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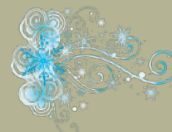
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# February 2022

February 12th

February 4th  
Prime Rib Friday

Valentine's Dinner  
Buffet Dessert and  
Dance

February 19th  
Music by Steve Ellis

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We would like to say Thank you to everyone who helped support the 4H Program fundraiser that went on during the soup potluck.

As most of you know they have to raise \$4,000 to purchase all of their own archery supplies or the program will end. They have to return the merchandise they have been using March 1st to Swinomish County. We have loved having them and the kids at the club each month so we are trying to help as much as possible. If anyone that was unable to attend would like to donate to their cause, you can bring donations to the club and we will get it to them. Checks can be made out to Whidbey Homesteaders if you include your address they will send you a donation receipt.

### 2022 Club Membership is Off to a VERY Fast Start

Thank you to all that have already renewed and for making this one of our best and fastest renewals in history! Also, we extend a big thank you to everyone that came out to support our 2022 card pick-up/soup potluck social event. The soups were delicious, the comradery was wonderful, and the local 4-H was there with bake-sale goods and an excellent display of the programs we were helping to support.



Prime Rib Friday, February 4th (Reservations 360 221-8494)  
**We will be having a Valentines Day Dance/Music with a Buffet and Dessert on Saturday February 12th. Dinner at 5 Music at 630 Call for reservations today!**



Dinner and Dancing with Steve Ellis on Saturday the 19th

For those that have not renewed yet, we will be changing out the door locks this month. Please send in your dues ASAP to get a new card before the locks change. You can mail checks to the club: PO Box 151, Langley, WA 98260, you can drop off payment at the club (cash, check, or credit), and this year you may also pay online. Drop us a note if you need the links to pay online.

**One last thing** -- if your new card has a blue "Range Certified" sticker on it, it indicates that you are due to renew your range certification in 2022.

Thanks From the Membership Committee,  
Clint Hatton - Membership Chairman

**We would like to welcome our new chef who started last month James Landry. Come by and say hello and enjoy his great East coast cooking!**

**We would like to say Thank You to everyone who came to our soup potluck. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun. We will do it again soon!**

## Range Rules Revised

Driven by our commitment to safety and the goal to continuously improve, we have completed a project to revise the Club's Range Rules.

Instead of adding a number of new rules, the focus of the revision was on clarifying language and meaning, improving consistency and adding detail to enhance operational understanding.

If you plan to use any of the Club's Ranges, please take the time to read and understand the rules. Even if you've recently participated in one of our Range Certification Classes, it is important to familiarize yourself with the revised Rules.

Follow this link: [Range Rules:](#)

## Pine Tree Room

Hours (Food, Beverage and Take-Out)

Monday & Tuesday—Closed

Wednesday & Friday—2-7 p.m.

Thursday & Saturday—12-7 p.m.

Sunday—12- 4 p.m.



## Restaurant and Bar:

We are open for indoor dining. To better serve you, Reservations are required. Kitchen closes 15 minutes before the restaurant closes.

## Range Certification Classes for 2021

We continue to offer two classes per week, at 2 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. Please note that classes are held outside so dress appropriately.

To sign-up for a class go to: [hhrgc.setmore.com](http://hhrgc.setmore.com)

If you have a special need send an email to: [range@hhrodandgun.com](mailto:range@hhrodandgun.com)

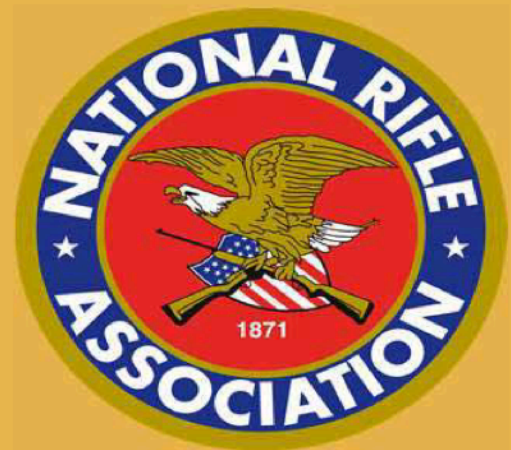
## Ongoing Shooting Activities

### Shotgun Range

Trap and Skeet - Thursdays & Sundays, 12:00 pm  
5-Stand (Sporting Clays) - Sundays at 12:00 pm

### Range Hours

9 AM – 8 PM or dusk, whichever comes first.



# A Brief History of Smith & Wesson

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The Double-actions

by Michael McInerney

The S&W top-break revolvers were introduced in 1870 with the Large frame model 3 American in .44 S&W. By 1876 Smith had brought out the .38 S&W and two years later the .32 S&W. Both these cartridges are still being produced nearly 150 years later...albeit with smokeless rather than black powder propellant.

The pistols designed to fire these rounds were new also. Both were single-action top-break spur trigger models. (no trigger guard). The .38 version saw two models, the 1st model in 1876 and the 2nd model in 1877. These guns were often referred to as "baby russians" as their profile resembles the model 3 Russian though significantly smaller. The factory designations for these single-action revolvers caused confusion among gun buyers and throughout the industry. It was factory practice to designate a pistol by its frame size, thus the .38's were model 2's and the .32 was designated a model 1. Readers of the previous installments of this history might recall that the tip-up models of caliber .32 rimfire were also labeled model 2 (the old army) and model 1. Collectors are still sometimes confused by the use of the frame size designation on very different guns. Upon the dawn of the double-actions the practice was discontinued and instead Smiths would be named by the caliber followed by the action type as in .32 double-action. This designation might then be followed by the series number as in .38 double-action 2nd model. Confused yet? Later hand ejector models would also carry any series changes so we ended up with pretty long model designations i.e. 3rd model .38 Double-action 4th change. In 1957 S&W went to a numbered model system. More on that next time.

The double-actions top-breaks were introduced in 1880 and for practical purposes the confusion lasted only until 1892 when Smith stopped producing single-action revolvers. In case you are unfamiliar with the mechanisms, in a single-action the trigger releases a previously cocked hammer while a double-action trigger also cocks the hammer and releases it. Most double-action capable revolvers can also be fired in single-action mode by cocking the hammer manually.

Double-action revolvers were not new. There were numerous European firearms in D.A. and a notable American D.A. revolver was the Adams/Beaumont 1855 percussion cap and ball which saw use on both sides during the Civil War. Smith's double-actions were readily accepted and purchased. The .32 S&W D.A. top-breaks saw five models produced from 1880 to 1919. Total production of the .32's was in excess of 338,000 pistols. Concurrent with the .32 caliber S&W produced .38 caliber D.A.'s also. Six models were introduced between 1880 and 1920 ending with the 6th or "perfected" model. This final top-break effort is unique in that it has not only the barrel-mounted latch common to all the top-breaks (except the frame-mounted latch on the Schofields) but also has a release latch on the left side of the frame...exactly like all S&W revolvers to date.

Certainly not favored by one-armed shooters these revolvers required two hands to manipulate the two latches. In all S&W produced over 613,000 of the .38 D.A. top-breaks. From 1881 until the mid-teens Smith produced three large frame (model 3) top-break big bores: the 1st model was named "the new model navy # 3" in .44 russian. In 1886 the "Frontier model" was introduced in .44-40 caliber (.44WCF). The chambering was very popular in lever action rifles and solid frame revolvers of the day. The final introduction saw only 276 guns produced. The ".38 Winchester model" was identical to the Frontier save the caliber which was .38-40 (.38WCF). This was also a companion caliber to many rifles of the day.

In 1887 Smith & Wesson produced a revolver unique to the market. Since the early days of the double action guns shooters had been bobbing off the hammer spurs on their revolvers to make them more pocket friendly. S&W saw the market potential and brought out a purpose-built revolver they called the Safety Hammerless or New Departure depending on the marketing year. The new handgun was wildly popular as a defensive arm and became known as the lemon squeezer after the full backstrap safety bar Smith incorporated into the design. Most were made with barrel lengths of 3" to 5" though some were produced with longer or shorter barrels. The latter with barrel lengths of 2" or less were referred to as bicycle guns. Apparently for the ease of carrying while riding a bike and the necessity of protecting oneself from 2 and 4 legged threats.

The lemon squeezers retained their colorful name after Smith ceased production just prior to WWII. Following the war Smith introduced the Centennial, a solid frame hammerless pocket revolver with the safety bar intact. During the 50's Smith introduced a number of short barreled defensive type revolvers in .32 S&W, .38 S&W and .38 Special. Most of these were produced without the grip safety although the Centennial Airweight model 42 lemon squeezer was catalogued until 1974.

The 42 series continues to this day with the hammerless 442's (blue) and 642's (stainless finish). They are among the best sellers in Smiths' catalogue.

By 1923 S&W had exhausted all the top-break frames used in revolver production. The last of these were utilized for the model 1891 single-shots. If you recall from an earlier posting, Smith had already run out of singleaction frames and was using a double action frame to fit the single shot barrels to.....hence a strange combination of a double action trigger on a single shot pistol.

Though break-actions would still be catalogued until the mid 30's once the hand ejectors came on the scene at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the age of the S&W break-action revolver had passed

# Holmes Harbor Rod & Gun Club: Events Calendar

Today

February 2022

Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Open 12 to 4	31	Feb 1	2 Open 2-7	3 Open 12-7	4 Open 2 to 7 PRIME RIB DINN	5 Open 12 to 7
6 Open 12 to 4	7	8	9 Open 2-7	10 Open 12-7	11 Open 2 to 7	12 Open 12 to 7 5pm Valentine's D:
13 Open 12 to 4	14	15	16 Open 2-7	17 Open 12-7	18 Open 2 to 7	19 Open 12 to 7 6:30pm MUSIC - St
20 Open 12 to 4	21	22	23 Open 2-7	24 Open 12-7	25 Open 2 to 7	26 Open 12 to 7
27 Open 12 to 4	28	Mar 1	2 Open 2-7	3 Open 12-7	4 Open 2 to 7	5 Open 12 to 7

Events shown in time zone: Pacific Time - Los Angeles

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