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9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday the 13th. 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 this year under the direction of Don Board. Volunteers will get free admission to the show on the day they are working at the pond or shooting range. Parking will be free again this year. Profits from Lunker Lake are returned to the Club and are used to send youth to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp. Lunker Lake volunteers should wear eye protection, bring a needle nose pliers or hemostat to remove the hook from the fish and bring a towel(s) to wipe your hands after you have handled a fish. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided for the volunteers. More information about the show is at www.shuylerproductions.com/ More information and sign up sheets will be presented at the December and January General Meetings. The Show will be open to the public Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. General admission to the public will be Adults: \$8.00, Children 6-12: \$4.00 and Children under 6: FREE Special Admissions: Friday - Seniors 60+: \$4.00 and Sunday - Family Day: 2 adults, 2 children (6-12): \$18.00. Parking is free. Members of Military - Show your military ID and receive \$1.00 off admission. One time daily admission for the public will get you in all three days for one low price! More information about the show is at www.shuylerproductions.com.

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 24 2012. 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: See instructions on Club Website at: <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/rrgclubnews>. 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, weight and with **your name and hunting license number**. Wild Game Dinner Chairperson Marilyn Steele would like you to save deer or elk necks, if possible for mincemeat pies and barbecue for a main dish. Identify the package contents and weight and bring them 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 success.



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

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site - www.northwestgamerecipes.com

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - December 21, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The December meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 6 at the **Kennewick Elks Lodge**. Members/visitors from Richland or Pasco can access the lodge by taking Columbia Center Blvd. Drive and proceed 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. Map directions can be seen at: www.northwestgamerecipes.com/clubhome/id22.htm
- The last General Meeting of the year will perhaps be the best. The two speakers will be Vice President Jeff Gardner who will discuss "Tips and Techniques For Winter Coyote Hunting" including Setup, Clothing, Calls, Guns, etc. Raffle Chairman Richard Sharp will reveal his "Secrets For Bank Fishing Winter Steelhead at Charboneau Park and McNary Dam"; Jigs, Bait, Presentation, Locations and Conditions will be discussed.
- The Tip of The Month speaker will be Club member Mike Estes who will discuss Cold Weather Survival while duck hunting. Come early and get a good seat since attendance will be high because all three topics are timely.
- **RR&GC 2012 calendars will still be available at the December General Meeting and can be purchased for \$3.00. Buy them before they are sold out. They make great Christmas gifts for your hunting and fishing buddies. The 2012 calendars are different from earlier calendars, check them out.**
- As usual Richard Sharp will have a very good selection of *Christmas gift* raffle prizes for the hunter and the fisherman.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- The meeting was opened by Club president Gaylord Pyle to about 50 attendees at the Kennewick Elks Lodge. After the Club Pledge, two visitors introduced themselves. Gaylord introduced Jeff Gardner, the Club's new vice-president. Kirby Hammond discussed Club membership and efforts to increase the number of members. One way is for members to invite and bring potential members to General Meetings. Marilyn Steele reminded us that volunteers will be needed to help at Lunker Lake and the pellet rifle range at the January 20-22, 2012 Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show and the March 24, 2012 Wild Game Dinner. She passed out volunteer sign-up sheets for both events. She also announced that Club member Pat Travis donated sixteen hand made *whacker billy clubs* to be used at Lunker Lake. John Crieghton from the Kennewick Elks Club announced that the Club will be honoring Veterans at a Veteran's Appreciation Dinner at the Club Hall Friday, November 11 starting at 5:30 P.M.. Guests are invited. He also announced that there will be a Veterans parade November 11 in Richland. Howard Gardner discussed the status of the "Keep Hope Afloat" life jacket signs installed at local boat launches. Mike Estes gave a status report of the Club's Game Recovery program. Dale Schielke described the Club's Longest Pheasant Tail Feather contest. Lyle Gilk

announced that he had 2012 Club Calendars, Club logo hats and *How to Cook a Coyote* cookbooks for sale. Last but not least Richard Sharp described the evening's raffle prizes.

- Outgoing Vice President/Program Chairman Greg Baker introduced the Tip of The Month Speaker Howard Gardner. He discussed the Club's "Keep Hope Afloat" life jacket sign program and showed a Life Jacket video which discussed the different types of life jackets available including the newer *inflatable* jackets such as the *belt pack* and *suspender type* devices. The buoyant type commercial fisherman vests were also shown. Howard discussed two events where life jackets saved the life of a local fisherman. He also discussed the 3 oz. Spot device that is a *GPS device* that can be used in emergencies and keeps you connected all over the world, even when there isn't reliable cell phone coverage. It has an SOS distress button that notifies an emergency dispatch center of your location. It is much better than a cell phone in emergencies and can send prerecorded message(s) to a phone or computer. It should be an ideal device for hunters, fishermen and hikers.

- After a short break Greg introduced Jeff Tayer the WDFW Region 3 Director from Yakima. Jeff spoke about the Mesa Lake Wildlife Area and was helped by Mike Erickson the local WDFW Wildlife Biologist. Jeff explained the intricate mechanics of creating a new wildlife area. Part of Mesa lake was owned by the Mesa Lake Gun Club. They had to sell their property because of high property taxes. Funding from the Washington State Duck Stamp was instrumental in purchasing the Gun Club property. Funding from Pitman Robertson taxes generated from increased firearm and ammunition purchases, because of the fear of anti firearms legislation, was used to purchase another parcel adjacent to the Mesa Lake property. Mike Erickson described the different habitat types such as open water, emergent marshes, woody riparian, cliff and shrub steppe in the Mesa Lake Wildlife Area. There are two parking lot and visitors, hunters and fishermen must register before entering the Area. At present a Discovery Pass is not required at the area. Jeff also discussed the McWhorter Ranch acquisition, adjacent to the ALE of Rattle Snake Mountain. The property consists of 14,000 acres and is home to mule deer, elk and upland birds. The WDFW has funding for acquisition of about 50% of the Ranch. He stressed that **public support** is very important for purchase of the Ranch. Because of increasing population growth, wildlife land is rapidly disappearing and Jeff is an ardent advocate for obtaining as much land as possible for wildlife before the lands are gobbled up by developers. Jeff and Mike answered many question from the audience. We were fortunate that Jeff took time from his busy schedule to come to the meeting and inform us about the new Mesa Wildlife Area and efforts to obtain more wildlife land. By the way, Jeff is also a member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club.

- Raffle Prize Drawing winners were: Jack Pickard who won a Steelhead rod and reel rigged for float fishing with a float fishing kit and shrimp bait, Greg Baker won the walleye rod and reel with a cold water lure kit, a 7½ in Rapala filet knife and a windshield scraper and brush (this was probably Greg's last meeting since he and his family are moving to Columbus, Ohio), Gaylord Pyle won a hard gun case and a 2012 Club calendar, Dale Schielke won a Brad's lighted fishing lure, John Nelson won a floating shotgun case, visitor Juan Marila and son won a Universal Firearm Cleaning Kit, Rick Libby won a Tipton gun holder that holds a gun while it is being cleaned, Don Creighton from the Elk's Lodge won a First Aid Kit and a Knife Sharpener, Mike Estes won a 2012 Club Calendar, Ralph Wentzlaff, Lyle Gilk's brother in-law from Texas, won a 3-piece Smith and Wesson knife set, Kirby Hammond won a telescoping shooting *stick* and windshield scraper and brush, Dave Myers selected the Mystery Box which contained two \$5.00 scratch tickets, (one of the tickets was worth \$50.00), David O'Brien and Richard Sharp each won a Knife Sharpener. Many thanks to Richard Sharp for selecting the great raffle prizes and conducting the raffle. I'm sure many members come to the meeting to participate in raffle drawing.

CLUB PHOTO CONTEST: There were two entries in the November contest. Mike Estes entered a photo himself with three Eurasian Collared Doves he harvested September 14 in Safford, Arizona. Jack Pickard entered two photos of a fox approaching a fish held by Jack or Jim Snyder at the boat ramp above McNary Dam in Oregon. The photos were taken at night on October 20 and 21. The winner was the photo taken by Bill Snyder of Jack Pickard and the fox. Jack will win five free raffle tickets at the December General Meeting. The photos can be viewed at <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome/photo.htm>. Club members can bring photo entries to Club General Meetings or Club Board meetings. Members may also submit digital photos (.jpg file) to rrguc@aol.com and prints will be made for the Board to judge

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: Don Board

- Classes are scheduled to start March 6 and April 2, 2012. All class registrations are 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 p.m. over two weeks with a Saturday on the range

- A Paradigm class is scheduled to take place April 7. 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

"HOW TO COOK A COYOTE" COOKBOOK: Tired of eating beef - try Coyote. The Club's latest cookbook, compiled by Russ Wyer, "*How to Cook A Coyote*" will tell you all you need to know about cooking a Coyote and includes 22 additional recipes for other unique animals such as cougar, crow, buffalo tongue, bear, sturgeon and other critters. The book will be available at General and Board meetings at a cost of \$5.00.

DUCK BAND INFORMATION REQUESTED: Attention all duck hunters! If you harvest or have harvested a duck or goose with a leg band or collar, notify Eddie Manthos at 586-6009 or emanthos@aol.com with the following information: species, sex,

where and when harvested, your name (or name of the person who harvested the bird) and when you receive the information, where and when the bird was banded. The information will be collected and reported in this newsletter at the end of the waterfowl season.

MCNARY Wildlife Refuge - Second Saturday Event: - "Climate Change"

December Second Saturday – Learning How to Care for Planet Earth

Interactive cartoon videos, outdoor and indoor learning activities - Saturday, December 10, 9am – 12pm

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FOR SALE: Winchester Model 70 Featherweight, "pre-64" (manufactured in 1953), 308 Win caliber, Redfield mounts, Hertel & Reuss 4x81 scope. Used but in very good condition and comes with sling, case, and part box of ammo. \$700.00 Contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183. **Buckskin leather deer hides** – three tanned hides. \$20 each or all 3 for \$50. Contact Dale Schielke 375-0183, Dale will bring the hides to the December General Meeting.

IN MEMORIAM OF JOHN WAITE: The Richland Rod and Gun Club offers their condolences on the passing of long time member John K Waite on November 22, 2011 at the age of 87. John joined the Club in 1960 and loved to hunt, fish and camp. In his later years he was relatively inactive, but loyally kept his membership up to date. He will be missed.(Howard Gardner)

LONGEST TAILFEATHER BRAGGING CONTEST: The Board of Directors decided at their October Meeting to hold a Longest Pheasant Tail Feather Bragging Contest. Bring your longest pheasant tail feather to the December and January General Meetings. It will be placed on a bragging board with your name and harvest details.

WDFW GAME MEAT RECOVERIES: The following events are the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th game meet recoveries of the fall 2011 hunting season:

- On 25 November 2011 at 1200 pm, B. Fulton, WDFW, contacted Lyle Gilk and said he had a Mule deer doe that was recovered on arrest that had been make. He stated that the deer had been field dressed. An arrangement was made to meet Fulton at the inter-section of Highway 12 and Commercial Ave. Pasco, WA. Lyle met Fulton at 1:05 pm and picked up the deer. Arrangements had also been made to use Gaylord's garage. Lyle skinned, deboned and delivered 40 pounds of meat to the Union Gospel Mission at 6:50 pm, 25

- On 20 Nov 2011, at 7:10 pm, K. McLerran, WDFW, contacted Lyle Gilk and said he had a Mule deer buck that was recovered on an arrest that had been made. He stated that the deer had been field dressed and skinned. He also stated that he would bring it by Lyle's home. The deer was delivered at 8:25 pm November 20. The deer was boned out by Lyle the morning of 21 November and 52 pounds of meat was delivered to the Union Gospel Mission.

- The Richland Police Department contacted Mike Estes at 5:30 A.M. Oct 31 about a bull elk that had been struck by a vehicle on Highway 240 near Snively Road (MP 22). Mike could not respond so he contacted Bruce Wade. Bruce and his wife, Lavera, recovered the elk and took it to Gaylord Pyle's house to process. Pat Travis assisted. The meat was delivered to McCary's Meats for use by the Union Gospel Mission. Sgt. Mike Jewell, WDFW, was advised that the 6 point antlers could be picked up at Gaylord's home.

- The Richland Police Department dispatcher contacted Mike Estes at 7:30 P.M. on 11/3/2011 about a mule deer buck that had been struck by a vehicle on Van Giesen just west of Jones Road. Mike responded and was assisted in loading the 2 point buck by a passerby. Mike gutted and skinned the deer. With cooler weather, the carcass was hung in Mike's garage for a few days to allow the effects of rigor mortis to subside and was deboned and delivered to the Union Gospel Mission.

(Caution: The last three deer that Mike picked up from along the Yakima River corridor have been infested with fleas. He recommends undressing outside, immediately throwing clothes into the washing machine, and running for the shower as soon as possible.)

2012 TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW/LUNKER/LAKE/PELLET RIFLE RANGE: The 19th Annual Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show will open Friday, January 20, 2012 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco and run through Sunday, January 22. The Club will again man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond and help man the Air Rifle Shooting Range for the 19th consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show on the three days. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond and pellet rifle range. Volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 2 ½ to 4 hour shifts. Some members may have already signed up. If you have not volunteered and you wish to volunteer please call Marilyn Steele at 392-2128 or Don Board at 586-7157 for the Air Rifle Range.

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 19**, 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