

Billings Rod and Gun Club General Club Survey

Member Name _____

The Billings Rod and Gun Club Board of Directors have hired Foley Group LLC to complete a long-range Master Plan for the Club's facilities. This Plan will guide future decision making in regard to range improvements and facility locations for many years to come.

As part of this planning process we are asking the general club membership to complete a short survey for general club administration and operations. Your answers will provide important programming information for the Master Planning effort. Individual answers will be kept confidential.

Conservation and Club Mission

The Billings Rod and Gun Club's mission is to "serve sportsmen and women in the enjoyment of the hunting, fishing and shooting sports". Specific items that the founding fathers envisioned were to:

- To provide facilities and programs for Club members and the community that serve to support the enjoyment of these sports in the spirit of learning and maintaining skills, friendly competition, good sportsmanship and the responsible and safe use of firearms and archery equipment.
- To maintain an image in the community as a responsible organization, consistent with public expectations of true sportsmanship, good stewardship of fish and wildlife resources, the pursuit of hunting, fishing and shooting sports and in the general ownership and use of firearms.
- To represent the private sportsman and women in defending and promoting hunting and fishing opportunities, the wise management of the public fish and wildlife resources and opportunities for access to these resources; consistent with the hunting and fishing laws and the constitution of Montana.

Do you feel that the BR&G Club is adequately meeting it's mission? Circle one ----- YES NO

If you answered NO what can be improved? _____

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Club Governance

The existing Club is operated by an all volunteer Board of Directors with some part time paid administrative staff. The Club also employs a full-time caretaker and a part-time Sporting Clays range manager. Do you feel that the existing Club governance, staff and administration is adequate? Circle one ---- YES NO

If you answered NO what items could be improved _____

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Club Capacity

Do you feel that the current 2000 family membership cap should be changed?

- Circle one: NO – keep the cap at 2000 family memberships
- YES – higher than 2000 family memberships
- YES – lower than 2000 family memberships

Club Divisions

The BR&G Club currently has five separate divisions including:

- 1) Archery
- 2) Sporting Clays
- 3) Skeet
- 4) Rifle/Pistol
- 5) Conservation

The shooting sport divisions are very active and operate as separate entities with their own volunteer officers that report to the main club Board. The Conservation Division is operated by a small group of Board Members. Do you see a need for any change to this structure? Circle one ---- YES NO

If you answered YES what Divisional changes would you like to see? _____

Fee Structure

The BR&G Club currently charges \$85 per year for membership. Additional fees are charged for special shooting events, and the shotgun sports. These funds are utilized for building, grounds and facility maintenance, utilities, staff salaries, new range improvements and moderate support of conservation issues. In addition, a small land acquisition fund was recently started. How do you think the Membership fee structure should be changed in the future? Circle all that apply

- 1) No change - keep the yearly membership fee at \$85 or as low as possible. Please note that this will not allow for any expansion to the building and grounds maintenance program, new facility improvements, or any expanded land acquisition and conservation efforts.
- 2) Some change – up the fee somewhat (by \$25 to \$50) to properly keep up with grounds, building maintenance and possibly expand with new facilities, a larger land acquisition fund and better funded conservation efforts.
- 3) Big change – up the yearly membership fee (by \$50 to \$100) to allow for facility expansion and upgrades, and much improved land acquisition and conservation project funds.

Other Comments

Please list any other comments that you may have which will assist the Master Planning efforts on the back of this sheet.

Please mail the completed survey to Jim Foley Foley Group LLC 100 North 27th Street Suite 450 Billings, MT 59101 or fax to: 294-4478 or email at jim@foleygroupinfo.com