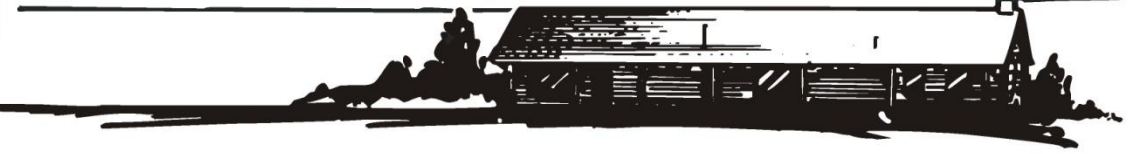




BILLINGS ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.



JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Skeet Fun Shoot 11-3	2	3 Magic City Fly Fishers	4	5 Christian Sportsmen	6	7
			BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 8-11 am
8 Skeet/Trap 10-3 Sp. Clays work party-noon	9 Boy Scouts-6:30-8pm	10	11	12 Archery meeting - 7pm	13	14
OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 11-1pm		BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	
15 Skeet/Trap 10-3	16 Boy Scouts-6:30-8pm	17 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7 pm	18 Well Armed Woman-6pm Pistol range	19	20	21 KLONDIKE DERBY-ALL RANGES CLOSED
OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 11-1pm		BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	
22 Sp. Clays Trap Setting class-9am Skeet/Trap 10-3	23 Boy Scouts-6:30-8pm	24	25	26	27 Bowhunter Ed Class	28 Bowhunter Ed Class
OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 11-1pm		BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	
29 Bowhunter Ed Class Skeet/Trap 10-3 Sp. Clays fun shoot	30 Boy Scouts-6:30-8pm	31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4 Sp. Clays 5 Stand Buckle Race
OFFICE CLOSED			BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 8-11 am

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mark your calendars: **January 21st** - all Billings Rod and Gun Club ranges will be **CLOSED** for the Boy Scout's Klondike Derby. Boy Scouts will be testing their skills on various activities including cooking, packing, building and of course, shooting! To keep them all safe, we are **closing the ranges**. As always, think safe and shoot straight!

Irv Wilke ([contact the Club President](#))

CONSERVATION

A couple of significant events that will have an impact on hunters and fishermen for the foreseeable future are underway in Montana this month.

- Montana's elected legislators are heading to Helena for the next three or four months. Fish and wildlife issues always take a front seat when they propose changes to our laws. The conservation committee will try to stay abreast of their work and suggest opportunities for the 2,100 family members of the Billings Rod and Gun Club to use their considerable influence to steer votes in favor of our hunting, fishing and shooting rights.
- The earliest stages of invasive mussels have been discovered in Canyon Ferry and Tiber reservoirs. When they grow to adulthood, the fingernail-sized mollusks can be devastating to any water where they thrive and have decimated lakes in the Midwest and New England. Biologists believe they arrived in the Great Lakes in ballast water of cargo ships from Europe. They have spread in water left in live wells and bilge tanks of sports boats towed between lakes. They have no natural enemies in North America and are not easily killed or controlled. In addition to clogging water intakes on everything from municipal and irrigation pipes to ski boats, they filter the nutrients out of the water, out competing the native life that feeds our sports fish. Emergency efforts are underway by Montana's departments of Natural Resources and Fish Wildlife and Parks to contain the mussels. Tons of information is online at <http://musselresponse.mt.gov>

Bob Gibson ([contact Conservation Division](#))

ARCHERY

My name is Doug Barnett. I am this year's president for the archery division at the Rod and Gun Club. We have openings for nonmembers to join us. We have a League pass only valid on league nights and return pass after league is over that you can purchase for a \$20 onetime fee. Then the cost of the league fees are \$5.00 every Wednesday night, 16 and under shoot free. We would like to start league nights April 5, 2017 weather permitting.

I would like to try something new this year. On Tuesday nights I would like to start an archery dart league. Since this is a new thing, I would need to know how many people would be interested in joining our leagues. Please send me a message with your contact info.

Doug Barnett, ([contact Archery Division](#))

RIFLE / PISTOL

- **Muzzle Loaders** may shoot on Jan. 1st depending on the weather.
- **Action Pistol** may hold some winter shoots!! Watch your email if you are on our list or check our website magiccityactionshooters.org for updates.
- **The Well Armed Woman-Billings Chapter** will host their next meeting at the Pistol Building on Jan. 18th at 6pm and will be cleaning guns! Any questions-send them to Randi Henderson twawbilmt@msn.com.

Jen Adams ([contact Rifle/Pistol Division](#))

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: New and Reclaimed, available at the Skeet Clubhouse on Sundays

ESTATE SHOTGUN SHELLS FOR SALE: 12 Ga and 20 Ga #9 \$55/case available at the Skeet Clubhouse on Sundays

New Year's Day Fun Shoot: Sunday, Jan. 1st, 11 am – 3 pm. Fun target games with great prizes. Open to the public. Bring a friend!

Mike Hammond ([contact Skeet Division](#))

SPORTING CLAYS

The Sporting Clays course continues to be available as long as the snow will let you get to the club; the machines are loaded and waiting for you. The 5-stand course is under construction.... more info to follow.

The course will be closed on **January 21st** as BRGC will be hosting "Klondike Days" for the Boys Scouts, with over 200 scouts taking part of all day festivities.

A work day has been scheduled for **January 8th** starting at noon. A trap setting class has been scheduled for **January 22nd** at 9am; these are open to all members / shooters.

The 2017 shoot schedule has been published; The 5-Stand Buckle Race Shoot will start on **Feb. 4th**... There is an "end of the month shoot" scheduled for **Jan. 29th**. and the Sporting Clays Spring League has been placed on the calendar to begin on April 13th 2017. You can contact Trevor or Chris Valdez for details on each.

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 at 690-5078 to purchase a counter or have a counter refilled.

Butch Smart ([contact Sporting Clays Division](#))