

## **FEBRUARY 2016**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan. 31	1	2	3	4	5	6 Zero Victims Basic
Sp. Clays Buddy Shoot-12pm	Boy Scouts-6:30-8pm	Magic City Fly Fishers				Pistol Class 9-6
						Sp. Clays 5stand Buckle Race-12pm
			BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 8-11am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Muzzle Loader -9am Skeet/Trap 10-3 Skeet meeting-Noon	Boy Scouts-6:30-8pm			Archery Meeting-7pm		Sp. Clays 5stand Buckle Race-12pm
OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 11-1pm		BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Archery Target
Zero Victims Basic Pistol Class 9-6 Skeet/Trap 10-3	Boy Scouts-6:30-8pm	BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7 pm	Well Armed Woman- 6pm Pistol Building			Gluing Party-9am Zero Victims Basic Pistol Class 9-6 Sp. Clays 5stand Buckle Race-12pm
OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 11-1pm		BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	
21 Zero Victims Def.	22	23	24	25	26	27
Handgun Class 9-6 Skeet/Trap 10-3	Boy Scouts-6:30-8pm					Sp. Clays 5stand Buckle Race-12pm
OFFICE CLOSED			BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 8-11am
28 Skeet/Trap 10-3	29	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5
Sp. Clays Buddy Shoot-12pm	Boy Scouts-6:30-8pm					Sp. Clays 5stand Buckle Race-12pm
OFFICE CLOSED			BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 8-11am

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a treat to see so many energetic scouts enjoying themselves at the gun club during the Boy Scout's Klondike Derby on January 23rd! The BRGC chartered Troop 52 did a fantastic job organizing the event. With around 200 scouts and troop leaders participating, the volunteers' efforts to instruct and keep them all safe at each station and while travelling between were greatly appreciated. Thank you for sharing your club for the day! As always, think safe and shoot straight!

Irv Wilke (clubpresident@billingsrodandgun.org)

# **CONSERVATION**

Public comment on rules, dates and structures for Montana's 2016 and 2017 hunting seasons come to a close Jan. 20 with the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission scheduled to make final changes at its February meeting. Next up for hunters is a March 15 deadline to apply for special big game licenses and permits. New 2016 hunting and fishing licenses go on sale Feb. 1.

The Montana Habitat Partnership reported that contributions from partners including the Billings Rod and Gun Club were instrumental in its 2015 successes and 2016 plans for pheasant habitat creation and improvements on public lands at Pompeys Pillar and the Yellowstone Wildlife Management Area, 30 miles east of Billings.

Bob Gibson, (conservation@billingsrodandgun.org)

# **ARCHERY**

- Please plan on attending the division meeting on **February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm** at the main clubhouse. There will be a target gluing party Saturday, **February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am**. We'll be using water based glue.
- The first 3D shoot will be March 13<sup>th</sup> with setup starting at 9am the day before. All help is appreciated!

Tom Tyre, (archery@billingsrodandgun.org)

#### **RIFLE / PISTOL**

- Muzzle Loaders will shoot on Feb. 7th weather permitting.
- **Action Pistol** is thinking about doing a fun shoot on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Please send Tami an email if you would like them to schedule something! <a href="mailto:tami@magiccityactionshooters.org">tami@magiccityactionshooters.org</a>
- **Cowboy Action** will be holding a "How to write a Stage" class at Entre Technology on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Please email for more information. mtpeacemakers@gmail.com
- The Well Armed Woman-Billings Chapter will host their next meeting at the pistol range on Feb. 17th at 6pm. We will not shoot this month due to lack of daylight and probably weather.

Jen Adams (riflepistol@billingsrodandgun.org)

### **SKEET / FIVE STAND**

The Skeet and 5 Stand facility is open each Sunday from 10 am to 3 pm to the general public.

- Skeet fields 1 and 2 are available to members every day provided that tokens have already been purchased.
- Trap shooting is available on Sundays. Please let the deskworker know you are interested.

LEAD FOR SALE: available at the Skeet Clubhouse on Sundays

- New shot \$33 per 25 lb bag, available in #9 and #7.5
- Reclaimed \$30 per 25 lb bag, average #8.

ESTATE SHOTGUN SHELLS FOR SALE: available at the Skeet Clubhouse on Sundays

- 12 Gauge #9 for \$55 per 10 box case
- 20 Gauge #9 for \$55 per 10 box case.

**Meetings:** Division meeting is Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> over the noon hour.

Mike Hammond, (skeet@billingsrodandgun.org)

### **SPORTING CLAYS**

Our annual "Buddy Shoot" format of shoots will begin with our first shoot on Sunday **January 31st**; The **February** shoot is on the **28th** and **April 3rd** will be the other; lunch will be served at noon and shooting at 1:00 PM.

We will be having a winter series 5stand competition to be shot every Saturday from **Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> thru March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Lunch will be at noon, and shooting to start at 1:00 pm. Contact Gary at 672-0280, or Trevor at 406-425-2835 for additional information.

The summer hours for the clays division will begin on **April 14th** starting with Thursday afternoon at 4:30 pm and Sundays from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The 2016 shoot schedule has been published and the Sporting Clays Spring League has been placed on the calendar to begin on **April 14**<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 4:30. The league shooting will run for 12 weeks ending on June 27<sup>th</sup>. A Fun Shoot and awards is scheduled for **July 7th**. League is limited to the first 80 shooters to register; registration is 20.00 per person and teams can range from 3 to 6 members; Nightly target fees will be \$30.00 per 100 targets. Non members can join BRGC for an annual \$125.00 fee or buy a gate pass for the league season for \$20.00. For additional information or to sign up, contact Gary Smith at <a href="mailto:gsmith@tractorandequipment.com">gsmith@tractorandequipment.com</a> or Butch Smart at 690-5078.

When you use your 5-stand counters and Clay-mates on the course, you can shoot for 20 cents per target any day of the week. The Clays Division has additional counters available for those who do not already have one, contact Butch Smart @ 690-5078 to purchase a counter or have a counter refilled.