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## THE TARGET

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### General News

**CLUB SPOTLIGHT** ... A Big Club Thanks to those **Curt Gordon** for rebuilding the walls on the rifle range, and to the volunteers who rebuild the target boards on the ranges.

**THE LOADING BENCH** ... Hello, this is Jay Miazga, your president for 2015. You will find my monthly message to club members, "The Loading Bench" on page 2 of The Target.

**BAR REMODEL** ... The first phase of our long awaited Bar Remodel well begin this month, on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. We have hired Eagle Construction to perform the work, and are planning to accomplish most of the work off hours, but we do expect some service disruptions and temporary changes and hope to minimize your inconvenience. When complete we will have a larger more comfortable bar offering increased seating. We will keep you updated via the weekly emails.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** ... The Club Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon - Saturday April 4. Ursula Shoudy and Linda Lutch have teamed up to organize and run it. They need many volunteers to help. Help is needed stuffing eggs, setting up the hunt, assisting with the hunt, handing out prizes, and baking cookies. Please contact Ursula at the club to volunteer. There is also a donation box at the club to help finance the event, or mail a check to HHRG at PO Box 151 Langley Wa 98260 if you wish to donate.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE** ... We are sad to inform you that Harvey Friesen, a former board member and dedicated club supporter passed recently. There will be a celebration of Harvey's life at the club on Sunday April 12 at 1 PM. The celebration of life will include a shotgun salute and all shooters are invited to participate. Please bring your favorite food item for a potluck to be held in Harvey's honor following the Celebration of Life. Contact Ursula or Lori for further details about the potluck.

**NEW MEMBERS** ... Welcome to New Members: Billy Ducharme, Mark Akins, Rich Pack, Brian Aries, Justin George, Alvin Gunnell, and Jeff Day. Total membership is now 987.

FRIDAY MARCH 6 DINNER DANCE PRIME RIB MUSIC - SNAKEBITE	SATURDAY MARCH 7 SHOTGUN SHOOT 11 AM SHOOTERS LUNCH	FRIDAY MARCH 13 VALUE MEAL NIGHT SALISBURY STEAK \$8.95	SATURDAY MARCH 14 PISTOL SHOOT CABIN FEVER 9 AM
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### FROM THE LOADING BENCH

Hello again.

First, I'd like to thank everyone who attended the President's Ball Saturday night - great food, great music, great company. Fun night. Ron's speech was way better than mine, but I'll get over it - he's a tough act to follow. I'm not sure we've done a good job of communicating this, but the P Ball is not an "invite only" thing - attendance is open to all members. Come join us next year!

The topic for this month is inspired by an email from a member that made a thought provoking point about the perceived value of the current dues level vs. how you use the club. The member's specific point was that if you are a "social" member (i.e., don't use the range facilities), that the dues could be seen as somewhat unfair because they are paying the same amount as members who also utilize the ranges. They also felt that at the current dues level, some "social" members may decide not to continue their membership because they are only using clubhouse facilities and yet are still having to pay the full dues to support the ranges. (To the member who sent this - I would liked to have responded personally in addition to this broadcast message, but I seem to have lost your original message . My apologies).

This concern naturally brings to mind the idea of having different membership types - for instance "social only", "range only" or "full". Apparently this idea has been discussed by the Board in the past, as I found out when I brought this email up for discussion at the January meeting. My fellow Board members made these points:

- The club's membership administration is currently done by a volunteer, and takes up a great deal of time. If we added more complexity, we would probably have to pay someone to administer the dues. BTW, this is also the reason we have rejected the idea of monthly or biannual dues billing.
- A significant reason not to differentiate comes from looking at how the dues are spent. The major portion of the ongoing costs are associated with the clubhouse and the Pine Tree Room. When the club is open, whether there is no one there or 100, the heat and lights are on, there is paid staff ready to cook, serve, and tend bar, and we still have to pay for insurance, accounting, maintenance, etc., etc. Range activities, on the other hand, are largely self funding. Shotgunners pay for each line shot, and there is a fee for entering pistol, shotgun, speed steel, and metallic silhouette matches. It could be argued that this is unfair to those that only use the ranges! But of course, it's not that simple. Major improvements on the ranges (land purchases, trap shack, new speed bays) are funded by dues. As, of course, are major improvements to the clubhouse (Trophy room, pending bar remodels, kitchen equipment). And most shooters also use the clubhouse.
- But for me, the most compelling reason not to create different membership types is: How would we regulate or monitor such a setup? If a "social only" member was using ranges, how would we know? If a "range only" member walked in the clubhouse, would we ask them to leave? It would not only be very difficult to manage, but would potentially create frictions that would work at odds to ideals we have for the club - that all members at all times feel welcome and are treated well.

So after this discussion, I've come to believe it is a misconception that a member who utilizes only a portion of the facilities is unfairly supporting others that use a different portion. And that differentiating use would certainly be complicated, and possibly detrimental to the club's environment.

Bottom line? I think we're all in this together.

Regards, -jay

Comments or questions welcome - [president@hrodandgun.com](mailto:president@hrodandgun.com)

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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 March 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

**Range Report:** Thanks to all fifteen members who came out on January 31 to rebuild the targets on the ranges. We got the target stands rebuilt, the parking lot blown off, the driveway and Bucklew lane cleared of winter debris, and the bench between the trap shack and the club house rebuilt.

**March Events:** Shooting events for March are: (1) Shotgun Shoot “Dino’s Double Trouble” on March 7 at 11 AM; (2) Pistol Shoot “Cabin Fever” on March 14 at 9 AM; (3) Air Silhouette Shoot on March 21 at 9 AM on the Riffle Range (Riffle Range closed to other shooters); and (4) A Steel Fun Match on March 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Value Meals:** We are now featuring “Value Meals” on Wednesday Nights and on the Second Friday of each month. These meals are a mouth-watering favorite at an irresistible price of \$8.95. This month's Second Friday Value Meal is Salisbury Steak with Mashed Potato and Gravy, and on Wednesdays the Value Meals switch between, Ursula’s Black Bean Chili & Cornbread, or Beef Taco Salads, or BBQ Pork Sandwiches, or Chicken Taco Salads. Check the calendar for the schedule.

**March Events:** This month we have some exciting events planned. March 6<sup>th</sup> is our now famous Prime Rib Buffet and Dance with music by Snakebite; and on March 17<sup>th</sup> we have a Saint Patricks Day Green Beer with Fish & Chips Party; and on March 20<sup>th</sup> we are holding a Dinner Dance with music provided by The Guy Johnson Band and a Corned Beef & Cabbage Buffet.

**March Tuesdays Nights:** Tuesday nights in March will feature our regular menu, except for Saint Patricks Day when we are offering a 3-Piece Fish & Chip with a green beer for \$10.95

**March Wednesday Nights:** Our kitchen staff is featuring our Famous Four Piece Fish & Chips for \$1.00 off in addition to our Value meals for \$8.95. Check the schedule for Ursula’s Black Bean Chili & Cornbread, or our Beef Taco Salad, BBQ Pork Sandwich, and Chicken Taco Salad offerings.

**March Thursday Nights:** Our kitchen staff will be preparing these mouth watering favorites: Beef Chimichanga, Penn Cove Manila Clams, Rueben Sandwiches, and Wimpy Burgers with BBQ Beans. Check the calendar for the schedule.

**March Friday Nights:** On March 6<sup>th</sup> we have our now famous Prime Rib Buffet along with a limited menu; On March 13<sup>th</sup> we are featuring the Club Value Meal – Salisbury Steak & Mashed Potato with Gravy in addition to our regular menu; On March 20<sup>th</sup>, we are serving a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner along with a limited menu including Rueben Sandwiches; and on March 27<sup>th</sup>, we are serving Teriyaki Baked Cod with a Long & Wild Rice Mix in addition to our regular menu.

FRIDAY MARCH 20 DINNER DANCE CORN BEEF & CABBAGE MUSIC - GUY JOHNSON BAND	SATURDAY MARCH 21 AIR SILHOUETTE SHOOT 9 AM ON RIFLE RANGE	FRIDAY MARCH 27 DINNER SPECIAL BAKED COD	SATURDAY MARCH 28 STEEL FUN MATCH 9 AM
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet &amp; Sporting Clays 12 Noon</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Club Closed</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Regular Menu Range Orientation Class - 7 PM</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Value Meal - Chicken Taco Salad \$8.95 Wednesday Special - Fish &amp; Chips \$9.95</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap &amp; Skeet 12 Noon Thursday Special - Beef Chimichanga \$9.95</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Prime Rib Buffet \$20.95 - Limited Menu Music: "Snakebite"</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Shooters Lunch Shotgun Shoot "Dino's Double Trouble" 11 AM</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet &amp; Sporting Clays 12 Noon</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Club Closed</b> Bd Meeting 6 PM</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Regular Menu</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Value Meal - Beef Taco Salad \$8.95 Wednesday Special - Fish &amp; Chips \$9.95</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap &amp; Skeet 12 Noon Thursday Special - Penn Cove Manila Clams \$10.95 Langley Men</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Value Meal - Salisbury Steak w/ mashed potato &amp; gravy \$8.95</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Pistol Shoot "Cabin Fever" 9 AM</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet &amp; Sporting Clays 12 Noon</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Club Closed</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 St Patrick's Party Green Beer with 3 Piece Fish &amp; Chips \$10.95</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Value Meal - BBQ Pork Sandwich \$8.95 Wednesday Special - Fish &amp; Chips \$9.95</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap &amp; Skeet 12 Noon Thursday Special - Rueben Sandwich &amp; Fries \$10.95</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Corned Beef &amp; Cabbage Buffet \$14.95 - Limited Menu Music: Guy Johnson Band Old Goats Meeting 12 Noon</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Air Silhouette Shoot on Rifle Range 9 AM - Range Closed</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet &amp; Sporting Clays 12 Noon</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Club Closed</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Regular Menu</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Value Meal - Ursula's Black Bean Chili &amp; Cornbread \$8.95 Wednesday Special - Fish &amp; Chips \$9.95</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap &amp; Skeet 12 Noon Thursday Special - Wimpy Burger &amp; BBQ Beans \$10.95</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Teriyaki Baked Cod w/ Long &amp; Wild Rice + Asparagus \$14.95</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Fun Steel Shoot 9 AM</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet &amp; Sporting Clays 12 Noon</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Club Closed</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Club Open 2-8 Regular Menu</p>				