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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 Lunger 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 Lunger Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Lunger 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/](http://www.shuylerproductions.com/). More information and sign up sheets will be presented at the December and January General Meetings.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There was one entry and the winner in the December photo contest. Jerry Burke is the winner with a photo of Jerry and friend Walt with steelhead they caught on the Clearwater River February 19, 2008. Jerry will win five free raffle tickets at the January General Meeting. The photo can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>.

**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.



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Northwest Game Recipes Web Site - [www.northwestgamerecipes.com](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com)

### 2009 Officers

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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING - January 6, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - January 20, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - January 22, 2008, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

LUNKER LAKE/TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW AT TRAC January 16, 17 & 18, 2009

RR&GC WILD GAME DINNER - SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009

### JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

- The January meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 6 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. The speaker will be Jim Hyde, a WSU entomology professor, who will discuss local insects.
- The Tip OF The Month presentation will be by John Prather who will relate his experiences when he was deer hunting November 6 and was stuck on the other side of a river in the evening and not able to get back to camp until daylight the next morning.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**
- March 28, 2009 Wild Game Dinner tickets for \$20.00 each will be on sale at the meeting. Club members **only** may purchase tickets. Individual Members may purchase up to two tickets; Family Members may purchase up to two tickets plus one each for each dependent 18 years or younger starting from the January 7 General Meeting and continuing through February 3, the February General Meeting date. After the February 3 General Meeting, additional tickets can be purchased by members for themselves and/or for nonmembers. Dale Schielke will be in charge of selling the tickets. For more information, contact Dale at 375-0183.
- **RR&GC 2009 calendars may be available at the January Meeting and can be purchased for \$3.00.**

**DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** Club President Rick Nelson opened the meeting and asked four guests to introduce themselves. He passed around sign up sheets for Lunger Lake at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show at TRAC January 16, 17, and 18, 2009. Clare Cranston stated that he was also looking for volunteers at the Air Rifle Range on the same dates.

- The election for 2009 Club officers and Board of Trustees was conducted. Rick read the slate of officers and trustees. Motions were made, seconded and passed unanimously that the slate of officers and trustees be accepted. The results are shown later in this Newsletter.

- The Tip of The Month presentation was given by Howard Gardner. His topic was how to load and secure objects on a pack frame. He demonstrated the technique with an aluminum pack frame, a large coated Nylon Cordura bag stuffed with two large pillows and a day pack. Various objects and even game meat can be placed in the large bag which is secured to the frame with

a nylon cord utilizing a *Diamond Hitch*. The smaller day pack is fastened to the top bar of the frame so that it can easily be removed if necessary. The *Diamond Hitch* is simple to tie and can be easily untied to remove the large pack.

● Mike Estes introduced the speaker of the evening Anthony Novak. Anthony is a WDFW Deer/Elk Conflict Specialist from Region 3, out of the Ellensburg office. WDFW has only two Deer/Elk Conflict Specialists and both are assigned to Region 3. 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. The purpose of his presentation was to outreach directly with the sportsmen's organizations in the State and explain the Washington State wolf management plan which is currently in a draft form and to talk candidly about wolf impacts to game populations. Anthony used a *slide* projector during his presentation to illustrate the data utilized in the management plan. He described the makeup of the eighteen member Wolf Working Group and their backgrounds. Wolf characteristics and their preferred habitat were described and explained. He emphasized that no new wolves will be intentionally introduced into the State. A breeding pair and wolf pack makeup were defined. The goal of the Wolf Management plan is fifteen breeding pairs (50-120 wolves) dispersed through three regions of the State. After the goal is reached for three consecutive years or if 18 successful breeding pairs of wolves are documented in any year during the 3-year period, then WDFW will begin the process to delist at that point rather than wait for the 3-year period to conclude. The gray wolf will then be considered for delisting from state sensitive to game animal status. One wolf pack has been documented in Twisp and wolves have also been reported in the Blue Mountains. The original peer review of the Management Plan is complete. A second peer review of the plan will be completed in the Spring of 2009. Public meetings and a public comment period will take place in the Summer of 2009. As expected, Anthony answered many questions and received a lot of comments concerning the plan. He did not lose his composure when he responded to the many questions and comments at the conclusion of his presentation. He successfully explained the plan and achieved his goal of informing the Club and guests about the management plan.

The draft plan can be accessed and downloaded at [http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/diversty/soc/gray\\_wolf/conservation\\_plan.htm](http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/diversty/soc/gray_wolf/conservation_plan.htm).

● Raffle drawing winners were: Don Hand who won a 9 ½ ft. completely equipped and rigged Okuma spinning rod and reel with two rigs, etc. assembled by Richard Sharp, Bob Gough selected a *BSA* air rifle laser sight, Martin Schneider picked two Christmas tree ornaments and the Mystery Box which contained a \$20 Sportsman's Warehouse gift certificate, David O'Brien a cast-iron Dutch oven frying pan, Marilyn Steele won a Red Ryder air rifle with 1,500 BBs, Mike Estes a "Sports bucket, John Prather - a Pat Travis 'billie club', Jim Reynolds won a roadside emergency kit.

**2009 CLUB OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES:** Election of 2009 Club Officers and Trustees was conducted at the December 2 General Membership meeting. The following slate of officer and trustee candidates were elected by acclamation.

**President:** Angie Conant\*

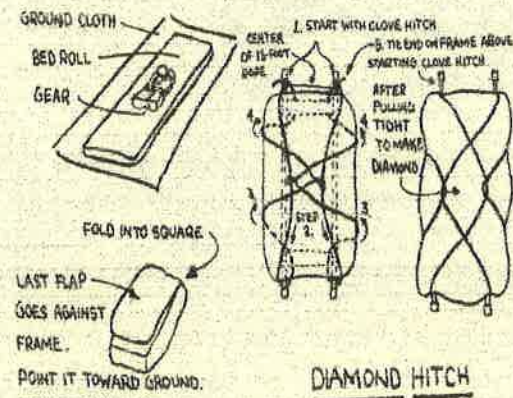
**Vice President:** Marilyn Steel

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

**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. The speaker will be Jim Peek, Professor Emeritus from the University of Idaho. Title of his presentation is Wolves, Elk, and Fire in the Central Idaho Wilderness.

● 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

## IMPROVISED PACKS



**DIAMOND HITCH IMPROVISED PACK.** You can use this if you have a pack frame. Lay your ground cloth on the floor. Lay your sleeping bag on top of it. Put your food and equipment in the middle. (Canteen stays outside.) Fold into a square about the size of your pack frame, with the ground cloth on the outside. Use a diamond hitch to tie it to your pack frame.

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](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/prsbiggame.htm) and at [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/frzbiggame.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/frzbiggame.htm).

**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 2009 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 2009, a member must have dues paid through April 1, 2010.
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.
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

**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.

● **A meeting for Hunter Education instructors and individuals desiring to become an instructor will be held at the Club's Hunter Education Facility at Griggs January 9 at 7:00 P.M..**

**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



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**USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING:** A meeting of the Use of Funds Committee will be held at the Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco at 7:00 P.M. Monday, February 9. Call Howard Gardner 943-9084 for more information.

**E-MAIL ADDRESS SOLICITATION:** The Club would like to have a listing of e-mail addresses of all Club members that can access the Internet so that we can contact you quickly with announcements and other information. If you do not presently receive e-mail announcements from the Club. Please send your e-mail address to [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There was one entry and the winner in the January photo contest. Jon Jeffries entered a photo of Buster and Jon quail hunting in Okanogan county 11/15/08. Jon will win five free raffle tickets at the February General Meeting. The photo can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>.

**SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM EGGS DELIVERED:** (Gene Van Liew) - On January 9, 10 and 16 fall Chinook salmon eggs from the Yakama Indian Prosser Fish Hatchery were delivered to elementary schools in the Tri-Cities by John Pfeiffer, Angie Conant(2), Gary Portlock(2), Marilyn Steele(2), Bob Kolowitz(2) and Gene Van Liew(3) for the "Salmon In The Classroom" project.

**MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION:** Many Club memberships expire April 1, 2009. Renew your membership at the February and March General Meetings. **Please do not wait and renew the night of the Wild Game Dinner!** Annual dues are \$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. The expiration date is on the newsletter address label.

**LUNKER LAKE & PELLET RIFLE RANGE UPDATE:** About 1,690 fish were caught at Lunker Lake; 8% greater than 2008 and 10% greater than the last three years average. Attendance at the Air Rifle Range was also greater than last year and many parents thanked the crew at the Range for their efforts. Many thanks to Marilyn Steel for supplying home made muffins, scones and barbecued beef and to Dale Schielke for preparing barbecued chicken for the volunteers. We all appreciated it.

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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -February 19, 2009, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

**RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 28, 2009 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**

### FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

- The February meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 3 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. The first speaker of the evening will be Dennis Kreid, retired engineer, avid fly fisherman, member of Columbia Basin Fly Casters and past member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Dennis lives in Richland. Dennis and his wife Sue have a home away from home at Sun River Near Bend Oregon. During the first week of February 2008 he was part of a group of twelve that completed 6 ½ days fly fishing for Peacock bass on the Rio Negro river in Brazil. The Rio Negro is the largest tributary of the Amazon, which in turn, is the largest river system in the world. The guides were local natives who were born and raised on the section of the Rio Negro that the group fished. Dennis will take us on a photo tour of his trip and share the trials and tribulations of a week flogging the waters of Brazil in search of Peacock bass, piranha and fresh water barracuda. Additionally, the beauty of the Amazon rain forest and the associated wild life as well as the immensity and complexity of the Amazon river and it's wildlife
- Co-Speaker for February will be Dennis Beich, Regional Director, Region 2, WDFW. Dennis will bring a member of the Leavenworth chapter of Trout Unlimited. They will present information and answer questions on "Upper Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Legislation.
- **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 February and March General Meetings. The meat will be placed in an ice chest(s) and transported to a freezer. So far the donations have been very slim.**

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**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** The 2009 Club President, Angie Conant, opened the meeting and asked guests to introduce themselves. Several announcements were made. Rick Nelson circulated sign up sheets for Lunker Lake

at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show at TRAC January 16, 17, and 18, 2009. Clare Cranston is also looking for volunteers at the Air Rifle Range on the same dates.

● The Tip of The Month presentation was given by Club member John Prather. John was hunting deer in rural Grays Harbor County in early November of this year. He got separated from his hunting buddies in late afternoon and they contacted him by radio for a short time until the radio went dead while he was telling them that he would not hike out until the next morning. John had a survival pack with him and camped out overnight. He walked out the next morning and met his buddies at about 7:30 a.m.. John related his experiences and showed his survival pack at the meeting. His talk was a very timely one for the audience and reminded us to always be prepared.

● The second speaker of the evening, Lucas Swanson, was introduced by Howard Gardner. Lucas, a Tri-Cities resident, was the recipient of the Club's twelfth annual Richard Fitzner Memorial Scholarship that was awarded to him in 2006 while he was a student in Wildlife Resources at the University of Idaho. When he was a youth, he attended and passed a Hunter Education class taught by Howard Gardner. Lucas is now a Wildlife Agent for Idaho Fish and Game. Purposes of his presentation were to thank the Club for the scholarship, and to describe that the rigorous training that he received from three other Wildlife Agents and the test(s) that he took and passed before he became a Wildlife Agent.

● The third and main speaker was Jim Hyde, a retired WSU entomology professor, who discussed insects. His presentation was interesting and he discussed different interesting aspects about insects. He also brought several display cases containing insects to the meeting. Jim answered many questions from the audience.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Paul Kison who won an air compressor, Craig Swanson selected a Dutch Oven, John Hall won a barbeque tool set and a flashlight, Grover Wolk and Jim Reynolds each won a flashlight, David Miller won a laser gun sight, Dale Schielke, Dianne Warrant and Bob Zinsli each won a 2009 Club Calendar and Tammy McMurtrey won an elk sausage stick.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Willie Heaton/Pasco, Dennis C Larson/Kennewick & Greg Swank/Benton City.

**IN MEMORIAM OF DAN STEPNEWSKI** Members of the Richland Rod and Gun Club were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dan Stepnewski on December 19, 2008 at the age of 82. Dan joined the Club in 1962 and was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1965, 1966 and 1967. He received a 25-Year belt buckle in 1987. In addition, he volunteered for many club projects. Dan was a staunch supporter of the Club and its activities. He will be missed. (Howard Gardner)

**IN MEMORIAM OF LEO PIERCE** The Richland Rod and Gun Club offers sincere condolences on the passing of Leo Pierce on December 26, 2008 at the age of 88. Leo joined the Club in 1954 and again in 1980 continuing his membership until 2001. Over the years, he was involved in many club activities particularly Landowner-Sportsman Relations. His sincere interest and support for hunting, fishing, wildlife and the outdoors will be remembered. It was requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Richland Rod and Gun Club, P.O. Box 337, Richland, WA, 99352. (Howard Gardner)

**MASTER HUNTER APPLICANTS ORIENTATION MEETINGS:** The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and its Master Hunter Advisory Group are offering orientation classes in February for those interested in enrolling in the 2009 Master Hunter program. The orientation meetings will focus on the Master Hunter program application process, requirements for certification and the role of the master hunter. Participants may apply for the program after the meetings and will receive packets and study materials to take home. The following meetings are open to the public and will be held:

● Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Valley Fire Department in Yakima, 10000 Zier Road. Take the Nob Hill Blvd. exit off I-82; turn left onto 72nd Ave. and right onto Zier Road. (Club Member Mike Estes will be the facilitator.)

● Feb. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council headquarters in Spokane, 6116 North Market Street.

● Feb. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Room 172 of the Natural Resources Building (NRB) in Olympia, 1111 Washington Street, off Capitol Way. Directional signs are posted in NRB parking lots.

● The Master Hunter program is a voluntary program sponsored by WDFW. Formerly known as the Advanced Hunter Education program, the new Master Hunter program has been redesigned to promote the highest standard of hunter ethics and help ensure continued hunting opportunity in the future. Master hunters participate in controlled hunts to eliminate problem animals that damage property and/or threaten public safety. In addition to providing certification, the program emphasizes safe, ethical, responsible, and lawful hunting practices. The deadline for enrolling in the 2009 Master Hunter program is March 31. Details on the program and enrollment procedures are available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/masterhunter/>.

**KIDS WOOD DUCK DAY AT McNARY'S EDUCATION CENTER:** A Kids Wood Duck Day will be held at McNary's Education Center, McNary National Wildlife Refuge, 311 Lake Rd., Burbank, WA 99323 on Saturday, February 7 from 9:00 to 12:00. Kids ages 7-14 are invited to come build nesting boxes for the refuge with Dale Schielke of the RR&GC. Materials are being donated by Ducks Unlimited and by Dale. There will also be educational activities inside the Education Center. Please RSVP to at [Jennifer\\_bradbury@fws.gov](mailto:Jennifer_bradbury@fws.gov) or 509-942-8184 by January 31 if you will be attending. The Educational

Center is also looking for adult volunteers to help out, notify Jennie at [Jennifer\\_bradbury@fws.gov](mailto:Jennifer_bradbury@fws.gov) or leave a message at: 509-942-8184 by January 31 if you can help.

**Richard Fitzner Memorial Scholarship:** Howard Gardner. The 15th and 16th annual Fitzner Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Mary Coyle an undergraduate student in Wildlife and Fisheries Resources; and Will Black, an undergraduate student in Wildlife Resources and Rangeland Ecology, both at the University of Idaho. The annual award, started in 1993 and increased from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 in 2008, is given to a student(s) in a Wildlife related field to memorialize Richard Fitzner, a well-respected wildlife biologist and Club member, who died in a tragic plane crash. Coyle, of McCall, ID and Black, of Homedale, ID will each receive \$1000.00.

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

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● 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 **Saturday, March 28** 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.

**REVISED QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES:** The Quality Trip drawing rules were revised in 2008 and are shown below. Entry tickets for the 2009 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 2009, a member must have dues paid through April 1, 2010.
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.
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



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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MARCH GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, March 3, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - Einan's Facility, 915 Bypass Hwy, Richland

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - March 24, 2009, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

**RR&GC WILD/BIG GAME DINNER Saturday, March 28, 2009 AT RICHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**

### MARCH GENERAL MEETING

- The March meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. We will have dual presenters from the WDFW. Mike Erickson, Hatchery Specialist 4, from the Ringold Meseberg Hatchery will give a presentation on warm water production at Ringold of crappie, walleye and tiger musky. Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist, will present the 2009 fishing forecast/prospects for Eastern Washington. His presentation will include forecasts for trout, spring chinook, summer chinook, steelhead and other information. Come early so that you can get a good seat.

• **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. So far the donations have been very slim.**

• **March 28 Wild Game Dinner tickets may be sold out! If you would like to be on the waiting list for any returned tickets, sign up at the March General Meeting or call Dale Schielke at 375-0183. If you cannot use tickets you have purchased, Call Dale immediately,**

**FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** Club President, Angie Conant, opened the meeting and after the Club Pledge asked guests to introduce themselves. Announcements were made by Jerry Zeitler, Russ Wyer, Gene Van Liew, Lyle Gilk, Dianne Warrant, Mike Estes, Clare Cranston and Richard Sharp.

• Program Chairman Marilyn Steele introduced WDFW Region 2 Director Dennis Beich and two members of the Leavenworth Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Dennis passed out and discusses a draft Talking Points Sheet outlining the significant reductions in funding for WDFW staff and public service.

• Dennis and one of the Trout Unlimited representatives explained Senate Bill 5421 which would establish the upper Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp program. The program requires the WDFW to create and administer an upper Columbia River recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp program which would facilitate continued and, to the maximum extent possible, improved recreational salmon and steelhead fishing opportunities in the upper Columbia river and its tributaries by supplementing the resources available to the department to carry out the **required scientific monitoring and evaluation, data collection necessary**, to allow permitting, reporting, enforcement, and other activities necessary

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• Donations for the dinner, especially halibut, are very slim, please get them in as soon as possible. If you can't get them to the General or Board meeting call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694 and he will arrange to have your donation(s) picked up.

**QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES:** The Quality Trip Drawing Rules can be viewed at the Club's Web Site at: <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews/id29.htm>. Tickets can be purchased at the March General Meeting, and at the Wild Game dinner for \$20.00 each.

**E-MAIL ADDRESS SOLICITATION:** The Club would like to have a listing of e-mail addresses of all Club members that can access the Internet so that we can contact you quickly with announcements and other information. If you do not presently receive e-mail announcements from the Club. Please send your e-mail address to [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

**MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION:** Many Club memberships expire April 1, 2009. Renew your membership at the February and March General Meetings. **Please do not wait and renew the night of the Wild Game Dinner!** Annual dues are \$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. The expiration date is on the newsletter address

to provide such salmon and steelhead fishing opportunities. The WDFW would administer the pilot stamp program in consultation with an upper Columbia river salmon and steelhead recreational anglers board and create the upper Columbia River recreational salmon and steelhead pilot stamp program account. Many questions were asked and answered. Many at the meeting were not in favor of the bill, as written, and suggested several changes to improve the bill.

● Marilyn then introduced the second speaker of the evening Dennis Kreid. Dennis is a member of the Columbia Basin Fly Casters and former member of the RR&GC. He related the fishing trip that he and a group of eleven other fishermen from Sun River, OR took about a year ago to the Rio Negro River, a branch of the Amazon River, in Brazil. After flying to Brazil and a 150-mile boat trip up the Rio Negro, they lived on a six-cabin boat while they fished in smaller boats. Dennis caught 55 Peacock bass in 5½ days. There are three species of Peacock bass plus barracuda that they caught. Dennis showed slides of their itinerary, the boat they lived on, fish they caught and local scenery and natives (their fishing guides). Dennis answered many questions including transportation costs which were \$3500 round trip from Los Angeles in 2007 and \$4900 in 2008.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Rick Conant who selected a rigged walleye spinning rod and reel, Paul Hoffarth selected a 9 foot rigged fly rod with reel, Fred Miller (a visitor) won a 10X50 Bushnell binocular and a *butcher* knife set, Rich Wyrwas - a pellet pistol kit, Jim Reynolds - a large *Maglite* and a knife kit, Marilyn Steele - a pellet pistol, Bob Gough - a trailer hitch alignment kit and Ed Durrah - a pair of gloves.

**PRE WILD GAME DINNER MEETING:** A meeting of members involved in the Wild Game Dinner including cooks, helpers etc. will be held at 7:00 P.M. March 10 at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall.

**MARCH 21 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT:** A pheasant shoot for sixteen Hunter Education student graduates will be held on Saturday, March 21 at Ribbon Lakes. They will start the day at the Connell gun Club and shooting at clay pigeons and then move to the Ribbon Lakes site for the pheasant hunt. Coaches and other helpers should be at Ribbon Lakes about 9:00 A.M.. Clare Cranston will need some coaches, please call him at 547-6273 if you can help. The pheasants that will be harvested, except for one per student, will be used at the Club's Wild Game Dinner on March 28.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:** Tyrel Rall from Richland

**SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM FISH TANK WATER CHILLER REPAIRED:** The fish tank water chiller failed at Amistad School in Kennewick and replacement was not available. Kyle Hagen from the A-One Refrigeration and Heating Inc. responded immediately and repaired/refurbished the chiller so that no fish were lost. Many thanks to Kyle and A-One for their immediate response. The children will now be able to finish raising their salmon.

The annual banquet of the Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever is being held at the Red Lion in Pasco Saturday, March 7. Happy hour is at 5:30 P.M. and dinner is at 7:00 P.M.. Tickets are \$100.00 per couple, including one membership. A single ticket is \$70.00 including a membership.  
Call Dave Piovesan at 509-366-0056 or 509-265-4578 for more information or to purchase tickets.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - Clare Cranston. - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start May 4. 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.

● A Paradigm Class is scheduled for April 4 at the Hunter Education Facility for on line home study students 16 years of age or older. Students must study at home and be able to pass a 75 question Knowledge Test. More details are available at <http://www.hunter-ed.com/wa/>.

**KIDS WOOD DUCK DAY AT THE MCNARY EDUCATION CENTER:** - Dale Schielke - We had a great day, Feb. 14, helping kids build wood duck boxes and then checking boxes at Burbank Heights slough. Dave Miller and Gary Pittman assisted me in checking the 19 boxes at the slough. Thirteen of the boxes had signs of Wood Duck use and 39 membranes were found. (As of Saturday Feb 14th, 91 boxes had been checked, 52 boxes had signs of wood duck use, 194 membranes were counted, and 168 existing boxes remain to be checked.)

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** There were two entries in the January photo contest both by Richard Sharp. Richard was the winner with photos of Richard and Richard & John Cooper with lunker Rainbow Trout caught at Rufus Woods Lake January 30, 2009. Richard will win five free raffle tickets at the March General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>.

**USE OF FUNDS COMMITTEE:** - (Howard Gardner) The committee came up with the following recommendations that were approved by the Board of Directors at the February 17 Board meeting.

Item/Organization	Use of Funds	Jan 2009		
		Contributions(\$)	2007	2008
<b>Fitzner Memorial Scholarship</b> (Annual award to a student in wildlife biology studies)		500	2000	1000
<b>NRA Institute For Legislative Action</b> (Fights the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amendment battles)		300	300	300
<b>NRA Foundation</b> (Promotes firearm safety and shooting sports)		100	100	100
<b>Columbia Dive Rescue</b> (Rescue and body recovery)		300	300	300
<b>U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance</b> (Provides lobbying and grassroots support to protect sportsmen's rights)		250	250	250
<b>U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation</b> (Conducts education, legal defense and research to protect sportsmen's rights)		250	250	250
<b>Habitat Projects</b> (Supports local habitat development, as needed up to \$250.00)		250	69	450
<b>Delta Waterfowl</b> (Works for a sustainable North American waterfowl population)		100	150	150
<b>Youth Conservation Camp</b> (10 total)-nominally six from Club and four from Hunter Ed. @ \$250 per camper		1000	750	1500
<b>Hunters Heritage Council</b> (Promotion and political defense of hunting in Washington State)		250	250	250
<b>USA Olympic Shooting Team</b> (Donations are only source of funding)		100	200	300
<b>McNary Environmental Education Center (MEECE)</b> (Local environmental education facility)		100	100	100
<b>Go Play Outside Alliance Washington</b> (membership) (A hunting, fishing and conservation initiative)		250	750	250
<b>Salmon in the Classroom</b> (Purchase of equipment)		500	0	750
<b>Game Recovery Program</b> (Salvage big game for Union Gospel Mission)		0	200	200
<b>Archery Equipment</b> (Hunter Education)		0	301	0
<b>Youth Fishing</b> (Fishing Kids)		480	250	1000
<b>Coastal Conservation Association</b> (Membership)		0	100	100
<b>Travel expense</b> (Limited funding of expenses incurred from attendance at out-of-area meetings)		0	46.31	200
<b>Power Point Projector</b>				750
<b>Quail Forever</b>				100
<b>Youth Pheasant Hunts</b>				500
<b>Introduction to Firearms</b> (Women & Youth)				500
<b>Youth Activities</b> (Hunter Education)				500
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Yellowfin Tuna weighing 40 and 25 pounds caught off shore in Hawaii January 2009. Tammy was declared the winner and will win five free raffle tickets at the April General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>.

**DU EVENTS** • Saturday April 11 @ 9am. Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited 1st Annual Clays Shoot. Rattlesnake Range, cost: \$35 for over 17, \$25 17 & Under. Includes: 100 targets: 50 sporting, 25 trap, 25 skeet, DU membership, prizes, coffee & donuts. Each Paid Adult Entrant receives \$25 Credit (Youth gets \$10 Credit) toward One Ticket to the Tri Cities DU Luau Dinner, May 16 at the Clarion Inn, Richland

• Saturday May 16 3:00- 7:00. Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited Spring Luau & Pig Roast, Clarion Inn on GW Way in Richland  
For additional Information contact Jeff Rampon @ 308-6124, John O'Leary @ 586.7797 or Todd Noga @ 531.2426

**FISHING KIDS EVENT:** The Fishing Kids event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 2. 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. **Friday evening May 1 there will be a special new Fishing Kids even for Special Needs kids at the Fishing Pond from 5 to 7PM.** Volunteers are also needed for this event. Sign up to volunteer for either or both events at the April General Meeting or call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009/[emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com). A complimentary light lunch will be served to volunteers at the park on May 2. The Club is also involved in the assembly of 1,500 rods and reels before the events at the WDFW facility in Pasco. Volunteers will also be for the rod assembly. You can either assemble rods at the WDFW facility or take them home for assembly. They will probably arrive **late in April**. We will need many volunteers to assemble all the rods before May 1. There will be a sign up a sheet at the April meeting for these volunteers also. If you will not be able to attend the meeting and wish to volunteer Call Eddie at 586-6009 if you are willing to help. Volunteers will be contacted as soon as the rods arrive so that assembly schedules can be formulated so that we can assemble the rods before May 1.

**WOOD DUCK NESTING BOXES UPDATE:** - Dale Schielke Status of the nesting box inspections as of March 17 was 188 of the original 261 nesting boxes were inspected and 70 boxes showed signs of Wood Duck use, 20 boxes showed signs of Screech Owl use and 280 Wood Duck membranes were counted. Five additional nesting boxes were built at Carmichael School and in addition to those there are 41 other new boxes. There are two sections left to inspect and 20 new boxes will be installed.



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## MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

APRIL GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 23, 2009, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

## APRIL GENERAL MEETING

- The April meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. There will be two speakers.
- Josh Lamson and Eric Nield will discuss wildlife photography for both novice and experienced photographers. Their presentation will include information on trail cameras, photographing with your spotting scope as well as lots of photos.
- Additionally our own Richard Sharp will give us a review of his "special" or "super secret" Springer fishing techniques.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**
- **MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** Club President, Angie Conant, opened the meeting and after the Club Pledge asked guests to introduce themselves. Announcements were made by Dianne Warrant, Gene Van Liew, Don Board, Jerry Zeitler, Russ Wyer, Dale Schielke, Mike Estes, Jack Pickard and Richard Sharp.
- Mike Erickson, the first speaker of the evening, was introduced by Program Chairman Marilyn Steele. Mike is a Hatchery Specialist 4, from the WDFW Fish Program Hatcheries Division and is stationed at the Ringold Springs and Merseburg Hatcheries. Warm water fish are spawned and/or raised at the warm water hatcheries and salmon and steelhead are spawned and/or raised at the Ringold Springs facility. The two hatcheries at one time were operated separately; both are now managed as one unit. Mike stated that the facilities are very interesting to see. The Meseburg warm water hatchery consists of three rearing ponds and has produced Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Walleye, Bluegill, Catfish and Tiger Musky. The fish raised at the warm water hatchery are not released into the Columbia River but are collected by netting and then after the pond(s) are drained, the remaining fish are collected by hand. Club members have helped collect fish from the ponds after they were drained. The fish raised at this hatchery are stocked in waters throughout the whole State
- Salmon and steelhead are raised in the original larger ponds and are usually released into the Columbia River. A big problem at the larger ponds is predation by cormorants, egrets, pelicans and other birds and animals. In some cases up to 25% of the starting fish fry are consumed by predators. Various methods such as hazing, monofilament lines stretched across the pond, flash tape and other methods are used to prevent predation. An electric fence may be installed over one of the ponds in June or July in an attempt to reduce predation. Mike related some of the techniques that are used to raise the fish, the tagging methods, the food fed to the fish and other techniques utilized at the hatcheries. He showed photos of the facilities and stocking/production data for both the warm water fish and salmon and steelhead. His presentation was very interesting and informative; many questions were asked and answered.
- The second speaker of the evening Paul Hoffarth the local WDFW Fish Biologist stationed in Pasco was introduced by

Marilyn. He discussed the spring stocking schedules at local lakes/ponds, status of Powerline Lake, status of the Tucannon Lakes, the rehabilitation and stocking of Worth Lake and many other subjects. He covered the salmon and steelhead forecasts/prospects for 2009 including the Yakima River and Ringold spring chinook run. Walleye sampling results at Scootenevy were discussed and he mentioned the new Walleye regulation for Scootenevy which is a five-fish limit with a minimum size of 12" and a maximum of one fish greater than 22". He also discussed the new rule for measuring White Sturgeon where the length is measured from the nose to the fork in the tail. He said that anglers should study the 2009-10 regulations for rule changes especially the new non-buoyant lure restriction. Paul had to cut his presentation short because we ran out of time. As usual Paul gave a very good presentation.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Ben Webb who selected a large *Everything* spinning rod and reel rigged for salmon with all kinds of extra goodies and a trailer hitch alignment kit, John Nelson a trailer light kit, Lyle Gilk a Bushnell Legend 8x42 binoculars donated by Sportsman's Warehouse, Craig McKinstry selected an ultralight spinning rod and reel with assorted goodies, Rich Wyrwas a battery jumper and air compressor rig, and the Mystery Box that contained a \$25 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse, Terry Christensen a Folding Landing Net and Briant Charboneau a fishing rod holder.

**W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area Tree and Shrub Planting Day:** Saturday, April 18, 2009, the Wooten Wildlife Area staff would like to request assistance from any interested volunteers to plant 3,000 trees/shrubs into an existing CREP area South of Deer Lake. Any and all volunteer assistance is welcome and would be greatly appreciated. Meet at Wooten Headquarters at 9:00AM. Bring gloves and shovels, if available. For more information, please contact Kari Dingman at 509-843-1530.

**NON-TOXIC SHOT PHASE-IN.** Howard Gardner - The Washington State Wildlife Department has proposed its 2009-2011 hunting season recommendations to the Wildlife Commission for final approval on April 3-4. As part of the proposals, a phase-in plan for additional areas of non-toxic shot restriction was proposed as follows:

● In 2009, based on expanding non-toxic for problem areas, non-toxic shot will be required for the Windmill and Headquarters units of the Snake River Wildlife Area.

● In 2010, the use of non-toxic shot for hunting upland game, mourning dove, band-tailed pigeon, and game animals, other than big game, will be required on areas associated with pheasant release.

● In 2011, use of non-toxic shot for hunting upland game, mourning dove, band-tailed pigeon, and game animals, other than big game, will be required on all Department lands.

The basis for these non-toxic shot restrictions is the increasing incidence of primary and secondary poisoning of wildlife by lead shot throughout the world. A large body of reference material for lead poisoning has been developed. Contact Howard Gardner for information. The following letter approved by the RR&GC Board of Directors was mailed in Feb. 2009, to meet the deadline for comments, to the 2009-2011 Hunting Season Recommendations:

WDFW-Wildlife Program  
Attn: Hunting Season Comments  
600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Feb. 2009

Dear Sir,  
Re: Nontoxic Shot Requirements

After an extensive review of information on the effect of lead shot on wildlife, the environment and human health by members of the Richland Rod and Gun Club, we support the WDFW proposal for a three year phase-in of additional nontoxic shot restrictions on WDFW lands. We do, however, have concerns that should be recognized and addressed:

\*It is generally accepted that the best balance between shot size and pattern density for the smaller birds such as mourning dove, quail and snipe is 7 ½ to 8. Currently, nontoxic loads with this shot size is limited to steel, Bismuth and Classic Doubles (size 6). Steel is about \$0.10 more expensive per shell than lead (\$0.30 per), while bismuth or Classic Doubles are higher in cost by a factor of ten. Considering that the average number of shells shot per dove is about 6, most hunters would select steel rather than look at \$18.00 per dove. Also, if their current shotgun is an older model that would be damaged by steel shot, a new shotgun would have to be purchased. In addition, owners of 410 and 28 gauge guns currently have fewer alternatives. We suspect that there could be an overall impact of increasing nontoxic shot restrictions on retention and possibly recruitment of hunters.

\*Ultimately, the complete phase out of lead shot would present disposal problems for hunters with inventories of lead shot shells and/or reloading components. Here, the WDFW should identify sources for exchange of obsolete lead shot shells/components that would be available to the average hunter. We believe that a lead ammunition exchange program would provide an incentive to individual hunters to transition to nontoxic loads.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Reed Sharp from Richland, Ron Rhoads from Kennewick and John Cooper and Family from Grandview.

**HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT:** The Pheasant Forever Ringold Chapter is shrub planting the 18th of April in Mesa canyon and would appreciate volunteers to help. For more info contact Casey Hill @ 509-269-4040

**SALMON SUMMIT:** The Salmon Summit will take place two days this year, Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12 from 7:30 AM to 3:00PM both days at Columbia Park in Kennewick. Salmon fry raised by grade school students will be released into the Columbia River at the boat ramp by the Blue Bridge. Students from Benton and Franklin Counties will participate.

● Volunteers will be needed, both days, to help with the fry release and at other numerous events taking place both days, especially the fishing rod casting event. *Park near the stage at the East end of the Park.*

● Parking at the boat launch area is reserved for the School Buses only that are bringing the children to the event.

● Keep track of your mileage and volunteer hours. This is the termination of the 2009 Salmon In The Classroom project. The Club is a major participant in this event, we need all the volunteers we can get.

**MARCH 21 PHEASANT HUNT FOR HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS:** Fifteen fortunate students were treated to a pheasant hunt for stocked pheasants north of Mesa on Saturday, March 21. The hunt was organized by Dave Piovesan from the Limits Game Farm (<http://limitsgamefarm.homestead.com/limitsgamefarm.html>). The students hunted in two separate flights, one in the morning and the other after lunch. Each flight started at the Connell Gun Club where they shot at clay pigeons with their own shotguns or shotguns loaned to them from a stock of shotguns provided by Clare Cranston. One flight started at 9:00 AM and the other at 11:00 AM. After they practiced shooting at clay pigeons the first flight participated in a safety lecture and discussion given by Dave Myers and Dave Piovesan. They then traveled to Ribbon Lakes for the hunt where three pheasants (two hens and a rooster) had been set out earlier for each student. The students were divided into three groups and each group was assigned a pointing dog with a dog handler and a coach for each of the students. They hunted until all the birds were flushed. They then returned to the starting point and traveled to the Limits Game Farm. The 11:00AM flight had finished their clay pigeon shooting at the Connell Gun Club and traveled to the Limits Game Farm 'barn' where they, the 11:00AM flight, parents, coaches, dog handlers and other helpers were treated to a wholesome, delicious lunch consisting of a tossed salad, barbecued chicken breasts and thighs, barbecued beef tri-tip roasts, Dutch Oven baked beans (prepared by Dave Myers and Rick Conant), potato chips, brownies (prepared by Marilyn Steele) and bottled water or soft drinks. All were able to go through the serving line until they were full. The second flight then registered and participated in a safety lecture and discussion and traveled to Ribbon Lakes where they hunted the same as the morning group and then returned to the Limits Game Farm. In the meantime the morning group cleaned the pheasants they harvested under the direction of Bill Moulds as also the afternoon group did when they returned. Before they went home, each student received a beautiful engraved *Pheasants Forever* lock blade pocket knife as a memento of the hunt, courtesy of the Ringold Pheasants Forever Club and the Limits Game Farm.

● Sponsors of the Pheasant Hunt were: Limits Game Farm, Ringold Pheasants Forever and the Richland Rod and Gun Club. McCurley Chevrolet donated the money to purchase all the food and JC's Mesa Grocery donated bottled water, soda pop and ice. A total of \$15.00 was donated at the hunt by the students parents, this money will be deposited in the Club's Hunter Education account. Dave donated ten cleaned pheasants plus two other pheasants from the hunters for the Club's Wild Game Dinner. Hunter Education instructor Don Board was in charge of the actual hunts. Volunteers that helped were: Dave and Pam Piovesan, Clare Cranston, Eddie Manthos, Don Hartshorn, Gene Van Liew, John Prather, Mark C Kimmell, Casey Hill, Gary Scriven, Robert Escalero (Nacho), Bob Kolowith, Al Casebere, Rick & Angie Conant, Richard Libby, Craig Seal and Mike Mahaffee. The dog handlers & their dogs were Dale Scheilke, Dave Myers and Doug Eggebraken. 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 and kept us supplied with coffee. Robert Escalero (Nacho) and Casey Hill 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 of thanks from all of us. This was the first Hunter Education Students Pheasant Hunt for 2009. The next hunt will be in September.

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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

MAY GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - City of Richland Maintenance Facility  
 BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**  
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 20, 2009, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com).

### MAY GENERAL MEETING

- The May meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 5 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart.
- Quality Trip 2008 winner Bill Tanner and Lyle Gilk will discuss their guided bass and goose trips.
- Club member Dave Miller will discuss Sprague Lake camping tips and the fishing opportunities there.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

**APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** Club President, Angie Conant, opened the meeting and after the Club Pledge asked the several guests to introduce themselves. Announcements were made by Dianne Warrant, Gene Van Liew, Dale Schielke, Rick Conant, Eddie Manthos and Richard Sharp.

- A motion was made and seconded from the floor that the Club should purchase correctly sized hooks to be used in the rigging of rods and reels for the May 2-3 Fishing Kids event. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Howard Gardner announced that there is an Oregon Fishing Camp for kids 9-14 years of age in Oregon from July 26-30. The camp is coeducational and is close to Portland in the Sandy River area. Camps fees are \$325/kid. The Orcas Island Camp is not an option for 2009, it will not be offered because of State budgetary constraints. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the Club sponsor 10 youth to this years camp. (See article at bottom of page 3 for Camp change).
- Marilyn Steele introduced the first two speakers, Josh Lamson and Eric Nield. Josh and Eric are department managers at the Kennewick Sportsman's Warehouse store.
- Josh discussed trail cameras and described the brands that are available, their available features and uses. He passed around photos taken with a Moultrie camera. It has an approximate 60-foot range and can be mounted on a tree, post or other rigid object. They are activated by motion of an animal or other changes such as temperature. Cheaper models have an approximate one second lag after the animal/object is detected. There are also infra red cameras that can take photos in the dark and daylight. The photos are recorded on removable photo cards such as used in digital cameras. Some can be programmed to operate at certain times and time intervals between photos when an animal is detected. Josh also described the Epic camera that can be mounted on your hand, arm shotgun, rifle or bow. Cost of the trail cameras is between \$200 and \$400 and higher depending on the attachments/goodies you purchase.
- Eric's topic was "Digiscoping," 'photographing with a camera through a telescope'. He showed the camera combo that he uses, a Leica single lens reflex and a Steiner spotting scope. The scope is mounted on a very sturdy tripod. He attaches the

**New Report Shows Waterfowl Hunting's Contribution to U.S. Economy:** Excerpted from a U.S. FWS news release.

- Waterfowl hunters spent \$900 million on a variety of goods and services from food, transportation, guns and decoys to hunting dogs, clothing and other incidental expenses in 2006, according to a new report issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These trip and equipment-related expenditures generated more than \$2.3 billion in total economic output for 2006, which resulted in \$157 million in federal and state tax revenues, supported more than 27,000 jobs, and generated more than \$8.5 million in employment income.
- "The financial support provided to conservation, and the economy as a whole, is significant," said Rowan Gould, acting Director of the Service. "Waterfowlers, like many other sportsmen, have a proven track record in their contributions to the U.S. economy, and that's certainly something to take comfort in during these tough economic times."
- The report, The Economic Impact of Waterfowl Hunting in the United States, is an addendum to the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation. The report shows more than 1.3 million people, 16 years of age and older, hunted waterfowl in 2006. Waterfowl hunters represented 10 percent of all hunters, 7 percent of all hunting trip-related expenditures, and 6 percent of all equipment expenditures.
- According to the report, waterfowl hunters tend to be younger, have higher educational achievements, and are more affluent compared to all hunters. The majority (74 percent) of waterfowl hunters live in the South and the Midwest.
- "The Service plays a key role providing outdoor recreation opportunities such as hunting," said Gould. "And hunters are critical partners - in part through their purchase of Federal Duck Stamps and a tax a firearms and ammunition that supports habitat conservation - for our efforts to conserve wildlife and wetlands for future generations."
- The National Survey, conducted every five years, since 1955, is one of the nation's most definitive sources of information concerning wildlife-dependant recreation. The U.S. Census Bureau conducted the survey in two phases. First, a screening interview identified wildlife-related recreationists. The second phase consisted of multiple interviews to collect detailed information on participation and expenditures for U.S. residents 16 years of age and older.

• The waterfowl hunting report in addition to the detailed National Survey report, state reports, and other addenda can be downloaded at: <http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/NationalSurvey/reports2006.html>

camera to the scope through an adaptor when taking a photo. Focus is mainly with the scope and results are viewed on the camera screen before he takes the picture. He showed a variety of photos he has taken with his setup. An adaptor to allow your camera to 'mate' with the scope is necessary and can be expensive. Photos can be taken with 'snap and shoot' digital cameras if an adaptor is available. The photos Eric showed were impressive. His setup is not cheap, probably in the \$3,000 range or higher. The information presented by both speakers was new to most of us and very informative.

● Last but not least was Richard Sharp's Springer Salmon presentation. Richard got a late start and his presentation lasted until 9:45 and practically all of the audience stayed. As usual Richard gave a very detailed and informative presentation and was interrupted many times to answer questions. He showed slides and showed the tackle, rigging and lures he uses and showed the results he achieves with his techniques. The anchor and anchoring technique he uses when fishing in a swift current was shown. His anchor was built by Richard and he shared the instructions for building one; a similar store-bought anchor would retail in the \$100 range. He showed, step by step, many of the rigging and baiting techniques he uses and shared his latest tuna ball recipe and herring preparation technique. We received much information from Richard and because of the late hour, the question and answer session was cut short.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Paul Seuberlich who selected the salmon boat fishing rig which consisted of a medium-heavy weight Shimano rod with a Quantum line counter casting reel and the numerous rigs/goodies which Richard Sharp used in his springer salmon fishing presentation earlier in the evening, Tammy McMurtrey picked a binocular-camera kit, Eric Nield won an assembled fly rod and reel and a fly-fishing vest, Dave Myers selected a fly-fishing vest and the Mystery Box which contained a pair of miniature binoculars, Dan Sevcik won a pair of binoculars, a soft tackle box and a package of beef jerky, Dick Gies - a fisherman kit, Fred Porter - a soft tackle box, Dianne Warrant - a compact landing net, Marilyn Steele - a folding Garbage Can, Bryan Charboneau - a package of beef jerky, Jim Cartmell - a fish length measuring gauge and Larry Martin - a package of beef jerky. ,

**RRGCLUB EXCHANGE:** Thanks to Russ Wyer and Rick Conant the Club now has a website that you can use to sell, buy, trade or give away hunting, fishing or outdoors related items. Rick Conant is the *Exchange Manager*, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions contact him at [rsgsales@hotmail.com](mailto:rsgsales@hotmail.com). The website address is: [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/exchange](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/exchange). You will need to enter the password "wrench45" to see the Exchange List of hunting and fishing equipment.

**2009 WILD GAME DINNER:** The March 28 Wild game Dinner held at the Richland KofC Hall was a big success thanks to the meat donors, cooks, kitchen volunteers, door and raffle prize solicitors, other volunteers/helpers and Jerry Zeitler. Game meat that was on the menu was varied and plentiful: goose, duck, game sausages, bison tongue, venison, antelope, pheasant, bear, cougar, wild turkey, elk, buffalo, halibut and salmon. There was more than enough food for everyone and leftovers were packaged and made available to all at the end of the evening. The door prizes and raffle items were many and varied. Paul Kison was awarded the Gardner-Cranston Award, Larry Martin, Ben Webb and Dianne Warrant were awarded the Club's Distinguished Service Award. Dave Myers received the Life Member award and Leo Pfeifer received a 25 Year Belt Buckle. Paul Kison was the lucky winner of the Quality Trip drawing. Professor Jim Peek, the speaker of the evening, gave an interesting and very instructive presentation entitled "Wolves, Elk and Fire in the Central Idaho Wilderness." Professor Peak was apparently impressed by the Club as evidenced by his comments forwarded to Howard Gardner:

*I want to reiterate my thoughts that the Richland R&G Club is to be commended for cooperating with WDFW and likely others to accomplish things on the ground. It seems to me that the organized sportsmen around here (Idaho) are just out to criticize the agency and it certainly doesn't help matters. I think cooperative projects that can involve young people is a great way to keep up support for conservation and hunting. And it also means that the agency folks have good feelings towards the group and are more likely to pay attention to concerns. Withe best wishes, Jim Peek.*

**WOMEN & YOUTH INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS EVENT:** This event will take place Saturday, May 23 from 8:00AM to 2:00PM at the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Assn (TCMSA) Range. The event is recommended for and is open to women and youth 10 years of age and above. Firearms, ammunition & safety equipment will be supplied. It is sponsored by the TCMSA and the Richland Rod & Gun Club. The range is on the right hand side the Pasco-Kahlotus Rd. approximately 1.7 miles from the Hwy 12/E. Lewis St. interchange. Clare Cranston, 547-6273, is the Club contact.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Eric Nield & Family and Andrew Templeton from Richland, Bill Cherwien from West Richland, C. Travis Croy from Pasco and Mark Efler from Woodinville.

**SALMON SUMMIT:** The Salmon Summit will take place two days this year, Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12 from 7:30 AM to 3:00PM both days at Columbia Park in Kennewick. Salmon fry raised by grade school students will be released into the Columbia River at the boat ramp by the Blue Bridge. Students from Benton and Franklin Counties will participate.

● Volunteers will be needed, both days, to help with the fry release and at other numerous events taking place both days, **especially the fishing rod casting event. Park near the stage at the East end of the Park.** Box lunches will be available for all volunteers.

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**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** Dave Myers was the lone entrant in the April photo contest. He entered two photos, one was a photo of Rick Nelson fly fishing at Big 4 lake and the other was a photo of Bruce Tank with a rainbow trout. The photo of Rick's friend and trout was the winner the other photo was the runner-up. The photos can be viewed at [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/photo.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/photo.htm). Dave will win five free raffle tickets at the May General Meeting.

**FISHING KIDS EVENT:** The Fishing Kids event will take place at the Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond on Saturday, May 2. 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. **Friday evening May 1 there will be a special new Fishing Kids event for Special Needs kids at the Fishing Pond from 5 to 7PM.** Volunteers are also needed for this event. Call Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 if you wish to volunteer for either or both events. A complimentary light lunch will be served to volunteers at the park on May 2.

**Volunteers for the May 1 event should be at the Fishing Pond by 4:00 PM, May 2 volunteers should be at the Fishing Pond by 7:00 AM.**

**CISTERN (GUZZLER) REPAIR PROJECT:** - Larry Martin - Cistern #5 damaged by the Kiona fire about two years ago and located south of the McBee Grade road was repaired April 7, 2009. The tank was not damaged. A new frame was fabricated and installed with new support posts. Fence posts were also replaced and the existing fence wire was re strung. Bob Kollowith, Larry Martin, Larry Noggles and Gene Van Liew participated in the project which was completed in four hours for a total of 28 man-hours.

**WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP:** The Club was notified that the Youth Conservation Camp will be offered this year. The Board of Directors at their April meeting decided that the Conservation Camp will be offered instead of the Oregon Fishing Camp because the Conservation Camp offers a more rounded program. The Club is sponsoring 10 youth to this years Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp are July 12-18 for girls and July 19-25 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 Rick Conant at 396-0223 **IMMEDIATELY** to obtain a registration form. The applications will be accepted in the order received until 10 eligible applications are received. This year the Board decided that each applicant must submit a short essay stating why they want to attend Camp. 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.



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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - June 20, 2009, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)

ALLIED ARTS "ART IN THE PARK 2009" SALMON BOOTH - July 24 & 25

RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC - Tuesday, August 4 - 6:00 PM

### JUNE GENERAL MEETING

● The June meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at Columbia Park in Kennewick. The meeting will be in the grassy field in front of the Hydroplane Pits. Club member and Ducks Unlimited Member Jeff Rampon will conduct retrieving dog demonstrations. Please bring your own chair or equivalent.

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

**MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** Club President, Angie Conant, opened the meeting and after the Club Pledge asked guests to introduce themselves. Announcements were made by Russ Wyer, Marilyn Steel, Angie Conant, Gene Van Liew, Dale Schielke, Rick Conant, Eddie Manthos, Richard Sharp and Brian Howald. Brian, the Manger of Sportsman's Warehouse announced that the new name of the store will be "Wholesale Sports Outdoor Outfitter." He also updated us on the status of the store and he stated that many of the departments have been restocked. He is upbeat about the new store and believes that it will be a better store than it was before.

● Marilyn Steele introduced the speaker of the evening, Club member Dave Miller, who spoke about camping and fishing at Sprague Lake. It is a 1840 acres warm water lake, 10-18 feet deep and approximately 6 miles long and 1 mile wide. It was poisoned in 2007 and stocked with 800,000 small trout, catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, and bluegill. The trout stocked in 2007 are now triploid trout size. He showed a map of the lake and pointed out areas more conducive to fishing and the location of two resorts and boat launches. He camped at the Four Seasons Campground and Resort the week before his presentation. He fished off the Resort fishing dock and was very successful. Maps showing locations of rock piles that are prevalent in the lake are available for boaters at the Resort food and bait shop. The Resort has four cabins, 38 RV sites, tent sites clean restrooms with showers, boat slips, a fish cleaning station and a food and bait shop. Dave was very impressed with and recommends the facility. For more information log onto [www.fourseasonscampground.com](http://www.fourseasonscampground.com).

● Raffle drawing winners were: Steve Curtis who won a scope mounted Beeman air gun with a 0.177 and 0.22 barrels. (Steve was a first time visitor to a Club meeting - both he and his son signed up as new Club members before the drawing), Tom Zimba (a visitor) won a tackle box, Bob Zinsli won a wrist rocket slingshot and a fly fisherman tackle vest, Rick Libby won a fly fisherman tackle vest, Russ Wyer selected the Mystery Box which contained a kit of assorted bungee cords, Dave Oakley

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**SALMON BOOTH 2009:** - The Allied Arts 'Art in the Park 2009' Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 24 & 25 at the usual location in Howard Amon Park in Richland. The Columbia Basin Flycasters 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 both Clubs' for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday, July 23 from 6-8:00 P.M.. The booth will operate from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25. Shifts will be 9:00 AM-1:00:00 P.M., 1:00 PM-5: 00:00 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 7/01/08, will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find

out if they can work in the booth and during which shift. **You can also sign up at the June 2 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. Notify Dale Schielke at 375-0183 if you have a current Health Card that has not expired. If you desire to obtain a Health Card, the Health Department offers classes during the day and once a month in the evening at their location - 7102 West Okanogan Place, Kennewick. Please contact them to register for the class, 509-582-7761. All workers are urged to attend. Health Card and testing cost is \$10, payable by cash or money order only. The Club will reimburse you the fee if you obtain a Health Card.

won a floating boat fish basket, Gene Van Liew won a machete and Paul Seuberlich won a satchel fishing pack and a tackle box.

**Hunter Education Class:**-Howard Gardner, Chief Instructor. - The class started on Feb.25, 2009 and finished on March 16 after six three-hour sessions. It included a six-hour Range Day on March 14 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 27 students ranging in age from 10 to 36 were enrolled to start. Twenty-three passed, two were incomplete and two failed. Other instructors assisting in the class were Clare Cranston, Don Hartshorn, Don Board, Buddy Davis, Ed Coyne, Teresa Frase, David Myers, Steve Gaines and Rick Conant. Mike Livingston, Wildlife Biologist with the Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife instructed the Class section on Conservation. Wildlife Agent Brian Fulton discussed the range of his activities. Special thanks to Don Board 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.

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**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** Two photos were entered in the May Contest and both were declared winners. Rick McFall entered a photo of himself with a turkey gobbler he harvested in Stevens County April 18 at 9:15 AM. The second entry was by Rick Conant who entered a photo of his wife Angie with a smallmouth bass she caught Mothers Day, May 10, on the Snake River. The photos can be viewed at [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/photo.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/photo.htm). Both Rick s will win five free raffle tickets at the June general Meeting.

**FISHING KIDS 2009:** A new, very successful fishing event for Special Needs youth was held Friday evening, May 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Fishing Pond in Columbia Park. Eighty-six youth participated, their ages varied from about three years to 35 years. They were given a Fishing Kids cap and a 'Cast For Kids' T-shirt, a rigged Zebco rod and reel with bait plus other goodies. The weather was beautiful, the stocked trout cooperated and the participants caught their limit of three big ones almost immediately. Reaction of the Special Needs Youth was spontaneous when they caught a fish, they laughed, cried, jumped up and down and in some cases even hugged and kissed their fishing coach. Most of them had never caught a fish before. There were many volunteers from the many organizations that made the evening a success. Volunteers from the Club were: Chris Webb, Russ Wyer, Marilyn Steele, Richard Sharp, Bob Gough, Rick Nelson, Kelly Nelson, Angie Conant, Rick Conant, Paul Seuberlich, Tammy McMurtrey, Dennis Larson, Dave Myers, Carol Myers, John Prather, Dianne Warrant, Wade Warrant, Dave Miller, Les Carpenter, Jerry Sorenson, Clare Cranston, Eddie Manthos and Nancy Manthos. Paul Hoffarth, Jim Owens Executive Director of Cast For Kids and Ken Johanning the organizer of this and the Fishing Kids Event also participated. Some of the other volunteers were half a dozen employees from Sportsman's Warehouse, Leonard (the fish cleaner) and Beth Northrop, Steve Hathaway and Frank Baker. Since this event was so successful, I'm sure that it will be repeated every year along with the Fishing Kids Event.

● The annual Fishing Kids event took place the next day, Saturday, May 2. At least twelve hundred kids between the ages of 5-14 years old registered to participate in the event also held at the Columbia Park Fishing Pond, 1103 preregistered kids showed up to fish, additionally 83 more were registered at the park for the last flight. Some of the preregistered kids did not show up because of the weather, it started out cloudy, cleared up a bit and then turned windy and sprinkled. For \$5:00 each kid that preregistered, received a Zebco fishing rod and reel with line, hook, sinker, float, bait a Fishing Kids T-shirt and other goodies.

Kennewick Parks and recreation did a fantastic job taking care of registrations and setting up at the Park and cleaning up after both events. The pond had been closed earlier in the week after it had been stocked by the WDFW with about 6,000 rainbow trout including jumbos and triploids. Fishing was great during all the 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 Kamiakin FFA and their counselor attended and did all the "grunt" jobs, they were a hard-working bunch of kids and cheerfully did any job that was assigned to them. 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 about 1, 200 rods

before the event. The rods and reels arrived Friday, April 24 and had to be assembled before May 2. Paul and Dianna Seuberlich and Ben and Chris Webb assembled the Special Needs rods and reels that arrived about two days before the others. Howard Gardner, Lyle Gilk, Rick Nelson, Jerry Zeitler, Denis Larson, Paul Kison, Rick Libby, Russ Wyer, Jerry Burke and Blaine Elvbakken (Hunter Ed) took 1050 rods and reels home with them and assembled them before May 2. Many Club members, spouses, sons and daughters helped at the event. Club members Dave Piovesan, Rick Libby, Jack Pickard, Gene Van Liew, Dave Myers, Jerry Burke, Bob Gough, Paul Kison, Angie Conant, Rick Conant, Keith Sharp, Richard Sharp, Alana Sharp, Travis Sharp, Tammy McMurtrey, Marilyn Steele, Clare Cranston, Pat Travis, Russ Wyer, Bob Kolowith, Eddie Manthos, Fred Porter, Gaylord Pyle, Dave Miller, Jerry Sorenson, Bill Lambert, Chris Webb, Dennis Larson, Rich Holten and Bob Zinsli worked during the event. There were also many other volunteers from organizations such as The Columbia Basin Flycasters that helped. Club member Dave Piovesan and members of the Ringold Chapter of Pheasant Forever and Marilyn Steele camped out and patrolled the pond Thursday night to prevent people from fishing for trout stocked that day. Marilyn also camped out and patrolled the pond Friday night and cooked food for others that patrolled both Thursday and Friday evenings. She also prepared food for the volunteers at the end of the event.

Grigg's Shopping center prepared all the signs, donated the spools of ribbon tape used to identify the different flights. The Sportsman's Warehouse donated nightcrawlers and other baits used by the kids. At least six Sportsman's Warehouse employees helped both Friday and Saturday; they also supplied two canopies for the registration desk and the fish cleaning station Saturday, Bruce & Norene Benton cooked hot dogs and passed out all the condiments, and potato chips donated by Costco. Dale Schielke prepared a Dutch oven pheasant jambalaya dish, rice and cake for the volunteers. Tammy McMurtrey arranged for Coca Cola to donate plenty of soft drinks and bottled water for the participants and volunteers. Tammy and another volunteer cooked hot dogs and sold them to the participants; profits from the sale were donated to Cast For Kids. Ken Johanning deserves a big hand for again organizing the event. Jim Owens, the Cast For Kids Executive Director worked hard to make the event a success. Paul Hoffarth, local WDFW Fish Biologist, worked very hard to make the event a success. The Club also purchased smaller snelled fish hooks and split shot to replace the larger hooks and shot supplied with the rods and reels. As a result the catch success rate was much greater than had been experienced at events held in previous years with larger hooks.

**SALMON SUMMIT:** The Salmon Summit event where grade school children release salmon fry raised in their classroom, took place Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12 at Columbia Park in Kennewick. Sixty-three classrooms participated Monday and 61 classrooms on Tuesday. This was the seventh year that the Summit took place and the first year that students from grade schools in Benton and Franklin Counties participated. The Summit was sponsored and organized by the Benton and Franklin Conservation Districts. There were numerous other sponsors and participants in the event. The Washington Wheat Commission was a major sponsor. Our Club was in charge of the salmon release that took place at the boat launch ramps. Salmon fry release was the first event that took place both days. The fry and the children traveled to Columbia Park in private cars or school busses. The fry and students from each class/school were left off at the boat ramp where Club members netted the tiny salmon fry from large buckets they were transported in and then placed, one or more, into a plastic or paper cup. The students then walked down the boat ramp and released the fry from their cup into the Columbia River. Reaction of the students as they released the fry was varied; some cried, others laughed, many observed the fry after release until they swam out of view in the clear water, and some tried to photograph the fry as they were released. Teachers, parents and news cameramen also were photographing the students as they released the fry. There were times when the ramp was completely filled with students releasing and waiting to release their fry. The weather was sunny and windy Monday and cool, cloudy and very windy Tuesday. Club members that helped at the fry release were (*the number after each name denotes days worked*) Rick Conant (1), Dianne Warrant (1), Rick Nelson (1), Ben Webb (2), Chris Webb (2), Paul Seuberlich (2), Eddie Manthos (2), Paul Kison (2), Ev Weakley (1), Gene Van Liew (2), David Oakley (1), Howard Gardner (1), Tammy McMurtrey (1), Jerry Zeitler (1), Mike Estes (1), Richard Gies (1), Jim Reynolds (1), Neil Sullivan (1), Fred Porter (1), Larry Martin (1), and David Brouwer (1); Bob Kolowith was the event photographer both days.

● After the fish release at the boat ramp, the students participated in over 30 *LEARNING STATIONS* presented by various entities; there was a total of 64 *Learning Stations* located in the east end of the park. Students and their teachers were visible throughout the east end of the park. Columbia Park was a much better venue for the event than Horn Rapids Park where previous events were held. There was much more space for the events and the trees in the park provided shade and some shielding from Tuesday's wind. The boat launch ramp was much more suitable for the salmon fry release and the clarity of the Columbia River allowed the students to observe their fry swim away after they were released. It was a big day for the students and their teachers and they learned a lot. It was an event packed day for them and all the volunteers.

● Rachel Little, the Summit organizer, again did a great job organizing the event. Mark Miller from the Franklin Conservation District worked with and helped Rachel. There were no glitches and everything was on schedule. The Benton and Franklin Conservation Districts deserve a 'Big Thank You' for this event. Rachel and many of the volunteers put in two full, satisfying, pleasing and tiring days .



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JULY GENERAL MEETING - **THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST**  
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - July 21, 2009, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)  
ALLIED ARTS "ART IN THE PARK 2009" SALMON BOOTH - July 24 & 25  
RR&GC ANNUAL PICNIC - Tuesday, August 4 - 6:00 P.M. AT SOUTH LESLIE GROVES PARK

### JUNE GENERAL MEETING

• There will be **no** General Meeting in July or August. The July meeting is being replaced by the Arts in The Park Sidewalk Show Salmon Booth on July 24 and 25 (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 4 (see the article below.)

**JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** The General Meeting started about fifteen minutes late because of confusion where the meeting was held in Columbia Park. Angie Conant opened the meeting and Marilyn Steele introduced the main speaker Club Member Jeff Rampon. Jeff is also a member of Ducks Unlimited and the Sage & Sand Hunter Retriever Club (SSHRC.) The purpose of the meeting was to demonstrate the retrieving abilities of **well trained** hunting dogs. The participants, all SSHRC members, and their **dogs** Kevin Reasoner, Doug Stark/**Rocky**, John Pfeiffer/**Sage** and Ray Hamilton/**Riley** were introduced by Jeff. All of the dogs including **Chase**, Jeff's dog, were Black Labradors, except for a six-month-old Yellow Labrador.

Jeff discussed the history of the SSHRC which is a local club and suggested that bird hunters access their web site at [www.sshrc.info](http://www.sshrc.info) to learn about the Club and take advantage of the information in the site. He described the 'purpose' of Hunt Tests and their affiliation with the American Kennel Club. Different training tools used during dog training were discussed. He went over the steps taken in determining the type of dog you desire - retriever, pointer, what it will be used for (pet, hunting or competition), what performance you expect from the dog and how much effort you are willing to put into training. Different types of water dogs generally used and how to find a breeder that may have the dog you desire. How to read a pedigree and the organizations issuing them were covered. Health issues common to retrievers were discussed. Effect of the dog's parents disposition on the puppy was also discussed. Books, pedigree certificate copies and other information were passed around to the audience. Several demonstrations with dogs were shown. The Junior, Senior and Master Hunt Tests were explained and demonstrated. The final test was the Honor Drill where three dogs with their handler were stationed in front of a fourth handler, who threw a dummy in front of the three dogs, waited a short period, called out the dog's number (1, 2 or 3) and the handler, of the dog called commanded his dog to fetch the dummy. The other dogs do not move. The tests went without a hitch except one time when the dummy thrower called dog #3 and dog #3 broke and retrieved the dummy before his handler ordered him

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### 2008-2009 DUCK BANDS

Name	Where Harvested	Date	Information
Mike Estes	Eltopia, WA	12/28/08	Mallard drake, born 2006 or earlier, banded 20 miles west of Peace River, Alberta, Canada, 8/6/07
Dave Piovesan	9 mi W of Connell, WA	11/29/08	Mallard drake, hatched 2006 or earlier, banded Cardinal Lk, 20 mi W of Peace River AB, Canada.
Dave Piovesan	Near Connell, WA	11/01/2008	Mallard hen, hatched 2006, banded at 20 W Peace River Alberta, Ca. by bander from Edmonton, AB,

**ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP:** - Dave Myers The Royal Family Kids Camp is a week long, special attention camp for children in the Washington State Foster Care system; many of whom have special needs. These kids get an all-expenses paid summer camp experience where they are treated like royalty. The camp is held at the Salvation Army camp at Deer Lake, north of Spokane. Fishing for perch, crappie and bluegill, with an occasional bass from the camp dock is a highlight for the majority of the kids. The Club donated rods and reels several years ago and they have been put to excellent use every day of camp. Tackle items such as hooks, jigs, sinkers, bobbers, snelled leaders, etc. are needed and any donations will be put to good use and will be greatly appreciated by the kids. Contact information for anyone who would like to donate fishing tackle, specifically for panfish, to Royal Family Kids Camp can contact either me or Joe Wiley at the numbers below:

David Myers, 509-438-1277 (cell), 509-302-2016 (home), 509-373-3972 (office), [dcsmyers@clearwire.net](mailto:dcsmyers@clearwire.net) home email  
Joe Wiley, 509-521-7366 (cell), 509-735-1668(home), 509-373-6921(office), [cohoexpress@verizon.net](mailto:cohoexpress@verizon.net) home email

**RRGCLUB EXCHANGE:** Thanks to Russ Wyer and Rick Conant the Club now has a website that you can use to sell, buy, trade or give away hunting, fishing or outdoors related items. Rick Conant is the *Exchange Manager*, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions contact him at [rrgsales@hotmail.com](mailto:rrgsales@hotmail.com). The website address is: [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/exchange](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/exchange). You will need to enter the password "wrench45" to see the Exchange List of hunting and fishing equipment.

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to fetch, it was almost like the dog learned his number and retrieved when he heard it called. Several questions were asked and answered after the demonstration and a few stories were also told. The demonstrations, by the dogs and their handlers, were very really amazing. It made many of us realize that we need to work harder training our hunting dogs.

Announcements were made after the demonstrations by Angie Conant, Marilyn Steele and others. Clare Cranston discussed the successful Women & Youth Introduction to Firearms event that took place Saturday, May 23. Forty-six women and youth attended the event at the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Assn. range. Gene Van Liew discussed the very successful Salmon Summit that took place May 4 & 5 at Columbia Park. There was also a discussion concerning where the Club's General meetings might be held in 2010. The Club's annual August 4 summer picnic & salmon barbecue was also discussed. A raffle drawing was not held because meeting attendance was only about 30 people.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - Clare Cranston. - Hunter Education classes (Maximum of 32 persons each) are scheduled to start August 10, September 14 and October 12. 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.

● Paradigm Classes are scheduled for August 1, September 5 and November 7 at the Hunter Education Facility for on line home study students 16 years of age or older. Students must study at home and be able to pass a 75-question Knowledge Test. More details are available at <http://www.hunter-ed.com/wa/>.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** One photo was entered in the June Contest by Rick Libby who was automatically the winner. The photo was taken by Master Photographer Gaylord Pyle and shows Rick with fish caught on the Yakima River on Saturday, June 13. The photo can be viewed at [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/photo.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/photo.htm). Both Rick s will win five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting.

**HOME PHONE NUMBER CHANGES:** Many members home or cell phone numbers, in our database, have changed. If your number has changed, please notify us via e-mail at [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com) or call Eddie at 586-6009 and let me know your new phone number.

**WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMPS:** The Club was notified that the Orcas Island Youth Conservation Camp will be offered this year. The Board of Directors at their April meeting decided that the Conservation Camp will be offered instead of the Oregon Fishing Camp because the Conservation Camp offers a more rounded program. The Club is sponsoring 10 youth to this year's Washington State Conservation Camp at Orcas Island. Dates of the Camp are July 12-18 for girls and July 19-25 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 any youth(s) who is interested in attending camp, contact Angie Conant at 396-0223 **IMMEDIATELY** to obtain registration forms. 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 number of applications received thus far is very slim. There are over a half dozen openings remaining. This is too good an opportunity to miss, this is an opportunity of a lifetime for a youngster, submit your application immediately. The Washington State Conservation Camp is a great camp and the kids learn about the outdoors, survival, conservation, habitat and really enjoy themselves.

**SALMON BOOTH 2009:** - The Allied Arts 'Art in the Park 2009' Salmon Booth will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 24 & 25 at the usual location in Howard Amon Park in Richland. The Columbia Basin Flycasters will have the lead this year. An application to participate in the event has been submitted. Final food booth selection will be made late in June. This is the main money raising project of both Clubs' for the year. Booth setup and salmon preparation will be on Thursday, July 23 from 6-8:00 P.M.. The booth will operate from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25. 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 7/01/08, will be contacted by the Club's phone tree committee to find out if they can work in the booth and during which shift. If you are not contacted and are willing to work call Dale Schielke at 375-0183. 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. Notify Dale Schielke at 375-0183 if you have a current Health Card that has not expired. If you desire to

obtain a Health Card, the Health Department offers classes during the day and once a month in the evening at their location at 7102 West Okanogan Place, Kennewick. Please contact them to register for the class, 509-582-7761. All workers are urged to attend. Health Card and testing cost is \$10, payable by cash or money order only. The Club will reimburse the fee if you obtain a Health Card.

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**WOMEN & YOUTH INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS:** This event took place Saturday, May 23 from 8:00AM to 2:00PM at the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Assn (TCMSA) Range. The event was open to women and youth 10 years of age and above. Firearms, ammunition & safety equipment were supplied. It was sponsored by the TCMSA and the Richland Rod & Gun Club

Forty-six participants showed up and after a safety orientation/discussion were able to shoot sidearms, shotguns, rim fire and center rifles and muzzle loading rifles and shotguns. A lot of ammunition, targets and clay pigeons were consumed. The participants started showing up at 8:14 A.M. and the last one registered at 1:00 P.M. Some had never fired or even held a gun before. Mothers came with their daughter(s) or son(s). Photos of the event and the participants can be viewed on the Internet (see article following.) They were all enthusiastic and very appreciative. Some also signed up for the Hunter Education classes at Griggs. Wally Rife from the Silhouette Club was the Chairman; Clare Cranston from the RR&GC was heavily involved in planning of the event and the Club was a financial sponsor. Rick Conant from Stellar Industrial Supply donated the safety glasses and ear plugs used at the event. Volunteers that helped at the event were Clare Cranston, Angie & Rick Conant, Randy Hoge, Al Kruger, John Prather, Lee & Clare Haberling, Dave Baalman, Wally Ruff, Ted Nichols, Matt Birney, Paul Hacock, Kerry Brasky, Dave Myers, Bill High, Dave Baalman, Howard Gardner, Scott Laparco, (First Aid,) Ray Vollert, Craig Seal, Mark & Jason Kimmel, Gaylord Baker, Wally Ruff, Bob Birney, Jerry Zeitler, Greg Hagen, Dee Stimen, Russ Thurman and Marilyn Steel who also prepared snacks for the volunteers,

**CLUB EVENT PHOTOS ARE ONLINE:** Rick Conant has been photographing many of the Club functions such as Fishing Kids, Salmon Summit, etc. These photos are available online for viewing at MySpace.com. To access the photos go to [www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com), go to the search window at the top right hand side of the window, make sure 'People' is in the window, enter richland rod in the search window and click on search, click on the Club logo and go from there.

**WANTED WILD HONEY BEE SWARMS!:** If you have a swarm of wild honeybees in your yard or know anyone that does, please call Gaylord Pyle at 948-2392. He will come and capture all the bees and take them to his home where he will install them into a bee hive.

**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

**IN MEMORIAM OF DON GALBREATH:** Don Galbreath passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2009 in Kennewick at the age of 91. He was a well respected biologist, and during his 31 years with the Washington Dept. of Game in Ephrata, retiring in 1979, made many informative presentations on wildlife populations to the Richland Rod & Gun Club. Among other endeavors, he was instrumental in keeping road access open to public land in the Ephrata area. Our condolences to the Family. (Howard Gardner)



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### DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:

● A duck banding event, will take place at the McNary Wildlife Refuge Education Center on Saturday, August 8 at 8:00 AM. The event is also the Education Center's August Second Saturday Event. All youth 17 years of age and under including Ducks Unlimited Greenwings and RR&GC youth are invited and encouraged to attend. The banding and other events are being sponsored/organized by the USFWS/McNary National Wildlife Refuge, the Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited chapter, Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club and the RR&GC. Address of the Education Center is 311 Lake Road in Burbank. To access the Education Center cross the Snake River Bridge on Hwy 12, turn left at the stoplight at US-12 and SR-124 on SR 124 toward

**BIRDWATCHERS NO FEATHERWEIGHTS IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO ECONOMY:** A new report released July 15 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows one of every five Americans watches birds, and in doing so, birdwatchers contributed **\$36 billion** to the U.S. economy in 2006, the most recent year for which economic data are available. The report – *Birding in the United States: A Demographic and Economic Analysis* – shows that total participation in birdwatching is strong at 48 million, and remaining at a steady 20 percent of the U.S. population since 1996.

Participation rates vary, but are generally greater in the northern half of the country. The five top states with the greatest birding participation rates include Montana (40 percent), Maine (39 percent), Vermont (38 percent), Minnesota (33 percent) and Iowa (33 percent).

The report identifies who birders are, where they live, how avid they are, and what kinds of birds they watch. In addition to demographic information, this report also provides an estimate of how much birders spend on their hobby and the economic impact of these expenditures. The report is an addendum to the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation. The 2006 survey is the eleventh in a series of surveys conducted about every 5 years that began in 1955. The survey, conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in partnership with state wildlife agencies and national conservation organizations, has become the reference for participation and expenditure information on fish and wildlife recreation in the United States. The survey helps quantify how enjoyment of the outdoors and wildlife contributes to society and promotes a healthy economy – and further strengthens the Service's commitment to conserve the nation's wildlife for the enjoyment and benefit of the American people.

A copy of the *Birding in the United States: A Demographic and Economic Analysis* can be downloaded at: [http://library.fws.gov/Pubs/birding\\_natsurvey06.pdf](http://library.fws.gov/Pubs/birding_natsurvey06.pdf) In conjunction with the release of the birding report, the Service also issued another similar addendum to the 2006 Survey entitled, *Wildlife Watching Trends: 1991–2006 A Reference Report*. This report shows similar trends in wildlife-watching, a broader category that includes large and small-mammal viewing. An overview of the Survey, and a wealth of other information, can be found online at: [http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/NationalSurvey/National\\_Survey.htm](http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/NationalSurvey/National_Survey.htm)

Ice Harbor Dam. Proceed one mile to the Burbank Fire station. Turn right and follow Lake Road across the pond and park in the parking lot on your left, the Education Center will be on your right.

In addition to helping install bands on ducks that were trapped earlier, the youth will learn about the migratory habits of waterfowl and the importance of banding in waterfowl research and management from Refuge staff. Other events that will take place that day are: Waterfowl ID by Steve Kimney, Wood Duck Box demonstration and building by Dale Schielke, duck and goose calling demonstration by Steve Schulz, water dog retriever demonstrations by Sand and Sage Hunting Retriever Club and hunter safety/hunter ethics & firearms display by Lyle Gilk. This will be an educational and fun project for young and old.. It is a great opportunity for youth to learn about waterfowl and waterfowl banding. Don't miss out, be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 8.

● McNary Refuge wildlife biologist Howard Bowers is banding ducks on Fridays and Saturdays at the Refuge, if you would like to assist Howard call him at 509-546-8300 to verify they have birds and for more information. .

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**AUDIT OF CLUB'S HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM:** The Clubs Hunter Education program was audited during an actual class at the Griggs Hunter Education Facility. on July 7, 2009 by Mik Mikitik WDFW Hunter Education Program Manager. See WDFW letter on right of page.


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**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:**

There were two entries in the July contest. One entry was submitted by Jack Pickard and it shows Jack with his granddaughter Hanna fishing at at the Columbia Park pond in May. The second entry was two photos of Arlen Schade with a Mexican Ocellated turkey he harvested in Mexico with the temperature at 107.6°. This turkey completed Arlen's World Slam. Both entries were declared winners. Jack and Arlen will win five free raffle tickets at the September General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at

[www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/photo.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/photo.htm).



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July 10, 2009

TO: Clare Cranston, Hunter Education Instructor

FROM: Mik Mikitik, Hunter Education Division *MM*

RE: CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS

Thanks again for the opportunity to watch your team in action on Tuesday at Grigg's!

Enclosed is a copy of our standardized evaluation form, along with a written summary from my notes. You will note that the checklist evaluation form is based on what I observed while I was in the class. I already know from speaking with your team that you tried a new approach to your student handling activities. My suggestions do not imply anything negative, as you will see from the written summary, but students should always be focused on hunter education training while they are in our classes.

Overall I left your class with an impression of a solid team that thoroughly enjoys all things hunter education. Your team did a good job of presenting the material, keeping student attention during the classroom presentation, allowing students extensive firearm handling options, and demonstrating your collective enthusiasm for hunting and the shooting sports.

Let me know if you have any questions regarding my review, my notes or my few recommendations.

cc: Lt. Crown  
Sgt. Anderson  
C. Ray

**BREEDING POPULATION SURVEY RELEASED; WET CONDITIONS ATTRACT DUCKS TO DAKOTAS:**

BISMARCK, N.D. July 2, 2009, A Delta Waterfowl Press Release - At first glance, the results of the 2009 duck breeding population and habitat survey are eye-popping: Many ponds across the prairie breeding grounds increased 45 percent from a year ago, the total duck population was up 25 percent and mallard numbers climbed 10 percent.

Look closer, however, and some of the survey's findings explode from the pages like a Fourth of July fireworks display.

"If you would have told me 10 years ago we'd have twice as many pintails nesting on the U.S. side of the breeding grounds as Canadian prairie, I would have laughed in your face," said Dr. Frank Rohwer, Delta's scientific director.

Yet that's exactly what happened this year as 1.4 million pintails nested in the Dakotas and eastern Montana while only 664,000 set up housekeeping in prairie Canada. The U.S. side of the region also attracted 78 percent more blue-winged teal (4.5 million) than prairie Canada (2.5 million) and a higher percentage of mallards than any other year since the survey began in 1955.

The results of the breeding-population and habitat survey were released Thursday by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Canadian Wildlife Service. The B-pop, as it's called, is the most extensive wildlife inventory on the continent.

The total duck breeding population rose 13 percent from 37.3 million to 42 million, and for the first time ever more ducks (14 million) settled on the U.S. side of the Prairie Pothole Region (PPR) than the Canadian side (12.7 million).

"That's sobering news for prairie Canada, which continues to experience sub-par duck production, but exciting news for the U.S., where nest success has been excellent because of an abundance of grass and a scarcity of red fox," says Dr. Rohwer,

"Ducks track ponds and the Dakotas and eastern Montana are wet," says Senior Vice President John Devney. "Not only that, but thanks to heavy rains in June, our grass cover is in excellent shape and we've maintained good wetlands, which bodes well for re-nesting and brood survival.

"We ought to be making a bunch of baby ducks this year," echoed John Solberg, the USFWS pilot-biologist who flies the eastern Dakotas survey each spring. "We're very wet, and the cover response to recent rains has been incredible."

A breakdown of the numbers shows the PPR had a 45-percent year-over-year increase in May ponds to 6.4 million. Prairie Canada was 17 percent wetter than a year ago and 5 percent wetter than the long-term average while the U.S. side had a whopping 108 percent increase in wetlands and was 87 percent wetter than the LTA.

The mallard population climbed from 7.7 million to 8.5 million. The U.S. attracted a 2.96 million mallards while 3.04 million settled in prairie Canada.

Among the other most popular species, gadwall numbers were up 12 percent to 3.1 million; green-winged teal rose to an all-time record of 3.4 million; blue-winged teal rose 11 percent to 7.4 million; northern shovelers climbed 25 percent to 4.4 million; northern pintails were up 23 percent to 3.2 million; canvasbacks were up 35 percent to 662,000, and scaup rose for the third straight year, up 12 percent to 4.2 million, the highest level since 1999.

The only species to show a drop in breeding numbers were redheads, which were down one percent to 1.0 million, and wigeon, down one percent to 2.5 million.

The PPR constitutes only 10 percent of North America's breeding habitat but annually attracts two-thirds or more of all nesting ducks. The surveyed portion of the region includes North and South Dakota and a sliver of eastern Montana in the U.S., and prairie Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba in Canada. About 75 percent of the PPR exists in Canada, which historically attracted 75 percent of the ducks that nest there.

During the wet cycle of the 1990s, duck production on the U.S. side of the border increased dramatically thanks to 5 million acres of grass nesting cover provided by the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

"Things look great right now," Devney says, "but hunters need to remember we've lost more than a million acres of CRP just since 2007 and more contracts will expire this year. On top of that, we've been losing native prairie at an alarming rate and several million more acres are at risk. If we can't find a way to preserve existing upland cover, we simply won't enjoy this kind of production in the future."

**ESTIMATES OF BREEDING DUCKS (Millions) (LTA is long-term average)**

SPECIES	Year 2009	Year 2008	% Change from '08	% Change from LTA
Mallard	8.512	7.724	+10	13
Gadwall	3.054	2.728	12	+73
American Wigeon	2.469	2.487	-1	-5
Green-winged Teal	3.444	2.980	+16	79
Blue-winged Teal	7.384	6.640	+11	+60
Northern Shoveler	4.376	3.508	+25	+92
Northern Pintail	3.225	2.613	23	-20
Redhead	1.044	1.056	-1	+62
Canvasback	0.662	0.489	+35	16
Scaup	4.172	3.738	12	-18
<b>Total Ducks</b>	<b>42,005</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>+25</b>





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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - **Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - September 21, 2009, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)

### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The first meeting of the fall season will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 1st at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. The speakers, Mike Livingston from Region 3 and Pat Fowler from Region 1 will discuss 2009 hunting forecasts for big game, upland game and waterfowl for WDFW Regions 1-3. They will also discuss Region 2 forecasts. The Tip of The Month speaker will be Howard Gardner who will discuss shotgun shell reloading with bismuth shot.
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**

**SALMON BOOTH 2009:** Dale Schielke & Howard Gardner - In its 24th year, the Salmon Booth in Art in the Park was successfully operated under the Banner of the Columbia Basin Fly Casters. This year the profit was \$4167.48 to be shared equally by both clubs. This was \$1141.06 less than 2008, probably the result of the depression and hot weather. "The Salmon Sandwich," in its 11th year, continues to be a good seller. A total of 451 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as dinners, sandwiches, and some whole fillets toward the end. 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: Don and Chris Barnes, Ben and Chris Webb, Jerry Zeitler(3), John Pfeiffer(2), Harold Heacock, Eddie and Nancy Manthos, Paul Kison(2), Rich and Pat Holten, Ev Weakley, Dale Schielke(7), Jack Pickard, Jeff and Margaret Fulks(2), Bob Kolowith(2), Harvey Huisingh, Marilyn Steele(2), Jerry Caprio, Rick Libby(2), Russ Wyer, Dan Edwards, Mike McWethy(2), Richard and Diana Santos, Terral Finger(2), Dennis and Sue Kreid, Clint and Margie Worcester, Jim Reynolds(2), Dennis Collins, Angie Conant, Tim Lynch, Tammy McMurtrey, Paul Seuberlich, David O'Brien, Gene Woodruff, Lyle Gilk(3), Gene Van Liew(2), Larry Martin(2), Wade and Dianne Warrant, Tom Logan, Bill Peterson, Jack Shetter, Wally and Mary Jane Sheely, Brock Buttars, Bill Siefken, Fred Porter, Debbie Spore, Shan Belew, Dan Robertson, Mike and Karen Estes, Al Casebere, Bob and Sharon Zinsli, Rusty and Leslie Moran, Doug Schuetze, Lee Toutt, Marty Ottem, Ron Reed, Joe Delaney, Ed Thornton, Rod Gilge, Jeff Rampon and Howard Gardner(5). The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered.

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: and Howard Gardner for running around to purchase all the miscellaneous supplies and co-chairing the Booth. Also, a special thanks to John Pfeiffer for again managing booth setup, tear down and storage, no small

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!!:** The hunting season is starting soon and it will be time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held in March of 2010. 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: After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap (the diagram is shown on the Club's web site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>). 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!

**TWO POLE FISHING OPTION:** (Excerpted from the WDFW website.)

Effective Aug. 15, the two-pole endorsement option will apply to the majority of the 8,000 fishing lakes, ponds and reservoirs in Washington state. Endorsements are available from authorized license dealers. Cost is \$24.50 (\$6.50 for seniors), which includes a 10 percent state surcharge, a 10 percent transaction fee and a \$.50 dealer fee. Revenues from the fees will go toward hatchery fish production. All fishing rules and regulations still apply. Anglers with a valid two-pole endorsement may use up to three hooks on each line. The two-pole endorsement option will apply to the majority of the 8,000 fishing lakes, ponds and reservoirs in the State. Saltwater fisheries and fisheries on rivers and streams will be excluded. About 145 lakes and ponds will be excluded

from the two-pole endorsement program, you should check the regulations very carefully before you go fishing. The list of excluded lakes and ponds is available online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/twopole/>. Criteria for excluded lakes, ponds and reservoirs are: ○ Lakes containing ESA-listed species, determined on a case-by-case basis. ○ Lakes connected to anadromous waters during fisheries for anadromous fish, i.e. salmon. ○ Lakes managed for natural trout production. ○ Juvenile-only lakes. ○ Fly-fishing only waters. ○ Lakes with selective gear rules and a reduced daily limit for trout. ○ In general, two-pole fishing not allowed in saltwater, or in rivers, streams and beaver ponds. Excluded waters are those with conservation issues, such as such as juvenile-only fishing lakes or waters containing threatened or endangered species. Locally it appears that the Columbia, Snake and Yakima Rivers are excluded from the two pole endorsement.

task. In addition, because our usual ice supply was unavailable, Lyle Gilk was able to obtain enough ice from the Richland VFW for Saturday's Booth operation, many thanks. They are a big reason the event is a success. 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. Our extra effort in temperature control and cleanliness pays off. We continue to get many compliments on the dinners/sandwiches and many customers come down year after year for the delicious salmon. Next year the Richland Rod and Gun Club will take the lead. Thanks again to a great group of volunteers. Also, many thanks again to Dale Schielke and Howard Gardner for co-chairing the event, organizing it, taking care of all the paperwork, purchasing the groceries and supplies, and being present at every shift. If it wasn't for them the event would not be as successful as it has been every year.

**RR&GC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC:** The Club's annual salmon barbecue and picnic was held Tuesday, August 4. Initially the weather was beautiful but very hot. Later in the evening, after we finished eating, it clouded up and sprinkled rain. About seventy-five people attended. The alder smoked salmon and chicken breasts, prepared by Dale Schielke and Mike Estes were great and served as soon as they were ready. Marilyn Steele served generous portions and there was enough, plus more, for everyone. The pot luck side dishes, salads and desserts were again excellent. After we finished eating, Rocky Ross retiring Manager of the WDFW Sunnyside-Snake River Wildlife Area and RR&GC member was presented a retirement gift from the Club in recognition of his services, especially in the development and management, of state-owned lands to provide wildlife habitat and places to hunt and fish. We wish Rocky happiness, good hunting and fishing and a long and healthy life during his retirement. Six liars, Dave Myers, Mike Estes, Mack McDonnell, Richard Sharp, Dale Schielke and Alan Casebere participated in the annual hotly contested liars contest. First place winner (Biggest Liar-\$30 gift certificate) was Dale Schielke, second place winner (Bigger Liar-\$20 gift certificate) was Mack McDonnell and third place winner (Big Liar-\$10 gift certificate) was Alan Casebere. Because it started sprinkling rain, the game competitions prepared by Marilyn Steele were called off and everyone packed up and headed home.

**THANKS FROM ROCKY ROSS:** I'd like to thank the Richland Rod & Gun Club for the very generous retirement gift I received at the annual picnic. After the hundreds of hours of volunteer time the club members have provided on my habitat projects, I'm the one who should be gifting the club.

I started hunting before I was old enough to carry a gun. Part of the reason I continue to hunt is that I love every aspect of the outdoors, but I also love eating wild game. With our busy schedules, I know it's hard to find places to hunt where we can have some expectation of bringing home some mouth-watering fare. So, the driving force for me over the years has been to develop state-owned lands so they will provide at least some assurance of hunting success. I know I haven't always hit the mark, but seeing hunters return to the parking lots with bulges in their game bags has been very satisfying.

I've been very blessed with a job that has fit my personal interests so well but also one, which has allowed me to work with many club members who are so dedicated to the resource. Volunteer projects are not always a panacea. I've done a lot of them in my career and many times the results have been frustrating, especially considering all the time spent setting them up. This has never been the case with Rod & Gun Club projects. Club members always show up if they say they will. They always come fully prepared, they always work very hard, and are always of good cheer. I could never have achieved what I did without the club's help. It's been a great partnership and very fulfilling to work with the club all these years. Thank you so much for the support, the friendship and the recognition. Rocky Ross

**2009 DUCK BANDING FOR YOUTH AT MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:** Over fifty people, youth their parents and others attended the duck banding project at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank on Saturday, August 8. This year's youth were much younger than those in previous years. Before duck banding took place, FWS Biologist Howard Browers gave a very good presentation explaining why ducks and other birds are banded and he showed the different styles of and sizes of bands. He also showed some of the information learned from returned bands and explaining the importance of duck banding. He displayed various charts and maps that showed numbers and species of ducks banded at McNary in previous years and where and when they were found after banding. He explained why ducks molt and showed on some of the ducks to be banded, their appearance while they were in molt and how the age of a duck is determined. Several other FWS personnel helped Howard during the duck banding. Twenty mallards had been trapped earlier in three traps and were transferred to a cage at the banding site. One of the trapped ducks had been banded earlier. Each youth had the opportunity to hold a duck while it

was banded, in some cases a second youth helped hold the duck. They had the opportunity of carrying their banded duck to the edge of the pond and releasing it. There were plenty of ducks available and one young lady volunteered to carry two additional banded ducks to the shoreline for release. The younger youth were able to observe and pet a duck before it was banded. They were all really turned on to be able to observe and hold a live duck.

- After the banding was completed, the youth divided into groups that traveled to five stations. Two of the stations were on the grass next to the shoreline and manned by FWS personnel. One station was equipped with microscopes that allowed the youth to see invertebrates that are waterfowl food in the pond water. The other station displayed plants that are utilized as food by waterfowl. The other three stations were outside the Education Center building. Tom Kinney and his wife from Still Life Taxidermy had a spectacular display of waterfowl mounts. Visitors examined them and attempted to identify the different birds, whose name was hidden under the mount. Lyle Gilk had a Hunter Safety display including safety brochures and a display of many rifles, shotguns and sidearms many of which were collectors items. Dale Schielke had a wood duck nesting box display along with instructions for building and installing the nesting boxes. The youth were invited to help in the construction of new nesting boxes from pre-cut parts. A total of three boxes were fabricated. Each of the youth that participated was able to write their name on the inside of the last panel installed on their nesting box.

- Liquid refreshments and snacks were supplied by the Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited chapter and were available for the youth and visitors. The banding and other events were sponsored/organized by the McNary National Wildlife Refuge, Education Center Volunteers, the Tri-Cities Ducks Unlimited chapter, and the RR&GC.

- The new Education Center is a spectacular facility. It is adjacent to the FWS offices and is separated by a breeze way. There are plenty parking places for visitors. The Education Center consists of three rooms. Entrance to facility leads into a large entry room with many bird and animal mounts, especially a large pelican shown in flight. There are numerous brochures and information packets available for visitors. The largest room has two large glass enclosed display cases on each end of the room that contain many bird and animal mounts donated or loaned by the Audubon Club. The room is spacious enough to hold large groups for meetings or classes. The third room is for staff offices and storage. It is a first class facility that the Education Center volunteers should be proud of.

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- The second group of students will meet at the Connell Gun Club later in the morning, shoot clay pigeons and then move to the Game Farm before lunch. Lunch will be served to students, parents, coaches, dog handlers, other volunteers and visitors at noon. After lunch the second group of students will go on their pheasant hunt. Both groups will clean their harvested bird(s) before they go home. Club members are welcome to come and observe the shoot and see what it is all about.

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**SIGHTING IN DAYS:** Hunters you can sight in your rifle(s) before you go hunting 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 5 and Saturday, September 19. The range will be open on those dates starting at 9:00 A.M..



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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - October 21, 2009, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)

### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

- The October meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 6 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. The speakers will be 2008 Quality Trip winners Lyle Gilk and Bill Tanner. Because of high transportation costs they decided to participate in one or more local guided hunting or fishing trips instead of a single trip that would consume a large part or all of the \$2,000.00 trip drawing. They ended up going on a goose hunting trip and two fishing trips. They will discuss the trip results, costs, problems and other trip details. The Tip of The Month topic has not been determined at the time this newsletter went to the printer.
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**CLUB GAME RECOVERY Event #9 - Sept 19, 2009:** On September 19, at 10:30 P.M., Lyle Gilk was notified by the Richland Police Department Dispatch Center that they had a deer hit by a car at Kennedy Road across from the Home Depot. A good sized Mule Deer doe was lying on the side of the road with both front legs broken. The on-scene Officer dispatched the crippled deer with his service weapon.

Lyle took the deer to his home where it was field dressed and hung in his storage shed until he could transport it to McCary's Meats in Basin City. Because of a backlog of animals and limited cooler space, Lyle was initially informed the deer would have to be boned out. However, the Office Manager made an exception and requested that for the next three to four weeks the Club's Recovery Team call and ask if it would be alright to bring a whole animal. The processed meat is given to the Tri-Cities Union Gospel Mission.

### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- The September general meeting was opened by Club president Angie Conant to a smaller than usual audience. After the Club Pledge, Angie introduced Club member Frank Scopa who had just returned from duty in Iraq. Announcements were made by Dale Schielke, Bob Kolowith, Eddie Manthos, Russ Wyer, Jack Pickard, Russ Wyer, Dave Myers, Mike Estes and Larry Martin. Paul Hoffarth announced that the Scootney Lake walleye survey will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6 and 7, he needs two volunteers each day to help at the survey: call Paul at 545-2284 if you are willing to help. Clare Cranston stated that Range Day for the last 2009 class of Hunter Education Students will take place at the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Range on Saturday, September 26.
- Howard Gardner gave the 'Tip of the Month Presentation' reloading shotgun shells with bismuth shot. Bismuth shot was

first reloaded about 1996 and is ballistically comparable to lead shot. Howard compared the approximate costs of hand reloaded bismuth shotgun shells, including shot, wad, powder and primer costs, which are substantially lower than factory loaded shells. He also compared the costs for hand loaded steel shot shells. He assumed that the reloader, in both cases, had used shotgun shells to load. Purchase of used or new empty shells would increase reloaded shell costs. He also mentioned a new type of steel shot, 'ITX'. Bismuth and other nontoxic shot, including wads and 'reloading recipes' can be obtained from the Precision Reloading Company at [www.precisionreloading.com](http://www.precisionreloading.com) and from Ballistic Products at [www.ballisticproducts.com](http://www.ballisticproducts.com), 'ITX' shot can be purchased from Ballistic Products. Hand reloading of bismuth, other nontoxic shot and lead shells can be a lot of fun and cost saving unless you have to purchase a reloading press, powder and shot bushings and perhaps a powder scale. Howard gave a very good presentation and showed us that nontoxic shotgun shells can be reloaded at home at costs lower than factory shells.

- Wildlife Biologists from Regions 1 and 2 were not able to attend this meeting. Their hunting forecasts can be viewed on the online edition of this Newsletter at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews/>. Mike Livingston, Region 3 Wildlife Biologist, was at the meeting and gave the Region 3 forecast which he named the "Crystal Ball Report." Mike discussed the white tail, mule deer and elk expectations for Region 3 which have not improved from last year. Deer numbers in Game Management Unit 381 however are good, most of the deer hunting however is on private land. Last years elk harvest from the Hanford herd was 43 elk, 29 bulls and 14 antler less. This January's survey counted a total of 639 elk. Pheasant hunting this year should be better than last year. There will be a total of five releases of 6300 pen raised rooster pheasants this year. Release sites for the region are listed on the WDFW web site: <http://wdfw.wa.gov>. Quail numbers are good and appear to be better than last year. Chukar numbers should be better because of improved nesting conditions, chukar populations still have not recovered to populations of several years ago. Numbers of local ducks are down in the Tri-Cities area and up in the Yakima area. There was no September goose season this year because of lower nest count numbers in this area. Mike gave a very good and entertaining presentation and answered many questions.

- Raffle drawing winners were: Chris Webb who selected a C-Star spotting scope with camera adapter, Angie Conant won a spinning rod and reel and goodies and also the Mystery Box that contained a laser sight, Dale Schielke a fly rod and canvas creel, Jack Pickard shotgun shells, clay pigeons and hand held clay pigeon thrower with an extended handle, Paul Kison a spinning rod and reel with goodies, Ben Webb a sling shot (wrist rocket type) and steel projectiles, Dick Geise a Jeep Outdoor Adventure Kit (various cutlery items), Bob Zinsli a knife kit and Russ Wyer a canvas fishing creel.

#### **SEPTEMBER 19 HUNTER EDUCATION STUDENTS PHEASANT SHOOT:**

- A pheasant shoot for Hunter Education students took place Saturday, September 19 at the Limits Game Farm just North of Mesa. Thirteen students participated in the event, considerably less than the thirty plus that had signed up earlier for the event. Four of the participating students were from the Mesa area. The students were divided into two groups, each group shot clay pigeons, ten each at two different stations, at the Connell Gun Club before they proceeded to the Limits Game Farm where the hunt originated. Those who didn't have a shotgun were loaned one from a stock of shotguns provided by Clare Cranston. Clare Cranston and Lyle Gilk were the instructors.

- Before they hunted at the Limits Game Farm, the students were registered, received a pair of safety glasses and a hunter orange vest; participated in a safety lecture and discussion and were divided into groups of two or three. A coach was assigned to each student and each group was provided with a dog handler and bird dog. Extra pheasants, more than three, had been set out in expectation of the students that did not show up. The students hunted behind the dog and dog handler, each youth with their coach, was behind the dog and handler. Others observers including any parents followed behind. As soon as a bird was located and flushed, one of the group shot at the bird, if he missed the other student(s) took his turn and fired. They continued shooting and rotating until all the birds or as many as possible were flushed. Some student pairs were more successful than others, some harvested no birds or one or two and there were two students that were very successful, one got five birds and the other four.

- Lunch was served about noon at the Game Farm barn where two rows of tables had been set up. The second or afternoon group arrived at the farm before some of the morning hunters were finished and they, their parents, coaches, dog handlers and other helpers and later the remainder of the morning group retired to the 'barn'. They were all treated to a lunch consisting of barbecued Tri-Tip beef steak, barbecued chicken breasts and thighs, Dutch Oven baked beans (prepared by Dave Myers), baked beans (prepared by Angie Conant), bread rolls, potato chips and cookies (prepared by Marilyn Steele and Angie Conant) and bottled water or soft drinks. Because all of the expected students did not show up there was more than enough food and goodies for all.

- After lunch the afternoon group students were registered, received a pair of safety glasses and a hunter orange vest, participated in a safety lecture and discussion and were divided into groups of two or three and proceeded to the hunt.

Successful hunters from both groups cleaned their harvested birds under the direction of Blaine Elvbakken and Pam Piovesan who did a fantastic job teaching the students how to skin and dress their pheasants. It was very obvious from Pam's skill that she has cleaned and dressed many game birds. 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. Legacy Ford donated \$250.00 towards the hunt's cost.

- The Ringold Chapter of Pheasants Forever purchased 78 pheasants that were used at the hunt, They also purchased the meats, salad, rolls and potato chips used at the lunch. Frontier Foods discounted the cost of the beef and chicken. JC's Mesa Grocery Store donated the bottled water, soda pop and ice

- Hunter Education instructor Don Board was in charge of the actual hunt. Volunteers and guests that helped were: Dave & Pam Piovesan, Clare Cranston, Lyle Gilk, Howard Gardner, Eddie Manthos, Teresa Frase, Rick and Angie Conant, Gene Van Liew, John Prather, Mark Kimmel, Hugh McEachen, Robert Escalero (Nacho), Mike Bass, Craig Seal, Mike Bucker, Blaine Elvbakken, George Hedlick, Rick Libby, Casey Hill and Gary Scriven,

- Dave Myers, Dale Schielke, Dan Evans and Tina Bernsen (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, made sure all the forms etc. were filled out, passed out the pocket knives and tutored the kids on the proper way to clean and dress pheasants. Hugh McEachen, Robert Escalero (Nacho), Mike Bass and Gary Scriven were the barbecue cooks. It is obvious from the above list of names that many are needed to run an event of this magnitude. They all deserve a lot of thanks from all of us. This was the Hunter Education Students Pheasant Hunt for September 2009. If all goes well, this shoot and another in the spring will be repeated in 2010.

**CATERED SALMON & CHICKEN BARBECUE:** - A Salmon BBQ lunch was catered by the Club Wednesday, Sept. 16 for about 400 Battelle employees at the Battelle Picnic Park. Alder smoked barbecued chicken and salmon, baked beans, cole slaw, bread rolls, three kinds of cookies and soda pop or water were served. Club members who helped at the event were Dale Schielke (who prepared the baked beans), Paul Kison, Jerry Zeitler (who transported the cookers/trailer to and from the event), Howard Gardner, Bob Gough, Ben Webb, Paul Seuberlich, Eddie and Nancy Manthos, Gene Van Liew, Ev Weakley, Lyle Gilk and Gaylord Pyle. Dale Schielke planned and organized the event and purchased the groceries. The weather was great, all the salmon was consumed and 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. Dale wishes to express his gratitude to those who helped pull off this great money making event. The Club wishes to thank Dale and the "crew" that worked so hard to make this event a success.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - Clare Cranston. - A Hunter Education class (Maximum of 32 persons each) is scheduled to start October 12. 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. The next classes will be in 2010 and will be announced as soon as the 2010 schedule is determined.

- A Paradigm Classes is scheduled for November 7 at the Hunter Education Facility for on line home study students 16 years of age or older. Students must study at home and be able to pass a 75-question Knowledge Test. More details are available at <http://www.hunter-ed.com/wa/>. Call Griggs at 547-0566 to verify the date. The next paradigm classes will be in 2010 and will be announced as soon as the 2010 schedule is determined.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** Two very good photographs were entered in the September Photo Contest.

- Andrew Templeton entered a photo of himself with an 8 ft.-8 in. sturgeon he caught below McNary Dam in August; calculated weight was 400 pounds and was estimated to be over 50 years old. The fish jumped twice and came almost completely out of the water.

- Bill Lambert entered a photo of himself with a 14 lb. Silver Salmon he caught in Alaska August 23.

- The winner was Andrew Templeton Richard who will win five free raffle tickets at the October General Meeting Raffle. Both photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>.

#### **OCTOBER McNARY EDUCATION CENTER SECOND SATURDAY EVENT**

**October 10, 2009 ,9 am to? GRAND OPENING of the new McNary Education Center.**

**A fabulous facility that replaced the residence where the Education Center began in 1997.**

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- The Tip of The Month topic is *The Meat Gun* and Howard Gardner will be the presenter.
- RR&GC 2010 calendars will be available at the November General Meeting and can be purchased for \$3.00. Buy them early before they are sold out. They make great Christmas gifts for your hunting and fishing buddies.
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• "When the index moves by just a tenth of a point, 40,000 anglers have entered or quit sportfishing. Considering the typical angler spends \$176 a year on just fishing tackle alone, and contributes over \$40 annually to conservation via license dollars and excise taxes, a small change in the index represents big changes on the ground," said Nussman.

• Percentage Change in the Number of Licenses Sold Year-to-date In 2009 Compared to the Same Months in the Previous Year

• Ultimately, anglers, and other sportsmen and women, are the most significant funding source for conservation and recreation in the United States. Through the purchase of fishing licenses and special excise taxes on gear and motorboat fuel, hundreds of millions of anglers' dollars each year are collected or funneled to states for conservation and recreation. In 2008, \$720 million of these excise taxes were distributed for fisheries management and recreational boating enhancement. In addition, fishing license sales generated \$600 million in revenue for state fish and wildlife agencies.

• State fish and wildlife agencies reporting license sales numbers include Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Texas and Utah. They were selected on their ability to provide consistent license sales data to illustrate both a national and regional perspective. As more states expand their data reporting capacity, the number of reporting states will increase.

### Notes and Considerations:

1) The license sales index is designed as a timely metric of fishing license sales. It is not an exact measure of all fishing license sales nationally.

2) Results are based on a weighted average of trends among participating states. States with larger angler populations have greater impact on the results than smaller states.

3) Due to confidentiality considerations extended to participating states, license sales trends are not available on a per-state basis.

4) This is the first in a series of planned fishing license sales indices. Future indices will be released on a quarterly basis.

- There was not a 'Tip of the Month Presentation.' Marilyn Steele introduced the main speakers of the evening, Lyle Gilk and Bill Tanner, the 2008 Quality Trip winners. Instead of going on an out-of state trip they had decided to go on several local guided fishing and hunting trips. They ended up going on a one day guided goose hunt and three one day guided bass fishing trips. They showed the places they hunted and fished and the results with a "Power Point" slide presentation. Costs of the guided trips were \$200.00 per day per person. Lyle narrated the goose hunting trip and Bill narrated the fishing trips. They enjoyed the guided trips and stated that they would probably do it over if they had the opportunity. Bill Tanner also the president of the Pasco Rifle & Pistol Club, gave a short presentation describing the purposes, facilities and other information about the Club. It can be accessed on the Internet at [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/links.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/links.htm). There were several questions asked and answered about the presentations.

- Raffle drawing winners were: Dale Schielke who selected 100 #7½ 12 ga. shotgun shells and a clay pigeon thrower, Gaylord Pyle won a Gambrel Hoist System and a Bushnell 10 X 50 binoculars, Neil Sullivan-a fire extinguisher and a Smith and Wesson Hatchet/Knife set, Clare Cranston-a Walking Stick, Bob Gough and John Prather each won a Metal Detector, John Nelson-a BSA Laser Sight, Grover Wolk and Marilyn Steele each won an Allen Shotgun Shell Holder, Ed Darrah won the Richard Sharp Steelhead Rod/Reel and goodies kit and a 2010 RR&GC Calendar.

**PUBLIC-COMMENT DEADLINES EXTENDED ON PROPOSED 2010-12 FISHING RULES:** (Excerpted from a WDFW news release). The public will have more time to review changes in state sportfishing rules proposed for 2010-12 under an extended comment period was announced by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

- Under the new time line, WDFW will accept written comments through Dec. 1 on more than 100 proposed regulations – nearly a month longer than previously announced.
- In addition, the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission has postponed a public hearing on the proposals until its Dec. 4-5 meeting in Olympia. Written testimony can also be submitted during that meeting.
- The commission, which sets policy for WDFW, is scheduled to take action on the proposed rule changes in February of 2010.
- "We've received a large number of proposals this year, and we want to give the public an adequate chance to review them," said Craig Burley, WDFW fish division manager.
- "As a cost-saving measure, the department is adopting sportfishing rules for some species on a two-year cycle, which has no doubt contributed to the number of proposals available for review."
- Proposed changes for various 2010-12 fishing seasons are posted on WDFW's website at [http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/rule\\_proposals/index.htm](http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/rule_proposals/index.htm). Printed copies of the proposals are available by contacting WDFW's Fish Program at (360) 902-2700.

All fishermen should take time to review and comment on the proposed rules, they may affect the way you fish!

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**CLUB VOLUNTEERS ACTIVITIES:**

- Gene Van Liew traveled with Rachel Little on September 15 to Basin City, Mesa, Connell and Lind to deliver Salmon In The Classroom supplies including frozen salmon (to be dissected later in classrooms) and to set up a fish tank, chiller and water

filtering system.

- Bob Gough worked one day on October 6 at the WDFW Ringold Springs Hatchery to help drain the crappie rearing ponds and salvage the crappie.
- Paul Kison (two days) and Bob Gough (one day) worked at Scootney Lake helping sample walleye at the annual WDFW walleye sampling that took place October 6-7. A total of 220 walleye were netted and sampled, 120 on October 6 and 100 on October 7.

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**NEW WINE, BEER & WILD GAME SECTION FOR THE NW GAME RECIPE WEBSITE**

A new Wine, Beer & Wild Game section for the NW Game Recipe website is now up and running. Subsections are: **Northwest Wine and Beer, Wine & Beer Suggestions, Selecting Wine and Selecting Beer.** Take a look at it by clicking on the following: [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/wbgame.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/wbgame.htm). Russ Wyer deserves a big pat on the back for the new addition, he did a lot of research to come up with the information and worked very hard organizing and putting together the new section

**DESPITE ECONOMY TACKLE AND FISHING LICENSE SALES UP:** (Excerpted from the *Outdoor Wire*)

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA - The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF) and the American Sportfishing Association (ASA) today announced the publication of a quarterly fishing license sales index to track trends that have an impact on the industry and the entire recreational fishing community.

- "Not since the 1970s have we seen a single-year increase in fishing license sales like we've seen so far in 2009," said ASA President and CEO Mike Nussman. "Understanding how the needle moves in terms of sportfishing participation is important not just for the sportfishing industry, but for the entire outdoor recreation community. This new license metric will provide everyone with important sales and participation information."

- Text Box: "Our recent research shows that fishing is the number one gateway activity for introducing children and their families to the outdoors," said RBFF President and CEO Frank Peterson. "We believe that national campaigns such as Take Me Fishing™ and state-based sportfishing marketing and direct mail are also having a positive effect."

As of September 1, 2009, state fish and wildlife agencies reported a 7.7 percent positive change in the number of licenses sold year-to-date compared to the same months last year (January - July 2009 vs. January - July 2008). The same states also saw a seven percent increase in the number of licenses sold in July 2009 compared with July 2008.

- According to Southwick Associates, the firm analyzing the data, fishing license sales increased at a faster rate in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the second quarter. Increases of 20 percent or more were common in the first quarter. However, a larger volume of sales occurred in the second quarter - the peak period for license sales nationally - and had a greater effect on the year-to-date sales trend than first quarter license sales. After standardizing the July index to contain the same states as previous months, license sales increased nearly a full percentage point over May and June sales. In general, more fishing licenses are sold during the second quarter (April, May, June) than any other time of the year.

- "Reasons for the 2009 license sales increases range from a slow economy, which may allow people more time to engage in outdoor activities, to recreational fishing being a lower cost alternative to other forms of recreation," said Peterson.



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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!

**2010 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RANGE:** The 17th Annual Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show opens Friday, January 15, 2010 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco and runs through Sunday, January 17. The Club will again man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 17th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on the three days. 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 the Club 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 Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 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 14**, 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 for set up of the fishing pond are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday the 14th. Shift times for Friday the 15th are 1-5 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.. Saturday the 16th, 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 drain and

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.shuylersproductions.com/](http://www.shuylersproductions.com/) More information and sign up sheets will be presented at the December and January General Meetings.

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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Lyle Gilk, Treasurer (627-3441) Eddie Manthos, Secretary (586-6009)  
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### MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009  
BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco  
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - December 19, 2009, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or [emanthos@aol.com](mailto:emanthos@aol.com)

### DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The December meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 1 at the City of Richland Maintenance Facility, Exit 3 from I-182 to Queensgate Drive, across from the Wal Mart. The main speaker will be Club member Bob Kolowith who will present a lecture and video presentation of his recent African trip combining both wildlife photography and a hunting safari. He will narrate a video of his Africa hunting trip. This South African adventure program will include footage of one on one spot and stalk wildlife photography as well as an action packed plains game hunt. With its vast system of national parks, wildlife reserves and private game farms, South Africa provides a unique opportunity to encounter one of the most diverse of large mammal populations in all of Africa.
- The Tip of The Month topic will be the November presentation, The Meat Gun, which was not presented in November.
- **RR&GC 2010 calendars will be available at the November General Meeting and can be purchased for \$3.00. Buy them early before they are sold out. They make great Christmas gifts for your hunting and fishing buddies.**
- **BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER TO THE MEETING AND RECEIVE FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS.**
- **Bring any Wild Game Dinner donation package(s) to the General or Board Meetings. The packages will be placed in an ice chest(s) and then stored in a freezer.**

**YEAR 2010 GENERAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE KENNEWICK ELKS LODGE:** The City of Richland Maintenance Facility will not be available for public meetings such as ours next year, 2010. The Club Board of Directors decided to hold year 2010 General Meetings at the Kennewick Elks Lodge starting January 5, 2010. The lodge has a very large meeting room with seating space for more than 100, it has a large stage, projector screen, sound system and a large parking lot. Members from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceeding to the stop light at Clearwater. Turn left onto Clearwater and go two blocks to S Colorado St. (at the McDonalds Drive In), turn right on S. Colorado and go about two blocks and the street will dead end at the Elks parking lot. Kennewick residents can drive on Clearwater and turn onto S. Colorado. The *Flashcube Bldg.* is at Clearwater and Columbia Center Blvd.

**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:** - The meeting was opened to a full house by Club president Angie Conant. After the Club Pledge, twenty visitors introduced themselves. Russ Wyer announced that a new Wine, Beer & Wild Game section is now in the Northwest Game Recipes web site at [www.northwestgamerecipes.com/links.htm](http://www.northwestgamerecipes.com/links.htm). Lyle Gilk announced that 2010 Club calendars had arrived and were available for \$3.00 each. Mike Estes discussed the Club's Wild Game Recovery program. He also announced that the Washington draft wolf management plan will be discussed by the

WDFW at a public meeting Wednesday, Oct. 21 at the Pacific NW National Laboratory auditorium. Several in the audience commented about the Washington management plan and the results of neighboring States wolf management plans. Gaylord Pyle, Jack Pickard and Richard Sharp also made announcements. Richard described the evening's raffle drawing prizes.

● Because of the time consumed by the announcements, Howard Gardner's Tip of the Month presentation 'The Meat Gun' was deferred to the December General meeting. Marilyn Steele introduced the speaker of the evening Mark Shear of *Mark's Guided Sportfishing, LLC*. Mark is a licensed and insured salmon, steelhead and sturgeon fishing guide who has resided in Kennewick for five years. He started his presentation with a discussion about possible future sturgeon fishing regulation changes. He also gave a short walleye fishing discussion. His best suggestion for better steelhead fishing success was to keep your line/lure in the water while fishing. That is why he keeps a supply of pre-rigged lures/baits handy so that he does not have to stop and re-rig his line from scratch when he loses a rig. He discussed trolling with a float and jig, drift fishing and fishing from the shore. When drift fishing from a boat he said that you should be prepared to lose gear because the lure should be in contact with the bottom at all times while fishing. He sketched diagrams of several different rigs that he uses for Steelhead fishing. He prepares his own shrimp and eggs that he fishes with and uses distilled water instead of tap water during their preparation. He buys fresh shrimp and said that they should not smell *fishy* but smell like the ocean. Kosher salt is used to firm up his prepared shrimp before he fishes them. Prepared shrimp that have gotten old and 'stinky' are discarded and replaced with new shrimp. He presented a lot of information and hints such as that he prefers braided line because it is smaller in diameter than monofilament line and cuts through the water better. His line is waxed so that it does not sink when still fishing and allows slack to form. His preference is high visibility line, especially when he is guiding more than one fisherman so that he can keep track of their lines while they are fishing. He washes his hands and wrists with a lemon-scented detergent before he starts fishing and then smears anise oil on his hands and wrists to mask human scent. Many questions were asked and answered from the audience. He brought a Steelhead drift rod and several fishing caps with him and conducted a drawing of audience names for those items. Bob Gough was the winner an Okuma steelhead rod (same as the rod Mark uses) and Tom Martie, Lainie Saska, Bill Lambert, Jack Pickard and Jerry Klein each won a cap.

● Raffle drawing winners were: Mike Blakey who selected a Steelhead drift rod, rigged spinning reel and goodies kit, Alan Darnel won a Steelhead trolling rod, rigged reel and goodies kit (both rods, reels and goodies were assembled by Richard Sharp), Jim Thomas won Steelhead lures, Dave O'Brien and Brendan Jacobs each selected a Wild Game Cook Book, Jim Cartmell picked a floating shotgun case, Scott Stricklund picked a gun case, Brian Bonderfecht picked a shotgun shell belt, Bob Gough won a duck call, Rick Libby won a siliconized gun case and Jack Pickard and Ron Rhoads each picked a 2010 Club calendar.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** Tom Ziemba from Kennewick, Mark Englemann and Allan Darnell from Richland.

**MEMORIAM OF RICHARD "MACK" MCDONNELL:**

Members of the Club were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of "Mack" McDonnell on Nov. 4, 2009. Mack joined the Club in 1995. He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1999, 2000 and 2001 and was also a member of the Special Volunteers. He received the club's Distinguished Service Award in 2003 and the Life Member Award in 2006. He was active in many club activities, including habitat projects, Lunker Lake, Salmon Booth, Fishing Kids and Wild Game Dinner. For the last four years, he graciously provided freezer storage space for meat to be used in the Wild Game Dinner. His willingness to volunteer for club projects will always be remembered. He was a pleasure to work with and will be greatly missed by the club.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP:** - Howard Gardner, Chairman - The current Nominating Committee: Marilyn Steele, Gene Van Liew, and Howard Gardner are having a rough time. Currently nominated for officers are President -- Marilyn Steele, Vice President -- vacant, Treasurer -- Lyle Gilk and Secretary -- Eddie Manthos. For Trustees, nominees are Larry Martin, David McDonald, Richard Libby, Jack Pickard, John Prather, Gene Van Liew, Greg Baker, Tammy McMurtrey, Alan Casebere, Tim Lynch, Tim Sumner, Jerry Caprio, Jim Reynolds, and Chris Webb. We need one more nominee for trustees to make the minimum elected total of 15. More nominees are welcome. In addition, we need a nominee (s) for Vice President. Nominally, the duties of the Vice President are to arrange for programs for the club's 10 general meetings. Marilyn tells me that she has programs already lined up for several of the general meetings, starting with January's. So, the incoming vice president will have a running start. An additional requirement of the nominee for Vice President is an agreement to continue on as President for the following year. The Officers and Board of Trustees meet the third Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 P.M. in the Hunter Education facility in Griggs. They consider and take action on issues that affect hunting and fishing, and also on special projects that the club is involved in.

● The nominating committee appeals to club members to do some soul-searching and volunteer to run for vice president or for a trustee position. If we can fill up the slate before the December 1 club meeting, we will have an election then. If not, the current Board of Trustees will have to consider the situation at their December meeting and take action.

● Thanks for taking a minute to consider being a more active club member. If you could step up or think you know someone in the club who we have overlooked when making contacts, please contact a member of the nominating committee, Howard

at 967-0383, Marilyn at 392-2128 or Gene at 946-7738.

**RR&GC GAME RECOVERY OPERATIONS**

● Event #10 - Oct. 27, 2009. On 27 Oct 09, about 8:30 A.M. Lyle Gilk received a call from Gaylord Pyle (who had received a call from Clare Cranston who had been notified by John Prather) that a deer had been hit and was laying at the side of the road somewhere between Hanson Road and Dodd Road on Highway 12 in Walla Walla County. Lyle was unable to find anyone to help respond so Lyle and his wife made two trips down Highway 12 from Hanson Road to the paper mill. They were unsuccessful in locating the deer.

● Event #11 - Oct 28, 2009. On 28 Oct 09, at 8:40 A.M., Lyle Gilk received a call from Clare Cranston (who once again had been contacted by John Prather) that there was a deer lying on the side of the road at the intersection of Highway 12 and State route 124 near Burbank in Walla Walla County. The forked-horn mule deer buck (with one antler broken off and missing from his collision with a vehicle) was located about 200 feet east of the Highway 12/124 intersection. Lyle loaded the deer into his pickup using a new piece of hoist equipment and hauled it to his house where Gaylord Pyle and Pat Travis assisted Lyle to gut and skin the deer. Lyle transported the dressed out deer to Mc Cary's Meats in Basin City to be processed for the benefit of the Pasco Union Gospel Mission.

● Event #12 - Nov 03, 2009. On November 3, 2009, Lyle Gilk received a call from Washington State Patrol that a deer had been dispatched by a State Patrolman at 4916 Clearwater Avenue, Kennewick. The Patrol dispatcher stated the animal was located inside the equipment parking lot at Verizon Communications. Lyle inquired at the office if they knew about the deer. They acknowledge that a state patrolman had shot the animal and informed them that the animal was going to be picked up and processed for the Gospel Mission. A Verizon employee volunteered to take the animal to his home to gut and skin it out but was unaware the animal had to be processed. Lyle proceeded to the employee's home and loaded the animal into his vehicle. Lyle then contacted Paul Kison who assisted with dressing the animal. They took the animal to McCary's Meats in Basin City for processing.

● Event #13 - November 7, 2009. Lyle Gilk received a call from the State Patrol about 9:30 P.M. about an elk hit by a car on Highway 12 at mile post 309, two miles east of Wallula Junction. Lyle called Larry Martin who agreed to respond. Larry used the call list and contacted Dave Myers who was already in bed but agreed to help (what a guy). Because of the patrol car lights the accident scene was visible from Wallula Junction. The elk was a large 5x6 bull, his legs and pelvis were severely broken, but the elk was still alive when the first patrolman got to the scene (tough animal). The officer shot the elk to put it out of misery. The Chevy Suburban that hit the elk was gone by the time Larry and Dave got there but one of the officers said the front end was heavily damaged and luckily no one was injured. Dave and Larry skinned the animal enough to remove all four legs and the back strap and left the carcass there. Dave and Larry had fun retrieving the elk and working with the friendly and helpful officers at the scene, but they are keeping their fingers crossed for daylight jobs in the future (they got home sometime around midnight). Larry and his son Donny cleaned up and boned out the meat on Sunday then Pat Travis picked up the meat at Larry's house and delivered it to McCary's on Monday.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES:** - Clare Cranston.

● The first 2010 Hunter Education class will be in March at a date to be announced.

● All class registration is at Grigg's Department Store/Pasco at the Sporting Goods Counter. Registration must be in person either by a parent or student over 18. Regular classes will consist of six (6) 3hour evening classes 6-9 PM over two weeks with a Saturday on the range

● The first Paradigm class will be April 3.

● Paradigm Classes are one (1) day, open to students 16 or older. Students must study at home prior to class and pass the knowledge test upon arrival.

● The students spring pheasant hunt at The Limits Game Farm will be March 20.

**CLUB PHOTO CONTEST:** One photo was entered in the November photo contest by Rick Libby. It showed Rick with his first muley that he shot at 236 yards on November 2 this year. The photograph was taken by Gaylord Pyle. Rick was the winner and will win five free raffle tickets at the December General Meeting Raffle. The photo can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!:** The hunting season is starting soon and it will be time to set aside some of your harvest for the Club's annual Wild Game Dinner that will be held in March of 2010. 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 his roast as follows: After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animal's kneecap (the diagram is shown on the Club's web site at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>). Cut into the leg until you reach the leg bone,