



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization

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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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Club Website- <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/>

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

2018-2019 Officers

Mike Estes, President 582-2212
Richard Sharp, Vice-President 551-6785

Richard Libby, Treas. 947-0498
Frank Scopa, Sec. 438-9459

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – March 5th, 7:00 PM, Richland Public Library

BOARD MEETING- March 19th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for April is March 24th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

MARCH PROGRAM: The subject for the March general membership meeting will be Fishing Lake Chelan. Mr. Lance Effrig, guide for Washington Guide Services will introduce us to the benefits of traveling to Lake Chelan. He regularly guides for mackinaw and kokanee. He will also discuss gear, water temperatures, equipment, bait and lures. He will take questions if there is a sufficient amount of time after his presentation. Mr. Effrig is traveling from Lake Chelan for this presentation.

WILD GAME DINNER: Mr. John Kruse of North Western Outdoors will be our guest speaker for the WGD. RRGc members are probably familiar with Mr. Kruse's program on KONA radio (610 AM). Mr. Kruse is both the host and producer of the show.

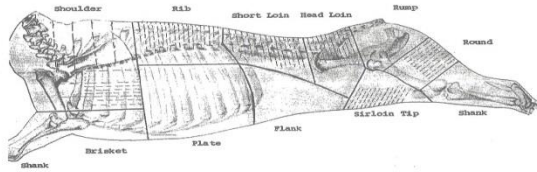
The Wild Game Dinner will be held on March 23rd at the Shiloh Inn, located in Richland.

There are 300 tickets available for the WGD. Presently, all 300 tickets are accounted for. However, if ticket holders have extra tickets, please contact Dale Schielke so members that are in need of tickets can still obtain tickets. He can be reached at 509 375 0183.

Big game hunting seasons have wrapped up. Please keep in mind the need for game meat for the Wild Game Dinner. We have storage facilities available so please consider donating fish, fowl or game. Each donation must be tagged with the following information: donor's name, WILD ID number, species and cut of meat, plus the date and location taken. **At the**

present time, we are in need of additional elk or venison roasts.

Please contact John Prather regarding the donor door prize request letter. We are able to provide verification of our Tax Exempt Status.



Sausage making will take place on the 9th of March at John Prather's shop starting at 10 AM. His address is 215107 E. Game Farm Road, Kennewick.

Meat balls will be made on the 10th of March at Marilyn's son's house. The effort will start at 10AM. The address is 41530 S. Morton Road, Kennewick.

WGD prep will also start on the evening of the 22nd at 5:30 PM at Marilyn's son's house. Veggies, roasts and appetizers will be prepared. Please bring your own cutting boards and knives for the food preparation.

Final food preparation will start on the morning of the 23rd at the Shilo Inn. The effort will start at 8 AM. Meet at the rear of the restaurant with your cutting boards and knives. Marilyn as usual, will be making work assignments for those that will assist in the appetizer and entrée' preparation.

NOMINATIONS: Our Bylaws require the President to appoint a Nominating Committee not later than January of each year for elections that will be held at the March general membership meeting. The nominating committee consisted of Mike Estes, Richard Sharp, Shannon Lackey and Howard Gardner.

The first order of business on the 5th of March will be election of officers and board members. The members named herein are recommended for election by the Nominating Committee. Nominations will also be accepted

from the floor at the meeting, with the concurrence of the person being nominated. President – Richard Sharp ; Vice-President – Packy Lackey; Treasurer – Richard Libby; Secretary – Shannon Lackey; Trustees (15) – Carla Boeringa, Greg Boeringa, Ben Burdett, Todd Hennick, Melissa Huston, Paul Kison, Larry Martin, John Merk, Chris Mosher, Dave Myers, Dustin Ney, Jack Pickard, John Prather, Dale Schielke, and Gene Van Liew. If you are interested in serving as an Officer or Trustee, please contact Mike Estes (551-9066) or Richard Sharp (551-6785).

CONSERVATION AND HABITAT: Larry Martin reported that due to the weather and snow fall, no guzzlers were inspected or repaired. Larry has been in contact with several farmers about removal of existing guzzlers due to crop changes. Work on the guzzlers will start again when the weather warms up. Larry also informed the Board that he had submitted another ALEA grant application for the next two years.

Larry can be reached on his cell phone at 509 521 2554 if you are able to volunteer.

LUNKER LAKE: Jack Pickard and Richard Libby reported that RRGCC earned \$3,858 from the three day effort at the Sportsman's Show in January. The amount earned was down a small amount from last year.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There were seven new members for the month of February. The new members are Evan Arntzen, Carl Enderlin, Patrick McDonough, Stephen Smith, Scott Szendre, Sam Szendre and RD Williams. Please welcome them when you meet them.

Renewal notices were sent out in February for 2019. You must be up-to-date in your membership fees in order to participate in the Quality Trip Raffle.

Please keep in mind that without new membership and specifically younger members, RRGCC will be in decline. It is has become time for the younger members to take over leadership

positions. This can be done through involvement and participation in Board and committee activities. RRGC needs more younger and actively involved members.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: The next Hunter Education class will be next April during the 2019 School Spring Break. The class will be a daytime class and the dates will be April 1st through the 5th of April. Range day will be on April 6th. Volunteers will be needed for several of the classes as well as the Range Day.

Ron informed the Board said that a pheasant hunt for the top finishers from this year's Hunter Education classes will possibly held the 16th of March at Limits Game Farm north of Mesa, Weather permitting. WDFW is donating birds furnished with more possible approximately 200 pheasants well as some hens. Eligible graduates of the Hunters Education will be contacted around the early part of March and invitations will be extended to 30 graduates of the previous classes. Ron is looking for volunteers to act as mentors.

Ron expects to learn this shortly if his application to the NRA Foundation for hunter education supplies has been approved.

Ron started a program for Hunters Education graduates that do not have opportunities to hunt. The Richland Rod & Gun Club (RRGC) had its kickoff of the "No Bird Hunter Left Behind" this

Please contact Ron at 509 737 7350 if you are interested in volunteering and/or becoming a state certified instructor.

INTRODUCTION TO FIREARMS:

Ron Ruth – There has been no announcement as to whether an Introduction to Firearms Class for the Spring 2019 will be held.

GAME RECOVERY:

Chris Mosher reported that no game was recovered in January or February.

A reminder that if you come across a fresh road kill game animal and are able, please claim the animal and notify Chris Mosher. Please stay

with the animal while waiting for someone from RRGC game recovery to show up. If the animal is seriously injured, inform the local police authority so that they or WDFW can dispatch the animal. A permit must be obtained from WDFW online within 24 hours. If the animal is left on the side of the road, it will be claimed by others and the Union Gospel Mission will not reap the benefit of a resource.

If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris Mosher at 509 302 5171.

NONPROFIT STATUS: A strategy for future fund raising must be addressed. All fund raising must be in accordance with the law for 501(c)(3) organizations. Any member who has any ideas that they wish to share are urged to contact Mike Estes. New membership and fund raising are paramount for the continued existence of RRGC. Please contribute your ideas at least for discussion.

All donations for the raffle and silent auction to be held at the Wild Game Dinner are fully tax deductible. Please contact John Prather for a copy of the letter to be presented to all donors.

BULLETIN HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS: If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to rgcsecretary@gmail.com. You will get quicker delivery and save us money. I updated the email mailing list so as of this newsletter, we should be current. If you are aware of someone who is not receiving the newsletter, please contact me. Thanks.

RRGC WEB PAGE: Russ Wyer and Greg Boeringa continue their efforts to improve and maintain the webpage for RRGC. It will now be updated and revised as necessary. The website is www.richlandrodandgun.org/. Please visit the site and review what is available on site. Of note is an RRGC calendar that is updated regularly. If you are aware of information that needs to be added to the calendar, please use the website links to contact either Russ Wyer or Greg Boeringa. Please note that Greg Boeringa has had an increased work load from his

employer and updates will take a little longer than we've all been accustomed to.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be March 19th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

WILD GAME RECIPES: It has been requested that members forward their favorite wild game recipe for inclusion in our newsletter and website for sharing. (I've surfed this section several times and there are some incredible recipes available.) Please share your recipes.

RAFFLES: Raffle tickets are \$1/each, 5 for \$3.00 or 10 for \$5.00. And you can select the Mystery Box which could change your life forever. Winners for the February meeting are as follows; 1. Camo Camp Chair – Marilyn Steele, 2. Stanley Thermos – Dustin Ney, 3. Hand Boating Flares – Tom Strycula, 4. Bucket Top Toilet Seat – Kevin Lockridge, 5. Walleye Box/Nitro Worms – James Reichert, 6. Walleye Box/Nitro Worms – RD Williams, 7. Walleye Box/Worms – Gerald Hayes, 8. Scales and Tails DVD – Joe Rodriguez, 9. Rod Buster Bait Egg Cure – Tony Fisher, 10. Rod Buster Bait Egg Cure – Miles Fisher, 11. Mystery Box – Item Unknown – Treavor Guest.

WOOD DUCK BOXES: Dale Schielke reported that the geo-locator bands are now on hand. Dale is now testing via a trial run connecting to You Tube for broadcasting. The advantage may be that the broadcast can incorporate sound. Wood duck box clean-out will start in late January and continue through late March. He expects to start banding hens with the geo-locators in April.

The annual Wood Duck Boxes clean out started but has been interrupted due to the weather and snowfall. Presently Dale reports that 92 boxes of the 462 wood duck boxes were inspected and cleaned. As soon as the weather becomes more seasonal, the effort will start again.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** Mike Estes reported that the University of Idaho, School of Natural Resources has posted the notice for the scholarship. The liaison for the School has committed to informing all faculty that the application form was available for downloading. All applications are due by the 15th of April.

2. Gene Van Liew informed the Board that salmon egg delivery for Salmon in the Classroom has been completed. Due to the reduced number of eggs this year, some schools only received 40 eggs per tank and other schools received 100 eggs per tank. Presently the sack fry are growing into smolt stage. Gene can be reached at 509 578 6811.

3. KOE Kids Fishing Event will take place at the Family Fishing Pond on Friday April 12th and Saturday, April 13th.

4. Columbia Park RRGCM Memorial Shelter Sign. The city of Kennewick has agreed to replace the shelter sign with a new much larger sign. This is the result of several months of effort by Mike Estes and Shannon Lackey.

5. Annual Audit. John Merk and Melissa Huston performed the annual audit. The results are as follows; The Treasurer continues to provide detailed monthly financial reports to the Board of Directors that identify receipts, disbursements, and bank account and certificate of deposit balances. Reports also include an approved Use of Funds List, an annual Financial recap of receipts and expenditures by month, and an annual cash flow analysis showing income and expenditures by activity category by month. These recaps and reports assist the Board to make informed financial decisions. The audit results were accepted by the Board.

6. The City of Richland Park Master Plan Update was reviewed by Mike Estes and Shannon Lackey. Mike provided input to the city representatives as to what RRGCM believes would improve the present conditions and make access to the shorelines more productive for fishing.

7. National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) Tournament.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) tournament on March 9th at Enterprise Middle School. Enterprise Middle School will host an Eastern Washington satellite competition for the 2019 NASP Washington State Championship. Volunteers need not have experience, instruction on duties will be provided. They expect to have 6 flights of archers shooting starting at 8:30 AM and lasting to about 4:30 PM. This year in addition to the standard archery target there will be a 3D shoot also. Volunteers can assist for several hours or all day if desired. Call Dale Schielke 375-0183 for more information or to volunteer.

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH:

No photos were submitted this month.

SHOUT OUTS:

1. Thanks to the following folks for their donations for the Wild Game Dinner. Gaylord Pyle, Ben Hooper, John Prather, John Merk, Alec Markell, Mark Kerns, Mike Estes, Richard Sharp, Dakota Schmeider, John Cooper, Tony Umek, Charles Krause, Todd Hennick, Harley Schuette, Shannon Lackey, Packy Lackey, William Lambert, Dave Myers, Dale Schielke, Dan Evans, Josh Evans, Andrew Templeton and Monty Kelsey. If you have elk or venison roast you would like to donate, please bring it to the General Membership Meeting on the 5th of March.

WANT ADS:

Tony Umek is selling an inflatable Skeeter Pontoon Boat. (For some reason the picture will not attach.) He is asking for \$150 or best offer.

