



RIGHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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Club Website- <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome>

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site – www.northwestgamerecipes.com

2017-2018 Officers

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, September 5th, Richland Public Library,
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, June 18th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Grigg's in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – July 20th, Email rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

CATFISH CHALLENGE & POTLUCK



Fishing started on Friday evening at 6 p.m. and the biggest fish were caught off of the Yakima River. The fishing closed on Saturday evening at 4 p.m. with a fish fry and Potluck hosted by Matt Cummings and family at their home in West Richland. Matt spoiled his guests with fried walleye, Ron Lucas made homemade French fries, and Richard brought his delicious smoked salmon dip. Guests and fisherman arrived in waves with many fisherman arriving by boat off of the Yakima, conveniently located in Matt's back yard. Children fished from shore and enjoyed boat rides up and down the river.



The biggest catfish caught was caught from shore in Matt's backyard on Friday night. Many fish were caught and a delicious spread was enjoyed by all in attendance. The Richland Rod and Gun Club would like to extend a special thanks to Matt and Connie for hosting this event.



SALMON BOOTH

The Allied Arts 'Art in the Park' 2017 Salmon Booth will take place Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29 at the usual location in Howard Amon Park in Richland. This is the main money raising project of the Richland Rod & Gun Club and The Columbia Basin Fly Casters for the year.



On Thursday booth setup is at 4:00 PM and salmon preparation at 6:00 PM at the Shilo Inn (if the location is changed notifications will be made by e-mail). The booth will operate from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29. Shifts will be 9:00 A.M.-1:00:00 P.M., 1:00-5:00 P.M. and 5:00-8:00

P.M. both days with teardown on Saturday from 7:00-8:00 P.M. If you are willing to volunteer, call Dale Schielke at 375-0183 or Dennis Kreid 943-3922. Most who have worked in the past agree that it is a lot of fun plus you get a gratis salmon or chicken dinner 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 since it is desirable to have several people with a Health Card at each shift. If you are willing to obtain a Food Worker Health Card, classes are held at the Benton-Franklin Health District, Environmental Health Office OR you can take the class/exam on-line at <https://www.foodworkercard.wa.gov/language.html>.

JUNE MEETING RECAP



On June 6th Drake Ofsthun presented bass fishing tips and tactics to club members at the Richland library You should have been there. Drake described bass fishing in a 6 season pursuit; winter, prespawn, spawn, postspawn, summer, and fall.

For winter Drake said the fish will be dormant, in deep holes, and away from current. He

recommended using blade baits, hair jigs, and football heads during the winter season.

For prespawn he described the system as waking up and recommended targeting shallow areas with deep water access nearby. Usually the bigger fish move up earlier. Drake proposed using crawfish imitations for smallmouths, and for largemouths using jigs, Senkos, and spinnerbaits.

For the spawn season Drake stated that the fish are focused on spawning and not eating. The males will be guarding the beds and fry. Since the fish will become skittish, rely on bed and fishing using visual sight. Fish using a heavier weight dropshot, use Senkos, and giant tubes.

For the post spawn season the first priority for the fish is recovery and the fish will often have lockjaw tendencies. The fish are pulling out of the spawning areas and transitioning into their summer patterns. Fisherman should attempt to target the more active fish by using reaction and search baits, especially tubes, Senkos, and Carolina rigs.

For the summer season Drake recommends fishing the main parts of the river and lakes. The smallmouths will be in the clean areas of heavy weeds for feeding. These locations must have current to bring in a food source. The largemouth are ambush predators so they are typically near the current but not in the current, always in some cover. Drake recommended using topwater baits, jigs, crankbaits, swimbaits, and flukes.

For the fall season the main focus of the bass is to feed heavily. The bass patterns are similar to the summer patterns, but with more urgency to feed. Drake recommended using flukes, tubes, spinnerbaits, and jigs for these opportunist eaters.

The Richland Rod and Gun Club greatly appreciated the presentation that Drake gave. It was a fantastic presentation and if you weren't there you missed out.

HUNTERS EDUCATION



The June hunter's education class had 23 students and all of the students passed. For the June class there was an excellent turnout of volunteers and instructors to support the class and range day. A nighttime hunter's safety class is scheduled to begin on September 11th. We need volunteers for the September class to maintain the acceptable ratio of instructors to students. Please contact Ron Ruth with your availability (509) 737 7350 or ron-rose@frontier.com.



WOOD DUCK BOXES



Dale Schielke has an ongoing effort involving the construction, maintenance, and monitoring of wood duck nesting boxes. The wood duck project was very successful this spring. Volunteers checked and cleaned 442 boxes by the middle of March; over 50% were used by wood ducks and 963 egg membranes were documented, which represents ducklings hatched.

148 boxes were rechecked as part of our cooperative hen banding work with WDFW. There were a number of boxes checked in June where second nestings were observed. New bands were installed on 41 captured hen wood ducks plus an additional 15 hens that had been banded in previous years were observed.



One notable hen recaptured was the unique white wood duck that was originally discovered in May of 2014. In addition to wood ducks banded, a total of 53 Western Screech Owls (28 previously banded and 25 new bands)

plus 3 Saw-Whet Owls were captured and banded. In-box cameras were available for live streaming viewing in 11 different boxes. Several of these boxes were built by students. There are recordings of most of the jumps on the web page www.rrgcwoodducks.org



The wood duck nesting season is pretty much over. There are no remaining nest boxes with nesting hens that are eligible for our in-box camera. We have however installed a camera both inside and outside of a burrowing owl residence. The residence is an artificial burrow installed by WDFW and RRGc volunteers. To watch the burrowing owl antics <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/rrgc-nestcam>. There were 8 owls banded at this burrow earlier this year by WDFW staff.

WILD GAME RECOVERY

Chris Mosher has an ongoing effort involving the donation of wild game to the Union Gospel Mission. Chris and his team recovers wild game from animals that were involved in accidents on the highways around the Tri-City area. Below is a report of Chris's game recovery and meat donation that occurred in the month of June:

A kill permit issued by Don Hand of WDFW on June 14th for a mule deer doe at the Pasco airport. Bob Scott processed the harvested deer

and 35 pounds of meat was donated to the union gospel mission.

LOCAL FISHING GUIDES



Flatout Fishing: Is run by Gerry Reyes and he specializes in steelhead, salmon, walleye, sturgeon, and shad fishing. Gerry provides a fun fishing experience with lots of laughter and fish. He shares his fishing tips and is always willing to teach. This past fall Gerry gave an excellent presentation on his Fall Salmon fishing tactics. I highly recommend fishing with Gerry. Contact him by phone (509) 302 1240 or by email flatout@hotmail.com.



Fisher's Catch Outfitter: Is run by Tony Fisher for sturgeon, salmon, steelhead, walleye and shad fishing. Tony does an excellent job at getting folks onto fish and he provides an excellent family experience. Tony presented to the club fishing tactics for Sturgeon fishing. His presentation was excellent and he definitely knows his sturgeon fishing. Contact him by phone at (509) 727-7137.



Atomic Anglers Guide Service: Is run by Chris Tannahill for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, and walleye. Chris is a very successful fisherman that has been very successful walleye fishing, and he is ready to get after the spring salmon run. Contact him at (509) 539-1293 or email him at atomicanglersguideserviceinc@gmail.com

JUNE PHOTO CONTEST



Only one photo was submitted to the photo contest this month. The winning photo was taken by Bill Madison of Mike Estes with a 10 inch Redear. Mike caught it using a white jig at Clear Lake in California on May 2nd 2017. As a reminder, photos need to be submitted before the

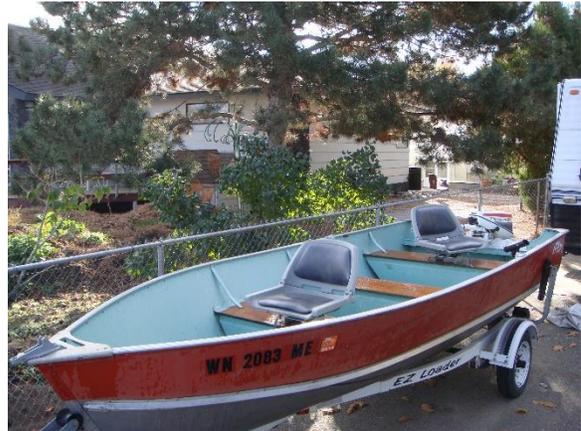
next board meeting on July 18th and the photos can be submitted to our club president Richard Sharp or any Board member.

BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS: If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and are able to receive a digital copy please contact the club secretary.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 18th, 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

FOR SALE:

14 ft Lund (aluminum) on an EZ Loader trailer with A 9.9 HP motor for sale - asking \$2,100. Please contact Tom at kleintnc@charter.net



Kent Wenkheimer has a double barrel 16 gauge with a 30-06 rifle under for sale. Please call Kent for more details (509) 222-1262.