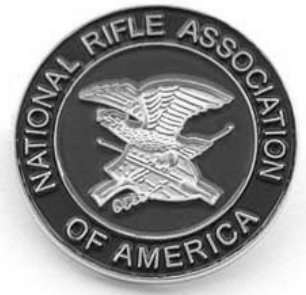


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General News

CLUB SPOTLIGHT ... A Big Club Thanks to **Rick and Kurt Hastings** for their very generous donation of salmon for the Seafest Dinner, and to **Drew Kampion** for hosting Club Advertisements on Drew's List.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ... The next General Membership Meeting, all members are welcome, is Wednesday October 14, at 7:00 PM.

SEAHAWK GAME PARTIES ... The Club will be holding Seahawk Game Day Parties during Seahawk Games this year. There will be appetizer specials, drink specials, prizes, and of course football. Come out and join us. We have added a second TV in the Bar. Check the calendar for the schedule for the games.

SALMON DERBY RESULTS ... The Sebo's Whidbey Island Coho Derby was held Saturday September 19 at the Club. More than one hundred anglers participated and seventy-one salmon were weighed in.

C.J. Sterba caught the winning salmon, which weighed 9 lbs 3 oz., earning him the five hundred dollar first place prize. Second place, paying \$400, went to John Koska with an eight pound fourteen ounce Coho, and third place, paying \$300, went to Tom Brown with an eight pound five ounce Coho. Forth place, paying \$200, went to Joe Cunha with an eight pound two ounce Coho, and fifth place, paying \$100, went to Jerry McIntyre also with an eight pound two ounce Coho. The derby netted \$1200 after expenses were paid which will be split between the Holmes Harbor Rod & Gun Club Scholarship Fund and the Sons of the American Legion Scholarship Fund. Both funds will benefit South Whidbey Class of 2016 Graduates.

Thanks to all who participated, and a special thanks to Sebo's Hardware for producing the derby, and the many sponsors who donated prizes, as well as Bob Crouch, Ken Urstad, Peter Manning, Jerry Johnson, and John Lutch who spent many hours putting on the derby.

RYTHER FUNDRAISER ... The Ryther Group Dinner / Auction Fundraiser will be held Saturday October 24 at the Club. The Club House will be closed all day to prepare and host this event; the bar will be open. See Fran Johnson for tickets.

MARIANNE BLAIR FUNDRAISER ... A Bunco Night Fundraiser will be held Saturday October 3 at the Club to help Marianne Blair raise funds for her fight against cancer. If you don't know how to play Bunco, we will teach you. Contact Leigh Mussay at (847) 508-1149 for tickets and information. Fundraiser starts at 5 PM.

HALLOWEEN PARTY ... The clubs annual Halloween Costume Party and Dance will be held Friday October 30. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Man in Costume, the Best Woman in Costume, and the Best Couple in costume. Dinner will be Crab Stuffed Ravioli, and music will be provided by The Mix Party Band. Don't miss it!

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.

FRIDAY OCT 2 DINNER DANCE PRIME RIB BUFFET MUSIC BY DECEPTION CONNECTION	SATURDAY OCT 3 BUNCO FUNDRAISER FOR MARIANNE BLAIR 5 PM	FRDAY OCT 9 DINNER SPECIAL SHRIMP & GRITS	SATURDAY OCT 10 HOPE DINNER-AUCTION FUNDRAISER LAGAGNA DINNER \$12 5 PM
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From The Loading Bench

Hello all,

I have been remiss in preparing the Loading Bench in time for recent Targets, and there is a lot of information I have been wanting to get out to you. Fair warning - this edition is not my most uplifting, but I write these to improve communication and to make members aware of what's going on at the club behind the scenes - I think it's important for you to know where your dues money is going. There are a lot of great things going on at the club, but I want to remind people that they don't come without effort or expense.

First off, membership (and therefore income) is lower than planned for the year. We knew there was a risk of losing members with the dues increase, however the impact was larger than we anticipated. Though I am saddened to have lost some members, I'm confident that word will continue to spread about the positive changes at the club, and I hope we can attract some former members back along with the many new ones that have joined this year.

Although income was not as high as anticipated, spending has also been lower than planned. Expenses are currently in line with income, and we will continue to monitor them carefully for the rest of the year. We will move ahead with spending on items considered necessary: We just implemented the propane pipe size upgrade serving the kitchen to adequately provide for food preparation options, and are looking to potentially replace the current (inefficient and somewhat marginal) electric heaters with propane units. We are also considering heat pumps. A couple of other things that may have to be dealt with before the year is out is an intermittent leak in the roof near the dance floor, and a very marginal floor in one section of the bar - it may not hold out until the second phase of the remodel.

Secondly, the final invoice for the first phase of the bar remodel is in, and has been paid. The original budgeted amount was ~\$42k, and we ended up spending ~\$60k. The overage was not a surprise, as once the project got under way there were deficiencies discovered in the building (rotten load bearing column, lack of fire blocking, inadequate wiring, etc.) that had to be repaired, and things were added to the scope of the work that made good sense once the contractors were on site. Eagle Building did well by us - very flexible, quality work, and we really feel we got excellent value for the money spent.

The third topic is event reservations. We recently had a very disappointing situation come up during Seafest. Seafest was completely sold out - we had reserved literally every seat we had, and the staff had the tough task of turning people away. Unfortunately, the night of the event we had 35 people (members and their guests) that did not show up for their reservations. So not only did the PTR lose ~\$700 on those dinners, but food was wasted, and other members had been turned away and could not participate. Not a happy thing.

The House Committee and staff are considering requiring pre-payment (non refundable) for special events in the future to try and avoid this frustrating situation - running a very popular and well received event, and yet still losing money for the club because of no-shows. We have previously only done this for New Year's. As usual, comments and feedback are welcomed.

Lastly, elections are coming up quickly, and once again it looks like we will be having difficulty finding candidates. We have to fill four positions instead of three this time around, as one of the current Board members has resigned for personal reasons.

It's worth noting that currently all the Board members are male shooters. Although we try hard to consider the entire spectrum of our membership when making decisions, I would like to make a plea for more social and/or women members to consider running for the Board so different perspectives might be represented. Be reminded that you must be a Proprietary member (there are Proprietary memberships available). If you have any questions about what's involved, please get in touch with me or ask any current or former Board member. I feel obliged to note that no additional benefits or special privileges come with being a board member. However, it is an excellent way to give back to the club, and you do have a direct hand in influencing the direction of the organization. I think the timing would be ideal for some new ideas and energy to keep the positive momentum going - please give it some thought.

Ok, I'll be done. Thanks for reading.

Regards, jay

Comments or questions welcome - president@hhrodandgun.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 October 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Range News: On the shotgun ranges, the Con Delateur Trap Shoot was held September 5, and the winner was Larry Wright for the third time – Congratulations Larry! In the Action Pistol Bays, the Fun Steel continues to be popular with a few added shoots over the summer, the latest steel match saw the following competitors record the fastest times in their respective classes: Steve Mooney –RF R O, Brian Lawson CF I, and Mike McInerney - CF Rev. Steel Matches are the 4th Saturday each month.

Coming up this Fall, Our newest shotgun shoot the Club Clays Championship, a combination of Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays and Continental will be held on Sat Oct. 3rd. See you there.

October Events: Shooting events for October are: (1) “Club Clays Championship” Shotgun Shoot on October 3rd at 11 AM; (2) Air Pistol Silhouette Shoot on October 17 at 9 AM on the Riffle Range (Riffle Range closed to other shooters); (3) A Steel Fun Shoot on October 24 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. **Please call us ahead of time to cancel your reservation if you cannot make it so another club member may use the table that was held for you. Thanks in advance.**

October Events: This month we have some awesome events planned: October 2nd is our now famous Prime Rib Dinner-Dance; and October 3rd is a Bunco Fundraiser for Marianne Blair; and October 10th is a Dinner-Auction Fundraiser for the Hope Therapeutic Riding Center; and October 16th is a Dinner Dance featuring Pesto Chicken Gnocchi, with dance music by the Jimmy Wright Band; and October 24th is the Ryther Fundraiser Dinner-Auction; and October 30th is the club Halloween Costume Party and Dance, with dance music by The Mix Party Band.

October Tuesdays Nights: Wayne’s Small Pasta Plates is the feature this month on Tuesday Nights.

October Wednesday Nights: We are featuring these entrees: Salmon & Chips, Seafood Risotto, Italian Cheese Stuffed Meatballs, Five Cheese Lasagna, and Chicken Parmesan. Check the calendar or weekly emails for the schedule.

October 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.

October Friday Nights: On Friday Nights in October Chef Wayne is offering the following specials: On October 2nd the special is Prime Rib served buffet style; On October 9th the special is Shrimp & Grits; On October 16th, the special is Pesto Chicken Gnocchi ; On October 23rd, the special is Bolognese with Three Cheese Tortellini; and on October 30th, the special is Crab Stuffed Ravioli.

FRIDAY OCT 16 DINNER DANCE PESTO CHICKEN GNOCCHI MUSIC BY JIMMY WRIGHT BAND	FRIDAY OCT 23 DINNER SPECIAL BOLOGNESE WITH THREE CHEESE TORTELLINI	SATURDAY OCT 24 RYTHER FUNDRAISER DINNER - AUCTION 5 PM	FRIDAY OCT 30 HALLOWEEN PARTY CRAB STUFFED RAVIOLI MUSIC BY THE MIX PARTY BAND
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Special - Salmon & Chips	2 Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Special - Prime Rib Buffet - Limited Menu Music: "Deception Connection"	3 Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Shotgun Shoot "Club Clays Cham- pionship" 11 AM Bunco Fundraiser for Marianne Blair 5 PM
4 Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 12 Noon	5 Club Closed	6 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Special - Small Pasta Plates Range Orientation Class - 7 PM	7 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Special - Seafood Risotto	8 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Special - Seafood Risotto Langley Men	9 Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Special - Shrimp & Grits	10 Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Hope Fundraiser Dinner - Auction 5 PM
11 Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 12 Noon Seahawk Game - 10 AM	12 Club Closed Bd Meeting 6 PM	13 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Special - Small Pasta Plates	14 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Special - Italian Cheese Stuffed Meatballs & Pole- nta in Marinara Sauce Gen Meet 7 PM	15 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Special - Italian Cheese Stuffed Meatballs & Pole- nta in Marinara Sauce	16 Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Special - Pesto Chicken Gnocchi Music: "Jimmy Wright Band"	17 Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Air Pistol Silhouette Shoot on Rifle Range 9 AM - Range Closed
18 Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 12 Noon Earl Bankston Cele- bration of Life Seahawk Game - 1:05 PM	19 Club Closed	20 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Special - Small Pasta Plates	21 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Special - Five Cheese Lasagna	22 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Special - Five Cheese Lasagna Seahawk Game - 5:25 PM	23 Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Special - Bolognese & Three Cheese Tortellini	24 Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8 Fun Steel Shoot 9 AM Ryther Fundraiser Dinner-Auction 5 PM
25 Club Open 12-6 Kitchen 12-6 Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 12 Noon Islanders Football Banquet	26 Club Closed	27 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Special - Small Pasta Plates	28 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Dominoes 6-8 Special - Chicken Parmesan	29 Club Open 2-8 Kitchen 2-8 Trap & Skeet 12 Noon Special - Chicken Parmesan	30 Club Open 2-10 Kitchen 2-8 Special - Crab Stuf- fed Ravioli Halloween Costume Party Music: "The Mix Party Band"	31 Club Open 12-8 Kitchen 12-8