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General News

CLUB SPOTLIGHT ... A Big Club Thanks to **Suzanne Healy** for helping with the bar re-design and for the pendent lights in the bar.

CLUB BAR-B-QUE & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE The Clubs Annual Barbeque will be held on Saturday July 18 in conjunction with our Membership Drive & Open House. Dinner will feature Smoked Meats, and Dance Music will be provided by the Jimmy Wright Band. The theme for the night is Margaritaville. Bring your friends out and introduce them to the club. New members signing up on during the membership drive pay only the \$200 initiation fee, dues for the remainder of the year are free. Come on out, it will be a lot of fun. We will be holding a raffle for a club membership. Remember to make a reservation.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ... The next General Membership Meeting, all members are welcome, is Wednesday July 8, at 7:00 PM.

SCHOLARSHIPS ... President Jay Miazga attended the awards ceremony at South Whidbey High School on Tuesday June 2 to present the 2015 HHR&G scholarships. The following three students each received \$1000 to further their education: Maverick Christensen, Joellyn Leffler and Casey Thorsen. Thanks to all members who contributed to the scholarship fund.

DUES & MEMBERSHIPS ... It's a new year and the dues notices for 2015 have been mailed. Most members have paid their 2015 dues, and the door lock has been changed. Your new key card is now required for entrance. If you have not yet paid, please send your dues as soon as possible to avoid losing your membership.

NEW MEMBERS ... Welcome to New Members: Steven Pantier, Sally Paul, Alexander Bigby, Albert Foster, and Chris Ampongan. Total membership count for 2015 is now at 733.

NRA MEMBERSHIPS ... HHR&G is now an authorized NRA Recruiter – You may join the NRA or renew your existing NRA membership via our website – Simply click on the NRA link at the bottom of our website home page. You will get a ten-dollar discount on a one-year membership, and the club will also earn a recruiter fee of \$5 for renewals and \$10 for new members.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: ...Whether you're a long-time member or have just recently joined the Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club, you've likely begun to appreciate the range of services available to you as a member. Whatever it is that drew you to join the club—from the fantastic shooting facilities, regular shooting events, or NRA certified training classes; to the fabulous restaurant, bar, and dance floor; or regular social events including live music, kids fishing derbies, and Easter Egg hunts—there is something here for everyone, and all at a very low cost to you.

Our ability to offer these valuable services to our members at such a low cost is just one of the things that make our club unique. We are able to do this because of our corps of volunteers who fill many of the jobs at the club. If you're interested in learning more about joining this corps of volunteers helping to keep HHRGC the success, please inquire at Volunteer@HHRodandGun or check our website Volunteer Opportunities page.

<p>JULY 3 & JULY 4 CLUB CLOSED FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY</p>	<p>FRIDAY JULY 10 DINNER SPECIAL STUFFED PORK TENDERLOIN</p>	<p>SATURDAY JULY 11 PISTOL SHOOT DIRTY HARRY MAGNUM 10 AM</p>	<p>FRIDAY JULY 17 DINNER SPECIAL NORTHWEST BERRY SALAD</p>
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From The Loading Bench

Hello again,

It's been a couple of months since I've gotten any info out via this forum. It's been a busy time, and I'm afraid this one will have to be brief. I imagine that might be a relief.

The bar remodel is pretty much complete - just a few things that have been discovered and are wanting improvement. My impression is that it has been generally very well received. I personally like it a lot, especially since Bullwinkle just seems happier - getting him moved to his rightful place above the bar was an inspiration (thanks Suzanne!). One thing that has become obvious is that the acoustics have changed - if the bar is busy, it's noisy. This is a mixed blessing. On the one hand, it's sometimes fun to be in a raucous bar - the energy is just good. On the other, if you want to simply sit and talk, it can be off-putting. We have begun discussing adding something to walls and/or ceiling to absorb sound, but we would like to find the right balance. Please, let me know what you think, and if anybody has any experience with this sort of thing it would be great if you would be willing to step up and give us a hand. Also well received has been the new food offerings. This is still (and perhaps always will be) a work in progress. Chef Wayne intends eventually to redo the standard menu - he is letting some time go by while he, Ursula, and John work at logistic and infrastructure changes, and gets a feel for what members are looking for.

This is one area in particular where we are very interested in getting some feedback. Wayne has been creating some terrific specials, many spontaneously. Yet there is a tradition at the club of having the specials menu planned out a month in advance and put on the calendar so members can take a look and make decisions. Here is another area where balance is important. It would be a shame to dampen in any way Wayne's creativity and enthusiasm for creating things on the fly. But it's understandable that members would like to know what's coming and plan accordingly. We have various venues for communication, and this is how we might find the right balance. There is the monthly calendar in the Target and on the web site, there are the weekly emails, and there is our Facebook page that gets frequent updates (which I will admit I've never seen. I don't "do" Facebook on principal. I won't lecture here about the rampant deterioration of personal privacy. Oh. I guess I just did).

We have volunteers who spend a great deal of time trying to keep these lines of communication updated and accurate, and it would be really nice to hear from members to help guide this effort. What do you use to get information? Would putting the specials in the weekly email be enough? What are your expectations, and ideas on how to find this balance? Please consider taking a few minutes to let me or anyone on the staff know your thoughts. It's actually one of those good problems to have.

Cheers,

-jay

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Range News

Range Hours 9:00 AM until Sundown 7 days a week unless closed for a special function.

Trap & Skeet Thursday at 12 Noon / Trap & Skeet & Sporting Clays Saturday at 12 Noon

Range Orientation Class: Remember that the Board has determined that the use of our ranges, except for organized events, will require attendance at a Range Orientation & Safety Meeting and confirmation of that by wearing your membership badge with the yellow sticker given out at the meetings when you use the ranges. Our next Range Orientation & Safety class will be Tuesday July 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Range News: The Dirty Harry Warmup Shoot was held May 9 in which eleven shooters competed. The match winner was Jay Miazga. Second place went to Mark Kjellstrom, and third place went to Dave Shupe.

July Events: Shooting events for July are: (1) Pistol Shoot “Dirt Harry Magnum” on July 11 at 10 AM; (2) Metallic Silhouette Shoot on July 18 at 9 AM on the Riffle Range (Riffle Range closed to other shooters); (3) A Steel Fun Shoot on July 25th at 9 AM in the Action Pistol Bays.

Restaurant News

Restaurant Hours Tuesday – Thursday 2 to 8 / Friday 2 to 10 / Saturday 12 to 8 / Sunday 12 to 6

News: **RESERVATIONS - RESERVATIONS - RESERVATIONS** ... As you may have noticed the club is growing and many nights are very busy – You can help us improve our diner service by making a reservation several days in advance.

July Events: This month we have an exciting event planned: July 18th is our Annual Barbeque / Membership Drive and Dance featuring smoked Pork, Beef, and Chicken with dance music provided by “The Jimmy Wright Band”. The theme for the night is “Margaritaville”, please dress for the theme. There will also be a raffle for a club membership.

Primier Menu Night at the Club: This months Primier Menu Night is Saturday July 25th. Chef Wayne is preparing a Primier Meal featuring Barbequed Items paired with Specialty Beers. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Dinner is served promptly at 6 PM.

July Tuesdays Nights: We are featuring some exciting new Bar Appetizer Plates. Check the weekly emails for the schedule.

July Wednesday Nights: We are featuring these new entrees: Salmon Burgers with Sweet Potato Fries, Penn Cove Mussels and Chorizo Sausage in a Saffron Tomato Broth, Smoked Salmon Caesar Salad, and Lamb Burgers with Rosemary Garlic Fries. Check the calendar or weekly emails for the schedule.

July Thursday Nights: We are repeating Wednesday’s delicious features for those who missed them on Wednesday. Check the calendar or weekly emails for the schedule.

July Friday Nights: On Friday Nights in July we will offer a Special Dinner along with a limited menu. On July 10th the special is Bacon Wrapped Chorizo Stuffed Smoked Pork Tenderloin served along with a limited menu; On July 17th the special is a Northwest Berry Salad featuring grilled chicken and goat cheese with a white balsamic dressing served along with a limited menu; On July 24th, the special is a Baby Back Pork Rib Buffet served along with a limited menu; On July 31st, the special is Seafood Jambalaya served along with a limited menu ; See weekly emails for updates

SATURDAY JULY 18 CLUB BBQ DINNER DANCE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE JIMMY WRIGHT BAND	FRIDAY JULY 24 BABY BACK RIBS DINNER DANCE MUSIC BY THE MIX BAND	SATURDAY JULY 25 FUN STEEL SHOOT 9 AM PRIMIER MENU NIGHT DINNER AT 6 PM	FRIDAY JULY 31 DINNER SPECIAL SEAFOOD JAMBALAYA
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Special - Fish Tacos Special - House Fish & Chips \$1.00 Off	2 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Special - Fish Tacos Special - House Fish & Chips \$1.00 Off	3 Club Closed	4 Club Closed
5 Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 12 Noon	6 Club Closed Bd Meeting 6 PM	7 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Bar Speccial Appetizer Plates Range Orientation Class - 7 PM	8 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Special - Salmon Burgers & Sweet Potato Fries Gen Meet 7 PM	9 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Special - Salmon Burgers & Sweet Potato Fries Langley Men	10 Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Special - Bacon Wrapped Chorizo Stuffed Pork Tenderloin	11 Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Class Reunion Pistol Shoot "Dirty Harry Magnum" 10 AM DJ Music
12 Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Fun Steel Shoot 9 AM Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 12 Noon	13 Club Closed	14 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Bar Speccial Appetizer Plates	15 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Special - Penn Cove Mussels in Wine Broth	16 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Special - Penn Cove Mussels in Wine Broth	17 Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Old Goats Meeting 12 Noon Special - Northwest Berry Salad with Chicken DJ Music - Sound-box Entertainment	18 Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Membership Drive Metallic Silhouette Shoot 9 AM BBQ Buffet \$16.95 Music: "Jimmy Wright Band"
19 Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 12 Noon	20 Club Closed	21 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Bar Speccial Appetizer Plates	22 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Special - Smoked Salmon Caesar Salad	23 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Special - Smoked Salmon Caesar Salad	24 Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Special - Baby Back Rib Buffet Music: "The Mix Band" Birthday Party	25 Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Fun Steel Shoot 9 AM Premier Menu - BBQ & Beer Pairings
26 Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 12 Noon	27 Club Closed	28 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Bar Speccial Appetizer Plates	29 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Special - Lamb Burgers & Rosemary Garlic Fries	30 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Special - Lamb Burgers & Rosemary Garlic Fries	31 Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Special - Seafood Jambalaya	