

Billings Rod and Gun Club Sporting Clays Range Survey

RESULTS

Capacity

Do you feel that the sporting clays range at BR&G Club offer enough capacity/size to adequately serve the current recreational and competitive shooting needs? Circle one --- YES -6 NO -5

If you answered NO --- what types of expansion are needed?

- 1) More space to accommodate a wider variety of shooting.
- 2) More room for more stations and machines.
- 3) Having the room to accommodate more RV units at some point would allow larger venues.
- 4) Exception is when station #12 can't be set up by skeet. This pushes some stations closer together and puts shooters in too close of proximity in some course layouts/settings.
- 5) We need more land for more stations and a great deal more variety to the terrain.
- 6) Need more acreage and varied terrain --- need to fix safety issues w/ road and house.

Orientation

Sporting Clays ranges should be orientated mostly to the north to eliminate sun glare to the shooters eyes. The BR&G sporting clays course is orientated due east. Do you feel that the current easterly orientation is a problem in regard to sun glare? Circle One --- YES - 5 NO - 6

- 1) Not a major problem.
- 2) I rarely shoot in the morning – the Billings Clinic Classic shoot is the only time.
- 3) In the mornings it can be difficult on certain shots and target presentations.
- 4) Early morning tournaments are problematic.

Amenities

Do you feel that the existing sporting clays equipment, building and site infrastructure are adequate? Circle one ---- YES -7 NO - 4

If you answered NO what items could be improved?

- 1) More room for more stations and machines.
- 2) Approach paths, benches and gun racks.
- 3) Can always use new ideas for stations and stands.
- 4) Consider adding a couple of golf carts for older folks & really lazy people. I love seeing Leo come up and would like to see additional older people.
- 5) I think we have a nice facility, but we can always continue to improve it.
- 6) There have been a number of nice improvements in recent years.
- 7) Need more shooting decks, covered 5-stand shooting area and another tower. Stone retaining walls along the trail would be nice. But most importantly we need more terrain.

Safety

The safe zone for sporting clays is prescribed to be approximately 300 yards away. However, this does not account for abnormally high winds. The sporting clays course has several areas on the southerly portion of the course that do not provide a 300 yard safe zone. Given this information, do you feel that the sporting clays course still offers a safe shooting situation?

Circle One ---- YES - 8 NO -3

- 1) yes since adjustments are made to course settings.
- 2) Certainly not in windy conditions.
- 3) Perhaps a sign cautioning shooters on stations 1 & 2 would be a good idea.

- 4) But requires members to pay attention and be vigilant. Guest shooters may not realize the parts of the course where shot fallout can impact neighbors.
- 5) We shoot at the house and on the road all the time.

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

Circle one ----- YES - 3 NO - 0

- 1) Safety is always a priority.
- 2) In order to be safe we need more terrain.

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) Pave, chip seal or oil the road between the entry and skeet to eliminate dust.
- 2) Move sporting clays to a better close by site that will have adequate terrain and be safe.