



# 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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## 2015-2016 Officers

Mike Estes, Pres. 582-2212

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Frank Scopa, Sec. 375-4748

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## MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING-7 pm, Tuesday January 5th, Richland Public Library,  
955 Northgate Drive, Richland

BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, January 19th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE-January 24th, Call Frank Scopa at 375-4748 or

Ben Burdett at 582-0103 or e-mail [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com)

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**MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:** There was one new member that joined for the month of December. The new member is Tom Kline (individual). Please welcome him to RRGc at the next general meeting. Jennifer Gardner remains the Chair of the Membership Committee and can be reached at [JEN\\_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JEN_GARDNER11@YAHOO.COM). Jack Pickard is the acting Chair of the Membership Committee until further notice. Jack can be reached at 582-5397 or [Jlpick66@gmail.com](mailto:Jlpick66@gmail.com).

**JANUARY MEETING TOPIC:** Our guest speakers will be Tracy Kim and Ross Carrigan. Their program topic will be cold water walleye fishing tips and techniques. January and February is trophy walleye time. Richard will also present a “Tip of the Month” for the General Meeting. There were a total of 45 attendees at the December General Meeting. Of those in attendance, there were 7 visitors. Richard will promote the program with flyers at local sporting goods stores and the Tri-City Herald will be requested to publish a meeting announcement on the Saturday prior to the meeting.

**DECEMBER MEETING SUMMARY:** The speaker for the meeting was Mark Allen of Allen Marine Services and the subject was Cold Water Survival. Mark is very knowledgeable and provides both rescue and boater assistance and recovery services to our area. Some of the points brought up by Mark are as follows;

- Survival in cold water is a matter of minutes, generally less than 30.
- Most drownings occur within 6 feet of safety.
- Cold water immersion leads to shock and gasping while underwater. This leads to inhalation of water into the lungs, which leads to drowning.
- A Personal Floatation Device (PFD) must keep your head above water and keep you face up in order to keep your airway clear.

If available, additional floatation must be added to your chest area to improve your position in the water by keeping you face up and your head out of the water.

If wearing waders when you fall into the water, air trapped in the waders can cause exhaustion if you are not wearing a PFD due to the effort to keep your face above the water. This fatigue can lead to drowning.

- Attach a loud whistle to your PFD.
- It is recommended that an inflatable PFD have 38 pounds of floatation.
- Rescue tools should include a rope throw bag that can be thrown to and over someone in the water in order for them to grab the rope.
- A foam noodle with rope passed through the center can be used for ice conditions.
- Flares and flashers should be included with PFD kits.
- Satellite phone for emergency contact and use.
- Immersion in 45 degree water hypothermia will set in at approximately 30 minutes.
- The maximum amount of time before hypothermia sets in will be about 60 minutes.
- If immersed with your head above water, gasping will pass after one minute.
- It is expected that the average person is good for ten minutes of swimming before hypothermia sets in.
- Practice man overboard recovery by climbing back into a boat either over the side or the engine and transom.
- If you fall through ice, you can allow your sleeves to freeze to the ice surface in order to secure a means of pulling yourself out of the water and on to the ice.
- If you are able to pull yourself onto the ice surface, remain prone as you crawl off in order to distribute your weight.
- Screwdrivers or other pointed devices can be used to pull yourself out of the water and onto the ice surface.
- The best bet for self-rescue is to stay with the boat.

The four main points of rescue are “Reach, Row, Throw and Grab”. Non-swimmers that don’t wear a PFD have one chance for rescue. Children can drown in 20 seconds and adults can drown in 60 seconds. **Always file a float plan with a responsible person before heading out.**

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Mike Estes and Ben Burdett will conduct the annual audit of the RRG financial records in January. Rick Libby will notify the committee when the December bank statements are received. The audit results will be published for both the Board and General Membership.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Richard Sharp reported that recruitment of candidates has started and a candidate has informed Richard that he is interested in the Vice-President’s position. Members that are interested in Board membership positions or officer positions should get in touch with Richard at either his cell phone (509) 552-6785 or at [ospreytallons@yahoo.com](mailto:ospreytallons@yahoo.com).

**INCORPORATION COMMITTEE:** Jeff Gardner will be setting up a committee meeting after new year. The Articles of Incorporation will be revised and a draft will be discussed with Attorney Coke Roth to review for sufficiency and completeness as regarding the final submittal to the Washington Secretary of State for approval. The follow-up to the incorporation will be a determination as to whether RRG applies for 501(c)(3) non-profit status from IRS.

**GAME RECOVERY:** Chris Mosher reported that there have been no recoveries since the beginning of the month of December.

**USE OF FUNDS:** The following information is provided in order for the general membership to know how RRG funds are spent. Our income is derived from membership dues and earnings from Luncheon

Lake, the Wild Game Dinner, the Salmon Booth and Contributions. If you would like further information, contact Mike Estes or Rick Libby.

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Coastal Conversation Alliance	\$250	\$250
Columbia Dive Rescue	\$300	\$300
Delta Waterfowl	\$100	\$100
NRA Institute for Legislative Action (a)	\$250	\$250
USA Olympic Shooting Team	\$100	\$100
NRA Foundation	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$250</u>
Subtotal	\$1,000	\$1,250
<u>Youth Activities</u>		
Fitzner Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	\$1,000
Friends of Mid-Columbia Wildlife Refuge	\$200	\$250
Salmon in the Classroom	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$1,800</u>
Subtotal	\$2,700	\$3,050
Total	\$3,700	\$4,300

Other than the NRA-ILA donation, the amounts of the contributions were voted on and approved unanimously. The vote for the NRA ILA received 14 of 15 votes and was approved. The Fitzner Memorial Scholarship remains in the Use of Funds account at \$1,000. At the present time a volunteer has not come forward to chair the effort to award the scholarship. The Board is seeking a volunteer. The funds for “Salmon in the Classroom” were increased to \$1,800. The amount for this item was increased by \$300 in order for Rachel Little of the Benton County Conservation District to purchase the required equipment to make the recently donated fish tank operational. It was estimated by Rachel that the amount required would be approximately \$1,500. The additional \$300 was included to help mitigate the amount of money that the Conservation District would require to maintain the existing equipment.

**WILD GAME DINNER:** The 2016 Wild Game Dinner will be held March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Shilo Inn in Richland. Appetizers and no host cocktails will begin at 5 PM with dinner to be served at 6 PM. Tickets to the event will be available at the January meeting for \$20 per person or from Dale Schielke, who can be contacted at (509) 375 0183. The event is for members and guests only, not open to the public at large. The restriction of members and guests only is driven by the County Board of Health rules that preclude serving non-inspected wild game to the public. A variety of wild game dishes and appetizers will be served. A number of door prizes, raffle prizes, and a silent auction will be available. Marilyn Steele is the Chair for the WGD. Marilyn has asked for volunteers for the food preparation and kitchen help. If you are able to volunteer, please contact her at (509) 392-2128 or [momhoops@hotmail.com](mailto:momhoops@hotmail.com). (You can send Marilyn an email by clicking on the hyperlink.) Marilyn is maintaining the volunteer list.

The program at the 2016 Wild Game Dinner will be by local photographer John Clement. He will offer a multimedia digital slide presentation titled – “Photographing the Land and the Light” – creating Stories. John has a Masters of Photography Degree from the Professional Photographers of America. He has received over 60 regional, national and international awards for his work. One print, “Red Dawn” was named as one of the top photographs in the United States and has been hung in the permanent collection of the International Hall of Fame of Photography. We are looking forward to his presentation.

Paul Kison has agreed to accept the lead for soliciting, storing and organizing the donated items for the door prizes, raffles and silent auction. Paul reminds everyone that it is crucial that all prizes get to him by the day before the dinner. Paul can be reached at (509) 851-2634 (cell) or [pfkison@aol.com](mailto:pfkison@aol.com). John Prather will be assisting Paul with the prizes effort. There is a RRG letter on RRG letterhead that will explain and/or provide information for anyone soliciting donations. The letters will be made available upon request.

John Prather will be storing donated game meat for the WGD dinner. John will provide ice chests at each of the next three general meetings so that members can bring their donations to the general meetings. The following information must be provided for each wild game donation in order for the donation to be in compliance with WDFW regulations; Name of Hunter/Fisherman, Address, Hunting or Fishing License Number, Permit or Tag Number, the number and kind of animal provided, the date killed, the county and area in which taken and your signature. John has forms available. Please have the information available in order for the forms to be completed when the meat is turned in. John can be reached at (509) 521-1593 (cell) or [cowboy\\_jp82@msn.com](mailto:cowboy_jp82@msn.com). There is an underscore after “cowboy and before jp82” in John’s email address.

Quality Trip rules were revised last year and are as follows;

- Only RR&GC members with current dues paid through April 2017 are eligible to purchase up to 2 entry tickets each.
- Tickets are \$25 each; the maximum amount to be reimbursed to the winner will be \$2,000.00.
- A minimum of 50 tickets and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. If less than 50 tickets are sold, a drawing for a winner will not be held. Members who purchased tickets will be reimbursed.
- Entrants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of the drawing to purchase tickets in order to be eligible.
- RR&GC members with a family membership may also purchase two additional tickets for each eligible family member.
- The drawing will be held at the annual RR&GC Wild Game Dinner. The winner does not need to be present to win.
- The winner will select a partner who must be an eligible member of the RR&GC and who must also have participated in the drawing.
- An alternate winning ticket will also be drawn in the event the winner cannot take the approved trip.
- A written copy of the proposed trip with a verbal presentation is to be made by the winner or partner. This must be provided and presented to the RR&GC Board of Directors not later than the June Board meeting for approval.
- The winner must have confirmation of key trip logistics (e.g. guide services, airline tickets, lodging, etc.) by August 1, 2016 and the trip must be taken before December 31, 2016. If the trip cannot be confirmed prior to August 15, 2016, the winner shall forfeit the trip and the trip will be awarded to the alternate winning ticket holder. The alternate winning ticket holder will follow the same criteria as the original trip winner, with the alternate winner presenting his proposed trip copy with presentation to the RR&GC Board of Directors by the September board meeting.
- In the event that the approved trip cannot be taken, the winner shall notify the RR&GC President immediately upon the winner’s realization that the trip cannot be taken as approved.
- Quality trip funds will be allotted as reimbursements after the winner has paid for portions of the trip. For example, reimbursement for booking fees, airline tickets, etc. Note that a check for reimbursement will not be provided to the winner prior to incurring costs. A maximum amount of \$1,000 will be paid after the winner has incurred the initial trip costs. The balance will be paid upon completion of the reporting requirements.
- The winners will present a program, describing their Quality Trip, at a General Meeting of the membership in either February or March 2017.
- The winners will provide a written summary of the completed trip, including logistical details such as travel distances and costs, lodging details and expenses, guide expenses and license costs, name and addresses of lodging and guides, photos and other details. The report will be published on the Club’s website/Face Book page. (A good reference for the Quality Trip report format can be found on the Club’s website.)
- The winner will sign and date a copy of these rules as an acknowledgement of understanding of the rules.

- The President of RR&GC will send a letter notifying the winner of the trip approval by the Board of Directors.
- The RR&GC Board of Directors may, if requested, modify these rules for special circumstances.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Richard Libby presented the Treasurer's Report for November at the December 15th Board Meeting. Rick informed the Board that the 2016 Use of Funds Meeting will be held at the December 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. If any members are interested in obtaining a copy of the monthly treasurer's report or would like to become involved in the Use of Funds determinations, please contact Rick at [Big\\_guy@charter.net](mailto:Big_guy@charter.net). Rick Libby informed the membership that 2016 RRGC and Remington Calendars are available for sale as well as RRGC baseball caps, the Coyote Cook Book and the Duck Hunting Book. RRGC is now using a Debit Card to conduct club business.

**HUNTERS EDUCATION:** Ron Ruth last reported that the next Hunters Education Class will be in the spring of 2016. **Ron Ruth has requested all club members that have had access to the Hunter Education Room at Griggs via an issued key, please contact him at (509) 628-1781. All keys must be turned in.** Please contact Ron Ruth at [ron-rose@frontier.com](mailto:ron-rose@frontier.com) if you are interested in becoming a hunters' education instructor. All volunteers must be screened by WDFW. The procedure consists of filling out background check form. This is done to ensure classroom safety. Washington State requires that there be two screened persons in a classroom at all times.

**DATA MANAGEMENT:** Russ Wyer and Sam Morrison have proceeded with the effort to convert RRGC data to an electronic dropbox. The end result will be a permanent electronic record of RRGC records and operations that can be accessed by authorized officers and club members. The last two positions to be converted are the data of the President and Vice-President.

**CONSERVATION/HABITAT:** Larry Martin reported that cistern work will commence in the spring.

**CONSERVATION CAMP:** Larry Martin informed the Board that RRGC member Todd Wollum donated \$100 to RRGC for the Conservation Camp Use of Funds. RRGC extends a very sincere thank you to Todd for his generosity.

**LUNKER LAKE:** Marilyn Steele has the overall responsibilities for the effort at the annual Sportsman's Show to be held January 22, 23 and 24. Gene Van Liew will handle the set-up of the pond as well as the tear down and Dale Schielke will be the POC for the trout. This annual event requires volunteers for pond set-up on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and tear down the evening of January 24<sup>th</sup>. Fish guide services will be required on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If you are able to work one or more shifts, please contact Marilyn Steele at (509) 392-2128 or [momhoops@hotmail.com](mailto:momhoops@hotmail.com) (This is a hyperlink so click on the link in order to send an email to Marilyn to volunteer.) Gene Van Liew can be reached at (509) 946-7738 or [e.van-liew@hotmail.com](mailto:e.van-liew@hotmail.com). Dale Schielke will also have a table set up for kids to build wood duck boxes.

**BULLETIN HELP: Frank Scopa**

If you are receiving this bulletin via U.S. Mail and you have an email account, please send an e-mail to Frank Scopa at [secretary.rgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rgc@yahoo.com) with your email address. We are now current as to mailing addresses for the hard copies. We are down to 28 members receiving hard copies via the US Mail. New members will be added as the information is received. If you are receiving both a hard copy and an e-mail copy, please let me know. We are now mailing and/or emailing a copy of the monthly newsletter to the following organizations to keep them abreast of our activities; Ranch and Home, Sportsman's Warehouse, Griggs Ace Hardware and Columbia River Catering Co. The businesses listed have been sponsors in the past. When you do business with them, thank them for their sponsorship and let them know you belong to RRGC. The cut-off date for information for the February Newsletter will be January 24, 2016.

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:** Rachel Little of Benton Conservation District (BCD) has sent in the following. BCD is hosting another education/volunteer training event that may be of particular interest to Richland Rod & Gun Club members.

Benton Conservation District is a tiny agency with only 2 full-time staff, and we are looking to recruit and train volunteers who can help us monitor conditions on the Yakima River. With more eyes and hands in the field, it is our goal to more quickly and completely document environmental conditions, for the purpose of more efficiently soliciting state and federal funds to restore habitat and protect water quality, which is an essential element of habitat.

Benton Conservation District will be hosting an education/volunteer training event called "Master Streamkeepers" on Sat Jan 30 from 9 am - 12 noon. The event is free. We are asking people to pre-register online at [Master Streamkeepers](#) so we can be sure to have adequate space and equipment available. (Note: There is an event flyer but I cannot attach it to the newsletter due to space constraints.)

Please consider sharing this information electronically with RRGCC members if appropriate.

**DOOR PRIZE WINNERS:** Matt Cummings provided eight door prizes that were survival related. The items and winners are as follows; Ready American Two Person Emergency Survival Kit, Unknown Winner, Grabber Outdoors All Weather Emergency Blanket - Ben Burdett, Survive Outdoors Longer Emergency Shelter Kit – John Prather, Survive Outdoors Longer Emergency Survival Blanket – Andrew Tiemann, Coglean’s 5 in 1 Survival Kit with matches, fire starter, compass, whistle, lanyard and emergency sleeping bag – Kirby Hammond, Survive Outdoors Longer Scout survival kit, blanket howler, tinder quick, compass, signal mirror, fire lite sparker, fishing and sewing kit with duct tape – Nick Kunde, Orion Search and Rescue Campfire Starter, Magnesium Fire Starter – Mike Becker and the Mystery Box consisting of a Berkley Classics Multi-Tool, Emergency Blanket and a Magnesium Fire Starter – Frank Scopa.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** January 19th, 7:00PM, Griggs Hunters’ Education Room, Pasco. All RR&GC members are invited to attend.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** February 2nd, at the Richland Public Library at 7:00 PM.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH:** Pearl Styron with her first two geese that she shot. Photo by Richard Sharp.

**WANT ADS:**

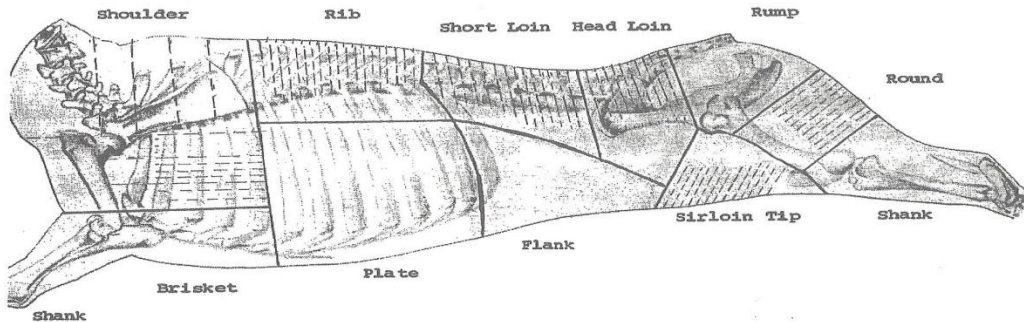
Harvey Huisingh has 45 pounds of 00 buck shot for sale. It is from the National Lead Co. and listed as “Hoyt”. \$80 or best offer. Harvey can be reached at 509 943 9326.

Rick Libby is selling his 1974, 16’ Starcraft with a 50hp Mercury 500. Great shape, no leaks, Hummingbird 587 ci HD Combo Fishfinder GPS system with Piranha Max 143 fish finder, 45 lb thrust 12V trolling motor with wireless remotes, downrigger, installed 13 Gallon fuel tank, box seats for storage, much more, \$2,000. Contact Rick at (509) 627-5461.

Both Jack Pickard and Frank Scopa each have lead sleds that can be borrowed by club members only for sighting-in rifles. Jack can be reached at [jlpick66@gmail.com](mailto:jlpick66@gmail.com). Frank can be reached at [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com).

**If you have anything that needs to be in the Want Ads section or information that you would like to convey to the general membership, please keep in mind that the cut-off date for inclusion is normally the Sunday after the Executive Board Meeting. Send your information to [secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary.rrgc@yahoo.com)**

Last Item: If you intend to donate meat or fish for the Wild Game Dinner, please keep the following requirement in mind. Information to be provided for all game meat donations indicating permission for the possession of game meat: Name of donor, address of donor, hunting/fishing license number, permit or tag number, the number and kind of animal provided, the date killed, the county and area in which taken and the hunter/fisherman's signature. John Prather will be providing freezer space again this year.



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**