

MOOSE LIVE WIRE

NEWSLETTER OF THE HAYWARD-CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE 1491

MARCH - APRIL 2026

20835 Rutledge Road, Castro Valley, California 94546 510-537-0830

Loyal Order of the Moose 1491 & Women of the Moose Chapter 934 "A Family Fraternity"





President Fannessia Williams
 Administrator Dina Munday

LODGE OFFICER

Jr. Past President	Blaze Hayes
Chaplain	Damon Russell
Vice President	Bonnie Russell
Treasurer	Teri Castro
Trustee	George Newkirk
Trustee	Michael Perkins
Trustee	Beverly Hoover
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STANDING COMMITTEES

Activities	OPEN
Application Review	Liz Hayes
Financial Review	Cheryl Walton
Communications	Teri Castro
Chapter Activities	Earlene Jensen
Heart of the Community	Karen Clay
Government Relations	Stephen West
Loss Prevention	Steven Hilgado
Membership	Damon Russell
Moose Charities	Tonya Peacock
Moose Legion	Robert Walton
Ritual	Mo Khan
Social Quarters Manager	Dina Munday
Administrator Assistant (Finance)	Lili Xu
Administrator Assistant (Rentals)	Teri Castro

Presidents Message

As I am typing up my last President newsletter article, I want to begin by saying thank you. Thank you for your dedication, your volunteer spirit, and the heart you bring to this lodge and our community every single day. It has been an honor to stand before you as President and reflect on what we have accomplished together.

This year has been a reminder of what makes being a Moose member so special, our commitment to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven, to uplifting our community, and to looking after one another as a true family. Whether you volunteered at an event, worked behind the scenes, donated your time or resources, or simply walked through those doors to support the lodge, you made a difference. We worked, we served, we laughed, and yes, we faced challenges. But every time something or someone tested us, we did our best to responded with compassion, teamwork, and a “let’s get it done” attitude. That has been the spirit behind keeping our lodge strong.

I want to take a moment to recognize our officers, committee members, and volunteers who stepped up throughout the year. Your leadership and dedication kept this lodge running stronger than ever! To our bartenders, event organizers, and every member who keeps this place warm and welcoming, your efforts did not go unnoticed.

Based on our Territory Stats as of 2/23/2026 we welcomed over 300 new lodge members into our Moose family this year. To all of you: we are glad you are here. You bring new energy, new ideas, and new friendships, and we look forward to seeing you grow, and getting involved within the lodge. We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers.

As I look ahead, I am not just closing out a year, I am stepping into a new chapter. Let us carry forward the pride of our tradition, the strength of our unity, and the vision to keep this lodge thriving.

We will continue to serve our community, support our Moose missions, and build a lodge where every person feels valued and at home.

My commitment as your outgoing President was simple, to lead with integrity, to listen with intention, and to work hard for the good of this lodge and everyone in it. Thank you again for everything you do. I am proud of what we achieved this year, and I am excited for what lies ahead. Let us continue “MOVING FORWARD, GIVING BACK”

Fannessia Williams
 HCV Moose Lodge 1491
 2025-2026 President

Membership Retention – Finishing the Year Strong

As the Moose year comes to an end, membership retention becomes more important than ever for our Lodge, the Women of the Moose, and the Moose Legion. While bringing in new members is important, keeping our current members engaged and involved is what truly keeps our fraternity strong.

Retention begins with making members feel welcome, appreciated, and connected. A friendly greeting, an invitation to sit together, or encouraging someone to attend an event can make a big difference. When members feel like they belong, they are more likely to remain active in the lodge.

Let’s also remember to reach out to members we haven’t seen in a while. A simple call or message letting them know they are missed can go a long way.

Together, by supporting each other and working across all three bodies, we can ensure the Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge family remains strong for years to come.

**Women of the Moose
BOARD OF OFFICERS AND
CHAIRMAN
2024-2025**

Sr. Regent **Dina Munday**

Officers

Jr. Past Regent	Renee Belk
Treasurer	Teri Castro
Secretary	Annie Smith
Guide	Patty Castro
Application Review	Liz Hayes
Membership	Emily Andrade
Mooseheart/Moosehaven	Jo Marie Holt
Higher Degrees	Bonnie Russell
Fraternal Activities	Alexis Lada
Audit Chairman	Cheryl Branin

**WOMEN OF THE
MOOSE
MEETINGS
2nd WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
6:00pm**

**LODGE
MOOSE LEGION**

Meeting update:
2nd Tuesday of every month @
6:30
CV/Hayward Moose lodge
Game room
Please come out and join the
meeting to get all the news.

Senior Regents Message

As my year serving as Senior Regent of the Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Chapter comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an honor and privilege it has been to serve this incredible group of women and our Moose family.

This past year has been filled with hard work, laughter, challenges, and many accomplishments. None of it would have been possible without the dedication and support of our officers and members who continuously step up to volunteer their time and talents. Your commitment to our chapter, our lodge, and the mission of the Moose truly makes a difference.

The Women of the Moose are built on the foundation of service, compassion, and fellowship. Throughout this year, I have seen firsthand how strong our chapter is when we work together. Whether helping with lodge events, supporting our community, or raising funds for Mooseheart and Moosehaven, our members continue to demonstrate the true meaning of Moose unity.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported me during my time as Senior Regent. Your encouragement, teamwork, and friendship made this journey both rewarding and memorable. I am incredibly proud of what we accomplished together.

As new leadership steps forward, I have full confidence that our chapter will continue to grow and thrive. I encourage everyone to continue supporting one another, attending meetings, and participating in the many events that bring our Moose family together.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to serve. It has truly been an experience I will always treasure.

Fraternally,

Dina D Munday

Senior Regent

ADMINISTRATORS NOTE

Spring is right around the corner, and there is a lot happening at our Moose Lodge! I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their continued support and involvement. Our lodge continues to grow stronger because of the dedication of our members and volunteers.

First, I'm excited to share that the front bathrooms have been completely remodeled. This project has been a long time coming, and the upgrades make the space cleaner, more modern, and more comfortable for everyone who visits the lodge. Thank you to everyone who helped make this improvement possible.

We also have some great events coming up that you won't want to miss.

On March 14th, we will be hosting our St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. It promises to be a fun evening filled with good food, great music, and plenty of Irish spirit. Be sure to wear your green and bring your friends for a festive night at the lodge.

Families should mark their calendars for April 4th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM for our Kids Easter Party. This event is open to the public and will feature games, a trunk-or-treat style candy hunt, and pizza for the kids. It's always a wonderful day filled with laughter and smiles.

Don't forget about Trivia Night every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. It's a great opportunity to test your knowledge, enjoy some friendly competition, and spend time with fellow members. After trivia, stick around for music and socializing.

Our lodge is more than just a building — it's a community. Thank you all for helping make it a welcoming place for members, families, and guests. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Fraternally,

Dina D. Munday

Administrator

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

*APRIL 28, 2026

PLEASE JOIN US AT 6:30 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
MOOSE LODGE AND WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT.

MOOSE LEGION MESSAGE

Your Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Legion Committee is proud to report an increase in Moose Legion membership. We're currently at 105 Moose Legionnaires from Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge. That's almost half the members in all of Alacosta 70 Moose Legion!

In case you are wondering, ALL of Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Legionnaires are members of Alacosta 70 Moose Legion, but not all members of Alacosta 70 Moose Legion are members of Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge 1491. You see, there are FOUR Moose Lodges in Alacosta 70's jurisdiction: Richmond 550, Concord 567, Pittsburg 1475 and Hayward/Castro Valley 1491. This is often somewhat confusing to some, but the important part here is to understand that YOUR Lodge is doing an INCREDIBLE job of keeping Alacosta 70 Moose Legion alive and well as it nears its 100th anniversary in 2027.

"How can I help?", you ask? The answer is rather simple: EVERY male member of HCV 1491 should be a Moose Legionnaire. It's a requirement if you wish to serve on the Board of Officers at the Lodge (elections are coming up real soon!) and HIGHLY recommended for everyone else. The HCV 1491 Moose Legionnaires put together fun events at the Lodge to benefit the Lodge and its membership. These events keep Lodge prices low, keep enthusiasm high and keep the parking lot full of cars!

Your Moose Legion Committee is currently running the Trivia Nights on Thursdays in the Social Quarters and membership response has been overwhelmingly positive! You don't need to be a Moose Legionnaire to enjoy the events or even help organize them, but please come to the meetings every month at the Lodge on the 2nd Tuesday at 6PM to talk about what we're doing and what we can do next. You'll be glad you did. These Committee meetings are VERY casual. We're literally gathered around and brainstorming. The Moose Legion Committee is also planning the THIRD Annual Rib Cook-Off on August 1, 2026 and details are in the planning stages now. We're making it even bigger and better this year, so please bring your ideas, as all input is welcome.

Watch this space for bi-monthly details. Come to the Lodge membership meetings for monthly updates on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7pm or come hit me up at the Lodge for up-to-the-minute updates on whatever the Committee is doing. Better yet: Come see me so I can sign you up to be a Moose Legionnaire!

Damon Russell

HCV 1491 Moose Legion Committee Chairman
Secretary, Alacosta70 Moose Legion

Sec.alacosta70@gmail.com

(510)506-4314

CHAPLAIN REPORT

As we come to the close of another Moose Year, I'm reminded of those we've lost. We've lost some really dedicated members this year, and that always hurts in ways we can never accurately describe.

"We live once, but we die twice".

The first time we die is when we physically leave this world. The second time we die is when our name is no longer on the tongue of the living.

Our beloved members have done a great deal of work to continue the efforts of the Moose fraternity, and when they pass, we should pick up the slack and continue with the realization of their passion. You see, it's our job to finish where they left off. We owe it to them to do what they wanted to do.

It's their legacy. Do it for THEM.

There's something Brother President Blaze introduced into our General membership meetings last year that you may not know about: In addition to our "sickness and distress" report, he ADDED "health and happiness" reports to help remind us all that we're still here, doing the things that get us out of bed every morning, and we should celebrate those victories, no matter how big or small they might be, even if we're in competitions we didn't sign up for.

I'll say it again for the folks in the back: **It's their legacy. Do it for THEM. Don't let their effort be for nothing.** How do you want to be remembered?

As we move forward into the coming year, let us be mindful of the work done thus far. Let us be diligent in our focus, steadfast in our commitment, and eager to do our part to make each other's passion a success, for the "Good of the Order". *"A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many"*

Thank you for all you do.
Damon Russell, Chaplain

HAYWARD / CASTRO VALLEY



MOOSE LODGE 1491

**LODGE NOMINATIONS
& ELECTIONS**



Interested in Leadership?

You can still submit your name for the following positions:

- ✓ **President**
- ✓ **Vice President**
- ✓ **Chaplain**
- ✓ **Treasurer**
- ✓ **Trustee**



Deadline to Submit Your Name: MARCH 16



Election Date: APRIL 1st, 2026



Time: 7:00 PM



Location: Hayward / Castro Valley Moose Lodge 1491

Get involved and help lead the future of your lodge!

All eligible members are encouraged to participate.



**DOORS
OPEN
8PM**

TICKETS:



80'S

Celebrity Party



SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

8:00PM - 1:00AM | 21+ ONLY WITH ID

**CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE
20835 RUTLEDGE ROAD, CASTRO VALLEY, CA**



DJ DAVID SAVIOR



PLAYING ALL YOUR FAVORITE 80'S HITS

**DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE 80'S CELEBRITIES
OPEN TO ALL MOOSE MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE LODGE OR SCAN THE QR CODE**

*WOMEN
OF THE
MOOSE*

EVERY

Friday Night

IN SOCIAL QUARTERS

EVERYTHING IS \$2

Dessert Table



Homemade

Delicious

Fresh

**The Women of the Moose put this
fundraising event on EVERY
FRIDAY to raise money for our
foundations**

Thank You For Your Support!

HAYWARD / CASTRO VALLEY

MOOSE LODGE

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026



Schedule of Events

WOTM Installation – 4:30 PM

Lodge Installation – 5:00 PM

Dinner – 6:00 PM

Dancing – 7:00 PM

Chicken Dinner – \$20



*Come out and support our new leadership and celebrate
the start of a new Moose year with friends and fellowship.*

HAYWARD / CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE / MOOSE LEGION

RIB Cookoff



SATURDAY, AUG 1ST, 2026

HAYWARD / CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE 1491
20835 RUTLEDGE ROAD
CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546

Castro Valley 3-7pm
WHEN: Wednesday
May 27, June 24
July 22, & August 26

2026 SUMMER CAR SHOW
BBQ GET TOGETHER

FREE ENTRY

BBQ events hosted at the Hayward Castro Valley Moose Lodge 1491, 20835 Rutledge Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546
No entry fee - just a casual get together of Cool Cars, Food, & Fun / Bring your friends
For more information visit CastroValleyCarshow.com or call 510.537.0830

Moose Lodge

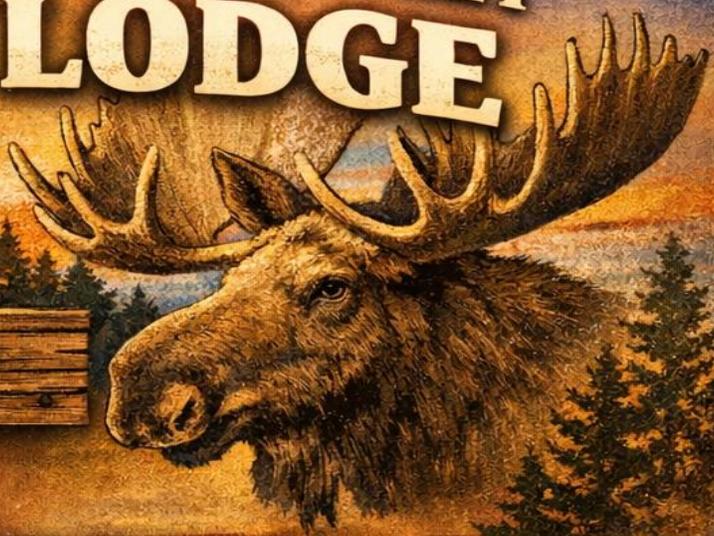
MARCH 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2 Buon Tempo Dinner 7:00  Poker 7:00-10:00	3  Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:30	4 Lodge Meeting 7:00	5 TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00	6  Karaoke 7:30 Poker 7:00	7 District Meeting -Pacifica Lodge Poker 10:00am	8
9 VFW Meeting  Poker 7:00-10:00	10 Moose Legion Meeting 6:30 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am	11 WOTM Meeting 6:00	12 5 Spot Dance group TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00	13  Karaoke 7:30 Poker 7:00	14 St Patricks Dinner & Dance Poker 10:00am 	15
16 Buon Tempo Dinner 7:00  Poker 7:00-10:00	17 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am	18 Lodge Meeting 7:00	19 TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00	20  Karaoke 7:30 Poker 7:00	21 Poker 10:00am	22
23 American Legion Meeting  Poker 7:00-10:00	24 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10am	25 TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00	26 TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00	27  Karaoke 7:30 Poker 7:00	28 80's Party See flyer Poker 10:00am 	29
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APRIL 2026

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		1 Lodge Meeting 7:00	2	3	4 KIDS EASTER PARTY See flyer	5 HAPPY EASTER
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27 American Legion Meeting Poker 7:00-10:00 LIFELINE SCREENING	28 NEW MEMBER ORIENATION Cornhole 6:30	29	30 TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00			

HAYWARD-CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE



**SOCIAL QUARTERS
ANNOUNCEMENT**



**PRICE
ADJUSTMENT
NOTICE**

Starting
MAY 1st

**ALL LIQUOR DRINKS
— WILL INCREASE BY —**

\$1.00



**BOTTLED BEER
& DOMESTIC DRAFT
REMAIN THE SAME!**

Thank you for supporting your

**HAYWARD-CASTRO VALLEY
MOOSE LODGE**

Spring Boutique



Sunday April 12th, 2026

VENDORS WANTED

Members 25\$

Non Members 30\$

8ft table

Email jomamascreationz@gmail.com



**Thank you Ed & Marta
for your donation!**



Hayward/Castro Valley

Moose Lodge Needs Your Help

Over the past year, our lodge has made several important improvements to our home. Thanks to the dedication and generosity of our members and volunteers, we have completed many upgrades including remodeling both the men's bathrooms, purchasing new furniture for the social quarters, installing new lighting in the hall, and replacing one of our HVAC units. These improvements have helped make our lodge more comfortable and welcoming for everyone.

However, our biggest project still remains just out of reach — repaving our parking lot.

A safe and well-maintained parking lot is essential for our members, guests, and the many community events we host. While we are incredibly grateful to those who have already donated toward this project, we are still short of the funds needed to make it happen.

This is where we need your help.

We are asking for support in three important ways:

1. Donations

Every contribution helps move us closer to completing this much-needed project.

2. Fundraising Ideas

If you have creative ideas for fundraising events or activities, we would love to hear them and work together to make them happen.

3. Skilled Volunteers

If you work in construction, paving, concrete, or related trades — or know someone who does — we would greatly appreciate any donated time, expertise, or resources that could help reduce the cost of this project.

The Moose has always been about neighbors helping neighbors and members supporting one another. Together, we can complete this project and continue making our lodge a place we are all proud to call home.

If you would like to donate, volunteer, or share ideas, please reach out to the lodge.

Thank you for supporting the Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge.

Membership Committee report

Hello Mooses and Moosettes! As you may know, we're coming to the final stretch in our "Moose Year" which ends on April 30. How are we doing? Well, let me tell ya!

HCV 1491's membership is up by about +100 since May 1, 2025. we're at 1427 members the last time I checked about Mid-February. Out of the 28 Lodges in our territory, (Territory 45), we have the highest gain in membership year-to-date. We have a 83% renewal rate, which is well above the average for the Territory, which is at 77%. There are only 3 Lodges in our territory with as high a retention rate as ours. This means we're doing good! Our new member application goal was set at 260, we beat that already, we're at 278 as of Mid-February, and we still have 2-1/2 months to go. The entire territory has a +46 in membership right now, which isn't bad. There are 18,300 members in our territory, I believe we have about 57,000 in the entire association. I expect both the association and the fraternity will see a growth in membership for the year.

The WOTM Chapters aren't doing as well, however. The territory has only 16 chapters in those 28 lodges, and every one of them has a loss in membership for the year. I believe Barb McPherson has set a 65% retention rate for the year as the goal for the WOTM Award of Excellence, which replaces the +1 criteria which was traditionally a requirement but waived last year.

The Chapters in our territory are down 798 for the year, and ours, beloved WOTM #934 is down -44 at the moment. The territory has a 58% WOTM retention rate. We're doing slightly better at 62%, but not quite enough to hit the goal. Ladies, we want to get our expired members to renew their dues for the Award of Excellence at the least! We have 245 now, we'd need 290 for a +1, but we only need a few to renew to get that 65% retention rate. Your membership guy is willing to do whatever is necessary to help the Chapter hit its target. Let's make it happen!

Keep in mind, these are not NEW applications, these are renewals. Our Chapter new application goal is 11. We passed that already, we have 30 so far, likely due to the incentive program the Lodge put in place this year. We are at 273% of the application goal, the highest in the whole Territory!

The Moose Legion is also in need of some help. Our Moose fraternity has just under 53,000 Moose Legionnaires in 154 jurisdictions worldwide and is currently down 1472 for the year.

Our Moose Legion, Alacosta 70, is down in membership for the year. We need 243 for our +1, we're at 231 presently, but we fully expect to meet the target before April 30. Our application goal was 28, we are at 49 presently, for 175% of our goal, the highest percentage in the Cal-Nevada Moose Association, which holds 17 of those jurisdictions. Again, this is largely due to HCV's promotion for this year, and HCV has an increase of 11 Moose Legionnaires already, Alacosta's other Lodges are down in number of Moose Legionnaires for the year at this time.

The good news is that your Lodge's Moose Legion is on track to get the Award of Excellence, as it has for the past several years.

As I've said before: Each Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion is a Fraternal Unit. Losing members in ANY of our Fraternal units is a BIG problem. Don't be fooled into thinking that membership growth in the Lodges will make up for the losses in the chapters and Moose Legions. It will not. It's up to each of us to make sure we don't see the consequences of losses in the higher degrees. Feel free to talk to me anytime if you have any questions or ideas.

Damon Russell,
Membership Committee Chairman



PLEASE WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Lodge is in desperate need of a new parking lot for the safety of our members

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

We want to share how generous you are with a donation of \$110 by putting your name and the year you joined the Moose Lodge on a wooden moose head that will decorate the walls of the lodge.

PLEASE AND
THANK YOU



PLEASE AND
THANK YOU

* put the name of a love one that was part of the lodge and no longer with us 

CASTRO VALLEY *TIRE PROS*

(510) 606-9116

2470 Castro Valley Blvd. | Castro Valley, CA 94546

M-F: 8am - 5pm | Sat: 7:30am - 3:30pm | Sun: Closed

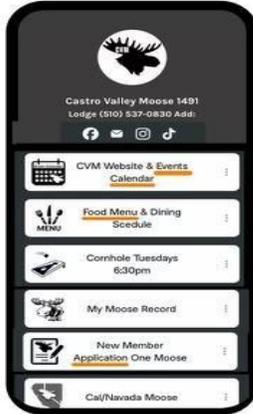


The East Bay Business Connection (EBBC) is a diverse and inclusive business networking group focused on building trusted relationships and supporting business growth throughout the community. We help you grow your business! For more information on East Bay Business Connection, contact Marlon Gomez at 510-303-8049.

Everything For Castro Valley Moose; Events Calendar, New Member Application and Other Important Member Links. Scan The QR code with your phone.



SCAN ME



MOOSE LEGION PRESENTS:

TRIVIA NIGHT

AT THE MOOSE

FREE ENTRY

7PM START

EVERY THURSDAY
AT THE CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE

RULES AND INFO:

NO ENTRY FEE - UP TO 5 PLAYERS PER TEAM
MEMBERS & QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY

FOOD, DRINKS, AND FUN!

ORDER A FULL MENU OF APPETIZERS, ENTREES, AND
SNACKS FROM BAY CATERING - WATCH SPORTS
ON THE BIG SCREEN TVS - FULL BAR / COCKTAILS

HOSTED BY DJ DAVID SAVIOR

THE LODGE HAS SEVERAL GAMES!

SENIOR

PINOCHLE

@MOOSE LODGE

**MONDAYS &
THURSDAYS
12 TO 4PM**

**CONTACT STACY POULOS
FOR DETAILS**

WHO WANTS TO PLAY CARDS?

CHECK OUT THE GAMES DAYS AND TIMES!

- Mondays Texas Hold 'Em 7:00pm
- Tuesday 10:00am, Dealers Choice
- Fridays Texas Hold 'Em 7:00pm
- Saturdays 10:00am, Dealers Choice

LODGE HOURS

*MONDAY-THURSDAY

4:00pm TO 11:00pm

*FRIDAY

2:00pm-12:00am

*SATURDAY

12:00pm TO 10:00pm

*SUNDAY

1:00Am TO 8:00pm

HAPPY HOUR

Did you know that the lodge
has this?

Monday-Friday

4:00-6:00

.75 off any drink

Please be
prepared and
PROUD to show
your **MOOSE CARD**.

REMEMBER
OUR
BARTENDERS
ARE ALL
VOLUNTEERS