



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

Club Facebook Site – www.Facebook.com/RichlandrodandGunClub

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2016-2017 Officers

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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

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

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

Email rrgcsecretary@gmail.com

JANUARY PROGRAM: The guest speaker for the January General Meeting will be Dave Hedden of Hedden’s Northwest Sportfishing. Dave will talk about winter walleye strategies and techniques. Dave can be reached at 509 521 8620 or heddennwsportfishing@hotmail.com.

CONSERVATION /HABITAT : Larry Martin reported that he and Dave Myers inspected and cleaned guzzlers 150, 153, 168, 169, and 186 on the 23rd of January. They took their dogs also. The guzzlers are located in Walla Walla County in the Britton Road and Gluck Road area.

Larry is always in need of volunteers to assist. Contact Larry at 509 545 9647 if you area able to donate a half day or so.

Additionally, Larry will be purchasing an additional game camera to record activities at a second guzzler. The funds for the second trail camera were provided by RRGCC funds. Larry is posting photos to the RRGCC Facebook page.

As previously reported, the \$2400 ALEA Grant that was awarded through WDFW is being utilized for repair materials for the guzzlers. Pictured below are volunteers are Dave Myers and Larry Martin.



NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There was one new membership application for the month of January. The new member is John Drewery. Please welcome him at the next general meeting on Tuesday, February 6th. Please keep in mind that without new membership and specifically younger members, RRGc will be in decline. It is becoming time for the younger members to take over leadership positions. This can be done through involvement and participation in Board and committee activities. RRGc needs more younger and actively involved members.

HUNTERS EDUCATION: Ron Ruth reported to the Executive Board that there would be no additional Hunters Education Classes until the Spring of 2018. Please contact Ron at 509 737 7350 if you are interested in volunteering and/or becoming a state certified instructor.

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 keep Ron informed.

On the 17th of February, there will be a youth pheasant hunt for 24 graduates of our Hunters Education Class. The hunt will be at the Limits Game Farm. Ron is currently contacting former students. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Ron.

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: Gene VanLiew sent the following report concerning salmon egg distribution to the schools.

On Jan.5th.2018 the following volunteers Jim Cartmell, Paul Kison, Jack Pickard, John

Pfeiffer, Gene Van Liew, Ben&Hazel Webb, Rachel Little, Benton Conservation District(BCD) delivered 100 eggs each to 37 schools in Finley ,Kennewick, &Richland. Rachel Little & Medora Robertson (BCD) also delivered eggs to schools in Benton City, Prosser, Whitstran, Grandview, Sunnyside, and Patterson.

There was news media coverage by the Tri-City Herald, KEPR TV, and the Daily Sun News of the Lower Yakima Valley. Gene stated that the coverage was well done.

SPORTSMAN'S SHOW: No results were reported as to the number of kids that caught fish or the number of prizes won for catching tagged fish. The same goes for the pellet gun range. The information will be provided in the next newsletter.

However, it is very satisfying to note that all of the shifts for Lunker Lake and the pellet gun range were covered with an adequate number of volunteers. Marilyn Steele provided a hot meal for the volunteers for all three days.

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.

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 RRG, 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 &*

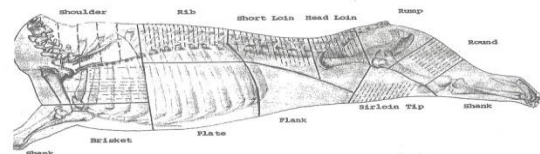
Fish magazines, Oregon Hunter, Salmon Trout Steelheader and more.

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) 582-2482 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.

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.

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.

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: December 19th 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pasco's Chiawana High School has started up a Fishing Club. There are currently 16 or 17 members. They are looking for mentors and advisors. If you are interested in assisting, please contact me at rrgcsecretary@gmail.com and I will forward your information. As previously discussed, RRGc is interested in bringing in new and younger members to carry on with our mission.

If you have an idea for a RRGc function, please feel free to share your idea. One suggestion was a RRGc Scootney Fishing Derby for members and families only. This is currently in the planning stage for the spring. The main prize will be bragging rights plus an overnight camping trip and a fish fry.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR RESPONSE:

The following was submitted by Howard Gardner for sharing with the members of RRGc. The background was that Howard responded to an article in Delta Waterfowl magazine. The article stated that the number of duck hunters since 1970 has fallen from 2 million to 1 million today. Howard's response was as follows;

"After rereading the "Looming Crisis" article in the Spring Issue, I would like to make the following observations. I am an 88-year-old hunter originally from Chicago, Illinois. I have hunted since I was 10 years old, starting with my Dad. When I left Chicago in 1952, the only duck hunting in the area was a club or lease.

I shot my first duck in eastern Washington in the fall of 1952, a drake mallard. Since then, I have hunted waterfowl every year except the last two. I was a freelance hunter; I have never belonged to a duck club or leased land.

In the early years, access for waterfowl hunting was easy. I had many small streams for jump shooting ducks and many dry wheat field to dig pits and set up for geese. As time went on, some of the streams were leased or closed to hunting. Urbanization caused many of the places I used to hunt ducks, pheasants and doves to become unavailable.

I strongly believe that over the years, with the increasing human population, the effect on waterfowl habitat suitable for hunting has been very large. What you have is a fixed number of waterfowl hunters, limited by the “carrying capacity” concept that’s usually applied to animals. In other words, to have more hunters, you have to increase the “suitable for hunting waterfowl habitat.”

To continue to place the emphasis on recruitment of hunters may amount to a cruel joke for many new hunters. Sure, they have learned how to hunt waterfowl, but there’s no place to hunt.

Howard Gardner – Richland Washington”

WANT ADS AND SHOUT-OUTS:

Thanks to all for the great effort, time and mileage put in by the volunteers for the egg distribution for Salmon in the Classroom. Without your efforts, the overall effect would be minimal. Gene Van Liew

Thanks to Marilyn Steele for providing a hot cooked meal for the Sportsman Show volunteers.

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Another thanks to all of the volunteers who supported the RRGCC efforts at the Sportsman’s Show. Without them, there would have been a lot of disappointed kids.

A personal note, for the past 7 weeks, I’ve been laid up from ankle surgery and unable to walk. A couple of weeks ago, we had 2” of snow. Greg and Carla Boeringa came over early in the morning and shoveled my sidewalk. I very much appreciate their selfless actions.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH:



Photo by Richard Sharp, early morning duck blind. Kirby Hammond’s profile.

