



RICHLAND 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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Club Website- www.richlandrodandgun.org

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2022/2023 Officers

President	Secretary	Treasurer
Matt Cummings (509) 948-4905	Carla Boeringa (509) 375-7791	Richard Libby (509)947-0498

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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

Next Board Meeting- March 21st, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

April Newsletter Contribution Deadline is March 22nd email:

admin@richlandrodandgun.org

March 7th General Meeting Presentation

7:00pm at the Richland Public Library

Presenter's will be Jack Inions a local fishing guide will be giving a seminar on Spring Walleye and Salmon.

Wild Game Dinner Prep

Here are the upcoming dates for Wild Game Dinner preparations:

March 4 - 10am - Mincemeat

Come and learn what goes into our Mincemeat pies. Chop some apples and try the clam chowder – pick some crab, debone some trout, slice, and brine some goose breast!

March 5 - 10am - Crab cakes, smoked trout cakes and teriyaki goose breast.

Turn the crab, trout, and goose into appetizers. Soup for lunch all taking place at Marilyn Steele's 41530 S Morton Rd.

March 24th – Set up for the Dinner at 9:00am Fair Grounds.

- Food Prep at 5:00 pm Fair Grounds.

RRGC March Election of Officers and Trustees

According to our By-Laws: 4.4: With the exception of the Immediate Past President, the Officers and Trustees shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the March general membership meeting. They will assume the responsibilities of their offices at the April general membership meeting. The list of Officers and Trustees recommended by the Nominating Committee to be voted on at the March General Membership Meeting is as follows:

Officers Recommended For Election March 2023

President - Matt Cummings
Vice President – No Candidate
Treasurer - Rick Libby
Secretary – Carla Boeringa

Trustees Recommended For Election March 2023

Packy Lackey	Dave Myers	Dale Schielke
Larry Martin	John Prather	Mike Estes
John Merk	Gene Van Liew	Paul Kison
Ron Moore	Bruce Hewitt	Connie Cummings
Dave Miller	Peter Workman	Monte Kelsey

Nominations for Vice President and all other positions can be made from the floor during the meeting with the exception of the Past President.

Lunker Lake Numbers for 2023

RRGC had its best year yet for Lunker Lake! Here are the numbers:

- Fish count Friday 238 Funds \$740
- Fish count Saturday 702 Funds \$2,019.25
- Fish count Sunday 231 Funds \$1000 Sportsman's Warehouse
- End of Show count 134 Funds \$250 Shuyler Productions
- Totals 1305 \$4009.25

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make Lunker Lake successful!

Wild Game Dinner Tickets and Quality Trip Tickets

Tickets for the Wild Game Dinner (\$25 each) and Quality Trip Tickets (\$25) will be on sale at both the next General Meetings on Feb 7th and Mar 7th. We will have the ability at those times to take cards as well as cash. Don't forget you have to be a member to participate in the Quality Trip raffle and to make sure and get your tickets for both the dinner and the raffle early!!!

KOE Kids Fishing Day

April 21st and 22nd are the dates for Kids Fishing Day so mark your calendars. However, there is preparation to do before the event. April 1st will be a rod building even at Griggs Hunter Ed room in Pasco starting at 9:00am. Sausage Daddy will be providing food for this gathering and if you would like to pick up rods to take home and put together you may pick them up at this time.

Youth Conservation Camp

If you have kids, grandkids or know of kids ages 12 – 16 interested in the Youth Conservation Camp on Orcus Island please send Larry Martin and email at larry49martin@gmail.com RRGC sponsors a number of kids for this camp. Registration will take place in February and the camps are July 16th – 22nd for girls and July 23rd – 29th for boys.

We currently have 4 campers registering for this summer! If you have a prospective camper there is still time to have them registered.

Yakima Delta Ecosystem Restoration

Public information meetings were held at the Reach Museum on February 23 to discuss a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plan to breach the causeway to Bateman Island to improve migration of adult salmonids up the Yakima River and reduce predation on outbound juvenile salmonids in the river delta. The Corps' preferred alternative is a complete removal of the causeway. Concerns with the preferred alternative include potential impacts to the West Columbia Park boat launch and marina during high water and ice floe breakup, loss of pedestrian access to the island for recreation, obstruction to fighting fires on the island, and loosing potentially harmful contaminants that have accumulated in the river delta through siltation since construction of McNary Dam nearly 70 years ago.

Public comments about the plan will be accepted until March 10, 2023 online, via mail, or via email. To view the draft report and for more information visit the project website at <https://www.nww.usace.mil/Missions/Projects/yakima-river-delta-ecological-restoration/>

RRGC Memorial Scholarship

RRGC has been offering scholarships to college students pursuing a conservation related degree since 1993. Students must have enough academic credits to at least be of junior undergraduate status for the upcoming fall registration.

Scholarship winners have majored in Wildlife Biology, Wildlife and Fisheries Resources, Wildlife Management, Rangeland Ecology and Management, Fire Ecology and Rangeland Conservation, Ecology and Conservation Biology, and Biology Entomology. A few recipients were working on Masters degrees or were PhD candidates.

Application instructions and forms are posted near the bottom of the RRG home page (most likely the page on which you are reading this newsletter). Applications must be postmarked by April 10, 2023 or submitted via email by April 15, 2023.

Please share this opportunity with anyone who you feel might qualify, or call Mike Estes (509-551-9066) for assistance.

Wood Duck Education and Boxes

It's that time of year and again and Dale Schielke and John Merk are busy cleaning and doing maintenance on wood duck boxes in preparation for nesting season. In addition to that Libby Middle School, Richland Homelink, and a couple girl and boy scout groups are building boxes and learning all about wood ducks. Some are even going on a field trip to see what it's all about firsthand. Dale has also submitted the ALEA grant for the 2023-25 Youth Education and Wood Duck Enhancement from the Richland Rod and Gun Club to WDFW. It is currently being reviewed.

Recall Petition for WDFW Commissioner Lorna Smith

[Petition · DEMAND Lorna Smith resign from Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife \(WDFW\) Commission! · Change.org](#)

This is a link to a petition to recall WDFW Commissioner Lorna Smith. She is one of the reasons the spring bear hunt was cancelled. RRG is not taking a position on this recall petition but wanted to let our members know about it, inform themselves and make their own decision on whether to sign it or not. RRG did send a letter to the WDFW Chairperson Barbara Baker and copied the head of WDFW Kelley Susewind expressing our extreme disappointment with the decision last year.

Intro to Fishing Class

Richard Sharp with the assistance of other RRG members put on a fabulous Introduction to Fishing Class on March 23rd at the Richland Public Library. The class was well attended with 40 students of all ages. Kids with parents, young adults and adults all gathered to have the benefit of Richard's knowledge. They learned about rods, reels, bait and tackle along with where and how to fish our local area for trout, bass, and crappie. The class got hands on experience tying knots, rigging a set up for trout and baiting a hook. There was also a raffle where one lucky student got a rod and reel all set up plus a tackle box with everything they need to go out and start fishing.



2023 Youth Pheasant Hunt

This year's 2023 Hunter Ed Pheasant Hunt was held on February 18th at the Limits Game Farm. There were 20 hunter ed students present this year. The first group, started out at the Connell Gun Club with some clay bird shooting to warm the students up for their hunt. After clay bird shooting the first group went down to Limits Game Farm and was given a safety briefing for the upcoming hunt then paired up with mentors and dog handlers and proceeded to their hunting location. This year we had a couple of different hunting areas from the past couple of years that added some interesting opportunities.

The second group of students arrived around 10 am at the Connell Gun Club and proceeded to shoot clay birds warming them up for their hunt. After the second group finished shooting clay birds, they went down to Limits Game Farm and were met by the first group of students coming back from their hunt. At that time all the students attended a "hunting clinic" put on by Aaron Garcia of WDFW. At the end of Aaron's presentation WDFW game enforcement officer Brian Fuller spoke to the students about his role as a game enforcement officer. After the clinic everybody met in the main building where a awesome lunch was provided by Limits Game Farm and Pheasants Forever (PF). This year we fed over 110 people. The chicken, Tri Tip, and all the fixings were attacked, and nobody left the dining hall hungry. After lunch the second group of students was given a safety briefing for their upcoming hunt and paired up with mentors and dog handlers and proceeded to their hunt. Around 5:00 pm the afternoon hunters were back at Limits Game Farm with their harvest of birds. Pheasants Forever Ringold Chapter provided over 60 pheasants that were released for the two hunting groups. The weather was good. Almost all the student hunters got a bird, and all of them got to shoot at a bird. A lot of shooting was done by all the students and a lot of ammo was expended! Special thanks goes out to several of the sponsors of this year's hunter ed pheasant hunt: McCary Meats for supplying Tri Tip, Ringold PF Chapter for purchasing and preparing the food and birds, Connell Gun Club for providing the facilities and clay bird thrower, Marilyn Steele for delicious desserts, Barry and Hugh McEachen for extra chairs and tables, WDFW for putting on the hunting clinic, and to Brian Fulton, enforcement officer, for his presentation, Richland Rod and Gun Club for providing guns to those students that didn't have one, and the ammunition for the clay bird shooting, and a very nice monetary donation, and Griggs Department Store in Pasco for the hunting ammunition and clay birds. Additionally special thanks to Wade and Angie Conant for all the behind the scenes help and providing the eye and ear protections, over 25 individuals who volunteered this year as either mentors or dog handlers, several PF volunteers who helped with the set up of the dining hall, did all the cooking, planted the pheasants, and showed the hunter ed students how to clean birds. And last but certainly not least a very special thanks to Dave and Pam Piovesan of Limits Game Farm for all the help, coordination, facilities, and making sure this year's hunter ed pheasant hunt was a success. Thanks to everybody!

Ron Ruth
Chief Hunter Ed Instructor

Photo of the Month



A photo taken by Ron Ruth from the 2023 Youth Pheasant Hunt on February 18th.

Guzzlers

Larry Martin was out on February 9th checking guzzlers to see if a couple of them needed repairs due to the fire last year in the area. Luckily they were good and not in need of repairs but did get cleaned up. On February 14th he went to check on a different guzzler and for the first time ever found one damaged by humans. There were shot gun holes, rock damage, rocks in the tank, and they tried to take the tank out but did not succeed. If you would like to help Larry he would really appreciate it. You can get in touch with him at larry49martin@gmail.com

Wild Game Dinner Presentation **“AN EVENING WITH A RACONTEUR”**

Butch, aka Cee Dub, followed in his dad’s footsteps as they hunted and fished all over SE Idaho for twenty plus years. Not only was his dad, Buzz, an avid outdoorsman, but he was a pretty good cook and a storyteller, too! As the old saying goes, “Like father, like son”!

Over the years, Butch has honed his ability as a storyteller, which many may be acquainted with from reading his Dutch oven cookbooks or attending his cooking demonstrations at sports shows. In his new book, *Chronicles of a Raconteur, Volume I*, Cee Dub left out all the recipes. Through his stories, he takes the reader on his journey from growing up as a snott-nosed kid in SE Idaho, through his college years, to being a grizzly bear trapper, a game warden, an undercover wildlife investigator, author, and television personality.

He will share some stories of his adventures with the audience.

Get Involved in RRGC

There has never been a better time to get involved in the club. The best way to start is by attending the monthly meetings. Come support the club and these speakers. Save the date on your calendar for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Richland Public Library.

Update your contact information!

If you have changed your address, your phone number, or your email address please use this link and scroll to the bottom of the page where it says "Update My Contact Information".

[Richland volunteer opportunities for members \(richlandrodandgun.org\)](http://richlandrodandgun.org)

Also get involved in one of our Committees:

Salmon in the Classroom: Gene Van Liew – e.van-liew@hotmail.com

Wild Game Dinner: Marilyn Steele – momhoops46@gmail.com

Wood Ducks: Dale Schielke – dahlialou@gmail.com

KOE – Kids Fishing Day: Marilyn Steele – momhoops46@gmail.com

Hunter Ed: Ron Ruth – RonRuth.HunterEd@frontier.com

Guzzlers: Larry Martin - larry49martin@gmail.com

Youth Conservation Camp - larry49martin@gmail.com

Scholarship: Mike Estes - estesm34@gmail.com

Website: Greg Boeringa – admin@richlandrodandgun.org

Lunker Lake: Matt Cummings – riverviewcounsel@gmail.com

Dale Schielke – dahlialou@gmail.com

RRGC Club Upcoming Activities

Wild Game Dinner Food Prep – March 3rd & 4th Marilyn's House

Wild Game Dinner – March 25th Fairgrounds

Hunter Education class at Griggs Pasco - April 3rd thru 8th -9 AM till Noon

Salmon Summit at Columbia Park - April 17th & 18th

KOE Rod Building Session – April 1st Hunter Ed Room at Grigg's in Pasco

KOE (Kids Fishing Day) April 22nd

Pikeminnow Fish-In – May 20th

Catfish Challenge – June

Hunter Education class at Griggs Pasco – June 23rd

Club Picnic - August

Photo Gallery

Intro to Fishing Class



Youth Pheasant Hunt



Sausage making for WGD



Meatball making for WGD

