



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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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

General Meeting – June 4th, 7:00 PM, Richland Public Library

Board Meeting- June 18th, 7:00 PM, Hunter Education Facility at Griggs in Pasco

Newsletter Deadline for July is June 23rd, Call Shannon Lackey at 948-3320 or

Email: rrgsecretary@gmail.com

JUNE PROGRAM: The subject for the June General Membership meeting will be “Preparing Your Trophy for Taxidermy” Presented by Emily Miller of Finish the Hunt Taxidermy. She will cover specific needs of different mounts as well as how to store and transport your trophy for the best presentation by the Taxidermist. Mike Posey of Ache’n Arms Guide Service’s presented a great plethora of catfish knowledge for May. You have to come to a meeting to hear all of these knowledgeable people that donate their time for our club!

YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: Each year the RRGc sponsors youth to attend camp at no cost other than a recap of their adventures at the end of summer. The Girls Camp will run from July 14-20 and the Boys Camp will be July

21-27. Larry Martin is awaiting 4 applications for each camp from any youth members that would like to participate in the youth conservation camp at Camp Moran on Orcas Island. Information on applying is on our Club Website www.richlandrodandgun.org or contact Larry Martin at (509)521-2554

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP: Carla Boeringa is the Membership Chair. There were four new memberships for the month of May, they were; Will Austin, Daniel Kroy, Jake Horner, Kyle and Kania/Family. Please welcome them all when you meet them. If you haven’t renewed, please do so as soon as possible. Renewal notices were sent out in February for 2019. As of this month there are a few members who are still outstanding. Your

last newsletter sent via e-mail or USPS will be June until renewal notice is given to the Secretary from the Membership Chair.

GAME RECOVERY: On April 28th Chris Mosher received a call from Sgt. Fulton about a cow elk that had been hit on Highway 240 near Snively Rd. Chris took the call and deboned the elk on the spot with the help of Sgt. Fulton and club member Jason Niehbur. The elk was deboned in about 40 minutes and the 175 lbs. of meat were donated to the Union Gospel Mission in Pasco. 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. If you are able to assist in game recovery, please contact Chris Mosher at (509)302-5171.

SUMMER BOATING SAFETY: Members of the club need to remember boat ownership comes with inherent rules on the water and off. Now when you think of safety you automatically think life jackets and no drinking while driving. Well get out your checklists boys because it is the season to check your flares, fire extinguisher(s), PFD's, Bumpers etc. What you might not think about is that if you travel from one area of water to the next that you are required to decontaminate your boat and trailer. You should get into the habit of pulling that drain plug and making sure the entire bilge is cleaned out. The state's motto is CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY. You should clean your boat inside and out, including the trailer. Drain every conceivable space or item that can hold water. Dry completely before launching into another body of water. In Benton county they do voluntary inspections throughout the boating season. See when these are happening if you think you might be missing something and they will run through what you do and don't have on board. Also remember that if your small/large

boat has paddles or a motor you are required to stop at the mandatory watercraft checkpoints near the borders of the state. It doesn't matter if you only have a one-person pontoon or a kayak. Stop in and get it checked for those invasive species just like you have to do for the big boats. We want to make sure that our waters stay pristine. So, although you do not want to add another 20-30 minutes onto your trip, you might rethink it when you see lights and get that failure to stop citation....

NONPROFIT STATUS: New memberships and fundraising are paramount for the continued existence of RRGc. Please contribute your ideas at least for discussion. As a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization we need to work as a collective to maintain and improve our club activities and outreach.

NEWS LETTER HELP – EMAIL vs. USPS: If you are receiving this newsletter 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. If you are aware of someone who is not receiving the newsletter, please contact the Secretary thanks.

RRGC WEB PAGE: Be sure to check out the RRGc website often so that you know when we need extra help or if we have an impromptu get together for fun. A new page was added under the blog dropdown. It is Harley's Corner; a youth idea and coloring contest! Make sure you tell the kids that you know to get on there and enter. Each month we plan on picking a winner. Also remember to send pictures or content that you would like added to the website or blog to the webmasters via email at- admin@richlandrodandgun.org.

WILD GAME RECIPES: Please forward your recipes to the Secretary and Webmasters so that they can be included in the monthly newsletter and on our website. If you haven't checked out all of those recipes on the website yet, you should.

RAFFLES: The May General Membership meeting raffle winners were; Neoprene Waders-

Dan Kroy, 7' Rod&Reel Combo- Bob Birney, Flambeau Night Crawler Can-Barb Cluever, Coleman Lantern-Gerald Hayes, 4 Person Enamel Dining Set- Jeff Young, Catfish T-Shirt- Bob Birney, 5 Gal. Bucket & Topper w/Catfish Goodies-Gerald Hayes, 2 30" Crab Rings w/Rope-Jake Horner, Mystery Box- Luke Reiner, Whopper Plopper- Patrick Taylor, 2 Dozed Assorted Flies- Bill Lambert.

WOOD DUCK BOXES: Dale Schielke reported that all 16 of the geo-locator bands that were purchased are on Wood Duck hens. He is hoping that come next season he will have new flight travel data on these waterfowl. Dale also continues to have a couple of cameras in boxes that are now livestreaming via YouTube. He has shared the channel to the clubs' Facebook page for easy connection. If you're not on FB just go to YouTube and search for "Wood Duck Project" and from there you will see past recordings as well as the live cams.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: The 2019 RRGCM Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Daniel Lauritzen. He is a Junior at the University of Idaho currently studying Rangeland Conservation/ Fire Ecology and management. He hopes to graduate in 2020 and obtain a job in the Natural Resources field. We expect great things from this young man that has really put in the time and effort to excel in his endeavors. Congratulations on your new scholarship Daniel!

2. COLUMBIA PARK RRGCM MEMORIAL SHELTER SIGN: The City of Kennewick Parks crew installed the new RRGCM Memorial Shelter Sign on Friday May 17th, at Columbia Park next to the Waterfowl Habitat area. After two years of no sign being nearby or on the memorial shelter, we can now recognize some of those earlier contributions to the community from past and current members. We cannot hope to keep building and only looking forward if we never turn around and see where we've been. This was a collective agreement with the Kennewick parks department and the RRGCM to reinstall a new sign on the shelter itself. Placing

it on posts back where it was would've left it susceptible to more vandalism in the future. Hopefully it will last 30-40 years without needing repair. These guys have been busy cleaning up quite the mess after winter but still found some time to get the new sign installed for us. When you see these guys in the parks, thank them for a job well done and their efforts.



3. ANNUAL CATFISH CHALLENGE:

President Richard Sharp announced that the Club Catfish Tournament (Bragging Rights Only) and Fish Fry will be held June 14th-15th. This tournament provides for a nice informal club get together for members. As well as collecting the Catfish for the annual Wild Game Dinner. This Challenge starts Friday and ends Saturday with the weigh in and fish fry being at Matt Cummings River House.

4. SALMON SUMMIT: On Tuesday April 23rd there were 7 schools and 17 classes that participated in the release of salmon into the Columbia River. Wednesday the 24th there were 4 schools and 19 classes that were present for the release. PNNL and NOAA placed PIT (Passive Integrative Transponder) tags in 425 fish the days of release. By April 30th 107 were detected downstream. Not all are counted as they pass due to antennae placement and the proximity of the fish. 31 salmon tagged were detected passing Bonneville Lock & Dam. As of May 14th, of those that were released 19 fish from the Salmon Summit have been detected passing the PIT antennae boats out in the salt water. Gene Van Liew would like to thank all the volunteers for their help which include; Pam Anderson, Carla Boeringa, Mike Estes, Melissa

Huston, Paul Kison, Shannon, Harley and Dakota Lackey, Larry Martin, John Merk, Dave Myers, Jack Pickard, John Pfeifer, Dale Schielke, Don Smith, Ben Webb and anyone who we might have missed. Without volunteers our club would not be what it is. There are always opportunities to help out and if you would like to get more involved just ask a fellow club member what they might suggest. I suggest jumping in with both feet instead of dilly dallying. For the youth of tomorrow!

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be June 18th at 7:00 PM, Griggs Hunter Education Room, Pasco. **All RRG members are invited to attend.**

SHOUT OUTS: Board members would like to convey to John Merk their appreciation for continued handyman help. Without John the Sign for the park shelter would have been a bit more daunting, as we had to provide very specific dimensions and thickness of metal that the park guys could use in their sign shop.

Thanks to Rachel Little, Gene Van Liew and the Benton Conservation District for their continued effort with the Salmon in the Classroom and the Salmon Summit. Finding a way to connect to kids in the classroom is imperative for the continued conservation of our resources.

WANT ADS:

WANTED- The RRG is in search of a new Chief Hunter Education Instructor. This is for the RRG classes that are in a traditional classroom setting and are fully funded/backed by the club. If you or someone you know is interested in this position please contact Richard Sharp at (509)551-6785.

FOR SALE- 1975 StarCraft SuperSport 22' Aluminum boat with 165hp Mercruiser in-line six I/O on EZ loader trailer. Bow rider with walk through windshield. Includes storage cover, Bimini Top, swim ladder, depth finders, downriggers, rod holders, trolling plate, cup holders, lights, horn, bilge pump, fire extinguisher, PFD's, spare propeller, bearing

buddy's and more. This dependable boat runs great, rides smooth and stable, is quiet and economical to operate. No rust, no rot very nice condition, high sides with plenty of room. Family friendly and great for fishing. Clean titles, \$6900. Call or text Greg at (509)420-3613.

FOR SALE- 3 separate boxes, a dozen each of G&H duck decoys. Half are Drakes and half are Hens. Never used \$35 a box or make offer. Contact John Pfeifer at: (509)539-5917.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH SUBMITTED:



(Ki-Be Middle School students building and installing their Wood Duck nesting box at the annual Benton City Salmon Release along the Yakima River.) Photo by: Dale Schielke

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