Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

Monthly Meeting

October 1, 2026 / 6:30 p.m. / NMDGF

Attendees

*Phillip Pruett	-Karen Parmeter	-Preston Benfield	-Ray Bundy
*Brock Hammond	-Fritz Lawrence	-Keith Brodd	-Matthew Nowell (NMSU)
*	-Jim Ramsey	-Tom Greenling	-Ethan P. (NMSU)
*	-Scott Gardenhire	-Bob Kirkpatrick	

1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 09.03.2026

2.0 Financial

2.1 "Statement of Financial Position" dated 10.1.26 showing a total bank account in the amount of $70,508 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2026 showing a total income of $61,189 and a total outgo of $66,293 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of ($5,480).

2.2 Club House Fund Balance $28,447

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

2267	
7	5 Stand
200	Trap, Jimmy
(500)	Donation to NMSU Trap & Skeet
(500)	Donation to Bullseye 4H
1474	

3.0 Skeet

3.1 Low house #3 target machine quit working. NMSU guys helped Brock swap it out with one of our refurbished machines. It was breaking a few targets but Brock was able to repair it and all is good. Thank you Brock and the NMSU team!

3.2 Brock said he sent out a notice changing the date of the skeet "Bag-A-Bird" shoot from the weekend of November 7th to the weekend of November 14th. However, he might change it back to the 7th because a few of his regulars could not make it then. He will keep us posted.

4.0 Trap

4.1 Lions Club trap fundraiser scheduled for 9/26/26. Bob Kirkpatrick believed the final count was 22 teams! He said all went smoothly.

4.2 Members Appreciation Day Trap and Skeet shoot is this Saturday 10/3/26. Phillip stocked Skeet fields 1 and 2 along with Trap fields 1 and 2 with 50 flasher targets each. Preston agreed to give out flasher tokens for skeet and Jimmy and Rick agreed to give them out for the trap fields. Members can shoot two rounds of their choice, at the cost of $6.00/round - or one token per round. Lunch is free for the member who shoots 2 rounds. Additional lunches can be purchased for $5.00/lunch. Scott agreed to be our cashier.

4.3 Upcoming trap shoots:

Quails Forever trap fundraiser scheduled for 10/24/26.

Cowboy Church trap fundraiser scheduled for 10/31/26.

Quilts of Valor trap fundraiser scheduled for 3/13/27.

5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand

5.1 Next 5 Stand - 11.07.26

5.2 Next Sporting Clays - 10.17.26

5.3 Preston said that NMSU requested through him that they be allowed to set up and shoot sporting clays when they want and that members could also shoot since it will be set up. He also said that they requested a discount on the $40 per round since they would be setting up the course. Phillip said that the $40 per round will not be reduced and that this rate is equal to or less than the surrounding clubs. MVSS target prices from White Flier have gone up approximately 20% in the last 6 months and we cannot decrease our current pricing. Mathew said they would like more difficult targets and more chances to shoot sporting clays. The idea was brought up to be able to shoot the Friday after the course was set and then on Saturday and Sunday. We know the batteries will last two days of shooting but it is unlikely they will hold a charge for a 3 day shoot schedule. The subject was tabled.

6.0 Current membership list. 69 paid members for 2026 (includes 13 Life members).

7.0 Facility Grounds Care

7.1 Rick and Phillip spent about 3 hours on Tuesday, 9.22.2026 cleaning up the range prior to the Lions Club shoot. The entire range was mowed and trimmed. The P-Trap house was cleaned and the target elevation set. The weeds around the P-Trap were removed.

8.0 Discussion

8.1 Javier Gomez (landscaper) was able to obtain business insurance. He has revised his quote to $8,270. I did receive another bid. It was from Jerry Esparza's landscaper, Mr John Saddof. His bid was $20,000. Preston said he has been trying to get a quote from Mike Mitchell. Preston gave Phil his phone number and he will try to get a 3rd quote for the work. Mike Mitchell declined to quote the work. The City said that BLM needs to be notified and they are letting them know. Gomez will start the work in October 2026. No Change 10.01.26.

8.2 Lead Reclamation - A Memorandum Of Understanding was prepared by our council and submitted to the City of Las Cruces Attorneys office for their approval. The City attorney has signed the MOU and has sent it to the City Manager to get their signature. **We now have a legal document signed by the City attorney, the City Manager and Phillip Pruett!** We can proceed with the lead reclamation at our convenience. MVSS will notify the City when the work will be scheduled. All proceeds go to MVSS.

The reclamation company has been notified and they will be here within 2 weeks to review our site and get us on their schedule.

8.3 Please note that starting today, 10.01.26, our winter hours of operation are 9:00 - 12:00.

8.4 **Advertising -** Jason and Barry have some ideas to advertise MVSS by offering free sporting clays to a select 50 people and or possibly have an open house with free radio advertising. They agreed to meet in the near future and discuss possibilities. Barry said he could not get a meeting set with Jason to discuss in the last month. No change 10.1.26.

8.5 Next target order. Plan for 10/31/26. Phil will order the trailer of targets and the forklift to be delivered Thursday 10/29/26. We will need 2 people from NMSU on Friday 10/30/26 to help off-load the pallets from the trailer. On Saturday 10/31/26 at 8:00am we will need numerous volunteers from NMSU and Bullseye to load the trap and skeet houses. The trap houses have to be done first to have it ready for a 9:00 start for the "Cowboy Church" shoot.

The costs of the targets have gone up substantially. The orange dome bio has gone up since our last order in April 2026 from 14.25 to 16.49 per box. That's a 16% increase. Delivery has gone up from $2,350 to $3,200. That's a 36% increase. Targets $24,500 plus delivery $3,200 plus forklift $1,500 = $29,200/187,110 = .156 cents per target. 25 x .156 = $3.90 our direct cost per round. With our regular overhead added to the cost we are probably at a cost of $5.00 per round of 25. These costs will be reviewed by Phil and Brock to see if MVSS will need to raise our prices for 2027.

8.6 Phillip met with the City Parks and Rec today at the sporting clays range to discuss the water ponding in the parking lot. This was created by the new all-weather road that was installed for the LCPD range. Phillip suggested that a culvert be bladed from our parking lot to the existing ponding area south of the LCPD berm. We also discussed the need to move our 5 Stand location and redesign our sporting clays layout so no birdshot is ever launched over the LCPD berms. We would need help from the City for a new canopy and the grading for a new SC parking lot and a new 5 stand parking lot, grading a new road at the proposed SC stations #11 and #12 and the gravel on the new SC road from station #4 through #12. Phillip passed out a map of these proposed changes.

8.7 We have 4 small containers that we are not using at sporting clays. Tom Brown offered us $2,000 for them. This is equal to the amount we paid. We accepted his offer and he will pick them up on 10/30/26.

8.8 A nice letter (attached) was received from the NMSU Trap and Skeet club thanking MVSS for the 500 token donation to their club.

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

See Attached

Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday November 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at NMDGF

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

MVSS SHOOT SCHEDULE

	DATE	NAME	TIME
1		Skeet & Trap - Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.	9:00am - 12:00pm
2		Sporting Clays - 3rd Saturday of every month (excluding Nov, Dec and Jan).	9:00am - 12:00pm
3		5 Stand - First Saturday of every month.	9:00am - 12:00pm
4	05.15.26-05.17.26	Skeet - Memorial Open	
5	5.20.26	4H Southwest District Trap Shoot	
6	07.10.26-07.12.26	Skeet - Firecracker Open	
7	07.31.26-08.01.26	County Fair Shoot	
8	09.26.26	Host Lions Club (21 teams in 2025)	
9	10.3.26	Members Appreciation Day Shoot	9:00am - 12:00pm
10	10.24.26	Quails Forever Trap Fundraiser	
11	10.31.26	Cowboy Church Trap Fundraiser	
12	11.06.26-11.08.26	Skeet - Bag a Bird	
13	2.26.27-2.28.27	NM Clay Target Association, Trap-Skeet-Sporting Clays 108 youth shot in 2026.	
14	3.13.27	Quilts of Valor Fundraiser	

Dear Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports,

On behalf of the Aggie Trap and Skeet Team, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous donation of 500 tokens. Your support has directly strengthened our team's ability to train, and prepare for the upcoming season, and we deeply appreciate the confidence you have placed in our program.

Your willingness to partner with us not only enhances our training opportunities but also reinforces the strong relationship between MVSS and the NMSU shooting team. We are committed to upholding our end of this partnership through dedicated volunteer service, and we look forward to contributing to the upkeep and operation of the club.

Thank you again for your generosity and continued support. We value the trust MVSS has shown in our team and are grateful for the opportunity to grow, train, and represent our university with your help.

NMSU TRAP & SKEET

Sincerely,

Aggie Trap and Skeet Team

President _____

Date: October 01, 2026

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Sporting Clays

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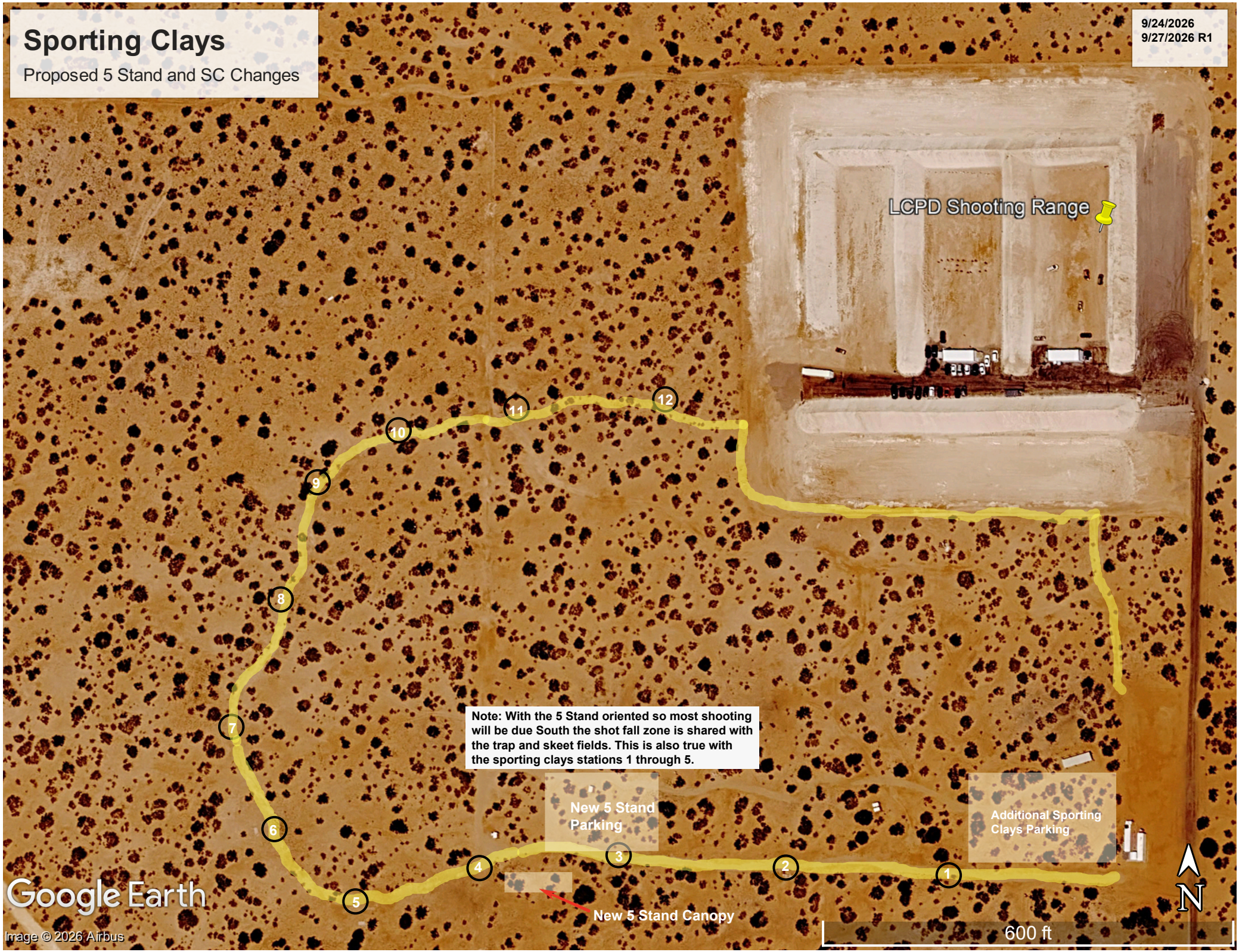
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