



## 2009 Montana State Sporting Clays Tournament Supplemental Shooter Information

The Sporting Clays Division of the Billings Rod & Gun Club is proud to sponsor the 2009 Montana State Sporting Clays Tournament. We welcome shooters of all ages and experience levels to enjoy a fun-filled weekend. At the Billings Rod and Gun Club it is our mission to provide well-balanced target presentations to all skill levels of shooters that improve their shotgun shooting skills in a fun, safe and well maintained environment. Additionally, we endeavor to provide education of shotgun shooting and camaraderie in a friendly atmosphere for all participants.

We are located about three miles west of the Airport atop the rim rock formation directly north of the downtown and medical corridor districts via 27<sup>th</sup> Street. A helpful map is shown at the end of this supplemental information. Billings, Montana offers plenty of activities for both the shooter and non shooter. Ample shopping, restaurants and museums are within a 10 minute drive of the Rod and Gun Club. And, many beautiful trout streams are within an hours drive including the Big Horn River, Stillwater River, Boulder River and Yellowstone River. The nearby mountain resort town of Red Lodge is only an hour away and the Beartooth Highway provides easy access to Yellowstone National Park.

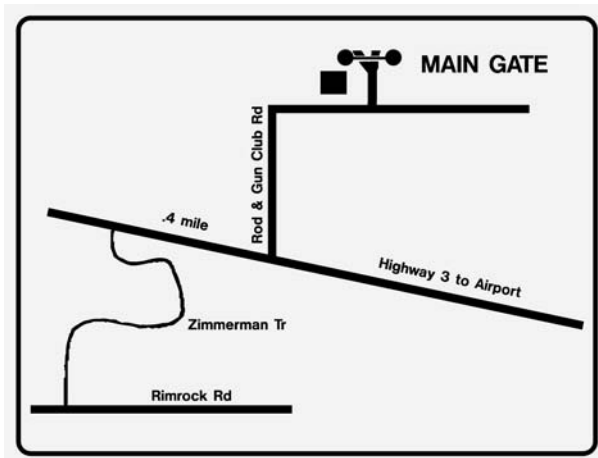
Though this is the first time that the Montana State Sporting Clays Tournament has been hosted in Billings, we hope to make it a very enjoyable event for everyone. Mike Lupold of Polson, Montana will be the course setter for the 5-Stand and Subgauge Events. And, our own Jeff Kraus will set the Preliminary and Main Event courses. Jeff has been setting tournament targets for over 5 years and has worked with Jon Krueger and many other name course setters in the past. I think you'll enjoy the variety and of course --- THE TOWER!

The following supplemental information should provide answers to most of your questions. However, if you have something else please don't hesitate to call Shawn Hanser at (406) 208-9228:

1. All shooters will be required to read and sign the Billings Rod & Gun Club – Sporting Clay Division SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS. A copy is included at the end of this supplemental information.
2. NO SMOKING is permitted on the Club grounds at anytime. Smoking may only occur within your vehicle in a designated parking area.
3. Friday evening DINNER (and beverages) will be provided free of charge for all Main Event participants.
4. Saturday and Sunday LUNCH will be provided free of charge to all Main Event participants.
5. NSCA rules will govern this event.
6. All events EUROPEAN ROTATION accept the Main Event. Shooters may start between 10AM by 3PM. All shooting must be completed by 5 PM.
7. SHOOT-OFFS will be held on Saturday following Main Event.
8. We are thrilled that SCORING will be kept by Lois Lessing.
9. All entries received prior to June 20<sup>th</sup> will receive CONFIRMATIONS in the mail.
10. WARM-UP targets are available at 9 AM each morning for a charge of \$5 per 15 targets.
11. Limited RV HOOK-UPS are available at the Sporting Clays Clubhouse on a first come-first serve basis.
12. For MOTELS and local accommodations visit the Chamber website at [billingscvb.visitmt.com/home.htm](http://billingscvb.visitmt.com/home.htm) click on “Stay” (on left), then click on “Accommodations” (top) to get a list of motels.
13. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION are mandatory (spectators too).
14. AMMUNITION must comply with NSCA rules. RELOADS are allowed in all events. Limited ammunition will be available on site for purchase.
15. In the main event, Montana shooters will shoot against other Montana shooters for STATE AWARDS. All monies are awarded by score, not by state.
16. TIE SCORES will be shot off for trophies only. All ties for cash prizes or option money will be split. If you are not available for shoot-off you will be disqualified.
17. All CASH PRIZES will be mailed.

18. The PRELIM EVENT scores and prizes are combined for both Montana and Out-of-State shooters.
19. The Billings Rod and Gun Club management MAY REFUSE ENTRY OR CAUSE WITHDRAWAL of any contestant or spectator who annoys, endangers, or interferes in any way with the harmony of the shoot.

## Directions to Billings Rod & Gun Club



### Directions

- 1) From Interstate 90 exit to the North 27th Street Exit.
- 2) Proceed north on North 27th Street through the downtown area and past the Medical corridor.
- 3) You will climb the steep hill up the rims and come to an intersection in front of Logan International Airport. Turn left going west on Highway 3.
- 4) Proceed west for a few miles and look for Rod and Gun Club Road on the north side of Highway 3.
- 5) If you get lost call Shawn Hanser on his cell at 406-208-9228.

## Sporting Clays Division Safety Rules and Regulations

These rules exist for the safety of our members, guests, staff and neighbors. Safety is our highest priority and every shooter at the Sporting Clays Facilities is required to read, sign and acknowledge these rules and regulations on an annual basis. We reserve the right to stop anyone at any time and check to see that they are following the rules. Persons failing to follow the rules below may cause grave injury to persons or property. We ask all shooters to notify a club officer or staff immediately in the event they spot a violation. **SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!**

### Gun Handling Rules

1. On the Sporting Clays range you may only shoot shotguns in the gauges 12, 16, 20, 28 and .410. Guns must have a shoulder stock and comply with the legal length for shotguns. All other fire arms are NOT ALLOWED on the course and may not be discharged on the Sporting Clays Facilities.
2. Upon removing any gun from your vehicle, gun sleeve or case, open the action immediately.
3. Keep the gun's action open at all times until ready to shoot. An over-and-under or a side-by-side may be closed for storage in a gun rack; however, on removal from the gun rack it must immediately be opened.
4. Carry the gun at all times in such a manner that it is obvious to others that the gun is open.
5. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. NEVER point a gun at another person.
6. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to call for a target.
7. Never load the gun until you are standing in the stand with the gun pointed down range and you are ready to shoot.
8. Never load more than two shells.
9. Absolutely no shooting outside the stands is allowed unless specific permission has been granted for a specified period of time for training or a special shoot.
10. Only one shooter is allowed to shoot at a time at each shooting station.
11. All firing must be done with the gun on the shoulder, firing from the hip is not allowed.
12. Be sure of your target and what is beyond, shooting at fragments or broken birds is not allowed.
13. Always unload the gun before leaving the shooting stand.
14. Always unload your gun if so directed to by a member or staff.
15. On completion of shooting all guns shall be stored securely.

### General Rules

1. Always wear eye and ear protection on the course. This applies to everyone - spectators, staff, trappers and shooters.
2. No shooters are permitted to fix a malfunctioning trap at any time. For your safety, please report all trap malfunctions to the Trapper.
3. If a trap malfunctions by breaking more than three targets in a row, stop pushing the button and report the malfunction to the Trapper.
4. No shot size other than 7½, 8 or 9 or loads heavier than 1 1/8 oz. shall be fired on the course. This is critical for everyone's safety.
5. No dogs are permitted on the course at any time; however, if well-behaved they are welcome in the parking lot and clubhouse areas. All owners are responsible for cleaning up their dog's poop.
6. All shooters and guests are responsible for reading and adhering to all signs and rules on the course. This includes No Smoking except in your vehicle.
7. The shooting of any wildlife on the property is strictly prohibited.
8. The use of alcohol or drugs before or during shooting is prohibited.
9. If you are in doubt about any procedure, you must ask a club officer or staff before proceeding.

10. Be aware of broken target debris in the air and turn away to avoid being cut.

**Common Courtesy Rules**

1. Help Billings Rod and Gun Club keep our target prices low by limiting the number of show birds at each station. Please present targets only once to the entire squad.
2. If vehicles can be seen driving along the adjacent County road to the east or south --- let them pass prior to shooting. This is a common occurrence when shooting on the Compak Course.
3. Small squads are expected to “play through” or “pass” larger squads by at least two stations.
4. Be considerate of other squads by giving them 15 yards of space until they finish shooting. Do not approach their stand or talk loudly until they are finished shooting.
5. All pump and automatic gun users are required to pick up their spent shells.
6. Never point or swing an open gun toward a person at any time (even with an open action walking on the trail).

**Acceptance of the Sporting Clays Division Safety Rules and Regulations**

I (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ residing at the following

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

have read and accept the rules and regulations of the Billings Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays Division and agree to abide by (obey) those rules, and any instructions given by Club Officers or Staff at any time. I understand the right of the Sporting Clays Division Officers to terminate shooting privileges of any person(s) not complying with stated rules and regulations. I acknowledge the inherent danger (risks) involved in shooting and I agree to hold harmless the Billings Rod and Gun Club for any and all damages or injuries how ever caused at the Sporting Clays Facilities. I certify that I am legally permitted to own or possess the firearms I am using at the Sporting Clays Facilities.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

