



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

Next General Meeting – May 6, 7:00 PM at Richland Public Library

Next Board Meeting- May 20, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

June Newsletter Contribution Deadline is May 22.

Email: admin@richlandrodandgun.org

May 6 General Membership Meeting **7:00pm at the Richland Public Library**

Katie Maikis, USFWS Deputy Project Leader of the Mid-Columbia National Wildlife Refuge Complex, will present on current habitat management at McNary and Umatilla National Wildlife refuges, focusing on the farming and waterfowl hunting programs. She will highlight projects to improve waterfowl habitat and the history of and potential changes to the farming program. Katie spoke to the RRGCB Board of Directors on October 17 and highlights of her presentation were included in our November newsletter. She has been looking forward to speaking to and with the RRGCB general membership and answering any questions you might have.

May 6th | 7 P.M

Richland Rod and Gun Club General Meeting

The Richland Rod & Gun Club to Host

Katie Maikis the deputy project leader for Mid-Columbia national refuge complex to cover habitat management, waterfowl hunt programs, migration/waterfowl populations and more!



Katie will be speaking at the Richland Public Library May 6th at 7PM!!!

Membership Renewals

Annual memberships expired on March 31. If you haven't renewed your membership for the current year, please do so soon because we don't want to lose you as a member. If you need assistance or have questions about your membership, please send an email to our Membership Committee chair, Karen McNiven, at richlandrodandgunmembership@gmail.com

Life Member Award Presented

Richard Libby was presented a Life Member Award by Past President Richard Sharp at the April 15 Board of Directors meeting. Rick would have received the award at the Wild Game Dinner in March but he was unable to attend. Rick has been a member since 2005, received the Distinguished Service Award in 2010, received the Gardner-Cranston Award in 2019, and was Treasurer from 2012 to 2024 when he resigned to move to California. Rick has provided exemplary service to our organization and we thank him profusely for his contributions.



KOE 2025 Fishing Events

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make this year's KOE Special Needs Fishing and Kids Fishing events held at Columbia Park Pond on April 11 and 12 a huge success. Lots of large hungry fish made for quick three fish limits for many happy anglers. A group of twenty-six volunteers assembled fishing rods at Grigg's on March 29 and others each picked up 50 to 100 rods to assemble at home. 1,040 fish were tagged for prizes at the Ringold Hatchery by volunteers and over 7,000 Rainbow trout were delivered by WDFW to the pond a few days before the fishing events. 171 tags were recovered for prizes donated by Dairy Queen, Amazon, Ranch & Home, Grigg's, Texas Roadhouse, Dead Worm Fishing, and RRG. Special thanks to Marilyn Steele for leading the overall effort, sleeping at the park to provide security, and for feeding the volunteers well (as always!); to John Prather for coordinating delivery and removal of trailers and equipment; and to Dale Schielke for soliciting tagged fish prizes, leading the fish tagging activities, and keeping book on prizes awarded. More fish cleaning stations added this year plus more fish cleaners helped speed the process for cleaning the catch of more than 1,000 anglers.

















Welcome to Our New Members

The Board approved not five, not ten, but sixteen new memberships this month! Many of them joined at the Wild Game Dinner. We are happy that they celebrated that evening with us and are also happy that they decided to join RRGC. Please extend a warm welcome to Silas Clayton of Kennewick, Scott and Linda Hawley of Benton City, Howard Kallio of Richland, Owen Matson of Richland, Elijah Woollum of Pasco, Lyle Hobartmineer of Kennewick, John Crosby of Kennewick, Lynn Sprague of Kennewick, Zane Lane of Richland, Ray Cohoon of Walla Walla, John Propson of Richland, Johnathan Cook of Richland, Shannon Nichols of Pasco, Brian Skeels of Kennewick, Garrett Gray and Family of Kennewick, and Ryan Kelsey and Family of Richland.

One of our newest members, Owen Matson, won a fishing trip at the Wild Game Dinner that was donated by Blair's Sport Fishing. Owen and his guest have already collected on the trip and must have enjoyed the day based on the photo below. Thanks to Ache'n Arms Guide Service, Afloat 'N Afield Adventures, Blair's Sport Fishing, Captain Jack's Guide Service, Casting for Memories Guide Service, Flatout Fishing, and Williams Guide Service for donating hunting and fishing trips for the Wild Game Dinner raffles and auction.



Hunter Education Class Schedule

Twelve students passed the Hunter Education class that concluded with Range Day on April 5. Silas Clayton provided the photos shown below. The next classes will be evening classes starting July 11 and September 8. The September class will be the last class this year. Registration will open on line at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/education/basic> about 30 days prior to the start of the classes.





Introduction to Firearms Class

Ron Ruth just announced that an Introduction to Firearms class will be held on June 21, 2025. The class will be co-hosted by the Richland Rod and Gun Club and the Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Association. Attendees must be at least 18 years old or accompanied by an adult to take the class. There will be a limit of 30 registrants for the class. The class will be comprised of two parts. The first part will include an introduction to the safe handling of firearms, the different parts of a firearm and sights, the different types of firearms (pistols, rifles, and shotguns), and actual handling of firearms by participants. The second part of the class will include a demonstration of shooting of different calibers of firearms

and actual shooting of firearms by the students. For further information and registration call Ron at 509-737-7350.

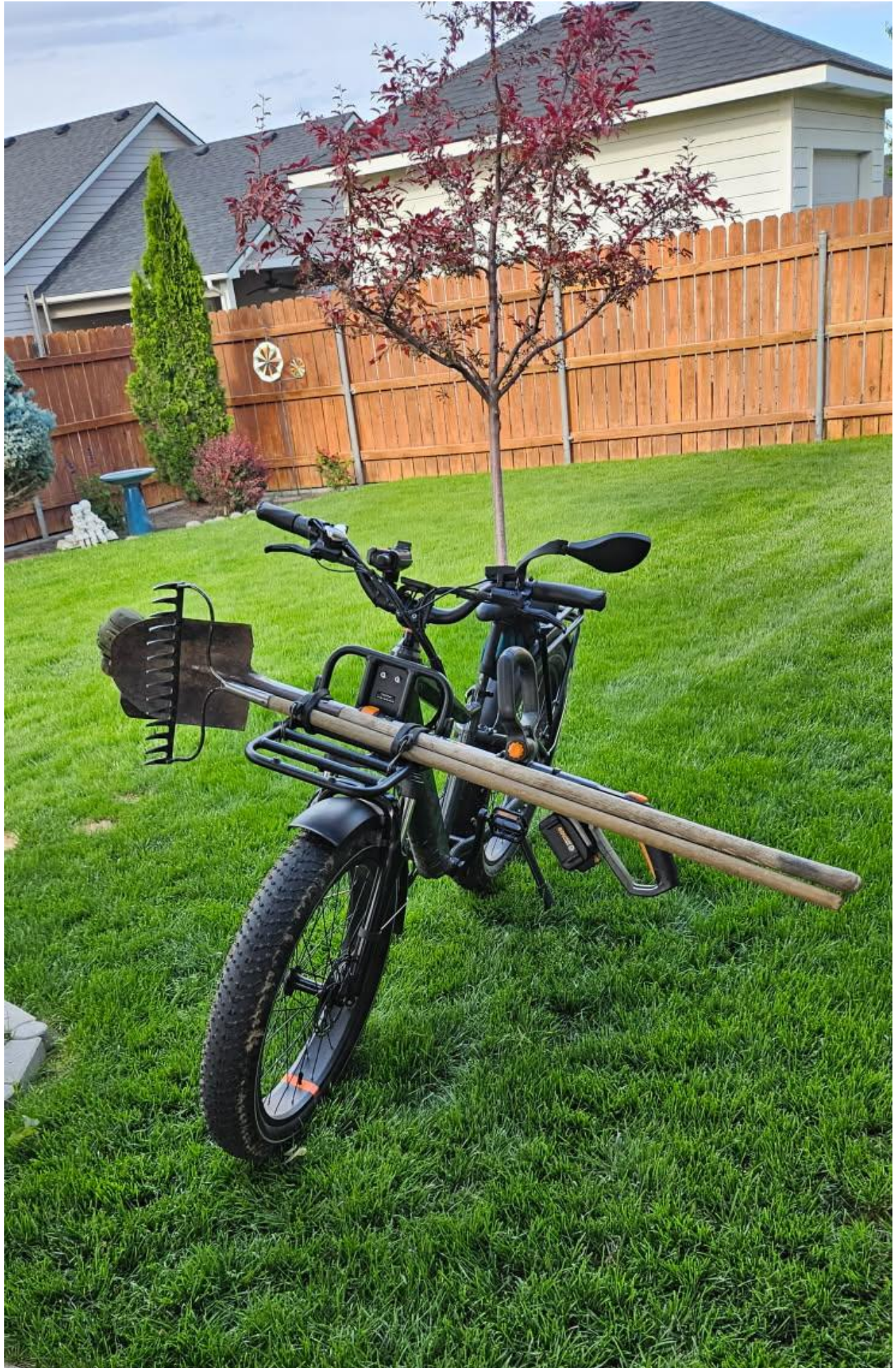
Thank You Received

A thank you card was received this month from the Tri-Cities Chapter of Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) for the RRG Use of Funds donation given to CCA. CCA's primary focus is on conservation and restoration of coastal marine resources, including the salmon returning to the Columbia River from the Pacific Ocean. CCA advocates for the interests of recreational fishermen in discussions with state and federal agencies.

Guzzler Maintenance

Rex Sherburn of Pheasants Forever, Harlin Bryson & Larry Martin assembled catchment apron frames for Guzzler 220 on March 28. Relocation and repair of the guzzler in the Pepiot and Blanton roads area in Franklin County is planned for Saturday, May 10th. Please call Larry Martin 509-521-2554 if you are available to help on May 10..

On April 10 Larry Martin used his electric bike to ride the edges of winter wheat fields to inspect and clean four guzzlers southwest of Prosser in the Lincoln and Sellards roads area. Larry strapped a shovel, rake, and nylon trimmer to the front bike rack; carried additional tools in his backpack; attached a GPS unit to the bike handlebars; and rode a bit over eight miles to complete the inspections. Larry said the bike ride was fun and was far easier than walking. A photo of Larry's bike is shown below.



Don Hand

Larry and Jean Martin and Mike Estes represented RRGc at a retirement party for Don Hand in Prosser on April 5. Don worked for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for 37 years and has been an RRGc member since 1993. Don received letters of appreciation from WDFW Director Kelly Susewind and Governor Bob Ferguson and several attendees told stories spanning from his high school days up to his retirement. Scott Rasley, one of Don's retired co-workers, told about the excitement of using explosives to blast holes to create drinking ponds for deer and elk on Robinette Mountain in the Blues back in the 1990's. RRGc contributed funds to that project and later to the Upland Wildlife Restoration project that Don has involved with. The photo below shows a group of WDFW employees who were at the party who worked together on a turkey relocation project. Some of you will recognize Jason Fidorra, Scott Rasley, Don Hand, Mike Livingston, and Pat Kaelber in the front row. Pat has been selected to fill Don's Region 3 Conflict Specialist position.



Photo of the Month

There was only one contest entry this month. Winner by default was a photo taken and submitted by Evan Kirkpatrick of Richard Sharp with what Evan describes as “the elusive size 8 Columbia River sandal”. The photo was taken March 28 on the Columbia River while the guys were searching for some early season walleyes.



Submit photos of some of your spring excursions so we can share the fun with everyone. All contest submittals will appear on the big screen at the 2026 Wild Game Dinner. Submit entries to rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

Update your contact information!

If you have changed your address, your phone number, or your email address please use this link and scroll to the bottom of the page where it says "Update My Contact Information".

[Richland volunteer opportunities for members \(richlandrodandgun.org\)](http://richlandrodandgun.org)

Get involved in one of our Committees:

Salmon in the Classroom: Mike Estes estesm34@gmail.com or

Wood Ducks: Dale Schielke – dahlialou@gmail.com

KOE Kids Fishing Day: Marilyn Steele – momhoops46@gmail.com

Hunter Ed: Ron Ruth – RonRuth.HunterEd@gmail.com

Guzzlers: Larry Martin - larry49martin@gmail.com

Youth Conservation Camp: Larry Martin - larry49martin@gmail.com

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Website: Brayden Wodtli and Micah Little – admin@richlandrodandgun.org

RRGC Club Upcoming Activities

Salmon Summit Fish Release – April 29 and 30, 8:00 to 10:30am, Col. Park East Boat Ramp

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