

# BILLINGS ROD & GUN CLUB, ING.

# **JANUARY 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1-Jan	2-Jan	3-Jan	4-Jan	5-Jan	6-Jan	7-Jan
New Year's Day Skeet Fun Shoot						
		Magic City Fly				
Skeet/Trap 10-3	Boy Scouts	Fishermen				
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 8-11am
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Skeet/Trap 10-3	Boy Scouts			Archery Meeting 7 PM		
OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 11-1pm	OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	OFFICE CLOSED
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Sporting Clays Meeting 6:30 PM					
Skeet/Trap 10-3	Boy Scouts	Board Meeting 7 PM	Armed Women of America			Boy Scout Klondike ALL RANGES CLOSED
OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 11-1pm	OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	OFFICE CLOSED
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Skeet/Trap 10-3	Boy Scouts					Billings 4X4
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 8-11am
29	30	31	1-Feb	2-Feb	3-Feb	4-Feb
Skeet/Trap 10-3	Boy Scouts					
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 8-11am

### **INCREASE IN 2023 BRGC ANNUAL DUES**

The Board of Directors has voted to increase the annual dues from \$125 to \$150 per year. The additional money dedicates an additional \$20 to our land fund and \$5 for road maintenance. The increase will take effect January 1, 2023. Late 2022 renewals received after 12/31/22 will be subject to the dues increase and moved to January 2023.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our New Year; 2023 promises to be an active and exciting year for our club with some major events planned. The Boy Scouts will again hold the Klondike event on January 21. Sporting Clays will host several charity shoots along with their usual contingent of matches and league shoots. Cowboy Action has landed the State Wild Bunch Shoot and it will be on June 23 and 24. The Biggie will be the Area 1 Championship put on by the Action Pistol division, July 27 thru 31, when many of the top Pistol shooters from the Northwest and across the entire country will compete at our club. This will be the largest event ever at our club with over 400 shooters participating. It will be a one-time event, but it will shut down the Pistol Range and North Course, and we ask your indulgence and understanding. Please, do mark your calendars and come watch the fastest and the best compete (eye and ear protection required). I Hope you all had a Joyous and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Exciting New Year's Eve.

# BOY SCOUT KLONDIKE JANUARY 21 – RANGES CLOSED

The Boy Scouts will once again be using BRGC to hold their annual Boy Scout Klondike. All ranges are closed this day.

# ARCHERY

We had our monthly meeting on December 8. In addition to hunting stories, several topics were discussed. We will be hosting another Archery League this spring, similar format as last year; 15 weeks starting early April, with a \$5 fee each week. The money will go to prizes for drawings at the end of season along with a banquet. If you are interested, please notify the Mike at the Archery contact below.

We had a request to hold our division meetings virtually, and the opinion of the group present was to continue in person only, as it is difficult to get to know our fellow archers virtually.

We are scheduling a 3-D bow shoot for June 10. Also, will be looking for help this spring as we have a significant number of target bales that need to be attended to, we would love to see everyone who uses the courses to come out and lend a hand to help repair them.

The next division meeting will be on January 12 at 7 PM, come and help with the Archery Division.

Mike Niles (contact Archery Division)

#### **RIFLE AND PISTOL**

Muzzle Loaders will NOT be shooting in January.

Silhouette, Action Pistol and Cowboy Action will start shooting for the season later this spring. The Armed Women of America-Billings Chapter will hold their monthly meeting on Wed, Jan. 18th from 6-8pm. All women are invited to attend. For more information go to <a href="https://armedwomen.org">https://armedwomen.org</a>.

Jen Adams (contact Rifle/Pistol Division)

#### SKEET AND TRAP

Skeet and Trap facility is open on Sundays from 10 AM to 3PM to members and public. Skeet fields 1, 2 and 3 are available to members every day. Tokens can be purchased from the desk worker or from the vending machine located on the east wall of the building at any time.

**New Year's Day fun shoot January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.** Starts at 10:00 am and runs until 3:00 pm. February Trap League will be each Sunday, 5 shots for \$5.00. Prizes to be determined.

Skeet Election Results: President: Mike Schmidt, Vice President: Brian Anttila, Secretary: Bill O'Connor, MSSA Delegates: Brian Anttila and Mike Hammond Mike Schmidt (contact Skeet Division)

### SPORTING CLAYS AND FIVE STAND

Phase 1 of the 5-Stand Project goes out to bid on January 1st.We have an NRA grant pending and a Phase 2 grant application has been approved by the Rod and Gun Club Board and will be submitted to FWP for approval early next year. Hopefully, this will allow for completion of the new 5-Stand in 2024. We would like to thank Matt Waite for his hard work in completing the grant applications.

Our next Sporting Clays Division meeting is on Monday, January 16 at 6:30 PM.

Planned next year activities include a winter 5-Stand league starting on Saturday February 4 and ending on March 24. We will have a Sporting Clays Tutorial on April 1 which is for members who are new to the sport. This will include a talk on safety and how to safely use the facilities at Sporting Clays and will include live fire practice on basic targets. Spring Sporting Clays League will run on Thursday evenings starting on April 6 and end on June 29. We would like to have a new shooter on each team.

Registered Shoots are available to sign up for on Scorechaser. The first is on May 13th and includes two one hundred bird main events. The next is the Jim Trythall memorial Shoot on June 17th which includes FITASC, 5-Stand and a 100-bird main event. The last is on July 8th which includes a 100 bird SuperSporting and a 100-bird main event.

We have three charitable shooting events scheduled so far which include a Boy Scout Shoot on May 19, a Ducks Unlimited event on May 20, and a Young Life Shoot on August 24.

The course will be closed for these special events (registered shoots and charity events) but is open otherwise 7 days a week for those who have purchased target cards. Target cards are \$10, and targets are \$.27 each or \$270 when 1,000 or more are purchased. Target cards can be purchased by appointment by calling Mike Davis 406-698-6493 or Gary Smith 406-696-5450. Ammunition is available for purchase at the club.