



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

(INCORPORATED)

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I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY DEFEND FROM WASTE, THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY; ITS AIR, SOILS, AND MINERALS; ITS FORESTS, WATERS, AND WILDLIFE. I WILL HELP EDUCATE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO BE RESPONSIBLE CARETAKERS OF THE RESOURCES OF AMERICA.

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Club Website- <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/>
Club Facebook- www.Facebook.com/RichlandRodandGunClub

2019 Officers

Richard Sharp, President	551-6785	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
Packy Lackey, Vice-President	948-6141	Shannon Lackey, Sec.	948-3320

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – February 4th

Board Meeting- February 18th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco
Newsletter Deadline for March is February 23rd, Call Shannon Lackey at 948-3320 or

Email: rrgsecretary@gmail.com

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: Our Speakers will be Dave Myers (Winner of the 2019 Quality Trip at the annual Wild Game Dinner) and his Co-Hunter Dale Schielke. They will be regaling us with their hunting trip this past fall. This is a unique opportunity for new members to see what the quality trip tickets win you. Dave put in for many years and was elated to finally lay claim to a paid trip! Come join us and hear what they bagged, how many and where they travelled to in order to obtain their bounty.

MEMBERSHIP: Carla received 6 new memberships for the month of January please welcome them when you see them. Mike Faubion, Gene Garrison, Carey Rossman, Jerry Myhres, Lindsay King, Jerry Spears and Joseph Berndt.

WILD GAME DINNER: The 2020 Wild Game Dinner will be held March 21, 2020 in Building #4 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. This is for members and guests ONLY. Hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 pm and Dinner at 6:00 pm followed by our speaker, raffles and silent auction (so bring your billfold). A map will soon be posted on the website and in next month's newsletter to help with parking questions. Our guest speaker this year will be Mr. Bill McIrvin of the Diamond M Ranch, talking about his experiences with the wolf population on their cattle ranch near the USA/Canadian border. More information will be provided over the next several months on Mr. McIrvin and the specific title of his talk. Tickets will be available at the February meeting still, for the bargain price of \$20 each. If you want to reserve a table, you must buy 8 tickets or have

coordinated with other members so a total of 8 tickets have been purchased. Contact Dale for further information, he can be reached at 509-375-0183. John Prather, Ashley Reser, Ben Burdett, Ron Ruth and Paul Kison are the WGD Prize Committee and are soliciting donations for the annual banquet. All donations are tax deductible and one of the Committee members will give you the solicitation letter for your tax filings. If you or your business want to contact the Lead Prize Chair John Prather at (509)521-1593 or cowboy_jp82@msn.com. Also, John Prather would like to remind everyone that the preferred method for freezer storage is vacuum sealed bags. If you have a large donation John has a 15" sealer in his shop for use. In the case of not having a sealer or wanting to use your own bags, you can call ahead of donating and John or Marilyn will seal it for you. Most importantly if you donate any game that is in a garbage bag.... MAKE SURE that you don't put it in a Febreze garbage bag. Please for the love of all that's holy. Don't.

WOOD DUCK PROJECT: Dale Schielke reports that a total of 10 new wood duck nesting boxes were built at the Sportsman's Show. Clips of the streaming live feed of the building of nesting boxes and all of the fishers at the Lunker Lake are on Facebook. Dale likes his new equipment and has decided to purchase more for the upcoming nesting season. You can see his streaming on YouTube at [WOOD DUCK PROJECT](#)

NASP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The National Archery in the Schools Program or NASP for short; is holding a competition for local schools to compete on March 6th at Enterprise Middle School in West Richland. Anyone wishing to Volunteer can contact Dale Schielke at (509)375-0183.

LUNKER LAKE: January 17th- 19th was the annual Sportsman's Show and boy what a weekend it was! Jack Pickard would like to thank all the volunteers from set-up, food, prizes, cashiers and all the way through to tear-down. You all did an amazing job and we couldn't have had such a successful weekend without you! Here are the statistics for those that

like numbers: We had 107 volunteers/ 90 from the club w/friends and 17 from the Chiawana High School Fishing Club. Because of working multiple shifts, we had 174 volunteers that worked the nine shifts including setup and tear-down. The total number of hours worked were 573! Of the fish caught; there were 189 on Friday, 572 on Saturday and 772 on Sunday for a total of 1,533 fish caught of the 2,000 we stocked. 200 fish were tagged for prizes and of them: 12 were caught on Friday, 28 Saturday and 58 Sunday for a total of 98 prizes rewarded to the Next Generation of Fisher People of the Mid-Columbia. Check the website for all the amazing pics and if you have any to add please send them to the webmasters.



(Lots of happy fishers)

RRGC WEB PAGE: Greg Boeringa has recently detailed the current use of the richlandrodandgun.org website. Over 6,964 visits so far. Photos of kids with their catches and prizes are on the website under Lunker Lake. Also, remember to send pictures or content that you would like added to the website or blog to the webmasters via email at admin@richlandrodandgun.org.

KOE FISHING EVENT: Marilyn Steele would like everyone to know that the next Board Meeting for the Kids Outdoor Experience or KOE is February 3rd at the Griggs Hunter Ed Room from 3PM-4PM.

ARC Fishing day will be April 17th 2020 any special needs are welcome to register through the ARC of Tri-Cities. Volunteers are needed by 3:30PM so fishing can commence from 4-6PM. Volunteer dinner to follow. Saturday

April 18th kids fishing day starts at 7AM for volunteers and the first flight of fishermen start at 8 AM and continue until 3 PM. This is a long-standing event that has been down at the Columbia Park Kids Fishing Pond since its inception. A very good time for volunteering to help teach the youth in the community how to fish.

NOMINATIONS: Our Bylaws require the President to appoint a Nominating Committee not later than January of each year for elections that will be held at the March General Membership Meeting. The nominating committee will consist of Richard Sharp, Packy Lackey, Shannon Lackey and Howard Gardner. Any interested and willing member is eligible to serve on the Board of Directors as an Officer or Trustee. This year the Nominating Committee will focus on identifying candidates for Vice-President, and Trustee. The Vice-President serves as our program chair and is expected to succeed to the Presidency the next year. Trustees are expected to participate in Board meetings where attendance is important because a quorum of the Board is required to conduct business, and to provide leadership for RRGCC committees and projects. If you are interested in serving as an Officer or Trustee, please contact Richard Sharp 551-6785 or Shannon Lackey at 948-3320.

WILD GAME RECIPES: This month's featured recipes from our speakers are:

Pheasant/Quail Parmesan

Number of Servings: 4

Ingredients:

6 skinless, boned upland bird breast, cut into bite size pieces

3 large bell peppers (1 green, 1 red, 1 yellow) seeded and cut into 1 inch chunks

1 large onion (Walla Walla Sweet is best) coarsely chopped

1/4 pound bacon, cut into 1 inch squares

1/2 gallon fresh-frozen or canned tomatoes, pour off liquid

4 fresh tomatoes, peeled, cut into bite sized wedges

1/2 pound button mushrooms

8 ounce can tomato paste

1/2 pound mozzarella cheese

1/2 pound parmesan cheese, grated

1 bunch fresh basil, chopped or torn

Salt and pepper

3 tablespoons flour

Directions:

In a deep 12 inch Dutch oven fry bacon, saute lightly the onions and peppers in bacon grease. Add upland bird pieces, preserved tomatoes, and basil.

Salt and pepper to taste, cover and add charcoal to top of Dutch oven. Stir oven contents occasionally.

Mix tomato paste and flour and set aside.

After about 1/2 hour, add mozzarella and 1/2 of the parmesan and continue cooking.

When the birds are done, about 45 minutes, thicken juices with tomato paste and flour mixture (the amount will vary with juiciness of peppers, onions and tomatoes), stirring until completely mixed in.

Add fresh tomatoes and mushrooms and lightly turn over the mixture.

Sprinkle remaining parmesan over the top.

Cover and cook for additional 5 minutes then serve.

Notes & Variations:

Maintain the Dutch oven at a temperature of 350 degrees F. For more information on cooking with a Dutch oven go to [Cooking/Dutch Oven](#).

Contributor: Dave Myers, RRGCC

Dutch Oven Cajun Pheasant

Number of Servings: 6-8

Ingredients:

3 strips bacon or salt pork cut into 1/2 inch pieces

3 lbs pheasant cut into 1 inch cubes

2 cups sliced celery

2 cups sliced scallions including tops

1 cup diced carrots

2/3 cup uncooked converted rice

1/3 cup uncooked wild rice

2 cups chicken broth

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon garlic salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/4 teaspoon Cayenne pepper

Directions:

Cook bacon pieces in Dutch oven over high bottom heat (on stove), remove cooked bacon and set aside.

Leave bacon fat in Dutch oven add pheasant and brown on all sides (on stove).

Remove browned pheasant and set aside.

Add celery, scallions, and carrots, sauté 5 minutes over high bottom heat (on stove).

Stir in rice, broth and seasoning.

Return pheasant and bacon to Dutch oven, cover and bake for 30 to 45 minutes or until pheasant is tender and rice is cooked with 8 briquette under and 16-20 briquette on top.

Contributor: Dale Schielke, RRG

HISTORY: Interested in history? How about the RRG history? Now thanks to Howard Gardner and Russ Wyer the club's history is on our website. Take a moment and go to the club's website and check it out. Also, next time you see Howard or Russ give them a thank you.

[RRG History](#)

GUZZLERS:

1-7-20 Larry met with a landowner about a completely destroyed guzzler that needs to be replaced. He found two more up badger and spoke with a farmer that will allow him to drive straight to both guzzlers to repair. Larry said there looks to be about five in the area that need some work. Larry also received a call from a lady representing the Basin Bloomers Garden Club that wished to donate money to our club in the spirit of conserving more habitat! We were the recipients of \$400 from these nice gardeners so, if you know any of them, tell them thank you for their support. Larry additionally had another call from a WDFW Liaison about a habitat replanting and guzzler checks in March. We will need volunteers for helping in the effort and our club along with the local Pheasants Forever Chapter. Any questions? Call Larry Martin at (509)545-9647.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

-Margaret Mead

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be February 18th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter Education Room, Pasco. **All RRG members are invited to attend.**

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING RECAP:

Jaime Rodriguez was a spectacular speaker who shared quite a bit with us regarding the winter walleye fishing locally. From leaders to lures and depths to de-cheeking, he shared it all. He might not be a guide yet, but he sure is one heck of a great guy! Check out his Facebook and YouTube for tips and tactics: J Rod Angling

JANUARY RAFFLE WINNERS: Berkeley Filet Board- Jerry Mehyres; Daisy Sling Shot- Marilyn Steele; Danielson Billie Club- J Rod; Walleye Lures/Plano Box- Larry Whalen; Multi Turkey Tool- Bill Lambert; Survivor Dry Box- Bruce Hewitt; LEM Jerky Gun- Richard Sharp; Shotgun Sleeve- Monte Kelsey; Sportsman's wireless Doorbell- Gerald Hayes; Redington Fly Rod Case- Bill Lambert; Rustic Ridge Pack Frame- Jim Bloom; Mystery Box- Brian Wysocky; Filet Mat & Hat- Ben Gonzalez; Filet Mat & Hat #2- Johan Von Bosch.

RRG SPONSORED PHEASANT HUNT:

The 2020 Hunter Ed Pheasant Hunt is next month on the 15th of February. The Richland Rod & Gun Club is one of the sponsors of this hunt. If you have never been to one of these hunts you might want to come and see what the mentors do in the field with the students. If you are interested in participating please contact Ron Ruth at (509) 737-7350.

GAME RECOVERY: In January there were 2 game recoveries. The first was on January 7th a mule deer was hit down at the Richland Wye. Chris Mosher went and processed and donated it to the mission. On the 15th Don Hand called about a moose calf on Touchet N Rd. and Larry Martin and Paul Kison went out and processed that fully to donate. Both of these donations were met with the same aloofness as the December donation from the mission. Chris is still working on finding out whether or not they will eventually accept our fresh meat donations that don't have USDA labels and frostbite. We know it is frustrating to spend hours volunteering to process and bag meat, just to question whether or not it is making it to the pan or garbage. This recovery program was started so that people in need could be fed. That won't stop us from trying, but we may need to look

into some other avenues to donate to the truly needy and talk with our WDFW Officers to see who else might be willing to accept donations for the masses. If you would like to help with game recovery contact Chris at 302-5171.

SHOUT OUT: Marilyn Steele who cooked and delivered breakfast and lunch daily to our volunteers at the Sportsman’s Show. Thank You!

SHOUT OUT: To all of our volunteers that are working tirelessly in and out of club functions to keep up with the day to day needs of life. We salute you and thank you for your efforts. Even if we can’t thank you face to face at the time, we are always so proud of the outpour of volunteers we receive to help these functions keep going.

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

FOR SALE- MODEL 70 RIFLE: Winchester Model 70 Featherweight, “pre-64” (manufactured in 1953), 308 Win caliber, Redfield mounts, Hertel & Reuss 4x81 scope. Used but in very good condition and comes with sling, and part box of ammo. \$700.00 Contact **Dale Schielke 375-0183** to arrange for FFL transfer.

THROWBACK TO ANOTHER YEAR:



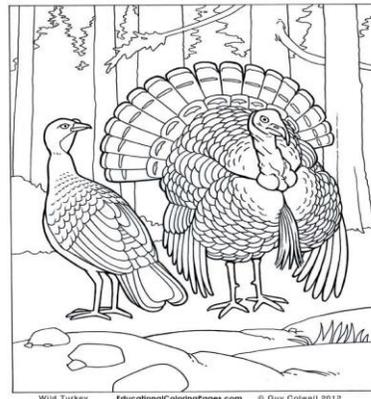
(The very first Recovery in 2008)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



(Todd Hennick with a couple Big Walleye)

HARLEY’S CORNER:



(Would a youth that you know, like to be featured? Have them color one of the many coloring sheets available at [Harley's Corner](#) and turn them in via email or a meeting)