



# **RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB**

(INCORPORATED)

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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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## **2024/2025 Officers**

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## **MEETINGS AND DEADLINES**

Next General Meeting – September 3, 7:00 PM at Richland Public Library

Next Board Meeting- September 17, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

October Newsletter Contribution Deadline is September 22.

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## **September 3 General Membership Meeting**

The heat of summer is moderating and the changing of the seasons is nearly upon us. It is time for us to resume our monthly meeting schedule. Our speaker for the September 3 meeting will be Matt Wilson, WDFW Statewide Waterfowl Specialist. Matt will share information about the purposes and results of duck and goose banding in Washington, including the positive impacts from the RRGc wood duck banding program and where a number of ducks that Dale Schielke and his team banded have been recovered. Matt will also talk about the Pacific Flyway fall flight forecast, bag limits, and harvest strategies. Bring any waterfowl related questions to the meeting and get them answered by an expert.



### **Annual Picnic and Liars Contest Recap**

If you missed the annual RRGCC picnic at Leslie Groves Park, we're sorry. More than 40 people enjoyed a fun and pleasant evening with more good food than we could eat and lots of visiting and catching up among friends. John Merk donated all the salmon for the picnic. Thank you, John! There were several contestants for the Liar's Contest this year. Congratulations to Alec Markel for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place, Larry Martin for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Evan Kirkpatrick for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Thanks to the organizers, cooks, contest contestants and judges, and to everyone who attended for making the picnic a success. Our picnic is always held the first Tuesday in August (same day of the month as our general membership meetings) so you can mark your calendar now for next year if you want to save the date.



### **Board of Directors Changes - Treasurer Needed**

Rick Libby has been our Treasurer for the past dozen years but he informed us at the August Board of Directors meeting that he will be relocating out of the Tri-Cities soon. We are truly sorry to see him go and offer our profound thanks for the wonderful job he has done for many years. We need a new Treasurer ASAP so Rick can have time to transfer his thumb drive which contains the club's financial records and provide some in-person instruction and tips to his replacement. Rick estimates that he spends about 6 hours per month, on average, performing the Treasurer's duties. If you think you might be interested in becoming our new Treasurer, please (PLEASE) contact Rick (509-947-0498) or Richard Sharp (509-551-6785) at your earliest opportunity for a more detailed discussion.

Also at the August Board meeting, we accepted the resignation of Matt Cummings as our Immediate Past President. Matt and Connie have relocated to southwestern Washington and Matt has not been available to attend our meetings for the past several months. We thank Matt and Connie for their past service on the Board and wish them well.

And finally, Karen McNiven has been appointed RRGCM Membership Chair. Karen is a fairly new member who many of you may have been at the club picnic. Ron Moore had been doing double duty since March as Membership Chair and Web Administrator. Ron is

looking forward to having more time to focus on keeping our web page updated. Thanks to Ron and Karen for their volunteerism.

### **Final 2024 Hunter Education Class**

The last scheduled Hunter Education class this year will be evening sessions on September 9-13 with range day on Saturday September 14. Registration for the class is already open. Register on line at [Hunter education training | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#). For more information contact Chief Instructor Ron Ruth at [ronruth.huntered@gmail.com](mailto:ronruth.huntered@gmail.com).

### **2024 Kids Duck Day Cancelled**

Most years for the past few decades, barring COVID or some other unforeseen calamity, RRGCC has helped coordinate and host a youth event at McNary National Wildlife Refuge. The event is typically in mid-September and has included duck banding, retriever demonstrations, gun safety, wood duck box assembly, bird identification, and other activities. Dale Schielke has been our lead for the past several years and coordinates with event co-sponsors like USFWS, Friends of the McNary Refuge, WDFW, Ducks Unlimited, and Delta Waterfowl. Unfortunately, the event will not be held this year due to conflicts on possible dates for the event and the challenges of dealing with a toxic algae bloom. Dale and our partners have pledged to try to hold the event again next year.

### **AKC German Shorthaired Pointer Needs A New Home**

Scott and Jessica Hennick are offering their one year old unaltered male GSP for adoption. Scott says Bear has been raised as a companion, though he has evident GSP hunting instincts and has great training potential. Bear is house trained and does not mark. He does great with toddlers and kids and will warm up to you within a day. He has not been around cats but he does play well with other dogs. Bear requires lots of exercise, affirmation, and to be given a purpose. Bear travels well and willingly takes baths. He suffers from a skin rash on his eyes and ears that has not been addressed medically. Scott suspects it is a grain allergy and has switched his food. Bear is originally from Pennsylvania and does not have established care locally. He is a big puppy that wants to please. If you could help Bear out please respond to Jessica Hennick, 541-729-3485.

### **Message from Limits Game Farm**

Dave Piovesan reports that Limits Game Farm will open September 1st this year and will be open for pheasant and chukar hunting. Reservations are being taken now! As usual, all reservations are taken on a first come-first served basis and by phone only. During the hot days of September, hunts will only be offered early mornings. Our Hen Special is also being offered for the month of September. Dave says "I hope to see all of you again this fall to renew our friendship that I so appreciate and enjoy."

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## **Limits Game Farm**

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509-265-4578

### **RiverFest – October 5, 2024**

This event is sponsored by our local cities, public electric utilities, port districts, Benton Conservation District, state wheat and potato commissions, and businesses who place tremendous value on our local rivers. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 5, from 10:00AM to 3:00PM at Columbia Park in Kennewick. This is a **free family event** with educational exhibits, hands on learning experiences, entertainment and food vendors. The slogan for RiverFest is "Our Rivers, Our Life". The Columbia and Snake Rivers are valuable assets for the hydropower they produce, the recreational opportunities they provide, and for commercial cost effective transportation of goods to and from our communities. If you have a chance, take advantage of the opportunity to spend a few hours in the park at this event.

### **An Unusual Double**

Mike Estes hooked this pair of smallmouth bass while walleye fishing in the Columbia River in early August. The small bass was hooked on the top hook of a worm harness, had the worm in its mouth, and was in the larger bass's mouth when Mike brought them to the boat. The bigger bass was hooked on the lower hook. What do you think was happening here? Was it an auntie and her nephew just getting together to share a worm for lunch? Was the bigger fish trying to get the worm before the little guy ate it? Or was the bigger fish thinking that it could have a "two-for-one" combo lunch of worm and fish? In the end, the bigger fish lost out. The 8" smallmouth was returned to the river to swim another day and the 16" bass went home with Mike for Mike's dinner.



**Photo of the Month**

It looks like a whole lot of fishing has been going on this summer. This month's winning photo was submitted by Karen McNiven showing her with a black rockfish while fishing on a charter during a recent stay at Ocean Shores.



Other contest entries were a photo of Larry Rogers with a Snake River walleye submitted by Paul Kison (photo by Paul);



Micah Little submitted a photo of him and his father with limits of kokanee at Lake Tahoe on August 18 while trolling flashers for lake trout and kokanee;





Richard Sharp submitted a photo of Rick Libby with a nice walleye caught on an orange blade hootchie on the Snake River Sharp (photo by Rich);



Packy Lackey submitted a night time photo of him with a nice walleye caught on July 28 (photo by Chris Mosher).

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Thanks to everyone who submitted photos this month. See below for contest rules and please keep those photos coming!

**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](mailto:e.van-liew@hotmail.com)

Wild Game Dinner 2025: Marilyn Steele – [momhoops46@gmail.com](mailto:momhoops46@gmail.com)

Wood Ducks: Dale Schielke – [dahlialou@gmail.com](mailto:dahlialou@gmail.com)

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**RRGC Club Upcoming Activities**

Next General Membership Meeting –September 3 at 7:00pm, Richland Public Library

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

RiverFest – October 5, 10:00am-3:00pm, Columbia Park

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