



# BILLINGS ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.



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## August 2025

27 Bowhunter Ed Skeet / Trap 10-1	28	29 Skeet Summer League	30	31	08/01 Sporting Clays courses closed	08/02 NSCA Shoot
3 NSCA Shoot Skeet / Trap 10-1 Muzzle Loader	4 Boy Scouts	5 Skeet Summer League	6	7	8 BSSG Silhouette	9 BSSG Silhouette
10 Skeet / Trap 10-1 BSSG Silhouette Skeet Meeting	11 Boy Scouts	12 Skeet Summer League	13	14 MCAS USPSA All Pistol Bays Closed Young Life S Clays Event Archery Meeting	15 MCAS USPSA All Pistol Bays Closed	16 MCAS USPSA All Pistol Bays Closed
17 Skeet / Trap 10-1	18 Boy Scouts Sporting Clays Meeting	19 Skeet Summer League Board Meeting 7PM	20 Armed Women of America	21 4 x 4 Meeting	22	23 Cowboy Action
24 Skeet / Trap 10-1	25 Boy Scouts	26 Skeet Summer League Dinner	27	28	29	30
31 Skeet / Trap 10-1	09/01 Boy Scouts LABOR DAY	09/02	09/03	09/04 Sporting Clays Fall League Begins	09/05	09/06

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wanted to use my space this month to remind our members of the four rules of gun safety. Most of us were taught these rules by our fathers or older brothers, and some of us may have learned them in the military or from taking a class. There are several variations of these rules, but those presented by Jeff Cooper are the versions that I remember:

Rule 1: All guns are always loaded.

Rule 2: Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy.

Rule 3: Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.

Rule 4: Be sure of your target and what is behind it.

With increasing frequency, I have observed club members or guests violating Rule 2 on the pistol range. This includes people carelessly handling their firearms in the parking lot and carrying an uncased firearm from their car to one of the bays and being ignorant of their muzzle direction. I have also seen, several times, people inside one of the bays waving a muzzle in the direction of the parking area. I have been swept on multiple occasions under both situations.

It should go without saying, but no one likes to have a gun pointed at them. You may know that it is unloaded, but I do not (see Rule 1). So, please, take a moment to refresh your memory of Col. Cooper's rules and teach them to others. When you are handling a firearm, whether on the range or in the parking lot, be conscious of the direction your muzzle is pointed. Ownership of a firearm is a solemn responsibility, and we need to treat the tool, and our fellow gun owners, with the respect it deserves.

**Matt Waite** ([contact the Club President](#))

### CLUB OFFICERS

President, Matt Waite – (406) 208-3440  
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## **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 an email requesting invoice to Member Services via the [Contact Us](#) page on the club's website.

## **ARCHERY**

**ATTENTION ARCHERS:** We are implementing a new sight-in rule on the east facing sight-in range. Shooting will only be allowed from under the canopy with no exceptions. Multiple arrows have been found on the neighbor to the east's property which is unacceptable. If you notice someone shooting outside of the canopy please ask them to cease shooting and/or notify the caretaker or a board member.

The next Archery monthly meeting will be on August 14, 2025 at 7PM in the main clubhouse.

League had their final round on July 7th, and gift cards were presented to shooters in attendance at the archery meeting. Come to the monthly Archery meeting if you are interested in leagues for 2026.

**Range improvements:** We have replaced several target bales on the east sight-in range.

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

## **RIFLE AND PISTOL**

**Big Sky State Games:** Silhouette BSSG has been changed from July to August. It will be August 8 from 2 to 5pm, August 9 from 8 to 5, and August 10, 2025 from 7 to 10am.

**Muzzle Loaders** will shoot on August 3, 2025 and will use Bay 1. For more info, reach out to John Moorhouse at [pandjmoor@msn.com](mailto:pandjmoor@msn.com).

**Silhouette** shooters will be shooting the Big Sky State Games the weekend of August 8 to 10, 2025 using Bay 1.

**Magic City Action Shooters** will be hosting the Greater Yellowstone Section USPSA match August 14 through August 16, 2025 using Bays 1-8. ALL PISTOL BAYS WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE DATES. For more information, visit [practiscore.com](http://practiscore.com).

**Montana Territory Peacemakers** will hold their monthly Cowboy Action shoot on August 23, 2025 using just a couple of the pistol bays.

**Armed Women of America-Billings Chapter** will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday August 20, 2025 from 6 to 8pm. All women are invited to attend. For more information go to [armedwomen.org](http://armedwomen.org).

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

## **SKEET AND TRAP**

The Skeet & Trap facility is currently open on Sundays 10AM to 1PM 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.

The token vending machine now accepts cash payment or credit card payment. Tokens are \$6 each when purchased with cash. When a cashless transaction is used, each transaction using a credit card/Pay Pal/Google Pay/etc. will vend 5 tokens for \$30. In addition, a service charge of \$1.50 will be charged for each transaction.

**Summer Skeet League** continues on Tuesday evenings @ 5:30pm from June 24 to August 26, 2025.

The next scheduled Skeet & Trap Division meeting will be Sunday August 10, 2025 at 11:00 am in the Skeet Clubhouse.

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

## **SPORTING CLAYS AND FIVE STAND**

Sporting Clays main course, 5 stand by the club house, LT 5 stand (north course) and the super sport north course are all open for your shooting pleasure.

Next NSCA shoot is the Don't Tread on Me, on August 2 & 3, 2025, added prize money. Sign up on [scorechaser.com](http://scorechaser.com).

Young Life shoot is Thursday August 14, 2025. This will be an all day event. The Main Course will be closed. North course and LT 5 stand building will be open for general shooting.

Our next meeting will be Monday August 18, 2025 at 6:30PM in the Sporting Clays Clubhouse.

Super Sport Fall League starts Thursday September 4, 2025. More information to follow

Target cards available by calling Gary P. Smith @ 406-696-5450, Mike Davis @ 406-698-6493, or Phil Gill @ 406-696-3875. All courses are open come join the fun! See you on the course!

**Gary Smith** ([contact Sporting Clays Division](#))

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