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**APRIL 2025** 

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|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 3/30                   | 3/31                      | 4/1                  | 4/2                    | 4/3                                       | 4/4                  | 4/5                        |
| USPSA RO<br>Class      | Boy Scouts                |                      |                        | Sporting Clays<br>Spring/Summer<br>League |                      |                            |
| Skeet / Trap<br>10-1   |                           |                      |                        | 200900                                    |                      |                            |
| 6                      | 7                         | 8                    | 9                      | 10<br>Archery                             | 11                   | 12                         |
| Skeet / Trap<br>10-1   | Boy Scouts                |                      |                        | Meeting                                   |                      | All Steel                  |
| Muzzle Loaders         | Boy coodis                |                      |                        | Sporting Clays<br>Spring/Summer<br>League |                      | Cowboy ROI /<br>ROII Class |
| 13                     | 14                        | 15                   | 16                     | 17  | 18                   | 19                         |
| Skeet / Trap<br>10-1   | Boy Scouts                | Board Meeting<br>7PM | Armed Women of America | 4 x 4 Meeting                             |                      | USPSA Match                |
| Silhouette<br>Shoot    |                           |                      |                        | Sporting Clays<br>Spring/Summer<br>League |                      |                            |
| 20                     | 21                        | 22                   | 23                     | 24  | 25                   | 26<br>Cowboy Action        |
| Skeet / Trap<br>CLOSED | Sporting Clays<br>Meeting |                      |                        | Sporting Clays<br>Spring/Summer<br>League |                      | Cowboy Action              |
| Easter Sunday          | Boy Scouts                |                      |                        |   |                      |                            |
| 27                     | 28                        | 29                   | 30                     | 5/1                                       | 5/2                  | 5/3                        |
| Skeet / Trap<br>10-1   | Boy Scouts                |                      |                        | Sporting Clays<br>Spring/Summer<br>League | NSSA Rimrock<br>Open | NSSA Rimrock<br>Open       |
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to use my space this month to highlight some of the improvements at the club over the last year. The new Lewallen-Trythall Five Stand Building on the Sporting Clays North Course is complete and provides an all-weather facility for shotgun events and casual shooting. We have taken a more proactive approach to road maintenance to stay ahead of the washboards that form on the grades. The club has also moved to an option to pay for membership renewals electronically.

Over the coming year, more improvements are on the horizon. If the applied-for grant funding comes through, we plan to add a vault toilet to the east end of the pistol range, rebuild the cart path on the Sporting Clays course, and add a cover to the western archery range near the main clubhouse. The Planning and Administration Committee has been hard at work identifying and prioritizing Club improvements. The Board works diligently to maintain and improve the Club while still being good stewards of the money you all pay in membership dues.

Matt Waite (contact the Club President)

#### **MEMBER SERVICES**

The Club will be offering an optional online renewal system in 2025. Initially, members wishing to pay their annual dues with a credit card can request an invoice for the \$150 annual dues. A \$5 service fee will be charged. Send email requesting invoice to Member Services via the <a href="Contact Us">Contact Us</a> page on the club's website.

### **ARCHERY**

Our next meeting will be April 10th at 7PM in the main clubhouse.

We reviewed the DNRC proposal for fire mitigation on our archery ranges.

Discussions are still proceeding with trying to get an archery league up and running this spring. We are currently looking at ten weeks, starting May 5th and ending July 7th. Stay tuned for more information or better yet come to the monthly meeting.

Mike Niles (contact Archery Division)

### **RIFLE AND PISTOL**

The Member Target Shed will have a new combination by the time you are reading this newsletter. Please contact me (Jen) if you would like to pay the \$20 yearly dues to obtain access to this shed!

Muzzle Loaders will shoot on Sunday April 6, 2025 and will use Bay 1.

Silhouette shooters will gather on Sunday April 13, 2025 to send some lead downrange and use Bay 1.

**Magic City Action Shooters** will host an All Steel match on the Saturday April 12, 2025 and a USPSA match on Saturday April 19, 2025. Both matches will be using Bays 4-8. Sign up on <u>practiscore.com</u>. New shooters always welcome.

**Montana Territory Peacemakers** will host a match on Saturday April 26, 2025. They will also be hosting an ROI/ROII class on Saturday April 12, 2025 at 9AM in the main clubhouse basement..

**The Armed Women of America - Billings Chapter** will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday April 16, 2025 from 6-8pm. All women are invited to attend. For more information go to <a href="mailto:armedwomen.org">armedwomen.org</a>.

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, 3 and the Trap field 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 and are \$6.00 each.

Skeet will be closed on Easter, Sunday April 20, 2025.

Rimrock Open Registered Skeet Shoot will be held on May 2nd – 4th, 2025.

**Skeet Doubles League** will run for 4 weeks on Tuesday evenings and will start on May 6th, 2025.

The next scheduled Skeet & Trap Division meeting will be Sunday June 1, 2025 at 11:00 am in the Skeet Clubhouse.

Mike Schmidt (contact Skeet Division)

## SPORTING CLAYS AND FIVE STAND

Our LT Winter 5 stand league wrapped up March 22, 2025. The eight week league was enjoyed by an average of 32+ shooters every week. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped pull, score, set traps, fill machines, work on machines, empty trash, etc. Great team effort!

We start our **Spring/Summer League** on Thursday April 3, 2025. 100 targets every week for twelve weeks. Sign up Sheets are at the clubhouse or are available by contacting Gary P Smith @ 406-696-5450. If you want to shoot and don't have a team we can add you to an existing team!

Our next division meeting is Monday April 21, 2025.

All courses are open! Come up and enjoy the Premier Sporting Clays Club of Montana!

Target cards / refill available by contacting Gary P Smith 406-696-5450, Mike Davis 406-698-6493, or Mr. Phil Gill 406-696-3875.

See you on the course!

Gary Smith (contact Sporting Clays Division)