

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

Monthly Meeting

August 1, 2024 / 6:30 p.m. / NMDGF

Attendees

*Phillip Pruett	-Karen Parmeter	-Jim Ramsey
*Jason Browning	-Tom Greenling	-Ray Bundy
*Brock Hammond	-Scott Gardenhire	-Fritz Lawrence
*Rick Richardson	-Preston Benfield	-

1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 7/3/2024

2.0 Financial

2.1 **Financial.** "Statement of Financial Position" dated 8/1/24 showing a total bank account in the amount of \$76,682 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2024 showing a total income of \$39,467 and a total outgo of \$37,871 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of \$1,596.

2.2 **Club House Fund Balance \$28,127**

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

1,666

10 5 Stand 7/6/24

(11) Payment to Randy = \$66. Replace all tubes on Sporting Clays gun carts, 7/24/24.

5 Sporting Clays 7/20/24

127 Skeet (Preston) 7/28/24

(1) 7/28/24 - one token from Skeet was broken in half and taped. Token was ruined.

100 Trap (Jim R.) 8/1/24

(50) Sold to Scott Gardenhire in the meeting.

1,846

3.0 Skeet

3.1 Our night shoot for Skeet and Trap is scheduled for Friday, August 2, 2024. The start time is 8:30pm. Two of the lamps on skeet field #2 will have to be adjusted. Jason will bring out a scissor lift and adjust the two lamps. Note that Saturday night is reserved in case of rain on Friday.

3.2 Paul Gamboni will be at the range on March 7, 2025 through March 10, 2025 to give skeet lessons. The available slots are almost filled. Please contact Preston if you wish to schedule lessons.

3.3 Our skeet Club Final, along with awards and lunch, is scheduled for Sunday November 3, 2024.

4.0 Trap

4.1 A switch needs to be replaced at trap #1. Phillip purchased a switch, it still needs to be installed.

5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand

5.1 Next 5 Stand - 8/3/24.

5.2 Next Sporting Clays will be on 8/24/24. It has been pushed back to the 4th Saturday due to conflict with New Mexico Sporting Clays State Shoot in Raton, NM.

6.0 **Current membership list.** 74 paid members for 2024 (includes 14 Life members).

7.0 Facility Grounds Care

7.1 There are eight more benches that need to be installed on the skeet fields. Another work day will be scheduled to complete these.

7.2 MVSS Board approved the purchase of a riding lawn mower, not to exceed \$4,000. This purchase will be put off until this spring. Currently we have not needed the mower because the cows are keeping it down.

7.3 Preston said the door threshold at high house 4 is letting sand pour in. Also, two lock cylinders are loose at high 3 and high 2. Jerry said that the padlock on trap 4 is difficult to open. We also need 5 additional "master" keys made. Phillip will call the City and see if they can have their locksmith fix these issues. The City is still procuring a locksmith.

7.4 Skeet high house #2 light fixture has an electrical short. Tried to screw a new bulb in the socket and it blew up. The fluorescent light fixture at trap #1 canopy is not working. Jason said he will have his guys look at both of these tomorrow.

8.0 Discussion

8.1 Jason Browning has replaced the large 4' x 8' MVSS billboard at our entrance. The sign looks great! Thank you Jason.

8.2 Cows are still a big nuisance on the Butterfield Range. Phillip met with the City and BLM on 6/13/24 regarding the new west fence. BLM appears to have no problem with the fence. The City has submitted a request form to BLM. We are now expecting formal approval from BLM. Our deal with the City is they will clear the new fence line and provide the materials. MVSS will install the new fence. Phillip is soliciting quotes from fencing contractors.

8.3 We have to prepare a Master Plan for the MVSS shotgun range to help secure grants. These are some of the items that will be included in it. A preliminary Google Earth drawing was distributed during the meeting.

- Club House
- Storage Building
- Additional Skeet Fields
- Additional Trap Fields
- 8' wide sidewalk running length of skeet and trap fields
- Additional 100 Bird Sporting Clays Field
- Bunker Trap
- Enlarge Parking at Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clay fields
- Provide RV camping spots with electrical hookups
- Lead Reclamation

8.4 Tom Brown, one of our long time members, avid sporting clays shooter and donor to MVSS was in a severe auto accident with his wife. This is a copy of his text to me;

My wife and I got T-boned 7/2 by a Camaro going 100mph full of people from Ecuador and a 22 year old crazy driver from Chihuahua. One of his passengers died. They were being chased by TX DPS and we saw the entire chase unfolding and we thought they entered eastbound I10 but they turned around at Hawkins and headed back on Gateway West, slamming into us at Airways and Gateway West.

The crash came very close (about 2') to killing India and possibly me as well. The impact knocked both of us out cold. Her neck was broken in 4 places and I have a fractured spine and busted up knee and the trauma aggravated my autoimmune disease CRPS systemically causing a lot of pain requiring ongoing epidural injections. Oh well the Good Lord and fate decided we will live to see another day and we are ever so thankful to have survived it!

8.5 Website - There are a few items that need to be addressed regarding MVSS presence on the internet. Joe Pfeiffer could not attend this meeting but said he can meet with us in the future.

- Google search - When you search for anything related to shotgun shooting, such as “skeet”, “trap”, “five stand” and “sporting clays”, our website is in the #1 position on the search results. If a searcher goes directly to our website they get current and accurate information regarding MVSS. However, Google summarizes our information on their search page and this information is not 100% accurate. They show Mark’s old shop as being the range and they list John’s cell number as contact. Phillip spoke with Joe Pfeiffer and he is currently working to get these corrected.
- We are looking for a more modern look for our website with updated pictures of the range.
- An internet committee was formed (Phillip Pruett, Jason Browning and Preston Benfield) to review further with Joe. Jason said we could meet at his office at 1800 Amador (corner of Amador and 17th Street). Phillip will coordinate the meeting date and time.

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 - Preston to advise dates via email
- 3 Sporting Clays - 3rd Saturday of the month (Excluding Nov., Dec. and Jan.)
- 4 5 Stand - First Saturday of the month - 9:00 to 12:00.
- 5 Noons Lions Club Trap Shoot - September 28, 2024
- 6 MVSS Founders Day Shoot - October 5, 2024
- 7 Registered Trap Shoot - October 19-20, 2024
- 8 Club Skeet Shoot Final, Awards, Lunch - November 3, 2024
- 9 Bag-A-Bird Skeet Shoot - November 8 - 10, 2024
- 10 Registered Trap Shoot - December 7-8, 2024 - Confirmed and on ATA schedule

Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday September 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at NMDGF

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm