



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

(INCORPORATED)

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- www.richlandrodandgun.org/

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site – www.northwestgamerecipes.com

2018-2019 Officers

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

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NO GENERAL MEETING FOR JULY

BOARD MEETING—August 21st, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for September is August 26th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or
Email rrgsecretary@gmail.com

AUGUST PROGRAM: This is a reminder that the August General Membership Meeting is the annual Club Picnic. The picnic will occur on the 7th of August at Leslie Groves Park in Richland. The set-up will start at approximately 4:00 PM. The picnic will be over at approximately 8:00 PM. Please recall that RRGCC will furnish both salmon and chicken for smoking. The balance of the meal is Pot Luck. If your last name starts with the letters A through I, please bring a salad. If your name starts with the letters J through R, please bring a side dish. And if your name starts with the letters S through Z, please bring a dessert. RRGCC will furnish utensils and soft drinks. Please bring your own chairs, paper plates and mosquito repellent if you are attractive to mosquitoes. Please bring your best “truthful”

hunting/fishing story for veracity evaluation by other members. Perhaps you’ll win one of the prizes.

WHAT INTERESTS YOU? Mike Estes has provided the following for review by RRGCC members.

We appreciate each of our members for what they bring to our club. We have a core group of members who are involved in a variety of volunteer activities, from week to week and month to month, to the full extent of what their personal schedules will allow. Our thanks to every one of you. We have other members who, for whatever reason, we only see or hear from infrequently. That is okay because we know that membership means different things to different people, but the officers and trustees want to

make your membership as fulfilling to you as you want it to be.

Expectations are that RRG Board members will, to the extent possible, chair a standing committee and assist other committees to successfully complete a variety of projects and activities. This is sometimes referred to as a “working Board”. If you attend our general membership meetings or read our newsletters you should be aware of the multitude of activities and events in which we, as a club, are involved. There are more committees than there are Board members so it is difficult to do as much as we would like to do all of the time. The bottom line is that we can always use additional help.

What aren't we doing that you think we should, or what do you think we could do better? Do you have ideas for program topics or speakers that would interest you? Would you be willing to start a sub-group within RRG to focus specifically on waterfowl hunting, dog training, archery, muzzle loading, or some other facet or hunting or fishing, or coordinate a social outing with members who are similarly interested? How can we improve the monthly photo contest to entice more participation? If there was a vacancy on the Board, would you be interested in serving?

You are always welcome and encouraged to share your thoughts and ideas with any officer or trustee, or to attend any monthly Board meeting. If you have any suggestions after reading this, please call, text, or send an email to Mike Estes (509-551-9066, estes.mike@frontier.com). We value your input!

RRGC HISTORY: Howard Gardner and Russ Wyer are still compiling the history of RRG in the new website from documentation that dates back to 1945. Both Howard and Russ have taken it upon themselves to update as much of the RRG history as practical so that our legacy is preserved. Their continuing efforts are being published on the Club's website in the History Section.

CONSERVATION AND HABITAT: Larry Martin and Steve Jetty inspected and cleaned guzzlers 258, 259, 260, 271, and 272. Guzzlers 259 and 260 will need new rain catchment

aprons, we reset the aprons to catch water which hopefully will provide water until we can make repairs in the future. These guzzlers are not easily accessible and will need cooperation of nearby land owners. These guzzlers are north of Prosser along Rothrock and McClure roads.

GUZZLER REPAIR



Larry Martin and Steve Jetty

YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: Larry Martin reported that five boys were sponsored by RRG this year. Attendees were Daxton Cummings, Ambrose Gagallagos, Micah Little, Dakota Schmeider and Braydon Wodtli. Congratulations to Brock Thornton who has attended camp three times previously, was asked to be a camp counselor. Congratulations are also extended to Sammie Thornton (Brock's sister) for being selected as a camp counselor for the girls camp. The kids that attended will be making their camp presentations at the September General Meeting.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There are no new members for the month of July.

Please keep in mind that without new membership and specifically younger members, RRG 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. RRG needs more younger and actively involved members.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth reports the last class for the year will start 10th of September as a night time class. Online

enrollment for the September class will take place in late August.

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 will be a third Introduction to Firearms Class on the 20th of October. Ron will need volunteers to assist with the classroom training. Ron reported that there have been a lot of positive comments from those that have attended.

GAME RECOVERY:

Chris Mosher reported that one kill permit was filled by a farmer in the Plymouth area. Chris reported that by the time the meat was in his possession that the carcass was in questionable shape but he was able to salvage approximately 40 pounds of meat that was donated to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco.

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

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.

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 rrgsecretary@gmail.com. You will get quicker delivery and save us money.

QUALITY TRIP PROPOSAL: Kirby Hammond won the Quality Trip at the Wild Game Dinner. He will give a presentation of the trip that he and Richard Sharp made to the west coast of Washington State for a discovery trip of

charter possibilities, bottom fishing and exploration of the coast and surrounding areas from Neah bay, La Push, to Westport! Searching out new destinations and opportunities for coastal fishing, Available Charters, clam digging, crabbing, and sightseeing both inland fresh and saltwater! Meeting with charter captains and making new friends along with acquiring fish for the Wild Game Dinner in March of next year. The travel will occur and both Kirby and his club partner Richard Sharp will not be pressured to get in and get out! The Board approved the trip.

501(c)(3) STATUS: Now that we are a Tax Exempt Organization, RRGc must make some decisions how we can best utilize our status. If you have any ideas, please forward them to Mike Estes at estes.mike@frontier.com. Good ideas come from everywhere.

A temporary committee has been established to address a generous donation that has been made to RRGc. This is in keeping with how we will address and conduct ourselves as regarding donations. More information will be given in next month's newsletter when the information is ready to be made available for the general membership.

RRGC WEB PAGE: Russ Wyer and Greg Boeringa continue their efforts to now 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.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be August 21st 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

RAFFLES: Given that the State of Washington requires a Gaming License for raffles, RRGC was unable to conduct raffles at the General Meetings. Since our 501 (c)(3) status was approved by the IRS, RRGC is now in the process of applying for a gambling license. The application process is somewhat cumbersome since there is not only legal compliance but the investigation of the organization and certain officers and individuals within the organization. If any of the members have any questions regarding RRGC's involvement with the process, please direct your questions to Mike Estes. If any of the RRGC members would like to become involved, again, direct your inquiry to Mike Estes. Shannon Lackey and Carla Boeringa continue to research the State regulations and the impacts to RRGC. At this time, further research and discussion ought to tell us whether it will be worthwhile for RRGC to obtain a license.

WOOD DUCK BOXES: The wood duck nesting season is over. Dale efforts captured 14 wood duck hatches/jumps. The video feed that allowed the live jumps to be fed to the internet. The Upstream feed will not be available next year. Dale will be looking for another video feed.

SALMON BOOTH 2018: SALMON BOOTH 2018: Dale Schielke & Dave Myers The 34rd Anniversary of the Salmon Booth in the Art in the Park Show is over, impacted this year by the HOT weather. Late afternoon/evening sales were minimal to non-existent. This year each of the two clubs will receive about \$2,418, based on preliminary calculations. The "Salmon Sandwich", in its 20th year, continues to be a good seller. The fifth year of the Chicken Dinner provided a non-fish alternative, but sales were less than anticipated. A total of 306 pounds of salmon fillets were prepared and served as sandwiches or dinners; and ~120 pounds of chicken thighs and breasts were barbequed for dinners. The unused chicken and salmon purchased is being used for both the CBFC and RRGC picnics. We

estimate that we served about 400 salmon dinners, 500 salmon sandwiches, 120 chicken dinners, 280 bottles of water, and 140 bottles of pop. We continue to get many compliments on the dinners and sandwiches.

We would like to give *special* thanks to the Riverside Restaurant and Lounge at the Shilo Inn for providing refrigerated space for us to store the salmon and space to marinate the fillets. We cooked the salmon and chicken on the RRGC's towable Traeger grill, which proved to be very convenient and much easier to manage the cooking temperatures. John Pfeiffer and Rich Holton plus their "booth crew" again did a great job with the booth setup, tear down and storage - thanks. Thank you Frank Scopa for the loan of your Smoke Vault used for hot holding, enclosed trailer with freezer, and the Honda generators for supplemental power. We also appreciate the loan of the enclosed trailer from KOE that was used for secure storage of supplies at the park - thanks! Thanks also to Gaylord Pyle for the many years of providing a storage container to store our cookers and associated equipment/supplies needed for the booth. Lastly, but not least, *thanks* to Dave Myers and Frank Scopa for helping on all the shifts plus assisting in delivering and returning all the various supplies used for the Salmon Booth operation.

Activities associated with the Salmon Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to a great group of volunteers which includes the following members of both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and Columbia Basin Fly Casters: John Pfeiffer, Dale Schielke(8), Jack Pickard(2), Russ Wyer, Gene VanLiew(2), David Myers(8), Carol Myers(2), Mike Estes(2), Larry Martin(4), Jeff Fulks(2), Margaret Fulks, Frank Scopa(8), Richard Santos, Dennis Collins(2), Jim Loomis, Mike Wade(4), Rick Libby(2), Ray Williams, Lou LaDouceur, Ron Ruth, Ted Poston, Vince Pickering, Jeff Drowley(2), Marilyn Steele(2), Rocky Ross, Pam Anderson, Mike McWethy(2), Wanda Shearer(2), Dennis Kreid, Rich Holton(2), Rod Gilge, Bill Frier, Craig Anderson, Rob Thornton, Mike Schmitz(2), Shannon Lackey(2), Packy Lackey(2), Ted Lewis, Dan Robertson, Tom Klein, Tony Umek, Bruce Groth, Joe Delaney, John Merk, Gerald Bloom(2), Denny

Myers, and Richard Sharp(2). The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered.



NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Mike Estes informed the Executive Board that he wants to activate the committees as annotated in the amended bylaws. In order for this to happen, there will need to be additional active members involved. Mike will be contacting members to ask for their assistance and further involvement.

2. Volunteer opportunities are available at the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge. Possible activities are pending dates and confirmation, Duck Conservation Day. RRGc will be involved if this occurs. Refuge Clean-Up Day. Environmental Education Center at the McNary NWR in Burbank. This would occur from July to October.

Please contact Denise McInturff. Denise can be reached at 509 546 8332 (office). Her email address is denise_mcinturff@fws.gov.

McNary Duck Conservation Day - The RRGc is working with staff at McNary Refuge to try to coordinate a Duck Conservation Day for kids on Saturday September 8th. Activities proposed include duck banding, retriever dog demonstration, wood duck nest boxes, what do duck eat, and taxidermy demonstration. Volunteers are needed for the different venues and to work with the duck traps several days before the event. If you would like to help contact Dale Schielke at 375-0183.

SHOUT OUTS AND WANT ADS:

No Want Ads This Month.



Shout Out

Thanks to all of the volunteers for the preparation, cooking and serving of the gourmet food. I purchased left over chicken and two salmon fillets. Incredible meals. Frank Scopa

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Mike Estes with a Merriam's Gobbler, taken in Steven's County, WA. Photo taken by Paul Logman on April 29, 2010. Not the unusual white striations on the center tail feather.

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