

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports, Inc.

Volunteer Request

April 7, 2026

Members and Friends,

Our facility was established in 2011 and continues to operate thanks to the thousands of volunteer manhours donated by our members. Over the last couple of years we have lost many of our volunteers. Some have moved away and some, quite frankly, have just got too old to help! We need volunteers to open and run the trap and skeet ranges, along with volunteers to help with sporting clays and 5 stand.

Trap Volunteer Duties

(Trap Public Hours, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday, 9:00-12:00)

1. Open main gate (approximately 8:30)
2. Disarm the alarm, open the main building and get the cash box out of the safe.
3. Open two trap fields.
 - a. Unlock and open the trap house doors.
 - b. Turn on the machines.
 - c. Set out voice speakers, shell buckets and token boxes.
4. Greet shooters and assign them to a field and sell them tokens if needed.
5. When shooters are gone, normally around 11:00, close the trap houses.
 - a. Turn off the machines and stock them with targets.
 - b. Dispose of the cardboard.
 - c. Close and lock the trap house doors.
 - d. Put away the voice speakers, shell buckets and token boxes.
6. Put the cash box back in the safe, lock the main building and arm the alarm.
7. Lock the main gate.

Currently Rick Richardson and Jim Ramsey handle the trap ranges. There will be days when neither one of them is available to open and run Trap. If you are interested and would like to be trained and put on the "Trap" volunteer list please text or call Rick Richardson at 575-642-2047.

Skeet Volunteer Duties

(Skeet Public Hours, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday, 9:00-12:00)

1. Open main gate (approximately 8:30)
2. Disarm the alarm, open the main building and get the cash box out of the safe.
3. Open two skeet fields.
 - a. Unlock and open the skeet house doors and windows.
 - b. Turn on the machines.
 - c. Attach and unwind the “pull” cord.
 - d. Set out the shell buckets and token boxes.
4. Greet shooters and assign them to a field and sell them tokens if needed.
5. When shooters are gone, normally around 11:00, close the skeet houses.
 - a. Turn off the machines and stock them with targets.
 - b. Dispose of the cardboard.
 - c. Put away the “pull” cord, shell buckets and token boxes.
 - d. Close and lock the skeet house doors and windows.
6. Put the cash box back in the safe, lock the main building and arm the alarm.
7. Lock the main gate.

Currently Preston Benfield and Brock Hammond handle the skeet ranges. There will be days when neither one of them is available to open and run Skeet. If you are interested and would like to be trained and put on the “Skeet” volunteer list please text or call Preston Benfield at 586-215-3060 or Brock Hammond at 575-644-3608.

“5 Stand” Volunteer Duties

(5 Stand Public Hours, the first Saturday of every month, 9:00-12:00)

1. Must arrive at the 5 Stand venue at 7:00am the day of the shoot.
2. Aide with the setup of 8 machines.
 - a. Help hook up the trap machines to the clubs utv.
 - b. Stock the utv with batteries, targets and receivers and number signs.
 - c. Distribute the trap machines on the course, stock with targets, hookup the batteries and the receivers and place the number signs.
 - d. Adjust each machine for the desired target presentation.
3. Set up the shooting area.
 - a. Setup table and chairs.
 - b. Setup the five menu boards
 - c. Set out 5 trash receptacles at each station.
4. Shoot will start at 9:00. During the shoot aide with scoring or pulling.
5. When the shoot has ended (normally by 11:00) help pick up and put away.

Currently Phillip Pruett handles and runs 5 Stand. The optimum number of people needed for a timely setup is 3. If you are interested and would like to be trained and put on the “5 Stand” volunteer list please text or call Phillip Pruett at 575-644-8735.

“Sporting Clays” Volunteer Duties

(Sporting Clays Public Hours, the third Saturday of every month, 9:00-12:00)

1. The sporting clays course takes approximately 2.5 hours to set up. Therefore, the setup must be done the day before the Saturday shoot date. On Friday, four volunteers will meet at 9:00am at the “Sporting Clays” venue and set up the 10 station (20 trap machines) course.
 - a. Open all three containers, disconnect all batteries in the battery container, remove trap machines and stage all 20 trap machines to be hooked up to the utv’s from the other two containers.
 - b. Using Phillip’s utv, Phillip and volunteer#2 must set up stations #1 - #5.
 - i. Hook up trap machines to the utv.
 - ii. Stock the utv with batteries, targets and receivers.
 - iii. Distribute the trap machines on the course, stock with targets, hookup the batteries and the receivers.
 - iv. Adjust each machine for the desired target presentation.
 - v. Set the menu at each station and place the trash receptacle.
 - c. Using the clubs utv, volunteer#3 and #4 must set up stations #6 - #10. They will perform the same duties as noted above.
2. On Saturday, when the shoot has ended (normally by 11:00) help pick up and put away. This will take approximately one hour.

Currently Phillip Pruett handles and runs Sporting Clays. The optimum number of people needed for a timely setup is 4. If you are interested and would like to be trained and put on the “Sporting Clays” volunteer list please text or call Phillip Pruett at 575-644-8735.