

# Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

## Monthly Meeting

December 1, 2022 / 6:30 PM / NMDGF

### Attendees

-Phillip Pruett	-Jim Ramsey	-Preston Benfield	-
-Mike Smelker	-Scott Gardenhire	-Ray Bundy	-
-Fritz Lawrence	-Ron Miller	-Randy Toepfer	-
-Mark Parmeter	-Karen Parmeter	-	-

### 1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 11/3/2022

### 2.0 Financial

2.1 **Financial.** Brock presented a "Statement of Financial Position" dated 12/1/22 showing a total bank account in the amount of **\$69,914** and a "Statement of Activity" for 2022 showing a total income of \$66,443 and a total outgo of \$66,514 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of **-\$71**.

2.2 **Club House Fund Balance \$15,003**

2.3 **Status of MVSS club tokens in Phillip's Possession.**

2,375

400 Given to Preston on 11/26/22 to sell before the price increase.

1,975

### 3.0 Skeet

3.1 Paul Giambrone (Skeet shooting instructor) will be here on 12/16/22 through 12/18/22.

### 4.0 Trap

4.1 Mike Smelker said we are on the schedule for a registered trap shoot on January 14, 2023. We will make it a one day 200 bird event, singles and handicap.

4.2 The Club Trap Championship was November 6, 2022. Carl Conley was crowned "Club Trap Champion". Special thanks to Irene Slugaj who prepared lunch for the shooters. Also, a big thanks to Preston for handling all the money/bookkeeping for the shoots and to Fritz and Jim for prepping and loading for them.

### 5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand

5.1 Next Sporting Clays will be this Sunday on 12/4/22.

5.2 Next 5 Stand will be Saturday 1/7/23.

6.0 **Current membership list.** 97 members (includes 15 Life members, 78 members to expire 12/31/22 and 4 members to expire 12/31/23). Rick sent an email to all members reminding them to renew prior to 12/31/22. Rick will also print some membership renewal forms and put them in the main house for those who wish to pay at the range.

## 7.0 Facility Grounds Care

### 7.1 Toilets were serviced 11/30/22.

The toilet on the west end of the parking lot is broken at the seat and the door on the one at the sporting clays range is broken. Phillip notified the Parks and Rec and met with them at the range and pointed out the damage. Nothing has been repaired/replaced as of today. I spoke to Rudy again and he said he would follow up with his vendor....one more time. 12/1/22 - left a message for Rudy again.

**7.2** Rick hired a company and got the public address system working. Thank you Rick! It is extremely important to follow the instructions that he has taped on the PA system when powering up and powering down.

**7.3** Next spring we will have to replace most of our watering hoses and sprinklers. The faucet at Trap #4 is leaking below grade when the faucet is turned on.

**7.4** Preston said that the grass and weeds need to be knocked down/mowed on skeets fields #2-4. Phillip used the MVSS weed eater and trimmed the 3 skeet fields.

## 8.0 Discussion

**8.1** The LCPD was trying to take over the eastern portion of the Butterfield Range to make a dedicated shooting range just for them. Cindy Pollock received an email from Franco G./Dept. of Parks and Rec. It read as follows; *"Thanks for the input and responding previously to the question regarding placement of the new bay. Recently, the person pushing for this left the city. He found employment elsewhere. I'm not saying this subject will die but it has since calmed down. I have the original email with your response and ideas for best placement. If the subject comes up again I will pass it along and also schedule a meeting with everyone involved."*

**8.2 Mining Lead.** On 11/22/22 Phillip met with Tony Bryan, John Kelly (both from Bryan Enterprises LLC, Hot shot) and Ralph (City Parks and Rec). Prior to the meeting Phillip informed the director of City Parks and Rec, Ms. Sonya Delgado, via email that the money from the mining operation would go to MVSS because our bylaws require us to "maintain" the shotgun range. Bryan Enterprises is requiring a 70/30 split on the mined lead because there is a large quantity of mesquite clumps that have to be removed. MVSS would realize approximately \$30,000 from this reclamation operation. It was agreed to have Bryan proceed and Phillip would notify the City Parks and Rec.

**8.3 Target Inventory/Status.** On Saturday Nov. 19 The Bullseye 4H group transferred the remaining orange top targets in the old 5 stand conex to the skeet houses and stocked trap house #1. Rick, Jim, Ray and Phillip stocked trap houses 2 and 3. Thank you guys for making this happen. This will enable us to get through the big shoot this weekend.

Next target order is expected in January or February 2023. Phillip suggested that we keep it simple and shoot all "bio" targets at trap and skeet. The one exception to this would be Skeet field #1. It is said that the bio targets kill the grass, so we will order pitch targets (2 pallets) for that field. The bio targets are now \$2.00 less per box than the pitch targets. That would equal \$126 less per pallet of bios vs. pitch.

Next order: 2 pallets orange dome pitch, 20 pallets orange dome bios (blackout), 1/3 pallet green top rabbit, 1/3 pallet mini 60mm all black and 1/3 pallet Midi 90mm all black (blackout).

**8.4 Board Member Election.** Two of our board members' terms expire in February 2023. Brock Hammond and Mark Parmeter. Mark said he does not wish to run again. Nominations will be taken during December for both positions. Voting will occur during January 2023 and the results will be read in our February 2013 annual meeting. Rick said he will handle the votes via email.

Randy Toepfer has accepted the nominations from Mark Parmeter and Scott Gardenhire.

Brock Hammond has accepted the nomination from Phillip Pruett.

If you wish to nominate a person for an open board position please email your nomination to Rick Richardson "[frrichar@gmail.com](mailto:frrichar@gmail.com)".

Note: Our Annual meeting date is Thursday 2/2/2023. Phillip will be out of the country on this date. Rick will have to chair this meeting.

#### **8.5 New Mexico High School Shoot (Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays) December 2 - 4, 2022**

Mike Smelker has informed us that there will be 127 shooters. All will shoot 100 Trap birds, 60 will shoot 100 Skeet birds and 67 will shoot 100 Sporting Clays birds.

Fritz and Jim replaced all batteries in the trap speakers.

Fritz, Jim and Rick adjusted trap machines and checked bird speeds.

Rick, Randy and Phillip emptied all trap and skeet trashes.

Phillip emptied Sporting Clay trash cans.

Phillip, Randy, Tom, Scott and Chris will set up the sporting clays range Friday.

**8.6 Volunteer of the year.** Each venue will hand out a "Volunteer of the Year" award during our annual meeting. Preston will select a recipient for skeet. Jim and Fritz will select a recipient for trap and Phillip and Mark will select a recipient for sporting clays/5 stand.

#### **9.0 Shoot Schedule (Always refer to the calendar on the MVSS website for the latest information.)**

- 1 Skeet/Trap - Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 to 12:00
- 2 Skeet Club Shoot - Last Sunday of the month.
- 3 Trap Club Shoot - Second Sunday of the month.
- 4 Sporting Clays - 3rd Saturday of the month (Excluding Nov., Dec. and Jan.)  
Sporting Clays this Sunday, 12/4/22
- 5 5 Stand - First Saturday of the month - 9:00 to 12:00.
- 6 New Mexico High School Shoot (Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays) December 2 - 4, 2022
- 7 Registered Trap Shoot - January 14, 2023.
- 8 County 4H - Trap and Skeet - 4/1/2023
- 9 Senior Olympics - Trap and Skeet - 4/8/2023
- 10 Dona Ana County Fair - Trap and Skeet - July 21-22, 2023.

Next month's meeting will be held on 1/5/2023. The meeting will be held at the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish located at 2715 E Northrise Dr. It will commence at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm