



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

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

Next Board Meeting- June 18, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

July Newsletter Contribution Deadline is June 22.

Email: admin@richlandrodandgun.org

June 4 General Meeting Presentation **7:00pm at the Richland Public Library**

The speaker for our June 4 meeting will be fishing guide Mark Hall of Float N Afield Adventures. Mark has been fishing eastern Washington waters for over 35 years and has been a fishing guide for 8 years. Discussion topics will include catfish species specific information including movements and patterns, the spawn, baits, rigging and techniques, weather and water temps. Fishing guide Mike Posey of Ache'n Arms Guide Service will be an additional guest speaker. Mike has been fishing the Snake River and its tributaries for over 35 years. If you like to catch or eat whisker fish, this is a great opportunity to improve your knowledge about how to catch them. This is our last general membership meeting before our summer break (no meetings in July or August) so we hope to see you there.

FISH FRY FRIDAY, AGAIN!

RRGC Members and Guests Only!

FISH FRY **Friday**


Friday, June 7th


Gazebo #4 Columbia Point 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us and bring some fish to fry up, this will be a potluck so anything that goes good with fish as well! No TILIPIA!
Water/Soda provided, bring a chair and a good attitude!

Free Seminar on Catfishing Rigs and Setups! Open to the public!

More Information: Richard Sharp

 **509-551-6785**



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Our first Fish Fry Friday was held on Friday, May 10, at Columbia Point Marina Park in Richland. Two dozen attendees enjoyed all the good food they could eat and relaxing conversation during a pleasant evening in the park. Rich Sharp cooked up the fish that

everyone brought and plenty of French fries to go with the potluck dishes provided by attendees. Rich provided a demonstration on how to rig a fishing rod for bank fishing for sockeye salmon. We had a great time. Come join us on June 7. Gazebo #4 is near the cul-de-sac at the end of Columbia Point Drive past the entrance to the boat launch parking lot.







Moonlight Catfish Challenge

Our annual Moonlight Catfish challenge will be held on June 21 and 22. Fishing starts at 6:00pm on Friday, June 21. Weigh in and dinner will be at Gazebo #4 at Columbia Point Marina Park in Richland (the same location as for the Fish Fry Friday events). Weigh in is at 4:00pm on Saturday, June 22 with a potluck dinner to follow at about 5:00pm. Catfish will be the featured meat for dinner. Persons whose last name starts with A through G are asked to bring a main dish, H through O bring a dessert, and P through Z bring a salad. Bring your chairs and a good appetite for the dinner. Contact Richard Sharp or Evan Fitzpatrick for details about participating in the fishing event. RRGc members who are not participating in the Challenge are still invited to attend the weigh in and potluck dinner.

Moonlight Catfish Challenge

Sign up/start: 6pm June 21, End/Weigh in/Dinner

June 22, @ 4pm

Purpose: To promote fun event and acquire catfish for potluck, and wild game dinner
Potluck: (ABCDEFGH)= Main dish, (HIJKLMNO)= Dessert, (PQRSTUVWXYZ)= Salad!
Questions? Contact: Richard Sharp: 551-6785, Evan Kirkpatrick: (414) 534-2817

**Location: Gazebo # 4 at Columbia point
turn around**

Open to RRGc Members & Guests

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Youth Conservation Camps

The 2024 Washington State Youth Conservation Camps at Orcas Island will be **July 21-27** for boys and **July 28-August 3** for girls. Campers must be ages 12 to 16 while at camp. RRGc typically sponsors several youths to camp each year. RRGc pays the registration fee but parents must arrange transportation to and from Anacortes, Washington to meet the ferry. Please contact Larry Martin at 509-521-2554 if you know an eligible youth who is interested in attending camp.

2025 Wild Game Dinner - March 24

Building #4 at the Benton County Fairgrounds has been reserved for March 24, 2025 for our next Wild Game Dinner. Save the date! Marilyn Steele and helpers recently had a kick off planning meeting and dinner at Marilyn's home. Guests were treated to some new wild

game recipes to gauge whether they might be added to next year's dinner menu. The food was very good! The Fairgrounds is purchasing new tables which will require larger tablecloths for our dinner next spring. The RRG Board has authorized Marilyn to buy new tablecloths. If you would like to volunteer to help on the WGD committee, please contact Marilyn via email at momhoops46@gmail.com. You don't need experience to get involved and lend a hand. Experience is gained by lending a hand.

Introduction to Firearms Class

An Introduction to Firearms class was held on Saturday May 18, 2024 starting at the Grigg's Department Store classroom and ending at the TCMSA range in the afternoon. Ron Ruth was disappointed by the low attendance but participants were thrilled at the chance to handle and fire so many different types and sizes of firearms. Thanks to the Ron and the other instructors who mentored the participants.

2024 Hunter Education Classes

The remaining scheduled classes this year will be evening classes on July 8-12 with range day on Saturday July 13, and September 9-13 with range day on Saturday September 14. Registration for each class will open approximately 30 days prior to the first day of the class. Register on line at [Hunter education training | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#). For more information contact Ron at ronruth.huntered@gmail.com. The new, automated clay target thrower and a full sized foam deer decoy archery target for use during Hunter Education class field days and at other RRG events that were approved for purchase by our Board of Directors have been received and will be put to use soon.

RRGC Memorial Scholarships Awarded

Our Board of Directors recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to two University of Idaho students. Checks have been mailed to the U of I Office of Financial Aid for deposit to their student accounts. William Seggerman was raised in Halfway, Oregon and is starting his senior year at U of I with a 4.0 GPA. Will's major is Wildlife Sciences with a focus on conservation law enforcement. Will's career goal is to become an enforcement officer with Idaho Fish and Game where he has worked as a volunteer and intern. Joshua Heishman is a U of I graduate student with a 4.0 GPA pursuing an MS degree in Natural Resources with a focus on Statistical Science. Josh was raised in Bloomington, Indiana and has a Bachelor's degree from Purdue University. His thesis project involves statistical modeling to sustain and improve burbot populations in the Kootenai River in Idaho. The Kootenai is the only Idaho river where burbot currently exist. Both recipients mentioned the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation in their essays and have their Hunter Education certificates. Thanks to Dave Myers, Larry Martin, Paul Kison, and Mike Estes for reviewing and ranking the scholarship applications.

Reloading Supplies for Sale - Make an Offer

RRGC member Tony Umek generously donated more than 40 boxes of new and reloaded shotgun shells and several full and partial bags of shotgun wads for reloading steel shot shells. Our Hunter Education classes can use the new ammo and the reloaded ammo can be used elsewhere in club activities. Our club has no use for the wads and are offering them for sale as one lot. The inventory of wads includes 1 partial bag Mec312 wads, 1.3 bags WAA12R wads, 2 partial bags NTC 122 wads, 1 partial bag of multi metal 3" wads, 1 partial bag of CW12 fiber wads, and 1 bag miscellaneous damaged TPC wads. Some wads are in poor or damaged condition. If you are interested, please contact Richland Sharp 509-551-6785.

Jason Lee Archery Team

RRGC provided financial support for travel expenses for thirteen members of the Jason Lee Elementary Archery Club who qualified for the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) national competition in Sandy, Utah on April 26 and 27, 2024. Coach Liesl Batdorf sent the following report and photos a few weeks ago. "We just got home from Nationals and kids represented Jason Lee and Richland well! We had several kids score personal records at Nationals and our team score in 3-D improved by nearly 100 points. We appreciate you guys so much!!!"





Welcome to Our New Members

Eight new memberships were approved by the Board in May. Please welcome Karen McNiven of Richland; Joe Quinn, and Adrian Quinones of West Richland; Paul Hoffarth and Brian and Jennifer Little of Kennewick; and Scott Abernethy of Pasco. We hope that they will become regular attendees at our monthly meetings and social events.

Habitat Committee Report

Larry Martin reported at the May 21 Board of Directors meeting that four guzzlers were inspected and cleaned the preceding week with one guzzler requiring minor repairs. He was contacted by a WDFW employee about a guzzler that needs repairs south of Wallula Junction. Larry plans to inspect the guzzler soon.

Wood Duck Nest Boxes – Dale Schielke

Some of the RRG wood duck boxes are being checked for nesting hens that can be captured and banded. John Merk and volunteers checked 195 nest boxes in April and May of which 77 boxes were used by wood ducks. They were able to capture and install 25 new bands on hens; 14 hens were recaptured having been banded in previous years and returned to the same boxes. Dale Schielke and volunteers checked 245 nest boxes in April and May of which 101 boxes were used by wood ducks. They were able to capture and install 27 new bands on hens; 6 hens were recaptured having been banded in previous years and returned to the same boxes.

We are sorry to report that our ability to live stream from in-box cameras was not possible this year due to software changes in YouTube that clashed with our encoder hardware. We have been testing a new encoder but so far because it is not plug-and-play, we have not been able to get it to work either. We will continue to explore other options.

Photo of the Month

This month's winning photo was taken by a trail camera set by Larry Martin near a wood duck nest box at the request of John Merk to determine whether predators were disturbing the nest. The photo shows a pair of wood ducks in flight approaching the nest box.



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)

Get involved in one of our Committees:

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

Wild Game Dinner 2025: 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@gmail.com

Guzzlers: Larry Martin - larry49martin@gmail.com

Youth Conservation Camp - larry49martin@gmail.com

Membership: Ron Moore – richlandrodandgunmembership@gmail.com

Scholarship: Mike Estes - estesm34@gmail.com

Website: Ron Moore – admin@richlandrodandgun.org

RRGC Club Upcoming Activities

Fish Fry Friday – June 7, 4:30pm to 7:00pm, Gazebo 4 at Columbia Point Marina Park

Moonlight Catfish Derby - June 22 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm, Gazebo 4 Columbia Point Park

Hunter Education Class – July 8 through 13, Grigg’s classroom and TCMSA range

RRGC Picnic – August 6, 5:00pm Leslie Groves Park

Hunter Education Class – September 9 through 14, Grigg’s classroom and TCMSA range

Wild Game Dinner – March 22, 2025, Benton County Fairgrounds Building 4