



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

(INCORPORATED)

A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization

P.O. BOX 337

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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Carla Boeringa, Secretary (509) 375-7791

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

Next General Meeting – March 1st, 7:00 PM at Richland Public Library

Next Board Meeting- Tuesday March 15th, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

April Newsletter Contribution Deadline is March 22nd email:

admin@richlandrodandgun.org

March 1st General Membership Meeting at Richland Public Library

Our presenter for this meeting will be Doug Stanley from Hicks Creek Fur

Kids Fishing Day Volunteers Needed

We need persons interested in helping with organizing the Kids Fishing day. If you would like to help and have a preference of a meeting time let Marilyn Steele know via email to momhoops46@gmail.com or text to 509-392-2128. The fishing day(s) are April 22 and 23.

Membership dues 2022-2023

Be sure to check your email for your membership dues reminder. Also if you have changed your email address, your home address, or your phone number please let us know. You can update your data <https://www.richlandrodandgun.org/contact> Scroll down to the form that says Update My Contact Information.

If you did **not** receive an email saying your dues are due then you are current and **do not** owe this year

Officer and Trustee Elections

At the March General Meeting we will be doing our annual election of officers and trustees. Below is the list of members up for election so please review before you come to the meeting. Thank you

President – Dustin Ney, **Vice President** - Matt Cummins, **Treasurer** – Rick Libby, **Secretary** – Carla Boeringa. **Trustees** – Richard Sharp, Packy Lackey, Mike Estes, Ben Burdett, Dale Schielke, Dave Myers, Gene Van Liew, Greg Boeringa, Frank Scopa, John Merk, John Prather, Larry Martin, Bruce Hewitt, Ron Moore, Connie Cummins, Paul Kison

Wood Duck Boxes

RRGC installed four wood duck nesting boxes on Whitcomb Island on February 9, 2022 to partially mitigate loss of nesting sites in trees that were burned in a September 2020 fire. Annual maintenance on the 515 RRG wood duck nesting boxes is progressing well. As of April 22nd we are 78% complete with cleaning out old nesting material, documenting last years usage, and installing new nesting wood shavings. The good progress we believe is due to great volunteers and the retrofitted box design of a side inspection door on a shorter pole. We have seen some increased abandonment of eggs which may be the result of the extremely hot weather during the latter part of the nesting period. About 50% of boxes have been used by wood ducks. Some areas have western screech owls utilizing the boxes, with 37 owls captured this year so far. Wood ducks will start exploring boxes soon and nesting will start in early April.



Wild Game Dinner Volunteers

March 4th at 6pm Planning Dinner for cooks, MC, recipes, help acquiring servers, raffle, alcohol, etc
Location: 41530 S. Morton Kennewick
Text 509-392-2128 if you will attend.

March 12th at 9:00am Bring knife and a cutting board. Lunch will be served.
Location: 215107 E Game Farm Rd Kennewick

March 13th 9:00am Freezable appetizers and/or mincemeat prep. Lunch will be served
Location: 41530 S. Morton Kennewick

April 8th Set up time TBD at the Fairgrounds Building 4 – use west gate

April 9th 8:00am Dinner and continued set up – use west gate.

April 10th 9:00am Clean up, use west gate

Wild Game Dinner

April 9, 2022 is the date for the Wild Game Dinner at the Fairgrounds. Our speaker will be Bill McIrvin who is a rancher and will discuss the issues regarding wolves. We are now taking meat and fish donations for the 2022 WGD. Please get in touch with Marilyn Steele 509-392-2128 or John Prather 509-521-1593 to get it in the RRG freezer.

Wild Game Dinner Tickets

A limited number of Wild Game Dinner tickets are still available. The event will be a sold-out, so if you have not purchased tickets get them soon! The price remains at \$20 each and available at the March 1st meeting.

Guzzler repair and future installations

Crew of Greg Herrin, Larry Noggles, Larry Martin and landowner Dave Moore refurbished guzzler #35 which was a complete loss from a wildfire. We should have taken more help on this one, it was a rough one due to the location, but we toughed it out. Southeast of Benton City, Weber Canyon, Dennis Road area. Pictured Greg Herrin & Larry Noggles.



2-17-22 Larry Martin and Mike Czebatar borrowed WDFW trailer and drove to Brian Coordes farm east of Mesa and picked up 3 guzzler tanks with tops and 2 sets of wood apron frames which had been pulled due to crop change. Brian gifted these to RRG value well over \$3,000 if purchased new. The guzzler parts were then delivered to Windmill Ranch storage shed. We'll get these guzzlers back in service in new locations as soon as possible. Please let Larry Martin know if you find someone who would like a guzzler on their property.
521-2554

Wild Game Dinner Ticket Refund

If you still have your Wild Game Tickets from 2020 and would like a refund, please bring your tickets to the next meeting or get in touch with Rick Libby at big_guy@charter.net or 509-627-5461 to arrange for that. These tickets will not be honored at the 2022 Wild Game Dinner

February General Meeting Presentation

We had a great presentation on training your hunting dog by Kevin and Kelley Merrick. Some tips were: It starts with obedience, and you must be in charge. Proper pressure to get the response you want. Know when to quit because your dog can have a bad day too. If you are going to use a professional trainer, be sure to check out everything about them and know the conditions you are putting your dog in.

There is a Hunt Test April 9th and 10th in Othello that they are needing help with. If you are 16 or over and passed Hunter Ed you can make \$125 per day. You may also help without Hunter Ed at \$75 per day. If you would like to give your dog some exercise and socialize with other dog owners check out The Sand and Sage Retriever Club. They routinely train the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday of each month. They move their training around Eastern Washington to accommodate its members and training topics. Up to date training can be found on their Facebook Page Events Tab.
<https://www.facebook.com/SandandSageRetrievers/>



WDFW January/February Director's Bulletin from Kelly Susewind

Mike Livingston the South Central Washington Regional Director Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife wanted us to share the Director's Bulletin with our members. This link will get you to the bulletin. Please check it out!
[Director's Bulletin | January/February 2022 | by The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife | Feb, 2022 | Medium](#)

Trailer Donation

To RRG members? A 12-14' trailer has been donated to RRG! It is up for sale! New tires and has been outfitted for small boat or kayak! Best offer over \$200 if no interest? It will be offered to public! Call Richard sharp, 509-551-6785 for details!



Lunker Lake Fish Wrap Up

The leftover fish from the Sportsman's Show kids fish pond were delivered to Lynn Tompkins Director of Blue Mountain Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation in Pendleton by Marilyn Steel and Larry Martin. Lynn gave the duo a tour of the facility. They were quite impressed seeing the rescued wildlife and facility. Pictured: Lynn and Marilyn in front of a recovering hawk.

