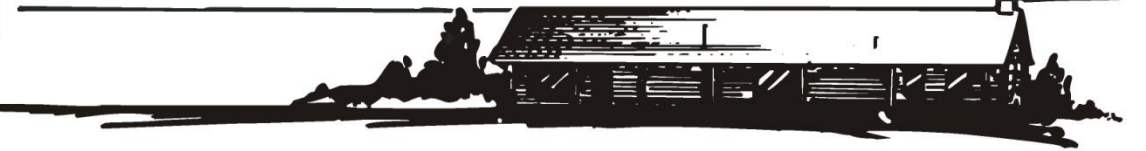




BILLINGS ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.



DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26-Nov Skeet/Trap 10-1	27-Nov Boy Scouts	28-Nov	29-Nov	30-Nov	1-Dec	2-Dec
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 8-11am
3 Muzzle Loaders Skeet/Trap 10-1	4 Boy Scouts	5 Magic City Fly Fishermen Night Skeet League	6 BRGC Annual Meeting and Elections	7	8	9
OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 11-1pm	OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	OFFICE CLOSED
10 Skeet Division Meeting 11 AM Skeet/Trap 10-1	11 Boy Scouts	12 Night Skeet League	13	14 Archery Meeting 7 PM	15	16
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17 Skeet/Trap 10-1	18 Boy Scouts	19 Night Skeet League Board Meeting 7 PM	20 Armed Women of America	21 Billings 4X4	22	23
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24 Skeet/Trap 10-1	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
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30-Dec Skeet/Trap 10-1	1-Jan Skeet New Year's Day Fun Shoot New Year's Day	2-Jan	3-Jan	4-Jan	5-Jan	6-Jan
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 4-6pm	BRGC Office 8-11am

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season's greetings fellow members. John Collins, a long-time board member, and tireless worker on the Archery range and all other parts of our club called and brought important information to our attention: The Rod and Gun Club is 125 years old this year!

Amazing! Originally our clubhouse sat at the foot of Black Otter Trail next to Boot Hill Cemetery, close to where Applebee's is now. In 1953, Sherm Cowen bought the property where the Billings Trap Club is from the Rod and Gun Club and he and other members split off and formed the Billings Trap Club by Lake Elmo. Shortly after that in 1966, the remaining members moved the clubhouse from Boot Hill to the present location. Your outgoing President took hunter education in our clubhouse when it was still on Boot Hill, the benches we sit on were the same benches then, and that mountain lion was up there too! We owe our gratitude to those long-gone founders who started BRGC and the Trap Club. We also need to pay a little back by pitching in and volunteering to help maintain and improve our club. We are always looking for young guys and gals to help and keep us old guys from becoming grumpy old (fellows)!

In closing, a safety note, while on the Bench Rest Range, keep those muzzles pointed down range, do not allow your muzzle to point west, anywhere near the vicinity of our neighbors. If you do see someone committing an unsafe act, please gather the information concerning the unsafe act and bring it to the attention of the Board of Directors. We will take it from there. Follow our safety rules, they are there for a good reason. The fun ends when an accident occurs, don't end the fun! As always, stay safe, be kind, and shoot straight.

Mac Clark ([contact the Club President](#))

ANNUAL BRGC ELECTION MEETING DECEMBER 6

Election of officers and board members for the Billings Rod and Gun Club will take place at the annual meeting of the club membership **December 6 at 7 pm in the main clubhouse**. The board has 15 members, 4 of whom are elected by their respective divisions. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected by the membership along with 7 at-large board members. The board's nominating committee is accepting nominations via email through December 3rd, and in person at the December 6th meeting.

Nominating Committee ([contact Nominating Committee](#))

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ARCHERY

Archery Division held its office elections on October 9. Mike Niles will remain President and Isaac Orth will remain Vice President. The next archery meeting will be on December 14 at 7 PM in the main clubhouse. I encourage everyone to show up and share your thoughts and ideas for the archery division.

Mike Niles ([contact Archery Division](#))

RIFLE AND PISTOL

Division meeting results: Officers for 2024- Jen Adams (President), Jim Sanders (V. President), Tami Waite (Secretary).

Muzzle Loaders will shoot on Dec. 3rd weather dependent and will use Bay 1.

Action Pistol No scheduled matches until 2024, watch the newsletter for any matches on nice days.

Cowboy Action No scheduled matches until 2024.

The Armed Women of America-Billings Chapter will hold their monthly meeting on Wed, Dec. 20th from 6-8pm. All women are invited to attend.

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

SKEET AND TRAP

The Skeet and Trap facility is currently open on Sundays from 10 AM to 1 PM to members and the public. Skeet fields 1, 2, and 3 are available 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.

Skeet Field 2 will be closed for use during the week but will be open for league and on Sundays. Please plan to use the other fields.

Watch the weekly eblast for details on the New Year's Fun Shoot.

Night League continues Tuesday evenings and will run through December 19. The League is 50 targets per night and a combination of Skeet, Trap, and mixed Skeet/sporting targets. Cost is \$25/night with Lewis Class prizes awarded each night (given enough shooters). Shooting begins at 5:30 pm. Come shoot under the lights.

The BRGC will be hosting the following NSSA Registered Shoots in 2024:

The Rimrock Open will be held May 3 – 5

The Yellowstone Open will be held June 7 – 9

The Montana State Skeet Championship will be held August 16 – 18

Due to the rising cost of targets, token prices will be increased on January 2, 2024, from \$5 to \$6 per token.

The next Skeet & Trap Division meeting will be at 11 am on December 10.

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

SPORTING CLAYS AND FIVE STAND

The 2024 President is Butch Smart, Vice President is Gary Smith, and Secretary/Treasurer is Reid Walen.

We had a successful year in 2023 and a hearty thank you to all the volunteers who helped through the year.

We are planning on purchasing five more Promatic trap machines in 2024. This will allow us to have two Five Stands with eight trap machines at each, a fourteen-stand main course with two trap machines at each station, and a twelve-station north course with three trap machines at each station.

We are planning on having a winter 5-Stand League starting Saturday, February 3, and running through Saturday, March 23 at the new building on the north course.

We will hold our Sporting Clays Tutorial for new and beginning shooters wanting to learn about Sporting Clays on Saturday, March 30. Spring League will start on Thursday, April 4, and conclude on Thursday, June 27 with an awards dinner and fun shoot.

Our next Sporting Clays meeting will be on January 15 at 6:30 pm. We welcome new shooters to join us.

Clays/birds may be purchased and loaded on your Wi-Fi card. You may contact Phil Gill at (406) 696-3875; Gary Smith (406) 696-5450; or Mike Davis (406) 698- 6493 and arrange a time. **Richard Lewallen** ([contact Sporting Clays Division](#))