handlers. Special recognition is again due to Clare Cranston and Dave Piovesan who organized the event and solicited the many volunteers. Dave's wife Pam set up the serving line, kept us supplied with coffee and made sure all the forms etc. were filled out. Barry McEachen, Hugh McEachen, Mike Bass and Gary Scriven were the barbecue cooks. It is obvious from the above list of names that a lot o people are needed to run this event. They all deserve a lot of thanks from all of us. This was the Hunter Education Students Pheasant Hunt for September 2008. If all goes well, this shoot and another in the spring will be repeated in 2009.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:-Clare Cranston - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start October 6. 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. A one day *paradigm* class is also scheduled for November 8.

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The November meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 4 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. The Speakers will be Marie Zoroske from the South Yakima Conservation District and Rachel Little from the Benton Conservation District. They will discuss the status of Water Stargrass in the Yakima River.
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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club President Rick Nelson opened the meeting and asked visitors to introduce themselves. Rick made several announcements. Russ Wyer gave the status of the Club's new Northwest Game Recipes web site and passed out business cards with the addresses for the Northwest Game Recipes site, the Club's main web site and The Rod & Gun Club news site. Dave Myers spoke about the Club's Salmon Derby and Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes.

• Club member Richard Sharp graciously volunteered to substitute for the scheduled speaker that was not able to attend. Angie Conant introduced Richard whose timely topic was salmon and Steelhead fishing. Richard again gave a lively and very detailed presentation. He showed the tackle he recommends (prizes for the evening raffle-a rigged 8½ ft medium salmon Okuma rod and reel and a rigged 9 ft. light Steelhead rod & reel) and utilized a screen projector to show in detail the various techniques and rigs he uses. He started off his presentation by relating and showing photos of his recent fishing successes.

• Richard gave the recipe for the *Tuna Balls* that he uses for salmon: **one 6 oz. can of the cheapest and stinkiest tuna canned in water you can buy, two drops of red food dye, 2 tablespoons brown sugar and one teaspoon table salt. Wash your hands in Boraxo and use plastic not metal utensils. Squeeze the liquid from the tuna, mix the ingredients and form into 5 or 6 balls (the balls can be frozen for later use). Wrap each ball with fine netting such as used for salmon eggs and twist the end of the netting and tie with Magic Thread, do not trim the loose end of the netting. Fasten the ball to a size 2/0 with an egg loop knot around the center of the ball with hook facing up.**

• He showed and demonstrated the different rigging methods he uses for salmon and Steelhead, showed a knot tying tool that can make bobber stopper loops and gave a reference to a web site that shows animated knots: www.animatedknots.com. He showed maps which illustrated the various locations where he fishes for salmon and Steelhead. Richard again gave a very

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REOPENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON 2007 PROPOSAL TO DELIST NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN POPULATION OF GRAY WOLVES UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

(Excerpted from a USFWS news release) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced 10/24/2008 it is reopening the public comment period on its proposal to delist the gray wolf in the northern Rocky Mountains. The public will have until November 28, 2008, to submit their comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or via U.S. mail or hand delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: RIN 1018-Au53; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203. Through a notice in the Federal Register scheduled to publish on October 28, 2008, the Service is asking the public to provide comments and any additional information on the 2007 proposal to delist wolves. The Service is seeking additional information on a variety of topics related to the delisting. More details are available in the Federal Register notice which will be posted along with associated materials at the Service's northern Rocky Mountains wolf website: <http://westerngraywolf.fws.gov>. On July 18, 2008, the U.S. Federal District Court in Missoula, Montana, issued an order immediately reinstating Endangered Species Act protections for wolves in the northern Rocky Mountains. In September 2008, the Service requested the court vacate and remand the final delisting rule back to the Service. The court granted the Service's request on October 13, 2008. At this time, the northern Rocky Mountain population of gray wolves remains under the protection of the Endangered Species Act. The area affected by this ruling includes all of Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming and the eastern one-third of Washington and Oregon and parts of north-central Utah. Management of the northern Rocky Mountain population of gray wolves is now governed by the same Endangered Species Act protections that were in effect before wolves were delisted on March 28, 2008.

The minimum recovery goal for wolves in the northern Rocky Mountains is 30 breeding pairs and at least 300 wolves for three consecutive years, a goal that was attained in 2002 and has been exceeded every year since. The proposed northern Rocky Mountain population of wolves includes all of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, the eastern one-third of Washington and Oregon, and a small part of north-central Utah. Gray wolves were previously listed as endangered in the lower 48 states, except in Minnesota, where they were listed as threatened. The wolf population in the Midwest was delisted in early 2007 but that decision was reversed in court in October 2008.

informative presentation as evidenced by all the seats in the room being filled. Many stayed after the presentation and asked Richard many questions.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Mark Engelmann who won a completely rigged 9ft foot long Steelhead Okuma spinning rod and reel with a box containing two rigs, a Pat Travis 'billie club' and a deer bag, Brian Miller selected a completely rigged 8½foot long salmon Okuma spinning rod and reel with a box containing two rigs, Allan Caschere selected a binocular-camera and a deer bag, Kyle Heinen and Richard Sharp won a fishing plier, Mike Maul and David Oakley each won a sheathed knife, Jim Cartmell won a binocular, Larry Brackenbush and Angie Conant each won a Pat Travis 'billie club' and Marilyn Steele won a deer bag.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Martin Schneider, Jr & family from West Richland and David Brouwer from Richland.

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● More information on processing and freezing wild game and can be obtained at:

www.northwestgamerecipes.com/prsbiggame.htm and at www.northwestgamerecipes.com/frzbiggame.htm.

NORTHWEST GAME RECIPES: The Club is sponsoring a brand-new website - www.northwestgamerecipes.com developed by Russ Wyr. The website is on line now. It is a stand-alone site and can be linked from the Club's website, <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome> and the Club website can be linked from the recipes website. The Newsletter site is <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>. Russ put in a lot of time and effort developing the site and was fortunate to receive help from Bob Kolowith and Howard Gardner who proofed the recipes and processing information. Presently there are more than 100 recipes on the website. The site contains seven different categories: - Recipes, Food Safety, Cooking Methods, Menu, Handling Big Game, Handling Game Birds, Handling Fish, Nutrition and Wild Game. Russ should be very proud of what he developed.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: -Clare Cranston-There will not be any more Hunter Education classes in 2008. The next class will be in 2009 and the dates will be listed in this Newsletter when available. A one day *paradigm* class is scheduled for November 8, 2008.

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NOVEMBER 15, 2008 BARKER RANCH YOUTH DAY: The raffle and auction for the two youth hunts donated to the Club by the Barker Ranch took place at the Sportsman's Warehouse on Saturday, September 27, 2008. Bill Hays organized and conducted the raffle and auction and the Kennewick Sportsman's Warehouse graciously allowed the events to take place at their store. Proceeds from the raffle were \$400.00 (80 raffle tickets @ \$5.00 each). Larry Hebert won the raffle. Larry has no children old enough to hunt and he decided to give the hunt to a co-worker, Andrew Templeton whose son will participate in the hunt. The auction was won by Eric Bickel who bid \$450.00 for the hunt. Thanks to Bill Hays who organized a successful event.

RR&GC MEAT RECOVERY PROGRAM: The third Meat Recovery of 2008 took place Monday, October 13 at 8:50 p.m. when Lyle Gilk received a call from police dispatch that a Richland Officer had dispatched a deer on Van Giesen St. about one mile from the Yakima River Bridge. Lyle contacted Rick Conant and Rick Nelson to process the deer. Lyle also responded. Rick Nelson stopped at the West Richland Police Station and obtained an exact location of the deer (Van Giesen and Buckskin Lane). Rick and Angie Conant also responded. They decided to remove the deer to Rick Nelson's work shop for processing. The deer was skinned, entrails removed and the carcass cleaned. The carcass was then transported to a cooler for over night storage. The next day the carcass was transferred to McCary's Meats in Basin City for processing. The two animals recovered earlier this fall were a bull elk and a mule deer.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were three entries in the October photo contest. It was decided at the October Board meeting that all three of the entries were winners.

● Dan Edwards entered a photo of himself and his daughter Megan with a 18" smallmouth she caught, June 2008, in the Columbia River by Crow Butte. She outdid her dad and her brother.

● Marilyn Steele entered a photo of herself with a 39.1 lb. Chinook Salmon (*winner of the 2008 Knights of Columbia Salmon Derby*) she caught on October 6, 2008.

● Jerry Burke entered a photo of himself and a 4x3 Mule Deer he harvested October 11 in Northeast Washington. Dan, Marilyn and Jerry will each win five free raffle tickets at the October General Meeting. Raffle. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>.

CLUB VOLUNTEERS ACTIVITIES:

● Bill Hays and three friends cleaned and brushed up two blinds at the Bailie Ranch pond on August 30.

● Bob Gough worked one day helping sample walleye at Scootene Lake at the annual WDFW walleye sampling that took place October 14-15. Paul Hoffarth organized the effort where the walleye were netted, weighed, measured, sexed, collected otoliths (ear bones) for aging, weighed fat and gonads. Each volunteer was able to take home a bag of filets from the walleye sampled. Bob said that he enjoyed the event and learned a lot from the activities that took place.

● Bob Gough also worked one day at the WDFW Ringold Springs Hatchery to help drain the crappie rearing ponds and salvage the crappie. Mike Erickson the WDFW Fish Hatchery Specialist at Ringold organized the event which took place September 30 and October 8. Mike said that the volunteers worked hard and learned a lot about crappie rearing at the two ponds at Ringold.

● If you have volunteered to work at any projects such as the above or others, please let Eddie Manthos know (586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com) so that you will receive credit for the effort. Your time will be entered into the volunteers database. The Volunteers Drawing at the Wild Game Dinner in March will be made from the names entered in the database

2006 NATIONAL SURVEY OF FISHING, HUNTING, AND WILDLIFE-ASSOCIATED RECREATION: (A USFWS news release) A new report recently released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows that expenditures for wildlife watching are equivalent to the revenues generated from all spectator sports, amusement parks and arcades, non-hotel casinos, bowling centers and skiing facilities combined. Using data from the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, the Service's new addendum report Wildlife Watching

in the United States: The Economic Impacts on National and State Economies in 2006 shows wildlife watching not only contributes significantly to people's enjoyment of the outdoors but is a major factor in the state and national economies.

● In 2006, the direct expenditures of wildlife watchers generated \$122.6 billion in total industrial output. This resulted in 1,063,482 jobs, a federal tax revenue of \$9.3 billion, and a state and local tax revenue of \$8.9 billion. The report details the economic impacts of wildlife watching expenditures by State. The top 5 States ranked by economic output include California, Florida, Texas, Georgia and New York. Direct expenditures by wildlife watchers were for items such as cameras, binoculars and bird food, as well as trip-related expenses such as lodging, transportation and food.

● The report addresses participation nationwide in wildlife watching, associated expenditures and estimates of the total economic activity generated by these expenditures. In addition, it addresses the total employment and income associated with wildlife watching expenditures and estimates of the generated state and federal tax revenue. In 2006, nearly 71 million Americans (16 years of age and older) spent more than \$45 billion observing, feeding, and photographing wildlife.

● Wildlife Watching in the United States: The Economic Impacts on National and State Economies in 2006 is available at <http://library.fws.gov/nat_survey2006_economics.pdf> In addition to the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Associated Recreation and its addendum analytical report, individual state reports have also been completed. For more information on fishing, hunting, and wildlife watching in your State, visit: <<http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/NationalSurvey/reports2006.html>>



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- The December meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 2 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. The speaker will be Anthony Novack, WDFW Deer/Elk Conflict Specialist. Anthony also worked as a wolf biologist for two seasons with the Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho. He has been involved with development of the current Washington State wolf management plan. His initiative is to do some outreach directly with the sportsmen's organizations in the State. The wolf management plan is currently in a draft form and he has developed a presentation to deliver to the various hunting organizations in the region and to talk candidly about wolf impacts to game populations. Come to the last meeting of 2008, learn about the management plan and express your suggestions and comments while the plan is still in the draft form.

- The Tip OF The Month presentation, "How to load and secure game meat on a pack frame," will be given by Howard Gardner.

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- The Tip of The Month presentation was given by Howard Gardner. Howard and his wife went hunting in Montana in November. They left with their pickup and camper on a Thursday, arrived in Bozeman Thursday and on Friday traveled to Miles City and then to the ranch where they hunted. He hunted for pheasants, deer and antelope. It snowed 8"-10" on Sunday and started melting by Tuesday. In addition to harvesting some pheasants he bagged a doe deer, a small antelope and a buck antelope. They left Friday to return home. He related some of the problems they encountered such as a flat tire on their truck that they were not able to repair until they came to a Les Schwab tire store.

- Marie Zoraske, Water Quality Specialist from the South Yakima County Conservation District, was the first main speaker, and her topic was The Lower Yakima River Eutrophication Study. She spoke to the Club several years ago about the same

STATE WILDLIFE AREAS FEATURED ON NEW WDFW WEBSITE: OLYMPIA - A new Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) website offers viewers quick and easy access to a wealth of information about Washington's public wildlife lands. The website, which can be viewed at http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/, includes descriptions of WDFW's wildlife areas, maps, directions, water access sites and amenities. Each wildlife area's management plan is also posted on the site. With its ease of use and up-to-date information, the new website is a resource for Washington citizens and visitors to the state who want to learn more about WDFW's wildlife areas and recreational opportunities, said Jennifer Quan, WDFW lands division manager. "The site is user friendly and offers several selection choices from one centralized location," Quan said. "Viewers can search by wildlife area, county or region. Once they make a selection, they'll find even more information about the area, how to get there and what is available." Quan said information on vehicle-use permits, which are required when using a designated access site on WDFW wildlife lands, is also included on the site along with the department's public conduct rules. The conduct rules were enacted earlier this year to protect fish and wildlife habitat, ensure public safety and promote responsible use of public lands. WDFW oversees approximately 900,000 acres of public land divided into 32 designated wildlife areas across the state. The lands are managed to protect fish and wildlife species, preserve habitat and provide recreational opportunities for the public. The department also maintains more than 150 water access sites, which provide boating access to lakes, rivers and marine areas in or near state wildlife areas.

Information on water access sites is also available online at http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/water_access/index.html.

PETA: Save the "Sea Kittens"&Hunting for Those Under 18 (U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance news releases) A recently unveiled new marketing campaigns devoted to ending fishing as we know it. PETA plans to do this by not calling a spade a "spade," or in this case a fish a "fish." From now on PETA wants everyone to call fish "sea kittens" because no one would ever want to "hurt a sea kitten." According to PETA, "sea kittens are just as intelligent (not to mention adorable) as dogs and cats, and they feel pain just as all animals do." They go on to call on their supporters to send an e-mail to the director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS) asking that the "hunting of sea kittens" be prohibited as it is a "glaring contradiction of FWS mission. On November 11, PETA sent a letter to the Governor of Arizona, Janet Napolitano, urging support of legislation that would ban hunting by anyone younger than 18 saying that hunting teaches "children to see others as nothing more than living targets."

topic and her present talk was about the end of the five year study on the Lower Yakima River. She passed out an outline of her Power Point presentation for the audience to refer to during her talk. The study covers an approximate 115-mile stretch of the river starting above the City of Yakima and ending in Richland. The river was divided into three sections, the Zillah Reach, Mabton Reach and Kiona Reach. Variables addressed in the study were: dissolved nutrients such as nitrogen and orthophosphates, dissolved oxygen and pH in the river water, Water Stargrass, and algae. Each of the three sections was unique and different from the others. Marie described the structure and properties of each section. She went into a lot of detail about the information gathered from each section. At the end of her presentation she recapped the information and some of the conclusions that they arrived at. The next step in the study is for the Washington Department of Ecology to formulate a Clean up Plan. Marie fielded and answered many questions from the audience. Her presentation was well planned, effective and very informative, she did a really good job!

● Rachel Little, Fish Biologist/Education Coordinator for the Benton Conservation District, was the second speaker. Rachel is well known to the Club because of her association and leadership in the Salmon In The Classroom project. She has also been very involved in a project(s) to determine methods to remove Water Stargrass or inhibit its growth in the Kiona Reach. Prior to Stargrass infestation, the Kiona Reach was heavily used by spawning salmon, because of the infestation, salmon are now spawning upstream from the Stargrass. Stargrass was removed from 50 ft. X 50 ft. test plots either by pulling or cutting to determine if salmon would return to spawn. The results were negative. In some cases the Stargrass was replaced by Curlyleaf Pondweed. The next step might be to remove the Stargrass from much larger plots. Removal and disposal of Stargrass is very difficult and expensive.

Rachel also spoke about the Salmon In The Classroom project. She stated that volunteers are needed for different aspects of the program such as salmon egg delivery, salmon dissection demonstrations in the classrooms and monitoring and maintenance of fish tanks. If you are willing to help, give Rachel a call at (509)832-1329. At present there is a total of 56 fish tanks in 4th-5th grade classrooms in Eastern Washington. Every grade school in Pasco now has a fish tank. Cost and setup of a fish tank is about \$1700. A backup fish tank is now installed and operating at the Sportsman's Warehouse in Kennewick. The backup tank will be used if a classroom fish tank fails. The Salmon Summit this year will take place on May 11 & 12: reserve these dates-many volunteers will be needed. Rachel answered many questions about the Stargrass removal and Salmon In The Classroom. She must be a very busy lady. Many thanks to Marie and Rachel for taking the time out to come to the Club and inform and educate us.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Jim Reynolds who won a 9 ½ ft. completely equipped Okuma spinning rod and reel with two rigs, dried shrimp, etc. assembled by Richard Sharp, John Pfeiffer selected a pair of *gauntlet* gloves, Russ Wyer - a hand muff, Gary Portlock - a *dry box*, John Nelson - a game lanyard for ducks, Greg Baker - a pair of long *Smart Wool* socks, Rick Nelson - a pair of gloves, Mike Estes - a bottle of *STABIL* and Richard Sharp - a Pat Travis 'billie club'.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: Alan E Casebere from Richland.

CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEE ELECTIONS: Election of Club Officers and Trustees for 2009 will be conducted at the December 2 General Membership meeting. The following slate of officer and trustee candidates has been assembled by the Nominating Committee. The nominee for Vice President will be announced at the General Meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor, subject to concurrence by the person nominated. Nominees will be introduced prior to the election.

President: Angie Conant*

Secretary: Eddie Manthos

Vice President: T.B.A.

Treasurer: Lyle Gilk

Trustees: Jack Pickard, Rick Conant, Jeff Gardner, Gary Hagedorn, Scott Estes, Bill Hays, Mark Kimmel, Richard Libby, Larry Martin, David McDonald, David Miller, John Nelson, Gary Portlock, John Prather and Jeff Rampon,

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 March 28, 2009.

● Donations of game meat including waterfowl, other unique game meat such as bear, boar, or cougar; upland birds and clean, boneless big game roasts and steaks are desired. 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 site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>).** 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, your name and hunting license number. Bring the package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. 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. Good hunting and good fishing!

● More information on processing and freezing wild game and can be obtained at:

www.northwestgamerecipes.com/prsbiggame.htm and at www.northwestgamerecipes.com/frzbiggame.htm.

NORTHWEST GAME RECIPES: The Club is sponsoring a brand-new website - www.northwestgamerecipes.com developed by Russ Wyer. The website is on line now. It is a stand-alone site and can be linked from the Club's website, <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome> and the Club website can be linked from the recipes website. The Newsletter site is <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>. Russ put in a lot of time and effort developing the site and was fortunate to receive help from Bob Kolowith and Howard Gardner who proofed the recipes and processing information. Presently there are more than 100 recipes on the website. The site contains seven different categories: - Recipes, Food Safety, Cooking Methods, Menu, Handling Big Game, Handling Game Birds, Handling Fish, Nutrition and Wild Game. Russ should be very proud of what he developed.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: Clare Cranston. - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start February 25, 2009. Registration is at the Sporting Goods counter at **Grigg's Shopping Center** at 801 W Columbia St. in Pasco. Registration must be in person either by parent or student 18 and older. Regular classes will consist of six three-hour evening classes, 6-9 p.m., over two weeks and a subsequent Saturday on the Range. Classes will be held at the Griggs Store. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date.

2009 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER LAKE/PELLET RANGE: Dates for the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show at TRAC including Lunker Lake and the Pellet Range are January 16, 17, and 18, 2009. The Club will man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 16th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 16-18 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 2 ½ to 4 hour shifts. Some members may have already signed up and some have been contacted by Rick Nelson to help at Lunker Lake or Clare Cranston to help at the Air Rifle Range. If you have not volunteered and you wish to volunteer please call Rick Nelson at 628-2636 or Clare Cranston, for the Air Rifle Range, at 547-6273. Your duties at Lunker Lake will consist of baiting the hook for each child, removing the fish, after it is caught and placing it in a plastic bag after you have dispatched it. You will get a big kick out of working with the kids. A group of about six volunteers or more will be needed **Thursday morning January 15**, starting at 9:00 a.m., to set up the fishing pond. During the show a minimum of 16 volunteers per shift will be needed to man Lunker Lake. Shift times are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday the 15th for set up of the fishing pond. Shift times for Friday the 16th are 1-5 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.. Saturday the 17th, shifts will be from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 12:30-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-8 p.m.. Sunday the 18th shifts will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2-5 p.m., the last shift will stay over at 5 p.m. to help disassemble the pond. The Air Rifle Shooting Range will be manned again this year under the direction of Clare Cranston. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond or shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from Lunker Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Lunker Lake volunteers should wear eye protection, bring a needle nose pliers or hemostat to remove the hook from the fish and bring a towel(s) to wipe your hands after you have handled a fish. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided for the volunteers. More information about the show is at www.shuylerproductions.com/. More information and sign up sheets will be presented at the December and January General Meetings.

PLANNED GIFT TO CLUB: In the event that a Club member is interested in making a Planned Gift to the Club through a will, living trust or other route, information is available to accomplish this and possibly receive tax benefits. Contact: Rick Nelson, 628-2636.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in the November photo contest. Both entries were declared to be winners. Jack Pickard entered a photo of himself with a 14 lb. 4 oz. steelhead he caught above McNary Dam on 11-15-08. John Prather entered a photo of himself and Mark Kimmell with two deer they harvested November 11 in the Kahlotus area. Jack and John will each win five free raffle tickets at the December General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>.