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### General News

**CLUB SPOTLIGHT** ... A Big Club Thanks to those **Ed Grabo** for his continuous work supporting the ranges, and to the **Volunteers** stuffing the Easter Eggs helping to make Easter Egg Hunt a success.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** ... The next General Membership Meeting, all members are welcome, is Wednesday April 15, at 7:00 PM.

**BAR REMODEL** ... The first phase of our long awaited Bar Remodel is under way. Eagle Construction is performing the work, and they plan to accomplish most of the work off hours. We do expect some service disruptions and temporary changes, and hope to minimize your inconvenience. The actual bar is closed during construction, however dinner service continues on the dance floor and in the trophy room. We will not be holding any dances the month of April. When complete we will have a larger more comfortable bar offering increased seating. A grand opening celebration is planned for Friday May 1 from 2-5 PM. We will keep you updated via the weekly emails, and next months Target.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** ... The Club Easter Egg Hunt is 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 at 1:30 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.

**GROUNDS KEEPER NEEDED** ... The Club is seeking a grounds keeper for lawn mowing, weed eating, sweeping, and general cleanup. This is a compensated position. Reliability is crucial. We would prefer to hire a club member. Contact Ursula for an application.

**SPORTING CLAYS ATTENDANT NEEDED** ... The Trap Shack is looking for a sporting clays attendant on Sundays from 11 am to 2 or 3 pm. The job involves opening and loading the trap machines, some light lifting/carrying, running the simple computer program that launches and scores the targets and closing down at the end of shooting. This is a compensated position. Reliability is crucial. Contact our Range Master, Mike McInerney at 360-221-7574.

**NEW MEMBERS** ... Welcome to New Members: Glen Corell, Rod Mourant, and Reece. Total membership is now 990.

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**[Hunter Education Class at the Club April 14-16 from 6PM to 9PM and April 18 at 9AM till done](#)**

Register at <http://www.register-ed.com/events/view/55830>

FRIDAY APRIL 3 DIJON CHICKEN	SATURDAY APRIL 4 EASTER EGG HUNT 1 PM	FRIDAY APRIL 10 VALUE MEAL NIGHT POT ROAST \$8.95	SATURDAY APRIL 11 PISTOL SHOOT HANK BENCALA 10 AM
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## FROM THE LOADING BENCH

Hello all,

Since the shooting season has gotten into full swing, I thought that this month I would blatantly shill our various shooting facilities and events. It's always nice to see new faces at the ranges, and especially so at the organized shooting events.

If you haven't attended one of our events, I'd like to encourage you to do so this year. As incentive, I'll note that we've passed the two-year mark on our required Range Orientation, and you may be needing to "re-up" before you can continue to use the ranges. You will have the opportunity to do so if you participate in one of our organized shooting events that utilize either the pistol or rifle ranges, or the action bays. We review gun and range safety before each event, and you will get to demonstrate your understanding of safe practices.

Except for our open shotgun shooting (Thursdays and Sundays) and our novice shotgun shoots, our organized events are staged as competitions. Please don't be put off by this. The competition is friendly, and I think it's fair to say that most of the participants attend because it's fun, not because they are emotionally invested in the outcome. I also think you would be hard pressed to find shooting matches any place else where new shooters are more welcomed and encouraged. If you still feel like you want to ease into it, come watch a match or two - we have a tremendous variety of shooting going on at the club, and my hope is you'll find something that appeals to you and gets you coming out on a regular basis.

Let me add a few comments for those who might own firearms solely for self-defense, and might not see the relevance of participating in a match. Perhaps you come to the range at intervals to practice (an excellent idea). If, however, you find yourself in the rare and unfortunate position of having to use lethal force to defend yourself or other innocents, the stress of that situation will be vastly different from calmly punching holes in paper targets. I'm not saying that the stress of a match creates physiological changes that come anywhere close to a self defense situation. But the experience of, say, fumbling a magazine change during a match that you have easily done during practice is educational. Same with short stroking your pump shotgun on a skeet double. If you can still run your gun and hit targets with an accelerated heart rate, the shakes, and some degradation of the senses, cognitive abilities, and motor skills, then you have a better chance in the real world. And with match experience, these effects generally moderate - also valuable. It will make you a better shooter, and a safer one.

Here are some brief descriptions of shooting available:

- Shotgun: Ranges open for Trap (including Continental and Handicap), and Skeet on Thursdays. 5-stand also available on Sunday. Shotgun matches are generally run on the first Saturday of the month. You get to use a shotgun to break things flying through the air. How fun is that?
- Pistol: The courses of fire are tremendously varied, but usually include at least some untimed accuracy and some timed events. There are often restrictions on the caliber and sights for a given event or course of fire, so see detailed descriptions and/or ask for more info. We really have some fun and unusual courses of fire, many you simply won't see anywhere else.
- Metallic Silhouette: Using .22 rimfire and/or straight-walled pistol cartridge rifles and pistols, you get to knock metal animals off rails at 40, 50, 75, and 100 yards. Bang. Ping! Fun. Do you have a .22 in the safe? Bring it out. On a personal note, I started shooting metallic silhouette with a fixed sight .22 conversion on a Glock 19, and had to hold about a foot and a half over the rams at 100 yards. I occasionally heard the 'ping', and was addicted.
- Fun Steel: Categories for almost any handgun, and rimfire and pistol cartridge rifles. Trying to hit an array of steel targets at various distances with the clock running. This is excellent training for running your gun and learning the balance of speed vs. accuracy, and way more fun than punching paper.

Take a look at the shooting calendar on the web site and come join us. If you have any questions about any of the events, please get in touch. Come shooting!

Cheers, -jay

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## Range News

**\*\* The ranges are closed Saturday April 4 for the Easter Egg Hunt \*\***

**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 April 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Trap Shack.

**HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS** ... A Hunter Education Class will be held at the Club in the Trap Shack on April 14, 15, and 16 at 6 PM, and on April 18 at 9 AM. Enroll at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Web Site listed above. Call Barney at 360-929-1641 for more information. Thanks Barney for putting on this class.

**April Events:** Shooting events for April are: (1) Pistol Shoot "Hank Bencala Shoot" on April 11 at 10 AM; (2) Air Silhouette Shoot on April 18 at 9 AM on the Riffle Range (Riffle Range closed to other shooters); (3) Ducks Unlimited Shotgun Shoot on April 25 at 11 AM; 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 Spot Pot Roast with Roasted Potato and veggies and Gravy, and on Wednesdays the Value Meals switch between, Chicken Tacos, or Beef Stew, or Stuffed Peppers, BBQ Pork Sandwiches, or Italian Panini Sandwiches. Check the calendar for the schedule.

**April Events:** This month, due to the Bar Remodel we will not be holding any Dinner Dances - The actual bar is closed during construction, however dinner service continues on the dance floor and in the trophy room.

**April Tuesdays Nights:** Tuesday in April the Club is closed for the Bar Remodel. The Porch is open for drink service from 2 PM to 5 PM.

**April 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 the Value Meals: Pot Roast, Chicken Tacos, Beef Stew, Stuffed Peppers, BBQ Pork Sandwiches, or Italian Panini Sandwiches on selected Wednesdays.

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

**April Friday Nights:** On April 3<sup>rd</sup> we are serving Dijon Chicken in addition to our regular menu; On April 10<sup>th</sup> we are featuring the Club Value Meal – Pot Roast with roasted potatoes and veggies and Gravy in addition to our regular menu; On April 17<sup>th</sup>, we are serving BBQ Pork Ribs in addition to our regular menu; and on April 24<sup>th</sup>, we are serving Chicken Fried Steak in addition to our regular menu.

SUNDAY APRIL 12 HARVEY FRIESEN CELEBRATION OF LIFE 1 PM	FRIDAY APRIL 17 BBQ PORK RIBS	FRIDAY APRIL 24 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK	SATURDAY APRIL 25 DUCKS UNLIMITED SHOTGUN SHOOT 11 AM
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Value Meal - Chicken Tacos with Rice \$8.95 Wednesday Special - Fish & Chips \$9.95	<b>2</b> Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Thursday Special - Beef Chimichanga & Mexican Rice \$10.95	<b>3</b> Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Dijon Chicken w/ Long & Wild Rice + Asparagus \$14.95 No Music	<b>4</b> Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 PM Ranges Closed
<b>5</b> Club Closed Easter Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 12 Noon	<b>6</b> Club Closed	<b>7</b> Club Closed Bar Remodel Patio Open For Drinks 2-5 Range Orientation Class - 7 PM	<b>8</b> Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Value Meal - Beef Stew \$8.95 Wednesday Special - Fish & Chips \$9.95	<b>9</b> Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Thursday Special - Penn Cove Manila Clams \$10.95 Langley Men	<b>10</b> Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Value Meal - Pot Roast \$8.95	<b>11</b> Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Pistol Shoot "Hank Bencala" 10 AM Goodfellow 60th Anniversary Party
<b>12</b> Club Open 12-6 Kitchen Closed Novice Shotgun Shoot 10 AM Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 12 Noon Harvey Friesen Celebration of Life 1PM	<b>13</b> Club Closed Bd Meeting 6 PM	<b>14</b> Club Closed Bar Remodel Patio Open For Drinks 2-5 Hunter Ed Class 6 PM	<b>15</b> Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Value Meal - Stuffed Pepper \$8.95 Wednesday Special - Fish & Chips \$9.95 Gen Meet 7 PM Hunter Ed Class 6 PM	<b>16</b> Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Thursday Special - Chicken Taco Salad \$10.95 Hunter Ed Class 6 PM	<b>17</b> Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 BBQ Pork Ribs \$14.95 Old Goats Meeting 12 Noon	<b>18</b> Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Metallic Silhouette Shoot on Riffle Range 9 AM - Range Closed Hunter Ed Class 9 AM
<b>19</b> Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 12 Noon	<b>20</b> Club Closed	<b>21</b> Club Closed Bar Remodel Patio Open For Drinks 2-5	<b>22</b> Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Value Meal - BBQ Pork Sandwich \$8.95 Wednesday Special - Fish & Chips \$9.95	<b>23</b> Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Thursday Special - Mongolian Beef \$10.95	<b>24</b> Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Chicken Fried Steak \$14.95	<b>25</b> Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Ducks Unlimited Shotgun Shoot 11 AM Fun Steel Shoot 9 AM
<b>26</b> Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 12 Noon	<b>27</b> Club Closed	<b>28</b> Patio Open For Drinks 2-5	<b>29</b> Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Value Meal - Italian Panini Sandwich \$8.95 Wednesday Special - Fish & Chips \$9.95	<b>30</b> Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Thursday Special - Wimpy Burger & BBQ Beans \$10.95		