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wasn't for club sponsored classes students would have a difficult time finding a class. Mr. St. George is to be commended for his generous contribution to the program.

HUNTER EDUCATION WORK PARTY: A hard working crew worked from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM reorienting and replacing the plastic rain deflection cover over the Hunter Education Facility in Big Pasco. If it hadn't been for the box of pastries brought by Rocky Ross the crew would not have made through the lunch hour. The crew consisted of Don Board, Clare Cranston, Howard Gardner, Eddie Manthos, Rocky Ross and Jerry Zeitler. Thanks again for the goodies Rocky.

HUNTER EDUCATION AND ARCHERY HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - Clare Cranston - The following classes are scheduled at the the RRGCC Tri-Cities Training Facility at the Port of Pasco:
Archery Hunter Education - January 15 and 22. (Maximum of 20 persons)
Hunter Education: - January 29, 30, 31. At range on February 3. (Maximum of 25 persons)
 There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education and a \$10 class fee for Archery Hunter Education. All registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone 509-547 9084.

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HUNTING FISHING DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 31, 1995 - Forest Grouse Season ends statewide, eastside pheasant season ends.
January 1, 1996 - 1995 Steelhead Punchcard expires!! You must purchase a 1996 Steelhead Punchcard if you fish steelhead in 1996. The expiration date shown on your 1995 punchcard is not correct.
January 7, 1996 - Quail, chukar and hungarian partridge seasons end.
January 21, 1996 - Duck and goose seasons end in eastern Washington.
January 31, 1996 - Coyote hunting ends in eastern Washington except for Grant, Adams, Benton and Franklin counties.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting - January 2, 1996-Tuesday, 7:00 PM Richland Public Library, Richland
 Board Meeting - January 9, 1996-Tuesday, 7:00 PM - IT Corp., 1045 Jadwin, Richland
 Bulletin Deadline - January 13, 1996, call Eddie at 586-6009
 Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show (Lunker Lake), January 19, 20 & 21, 1996, TRAC Facility, Pasco
 RRGCC Big Game Dinner - March 30, 1996, Knights of Columbus Hall, Richland

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

This meeting may be your last chance to pick up a 1996 Richland Rod & Gun Club Calendar. Cost is \$3.00 and there are a couple dozen left. Tickets for the RRGCC Big Game Dinner will also go on sale at the meeting. "How To" mini-seminars will be conducted by RRGCC members Jack Pickard and Howard Gardner. Jack will demonstrate how to tie the Palomar knot and the Uni-Knot. Howard will talk about the latest techniques for shoe/boot care and describe and show latest advances in stockings, underwear and outerwear for the outdoors.

Main speaker will be Scott Rasley, a Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Habitat Development Specialist. He will discuss the Miller Shingle Elk Forage Enhancement Project. The project is located in the Blue Mountains in Columbia County on the South Touchet River headwaters and drainage system. It borders the Umatilla National Forest on the southeast and private timber range and agricultural lands to the east, west and north. It comprises about 1,000 acres of disturbed soil sites. The area was first logged in 1871 and then selectively logged in 1994. It probably will not be logged again for at least 120 years. Objective of the project is to improve forage conditions on elk summer and winter range. Over 1,000 acres of skid trails, landings and logged areas were aerial seeded with a helicopter in the fall of 1994. A seed mixture beneficial for elk, mule deer, grouse, quail and turkey was used. Scott will describe the project and show the appearance of the area prior to seeding and its appearance a year later. The RRGCC contributed \$1,000 to the cost of the project. Be sure and attend the first meeting of the new year, it looks like it will be a winner.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Bruce Hancock gave a very interesting presentation on a very versatile and unique wildlife call at the December meeting. The "Calls-M-All" is an-all-in one game call that can be used to imitate vocalizations of numerous game birds and animals. Bruce showed a promotional video that had actual footage of elk, turkey, whitetail, pronghorn and coyote

that all responded to this simple call. Bruce was a very energetic and interesting speaker and expertly demonstrated use of the call. There was a lively question and answer session, at the conclusion of the demonstration, between Bruce and meeting attendees concerning use of the call and calling techniques.

Bruce donated a call, as a Door Prize, to the Club. He also donated \$80.00 or 25% of the call and instructional tape sales he made at the end of the meeting to the Club. If you want a call and cannot find the call/instructional tape locally, call Bruce at (509)522-0964 in Walla Walla.

Club member Dave Myers put on a mini-seminar and demonstrated how to tie a snelled hook, salmon egg knot, how to tie a herring rig for salmon fishing and how to sharpen fish hooks.

Door Prize Winners were: Richard Matheson - A CALLS-M-ALL, Barbara New - A Coleman Lantern/Flasher Set, and Larry Martin - A Propane Heater-Cooker.

1996 OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES The following officers and trustees were elected at the December meeting:

<u>President:</u>	Harold Heacock	<u>Trustees:</u>	Don Hand, Lyle Gilk, Dale Landon, Rocky Ross, Dennis Spore, Ev Weakley, Ben Webb,
<u>Vice President</u>	Paul Logman		Don Board, Jerry Zeitler, Sean Carr, Tom Logan, Gaylord Pyle, Larry Haynor, Harold Giese, Roy Brogdon
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mike Estes		
<u>Secretary:</u>	Eddie Manthos		

Volunteers: Howard Gardner, Larry Martin, John Pfeiffer, Dale Schielke, Dave Myers

TRI-CITIES SPORTSMEN SHOW: The RRGCC will man the Lunker Lake Fishing Pond, for the 3rd consecutive year at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show January 19, 20 & 21 at the TRAC facility outside Pasco. Many volunteers will be needed to man the pond in 3 and 4 hour shifts. The phone calling tree has been activated and you can expect a call asking you to volunteer. The Fishing Pond is a lot of fun, it introduces kids (and some Parents) to fishing and gives us an opportunity to increase awareness of the Richland Rod and Gun Club. Workers should arrive 15 minutes before the start of the shift to receive their pass. You should come equipped with pliers (to remove the hook from the fish), a hand towel and safety glasses. You can sign up at the January meeting, or call Jack Pickard at 582-5397 to get on the list early and reserve your favorite shift.

1996 BIG GAME DINNER: The Club Big Game Dinner is scheduled for Saturday March 30 at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall. Ticket cost is \$15.00 per person and they will not be sold at the door. The social hour will start at 6:00 PM with dinner scheduled to be served at 7:00 PM. The program has not been selected yet. Tickets will go on sale at the January 2 General Meeting. You can also mail payment to the RRGCC, P.O. Box 337, Richland, WA 99352. Mail orders will be honored subject to the availability of unsold tickets.

Meat donations, especially roasts and game birds, are still being accepted. See the December bulletin for packaging and labeling requirements. Leave the meat at the RRGCC locker No. 1-40 at Chuck's Meat & Lockers, 17 E. 1st Ave. in Kennewick. Contact Jerry Zeitler, Big Game Dinner Chairman, at 545-6694 if you have any questions or if you wish to volunteer your help with this event.

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: The drawing for the quality trip will be held at the Big Game Dinner on March 30, 1996. The rules are shown below and are different from last years in that the value of the trip is \$2,000.00 instead of \$3,000.00.

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4. Each member may purchase 2 tickets; with a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents may also purchase 2 tickets each.
5. You must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
6. Winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership.
7. The drawing will be held at the March 30, 1996 Big Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
8. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club and who must also have participated in the drawing.
9. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner is unable to go. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a club member and have been in the drawing.
10. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 1997 Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
11. The trip must be approved by the Board not later than the June Board meeting or the trip will be forfeited.
12. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to new members Richard Mathews and Cal Kees both from Pasco.

RRGCC BY-LAWS CHANGES: At the December 12 meeting, the Board decided to present for approval to the Club membership the following amendments to the RRGCC by-Laws. The By-Laws must be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular or Special meeting of the Club. These amendments will be voted on by the membership present at the January 2, 1996 General Meeting. The existing By-Laws and the proposed changes, in italics, are shown below:

ARTICLE II-MEMBERSHIP, Sec. 2

Application together with dues in accordance with the following schedule shall be submitted to the trustees for approval:

April 1 to September 30: Individual - \$10; Family - \$15
October 1 to March 31: Individual - \$5; Family - \$7.50

Change:

Application with dues shall be submitted to trustees for approval.

ARTICLE III-DUES

The annual dues shall be \$10 for individual membership and \$15 for family membership or \$25 and \$37.50, for 3 years. Lifetime members are exempt from dues.

Change:

The trustees shall set the annual dues. Members elected to lifetime membership shall be exempt from dues.

The reason for the by-laws change will be discussed at the January 2 General Meeting before the amendments are presented to the membership for approval.

FURNITURE NEEDED FOR THE HUNTER EDUCATION FACILITY: Chairs and tables are urgently needed at the Hunter Education Facility in Big Pasco. If you have any folding chairs or stackable plastic chairs and large tables that can be used in the classroom at the Club's Hunter Education Facility please give Clare Cranston a call at 547-6273. He doesn't have enough chairs and tables to seat all the students.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - HOWARD GARDNER - Two classes were recently completed for 21-23 students at the facility in Big Pasco. Range and field training were given at the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility. Instructors and Club members assisting in the classes were Don Board, Clare Cranston, Lyle Gilk, Max Jones, Everett Weakley, Dennis Spore and Jerry Zeitler. At the last class, Chief Instructor Howard Gardner received a \$50 donation from Peter St. George Jr, a 41 year old student, who pointed out that if it

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year PETA and other "Animal Rights" Activist groups are concentrating on Washington, Idaho, Michigan and probably Massachusetts. If the Initiative shows up locally do not be fooled into signing it. Be aware that the Initiative exists and advise your family, friends and co-workers about the Initiative. This Initiative is the tip of the iceberg. These people oppose the use of animals for food, clothing, research or entertainment. They are against circuses, rodeos, fur coats and leather shoes and support a non-meat, non-dairy diet. They do not believe that you should own pets; in their mind if you have a pet you are keeping a slave. An animal life is as valuable or more valuable than your life or your childrens. They are strictly against the use of animals for medical research. The Animal Liberation Front, a radical terrorist underground group that has close ties with PETA, has broken into and vandalized research laboratories in Oregon and Washington (WSU) and was responsible for a fire that destroyed a warehouse owned by a Washington mink growers cooperative. A major effect that the ban or curtailment of cougar and bear hunting has had is an increase in the number of confrontations between these animals and humans. Attacks on humans have significantly increased in those areas where hunting of these animals has been curtailed or banned.

COLUMBIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE - SEEP LAKES FISHING CHANGES: The Jan. 25 edition of the Tri-City Herald, B3, outlined 6 plans/proposals that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are considering to implement at the Refuge. The changes will affect your fishing. The reason for the changes is that biologist(s) believe that fisherman and trout stocked in the refuge seep lakes are impacting waterfowl that inhabit the refuge. Since the prime purpose of the refuge is to provide habitat for waterfowl, officials are trying to determine how to minimize or eliminate the impact of fisherman and trout stocking. They have come up with six different

proposals, that vary from doing nothing to closing the refuge down to fishing. Highlights of the proposals are listed in the Jan. 25 edition, pg B3, of the Tri-City Herald. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would like comments on the different proposals by February 9. They state that the comments can be mailed to "Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Drawer F, Othello, WA 99344." The Club first learned of the proposal in the "Tri-City Herald", apparently U.S. Fish and Wildlife did not believe that local fishing clubs should be notified directly. You only have a little over 2 weeks to comment on the proposals. The Club will have copies of the proposals at the Club General Meeting on Feb. 6, just 3 days before the deadline. Dig out your Jan 25 edition of the "Herald", page B3, read it and make your comments to the address listed above.



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BOARD METING - FEBRUARY 13, 1996, 7:00 PM RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, RICHLAND
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 15, 1996, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009
RRGC BIG GAME DINNER - MARCH 30, 1996, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, RICHLAND

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

There may be a few 1996 Richland Rod & Gun Club Calendars left and they will be available at the General Meeting on Tuesday February 6, cost is still \$3.00 and this will be your last chance to buy one. Tickets for the RRGC Big Game Dinner will also be available, if they haven't all been sold. Club member Larry Martin will conduct a 10 to 15 minute "How-To" Mini-Seminar showing the preparation and care of coyote hides. He will have several different coyote hides showing the different stages of preparation and will show how to sew a hide to repair any damage caused during skinning or fleshing.

The main speaker will be Mike Jones of the Mid-Columbia Outfitters from Hermiston, Oregon. The topic of his discussion will be "COLUMBIA RIVER WALLEYE STATUS AND FISHING TECHNIQUES." Mike is known for his interesting, entertaining presentations. He spoke to the Club about walleye fishing at the November 1993 General Meeting. That meeting was one of the better meetings of the year and was well attended. Be sure to attend this meeting, the hunting season is essentially over and the fishing season is starting. Walleye fishing is becoming more and more popular, especially on the Columbia River where Mike guides.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Scott Rasley, a Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Habitat Development Specialist gave a very informative and extremely interesting presentation at the January General Meeting. He discussed the Miller Shingle Elk Forage Enhancement Project, about 1,000 acres located in the Blue Mountains in Columbia County on the South Touchet River headwaters and drainage system. Scott showed slides of the areas before and after reseeding, the changes from bare soil to grasses and legumes were spectacular. The seeded areas are heavily utilized by elk, deer, turkey, grouse, bear and numerous other non-game animals. Approximately 4,000 additional acres will be reseeded this fall, with a seed mixture identical to that used initially. Scott also showed a video of the technique used to form 8 new ponds in the Blue Mountains. The ponds store water that will be utilized by animals and can also be used for fire fighting. They are located in areas that could not be accessed by heavy equipment such as bulldozers, backhoes etc. Explosives consisting of ammonium nitrate

and diesel oil were used. The resultant blasts and craters formed were spectacular. The Miller Shingle area that was reseeded is a "Feel-Free-To Hunt" area and can be used by hunters.

"How To" mini-seminars were conducted by RRCG members Jack Pickard, Dave Myers and Howard Gardner. Jack and Dave demonstrated how to tie the Palomar and Uni-knot. Howard spoke about the latest techniques for shoe/boot care and advances in stockings, underwear and outerwear for the outdoors.

Door prize winners were: Roy Brogden - A small tent, Dave Myers - A sheath knife and Gene VanLiew, Tom Brown and Mack McDonnell each won an NRA calendar.

RICHARD FITZNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: - Howard Gardner - The fourth annual scholarship was awarded to Steven Bell, for the second time. The scholarship awards in the amount of \$500.00 were started in 1992 in memory of Richard Fitzner, a well respected biologist and Club member, who died in a tragic plane crash. The awards go to students in Wildlife Biology/Management. Previous recipients were Steven Bell and Brian Moser who also received the award twice. Both Steven and Brian are outstanding students who have, or will soon receive B.S. degrees and are entering graduate school.

BIG GAME DINNER: - Don't forget to get your tickets for the Big Game Dinner. Tickets are still available. This years event will be held on Saturday March 30 at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall. Ticket cost is \$15.00 per person and they will not be sold at the door. Tickets are also available from Paul Logman (946-5596) and Board members or buy them at the February General Meeting.

Big Game Dinner Chairman Jerry Zeitler is in need of volunteers for all areas of preparation for the dinner. Please contact Jerry and offer your services, he needs people for all day March 30 starting at 8:00AM. You are also welcome if you can help for part of the day. If you are willing to donate a door prize for the dinner or if you know of anyone who is willing to donate a door prize, contact Jerry. If you are going to the dinner, please pay for your 1996 membership prior to the dinner. One of the major bottlenecks at prior dinners was the long line of people updating their membership. Many people have been forced to stand outside in a long line. Eliminate the bottleneck, update your membership beforehand at the February and March General Meetings

The program will be presented by John Clement of Richland, who will present a multimedia slide show entitled "Four Seasons of The Northwest Dryland." John presented a well received slide show at the 1990 Big Game Dinner. Don't miss this show!

JANUARY NEWSLETTER ERRORS: - There were two errors in the January newsletter. One error was the list of new trustees. Dave Myers is a trustee instead of a volunteer and Jerry Zeitler is a volunteer, not a trustee. The other error was that coyote hunting does not end in eastern Washington on January 31. It does end on January 31 for hound hunting or pursuit of coyotes in eastern Washington except in Grant, Adams, Benton and Franklin Counties.
SORRY!!

FEBRUARY HABITAT PROJECT: - Rocky Ross is planning to start a habitat project during the month of February on the Windmill Ranch Unit that is about 3 miles NW of Mesa, weather permitting. The first stage of the project, that the Club will be involved in, will be to spread/roll-out and stake plastic for shrub/tree plantings. Rocky will need 6-8 people and there will a sign up sheet and more details at the February General Meeting.

NEW MEMBER: - Welcome to new member Carl Higby from Richland.

BY-LAWS CHANGES AND DUES INCREASE: - The By-Laws changes shown in the January RRCG newsletter were approved by the members present at the January General Meeting. The membership dues for the RRCG were increased at the February 9, 1996 Board of Trustees meeting. The reason for the increase is that the Club's bank balance has been decreasing and if the trend continues the

Club will be operating in the RED in 1996. The former membership dues were not sufficient to fund the cost of the Monthly Newsletter and Club General Meetings. Approximately \$1740 was collected from membership dues in 1995, cost of the newsletter and the general meetings was \$2387; a deficit of \$647. Effective as of January 9, 1996 the membership dues are:

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FOR SALE: - All items listed are new. Remington 870 barrels, 12 ga-26"vent rib-skeet choke and 20 ga-26"plain-imp cyl choke. \$75 each. Bullets - 270, 6.5 mm, 35 cal, 41 mag, .303; \$3/100. Buckshot shells 16 & 20 ga, \$1/5 shells. Scope Covers - KA-RAM-BA, \$5 ea. Reloading Equipment dies \$15 ea and shell holders \$3 ea. Recoil pads, \$9 ea. Call Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

WASHINGTON STATE ANTI-HUNTING INITIATIVE: PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has filed an initiative with the State of Washington to ban the hunting of bears, cougar, lynx and wildcat with hounds or by the use of bait. The initiative number is not known at this time. We will probably not see any of the initiative petitions in the Tri-Cities ares. PETA is concentrating in the Seattle-Tacoma area where they can get enough signatures to get the initiative on the November ballot. They are using professional signature gatherers who are getting at least \$1.00 for each signature they solicit. PETA is using the same tactics used in banning the hunting of bears and/or cougars in Idaho, Colorado and California. This

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LUNKER LAKE 1996:- Jack Pickard. The Club had another good year at the Lunker Lake fishing pond in January at the Tri-City Sportsmen Show. Many thanks to the 90 volunteers who made a lot of youngsters very happy. The volunteer list is so long that we can't name everyone individually. We would like to acknowledge *Yakima Search and Rescue* for letting us use their pond and helping us put it up and *Cascade Toy & Sport* for some of the plastic bags that the fish were put in after they were caught. The pond started out with 1500 trout and 1263 were caught. In 1995, 1029 of 1100 trout were caught and in 1994, 695 of 1000 were caught. the proceeds of \$721.50 will be used to send boys and girls to the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island. The Club also manned the air gun shooting range at the show. Attendance at the range was also very good. The Club has been requested to man the shooting booth at next years Sportsmen Show.

DOG CARE TIP: Jerry Zeitler recommends the following tip that was in the Dec/Jan 95-96 issue of *Gun Dog Magazine*. The tip states " We have discovered a way to keep the stickers, sand burrs, dirt, dust and ice that lodge between the pads of our English setters feet from adhering to his coat in winter-without greasiness. I apply several drops of any hair shine product or frizz reducer such as Frizz-Ease to my dogs entire coat, concentrating on his tail, legs and hair about his feet. These products contain silicone instead of oil which seems to attract dirt, stickers etc. Any debris seems to slide off. After bathing the dog, we use these products on his coat. Grass and dirt slide off his coat, making bathing less frequent and eliminating dry skin." Jerry used a similar product, ION Anti Frizz on his dogs during the last cold and snow spell and it worked very well at keeping ice/snow balls out of his dog's feet.

FLY CASTING CLASS: The Clearwater Fly Shop in Kennewick is offering a Fly Casting Class on March 9 starting at 10:00 AM. There will be 8 hrs. of class and 1/2 day on the river. Cost of the class is \$75. This class will be offered at a later date(s) also. For more information call 582-1001. The Clearwater Fly Shop always donates a door prize to the Big Game Dinner. The proprietor John Westland was the guest speaker at the January 1995 Club General Meeting.



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MARCH GENERAL MEETING

THE 1995 Quality Trip winners Paul and Lynn Logman will be the main speakers at the March General Meeting. They will discuss their moose hunt in Northern Alberta.

Tickets for the RRGC Big Game Dinner will also probably be available at the meeting. If you are going to attend the Big Game Dinner, please pay for your 1996 Club membership dues at the meeting so that there will not be a bottleneck at the Big Game Dinner door. You can also sign up for the Quality Trip at the meeting, the drawing for the winner will be at the Big Game Dinner.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club members Mike Estes and Howard Gardner discussed the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife draft environmental impact statements (EIS) for statewide black bear and elk management plans. Mike explained the alternative plans for the black bear and Howard for the elk. Mike and Howard also explained their suggested responses to each EIS. The draft EIS for each species and letters with the suggested responses were made available to those at the meeting for review and comments. Any comments were analyzed and, if pertinent, incorporated into the response letters. At the February Board of Trustees meeting the final letters were discussed, approved and mailed to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Howard also discussed the management plan changes that U.S. Fish and Wildlife is considering to make at the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge outside Moses Lake. Howard made some recommendations for the Club's response to the suggested changes. The changes were discussed and approved by those present. The reply was mailed to the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge prior to the deadline date of February 9.

Club member Larry Martin presented a "How-To" mini seminar about coyote hide skinning and preparation. Larry showed several coyote hides at different preparation stages. He explained how he skinned a coyote and showed how he stretched and quickly dried the hide with his home made drying apparatus. The price of coyote hides and names of hide buyers were also discussed.

Fortunately the weather broke the day of the meeting and Mike and Mary Jones of the Mid-Columbia Outfitters from Hermiston Oregon were able to attend and present a very interesting presentation entitled "Off Season Walleye Fishing." Mike showed how walleyes can be caught during the off-season (September to November) and at night. One of the techniques that he

utilized was trolling with deep running crank baits, rated to run 12-14 ft deep. He lets out 165 to 175 ft of 16 pound test line. Under these conditions he determined that the lure ran 10-12 ft deeper than the depth rated by the lure manufacturer. Mike uses a Daiwa reel model #SG-27-LC with 16 lb test Maxima Silver Tournament monofilament line. The reel has a line counter which is necessary to ensure that the correct length of line is used. His trolling speed varied from 1½ to 3½ and sometimes up to 4½ mph. Mike also gave his observations about how walleye fishing and the numbers of walleye have changed in the Columbia during the last 15 years.

Door prize winners were: Mary Jones (wife of Mike Jones) - A Snake Light and batteries, Larry Martin - A marine tool set; Don Hand, Ray Myjak and Jim Martin each won a jar of salmon eggs.

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April 19-21, 1996

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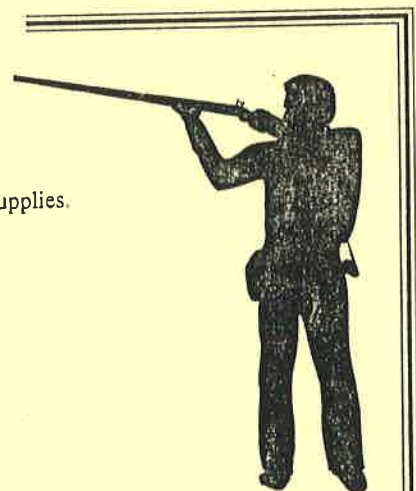
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NEW MEMBERS: - Welcome to new members Raymond J. Myjak from Kennewick, K. Michael Thompson from Kennewick and Charles A. Harrington from West Richland.

BIG GAME DINNER: - Don't forget to get your tickets for the Big Game Dinner. Tickets are still available. This years event will be held on Saturday March 30 at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall. Ticket cost is \$15.00 per person and they will not be sold at the door. Tickets are also available from Paul Logman (946-5596) and Board members or buy them at the March General Meeting. The dinner menu will include moose, elk, antelope, deer, salmon, halibut as well as the usual hors d'oeuvres. Big 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 March 30 starting at 8:00AM. You are also welcome if you can help for part of the day. If you are willing to donate a door prize for the dinner or if you know of anyone who is willing to donate a door prize, contact Jerry. If you are going to the dinner, please pay for your 1996 membership prior to the dinner. One of the major bottlenecks at prior dinners was the long line of people updating their membership. Many people have been forced to stand outside in a long line. Eliminate the bottleneck, update your membership beforehand at the March General Meeting. At least 10 more pounds of halibut are needed for the dinner, please call Jerry if you are willing to donate some halibut. Jerry needs to borrow some large ice chests for the dinner and some large electric roasters, please call Jerry if you have any that you are willing to loan. Anita Gahimer, former Club President is returning for the dinner and will be the Master of Ceremonies. The program will be presented by John Clement of Richland, who will present a multimedia slide show entitled "Four Seasons of The Northwest Dryland." John presented a well received slide show at the 1990 Big Game Dinner. This presentation is different than the 1990 presentation. Don't miss this show!

QUALITY TRIP DRAWING RULES: Entry tickets for the 1996 Quality Trip are still available and can be purchased at the March General Meeting and at the Big Game Dinner if the maximum of 100 tickets have not been sold. The drawing for the quality trip will be held at the Big Game Dinner on March 30, 1996. The rules are shown below and are different from last years in that the value of the trip is \$2,000.00 instead of \$3,000.00.

1. Only Club members with 1996 dues paid through April 1997 are eligible to purchase entry tickets.
2. Tickets are \$20 each, the value of the trip (amount paid to winners) is \$2,000.00.
3. A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold; the maximum sold will be 100.
4. Each member may purchase 2 tickets; with a family membership, the spouse and eligible dependents may also purchase 2 tickets each.
5. You must be 16 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets.
6. Winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership.
7. The drawing will be held at the March 30, 1996 Big Game Dinner. You do not need be present to win.
8. The winner will select a partner who must be a member of the Richland Rod and Gun Club and who must also have participated in the drawing.
9. An alternate will also be drawn in the event the winner is unable to go. The alternate will select his/her own partner who must also be a club member and have been in the drawing.
10. Winners are requested to donate meat for the 1997 Big Game Dinner, assuming they are successful in harvesting their quarry.
11. The trip must be approved by the Board not later than the June Board meeting or the trip will be forfeited.
12. If the alternate is chosen to go, he/she must submit a written proposal by the September Board meeting or forfeit.

SPOKANE BIG HORN SHOW DATES: Dates for the Big Horn Show in Spokane are March 14-17.

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Hunters Education: - March 4,5,6 and March 11,13,14 and at the Range on March 9. (Maximum of 25 persons)

Archery Hunter Education Classes: - March 18 and 25 (Maximum of 20 persons). There is a \$5 class fee for Regular Hunter Education and \$10 fee for Archery. Registration for both classes is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 2, 1996, 7:00 PM BENTON COUNTY PUD, 10th & HWY 395, KENNEWICK
BOARD METING - APRIL 9, 1996, 7:00 PM - IT CORP., 1045 JADWIN, RICHLAND
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - APRIL 23, 1996, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Department of Fish & Wildlife representatives will be at the April meeting to present the 1996 fishing forecasts for Regions 1, 2 and 3. Be sure to come to the meeting and find out where the best fishing prospects will be this year. The representatives should be able to answer any questions about your favorite fishing lakes or streams. There should also be plenty of new handouts for you to take home. If you are a fisherman, as most of are, this is one meeting you don't want to miss. Don't forget the meeting will be in Kennewick at the Benton County PUD auditorium at 10th Ave and Highway 395.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING REPORT: THE 1995 Quality Trip winners Paul and Lynn Logman gave a very interesting presentation at the March General Meeting. They discussed their trip through British Columbia and Alberta and their Moose Hunt in Northern Alberta. They arrived at the hunting camp at North Star a day late because of a transmission failure in their truck at Cranbrook B.C. Fortunately the Dodge dealer in Cranbrook was able to locate a replacement transmission and have it replaced in 25 hours from the time they rolled into the dealer's garage. Because of an unseasonably early snow, that put the moose down, they were not able to bag a moose. Paul missed a 250 yard shot at a bull moose because his hand/trigger finger was so cold that he couldn't tell when he squeezed the trigger off. They showed both slides and a 20 minute video of their trip, the hunting camp and the moose hunt. Paul also brought and showed some of the clothing and gear that they used on the hunt. Even though they didn't bag a moose it was a hunt that they will long remember.

Howard Gardner presented a "skin show" mini-seminar. He showed some animal skins that he had tanned at a custom tannery in Santa Clara California. Cost to tan a bear hide was \$21.50 a foot. Howard also discussed six proposed Club comments to a document titled "Draft Objectives For the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife." The document was made available to those at the meeting to review and make comments. Club President Harold Heacock attended a Department of Fish and Wildlife meeting in Spokane later that week where the document was discussed and Harold presented the Club comments. Door prize winners were: Clynt Schuetze - a shop vacuum cleaner and Tom Brown - a battery operated screw driver.

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Archery Hunter Education Class: - April 22 and 29 (Maximum of 20 persons). There is a \$10 class fee. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084.

WINDMILL RANCH HABITAT ENHANCEMENT WORK PARTIES: Seven club members each worked approximately seven hours at the Windmill Ranch Unit located about 3 miles NW of Mesa on Saturday March 9. Plastic fabric was layed on two corners of an irrigation circle. Volunteers were Howard Gardner, Ev Weakley, Bob McPhee, Eddie Manthos, Dave Koontz, Mike Estes and Rocky Ross. It was so much fun that four members (Howard Gardener, Ev Weakley, Bob McPhee and Eddie Manthos) returned Thursday March 14 and helped Rocky Ross lay more plastic fabric around some areas that will contain some ponds. They each worked another seven hours. The weather was beautiful both days. The areas covered with plastic were planted with shrubs and trees starting March 18. It will be very interesting to see what these areas will look like this fall and next year. The Windmill Ranch Unit is part of The Lower Snake River Fish and Wildlife Compensation Plan. Major funding is provided by the Corps of Engineers and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is developing the wildlife habitat and managing the unit for public fishing and hunting. The Unit consists of 1534 acres and has several ponds/lakes on it.

FLY CASTING CLASSES: The Columbia Basin Fly Casters are offering flycasting classes beginning Thursday April 4. Cost of the classes is \$10.00 for non-members or free to Fly Caster members. Classes will be held in Leslie Groves Park at the swimming area. The class will start at 5:30 PM and continue until dusk. Sign up sheets are located at BB&M, The Clearwater Fly Shop and Phil's Sporting Goods.

SPECIAL HUNTING PERMIT DRAWINGS: Deadline for special hunting permit applications is May 3, 1996. Special hunting permits are available for deer, elk, mountain goat, sheep, moose and cougar. Information about special hunting permits is in pages 21 through 32 of the 1996 pamphlet edition of "HUNTING SEASONS AND RULES." The pamphlet should be available at all outlets where hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

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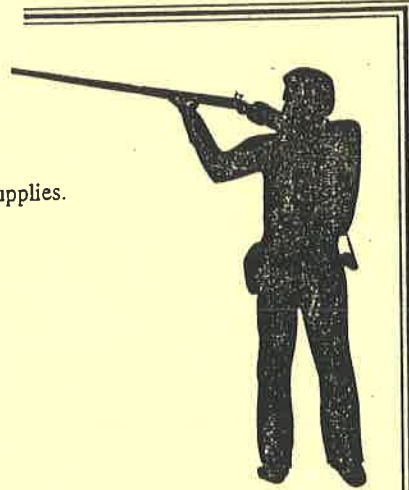
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BIG GAME DINNER: The Big Game Dinner will be this Saturday March 30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Richland. The hors d'oeuvres and no host cocktails will start at 6:00 PM, dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. *The menu this year will be terrific!!* To eliminate any bottlenecks at the door there will be a separate line for those who wish to purchase a 1996 membership. There will also be a line for those who want to sign up for the Quality Trip. Cost for the entry tickets are \$20.00 each and a maximum of 2 entry tickets per individual can be purchased. There will also be another line(s) for special raffle drawings. One of the drawings will be for a walleye fishing trip, the other drawing will be for a case of wine. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 tickets for \$5.00 or 13 for \$10.00. Please bring separate checks or cash for each of these items so that we can get everyone into the hall as fast as possible. The biggest complaint we had at last years Big Game Dinner was the bottleneck at the door. See you all Saturday.

NEW MEMBERS: - Welcome to new members: Ben Holton, Loren C. Pfluger, Duncan Kirk and Matt Cummings all from Richland.

MCNARY AND ICE HARBOR DAM FISH COUNTS: Shown below are two tables listing fish counts over McNary Dam (1954-94) and Ice Harbor Dam (1962-94). The information was compiled by the Army Corps of Engineers and was downloaded from the INTERNET. Take a good look at the fish numbers and see what conclusions you come to regarding the decrease in numbers of salmon and steelhead.

**YEARLY TOTALS OF SALMONIDS COUNTED OVER
MCNARY DAM 1954-1994**

YEAR CHINOOK* STEELHEAD SOCKEYE COHO* TOTALS*

1954	126,555	75,059	108,181	950	310,745
1955	108,915	85,575	173,758	643	368,891
1956	114,342	42,554	102,145	683	259,724
1957	292,696	105,728	85,460	2,855	486,739
1958	226,092	87,890	102,397	1,350	417,729
1959	171,490	110,475	83,977	1,970	367,912
1960	176,767	96,895	55,372	1,580	330,614
1961	154,996	103,743	16,388	2,045	277,172
1962	152,756	163,181	29,372	3,195	348,504
1963	154,459	113,646	59,744	3,113	330,962
1964	167,934	100,742	83,931	3,317	355,924
1965	150,907	118,960	42,052	2,700	314,619
1966	223,141	145,130	173,028	8,525	549,824
1967	195,653	77,700	105,635	27,226	406,214
1968	200,488	112,522	101,007	39,518	453,535
1969	213,407	76,681	29,787	53,716	373,591
1970	168,892	69,759	59,636	36,399	334,686
1971	171,448	109,630	52,867	39,358	373,303
1972	168,821	93,820	26,422	45,635	334,698
1973	184,112	64,620	42,731	17,682	309,145
1974	127,858	26,932	26,505	13,746	195,041
1975	133,150	23,663	43,143	3,975	203,931
1976	163,314	54,000	24,632	7,539	249,485
1977	183,581	87,712	80,781	4,622	356,696
1978	144,148	34,740	18,511	20,356	217,755
1979	95,275	50,304	37,792	12,800	196,171
1980	80,773	66,524	44,301	571	192,169
1981	80,619	61,985	26,644	3,736	172,984
1982	102,225	75,099	15,077	3,119	195,520
1983	121,636	125,254	40,903	2,470	290,263
1984	159,071	135,515	56,906	2,841	354,333
1985	288,483	188,204	98,457	6,917	582,061
1986	342,417	193,481	46,443	1,374	583,715
1987	286,638	148,811	72,190	615	508,254
1988	243,608	151,765	50,080	2,010	447,463
1989	176,407	170,467	41,318	3,383	391,575
1990	147,439	95,061	46,145	2,059	290,704
1991	114,841	168,692	69,365	2,272	355,170
1992	135,707	194,026	68,737	1,801	400,271
1993	143,412	93,183	66,485	481	303,561
1994	128,868	94,427	10,603	1,735	235,633

Totals 6,923,341 4,194,155 2,518,908 390,882 14,027,286
10-Year Average 200,782 149,812 56,982 2,265 409,841
*Jacks included

**YEARLY TOTALS OF SALMONIDS COUNTED OVER
ICE HARBOR DAM 1962-1994**

YEAR CHINOOK* STEELHEAD SOCKEYE COHO* TOTALS*

1962	94,301	115,796	38	3,207	213,342
1963	61,190	74,539	1,118	1,933	138,780
1964	60,097	58,860	1,276	2,071	122,304
1965	39,233	62,873	317	320	102,743
1966	75,882	65,798	278	878	142,836
1967	84,930	44,205	717	3,770	133,622
1968	98,681	82,383	1,165	6,227	188,456
1969	100,514	63,889	745	5,316	170,464
1970	77,698	53,870	797	3,636	136,001
1971	70,248	67,029	532	2,969	140,778
1972	82,632	63,593	363	2,522	149,110
1973	81,821	38,311	233	2,443	122,808
1974	32,444	12,528	204	1,334	46,510
1975	31,686	16,218	243	1,559	49,706
1976	36,556	23,885	771	1,991	63,203
1977	56,514	54,820	582	1,561	113,477
1978	61,352	27,142	86	652	89,232
1979	13,929	23,117	30	398	37,474
1980	14,717	50,221	36	58	65,032
1981	22,092	41,290	142	82	63,606
1982	22,646	73,405	174	348	96,573
1983	20,259	88,475	216	465	109,415
1984	17,757	94,030	105	22	111,914
1985	47,981	128,481	24	10	176,496
1986	52,615	144,292	20		196,927
1987	47,477	74,491	13		121,981
1988	48,066	99,714	22		147,802
1989	27,234	151,101	4		178,339
1990	31,841	54,758	1	1	86,601
1991	23,175	123,762	9	1	146,947
1992	36,021	160,614	33		196,668
1993	34,991	73,107	17		108,115
1994	7,577	51,704		1	59,282

Totals 1,614,157 2,358,301 10,311 43,775 4,026,544
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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - MAY 7, 1996, 7:00 PM FRANKLIN COUNTY PUD, 1411 W. CLARK, PASCO
BOARD METING - MAY 14, 1996, 7:00 PM - RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY-GALLERY ROOM, RICHLAND
ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - JULY 26 & 27 (FRIDAY & SATURDAY)
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - MAY 20, 1996, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009

MAY GENERAL MEETING

The May General Meeting will be held at the Franklin County PUD auditorium in Pasco. There will be two programs. The first will be "Shot Shell and Rifle Shell Reloading" by Club Members Paul Logman and Howard Gardner. Photographer Jim Worgull will present the second, a wildlife and outdoor photography program. If you are a photographer that likes to document your hunting and fishing with photographs this is a presentation that you need to see. Both lead and steel shot reloading will be covered in the shotshell presentation, bismuth shot reloading will also be discussed. Paul and Howard are experienced shotshell and rifle shell reloaders, if you are a reloader or are contemplating reloading - come to the meeting.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Department of Fish & Wildlife representatives from Spokane and Ephrata were at the April General meeting and discussed the 1996 fishing prospects for Regions 1, 2 and 3 and answered questions about fishing spots not covered in their reports. They gave out several handouts including one that documented Regions 2 and 3 trout plants and showed where, when and how many trout were planted in the two regions. A new fishery for Tiger Musky that is in Newman Lake (close to the Idaho border) and Mayfield Reservoir (on the other side of White Pass) was also discussed. There were a multitude of raffle winners at the April Meeting, most of the prizes were donated by Club member Dale Schielke. The winners and their prize(s) were: John Pfeiffer-fishing rod & reel, John Silko-book, Ray Lloyd-socks & hat, Bruce Wagner-book & hat, Gene VanLiew-Washington Gazetteer, John Pfeiffer-book, Richard Mathews-book, Mack McDonald-rain pants, Mike Estes-Olt duck call, Bill Lambert-book & scarf, Jack Fletcher-book, Lyle Gilk-hat, Leo Pierce-socks and John Moreno-socks.

LOST!! A large white plastic handled butcher knife with a 12" long blade was lost at the Big Game Dinner. It belongs to the halibut cook, Roy Brogdon. If you found it please call Roy at 627-6505.

BIG GAME DINNER: The Big Game Dinner on March 30 was again a big success thanks to Jerry Zeitler, the chairman, and his crew of volunteer helpers. Preparations for the dinner

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NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to new members: Allen Balinge and Ron Williams from Richland and Fritz O. Lamb from Kennewick.

BOY SCOUT WOOD DUCK NESTING BOX PROJECT: Eagle Scout candidate Kevin Jones from Troop 249 in Richland presented to the RR&GC trustees at their meeting in July of 1995 details of his Eagle Scout project. The project was to build and install wood duck nesting boxes at selected sites approved by his scoutmaster Dale Schielke. Kevin was to coordinate, build and erect the completed nesting boxes. Other scouts from his troop were to help him during building and erection of the boxes. He requested financial aid from the Club to buy materials required in the construction of the nesting boxes. He estimated that the cost would be \$50.00 and the Club approved funding for actual cost of the materials up to \$75.00. Kevin and other Scouts built 30 nesting boxes and erected 12 of them on December 16, 1995. Kevin plans to erect more of the boxes this spring and keep some in reserve. Kevin reported the results of his project to the Club trustees at their monthly meeting in April and the Club reimbursed Kevin \$54.39 for the materials he purchased to build the boxes. WELL DONE Kevin!!! You are off to a good start as a person who cares for wildlife and the environment. THANK YOU!

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1995 STEELHEAD SPORT CATCH RECORD CARD REMINDER: Don't forget!! Your 1995 Steelhead Sport Record Card expires at the end of May. You are required to turn in your card by June 1, 1996. If you return it to a license dealer by that date you should get a \$5.00 rebate that you can use for purchasing other license items such as Upland Bird Stamp, State Duck Stamp etc.

began immediately after the 1995 Big Game Dinner. There were numerous Club members who worked hard to make this years dinner a success. The list is so long that it would be difficult to acknowledge them all. We owe them all many thanks. The food was delicious especially with the addition to the menu of barbecued halibut. The program by John Clement was spectacular. Former Club president Anita Gahimer did a fantastic job as Master of Ceremonies. There were several raffles, special drawings and many door prizes and are listed below:

Winner of the \$2000 quality trip was Gaylord Pyle, the alternate is Tom Logan.

Winners of the raffles for Walleye Fishing Trips, courtesy of Mike Jones of the Mid Columbia Outfitters of Hermiston Oregon were: Dennis Hiner, Katie Clement, John Cummings and Gene VanLiew.

Winner of the raffle for a case of wine was Steven Fitzner.

Donors and winners of the special drawings were:

Members Only

Sportsman-Landowner Club, Clarkston WA, 1996 Game Bird Membership, (\$550.00 value) - *Leo Pfeifer*

King's Fisher Guide Service, Richland WA, Guided Boat Fishing Trip For 2 - *Fritz Lamb*

Food Donor Drawing

Ranch & Home Pasco, Gun Case - *Jim Choate*

Kitchen Help

Henry's Restaurant, \$40 Gift Certificate - *Dave Myers*

Volunteers

Zebco Corp., Tulsa OK, Baitcasting Rod & Reel - *Dale Schielke*

Early Bird Drawing

John Clement Gallery, Columbia Center, Elk Photo Print - *John Silko*

Donors and winners of the Door Prizes were:

Door Prizes

Harry's Restaurant, Tower Inn, Richland, \$30 Gift Certificate - *John Silko*

Los Margaritas, Richland, Dinner for Two Gift Certificate - *Christina Robinson*

O'Callahans Restaurant-Shilo Inn, Richland, \$25 Gift Certificate - *Joanne Becker*

Hanford House, Richland Red Lion, Sunday Brunch for Two - *Michelle Hiner*

Shari's Restaurant, Richland, \$6 Gift Certificate - *Isaac Case*

Shari's Restaurant, Richland, \$6 Gift Certificate - *Mrs. Bob McPhee*

The Bookworm, Richland, \$10 Gift Certificate - *Cathy Walker*

Bill's Fishing Hole, Richland, Silstar Rod & Reel - *Steve Roggenkamp*

BB&M Sporting Goods, Richland, Eagle Lockback Knife - *Maria Alvarado*

Les Schwab, Richland, Front End Alignment Service Certificate - *Tod Roner*

Columbia Grain & Feed, Pasco, \$25 Gift Certificate - *Diana Elias*

Cascade Marina, Pasco, 1 gal Outboard Lubricating Oil - *John Hooper*

Cascade Marina, Pasco, 1 gal Outboard Lubricating Oil - *Ted Deobold*

Coleman Veterinary Clinic, Pasco, \$50 Veterinary Service Certificate - *Julia Schmidt*

Payless Drug Store, Kennewick, Fishing Rod Case - *Dave Myers*

Sea Galley, Kennewick, \$30 Gift Certificate - *Shirley Devoir*

Blackberry's Restaurant, Kennewick, \$20 Gift Certificate - *Joe Flerchinger*

Casa Chapala, Kennewick, Dinner for Two Gift Certificate, *Keith Hergesheimer*

Cavanaugh's, Kennewick, Sunday Brunch for Two - *Ben Schielke*

Red Robin, Kennewick, \$5 Gift Certificate - *Judy Peshing*

Red Robin, Kennewick, \$5 Gift Certificate - *Linda Smith*

Red Lobster Restaurant, Kennewick, Lunch for Two Gift Certificate - *Jean Henke*

Clearwater Fly Shop, Kennewick, \$15 Gift Certificate - *Lorna Manthos*

Vista Veterinary Hospital, Kennewick, Pre-Season Hunting Dog Exam - *Sue Campbell*

Hole In The Wall, Kennewick, Youth Adventure Kit - *Barbara Deobold*

Hole In The Wall, Kennewick, Shimano Spinning Rod Kit - *Harold Heacock*

Lynn Logman, Les Schwab Front End Service Certificate - *Bob Henke*

Metz Marina, Kennewick, Hand Held "Blue Eye Beam" Spotlight - *John Aravito*

Tri-City Americans, Autographed Hockey Stick - *Larry Hayner*

Desert Vet Clinic, West Richland, Pre-Season Hunting Dog Exam - *Mary Crouch*

The Gun Shop, West Richland, Disassemble-Clean-Oil & Assemble Gun - *Matt Cummings*

The Gun Shop, West Richland, Disassemble-Clean-Oil & Assemble Gun - *Jennifer Derrick*

Cortland Line Co., Cortland NY, WF6F Rocket Taper Fly Line - *Jim Choate*

Lamiglass Rod, Woodland WA, Sweatshirt - *Calvin Fulk*

Lamiglass Rod, Woodland WA, T-shirt, - *Mac McDonald*

Lamiglass Rod, Woodland WA, T-shirt, - *Don McNeilly*

Western Outdoors, Costa Mesa CA, 1 Year Subscription - *Gordon Hanson*

Western Outdoors, Costa Mesa CA, 1 Year Subscription - *Jennifer Perry*

The Outdoor Press, Spokane WA, 1 Year Gift Subscription - *Keith Hergesheimer*

The Outdoor Press, Spokane WA, 1 Year Gift Subscription - *Fritz Lamb*

Fred Meyers, Richland, Fishing Rod - *John Akers*

Christine's Gallery, Kennewick, Custom Frame for Remington Calendar Art Print - *Loraine Ganz*

Rising Moon Gallery Kennewick, Custom Frame for Remington Calendar Art Print - *Kirk Christensen*

Finley Shopper, Finley, Red Caps - *Randomly distributed*

Yakima Bait Co, Granger WA, Six Roostertails - *Randomly distributed*

Please patronize all the donors listed above and thank them for the support they have given to the Club. Their donations are a big reason that the Big Game Dinner is a success. Special THANK YOU's to Albertsons in Richland, Chuck's Meat & Lockers in Kennewick and Phil's Sporting Goods In Pasco. Albertson's baked the potatoes we ate at the dinner, Chuck's makes a locker(s) available to the Club for year round use in addition to donating game sausage for the hors d'oeuvres. Phil's supports the Club's Hunter Education program financially and in other ways.

UNION GOSPEL MISSION DONATION: There was more venison donated for the Big Game Dinner than was used. The venison that was not needed was donated to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco.

RR&GC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: RR&GC membership dues were raised January 6 of this year. Individual membership dues are \$15/1 yr or \$40/3 yrs, family memberships are \$20/1 yr or \$50/3 yrs. Please remember the dues changes when paying for your membership by mail. If you have not received your 1996 Membership Card please pick it up at the next General meeting.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: The Club is sponsoring 9 youth to the Washington State Conservation Camp. The number of sponsorships was reduced from 11 to 9 because the camp fees have increased from \$125 to \$175 per camper. One of the 9 youths is being sponsored in the name of the Yakima County Search & Rescue Squad in appreciation of the help they gave us in delivering, setting up and taking down the Lunker Lake pond that was used at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show. Camp dates are shown on the application form that is part of this newsletter. In order to be eligible for sponsorship to the summer camp the youth's parent must be a Club member or the youth must be a Club member. Send the attached application, filled out completely to: Larry Martin, 2127 N 18th Ave. Pasco, WA 99301. The applications will be accepted in the order received until the first 9 eligible applications are received. It will be the responsibility of the parents to transport the camper to and from Anacortes.

SIDEWALK ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH: The Sidewalk Arts Show at Howard Amon Park will be July 26 & 27 of this year. The RR&GC and Columbia Basin Fly Casters will again sponsor a Salmon Booth. Our Club will have the lead this year. Set up of the booth and preparation of salmon "boats" etc will take place Thursday evening July 25, 15 to 20 volunteers are needed starting at 6:00 pm. Ten to 11 volunteers are needed for each of the shifts that run from 9 am - 1 pm, 1 pm - 4 pm, 4 pm - 8 or 9 pm on Friday and Saturday. If you know what days/shifts you can work please call Howard Gardner at 943-9084. If you have a "Food Servers Card" check its expiration date. If your card is expiring or you don't have one you can obtain a current card at special test sessions that will held for Sidewalk Arts Show workers on Tuesday July 2 and Thursday July 11 at the Allied Arts Center, 89 Lee Blvd. (at the entrance to Howard Amon Park). Be there at 6:45 pm because testing begins at 7:00 pm and no one will be admitted late. The cards can also be obtained from the Health Department by calling 582-7761 and scheduling an appointment. The Club will reimburse the cost of the card.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - June 4, 1996, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library-Gallery Room, Richland
BOARD MEETING - June 11, 1996, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library, Richland
ALLIED ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH AT HOWARD AMON PARK - JULY 26 & 27 (FRIDAY & SATURDAY)
RR&GC Annual Picnic - August 6, 1996, Leslie Groves Park - Area #1 (By Horseshoe Pit)
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - June 18, 1996, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The June General Meeting will be held at the Richland Public Library in Richland. Mark Quinn from the Ephrata office of Region 2 of the Department of Fish and Wildlife will describe the habitat improvements accomplished in Private Lands Wildlife Management Area 201, Wilson Creek. Wilson Creek is located in Grant County. The area surrounds Billy Clapp Lake directly north of the town of Stratford and northwest of the town of Wilson Creek.

MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Ray Wilson, President of the Washington State Archery Association was the first speaker. He gave an update of Initiative 655, the anti-bear and cougar hunting initiative measure. Ray also explained the "PAWS OFF WASHINGTON NO on I-655" campaign whose purpose is to educate the voters on the ramifications of I-655. Initiative I-655 is being sponsored by three "animals rights" organizations: PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society of Seattle), and HSUS (Humane Society of the United States). It appears that these organizations have obtained at least 75% of the signatures required to pass the initiative and put it on the November ballot as a referendum to the voters. The signature gatherers were in Spokane at the time of the meeting and will probably be in the Tri-Cities area soon. DO NOT BE FOOLED AND SIGN INITIATIVE I-655. I-655 is the first step on the way to banning all trapping, hunting and fishing! Ray asked that the Club endorse the "PAWS OFF WASHINGTON No" on I-655 campaign. A vote was taken at the meeting and there was a unanimous show of hands to endorse the campaign. The Board of Trustees also voted to endorse the campaign a week later at their monthly meeting, more about this subject later in this newsletter.

The second speaker was Jim Worgull who demonstrated photographic equipment and gave tips on photographic composition. He gave a very good slide presentation where he showed different composition techniques and the results of using wide angle, normal and telephoto lenses.

Howard Gardner and Paul Logman gave a very good presentation of shotshell and rifle/pistol shell reloading. They had a very good display of equipment and reloading components.

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ATTENTION FISHERMAN: The Club needs donations of FRESH (this years catch) Walleye, Bass, Perch and Crappie fillets. Jerry Zeitler, Wild Game Dinner Chairman, has made arrangements with Alaska Premier Charters of Sitka Alaska for a box (60-70 Lbs) of halibut for next years dinner. Jerry's friend and part owner of the Charters, is a former Spokane resident and expressed his desire for some good old NW Walleye fillets. The Club would like to accommodate him especially since Halibut was such a big hit at this years Wild Game Dinner. Our V.P. Paul Logman and wife Lynn are going up the end of June to fish with Alaska Premier Charters and will take the donations with them. Therefore the Club needs all donations by June 25th. Contact Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694 to make arrangements to collect them. Remember to keep it legal, we will need a statement on or with each package with your name, address, license number, date caught, county and area where taken and your signature. Do not donate more than the possession limit for the waters where caught. Each donor name will be recorded and entered in the Food Donors Drawing at the next wild game dinner. Thanks, - Jerry.

FREE FISHING WEEKEND: "Free Fishing Weekend" in Washington State is Saturday and Sunday June 8-9, 1996 and corresponds with National Fishing Week. During these two days fishing licenses are not required for food fish, shellfish and game fish except steelhead trout. They are valid for everyone regardless of residency or age. All other regulations will still be in effect. Only waters open to fishing may be fished. Lure and/or bait restrictions along with size and catch limits that are currently in place must be followed. If you have any friends or visitors. that don't usually fish or are out of state this is your chance to take them fishing and show them what they are missing.

1996 QUALITY TRIP: Winner of the 1996 Quality Trip was Gaylord Pyle, he selected Bob Lyness as his partner. In accordance with the Quality Hunt rules, the trip must be approved by the Board of Trustees not later than the June Board meeting. Bob Lyness presented details of their hunt to the Board at the May meeting. The trip was unanimously approved by the Board. Gaylord and Bob plan to go hunting in Idaho at Warm Springs Bar late in September. We wish them both a safe and productive hunt and that they both come back with trophies.

There were many questions from the audience and the question and answer period lasted long after the normal quitting time of 9:00 PM.

RR&GC MEMBERSHIP: - Jack Pickard 582-5397. Once again it is time to check your renewal date. Check your membership card or the address label on this newsletter. Any membership date that does not read 4/97 or 4/99 is expired. If you aren't sure call Jack or talk to him at the General Meetings. According to Club By-Laws, expired memberships will be dropped in June. To rejoin the Club after expiration you must fill out an application and be approved by the Board of Trustees. Help us out by simply renewing. Individual memberships are \$15/1 yr and \$40/3 yr. Family membership is \$20/1 yr and \$50/3 yr. A substantial savings at the 3 year rate. Make checks payable to the Richland Rod & Gun Club, P.O. Box 337, Richland WA 99352-0337.

GUZZLER REINSTALLATION-MAY 4TH SATURDAY 1996: - Larry Martin. An enjoyable day was spent on Saturday June 4 helping Boy Scout Craig Kurtz work on his Eagle Scout project. Craig organized a work party to reinstall a fire destroyed guzzler near Prosser. Don Hand of the Department of Fish and Wildlife brought in the equipment and materials. Thirteen people helped, some were from the RR&GC and some were not: Craig Kurtz, Rick Kurtz, Chris Kurtz, Kam Gross, Don Hand, Howard Gardner, Jerry Bloom, Jerry Massey, Laura Massey, Cal Kees, Larry Martin, Roy Lundgren and Kathy Lundgren.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: - Larry Martin 545-9647. As of May 14 the Club had 8 applications for the 9 openings to the Washington State Conservation Camp, one more application is needed. In order to be eligible for sponsorship to the summer camp the youth's parent or the youth must be a Club member. All applicants must be at least 12 years old by July 1, 1996 and must not have reached their 17th birthday prior to the onset of camp. Camp dates are July 13 to July 20 for girls and July 21 to July 27 for boys. Send the application (included in last months newsletter) to: Larry Martin, 2127 N 18th Ave. Pasco, WA 99301. If you do not have an application call Larry at 545-9647.

SIDEWALK ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH: The Sidewalk Arts Show at Howard Amon Park will be July 26 & 27 this year. The RR&GC and Columbia Basin Fly Casters will again sponsor a Salmon Booth and we will have the lead this year. The work schedule and number of workers per shift is shown below:

THURSDAY JULY 25-In the evening/afternoon-time to be announced. At the Fingernail:
Booth Set up - 6 people: Fish preparation - 12 people
FRIDAY JULY 26: 9-10 people per shift: 9:00AM-1:00PM; 1:00PM-5:00PM; 5:00PM-9:00PM
SATURDAY JULY 27: 9-10 people per shift: 9:00AM-1:00PM; 1:00PM-5:00PM; 5:00PM-9:00PM. The last shift on Saturday will also take down the booth. All food handlers should have a "Food Servers Card", if you have one check its expiration date. If your card will be expired or if you don't have one, you can obtain a current card at special test sessions that will held for Sidewalk Arts Show workers on Tuesday July 2 and Thursday July 11 at the Allied Arts Center, 89 Lee Blvd. (at the entrance to Howard Amon Park). Be there at 6:45 pm because testing begins at 7:00 pm and no one will be admitted late. The cards can also be obtained from the Benton Health Department at 800 W Canal Dr in Kennewick by calling 582-7761 and scheduling an appointment, cost of the card is \$8.00. The Club will reimburse volunteers the cost of the card on request. Board members should activate the "Calling Tree" immediately and contact Club members to schedule them for duty at the Salmon Booth. Contact for the volunteer lists is Dennis Spore at 627-0589. Report the volunteer lists to Dennis as soon as possible so that he can arrange the worker schedules.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to new members: Jessica Derrick, Matt Shoop and Harry A. Brown and family, all from Kennewick.

"PAWS OFF WASHINGTON NO on I-655": The Board of Trustees at their May 14 meeting voted to support the "PAWS OFF WASHINGTON NO on I-655" campaign. It also voted to contribute a minimum of \$500 in support of the campaign. Another \$500 will be donated later to the campaign after the Salmon Booth at the Sidewalk Arts Show, if the booth is successful. The Board also strongly recommends that individual Club members contribute a minimum of \$5.00 each to the campaign. If Initiative I-655 is passed it will be the beginning of the end

for hunting and fishing in Washington State and eventually the United States. The people who are sponsoring this campaign believe that animals, including fish have the same rights as humans. The Animal Rights movement is striving to assign to animals the same inalienable rights under the law as afforded to human beings. Their objective is to prohibit the use of any animal for any purpose. The principal targets are medical research, the food animal industry, and wildlife management including hunting, fishing and trapping. The leader of (PETA) the Ethical Treatment of Animals has boiled down the animal rights movement into a simple catch phrase: "A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy. They're all mammals..." Because of the animal rights movement the hunting of bears and/or cougars is outlawed in Idaho, Colorado, Oregon and California. Will Washington be next? Not if we support the "PAWS OFF WASHINGTON NO on I-655" campaign. Fill out the "SUPPORT FORM TO DEFEAT I-655" below and send it along with your contribution to: Ray Wilson, 2204 Towhee Ln, West Richland, WA 99353.

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT TO DEFEAT THE ANTI-HUNTING INITIATIVE 655

(Individual's Volunteer Form)

I wish to be a part of the PAWS OFF WASHINGTON Committee to save hunting in our state. I'd like to help in these ways:

- Here is my check for \$_____ to get the campaign started.
- Be willing to make phone calls, gather lists, stuff envelopes for the campaign.
- Be a spokesman to carry the message to sportsmen and others throughout my area of the state.
- Be helpful in these other ways _____
- Be a part of area-wide or county-wide fund-raising events and activities for the campaign.

[Please print]

Full Name _____	Address _____
City _____	State, Zip _____
Phone [day] _____	Phone [eve] _____

Your Signature

Date

State law requires political committees to report the following for each individual whose contributions aggregate \$25 or more for a campaign:

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Employer: _____ Employer's City: _____

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JULY GENERAL MEETING

Please note, there will be no General Meeting in July. We will all be working through the month of July preparing for the Allied Arts Show Salmon Booth at Howard Amon Park on July 26 and 27. Be sure to volunteer when you are called to help. See you all there.

JUNE GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club president Harold Heacock opened the meeting by stressing the importance of defeating Initiative I-655, the anti-bear and cougar hunting initiative. He urged Club members to support the "PAWS OFF WASHINGTON NO on I-655" campaign. He also announced that profits from the raffles at the Club General Meetings will be donated in support of the PAWS OFF WASHINGTON campaign. The June Meeting started off with Club member Dave Myers demonstrating several knots that are used for securing a boat to a dock or other structure. He demonstrated the bowline, how to secure a boat to a cleat and how to coil rope prior to storage. He also demonstrated the nail knot that has many uses such as joining two lines of different diameters.

Mark Quinn from the Ephrata office of Region 2 of the Department of Fish and Wildlife described the habitat improvements and accompanying increases in the wildlife populations that were accomplished in Private Lands Wildlife Management Area, PLWMA 201, Wilson Creek. Wilson Creek is one of only two Private Lands Wildlife Management Areas in Washington State. The program was started in 1992 and is in its fifth year. The PLWMA is designed to enhance wildlife habitat on private lands and encourage public access opportunities. Eight different landowners and a total of 33,000 acres are involved in the Wilson Creek PLWMA. The landowners have developed habitat and planted crops that can be utilized by wildlife. In the five years that the plan that the plan has been in effect there has been an amazing increase in the numbers of deer and other wildlife. There have also been changes in the doe to buck ratio and deer size. Animal weight and the antler quality have increased. The charges have not been limited to the Wilson Creek area, there has been a spillover and an increase of animals into adjacent land that is not part of the PLWMA. The number of PLWMA deer permits allotted are set by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. A percentage of the permits are allocated to the landowners who can charge an access fee to the hunters who purchase the

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WALLEYE FILLETS STILL NEEDED: Club fishermen must not be very adept at catching walleye. As of June 24 Jerry Zeitler, Wild Game Dinner Chairman, has not received any offers of walleye filets that he can swap for Alaska halibut. Jerry has found someone else that is going to Alaska later, at the end of July and can take the filets to Alaska and swap them for halibut, so fishermen you have an extra month to come up with the filets. Jerry needs donations of FRESH (this years catch) Walleye, Bass, Perch and Crappie filets. Jerry has made arrangements with Alaska Premier Charters of Sitka Alaska for a box (60-70 Lbs) of halibut for next years dinner. Jerry's friend and part owner of the Charters, is a former Spokane resident and expressed his desire for some good old NW Walleye filets. The Club would like to accommodate him especially since Halibut was such a big hit at this years Wild Game Dinner. Jerry needs all donations by July 29th.

Call Jerry at 545-6694 to make arrangements to collect them. Remember to keep it legal, we will need a statement on or with each package with your name, address, license number, date caught, county and area where taken and your signature. Do not donate more than the possession limit for the waters where caught. Each donor name will be recorded and entered in the Food Donors Drawing at the next wild game dinner. Come on all you fishermen, this is your chance to vindicate yourselves. You have until July 29 to come through.

permits. Hopefully the landowner(s) can recover the costs of establishing and maintaining the habitat and forage areas. Because of the quality of the bucks there are many hunters who are willing to pay the access fee for the opportunity of harvesting a trophy buck. Last fall a total of 97 permits were available. Twenty five buck only permits required an access fee that was received by the landowner, the remaining 72 permits (70 antlerless and 2 buck only) were not charged access fees. The presentation was very informative. Besides describing a new concept in permit hunting it vividly showed the difference that wildlife habitat can make in the number and quality of deer and other wildlife. Winner of the raffle drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to Phil's Sporting Goods was Clare Cranston. A profit of \$28 was realized from the drawing and was donated to the "PAWS OFF WASHINGTON NO on I-655" campaign.

LAKES TO BE REHABILITATED IN 1996 & 1997: The lakes shown in the following table are scheduled to be rehabilitated by the Department of Fish and Wildlife this fall and the spring of 1997. Rotenone will be used to poison/eliminate non-game or competitor fish species. Fifteen lakes (Desert Lakes) are being rehabilitated to eliminate carp and increase use of the lakes by waterfowl, non-hunted wildlife and appreciative wildlife users.

LAKE	COUNTY	SIZE (acre)	DATE	ADDITIONAL ANGLER/DAY RECREATION
Cedar	Stevens	52	Fall 96	600
Swan	Ferry	52	Fall 96	100
Williams	Stevens	38	Fall 96	800
Blue	Okanogan	160	Fall 96	8,000
Fish	Okanogan	100	Fall 96	5,000
Blue	Grant	532	Fall 96	20,000
Park	Grant	342	Fall 96	16,000
Alkali*	Grant	308	Fall 96	800
Quail	Grant	12	Spring 97	160
Little Goose*	Grant	50	Spring 97	400
Desert Lakes (fish) (Aztec, Desert, N Desert, Dune, Harris, Lizard, Meadowlark, Sedge & Tern Lakes)	Grant	118	Fall 96	5,000
Junction	Grant	12	Spring 97	100
Lena	Grant	10	Spring 97	100
Desert Lakes (Wildlife) (15)	Grant	236	Fall 96	0

* Rehabilitation for warmwater fish management objectives.

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: - Larry Martin 545-9647. A total of 8 applications, 4 boys and 4 girls, were received for the Washington State Youth Conservation Camp and accepted by the Club. The applications and the camp fees were sent to the Camp sponsors. As soon as information packets are received from the camp, meetings will be set up for each group of campers to discuss what each camper will need before he leaves for camp. Camp dates are July 13 to July 20 for girls and July 21 to July 27 for boys.

BIG GAME DINNER BOURGUIGNON RECIPE: Dave Myers. One of the delicious entrees at the Big Game Dinner was Antelope Burgundy that was prepared by Dave Myers in Dutch Ovens. The recipe he used is shown below:

8 oz.	bacon sliced in 1" squares	20 small white onions (1 lb frozen pearl onions)
3 lbs	meat, 2 inch or smaller chunks (beef, antelope, venison etc.)	
-	all purpose flour	1 large carrot, chopped
1	large onion, chopped	2 cloves garlic (more if you like garlic, 1 do) chopped
2	tsp salt	1/2 tsp thyme leaves, crushed
1/4	tsp pepper	1 bay leave
3	cups red burgundy	- butter or margarine
1	lb small mushrooms	

- In a 6 quart dutch oven, over medium high heat (8-10 coals) cook the bacon pieces until browned. Remove bacon and set aside.
- Saute the small onions in bacon grease until lightly browned. Remove onions and set aside.
- Dust meat with flour. Cook meat in medium high heat dutch oven, brown all sides and remove and set aside as pieces are browned. (It is best to do a few pieces at a time.)
- To drippings in dutch oven add chopped carrot and chopped onion and cook over medium high heat until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir frequently. Return meat, bacon, small onions, to oven and add burgundy and spices. Cover oven and cook at 325 for 3 1/2 hours (8 coals on bottom, 16 coals on top). Stir with sufficient frequency to keep appetite growing.
- About 20 minutes before serving add mushrooms and stir in.
- In a small bowl mix butter and flour (2 tsp each) and mix until smooth. Just before serving remove oven from heat and add butter/flour mixture one teaspoon at a time, stirring until gravy is at preferred thickness.
- Serve. We like it over rice or noodles as well as by itself.

If you are doing this outside with charcoal, use quality charcoal briquettes, as the cheap ones burn up too fast and make it difficult to maintain temperature. This can also be done buried in wood coals, but take care to keep the temperature in the right range. If you get pressed for time, the bourguignon is still wonderful after about an hour, more time lets the flavors mix better.

ARCHERY DISCOUNT TO RR&GC MEMBERS: The Club has been notified by M&M Archery of Kennewick that they will discount archery equipment to Club members upon proof of membership. M&M Archery is open Monday through Friday from 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Their address is 1101 Bruce Lee Lane in Kennewick and their phone number is 627-2861.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - Clare Cranston - The following Hunter Education classes are scheduled at the RRGC Tri-Cities Training Facility at the Port of Pasco: (Maximum of 25 persons) July 15,16,17 and July 22,23,24 and at the Range on July 20. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084.

DECEMBER MEXICO FISHING TRIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED: Gaylord Pyle is planning a fishing trip to Mexico in December of this year to fish for Marlin. If you are interested in joining him and any others that are interested, call Gaylord at 967-5787. Sounds interesting, this may be the chance of a lifetime.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to new members: Glen Gunn and Ryan Block both from Richland.

SIDEWALK ARTS SHOW SALMON BOOTH: The Sidewalk Arts Show at Howard Amon Park will be July 26 & 27 this year. The RR&GC and Columbia Basin Fly Casters will again sponsor a Salmon Booth and we will have the lead this year. The work schedule and number of workers per shift is shown below:
 THURSDAY JULY 25-In the evening/afternoon-time to be announced. At the Fingernail:
 Booth Set up - 6 people: Fish preparation - 12 people
 FRIDAY JULY 26: 9-10 people per shift: 9:00AM-1:00PM; 1:00PM-5:00PM: 5:00PM-9:00PM
 SATURDAY JULY 27: 9-10 people per shift: 9:00AM-1:00PM: 1:00PM-5:00PM: 5:00PM-9:00PM.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST!!

RR&GC Annual Picnic - Tuesday August 6, 1996, 6:00 AM, Leslie Groves Park-Area #1 (By Horseshoe Pit)

BOARD MEETING - August 13, 1996, 7:00 PM - Richland Public Library, Gallery Room, Richland

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - August 20, 1996, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

Please note, there will be no General Meeting in August. In its place the Club will be holding its annual picnic on Tuesday August 6. More details below. The General Meetings will begin again in September.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC: The Club's annual picnic will be held on Tuesday August 6, starting at 6:00 PM, at the South Leslie Groves Park Gazebo next to the horseshoe pit and swimming beach. For \$3.00 per person (\$1.00 for children 12 and under) the Club will provide Alder Smoked Salmon, beverages, bread and condiments such as tartar sauce, lemon juice, butter etc. Attendees/each family should bring a potluck dish to share and serving utensils for their dish. If your family name starts with A through K, please bring a salad dish to share; if your name begins with L through Z bring a dessert dish. Bring your own utensils, including plates, also bring chairs tables, blankets etc. in case there are not enough picnic tables. The park has a children's play area, rest rooms, shade trees and a wading pool. Directions to the picnic are: From George Washington Way, turn east (towards the river) on McMurray Street. Continue on McMurray until Davidson. Go two blocks and turn right onto Park Street. Park Street will take you directly into the parking lot for Leslie Groves Park.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - Clare Cranston - The following Hunter Education classes are scheduled at the RRGCC Tri-Cities Training Facility at the Port of Pasco: (Maximum of 25 persons) August 12,13,14 and August 19,20,21 and at the Range on August 17. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084.

NEW MEMBER: Welcome to new member John L. Murphy from Richland.

Salmon Booth Painting Session: Eight volunteers painted the salmon booth and the front of the Hunter Safety Training Facility on July 18th. The session started at 8:00 AM and ended about 1:30 PM. The salmon booth was scrubbed with detergent, rinsed and allowed to dry

1996 Sidewalk Arts Show Salmon Booth: - Howard Gardner and Dale Schielke - Although not as large a financial success as in previous years, the operation and staffing of the booth was a success. Preliminary evaluation indicates a total profit of about \$4000.00 or \$2000 per Club. The decreased profit margin was simply a matter of fewer people buying dinners because of the 100+ degree heat both days and probably because of the reduction in employee numbers at Hanford.

Thanks for staffing of the booth go to Club Board members who made phone calls to members and solicited volunteers. Thanks also to Dennis Spore who collected and listed the volunteer workers names. Operation of the booth would not have been possible without the hard work of Howard Gardner and Dale Schielke who organized the event and purchased and delivered the food and supplies needed. Last but not least, many thanks go to the following volunteers who worked at the booth, some worked more than one shift: Don Board, Mike Estes, John Pfeifer, Larry Martin, Jack Hampton, Bob Henke, Mike McWethy, Jack Pickard, Dale and Karen Schielke, Dave and Carol Myers, Steve Friar, Bob Lyness, Eddie and Nancy Manthos, Richard (Mack) McDonnel, Dan Stepnewski, Mike Schmitz, Walt Allen, Dave Thonn, Howard Gardner, Bob Zinsli, Clayton Nelson, Charlie Morbeck, Clare Cranston, Loris Brinkman, Dick Nightingale, Jerry Zeitler, Jim Martin, Ev Weakley, Ted and Barbara Deobald, Howard Heacock, Gene Woodruff, Wally Sheely, Gordon Hanson, Lyle Gilk, Richard McFall, Margaret Fulks, John Murphy, Bob Jones, Matt Cummings, Gerald Caprio, Dick Henderson, Jim Shearer, Jim Unger, Jim Corliss, Jerry Bloom, Dana and Rachel Morgan, Bill Davis, Rocky Ross, Gene VanLiew, Russ and Leila Brown, Roy Brogdon, Dale Landon, Cathy Probasco, Bill Thorson, Dennis Spore, and Sandy Briggs.

before it was spray painted. After the booth was painted, the front of the Hunter Safety Training Facility was painted. Jerry Zeitler was the spray gun operator and did an excellent job, he was a bit overzealous and "accidentally" sprayed Clare Cranston while the training facility was being painted. There was almost as much time spent cleaning up the equipment as there was painting. The volunteers were: Howard Gardner, Clare Cranston, Jerry Zeitler, Walt Allen, Carl Higby, Bob Lyness, Dave Thonn and Eddie Manthos. The booth looked a lot nicer at the Sidewalk Arts Show this year.

1997 Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show: The Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show is scheduled for January 17, 18 and 19 at the TRAC facility in Pasco. Mark these dates on your calendar, the Club will need plenty of volunteers to man Lunker Lake and the air rifle shooting range.

Columbia and Snake River Fish Counts: A comparison of the 1995 and 1996 fish counts over the Columbia and Snake River Dams through July 25 is presented below. This years counts were compiled by the Corps of Engineers and obtained from the Internet. The 1995 counts were obtained from the daily fish counts in the "Tri-City Herald", the "Herald" does not publish jack salmon and wild steelhead counts. The counts in (parentheses) are the 1995 counts. Counting for both years started about the first of April. Fish counts for 1996 appear to be greater than last years. The sockeye count is significantly higher this year.

DAM	CHINOOK			Steelhead			SOCKEYE	SHAD
	ADULTS	JACKS	TOTAL	HATCHERY	WILD	TOTAL		
BONNEVILLE	66,564	6,516	73,080 (18,667)	34,002 (18,674)	7,440	41,442	30,129 (5,786)	1,920,533 (1,403,692)
THE DALLES	35,936	4,610	40,546 (12,710)	15,126 (8,367)	2,982	18,108	24,742 (10,745)	2,638,744 (1,624,918)
JOHN DAY	29,686	4,173	33,859 (10,827)	11,150 (6,637)	1,779	12,929	25,601 (5,857)	951,788 (988,459)
M McNARY	26,526	5,068	31,594 (11,433)	8,002 (5,462)	1,060	9,062	28,317 (4,993)	341,602 (307,262)
ICE HARBOR	9,154	2,474	11,628 (1,748)	3,477 (2,967)	452	3,929	1 (0)	11,820 (15,003)
LOWER MONUMENTAL	9,006	2,705	11,711 (2,170)	3,651 (2,556)	516	4,167	2 (0)	4,551 (5,348)
LITTLE GOOSE	8,263	2,806	11,069 (1,737)	2,356 (1,661)	393	2,749	1 (2)	466 (892)
LOWER GRANITE	6,685	2,556	9,241 (1,509)	3,716 (1,437)	572	4,288	2 (0)	97 (175)
PRIEST RAPIDS	11,463	382	11,845 (6,798)	489 (290)	0	489	28,704 (5,841)	9,599 (12,168)
ROCK ISLAND	8,320	732	9,052 (5,496)	238 (233)	0	238	25,987 (5,383)	0 (0)
ROCKY REACH	3,514	158	3,672 (2,012)	137 (105)	0	137	18,139 (3,069)	0 (0)
WELLS	1,187	110	1,297 (1,077)	44 (59)	0	44	13,547 (2,757)	0 (0)

Salmon Derby: Attached on the next page is an entry form for a Salmon Derby sponsored by the Knights of Columbus/Tri-Cities Prep Boosters. I picked up the form at the Salmon Booth from a member of the Columbia Basin Fly Casters.

1st Annual KC/Tri Cities Prep Boosters Salmon Derby

October 5-6, 1996...Hanford Reach, Columbia River

Entry Form: Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____

Would you like to receive information about... Are you currently a member of...
 yes no yes no
 Tri-Cities Prep Boosters
 Knights of Columbus (if yes...council # _____)

Make checks (\$20) payable to Knights of Columbus or Tri Cities Prep Boosters. Mail to 519 Berkshire, Richland, WA 99352

Official Derby Rules

- Derby entries can be purchased until 8AM Saturday at the weigh-in locations. Advance entries are preferred and are available at area sporting goods and marine dealers, or by contacting Don McBride, (509)943-0723, e-mail at LACB24A@prodigy.com, or mail at 519 Berkshire, Richland, WA 99352.
 - All anglers in each boat must be derby entrants. Bank fishing is also allowed.
 - **Legal derby hours** are 5AM Saturday until 3PM Sunday. Awards will be announced at 5PM Sunday at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall, 2500 Chester Road (Bypass Highway and Van Giesen Street).
 - **Entry fee** is \$20 for the two-day derby. Checks should be made payable to the Knights of Columbus or to Tri-Cities Prep Boosters.
 - All participants must follow all applicable licensing, tackle, and fishing regulations. Pay particular attention to the closed waters at the mouth of the hatchery creek (Morain Creek) just upstream from the cable crossing above Vernita Bridge. Also remember the restriction against continuing to fish after two adult salmon have been retained, even if the daily limit of six fish (including jacks) has not yet been reached.
 - **Derby fishing area** is from McNary Dam to Priest Rapids Dam on the Columbia R.
 Weigh-in station locations: Vernita Bridge (1st launch above bridge)
 White Bluffs ferry landing
 Leslie Groves Park (Snyder Street boat launch in Richland)
 - Weigh in stations will be open from 10AM to 5PM Saturday and 10AM to 3PM Sunday.
 - Fish will be weighed whole, ungutted. All fish will be subject to inspection or dissection by derby officials. Foreign matter detected in any fish, or evidence of freezing, will be grounds to disqualify the entrant.
 - Prizes will be awarded for largest fish, highest total weight for the two-day derby, closest fish to a drawn "mystery weight", and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th largest fish. Additional prizes may be awarded depending on the number of prize donations. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the flip of a coin.
- Participants agree that the decisions of derby officials are final.



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 3, 1996, 7:00 PM RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, RICHLAND
BOARD METING - SEPTEMBER 10, 1996, 7:00 PM RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, RICHLAND
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 17, 1996, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009
OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING - 1996-1997 HUNTING FORECAST - OCTOBER 1, 1996, 7:00 PM
FRANKLIN COUNTY PUD AUDITORIUM IN PASCO

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The first General Meeting, after the summer break, will be held the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 3, at the Richland Public Library at 7:00 PM. The speaker will be Woody Myers, a biologist from the Spokane office of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. He will discuss the elk calf tagging program in the Blue Mountains. Tagging was initiated in 1992 and continued every year thereafter to the present time. Goals of the study are to measure survival rates, document the time and causes of mortalities, measure predation impact, and develop recommendations for increasing survival rates. According to The BIG HORN newsletter of the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council in Spokane thirty eight calves were equipped with radio transmitters early in 1996. Five deaths of the 38 have occurred as of July 15. Two deaths were caused by bear, one by cougar and two by unknown predator(s). Woody will discuss results of the tagging program thus far and probably explain how the calves are captured and tagged and explain how the transmitters work. This should be a very interesting meeting, especially for big game hunters. This meeting should be very well attended, come early and get a good seat.

FOR SALE: Winchester Model 88 Lever action .308 caliber rifle. Four power Redfield scope, some ammunition, some brass for reloading and dies. Asking \$300.00. Call John at 946-8823.
WANTED: Empty, used 20 gauge 2" inch Winchester AA shotgun shells, preferably once used. Call Eddie at 586-6009.

UMATILLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WORK DAY: A "work day" is scheduled at the McCormack unit of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday October 5. The blinds on the McCormack unit will be cleaned up and repaired and put into shape for the start of the duck hunting season a week later. Work hours will be from 8:00 AM until noon. After the work session, the Refuge staff will give some presentations describing the refuge and any changes in regulations. Door prizes will also be awarded to those who show up to work. For more information call Kathy at 1-541-922-4661. Kathy will try to make it to the September General Meeting and give more details about the "work day."

1996-97 WATERFOWL SEASON: According to an article in the August 22 Tri-City Herald there will be an early goose season running from September 7-13 in Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield counties and parts of Benton, Klickitat and Whitman counties. Goose hunting will be allowed in Whitman county south of Highway 26 and U.S. 195. Hunting for geese is also permitted from within a half mile of the Columbia river, downstream from the I-82 bridge, near McNary dam, to the western Klickitat county boundary. Daily limit for geese is 3 geese, and 6 geese for the possession limit. A hunting license and state and federal waterfowl stamps are required. The Paterson slough, Ridge unit and Whitcomb island in the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge will be open for the early goose season. The Ridge Unit and Whitcomb island will be open daily and the Paterson slough will be open Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday only.

The duck season, according to reports on the radio, will open October 12 and last for 100 days, bag limit for ducks is 7 birds. I have not heard any details on number of hen mallards, pintails, red heads, etc. allowed. There will be a youth waterfowl hunting day on October 5. Adult(s) can accompany the youth(s) but cannot hunt. I have not heard if geese are included in the early youth hunt. Please pick up the "Waterfowl Hunting" pamphlet, as soon as it is available, and verify the information presented here. I haven't seen any official information, only what I heard on the radio.

WALLEYE FILET UPDATE: A box of frozen halibut filets to be used in the 1997 Big Game Dinner have arrived from Alaska. Jerry Zeitler has a few pounds of walleye and bass filets that will be used to trade for the halibut. These filets are being stored in the hopes of more fresh walleye filets will be volunteered by Club members. If you have any walleye, bass, perch or crappie filets that you wish to donate contact Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694 to make arrangements to collect them. Remember to keep it legal, we will need a statement on or with each package with your name, address, license number, date caught, county and area where taken and your signature. Do not donate more than the possession limit for the waters where caught. Each donor name will be recorded and entered in the Food Donors Drawing at the next wild game dinner.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES: - Clare Cranston - The following Hunter Education classes are scheduled at the RR&GC Tri-Cities Training Facility at the Port of Pasco: (Maximum of 25 persons) September 2,3,4 and 9,10,11 and at the Range on September 7. There is a \$5 class fee for Hunter Education. Registration is through Phil's Sporting Goods, 3806 W Court in Pasco, telephone (509)547-9084.

HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ARE NEEDED!!!: There will be a serious shortage of RR&GC Hunter Education instructors this fall. The Club's Hunter Education program will be adversely impacted if additional instructors are not available. To learn what is required to become an instructor and how much time is required to teach in the classes call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or Howard Gardner at 943-9084. Remember that in Washington State a youngster can not go hunting until he has completed a Hunter Education Class and obtained a certificate of completion.

RR&GC PICNIC: Thanks to the labors of Paul Logman, Jerry Zeitler, Howard Gardner, Mike Estes and Harold Heacock the annual Club picnic was an outstanding success. Paul arranged for use of the park and obtained necessary permits, Jerry set up the cookers and cooked, Howard also cooked and purchased the beverages and supplies, Mike also helped set up and collected the money for the dinners and Harold served the salmon. About 85 people attended. The weather was beautiful, the alder smoked salmon was fabulous, and the "pot luck" salads and desserts were out of this world. There was even a birthday cake for Gene VanLiew that was supplied by his wife; we all sang "Happy Birthday" to Gene also. We all ate, relaxed and had a good time. Former Club member and president Matt Jones and his wife Bornie were there. They have moved back to the Tri-Cities and will rejoin the Club as soon as we can get them an application form.

RINGOLD SPRINGS GROUND BREAKING: On August the first of this year, the ground breaking for a warmwater fish hatchery and upriver bright chinook hatchery addition took place at Ringold Springs. About 75 people were present including Bern Shanks, the new Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The RR&GC provided the refreshments for the reception. Howard Heacock and Dave Myers served them. The following information was obtained from Washington Department Of Fish and Wildlife "Fact Sheets": The federal government funded the chinook program and the state funded the warmwater game fish program. Construction of the two projects will occur simultaneously for obvious reasons. Both projects will use the same water supply and occupy land already controlled by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Advantage will be taken of the existing facilities and equipment and availability of staff already at the site.

WARMWATER GAME FISH PROGRAM:

Purpose of the warmwater game fish program is to provide locally adapted stocks of fish for release into appropriate waters throughout the state and provide additional recreational opportunities for warmwater anglers. Brood stock, whenever possible, will be obtained from within the state. Production will include:

Walleye	Channel catfish	Black and white crappie
Tiger Muskie	Bluegill	Small mouth & largemouth bass

CAPACITY: When all five phases are complete, the facility will be capable of raising 2 million warmwater fish per year. The first phase will include: Two large lined earthen ponds, two smaller lined earthen rearing ponds and two raceways. The other phases, providing funding becomes available, will expand the facility to 11 large lined earthen ponds, five small lined earthen ponds, eight raceways, a hatchery building and storage facilities.

FIRST RELEASES: The first fish are expected to be available for release in 1997.

FUNDING: construction funds for the first phase were appropriated by the Washington State Legislature. Costs for the first phase are about one million dollars.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE: Operations and maintenance funding is expected to come from fishing license revenues. Possibly including funds generated by the Warmwater Gamefish surcharge which will go into effect in 1997.

UPRIVER BRIGHT FALL CHINOOK PROGRAM

Purpose of the program is to meet obligations occurred by construction of the John Day dam to mitigate for the loss of mainstream spawning habitat.

CAPACITY: The first phase is a test phase, in which 3.5 million fall chinook of a local stock will be reared for evaluating the rearing, survival and fish returns to the hatchery and to meet the long term goal of providing additional tribal and non-tribal recreational and commercial fishing opportunities. The first phase will include an adult capture pond, two raceways and support facilities and pipeline from spring water intake. This project is in addition to the existing projects for rearing and release of summer steelhead, and spring and fall chinook from Ringold Springs.

FIRST RELEASES: First releases of fish are expected in 1997.

PROJECT COST: Initial phase for facility intake and pipeline is estimated at \$2.1 million.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE: Funding for operation and maintenance is expected to come from the federal government.

HOW TO FISH FOR WALLEYES: - Excerpted from WDFW Report No: FM 95-2. There are at least three secrets to catching walleyes: fish on the bottom; fish slowly; and use night crawlers. The first two of these are the more important. Walleyes stay close to the bottom, and don't spend a lot of energy chasing their food. The most consistent depth during daytime is 18 to 25 feet. Rocky bottoms are generally preferred, with a nearby depth change or "breakline" a desirable feature. Good catches can also be made in and around weed beds at certain times.

A good walleye rig is one that can be cast or trolled slowly without getting hung up too often. Although not necessary, a stout wire leader, 12 inches above the hook will protect the line from abrasive rocks, and will keep the walleyes sharp teeth from cutting the line once the walleye is hooked. A heavy leader may also make your offering less attractive to the fish.

Many kinds of lures, jigs, spinners and spoons will fool walleyes, with most of them being more effective if a live night crawler is attached. Trollers will often put a worm on a stout, sharp 1/0 hook attached to a flashy spinner with a wire leader tied to a good swivel. Eighteen inches in front of the swivel they will put a small split shot that will keep a one to two-ounce barrel weight in place. Casters must use a lure that is heavy enough to sink to the bottom rapidly. Large deep-diving plugs are also a popular and productive technique. They are usually in bright colors that will show up in the depths, and are trolled without any bait attached.

Whatever bait or lure is used, it's important to fish very slowly. Some anglers even troll in reverse (when it is safe to do so) to get their speed down to what a walleye will chase. Once a walleye is caught, continue fishing the same area. Where there is one there will usually be more. Also make note of the bottom or "structure" and look for fish in similar habitat.

One final tip is to keep the hooks razor sharp. In addition to a mouthful of teeth, walleyes have a hard, bony palate to protect themselves from the spines of the fish they eat. A sharp hook is mandatory to getting a solid hookup.

Local walleye waters are Moses Lake, Potholes Reservoir, Scootney Reservoir, below Wanapum Dam in Priest Rapids lake, from Paterson Slough upstream to McNary Dam and in the Hanford Reach.

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STATE PARK WINTER CLOSURES: According to an article in the "Tri-City Herald", closure dates for the following state parks are:

- ◆ Crow Butte in Benton County closes Oct. 21 except for weekends and holidays. The boat launch remains open.
- ◆ Sacajawea in Franklin County closes Oct. 28.
- ◆ Palouse Falls in Franklin County closes Sept. 20 except for day use.
- ◆ Fort Simcoe in Yakima County closes Sept. 30 except for weekends and holidays.
- ◆ Moses Lake in Grant County closes Oct. 7 except for weekends and holidays.

JUNIPER DUNES IS REOPENED: According to an article in the "Tri-City Herald", the Juniper Forest was reopened by the BLM. The forest was closed June 29 because of wildfire that burned through the area. The fire burned 5,850 acres of federal land, 85 acres of state land and 2,544 acres of private land. Most of the Juniper Dunes Wilderness Area was burned. Forest lands near the wilderness area are open, but some restrictions are in place in the burned areas west of the wilderness. Off-road vehicles are limited to the Juniper Dunes Boundary Trail which runs north-south along the west side of the wilderness; the power line maintenance jeep trail west of the wilderness; and the wilderness jeep trail to the west entrance of the park. Spark arrestors are required on off-road vehicles and no vehicles are allowed in the wilderness area. For more information concerning restrictions call 509-536-1200.



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GENERAL MEETING - October 1, 1996, 7:00 PM Franklin County PUD Auditorium in Pasco
BOARD MEETING - October 8, 1996, 7:00 PM - RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, RICHLAND
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - October 21, 1996, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The October General Meeting will be held at the Franklin County PUD Auditorium at 1411 W. Clark in Pasco. The topic will be the Annual Hunting Forecast. Department of Fish and Wildlife representatives will give the forecasts for regions 1, 2 and 3. This will be your chance to learn where to hunt this fall. Changes in hunting regulations will also probably be discussed. Don't forget, the meeting will be in Pasco at the Franklin County PUD auditorium at 7:00 PM. Come early and get a good seat.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT: Club President Harold Heacock made several announcements, the most important was that it appears that I-655 has enough signatures so that it will be on the November Ballot. Harold also announced that Dames & Moore, an environmental and engineering firm, is preparing a Resource Management Plan for the Potholes Reservoir and the land immediately surrounding the reservoir. They are soliciting input from interested clubs and individuals relating to the most beneficial use of the resources at the reservoir. The input will be used in the scoping process required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Club will respond with input. Larry McGowan, the new "Outdoor Use Planner" for the National Wildlife Refuges in our region of Washington and Oregon gave more information about the October 5 "Work Day" at the McCormack unit of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge. He also brought pamphlets for four of the refuges in the region. Howard Gardner discussed the Dept. Of Fish and Wildlife's proposed hunting regulations and changes for the next three year period. He stated that the Club will provide comments to the regulations and changes after the Board of Trustees discusses them at their next meeting. Club member, Dave Myers, discussed the numbers, as of August 29, of steelhead and salmon in the reservoirs behind each dam on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

The main speaker of the evening, Woody Myers, a biologist with the Spokane office of the Department of Fish & Wildlife, gave a very interesting discussion of the elk tagging program in the Blue Mountains. The program started four years ago and its main purpose is to investigate the cause of elk calf mortalities in southeast Washington. A decline in the spring survival rate of elk calves was noticed in the late 80s and early 90s. The survival rate in 1985-86 was 42.8%, in 1994-95 the rate had dropped to 19.4%. The results of the elk tagging thus far show that cougars are the main mortality source, black bears are the #2 mortality source followed by coyotes, who are insignificant compared to cougars and black bears. The study will be continued for one more year when the funding for the study ends.

Door prize winners were Dennis Spore who won a hand-held spot light: Lyle Gilk - a tow rope and Gene VanLiew - a portable charcoal barbecue grill.

UMATILLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WORK DAY: There will be a "work day" in Oregon, at the McCormack unit of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday October 5. Some of the blinds on the McCormack unit have been moved around and during the "Work Day" they will be cleaned up, repaired if necessary, and camouflaged for the start of the duck hunting season a week later. Work hours will be from 8:00 AM until noon. After the work session, the Refuge staff will give some presentations describing the refuge and any changes in regulations. Door prizes will also be awarded to those who show up to work. Meet at the McCormack unit Hunter Check Station which is off Highway 730 on Ferry Road in Oregon. To get more information call Larry McGowan at 541-922-3232 or Kathy at 1-541-922-4661. There are quite a few hunters from the Tri Cities that hunt at the McCormack Unit. If you haven't hunted there before this will be your chance to see where the blinds are located during day light instead of in the dark while hiking to a blind.

McNary, Umatilla and Toppenish Wildlife Refuges Shot Shell Limits: There is a limit of 25 shotgun shells per hunter per day at all three Refuges this year. Some of the McNary Refuge pamphlets given out at the September General Meeting were old pamphlets and showed a limit of 20 shells per day.

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HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ARE STILL NEEDED!!!: There was only one volunteer to last months call for Hunter Education Instructors..There is a serious shortage of RR&GC Hunter Education instructors. The Club's Hunter Education program will be adversely impacted if additional instructors are not available, some of the classes may have to be canceled if we do not get more instructors. To learn what is required to become an instructor and how much time is required call Clare Cranston at 547-6273 or Howard Gardner at 943-9084. Remember that in Washington State a youngster can not go hunting until he has completed a Hunter Education Class and obtained a certificate of completion!

INITIATIVE I-188: Initiative I-188, to the legislature, is being circulated for signatures. The title of the initiative is "Campaign For Marine Waters". "Stated purpose of the initiative is: "Shall marine water protection programs be extended, oil spill prevention increased and funded by oil shipment taxes, off shore oil-drilling banned, and salmon habitat incentives offered"? The Club is looking into the initiative to learn more information and specifics. As soon as the information is obtained, it will be provided to Club members; probably in the next Bulletin.

1996 WATERFOWL REGULATIONS: The 1996 duck and goose seasons open at noon on October 12 in eastern Washington. *The duck season runs straight through, without any breaks, to January 17, 1997. The limit is 7 ducks, to include not more than one hen mallard, not more than 2 pintails, not more than 2 redheads and not more than one canvasback. The possession limit is twice the bag limit.* There are two goose management areas in eastern Washington. Area 1 is open to goose hunting on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only, through January 12, 1997. It is also open November 11, 28 and 29, and every day from January 13 to January 17, 1997. Daily bag limit is 4 geese, to include not more than 3 white geese (snow, Ross' or blue). Possession limit is twice the bag limit. Management Area 1 includes Adams, Benton, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Spokane and Walla Walla counties. *Management Area 2 includes all the eastern Washington counties not in Area 1. The goose hunting season in Area 2 runs straight through to January 19, 1997. Hunting is open every day of the week. Daily bag limit is 4 geese, to include not more than 3 white geese (snow, Ross', or blue), possession limit is twice the bag limit. Coot and snipe seasons are the same as ducks. The limit is 25 coots a day, limit for snipe is 8 a day, possession limits are twice the bag limit.* Steel or bismuth shot are still required to hunt waterfowl, lead shot is not legal. I was fortunate enough to pick up a copy of the "MIGRATORY WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS" pamphlet at a license dealer in Yakima on Sept. 22, I had not found any in the Tri-Cities as of Sept. 21.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAY- OCTOBER 5: New this year is the statewide youth waterfowl hunt day on Saturday October 5, a week before the normal waterfowl hunting season opener. The youth hunting day is open to hunters 15 years of age or younger. The youth hunter must possess a valid hunter safety certificate and a hunting license; a state or federal migratory waterfowl stamp is not required. An adult 18 years of age or older must accompany the youth hunter. The adult cannot hunt. The limit is 7 ducks, to include not more than one hen mallard, not more than 2 pintails, not more than 2 redheads and not more than one canvasback. Geese, coots and snipe cannot be hunted. Hunting hours are as shown in the 1996 pamphlet edition of "HUNTING SEASONS AND RULES" or the "MIGRATORY WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS" pamphlet.

McNARY, AND TOPPENISH REFUGES AND PATERSON UNIT OF UMATILLA REFUGE ARE OPEN ON OCTOBER 5 YOUTH HUNT DAY: The McNary and Toppenish National Wildlife Refuges and the Paterson Unit of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge will be open on Saturday October 5 for Youth Hunt Day. The goose pits on the McNary Refuge will not be open to hunting. The refuges have a 25 shell limit per hunter and entrance to the refuges is not permitted before 5:00 AM. All state regulations also apply to each refuge, including the limits shown above for ducks. Hunting for geese, coots and snipe is not permitted.

CHANGES AT TOPPENISH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: The following information was received from Dave Linehan, McNary National Wildlife Manger. "Duck hunters will find many changes at the Toppenish Wildlife Refuge including a new pheasant and duck hunting area. The public hunt area can be accessed from a new parking lot on Old Goldendale Road on the west end of the refuge. The Robbins Road unit and parking area will be closed this year while habitat and wetland restoration work is being conducted. This is the second year of habitat construction activities which include wetland creation and enhancement in addition to the planting of upland cover and riparian areas. This years \$100,000 project is being funded by Ducks Unlimited, Washington Dept. Of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Other contributors include Pheasants Forever and Washington Green Hydroseeding. Anyone driving Highway 97 from Toppenish to Goldendale can see two of the wetlands right along the highway across from the weigh station, they're already attracting lots of birds."

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE NEWS RELEASE: The following is a Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife news release, dated Sept. 6, 1996 concerning the release of salmon caught in the Snake River: "Anglers fishing for steelhead in the Snake River in southeast Washington must release all salmon, including chinook bearing jaw tags. The hatchery steelhead season began this month and peaks in October and November. Chinook will be in the river through early December. Approximately 100 hatchery-produced chinook have been marked with jaw tags so their movements can be studied. The adult fish were fitted with the tags at the Lower Granite Dam. The chinook are part of a recovery plan designed to rebuild the endangered Snake River fall chinook run. Anglers must release all wild and hatchery salmon, including the fall chinook. They also must release wild steelhead. Anglers may keep hatchery steelhead. The adipose fin has been clipped from hatchery steelhead. Anglers finding jaw tags on dead salmon are urged to return the tags to the department's Snake River Fish Lab in Dayton. Living salmon with jaw tags must be released immediately. Attempts to read the tags on living salmon will stress the fish. That could result in a citation for illegal harassment."

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE NEWS RELEASE September 16, 1996:

The following is a Dept. Of Fish and Wildlife news release asking for volunteers to conduct a survey of pygmy rabbits: "The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) needs volunteers now for surveys of endangered pygmy rabbits in central Washington. Surveys, which involve extensive walking, will be conducted daily September 28 through October 11 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Sagebrush Flats area just west of Ephrata. All volunteers must attend one training session prior to surveying. Training at WDFW's Ephrata regional office (1550 Alder St., SW) is scheduled for:

Thursday, September 26, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 28, 7 a.m.

Thursday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 5, 7 a.m.

WDFW project leader and wildlife biologist Peggy Bartels needs at least three volunteers each weekday and more on weekends. Interested persons should contact the Ephrata WDFW office (509-754-4624) for more information or to volunteer. Volunteers should be prepared to walk in a variety of possible weather conditions. They are advised to wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, sturdy walking shoes or boots, a hat, and appropriate layers for cold to hot weather. They should bring sunscreen, insect repellent, sack lunch, drinking water, and a daypack."



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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - November 5, 1996, 7:00 PM FRANKLIN COUNTY PUD AUDITORIUM IN PASCO
BOARD MEETING - November 12, 1996, 7:00 PM - RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, RICHLAND
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - November 21, 1996, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The November General Meeting will be held at the Franklin County PUD Auditorium at 1411 W. Clark in Pasco. Skip Davis of the Stump Jumpers Guide Service will be the speaker. His topic will be bass, walleye and trout fishing in the Potholes Reservoir behind O'Sullivan Dam south of Moses Lake. He will also probably give his ideas about why the panfish fishing in the reservoir has deteriorated.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- ◆ Club President Harold Heacock brought the meeting to order and made several announcements. Initiative I-655, the anti hunting initiative, had enough signatures and it will be on the November Ballot. He asked that Club members support defeat of the initiative financially, by contributions to "Paws Off Washington" and by informing friends and relatives of the initiative and asking them to vote against the initiative and help defeat it.
- ◆ Harold announced that the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will be present at the Tuesday November 12 Board Meeting (7:00 PM at the Richland Public Library) to get input from the Club about how to simplify the hunting and fishing pamphlets. Club members are invited to attend and voice their suggestions.
- ◆ Howard Gardner discussed the WDFW "1997-1999 Hunting Season Proposals" for which they are requesting comments. Howard went over the proposals and the proposed Club comments. He asked that the membership make any other comments to him so that they could be considered and included in the Club's response.
- ◆ Larry Martin announced that the \$28.00 profit from the August raffle and the \$4.00 profit from the September raffle plus the profit from that night's raffle will be donated to the "The Paws Off Washington NO on I-655" campaign. (The profit from the October raffle was \$25.00.)

The 1996-1997 hunting forecast was presented by three speakers from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW): Pat Fowler from Region 1 (Spokane), Jim Tabor from Region 2 (Ephrata) and Roger McKeel from Region 3 (Yakima). They also brought copies of the "1996-97 Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Seasons" and "1996 Hunting Prospects" pamphlets.

- ◆ The general consensus was that there is an increase in the numbers of pheasant, quail and especially chukars.
- ◆ Ruffed grouse populations have increased in the Touchet and Tucannon rivers in the Blue Mountains. The population of blue grouse has also increased especially around springs in the higher elevations in the Blue Mountains.
- ◆ RioGrande turkeys are doing well even in the Blue Mountains wilderness areas.
- ◆ Black Bear harvest was down in the Blue Mountains, probably because of the lack of hunters pursuing the bears.

The following sport fishing size and bag limits for white and green sturgeon will be in effect for the lower Columbia and its tributaries below Bonneville Dam, marine and coastal areas:

Fish must be at least 42 inches and no more than 60 inches in length. One fish per day and 10 in a year. Anglers may continue to catch and release sturgeon after retaining their daily or annual bag limit. Other 1996 sturgeon fishing regulations will remain in effect.

White sturgeon regulations for the Columbia and its tributaries between McNary and Priest Rapids dams and the Snake River from the mouth to Lower Granite Dam are:

Fish must be at least 48 inches and no more than 60 inches in length. One fish per day and 10 in a year. Anglers may continue to catch and release sturgeon after retaining their daily or annual bag limit. Other 1996 sturgeon fishing regulations will remain in effect.

Sturgeon fishing regulations for the section of the Columbia and its tributaries between Bonneville and McNary dams will be discussed in upcoming negotiations with Oregon and Columbia River tribes.

The directors agreed to restrict commercial fishers to harvesting white sturgeon between 48 and 60 inches in length. They also agreed commercial seasons could occur outside salmon seasons as necessary to provide fishing opportunities and maximize economic benefits. Commercial fishers will be restricted to harvesting green sturgeon between 48 and 66 inches in length. They agreed commercial green sturgeon fishing could occur only during white sturgeon seasons. Shanks and Rosen said they were concerned about the lack of breeding and rearing information available about green sturgeon. They directed their staffs to do more research on these fish.

REMEMBER - VOTE NO ON I-655

- ◆ Mule deer populations are up in Region 2- especially in Douglas, Grant, Adams and Franklin counties. Numbers of mule deer in the Okanogan are up only slightly.
- ◆ Waterfowl production in Region 2 was good in irrigated areas and exceptionally good in the non-irrigated areas. Waterfowl production in the Pacific Flyway was also very good.
- ◆ Total numbers of pheasants in Region 3 are down, probably because of habitat loss.
- ◆ Jim McColgin of the WDFW announced that there is an error on page 6, section 3 of the "Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Seasons" pamphlet. Section 3 should state that is illegal to hunt waterfowl, coot and snipe on the Columbia River between the mouth of Glade Creek (river channel marker 57) and the old town site of Paterson (river channel marker 67) in Benton County, except the hunting of waterfowl, coot and snipe are allowed in this area from the main shoreline of the Columbia River in this area.
- ◆ Door prize winner was April Axtell who won a \$50.00 gift certificate to the Hole In The Wall.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to new members Brian Jackson and Stephen Kaminski, both from Richland.

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INITIATIVE I-655: Remember to vote **NO** on Initiative I-655, the anti-bear and cougar hunting initiative, which will be on the November ballot. Inform your family, friends and neighbors about the initiative and urge them to vote **NO**. If I-655 is passed it will be the beginning of the end for hunting and fishing in Washington State and eventually the United States. The people who are sponsoring this campaign believe that animals, including fish have the same rights as humans. The Animal Rights movement is striving to assign to animals the same inalienable rights under the law as afforded to human beings. Their objective is to prohibit the use of any animal for any purpose. The principal targets are medical research, the food animal industry, and wildlife management including hunting, fishing and trapping. Let the wildlife professional in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife set the hunting and fishing regulations instead of people who are opposed to hunting and fishing.

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WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE NEWS RELEASE - October 9, 1996:

The following is a Dept. Of Fish and Wildlife news release concerning popular hunting area road closures:

YAKIMA -- Flood damage to several roads this year will require hunters to drive different routes to some of their favorite areas in Kittitas and Yakima counties. A rock slide is blocking the North Fork of the Manastash Creek Road in Kittitas County. Hunters should drive to the area via the Robinson Canyon Road, Joe Watt Canyon Road and the Taneum Creek Road. Additional closures include: Black Canyon and Hardy Canyon roads in the Wenas Valley and the Oak Creek Road on the Oak Creek Wildlife Area in Yakima County. Hunters can drive to the Oak Creek Wildlife Area by using Bethel Ridge and Rattlesnake Creek roads. They should use the Mellotte Bridge to reach Hardy Canyon. The alternative route into the Black Canyon area is the Umtanum Ridge Road. Many back roads in Kittitas and Yakima counties sustained severe damage during spring flooding. In many cases, repairs will not be made until next year.

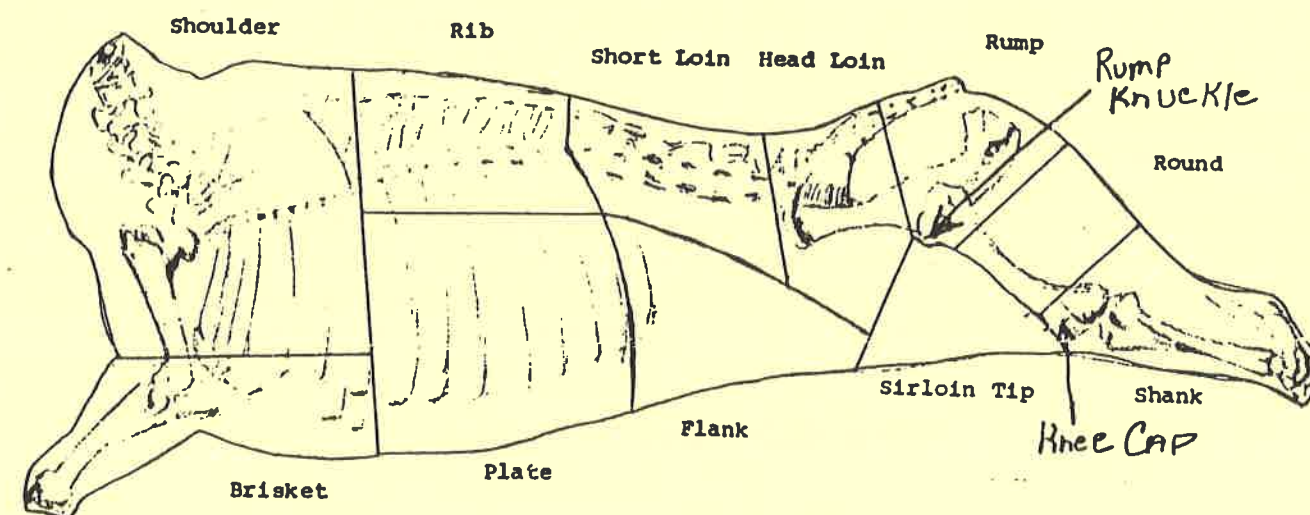
TWO RIVERS HABITAT MANAGEMENT UNIT HUNTING CHANGE: the Two Rivers HMU is located off U. S. Highway 12 a couple of miles past Casey Pond. It is on the east shore of the Columbia River and consists of two

islands and the adjoining shoreline. Hunting on the two islands had been restricted to 6 marked blinds/posts..This year the island and shoreline hunting is on a 'first come, first serve basis" No posts will be used to designate hunting blinds on the islands. Blinds may be entered at any time, but must be occupied by one legal hunter to hold the blind. The tags at the information/registration board at the entrance to the Two Rivers HMU have also been removed. For more information on the two Rivers HMU and the Peninsula HMU call the Corps of Engineers at Ice Harbor Dam at (509) 547-7781. Information pamphlets/maps can also be picked up at the entrances to the two HMUs.

MCNARY POOL WATER LEVEL: The water level in the McNary Dam pool has been very low since early October. According to the control room at McNary Dam, the water level will be low until November 1. The water level was lowered to poison undesirable fish in the resulting pools that developed when the water level was dropped. According to an article in the "Tri-City Herald" the 2-mile long main refuge pond at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank will have carp and bullhead eradicated during this time period. Until the water level is increased, it is impossible to hunt waterfowl on the Two Rivers HMU and probably the Peninsula HMU.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!!: The hunting season has started and once again the Club is looking for donations of game meat for next springs Big Game Dinner. The game meat includes waterfowl, upland birds, and clean, boneless big game roasts. (NO HAMBURGER PLEASE) 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 diagram below) After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animals 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.

Finally, clean the meat 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. Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. You then take the roasts the Chucks Meats in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chucks has control of the key. If you have any questions call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694. All donations will be greatly appreciated the night of the Big Game Dinner. Good Hunting!!



WASHINGTON AND OREGON SET 1997-99 STURGEON FISHING REGULATIONS Attached is a WDFW News Release:

OLYMPIA -- Sport and commercial regulations for the 1997-99 sturgeon fishing season in the Columbia River and its tributaries as well as coastal areas were set Oct. 16, 1996 by the directors of the Washington and Oregon departments of Fish and Wildlife. The regulations still must be adopted by the states' respective fish and wildlife commissions. Bern Shanks, director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Rudy Rosen, director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, determined that 80 percent of the harvestable white sturgeon in the Columbia River below Bonneville Dam would be reserved for sport anglers while commercial fishers would have a 20 percent share.



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The department is asking fishers, boaters and others to clean their boats and equipment to prevent the spread of the parasite which disables young rainbows and makes them vulnerable to predators. The department exercises great care to ensure the parasite does not enter its hatcheries. "This discovery of the whirling disease parasite in some wild trout in Washington waters is unfortunate but not surprising," said Bern Shanks, director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. "We don't think it will become a major problem if everyone who uses our lakes and rivers exercises good judgment to prevent the spread of the parasite." The parasite, named Myxobolus cerebralis, invades the cartilage of young wild trout and salmon and may cause skeletal deformities and nerve damage. The nerve damage causes fish to appear to chase their tails in a whirling fashion. Diseased young fish afflicted with the parasite are very vulnerable to predators. The parasite does not afflict older fish because their cartilage skeletons have turned to bone. The parasite is transmitted to fish from small worms that live in the sediments of streams and ponds, according to Kevin Amos, manager of the Department of Fish and Wildlife's fish health division. Because the infection is transmitted from small, mud-dwelling worms, the department is asking fishers and other recreationists to:

- ◆ Remove all mud from boats, vehicles, anchors, trailers, waders and boots after leaving a body of water
- ◆ Transport only dead fish
- ◆ Refrain from disposing of fish entrails, bones or other parts in state waters
- ◆ Refrain from transporting aquatic plants

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife takes many precautions to keep the parasite from spreading in Washington. Those steps include:

- ◆ Banning the importation of fish unless they are from pathogen-free water
- ◆ Inspecting imported fish to ensure they do not carry the parasite

- ◆ Routine health monitoring of fish in hatcheries
- ◆ Restricting the intrastate transfer of fish

Whirling disease is most notable for reducing the number of rainbow trout in portions of Montana's Madison River. Other trout species in the Madison have not been harmed by the disease. The parasite also has been found to be widely distributed in California, Idaho, Colorado and in parts of Oregon. Grande Ronde fish bearing the parasite may have migrated into Washington from waters outside the state. There is no indication the parasite has caused the deaths of large numbers of fish in any neighboring states, said Amos. Fish bearing the parasite apparently were imported into the United States from Europe more than 50 years ago. The parasite can survive in the digestive tracts of birds and other animals so it spreads easily. The parasite does not harm humans.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

GENERAL MEETING - December 3, 1996, 7:00 PM - RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, RICHLAND
 BOARD MEETING - December 10, 1996, 7:00 PM - RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, RICHLAND
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - December 23, 1996, CALL EDDIE AT 586-6009
 FRIENDS OF NRA BANQUET & AUCTION - March 14, 1997, CAVANAUGHS AT COLUMBIA CENTER
 RR&GC BIG GAME DINNER - March 22, 1997, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, RICHLAND

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

- The Speaker will be Nelson Thomas of the Tri-City Shooting Association(TCSA). He will cover the fascinating and enjoyable sport of "Cowboy Action Shooting". Pre-turn of the century firearms - single action revolvers, double barrel shotguns or '97s and the old '73 Winchesters or Henry's etc. are used. Participants are decked out in "The Period" clothing and shoot "Stages" (old west scenes - cantina, corrals, bank robberies etc.).

- The Club election for officers and board of trustees for 1997 will be held at the December General Meeting. A complete list of candidates was not available when this newsletter was printed. The list of candidates will be announced at the meeting. Nominations for board members/officers will also be accepted at the meeting prior to the election.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING REPORT:

- Club Vice-President Paul Logman brought the meeting to order and introduced Dave Nelson from the Tapteal Greenway. He explained that the Tapteal Greenway. will have trails starting from the mouth of the Yakima River and extending to Benton City. He asked that at least two Club members attend a hearing on November 21 before the Richland Parks and Recreation Committee to request a vehicular traffic closure to the Chamna Nature Reserve which is located in Richland on the Yakima River Delta. The closure is needed to stop the gross littering that is taking place on the reserve. Access to the Yakima River for fishing, bird watching etc. will not be restricted, people will be able to walk into the reserve from the parking area.

- Howard Gardner gave a short description of his hunting exploits in Wyoming and Montana this fall. No one could top his experiences.

- Jerry Zeitler, chairman of the Big Game Dinner, requested that members donate part of this falls bounty to the Big Game (Wild Game) dinner. He said besides big game, small game such as pheasant, quail, waterfowl, and grouse are needed for the dinner. Fish such as steelhead and salmon are also needed. The Club has halibut fish in hand from Alaska. Unfortunately we have only 6 to 7 lbs. of walleye to send to Alaska as a swap for the halibut. If you have any walleye that you are willing to donate to the Club contact Jerry at 545-6694. Meat and fish for the Big Game Dinner can be taken to Chucks Meats in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chucks has control of the key. If you have any questions call Jerry at 545-6694.

- Speaker for the evening was Skip Davis of the Stump Jumpers Guide Service. Skip gave a very entertaining and informative

presentation. He had numerous slides showing the fishing opportunities available on the Potholes Reservoir. He discussed the fishing technique and the lures that he is presently using for walleyes. Walleye numbers are definitely up in the reservoir. Other fish numbers such as crappie, perch and bluegill are definitely down. Bass size is also shrinking because of the lack of forage fish. Skip's suggested solution to stop the decline is to stock the reservoir with forage fish. The Department of Fish and Wildlife is studying the introduction of forage fish and the results may not be available for a couple of years. He suggested that this is a good time of the year to go duck hunting in the morning and then finish off the day by fishing for walleyes. Skip answered numerous questions from the audience and after his presentation was over he passed out samples of McCoy co-polymer fishing line

- Winner of the door prize for a \$50.00 gift certificate to the Hole In The Wall was Lynn Logman.

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RR&GC MEMBERSHIP: - Jack Pickard 582-5397. Please check your Club membership expiration date. Check your membership card or the address label on this newsletter. Any membership date that does not read 4/97, 4/98 or 4/99 is expired. If you aren't sure call Jack or talk to him at the General Meetings. According to Club By-Laws, expired memberships will be dropped. If your membership has expired please send in your membership dues. We have not dropped any expired members yet. To rejoin the Club, after you have been dropped, you must fill out an application and be approved by the Board of Trustees. Help us out by simply renewing. Individual memberships are \$15/1 yr and \$40/3 yr. Family membership is \$20/1 yr and \$50/3 yr. A substantial savings at the 3 year rate. Make checks payable to the Richland Rod & Gun Club and mail to Richland Rod & Gun Club, P.O. Box 337, Richland WA 99352-0337.

RR&GC BIG GAME DINNER: The Big Game (wild game) dinner will be held on Saturday March 22, 1997 at the Knights Of Columbus Hall in Richland. Mark this date on your calendar so that you don't miss the good food, program and fellowship.

RR&GC 1997 REMINGTON WILDLIFE CALENDARS: The 1997 Club calendars are in and will be available at the December General Meeting. The price is still \$3.00. The calendars are produced by Remington and would cost much more than \$3.00 if purchased individually. This years motif is "BIG GAME OF NORTH AMERICA". Make sure to buy one at the General Meeting.

FRIENDS OF THE NRA BANQUET AND AUCTION: - Another date to mark on your calendar is Saturday March 14, 1997. The Friends of NRA Banquet and Auction will be held on that date at Cavanaugh's at Columbia Center. More details will follow as soon as they are available.

1996 SQUAWFISH PROGRAM RESULTS: According to the November 1996 BPA JOURNAL, preliminary numbers for BPA's 1996 sport fish reward program show a catch of 153,958 squawfish. This is 23% less than 1995's catch. Squawfish prey on juvenile salmon and steelhead as they swim downstream in the Snake and Columbia rivers. This years low numbers are blamed on extremely wet weather conditions in the spring which caused high water levels and muddy water. Many anglers were not successful until early to mid-summer. The program ran from April 29 to September 29. Anglers were paid from \$3 to \$5 for each squawfish at least 11 inches in length. According to preliminary modeling results, the catch produced a 39% reduction in northern squawfish predation on juvenile salmon and steelhead.

TOLL FREE BIRD BAND NUMBER: If you bag any ducks or geese with a bird band, you can report the band to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by calling 1-800-327-2236. Be prepared to inform the party on the other end the band number, type of bird and its sex, and where you bagged it and the date. They will inform you where and when the bird was banded either immediately and/or by mail.

BLUE MOUNTAINS ELK MORTALITY UPDATE: According to "The Big Horn" newsletter of the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council, twenty four elk calves are still transmitting from their radio collars and twenty five are off the air as of Oct. 9. Four calves have shed their radios. One died after falling on a rocky slope and three are undetermined. The other 17 calves were killed by bear, cougar and other predators. It was determined that most of the calves only traveled a few miles during early fall and summer. One calf had moved 15 air miles, across several drainages from the place it was

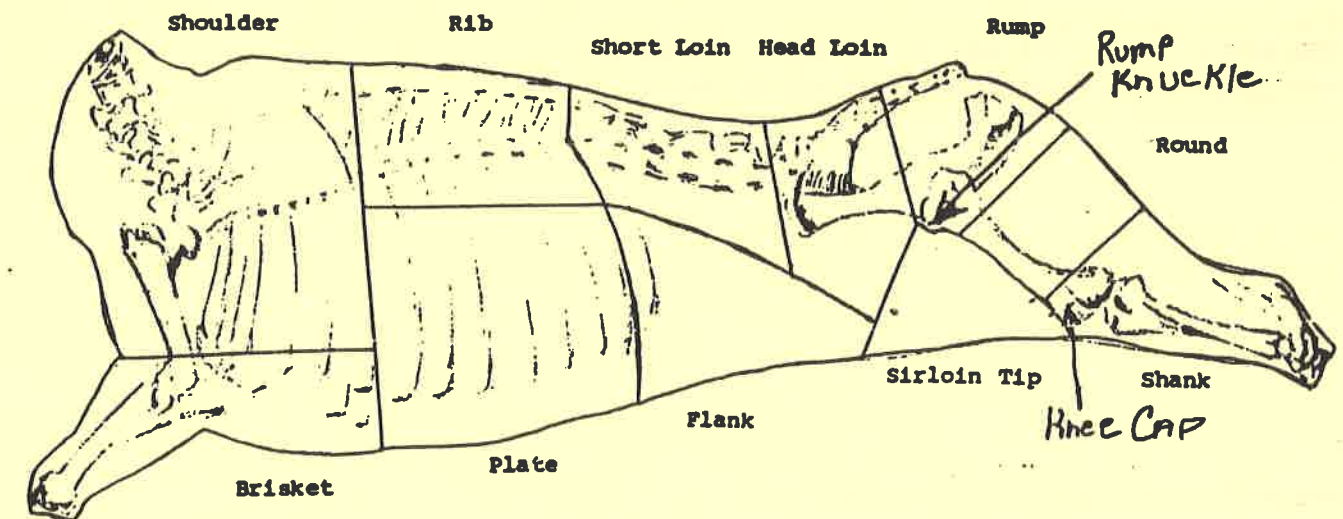
captured last spring. Woody Myers, a WDFW biologist from the Spokane office discussed the elk tagging program in the Blue Mountains at the RR&GC September General Meeting.

FOR SALE: Browning O/U, Grade I, 20 ga., 28", M & F, Belgian, long tang., as new. \$1250.
Browning O/U, Grade I, 20 ga., 26", IC & M, Belgian Short tang., excellent. \$1500.
Browning O/U, Grade I, 12 ga., 30", M&F, Belgian, excellent, \$1100.
Browning BT-99, 12 ga., 34", F, excellent, \$750
Browning A-5, lightning 20 ga., 28", M, Japanese, as new, \$400.
Remington, Model 31, 12 ga., 30", F, Simmons rib, excellent, \$325.
Remington, Model 1100, 12 ga, Ducks Unlimited Edition with gold inlaid receiver, unfired, \$1100.
Phone (509)-735-1283 or 735-4048.

YOUTH HUNT DAY: Youth Hunt Day on the McNary National Wildlife Refuge will be the first Saturday in December, December 7. Only youths aged 10-17 and an accompanying adult age 18 or over may hunt on that day. The Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge will also have a Youth Hunt Day on that date.

WATERFOWL HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS: If you have a valid 1996 Washington hunting license and the required federal and state migratory waterfowl stamps you can use your 1996 license to hunt waterfowl during established seasons in January 1997.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!!: The hunting season has started and once again the Club is looking for donations of game meat for next springs Big Game Dinner. The game meat includes waterfowl, upland birds, and clean, boneless big game roasts. (NO HAMBURGER PLEASE) 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 diagram below) After skinning and while the animal is hanging, place your knife just below the animals 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. Finally, clean the meat 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. Seal with tape and mark package as to what it contains and with your name and hunting license number. Salmon and steelhead are also needed. You then take the roasts and other game and fish to Chucks Meats in Kennewick where the Club has a locker (I-40). Chucks has control of the key. If you have any questions call Jerry Zeitler at 545-6694. All donations will be greatly appreciated the night of the Big Game Dinner. Good Hunting!!



WHIRLING DISEASE IN WASHINGTON TROUT: Attached is a news release from the WDFW: ASOTIN -- The parasite that causes whirling disease has been found in wild Washington trout for the first time, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife announced. The parasites were found in rainbow trout in the Grande Ronde River and a tributary, Cottonwood Creek. The parasites may have entered Washington waters from the Oregon portion of the Grande Ronde.