



# **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 – November 7, 7:00 PM at Richland Public Library

Next Board Meeting- November 21, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

December Newsletter Contribution Deadline is November 22.

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## **November 7th General Meeting Presentation**

**7:00pm at the Richland Public Library**

As the seasons change, so do the species we pursue and the tactics we need to use to be successful. The presenter for our November 7 meeting will be Jamie “JRod” Rodriguez of J Rod Angling talking about fall and winter walleye fishing techniques. JRod will be accompanied by Ted Beach, a manufacturer’s representative for Mack’s Lures and Duckette fishing rods. JRod is very sharing with his knowledge so if you have questions for him, please do not be shy about asking.

## **October Meeting Presentation Highlights**

We do not normally recap a speaker’s presentation in the newsletter because we assume that if you were interested in the topic you would have been at the meeting. We are making an exception for the October 3 presentation by Dr. Robert “Bob” Margulies about the mental, emotional, and physiologic needs for survival because the information is important

to everyone who goes afield. Bob noted that the decisions we make **before** an outdoor activity greatly impact our chances of surviving. What is your emotional mindset? What is your plan and do you have the equipment with you to execute it? The gear you need has to be on your person or immediately available if you encounter an emergency situation, not back at the truck or at home. Our most important tool is our brain. Planning, preparation, and practice lead to safe and effective performance in the face of adversity. Panic is our worst enemy. Panic occurs when the thinking part of the brain loses control, usually when we encounter a condition or situation for which we did not prepare. Our second most important tool is our finger tips. We require dexterity to strike matches, undo buttons and zippers, and do other delicate work. Always wear or carry gloves. Be aware of your physiological needs. Drinking water is a major part of the body's temperature control. A baseline minimum of water needed when resting at optimum temperatures is three liters per day. If it is hot or cold and you are active, the amount of water needed increases to six liters per day. A body temperature 3.5 degrees above or below normal is life threatening. Carry snacks and dress appropriately for conditions. Bob prefers long pants and long sleeve shirts because they are sun, bug, and abrasion resistant. Finally, make a list of what you plan to carry on your person. It should include first aid supplies, extra clothing, snacks and water, whistle, compass, space blanket, ear and eye protection. Maybe a cell phone, map, GPS, fire starter, bug spray, rope, light tarp, etc. Make your own list but remember: the item needs to be with you when you need it or it does you no good. Plan, prepare, and stay safe.

### **New Quality Trip Rules**

Rules for the 2024 Quality Trip drawing have been approved by the Board of Directors with some significant changes. The price per chance in the drawing will remain \$25 but the number of chances that can be purchased per individual and family membership have been increased. Individual members may purchase up to 4 chances. Family memberships may purchase up to 8 chances in total but no more than 4 chances per person. A free chance in the raffle will be offered to any member who 1) purchases a chance in the drawing, and 2) accumulates 20 or more hours of volunteer work on club sponsored projects during the calendar year (January 1 through December 31) preceding the drawing. A second free chance will be offered if the individual purchases 2 or more chances and accumulates 40 or more hours as described in the preceding sentence. No member may be awarded more than two free chances in the drawing. Chances may be purchased starting at the November 7 general meeting from Treasurer Rick Libby. The drawing will be held as the last event of the annual RR&GC Wild Game Dinner on March 23, 2024. The winner does not need to be present to win. Read the complete rules at <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/trips>.

### **Salmon in the Classroom**

Gene Van Liew is looking for volunteers to help deliver Chinook salmon carcasses to schools participating in the Salmon in the Classroom program before Thanksgiving. The carcasses will be dissected for the students as part of their learning experience. An exact date for the deliveries is not yet set but if you are interested in helping please contact Gene at 509-578-6811.

## **Guzzler Repair**

Mark Kerns, Robert Gerhard, Doug Schuetze and Larry Martin repaired guzzler #324 on October 23. The guzzler is Southwest of Prosser near the corner of Sellards and Lincoln Roads. The rain catchment apron frames and metal roofing used for the repairs were the refurbished frames from a guzzler donated by Garrett Moon. New steel leg posts were also installed. See before and after photos below. Repairs to guzzlers damaged by the Hansen Fire will continue into next spring. If you would like to volunteer to help with the repairs, contact Larry at 509-521-2554.



## **Fish and Wildlife Commission Shenanigans**

If you haven't been paying attention, the complexion and direction of the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission has taken a dramatic turn to the detriment of hunters and fishermen. This group sets wildlife policy, having sole say on how wildlife and hunting opportunities are managed in our state. Commission members are appointed by the Governor and should not be confused with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; the employees headed by Director Kelly Susewind who are required to implement and adhere to Commission policies. The Governor's appointments include members with questionable politics and dubious ties to some of the more worrisome anti-hunting organizations. The Commission has introduced a draft Conservation Policy to replace an existing policy already in place. The draft redefines wildlife as "beneficiaries" rather than "resources" and attempts to revise the commonly known concept of conservation with an apparent goal of eliminating hunting or, at least, hunting opportunity. There is discussion about canceling all spring bear and cougar hunting in 2024. WDFW recommendations are being ignored. For a more in depth discussion of the issues read this article [Op-Ed: The Changing Landscape of Language in Washington Game Management - \(nwsportsmanmag.com\)](#). Also, visit [www.howlforwildlife.org/stoptheinsanity](http://www.howlforwildlife.org/stoptheinsanity) and consider signing the petition to end the proposed conservation policy. Get involved, stay informed, and consider becoming a member of Howl For Wildlife.

### **Meat Donations Needed for the Wild Game Dinner**

Marilyn Steele (509-392-2128) and John Prather (509-521-1593) are accepting donated fish, fowl, upland birds and big game meat for the 2024 Wild Game Dinner. A reminder that each package must be tagged with the donor's name, WILD ID number, species and cut of meat, plus the date and location taken and that ground meat cannot be accepted. Please bring your donations to the monthly meeting or contact Marilyn or John to coordinate a time and location for delivery.

### **Hanford Advisory Board**

Gene Van Liew (primary) and Paul Kison (alternate) represented RRGc for more than a decade before they "timed out" under U.S. Department of Energy protocols for the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB). RRGc members Greg Boeringa (primary) and Ron Ruth (alternate) were then seated on the HAB. Greg has relocated to western Washington and Ron's current work schedule precludes him from attending further HAB meetings so he recently notified USDOE of his resignation. RRGc has been encouraged by the Tri-Party Agreement agencies (Department of Energy, EPA, and Washington Department of Ecology) to submit candidates to be seated to the HAB in October 2024. If you might be interested in representing RRGc on the HAB please contact Mike Estes, 509-551-9066, for more information and the HAB membership application form.

### **Photo of the Month**

The winning photo for September was taken by Richard Sharp and submitted by Evan Kirkpatrick showing Evan with a large buck Chinook salmon taken on the Yakima River on October 15. Good job guys! Photos are voted on at the monthly Board of Directors meetings so please submit them in accordance with the contest rules to [admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org) prior to the third Tuesday of each month.



**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:**

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**RRGC Club Upcoming Activities**

Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show – January 26-28, 2024, HAPO Center (TRAC) in Pasco

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