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<u>APRIL 2025</u>						
3/30 USPSA RO Class Skeet / Trap 10-1	3/31 Boy Scouts	4/1	4/2	4/3 Sporting Clays Spring/Summer League	4/4	4/5
6 Skeet / Trap 10-1 Muzzle Loaders	7 Boy Scouts	8	9	10 Archery Meeting Sporting Clays Spring/Summer League	11	12 All Steel Cowboy ROI / ROII Class
13 Skeet / Trap 10-1 Silhouette Shoot	14 Boy Scouts	15 Board Meeting 7PM	16 Armed Women of America	17 4 x 4 Meeting Sporting Clays Spring/Summer League	18	19 USPSA Match
20 Skeet / Trap CLOSED Easter Sunday	21 Sporting Clays Meeting Boy Scouts	22	23	24 Sporting Clays Spring/Summer League	25	26 Cowboy Action
27 Skeet / Trap 10-1	28 Boy Scouts	29	30	5/1 Sporting Clays Spring/Summer League	5/2 NSSA Rimrock Open	5/3 NSSA Rimrock Open

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the last couple of months, the Club has sustained vehicle damage to two of the automated gates on the range. Last October, a member ran into the gate leading to the big bore range and this past weekend another ran into the gate near the Skeet fields. These gates can be difficult to see when the sun is low, so as the Club gets busier with spring weather please watch out for them and watch your speed on the Club grounds. The October gate repair was nearly \$1,000 and each dollar the Club spends repairing damage is less that we have to make other improvements for you.

Those of you that frequent the rifle range or use the benches on the pistol range have noticed the new seats at the benches. I'd like to thank Nick Tibesar, Luke Archer, and Mac Clark for the time and effort that they've put into this work. It's a big improvement to the ranges. Look for additional improvements to the benches in the coming year.

The annual Friends of the NRA banquet is on Wednesday April 16 at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. The Friends of the NRA is a non-political fundraising organization that distributes grants to clubs and ranges throughout the country. BRGC has received several generous grants from Friends of the NRA over the years; please consider attending this banquet and supporting them in turn.

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 <u>Contact Us</u> 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 <u>armedwomen.org.</u>

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)