



# RIGHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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## MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday October 6, Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—7 pm, Tuesday, October 20th, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco  
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE-October 25th, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com)

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**MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: THE EFFORT TO KEEP THE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS COMPLETE AND UP TO DATE IS NOW CURRENT. THIS EFFORT TO MAINTAIN CURRENCY HAS INVOLVED A SIGNIFICANT VOLUNTEER EFFORT. OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS, A SUFFIX WAS ADDED AFTER YOUR NAME TO REFLECT THE YEAR THAT YOUR DUES ARE PAID THROUGH. (EXAMPLE, SMITH (2017)). THIS HAS BEEN DONE FOR ALL MAILING ADDRESSES, BOTH EMAIL AND SNAIL MAIL. IT IS REQUESTED THAT INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS CONTACT JENNIFER GARDNER IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT AS TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS. JENNIFER CAN BE REACHED AT “JEN\_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM”. THE PURGING OF THE MEMBERSHIP WAS INITIATED IF YOUR 2015 DUES WERE NOT MADE CURRENT BY SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>. YOUR DUES MUST BE PAID THROUGH MARCH 2016.**

**SEPTEMBER MEETING SUMMARY:** There were 59 people present for the meeting. This included five children. Mike Estes provided a wrap up of the summer’s activities which included the Salmon Booth, the RRGc picnic, the Top Shot Competition and the Camp Lake Fishing Trip. Mike also discussed the upcoming Congressional vote on the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Mike stated that the existing fund was initially approved for fifty years and it would expire this year. Mike will provide a letter in support of the action on RRGc letterhead stationary. Mike will also attend a WDFW meeting in Selah. Mike will present RRGc concerns regarding State lands that are land locked by privately owned lands thus shutting out the general public.

Andrew Templeton’s presentation was on fishing the Reach. Andrew discussed Brad’s Super Baits, spinners, Wiggle Warts and Kwikfish plus cut plugs. For spinners, he uses a Blue Vibrax for trolling downstream. Andrew stressed that the hook gaps on many lures are too small, he recommends changing the hooks to larger ones. When he uses cut plugs, sardines, tuna and herring, he puts the bait in rock salt

overnight in order to firm up the bait. He recommends orange and bubblegum pink for the Wiggle Warts. For the Kwikfish, he uses K-14, K-15 and K-16 sizes. In the lower flows, he uses smaller Kwikfish. Although there are a variety of colors available, he uses silver and chartreuse in the fall. In addition to the lures recommended, Andrew uses a Luhr Jensen jet driver. He will utilize the type that hold scent and set to the deepest depth. He uses 40# to 50# braided line for leader or 40# mono for leader. When he wraps a Kwikfish, he utilizes either a sardine, tuna or herring wrapped with stretchy string. Again he reminded everyone that the bait should be made up the night before and left in rock salt overnight. He informed the membership that he will make up a minimum of eight to twelve lures the night before so that his bait/lure is ready to go when he reaches his fishing spot. He also treats the bait strips/plugs heavily with scents and sauces. He uses plastic storage containers that he gets from Big Lots. His method for cutting the bait strips is to do so while the bait is partially frozen and keeps the finished lures refrigerated until he is ready to fish them. Maximize your fishing time with prep time being completed the night before. He also recommends using You Tube videos for additional information. He uses gloves during all preparation time. He does not use old bait or scents rather he uses fresh material. He recommends the following scents, sardine, shrimp or krill. The lures and plugs need to be adjusted until they run symmetrically. He reminded all to pinch the barbs down. He does not use a lure/plug for more than thirty minutes. He also back trolls in 10 to 50 feet of water depth. He constantly checks for slack line. As a courteous method of fishing, he recommends that when approaching a hole, to not go to the bottom of the hole but rather to start at the top of the hole with sufficient room between your boat and the next boat below your position. When fishing with eggs he uses the same Kwikfish method with a jet diver and 3/0 hooks for a one inch diameter ball of eggs. Multiple barbless hooks can be used. Corkies and spin glows are added for buoyancy and attraction.

**DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:** The following information is not complete. My notes that I took for the door prizes were partially unreadable. The information provided is as good as I can read my notes. Five bottles and bags of salmon eggs as prepared by Matt Cummings were won by the following folks, Mike Becker, Rick Corson, Frank Scopa, Terri Schmeck, and Sam Morrison. Three of the Flasher, Ball and sets were won by Doyle Hurst, Bill Edelblute and Doug Schultz. The Mystery Box was selected by Doyle Hurst. Two large Flat Fish Lures were won by Ben ? One Cut Plug was won by Fred Porter. One Mitey-Might was won by Rob Thornton. The Emergency Weather Radio was won by Larry Martin. Three Nitro and with Eggs were won by Gerald Hayes and Regan Hurlburt. Mike Estes won the Shimano Fishing Rod. Bruce Hewitt won the camp chair. The two wood decoys were won by Adrian Villanueva.

**OCTOBER MEETING:** Vice President Richard Sharp will make a short presentation on the proper techniques of hook sharpening. He will also discuss its importance to hold fish especially now that barbless hooks are becoming more of a normal requirement. Jason Fidorra, WDFW District 4 Wildlife Biologist will discuss game populations and the resultant hunting opportunities for the 2015 – 2016 hunting season.

#### **RINGOLD HATCHERY FISH RECOVERY:**

Want to catch 100 plus salmon in a day? The Richland Rod and Gun Club has once again entered into a cooperative agreement with WDFW to assist at the Ringold Hatchery fish trap. The result will be in exchange for 100 volunteer hours, Ringold Hatchery will provide 2000 trout for Lunker Lake. Last year several RRGV volunteers worked at the trap each week to assist WDFW hatchery staff on Tuesdays. This may change to Wednesdays or Thursdays in October. This volunteer effort will start September 22nd and will continue until mid-November to process surplus salmon. Duties will be similar to last year and include catching fish in the trap so they can be sexed, counted, then vital data collected/recorded prior to being iced down in bins for transport to a food processor. The surplus fish are processed into salmon burgers for distribution to the Food Banks. Activities will start about 9 am and last for 3 to 5 hours depending upon the number of fish in the trap. The work is fairly strenuous and involves catching the fish and tossing them into bins; waders and rain suits will be provided by WDFW. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Dale Schielke at 375-0183. Ideally, two to three volunteers will be

needed weekly. Dale will coordinate getting volunteers registered with the WDFW CERVIS system and recording volunteer hours.

**SCOOTNEY WALLEY SURVEY:**

Paul Hoffarth is in need of volunteers to assist with the annual walleye survey WDFW will be conducting at Scootney Reservoir on October 20th and 21st. Volunteers will assist with removing fish from the gill nets, sorting walleye from other fish caught, and assisting with collecting the sampling data on walleye. If interested call Paul Hoffarth at 545-2284 to sign-up and receive specifics on time.

**McNARY NWR BLIND PREPARATION:**

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is asking for volunteers to assist in camouflaging the six new blinds located at Slough 1 on McNary. The work will occur on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The work will consist of cutting brush and reeds and weaving the material into the new blinds. The point of contact is Dan Haas, USFWS, Mid-Columbia River NWR Complex in Burbank. Dan's phone number is 509 546 8333. His email address is [daniel\\_haas@fws.gov](mailto:daniel_haas@fws.gov). He is looking for as many volunteers as he can get.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Richland Rod and Gun Club lost two members this past month. Thanks to Howard Gardner for providing these memorial tributes.

**In Memoriam of Fay Lyon,**

The Richland Rod and Gun Club offers sincere condolences concerning the passing of Fay Lyon on September 15, 2015 at the age of 74. Fay joined the Club in May 2010, was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2011. He was elected as Vice President in 2012 and then to the Board in 2013 and 2014. Fay was an active Club member and participated in the following activities: Salmon Summit, Introduction to Firearms, Kids Fish In, Top Shot (winning one event), Salmon Booth, Lunker Lake and Presented a Tip of The Month on Knife Sharpening. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

**In Memoriam of Jerry Caprio,**

Members of the Club were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Jerry Caprio on September 21, 2015. Jerry joined the Club in 1976. He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2010, 2011 and 2012 and received the Club's 25 year Belt Buckle in 2001. He also was Chairman of The Audit Committee and performed an audit of the Club's Financial Records for many years. Jerry loved hunting, fishing and the outdoors. He was an active member and could be counted on to volunteer for many of the Club's activities. He was a pleasure to work with and will be greatly missed by the club.

**HUNTERS EDUCATION:** There will be another RRGC sponsored Hunter Education Class. It is scheduled for the week of 9/28/15. The date is based on the availability of the Griggs Hunters Education Room and the range availability. The class will begin on Monday the 28th and go through Friday the 2nd of Oct. from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Range day will be on Saturday the 3rd of Oct. from about 11:00 AM to about 3:00 PM. The class will finish on Monday the 5th of Oct with the final exam. There is a need for additional volunteers to be present for the classroom time as well as the range day. Please contact Ron Ruth at [ron-rose@frontier.com](mailto:ron-rose@frontier.com) if you can assist. Ron also has a schedule that can be provided to prospective volunteers. Ron will be in the classroom at all times and will need at least one other person for the Washington State 2 on 1 rule. We will need at least two instructors or volunteers for each class period and three instructors for live fire on range day. Ron also announced that Ben Burdett completed the WDFW Hunter Education Instructor Course.

**CONSERVATION CAMP:** Larry Martin introduced four of the six youngsters that were sponsored by RRGc for the annual camp put on by WDFW. They provided individual reports about their time at this year's Youth Conservation Camp. The four were Brandon Castillo, Adrian Villanueva, Sammi Thornton and Brock Thornton. As with previous years, the kids enjoyed themselves and provided a good report as to their activities and their favorite activity during the week long camp. Jerry Zeitler generously provided \$550 towards the overall cost of \$1,800 for the attendees. The Use of Funds budget for RRGc provided the balance of the funds.

**DUCK DAY AT McNARY REFUGE:** Dale Schielke reported that he gave out 27 attendance tickets to participants in a presentation that he gave at the McNary Refuge. Also participating were Dave Myers, LouAnn Schielke and John Pfeiffer. Duck Day at the McNary Refuge was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. There was hands-on duck banding, a taxidermy demonstration, a retriever demonstration as well as a presentation on gun safety.

**GAME RECOVERY:** Chris Mosher reported that there was no game recovery for the month of September.

**BULLETIN HELP: Frank Scopa**

If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to Frank Scopa at [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com) with your email address. We are now current as to mailing addresses for the hard copies. We are down to 49 members receiving hard copies via the US Mail. New members will be added as the information is received. If you are receiving both a hard copy and an e-mail copy, please let me know. We are now mailing and/or emailing a copy of the monthly newsletter to the following organizations to keep them abreast of our activities; Ranch and Home, Sportsman's Warehouse, Griggs Ace Hardware and Columbia River Catering Co. The businesses listed have been sponsors in the past. When you do business with them, thank them for their sponsorship and let them know you belong to RRGc. The cut-off date for information for the November Newsletter will be October 25, 2015.

**NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP:** One new membership application was received this month. Kyle Carter was approved for membership in RRGc. Please welcome him when you meet him at the next monthly meeting. Jennifer Gardner continues as the Membership Chair. She can be contacted at 509-981-9366 (Spokane number) or [JEN\\_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JEN_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM) .

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Richard Libby presented the Treasurer's Report for August at the September 15th Board Meeting. If any members are interested in obtaining a copy of the monthly treasurer's report, Rick can be contacted at [Big\\_guy@charter.net](mailto:Big_guy@charter.net).

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** October 20th, 7:00PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** November 3rd, at the Richland Public Library at 7:00 PM.

**WILD GAME DINNER:** A Committee was established to recommend a WGD speaker for future dinners. Dale Schielke took the lead on this effort. The other committee members are Dave Myers and Frank Scopa. Four speakers were considered and a recommendation was made to schedule Mr. John Clement as our guest speaker. Dale has confirmed Mr. Clement's availability and Mr. Clement has accepted our invitation. He is a well-regarded scenic photographer and he has made a presentation once before at a previous Wild Game Dinner. An effort is in progress for a speaker for the 2017 WGD. If you have any suggestions, please forward the information to Dale Schielke at 509 375 0813 or [dahlialou@msn.com](mailto:dahlialou@msn.com).

**DATA MANAGEMENT:** Russ Wyer and Sam Morrison expect to have the work well on the way to completion by the end of November. It is expected that most of the information that needs to be made

available to the general membership will be online within the next few months. There has been a significant effort made to date to accomplish the updating.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH:** Bob Zylman's photo of the 22 pound chinook that he caught.

**WANT ADS:**

Harvey Huisingh has 45 pounds of 00 buck shot for sale. It is from the National Lead Co. and listed as "Hoyt". \$80 or best offer. Harvey can be reached at 509 943 9326.

Drift Boat For Sale

ClackaCraft, 16 foot drift boat and trailer with two 9 foot Sawyer oak oars, one 9 foot NRS break-down oar, and 30 pound pyramid lead anchor. \$1,400.00. Contact Dale Schielke 375-0183

Rifle For Sale

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

Both Jack Pickard and Frank Scopa each have lead sleds that can be borrowed by club members only for sighting-in rifles. Jack can be reached at [jlpick66@gmail.com](mailto:jlpick66@gmail.com). Frank can be reached at [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com).

**If you have anything that needs to be in the Want Ads section or information that you would like to convey to the general membership, please keep in mind that the cut-off date for inclusion is normally the Sunday after the Executive Board Meeting. Send your information to [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com)**

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