



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

(INCORPORATED)

A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization

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RICHLAND, WASHINGTON 99352

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 – September 5th, 7:00 PM at Richland Public Library

Next Board Meeting- September 19, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

October Newsletter Contribution Deadline is September 22nd.

email: admin@richlandrodandgun.org

September 5th General Meeting Presentation **7:00pm at the Richland Public Library**

The main speaker for our September meeting will be Matthew Gray with The Gray Boys Guide Service who will be presenting on Fall Salmon fishing on the Columbia Reach. WDFW District 4 Fisheries Biologist Paul Hoffarth will also be present to share his fall fishing forecast with us. With hundreds of thousands of Chinook and Coho salmon coming up the Columbia River this fall and the season locally running through October 31, this presentation is very timely. Do not miss this opportunity to learn how to put more fish in your boat and freezer. We also expect to hear short reports at this meeting from the campers who we sponsored to Washington State Youth Conservation Camp this summer.

Annual Club Picnic Recap

If you didn't attend the annual club picnic at Leslie Groves Park on August 1, it is doubtful that you were having a better time than those who enjoyed a fun evening at our picnic in the park. Temperatures were very comfortable in the shade along the river. Included in the more than 60 attendees were members Greg and Carla Boeringa who traveled from their new home in western Washington for the sole purpose of visiting with friends at the picnic. Jerry Bloom, Dave Myers, and Dale Schielke prepared succulent sockeye salmon and chicken on the club's Traeger grill to accompany the many salads, side dishes, and desserts provided by attendees. Eight people participated in the Liar's Contest. Winners were Alan Casebere, 1st place; Jessica Hennick, 2nd place; and Monte Kelsey, 3rd place. Thanks to contest judges Larry Martin, Greg Boeringa, and Rick Libby. Mark your calendar now for the first Tuesday in August for next year's picnic (August 6, 2024).



Columbus Foundation Grant Awarded to RRGC

RRGC recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Battelle Foundation Fund of the Columbus Foundation to support youth education in conservation and outdoor activities. We truly appreciate the recognition and contribution in support of the club's youth activities.

Donation Received for RRGC Guzzler Program

Larry Martin and Dale Schielke presented a program about our water guzzler and wood duck nest box programs to attendees at a meeting of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs in Pasco on August 22. At the conclusion of the presentation, Larry was presented a check for \$1,000 by Ms. Dorrie Carr of Olympia in support the RRGC guzzler program. Way to go guys!

Introduction to Firearms Class

The Richland Rod and Gun Club along with the Tri City Metallic Silhouette Association held an Introduction to Firearms class on Saturday, August 12 at the Griggs Dept. Store in Pasco. There were 16 attendees, and all but one was an adult. The attendees were taught the different types of firearm actions, sights, ammunition, and parts of a firearm. The most important subject covered was how to safely handle a firearm. By the end of the class all students knew how to handle a firearm safely. After the lecture, the students were provided with the opportunity to try out different firearms to see how they fit their hand and how each different firearm worked; i.e. safety, slide action, etc. Instructors were available to assist the students and answer any questions. This year the volunteer instructors were Jack Pickard, John Drewrey, John Prather, Larry Martin, Dave Myers, and Pete Workman. When the classroom portion of the program was over the class moved out to the Tri City Metallic Silhouette Association range for some shooting. All but one of the students attended the range session. We started about 1:00pm out at the range and finished about 3:00pm. All students were encouraged to fire different firearms and calibers to see the differences. All attendees indicated they enjoyed the class and said they learned a lot about firearms. This class will be held again in the spring of next year. (Submitted by Ron Ruth.)

Photo of the Month



The winning photo for August was submitted by Monte Kelsey showing him and his wife with a handsome Rainbow trout caught at Clear Lake, near Medical Lake, on April 28. Steve Lilla was the photographer.

Photo of the Month Contest Guidelines

- Must be taken in current license year.
- May include hunting, fishing, habitat, camping.
- Must include a critter (human or wild).
- Harvested game must include the hunter or angler.
- Winners will be selected by the Board of Directors.
- All photos become property of the Club.

Note: The Board may use discretion in applying the guidelines when selecting the winning photo.

Please include name of photographer and date taken.

To submit entry, Bring photo print to board meeting, or email to admin@richlandrodandgun.org at least 6 hours before a board meeting.

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: Gene Van Liew – e.van-liew@hotmail.com

Wild Game Dinner: Marilyn Steele – momhoops46@gmail.com

Wood Ducks: Dale Schielke – dahlialou@gmail.com

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RRGC Club Upcoming Activities

Next General Membership Meeting – September 5 at 7:00 p.m., Richland Library

2024 Wild Game Dinner – March 23, 2024 at the Benton County Fairgrounds