

Billings Rod and Gun Club

Skeet Range Survey

RESULTS

Capacity

Do you feel that the five skeet ranges at BR&G Club offer enough capacity to adequately serve the current recreational shooting needs of the 2000 family club membership? Circle one --- YES - 11 NO - 0

If you answered NO --- how many more fields should be provided?

Do you feel that the five skeet ranges at BR&G Club offer enough capacity to adequately serve current league and special event/registered shoot needs? Circle one --- YES – 11 NO – 0

- 1) Though I would hope skeet could expand in the future if needed.
- 2) Yes, with the current membership cap.

If you answered NO --- how many more fields should be provided?

- 1) with a higher membership cap 1- 2 fields should be added.

Orientation

Skeet ranges should be orientated within 45 degrees of north to eliminate sun glare to the shooters eyes. The BR&G skeet fields are orientated due east. Do you feel that the current easterly orientation is a problem in regard to sun glare? Circle One --- YES -7 NO – 4

- 1) A very small problem – usually I just shoot later in the day in winter and spring months.
- 2) Occasionally there are times and/or conditions where glare can be distracting on certain stations. This is not a persistent enough problem that I would consider the cost of moving or readjusting existing structures to be supportable.

Amenities

Do you feel that the existing skeet field equipment, building and site infrastructure are adequate? Circle one -- -- YES -8 NO - 3

If you answered NO what items could be improved?

- 1) Rotate skeet fields for our neighbor's safety and pistol bay shooters safety.
- 2) Food prep/cooking/clean-up facilities used for special events.
- 3) Fields should all be in one line.
- 4) Field 5 needs a better infield.
- 5) Needed maintenance/improvement possible thru existing funds.

Safety

The safe zone for skeet is prescribed to be approximately 300 yards away. However, this does not account for abnormally high winds. Do you feel that the skeet fields at BR&G Club offer a safe shooting situation? Circle One ---- YES - 6 NO – 5

- 1) marginal
- 2) except in high winds
- 3) If abnormally high winds are being encountered, you don't find much skeet being shot. Now, if skeet shooters are out and wind of any significance is noted, Field No. 4 is not used since it is closer to private property and buildings than the other fields. This is more of a precaution than acting in response to documented danger conditions, I think. Tying this down with factual specifics should be part of the Master Plan, though.

If you answered NO should the ranges have a greater fallout or safety zone?

Circle one ----- YES -5 NO - 0

- 1) Field #1 fallout on road to pistol range. Field #4 when wind is high.
- 2) Field #4

Other Comments

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

- 1) Van Madden has had a good plan for rotating skeet fields. Billy Williams would be another to ask about skeet field placement.
- 2) Need to look at RV parking for tournaments.
- 3) We need more RV parking
- 4) If we get zone 10 made, we will need one more field.
- 5) Kitchen Equipment. Sidewalks and Parking on Field #5 marked off with barriers.
- 6) Bigger storage for birds and maintenance, metal roofs, club should have voice activated pullers, kitchen, RV parking, new shooter non-member access.
- 7) I would like to see the little parts house gone and the target garage enlarged. New metal roofs on all the skeet houses. Infield on #5 dug out and graveled – maybe walk-way. Kitchen equipment in club house for gatherings.
- 8) Trap House – Is it still ok to use and shoot 7-1/2 shot without bothering neighbors to the east? Could it be wired up for token operation? Could we or should we relocate our trap field once had a good trap following. Would be interested in running a 4 week session in August to see if any interest.
- 9) Safety – Currently, several of the skeet fields impact either our neighbors or club facilities. Field 5 shot falls on the easternmost pistol bay. Field 4 and possibly field 3 shot can fall on the neighbor when the wind is blowing out of the northwest. While a north facing field may be good, there are still problems with the sun when shooting on stations 1 and 7. The north facing rule pertains more to rifle and pistol ranges. I suggest that field 5 be rotated 30 degrees (one station) to the south. That accomplishes three things. Shot is no longer impacting the pistol bay. The pistol range can be expanded to the east. Field 4 could be moved up to the northeast side of Field 5. Any adverse effects from the sun are simply moved one station over.