



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

(INCORPORATED)

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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- <http://rrgclub.tripod.com/clubhome>

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

Northwest Game Recipes Web Site – www.northwestgamerecipes.com

2016-2017 Officers

Richard Sharp, President	586-4790	Richard Libby, Treas.	947-0498
Ben Burdett, Vice-President	582-0103	Frank Scopa, Sec.	438-9459

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday March 6th, Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, March 20th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – March 25th, Call Frank Scopa at 438-9459 or

Email rrgsecretary@gmail.com

MARCH PROGRAM: The guest speaker for the March General Meeting will be the father and son team of Stacy and Dalton McCorkle. The subject will be Washington turkey slam strategies. Both of these gentlemen have been very successful.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND

TRUSTEES: The annual election of officers and trustees will occur at the March general membership meeting. The elected officers and trustees comprise the Board of Directors and serve from April 1 through March 31 of the following year. The members named herein are recommended for election. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the March 6, 2018 meeting, with the concurrence of the person being nominated.

President – Mike Estes; Vice-President – Richard Sharp; Treasurer – Richard Libby; Secretary – Frank Scopa; Trustees (15) – Carla Boeringa, Greg Boeringa, Ben Burdett, Kirby Hammond, Paul Kison, Larry Martin, John Merk, Chris Mosher, Dave Myers, Jack Pickard, John Prather, Dale Schielke, Bob Scott, Gene Van Liew, and Russ Wyer.

IN MEMORIAM OF RICHARD (DICK)

LEWIS: The Richland Rod and Gun Club offers their condolences on the passing of Club member Dick Lewis on January 29, 2018 at the age of 84. He was a lifelong member of the NRA. Dick joined the Club in 1962, was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1964, Secretary in 1965, Vice President in 1966 and President in 1967. He received the first Distinguished

Service Award in 1975. He was District Director and the Club's representative to the Washington State Sportsmen's Council (WSSC) for 14 years. He reviewed quarterly resolutions for Club approval and attended the WWSC for four annual meetings. He was elected President of the WSSC in 1977. The WWSC was disbanded in the 1990's. He was on the Club's Board of Trustees for 14 years. He was the chairman of the Legislative Committee. He volunteered on many Club projects including:

1. Presented opposition to Ben Franklin Dam in 1967.
2. Led a backpack trip to the Enchantment Lakes in 1968.
3. Participated in the management study of Potholes Reservoir in 1970.
4. Led a tree planting effort at McNary Dam and Dalton Lake in 1971.
5. Helped to build, repair and clean guzzlers.
6. Was a Team Captain on fund raising raffles for RRG.
7. Represented the RRG at the Pacific Northwest Conservation Council in Moscow, ID in 1977.
8. Participated in Governor Dixy Ray's 1977 committee on issues of concern to sportsmen.
9. Participated in a meeting with the State Game Commission for establishing game limits in 1977.
10. Participated as a representative of RRG on trespass issues within Franklin County.
11. Won a place on RRG's Salmon fishing trips four times.
12. Shot on RRG's trap and skeet teams in 1978 and 1979.
13. Won RRG's Quality Hunt Prize in 1978.

In 1980, Dick left the area for a job outside of Washington State. Dick was a very active club member and contributed a great deal to the success of the RRG during his membership. As a sign of Dick's generous spirit, he requested that in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to Richland Rod and Gun Club.

Our deepest sympathy to his family.

CONSERVATION /HABITAT: No work was reported for the month of February. However, Larry is always in need of volunteers to assist. Contact Larry at 509 545 9647 if you are able to donate a half day or so.

Larry has been posting photos to the RRG Facebook page from both of the game cameras. Larry has also posted the recipe for "How to cook a coyote" on Facebook. This was also shared with a coyote hunters organization on line. Richard reported that they list 41,000 members on line.

As previously reported, the \$2400 ALEA Grant that was awarded through WDFW is being utilized for repair materials for the guzzlers.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There were twelve new membership applications for the month of February. The new members are Frank Cowing (individual), Tyler Brown (individual), Wayne Long (family), Rick McFall (individual), Dennis Myers (individual), David Miller (individual), Scott Loparco (individual), Todd Hennick & Melissa Huston (family), William Mahon (individual), Rick Mahon (individual) and Dwayne Locker (individual). Please welcome them at the next general meeting on Tuesday, March 6th. Our current membership stands at 175 individual and family memberships as of the 25th of February, 2018

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 reported to the Executive Board that the next Hunters Education Class would be during the School Spring Break of 2018. Please contact Ron at 509 737 7350 if you are interested in volunteering and/or becoming a state certified instructor. Presently there are three classes scheduled for 2018. The first class will start on April 2nd as a daytime class. The next class will start the 25th of June as a daytime class. The last class will start 10th of September as a night time class.

Ron also reported that RRGC has been approached about giving an introduction to firearms class for the general public. At the present time, Ron is seeking WDFW involvement as well as range time from the Tri-Cities Metallic Shooting Association. All information is preliminary at this time as to dates and organizations involvement. If you know of someone who would benefit from a class, please inform them and let Ron know of their interest. Preliminary information for enrollment will be through Ron's email address. As soon as the dates are established, Ron's email address will be published. RRGC will provide the classroom instruction. TCMSA personnel will provide the range instruction.

On the 17th of February, there was a youth pheasant hunt for graduates of our Hunters Education Class. There were 28 invitations extended and 22 former students showed up. Of the 22 students that showed up, 18 successfully shot pheasants. 102 birds were released for the hunt. Pheasants Forever provided both the birds and the meal. The hunt has held at the Limits Game Farm. Sponsors for the Youth Hunt were WDFW, Griggs and Pheasants Forever. There were sufficient numbers of volunteer mentors and dog handlers with their dogs for the event.

GAME RECOVERY:

There was no game recovery for the month of January. If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris Mosher at 509 302 5171.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM: At the present time, the hatched salmon eggs are transitioning from sack fry to smolt. Until the Salmon Summit occurs in May, there should be no further reports.

SPORTSMAN'S SHOW: The fish count for the Sportsman's Show was provided as follows; Friday catch – 257 trout, Saturday catch – 949 trout, Sunday catch – 233 trout. There were 290 trout that remained uncaught at the end of the show. 140 trout had colored tags which qualified for prizes. No count as to how many tagged fish were caught. There were a total of 1,729 trout provided for Lunker Lake.

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

501(C)(3) STATUS: Mike Estes and Rick Libby report that all information and fees have been submitted to the IRS for review. The IRS has acknowledged receipt of our application. We now wait for review and approval. This effort has been in process for approximately four years. Hopefully the next step will be approval by IRS.

WILD GAME DINNER:

A. The speaker for the WGD will be Gary Lewis. He is the author of 16 books and host of the TV show Frontier Unlimited, has hunted and fished seven countries and across much of the American West. Lewis, in his role as an observer and a chronicler, has definite views on the role conservation plays in society and in our natural world. For the RRGC, Lewis will entertain with a look at hunters and the hunt, from within the ranks of the sportsman and from without. He will challenge some of your cherished views, give you a reason to plan your next adventure and provide a road map for the future of conservation.

Biography for Mr. Lewis. Gary Lewis is an outdoor writer, speaker, photographer and TV host who makes his home in Central Oregon. He has hunted and fished in seven countries and across the United States. Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, he has been walking forest trails and running rivers for as long as he can remember. He is twice past president of the Northwest Outdoor Writers Association (NOWA) and was recently presented with NOWA's prestigious Enos Bradner Award.

Lewis is a columnist for *The Bend Bulletin*, a Contributing Editor for *Successful Hunter* magazine, a humor columnist and a regular contributor for many magazines and newspapers.

Lewis is host of *Frontier Unlimited*, a TV show, and is the author of 16 books. Titles include *FISHING Central Oregon, Fishing Mount Hood Country, A Bear Hunter's Guide to the Universe, Gary Lewis's Hunting Oregon, Oregon Lake Maps and Fishing Guide, Idaho River Maps and Fishing Guide, John Nosler – Going Ballistic, Deer Hunting Tactics for Today's Big Game Hunter, Freshwater Fishing Oregon & Washington*, Sun Publishing's *Hunting Oregon*.

Many of his books have won Excellence in Craft awards and he has received numerous awards for his newspaper columns and magazine articles. His stories have appeared in *Covey Rise, Sports Afield, American Handgunner, Bear Hunting, Cabela's Outfitter Journal, Rifle, Successful Hunter, African Hunting Gazette, Boating Sportsman, Houseboat, Traditional Bowhunter, Mule Deer Foundation, African Hunter, Flyfishing and Tying Journal, Game & Fish magazines, Oregon Hunter, Salmon Trout Steelheader* and more.

Lewis, through his association with other outdoor writers, met long-time writer Ed Park, a frequent contributor to *Outdoor Life, Field and Stream, Sports Afield* and other publications. Lewis and Park were good friends from 1999 through 2008, when Ed Park passed away. Lewis counts Ed Park, Bob Nosler and John Nosler as his mentors.

Gary Lewis lives in Central Oregon with his wife and three camo-clad daughters.

B. Attention deer, elk, duck, goose, and upland bird hunters. Also this is for walleye, bass, and salmon fishermen. Whether you shot it or caught it, we need your meat donations for the 2017 Wild Game Dinner. When you are successful on your outings, please consider sharing a portion of your bounty for the WGD. John Prather has graciously volunteered his freezers for storage of donated meat. Frozen meat can be transferred to John at any general membership or Board meeting or you can call John to make other arrangements. There will be ice chests at the Richland Public Library. 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. No ground meat, please due to the risk of contamination. John can be reached at (509) 521-1593 and Marilyn can be reached at 509 392 2128 or momhoops46@gmail.com.

Game meat donations are needed. This is now February and the need will exist right up until the middle of March. Marilyn has established the 3rd of March for making sausage. This will take at least one day perhaps two. A separate email will be sent out as a reminder.

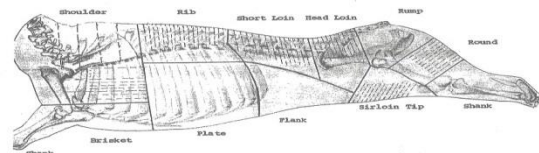
March 3rd – Sausage prep at John Prather's shop. Work will be begin at 10:00AM. John's shop is located at 215107 E. Game Farm Road, Kennewick.

March 23rd – Spaghetti dinner at Ben Hooper's residence, 41530 S. Morton Road, Kennewick at 5:00 PM. The dinner will be followed by roast and skewer preparation at John Prather's shop.

March 24th, volunteers are needed for the food preparation for the Wild Game Dinner. The food preparation effort will start at 8:00 AM behind the Shilo Inn. For those that have done this before, you know the drill. For those who have not, please make your inquiries at the General Membership Meeting on the 6th.

It will take up to 30 volunteers on Saturday to complete the preparation of the food for the WGD.

C. Cuts of Meat



D. Prizes for the WGD. Paul Kison and John Prather have started the annual effort to obtain donated prizes. Paul can be reached at his cell 509 851 2634 or pfkison@aol.com. John can be reached at his cell 509 521 1593 cowboy_jp82@msn.com. Members can obtain

a RRGC donation letter signed by Richard Sharp for presentation to prospective donors.

As of the 25th of February, the following guide service companies have offered to provide free guided fishing trips as donated prizes for the Wild Game Dinner. The guide services are as follows;

1. Munden's Rising Son Adventures, 509 492 8852, 2 persons, value \$400.
2. Flatout Fishing, 509 302 1240, 4 persons, \$600 value.
3. Going Fishing Guide Service, 509 430 6448, 2 persons, \$370 value.
4. Hedden's Northwest Sportfishing, 509 521 8620, 2 persons, \$400 value.
5. Atomic Anglers Guide Service, 509 539 1293, 4 persons, \$600 value.
6. Fisher's Catch Outfitters, 509 727 7137, 4 persons, \$600 value.
7. School of Chrome, 509 845 0212, 2 persons, \$400 value.

Here's a hint, if you are looking for a guided trip soon, please support these guide services since they support RRGC.

E. Tickets will be available at meetings and from Dale Schielke 375-0183. Tables can be reserved for a book of tickets purchased or if you coordinate 10 tickets purchased between friends (must all be paid for at time of reservation). Youth age 16 and under attending the Wild Game Dinner will receive a special raffle ticket at the door for a youth only prize - Guided Youth Shad Fishing Trip by Capt. Jerry Reyes of Flatout Fishing. As of the 25th of February, approximately 200 tickets of the total 300 available, have been purchased.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Mike Estes has established a point of contact at the University of Idaho, College of Natural Resources. This is to ensure that students are made aware of the three \$1,000 scholarships that RRGC will award for the Fall of 2018. The deadline for the applications is the 16th of April. Student majors must be related to natural resources in order to be considered.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be March 20th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunters' 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.

GENERAL MEETING RAFFLES: Given that the State of Washington requires a Gaming License for raffles, RRGC cannot continue our previous practice of conducting raffles at the General Meetings. It was decided that in order to fully comply with the State of Washington requirements, RRGC will apply at a later date for the license upon approval of our 501(c)(3) status by IRS. That's the reason why we have not had a raffle for a number of months. Please bear with us. However, we are now conducting Door Prize Drawings at the general meetings. There were 8 prizes won at the February General Meeting. The items and winners were as follows; 1. Panfish scent-a-way soap, Joshua Sullins, 2. Multi-tool, Lester Meier, 3. Clay Pigeon Thrower, No-Name, 4. Large Plano Tackle Box, Pat Lowery, 5. Walleye Tackle/Nitro Worms, Paul Kison, 6. Walleye Tackle/Nitro Worms, Dave Gerdes, Extendable Net, Regan Hurlburt and the Mystery Box, Bruce Hewitt.

WOOD DUCK BOXES: Dale Schielke reported that as of the 20th of February 46% of wood duck boxes had been checked. This amounts to approximately 198 boxes have been checked and cleaned for the spring hatch.

NEW BUSINESS:

The RRGC Officers and Board Members have approved the purchase of a Traeger Double Commercial Pellet Grill and Trailer. The purchase will allow RRGC the use of a smoker/grill of its own. Delivery can take up to 8 weeks.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 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 3rd at Enterprise Middle School in West Richland. Enterprise Middle School will host an Eastern Washington satellite competition for the 2018 NASP Washington State Championship. Volunteers need not have experience, instruction on duties will be provided. They expect to have 7 flights of archers shooting starting at 9 AM and lasting to about 5:30 PM. About 5 volunteers for each flight are needed, and can assist for one flight or all day if desired. The flight times are: 9 am, 10:15 am, 11:30 am, 12:45 pm, 2 pm, 3:15 pm, and 4:30 pm. Volunteers should come 30 minutes before the first flight they are working to get information on duties. Please contact Dale Schielke at 509 375 0183 if you are able to assist or would like more information.

WANT ADS AND SHOUT-OUTS:

Thanks to the volunteers for their participation in the Youth Pheasant Hunt. Also thanks to WDFW, Pheasants Forever and Limits Game Farm (Dave Piovesan).

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PHOTOS OF THE MONTH:



Youth Pheasant Hunters



Youth Pheasant Hunt Volunteers

Both photos were taken by Ron Ruth

