



## **RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB**

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**A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization**

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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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### **MEETINGS AND DEADLINES**

**NO GENERAL MEETING FOR JULY**

**BOARD MEETING**—July 17th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for August is July 29th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email [rrgcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rrgcsecretary@gmail.com)

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**JULY PROGRAM:** This is a reminder that there will be no July General Membership Meeting. The next RRGc social event will be the annual Club Picnic. The picnic will occur on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August at Leslie Groves Park in Richland. There will be more information in the August newsletter. Please don't forget about the Salmon Booth for the Art in the Park event at Howard Amon Park. There will be more information in this newsletter.

**RRGC HISTORY:** Howard Gardner and Russ Wyer have been compiling the history of RRGc in the new website from documentation that dates back to 1945. Both Howard and Russ have taken it upon themselves to update as much of the RRGc history as practical so that our legacy is preserved. Their continuing efforts are

now being published on the Club's website in the History Section.

**CATFISH CHALLENGE:** As reported by Richard Sharp. The Catfish challenge was held June 15-16! Its purpose? To promote new friendships between the RRGc members, To learn new ways to catch Catfish, Meet new Members and provide Catfish for the Dinner/potluck with the excess saved for the RRGc wild game Dinner in march 2019. The event/ potluck was held at Matt and Connie Cummings river front home right on the Yakima River! Complete with bonfire, motor home parking, and fishing access to the river! The Stats: The fishing team of Alec Markel, Connor & Nathan Peterson who fished all night ! (Oh! to be young again) produced 218 lbs of fish with Alec bringing in the the largest catfish of 16 lbs!

Richard Sharp produced a two day total of 145 lbs with the help of Kirby Hammond! John Cooper brought in 38.9 lbs with a 14.1 lb beauty! Others were Pam Anderson 9.2 lb , Greg Boeringa with 6.4 lb, Matt Cummings 5.9 lb, Shannon and Packy Lackey 2.7 lbs! A total of 428 lbs of catfish were brought to the scale! The event produced after retention from some fisherman 53 lbs of prepared catfish for the WGD!

**The Dinner/potluck? In one word?**

**Wonderful!!** Ron Lucas/ (aka: The french fry man) could not attend but graciously brought the makings for the french fries! 18 lbs of catfish was prepared 4 different ways by Richard Sharp and devoured by the attendees! there were to many dishes to list but as the adage says?? You should have been there! Nobody left Hungry!!! In addition Connie Cummings produced a Birthday cake with the Number 55 and fifty five candles were lit to celebrate Richard Sharps Birthday as 50+ attendees sang the birthday song! (My eyebrows may never grow back) Special thanks to the Cummings for providing a wonderful location and to all the members who participated! A great event!!

**CONSERVATION /HABITAT:** Larry Martin and his band of volunteers have again been busy in May and June.

Larry provided the following information as to maintenance and repairs of the guzzlers.

1. May 10th, Gene Van Liew and Larry Martin assembled guzzler frames, flanged posts, cut sheet metal sheets to size and picked up additional sheet metal sheets.
2. May 24<sup>th</sup>, Phillip Buser of WDFW went with Larry Martin for required bi-annual inspection of ALEA grant work. Larry took Phillip to three of the recent guzzlers that were refurbished. Phillip said that was pleased with the work.
3. June 19<sup>th</sup>, Larry Martin inspected and cleaned guzzlers 59, 65, 72, 73, 117, and 256. Five of the guzzlers were in good shape although backfilling was required around the tanks where

the animals had dug. Guzzler 65 requires one piece of sheet metal to be replaced.

**GUZZLER 65 in need of repair**



Larry has been putting out game cameras at some of the guzzler locations and the photo below is one result.

**Bullocks Oriole**



**YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP:** Larry Martin has requested that any nominations for this summer's conservation camp be turned in as soon as possible. **Washington State Youth Conservation Camp at Orcas Island** is happening again this year. The campers will experience hands-on instruction taught by experts. Classes offered may include, Hiking & Outdoor Survival, Ecology & Marine Biology, Water Safety & Canoeing, Archery & Range Safety, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Hunter's Education, Fly Tying & Fishing, Leadership Skills, First Aid & CPR, Marksmanship. **Girls camp – July 15-21, Boys Camp – July 22-28.** If you are interested the club may sponsor you paying the \$350 camp fee. You will be responsible for transportation to and from Anacortes Ferry landing where all the campers hop on the ferry and you wave goodbye, one week later the ferry comes back with the campers on board and you wave hello and take them home. If interested call **Larry Martin 521-2554** please act quickly, we got a late notice this year.

**NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP:** Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There is one new member for the month of May. The new member is Tony Gonzalez (1 year family membership). Tony listed his interests as big game, hunter education and fishing. Please welcome him at the next general membership meeting.

Please keep in mind that without new membership and specifically younger members, RRGC will be in decline. It is has become time for the younger members to take over leadership positions. This can be done through involvement and participation in Board and committee activities. RRGC needs more younger and actively involved members.

**HUNTERS EDUCATION:** Ron Ruth reported that eight students completed the Hunter Education Class that started on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June as a daytime class. Range day was on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> and the final exam will be on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. All of the students that took the class passed the practical application test of Range Day. The final exam will be

administered on Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. The results of the final exam are obviously pending and will be reported next month.

The last class for the year will start 10<sup>th</sup> of September as a night time class. Online enrollment for the June/September class will take place in late August.

Please contact Ron at 509 737 7350 if you are interested in volunteering and/or becoming a state certified instructor.

#### **INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS:**

Ron Ruth – A second Introduction to Firearms Class was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June at the Griggs Hunter Education Classroom. Ron reported that there were 19 individuals that attended the class. As with the first class, Tri-City Metallic Silhouette provided the range training. There will be a third Introduction to Firearms Class on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. Ron will need volunteers to assist with the classroom training. Ron reported that there have been a lot of positive comments from those that have attended.

#### **GAME RECOVERY:**

There were two deer recovered for the time period of late May and June. Both deer were the result of nuisance kill permits issued by WDFW. If the land owners are able to fill the permits, the meat will be donated to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco.

If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris Mosher at 509 302 5171

A reminder that if you come across a fresh road kill game animal and are able, please claim the animal and notify Chris Mosher. Please stay with the animal while waiting for someone from RRGC game recovery to show up. If the animal is seriously injured, inform the local police authority so that they or WDFW can dispatch the animal. A permit must be obtained from WDFW online within 24 hours. If the animal is left on the side of the road, it will be claimed by others and the Union Gospel Mission will not reap the benefit of a resource.

**BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS:** If

you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to [rrgcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rrgcsecretary@gmail.com). You will get quicker delivery and save us money.

**QUALITY TRIP PROPOSAL:** Kirby Hammond won the Quality Trip at the Wild Game Dinner. He has proposed to the Executive Board a trip to the west coast of Washington State for a discovery trip of charter possibilities, bottom fishing and exploration of the coast and surrounding areas from Neah bay, La Push, to Westport! Searching out new destinations and opportunities for coastal fishing, Available Charters, clam digging, crabbing, and sightseeing both inland fresh and saltwater! Meeting with charter captains and making new friends along with acquiring fish for the Wild Game Dinner in March of next year. The travel will occur and both Kirby and his club partner Richard Sharp will not be pressured to get in and get out! The Board approved the trip.

**JULY DELIVERY FOR THE HARD COPY:** Due to the several day delay in getting this issue of the newsletter completed, the hard copies will be mailed out over the weekend. They will look different but will contain the same information as the electronic copy since we will not be able to utilize our normal printing source. I will print, label and mail the hardcopies.

**501(c)(3) STATUS:** Now that we are a Tax Exempt Organization, RRGc must make some decisions how we can best utilize our status. If you have any ideas, please forward them to Mike Estes at [estes.mike@frontier.com](mailto:estes.mike@frontier.com). Good ideas come from everywhere.

A temporary committee has been established to address a generous donation that will be made to RRGc. This is in keeping with how we will address and conduct ourselves as regarding donations.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**  
**2018 RRGc Memorial Scholarship** – As was reported last month, RRGc has awarded one scholarship for the 2019 school year.

If members are aware of college students with majors related to outdoor activities, please make them aware of this opportunity for next year. RRGc will make a scholarship award(s) next spring with the notice being made in January 2019.

**RRGC WEB PAGE:** Russ Wyer and Greg Boeringa continue their efforts to now improve the webpage for RRGc. It will now be updated and revised as necessary. The website is [www.richlandrodandgun.org/](http://www.richlandrodandgun.org/). Please visit the site and review what is available on site. Of note is an RRGc calendar that is updated regularly. If you are aware of information that needs to be added to the calendar, please use the website links to contact either Russ Wyer or Greg Boeringa.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The next Board Meeting will be July 17th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

**WILD GAME RECIPES:** It has been requested that members forward their favorite wild game recipe for inclusion in our newsletter and website for sharing. It is my intent to share the recipe for "The Mountain Man Breakfast" that has been served to the volunteers on Saturday morning prior to the preparation of the Wild Game Dinner. I will share the recipe as soon as I figure out the proportions in lieu of one hash brown potato per person, etc.

**RAFFLES:** Given that the State of Washington requires a Gaming License for raffles, RRGc was unable to conduct raffles at the General Meetings. Since our 501 (c)(3) status was approved by the IRS, RRGc is now in the process of applying for a gambling license. The application process is somewhat cumbersome since there is not only legal compliance but the investigation of the organization and certain officers and individuals within the organization. If any of the members have any questions regarding RRGc's involvement with the process, please direct your questions to Mike Estes. If any of the RRGc members would like to become involved, again, direct your inquiry to Mike Estes. To date, Shannon Lackey and Carla

Boeringa have researched the State regulations. At this time, further research and discussion ought to tell us whether it will be worthwhile for RRGc to obtain a license.

There were 14 door prizes won at the June General Meeting. The items and winners were as follows; 1. Dash Camera, Tony Gonzalez, 2. PMag 30 rd AR 15 Magazine, Albert Kruger, 3. 30 rd AR 15 Magazine, Harley Noethe 4. Easy Checker, John Drewrey, 5. Anchor Puller, Rocky Ross, 6. Fraybill Tackle Box, John Prather, 7. Paper Targets, Gerald Wodtli, 8. Paper Targets, Robert Ardiente, 9. Paper Targets, Dakota Packey, 10, 11, and 12 were bags of vegetables. Those winners were Greg Boeringa, Harvey Huisinsh and Mike Estes.

**WOOD DUCK BOXES:** The wood duck nesting season is nearing the end. We still have a couple of in-box cameras with late nesting hens. We also have cameras at the artificial burrow of a family of burrowing owls north of Pasco. Links at

[WWW.rrgcwoodducks.org](http://WWW.rrgcwoodducks.org) or <https://sportsmansparadiseonline.com/rrgc-wood-duck-nest-cams>

**SALMON BOOTH:** The RRGc and CBFC will be operating the Salmon Booth concession at the Art in the Park event on July 27th and 28th. We have a number of volunteers already but still have openings on the following shifts: Friday 5 pm to 8 pm; Saturday 9 am to 1 pm; 1 pm to 5 pm; and 5 pm till about 8 pm when packed up. Volunteers get a free meal/drinks plus most agree it is a fun fund raising event. If you can help call Dale Schielke 375-0183.

If at all possible, please sign up for food handlers training through the Benton County Board of Health Department. You can get additional information on the classes at 509 582 7761 or by going online to [www.countyoffice.org/benton-county-health-department-kennewick-wa-1ef/](http://www.countyoffice.org/benton-county-health-department-kennewick-wa-1ef/). This is our most important fund raising event of the year and many volunteers will be needed. As per Dale's request, please contact Dale to let him know that you can volunteer for one or more shifts at the Salmon Booth.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. President Mike Estes informed the Executive Board that he wants to activate the committees as annotated in the amended bylaws. In order for this to happen, there will need to be additional active members involved. Mike will be contacting members to ask for their assistance and further involvement.

2. **New Member Applications:** A motion was made from the floor to approve the membership of Tony Gonzalez. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

3. Change in the Executive Board. Kirby Hammond has resigned from the Executive Board due to personal reasons. The Board appointed Shannon Lackey to fill the remainder of Kirby's term on the Board.

4. Volunteer opportunities are available at the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge. Possible activities are pending dates and confirmation, Duck Conservation Day. RRGc will be involved if this occurs. Refuge Clean-Up Day. Environmental Education Center at the McNary NWR in Burbank. This would occur from July to October.

Please contact Denise Mcinturff. Denise can be reached at 509 546 8332 (office). Her email address is [denise.mcinturff@fws.gov](mailto:denise.mcinturff@fws.gov).

**McNary Duck Conservation Day** - The RRGc is working with staff at McNary Refuge to try to coordinate a Duck Conservation Day for kids on Saturday September 8th. Activities proposed include duck banding, retriever dog demonstration, wood duck nest boxes, what do duck eat, and taxidermy demonstration. Volunteers are needed for the different venues and to work with the duck traps several days before the event. If you would like to help contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

## **SHOUT OUTS AND WANT ADS:**

No Want Ads or Shout Outs this month.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH**



Bill Madison with 9.3 pound walleye caught in the Columbia River on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Photo by Mike Estes.

**RUNNER UP PHOTO**



Dave Myers, 15 inch Rainbow, caught at Big Four Lake on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. It was caught on a No. 12 black leach. It was released after the photo. No info on who took the photo.

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