



RIGHLAND 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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2015-2016 Officers

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday November 3, Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—7 pm, Tuesday, November 17th, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE-November 22nd, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or
secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: The purging of the membership rolls has been completed. If you have any question as to the expiration date of your membership, please contact Jennifer Gardner. Jennifer can be reached at ["JEN_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM"](mailto:JEN_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM).

NOVEMBER MEETING TOPIC: Our guest speaker will be RRGV Vice-President Richard Sharp. His presentation will be STEELHEAD FISHING techniques, equipment, baits, lures, shore fishing, boat fishing, water temperatures and water conditions in general. He will share his expertise for successful winter steelhead fishing for the McNary pool, Charbonneau Park area, Wallula Junction area, and the Ringold area.

OCTOBER MEETING SUMMARY: There were 37 people present for the meeting. This included six visitors. Mike Estes discussed the new WDFW director and the challenges he faces as he learns Washington State issues.

GAME RECOVERY: Chris Mosher reported that there have been four deer and one elk recovered with the meat furnished to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco. The information provided is current as of the 27th of October.

A. On the 17th of October, Chris Mosher was contacted by WDFW who request assistance in processing two deer that were taken illegally. The first was a Mule deer buck that was shot and gutted at the time of pickup. The antlers were removed before the deer was delivered to Chris for processing. The second deer was a doe and it was delivered to Chris intact so he had to gut, skin, and debone the animal. The meat from both deer (about 100 lbs. total) was delivered to the Union Gospel Mission by 5:15 pm.

B. On the 19th of October, John Prather was contacted by Sgt. Brian Fulton who requested assistance in processing a 2 point Mule deer that had been taken illegally. Sgt. Fulton removed the antlers and then delivered the deer to John for processing. John gutted and skinned the deer and then deboned the meat. He delivered about 50 lbs. of meat to the Union Gospel Mission.

C. On the 24th of October, Mike Estes received a call from WDFW Officer Chad McGary Saturday morning that he had confiscated a large mule deer buck from a hunter in north Franklin County due to a trespass issue. Officer McGary delivered the 5x6 buck to Mikes home shortly after noon. The antlers were removed and McGary took them with him when he left. Mike skinned and deboned the deer and delivered 123 pounds of meat to the Union Gospel Mission.

D. And finally, on the 26th of October, Mike Estes was contacted by WDFW Sgt. Brian Fulton that a raghorn bull elk had been illegally harvested by a hunter in north Franklin County who mistook it for a buck deer. Sgt. Fulton and Officer Chad McGary delivered the skinned elk to Mikes home about 4:45 PM. Mike deboned and bagged the meat and placed it in ice chests with plenty of ice to cool and stored it overnight. About 220 pounds of meat was delivered to the Union Gospel Mission the following morning.

Approximately 500 pounds of meat was recovered during the past month. A sincere word of thanks to those who made the effort to recover the meat, process it and deliver it to the Mission.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Richard Libby presented the Treasurer's Report for September at the October 20th Board Meeting. If any members are interested in obtaining a copy of the monthly treasurer's report, Rick can be contacted at Big_guy@charter.net. Rick Libby informed the membership that 2016 RRG and Remington Calendars are available for sale as well as RRG baseball caps, the Coyote Cook Book and the Duck Hunting Book.

RINGOLD HATCHERY FISH RECOVERY: Dale Schielke reported that Ringold Hatchery has requested volunteers again this year in order to sort excess returning hatchery raised salmon. There are approximately 200,000 returning chinook. The now annual Scootney Reservoir walleye survey took place on the 20th and 21st of October. Dale Schielke is the point -of-contact for both volunteer efforts. Dale can be reached at 509 375 0183.

The Richland Rod and Gun Club has once again entered into a cooperative agreement with WDFW to assist at the Ringold Hatchery fish trap. The result will be in exchange for 100 volunteer hours, Ringold Hatchery will provide 2000 trout for Lunker Lake. Last year several RRG volunteers worked at the trap each week to assist WDFW hatchery staff on Tuesdays. This may change to Wednesdays or Thursdays in late October. This volunteer effort will start September 22nd and will continue until mid-November to process surplus salmon. Duties will be similar to last year and include catching fish in the trap so they can be sexed, counted, then vital data collected/recorded prior to being iced down in bins for transport to a food processor. The surplus fish are processed into salmon burgers for distribution to the Food Banks. Activities will start about 9 am and last for 3 to 5 hours depending upon the number of fish in the trap. The work is fairly strenuous and involves catching the fish and tossing them into bins; waders and rain suits will be provided by WDFW. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Dale Schielke at 509 375-0183. Ideally, two to three volunteers will be needed weekly. Dale will coordinate getting volunteers registered with the WDFW CERVIS system and recording volunteer hours.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth reported that 16 students took and passed the last Hunters Education Class of 2015. **Ron Ruth has requested all club members that have had access to the Hunter Education Room at Griggs via an issued key, please contact him at 509 628 1781. All keys must be turned in.** Please contact Ron Ruth at ron-rose@frontier.com if you are interested in becoming a hunters education instructor. All volunteers must be screened by WDFW. The procedure consists of filling out background check form. This is done to ensure classroom safety. Washington State requires that there be two screened persons in a classroom at all times.

WILD GAME DINNER: A Committee was established to recommend a WGD speaker for future dinners. Dale Schielke took the lead on this effort. The other committee members are Dave Myers and Frank Scopa. Four speakers were considered and a recommendation was made to schedule Mr. John Clement as our guest speaker. Dale has confirmed Mr. Clement's availability and Mr. Clement has accepted our invitation. He is a well-regarded scenic photographer and he has made a presentation once before at a previous Wild Game Dinner. It is expected that WGD tickets will be available for sale in early December. More information will be available in next month's RRGc newsletter. An effort is in progress for a speaker for the 2017 WGD. If you have any suggestions, please forward the information to Dale Schielke at 509 375 0813 or dahlialou@msn.com.

DATA MANAGEMENT: Russ Wyer and Sam Morrison have started the effort to convert RRGc data to a dropbox. The end result will be a permanent electronic record of RRGc records and operations that can be accessed by authorized officers and club members. It is expected that most of the information that needs to be made available to the general membership will be online within the next few months.

RICHARD SHARP'S OCTOBER TIP OF THE MONTH: Richard Sharp talked about sharpening hooks which will result in a hollow grind. The methods that he talked about were using a round file, a fine file and a sandstone sharpening stone. Richard works the file toward the tip of the hook. He sharpens the hook with a fairly shallow angle utilizing three to four swipes from the sides toward the tip. A reminder from Richard was the smaller the hook, the quicker the hook set will occur. Also, cheap hooks will only take a sharpening three to four times. Richard recommends expensive hooks since they will last longer, you will lose less fish and the hooks will take more sharpening.

GUEST SPEAKER: Jason Fidorra, Wildlife Biologist for WDFW, Tri-Cities District 4 provided an in-depth review of the current status of large game and upland gamebirds and waterfowl in Benton and Franklin Counties. His presentation lasted nearly an hour and he provided a significant amount of information. The information below is a very condensed version of what was presented.

A. The 2014 Franklin County deer harvest was significantly higher than the 10 year average with a hunter's success rate of 37%.

B. A survey performed showed that there were approximately 13 mule deer bucks per every 100 does.

C. An estimate of elk in District 4 was 1,109 both sexes. The survey showed that there were 40 bulls per 100 cows and that there were 21 calves per 100 cows.

D. The 2014 elk harvest was 61 bulls and 65 antlerless elk.

E. The dove season was expanded from the 1st of September to the 30th of October with a limit of 15 dove per day.

F. Canvasback limits were increased to two birds per day.

G. The total population of ducks in North America is estimated to be 49.5 million. The estimated population of ducks in Washington State is estimated to be 193,000.

H. Quail numbers are expected to be high this year. There is good cover as well as feed. Yakima County has had the highest number of taken quail in Washington State.

I. 1,200 pheasants will be released this year. Release sites will be Big Flats, Lost Island and Hope Valley.

J. The number of geese has increased by 59% in 2015 over 2014. However, the number of geese is still well below the average.

K. Access to private lands or land locked state lands remains an issue. The Corn Stubble Program is an attempt to make access easier. It is expected that an additional 6 to 8 sites in District 4 will be added this year. Registration is done online at the WDFW website on a daily basis. Access is limited.

L. Another method for Private Lands Access is through the GoHunt Interactive Website for WDFW. There are 452 Cooperators with 971,716 acres enrolled. The majority of the acreage is farmland and timberlands.

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP: Five new membership applications were received this month. The new members are; Steve Antonissen, individual membership, Ronald and Linda Gaither, family membership, Austin Johnson, individual membership, Nicholas Kunde, individual membership and Gary Scriven, individual membership, were approved for membership in RRG. Please welcome them when you meet them at the next monthly meeting. Jennifer Gardner continues as the Membership Chair. She can be contacted at 509-981-9366 (Spokane number) or JEN_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM

BULLETIN HELP: Frank Scopa

If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to Frank Scopa at secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com with your email address. We are now current as to mailing addresses for the hard copies. We are down to 49 members receiving hard copies via the US Mail. New members will be added as the information is received. If you are receiving both a hard copy and an e-mail copy, please let me know. We are now mailing and/or emailing a copy of the monthly newsletter to the following organizations to keep them abreast of our activities; Ranch and Home, Sportsman's Warehouse, Griggs Ace Hardware and Columbia River Catering Co. The businesses listed have been sponsors in the past. When you do business with them, thank them for their sponsorship and let them know you belong to RRG. The cut-off date for information for the December Newsletter will be November 22, 2015.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS: Camouflage Tree Stand and Safety Harness – Chris Mosher, Camillus Titanium 9-1/4” Skinning knife with Gut Hook – Connie Cummings, Gerber Impressions Serrated Locking Clip Folding Knife – Larry Martin, Midland Portable Emergency Weather Alert Radio – Linda Gaither, Mitchell Trout/Perch/Pan Fish Combo 5’6” – Ben Morrison, Eagle Claw Trout/Perch/Pan Fish Combo 5’ – Larry Martin, Lazerlure Lighted Steelhead Trolling Plug – Frank Scopa, Lazerlure Lighted Steelhead Trolling Plug, Connie Cummings, ProGlo Bait Coloring Dye – Mike Becker, ProGlo Bait Coloring Dye – Nick Kunde, Pint of Cummings Especial Morte Salmon Eggs – Jack Pickard, Pint of Cummings Especial Morte Salmon Eggs – Jeff Fulks, Pint of Cummings Especial Morte Salmon Eggs – Ray Johnson, Quart of Cummings Especial Morte Salmon Eggs – Clarence Corrveau, and the Mystery Box, Head Digital Sport Gloves, Ben Morrison.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 17th, 7:00PM, Griggs Hunters' Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: December 1st, at the Richland Public Library at 7:00 PM.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: Ryan Evans, age 9, with a 12 to 15 pound salmon that he caught on a Wiggle Wart.

WANT ADS:

Harvey Huisingh has 45 pounds of 00 buck shot for sale. It is from the National Lead Co. and listed as “Hoyt”. \$80 or best offer. Harvey can be reached at 509 943 9326.

Drift Boat For Sale

ClackaCraft, 16 foot drift boat and trailer with two 9 foot Sawyer oak oars, one 9 foot NRS break-down oar, and 30 pound pyramid lead anchor. \$1,400.00. Contact Dale Schielke 375-0183

Rifle For Sale

Winchester Model 70 Featherweight, “pre-64” (manufactured in 1953), 308 Win caliber, Redfield mounts, Hertel & Reuss 4x81 scope. Used but in very good condition and comes with sling, and part box of ammo. \$700.00 Contact Dale Schielke 375-0183

Both Jack Pickard and Frank Scopa each have lead sleds that can be borrowed by club members only for sighting-in rifles. Jack can be reached at jlpick66@gmail.com. Frank can be reached at secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com.

If you have anything that needs to be in the Want Ads section or information that you would like to convey to the general membership, please keep in mind that the cut-off date for inclusion is normally the Sunday after the Executive Board Meeting. Send your information to secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com

Last Item: If you intend to donate meat or fish for the Wild Game Dinner, please keep the following requirement in mind. Information to be provided for all game meat donations indicating permission for the possession of game meat: Name of donor, address of donor, hunting/fishing license number, permit or tag number, the number and kind of animal provided, the date killed, the county and area in which taken and the hunter/fisherman's signature. John Prather will be providing freezer space again this year.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED