

# THE TARGET

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The Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club



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# March 2022

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**March 12th - Wine and Beer Tasting**

**with Desiree Noon to 3pm**

**March 19th - Music and Dancing**

**with The Final Notice**

**Starts at 6:30pm**

## **Upcoming Events**

**Easter Egg Hunt - April 16**  
**Open to the public. 12 - 2**

**The Presidents**  
**Ball May 14**

**Fishing Derby May 21**  
**Open to the Public**

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Links to Pay 2022 Dues:

<https://www.paypal.com/instantcommerce/checkout/82J48ZDYXBFRS>

2022 Dues with Spouse Card:

<https://www.paypal.com/instantcommerce/checkout/DFS2ZLDQ7WTQA>

Scholarship Fund Donations:

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=H59FTWWYWEMAA](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=H59FTWWYWEMAA)

## Spotlight

### Thank You !

We would like to thank former President Edward Noble for donating his time the last 6 years on the Board of Directors and guiding us through the last two years in his Presidency. He as well as Gene Kegley serving as the Club's Treasurer the last 6 years and Tanner McInerney have selflessly given time and effort to this Club so it continues to move forward.

## New Members

If you have already submitted your dues, thank you for your timely payment. It is appreciated very much. ( See links on the 1st page for ease of payment )  
If you have not paid your dues, it is not too late. Dues for 2022 are the same as last year - \$240. If you'd like to purchase a second card for a spouse or significant other living in the same household please include an additional \$2. (Note: if you pay with a credit card we pass along the credit card processing fees - which would be \$10.)  
You may pay at the club during business hours or you may mail your payment to:  
Holmes Harbor Rod & Gun Club

## Upcoming Events

Saturday March 12 - Our Columbia Distributor Desiree will be in the bar/restaurant hosting a Wine and Beer tasting event. Come join us from noon -3 !!!  
March 19 - Music and Dancing With The Final Notice starts @6:30.  
[The Presidents Ball - May 14th](#)  
[Fishing Derby - May 21st](#)  
[Easter Egg Hunt - April 16th](#) Open to the public. 12 - 2



## Announcements

### A Message from the President:

Hello everyone and welcome to 2022! We are off to a great year.

We have already had a soup potluck, Valentine's Day Dance and music and dancing every month.

We also are bringing back the Easter Egg Hunt , the Fishing Derby and this year we will be hosting a Salmon Derby this summer. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in participation at any of these events.

The Board of Directors welcomes to the Board this year Olaf Thorsen , Caleb Sousa and Chris Blasko. This years officers representing you are : Sundown Bova - Vice President, Treasurer- Brad Gobble, Secretary- Hunter Bova and myself. We are all working very hard at making this a great year for OUR club and members.

With many thanks to so many.

Pamela Kratzke,  
President

## Need Your Help !

1. We are looking for Members to volunteer to assist in the Easter Egg Hunt. Working the prize tables/hiding 1000's of eggs/and watching over the kids for Safety.
2. Dietary Needs - If a Member needs something special to assist with dietary issues please let us know and we will do what we can to accommodate you.
3. Be an Egg Donor:  
If you put your cash donations/checks in the wooden box in the bar, make sure to pick up an egg and put your name on it and hang it on our wall. All proceeds will go to the Easter Egg Hunt and if anything is left over will be donated to the Scholarship Fund.

## 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 2022

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

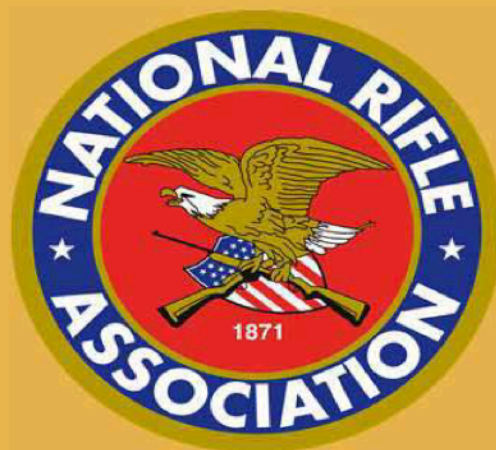
### Shotgun Range

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

### Link to Range Rules:

### Range Hours

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



A SHORT HISTORY OF SMITH & WESSON  
PART 5

THE 165 YEAR PERIOD STARTING IN 1857 SAW THE SMITH & WESSON FIREARMS COMPANY GROW FROM A MAKER OF (PRE-WINCHESTER) LEVER ACTION VOLCANICS THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF ROLLIN WHITE'S PATENT FOR BORED THROUGH CYLINDERS THAT RESULTED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF AMERICA'S FIRST CARTRIDGE REVOLVERS, TO ONE OF THE MOST PROLIFIC PRODUCERS OF FIREARMS IN THE WORLD. S&W'S REPUTATION WAS BUILT ON THE REVOLVER: FIRST THE TIP-UP RIMFIRES THAT LATCHED ON THE BOTTOM OF THE GUN, THEN THE AGE OF THE TOP-BREAKS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF CENTRALLY PRIMED AMMUNITION. BY THE TURN OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES THE SOLID-FRAME HAND-EJECTORS WERE BORN. DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED WITH NEW REVOLVERS BEING INTRODUCED YEARLY. IN 1957 S&W CREATED A MODEL NUMBERING SYSTEM THAT REPLACED THE CONFUSING AND AWKWARD SYSTEM OF FRAME-SIZE, CALIBER, AND SERIES LABELS IN USE FOR 100 YEARS. THAT NUMBERING SYSTEM IS STILL IN USE AND SMITH CATALOGUES MANY DOZENS OF MODERN REVOLVERS AND EVEN A FEW RETRO GUNS.

AMONG THE SEVERAL INTERESTING ANOMALIES THAT SMITH PRODUCED OVER THE YEARS ARE 2 OF MY FAVORITES: IN 1879 THE MODEL 320 REVOLVING RIFLE WAS MANUFACTURED. WITH BARREL LENGTHS OF 16", 18" AND 20" MADE WITH A 2-PIECE BARREL BY JOINING A LENGTH OF BARREL TO A SHORT SECTION AFFIXED TO THE RECEIVER AND ADDING A BUTTSTOCK A SERVICEABLE RIFLE WAS PRODUCED. THEY DID NOT NOT PROVE TO BE A MONEY-MAKER FOR THE COMPANY AND ONLY 977 WERE EVER MADE. THE PROBLEM WAS 2-FOLD. FIRST WAS THE VERY DESIGN ITSELF. AS USERS OF COLT'S REVOLVING PERCUSSION RIFLES FOUND, PLACING THE OFF-HAND ANYWHERE IN FRONT OF THE CYLINDER WAS TO INVITE HOT POWDER PARTICLES FROM THE FIRED CYLINDER TO PEPPER THE HAND OR WORSE. THIS COMBINED WITH AN UNUSUAL AND UNIQUE TO THE GUN, .320 RIFLE CARTRIDGE PRETTY MUCH DOOMED THE NEW RIFLE.

THE SECOND OF MY FAVORITE ANOMALIES ISN'T A REVOLVER AT ALL, IT IS S&W'S VERY FIRST SEMI-AUTO PISTOL THE MODEL 1913. SMITH WAS WAY BEHIND OTHER AMERICAN AND FOREIGN GUNMAKERS SEVERAL OF WHOM HAD PRODUCED NUMEROUS MODELS IN THE PRECEDING DECADE. THE 1913 WAS MODELED AFTER THE BELGIAN CLEMENT PISTOL. COLT HAD INTRODUCED THE MODEL 1903 IN .32 ACP (AUTOMATIC COLT PISTOL) AND THE ROUND WOULD BECOME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR PISTOL ROUNDS EVER. BUT IN 1913 IT WAS FAR FROM DETERMINED WHICH NEW AMMO WOULD PREVAIL IN THE PISTOL MARKET. RATHER THAN DESIGN A GUN THAT USED THEIR COMPETITORS AMMO, SMITH GAMBLED ON A NEW PROPRIETARY ROUND. AFTER ALL, THEIR PREVIOUS AMMO DESIGN EFFORTS HAD PRODUCED ICONIC CARTRIDGES THAT WERE IN USE ALL OVER THE WORLD: THE .22 SHORT, .44 RUSSIAN, .32 S&W, .38 S&W, AND .38 S&W SPECIAL AMONG THEM. THE NEW CARTRIDGE FOR THE NEW SEMI-AUTO WAS.....THE .35 S&W! NEVER HEARD OF IT? NOT SURPRISING. INTRODUCED IN 1913 THE NEW PISTOL WAS JUST BEING CATALOGUED AND DISCOVERED WHEN A SERIES OF WORLD EVENTS (MOST INFLUENTIAL BEING WW1) WOULD INTERRUPT PRODUCTION UNTIL THE 1920'S. WAR IN EUROPE DEMANDED FIREARMS FOR OUR ALLIES AND THOUGH THE U.S. WOULDN'T OFFICIALLY ENTER THE WAR UNTIL 1917 AMERICAN FIREARMS WERE IN USE FROM THE START. THE MODEL 1913 LIMPED ALONG FOR 9 YEARS WITH 8 VARIATIONS AND NONE OF THEM SEEING WIDESPREAD ACCEPTANCE. FINALLY GIVING UP ON THE PROPRIETARY .35 S&W (WHICH WAS DIMENSIONALLY VERY CLOSE TO COLT'S .32 ACP) SMITH PRODUCED THE 1913'S IN .32 ACP AND CHANGED THE MODEL NUMBER TO 1924. PRODUCTION CEASED IN 1924 YET THE GUNS WERE CATALOGUED UNTIL 1936. I JUST TOOK 12 YEARS TO SELL THEM. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AND ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS I RANK THE 1913'S AMONG MY FAVORITES IS THE BRILLIANT AND VERY UNIQUE METHOD OF DISCONNECTING THE HEAVY RECOIL SPRING TO RETRACT THE SLIDE FOR LOADING AND COCKING. PUSHING IN

A BAR ON THE SLIDE ALLOWS THE SLIDE TO RETRACT WITHOUT HAVING TO OVERCOME THE SPRING PRESSURE WHICH WAS SIGNIFICANT IN THIS BLOW-BACK OPERATED PISTOL. ONCE LOADED AND COCKED THE SLIDE IS RETURNED TO BATTERY AND THE BAR ACTIVATED TO RECONNECT THE RECOIL SPRING. THIS SEEMS THE PERFECT FIX FOR HEAVY-SPRING SLIDES IN MODERN PISTOLS. A VERY COMMON COMPLAINT AGAINST SMALL SEMIS IS THE EFFORT NEEDED TO RETRACT THE SLIDE. SMITH SOLVED THAT PROBLEM IN 1913 YET, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THE SYSTEM HAS NEVER BEEN REPLICATED.

SMITH & WESSON CONTINUES TO BE A FRONTRUNNER IN THE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF HANDGUNS WITH LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF MODELS CATALOGUED. OLDER SMITHS PROVIDE A RICH FIELD FOR COLLECTORS AND SHOOTERS ALIKE.

THIS CONCLUDES MY 5-PART SHORT HISTORY OF S&W. I ENJOY RESEARCHING, DISCUSSING, VIEWING, SHOOTING, BUYING AND SELLING THE OLDER SMITHS. FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME TO DO THE SAME.

MICHAEL MCINERNEY  
RANGEMASTER



# Holmes Harbor Rod & Gun Club: Events Calendar

Today

March 2022

Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
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 12pm Wine and Be
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 & D
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	29	30 Open 2-7	31 Open 12-7	Apr 1 Open 2 to 7	2 Open 12 to 7

Events shown in time zone: Pacific Time - Los Angeles

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