Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

Monthly Meeting

November 5, 2026 / 6:30 p.m. / NMDGF

Attendees

*Phillip Pruett	-Preston Benfield	-Joe Pfeiffer	-Matthew Nowell (NMSU)
*Brock Hammond	-Fritz Lawrence	-Keith Brodd	-Josiah (NMSU)
*Rick Richardson	-Jim Ramsey	-Kary Bulsterbaum	
*Jason Browning	-Scott Gardenhire	-Bob Kirkpatrick	
*Randy Toepher			

1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

1.1 Minutes of 10.01.2026

2.0 Financial

2.1 "Statement of Financial Position" dated 11.4.26 showing a total bank account in the amount of $59,189 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2026 showing a total income of $75,297 and a total outgo of $91,721 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of (16,424).

2.2 Club House Fund Balance $28,480

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

1474	
300	Trap, Jimmy
155	Skeet, Preston
(170)	Given away at Founders Day Shoot
28	Collected at Funders Day Shoot
89	Sporting Clays, Phil
1876	

3.0 Skeet

3.1 Low house #2 - The machine was windmilling on Wednesday. Brock said he has already fixed this.

3.2 Brock said he sent out a notice changing the date of the skeet "Bag-A-Bird" confirming it is scheduled for the weekend of November 14.

4.0 Trap

4.1 Cowboy Church trap shoot - Rick said there were 48 shooters on trap fields 1 - 3 and that all went smooth.

4.2 Members Appreciation Day Trap and Skeet shoot was on Saturday 10/3/26. We threw 66 rounds, We collected $233 in cash plus 28 tokens, this equals $401. Food cost was $259 and the tokens given away (170) at our cost was $595. Our price to put on the event was $453.

4.3 Upcoming trap shoots:

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

District 4H Trap Shoot 5/19/2027.

Host Lions Club Shoot 9/25/2027.

4.4 Rick sent an invoice to the Host Lions Club for $2,345on 10/9/26. Bob said the check has already been mailed to us.

5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand

5.1 Next 5 Stand - 11.07.26

5.2 Next Sporting Clays - February 2027 (possibly before, a week notice will be given)

6.0 Current membership list. 70 paid members for 2026 (includes 13 Life members).

7.0 Facility Grounds Care

7.1 Brock said the grass should be mowed before the Bag-A-Bird shoot on 11/13/2026.

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 11/5/26.**

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 lead reclamation company will be here in a couple of weeks to review our site. They will put us on the schedule for this coming summer.

8.3 **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. Jason said no progress was made this past month because they put their emphasis on a new website. See paragraph 8.4.

8.4 Kary Bulsterbaum presented a "New Modern Website For MVSS". The flyer handed out states "Grow Membership Without Raising Target Prices". The price for this new website is $3,500 for the initial design and placement onto the web. Kary offered to donate $2,500 and Jason offered to donate $500 towards this initial cost. MVSS would pick up the balance of $500 and the annual cost of $1,200 (cost to have them maintain our website with schedules and current events). This $1,200 per year would not be necessary if MVSS maintains the updates. Discussions circled around the following;

- Will a new website equal more memberships and targets thrown? During September 2026 we had 129 interactions with our current website. There is no way to tell if these interactions increased the number of targets we threw. If a new website is launched we can compare numbers and see if the number of interactions go up.
- $1,200 per year to have a company maintain the website is spendy considering our existing website costs are $0 to maintain, Thanks to Joe who diligently posts our schedule and messages to the members. Would Joe be willing to be the person to update a new website so we could forgo the $1,200 per year?
- Everyone seemed to agree that the new look is eyecatching and positively represents our shotgun range.
- See the mock-up website at "CALECO4.WIXSITE.COM/MVSSVERSION1"

This was tabled for now and will be brought up again next month.

8.5 Phillip met with the City Parks and Rec 10/1/26 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. **No progress from City 11/5/26.**

8.6 Keith Brodd voiced his opposition to Phillip ordering, through the MVSS broker, 110 flats of 12ga ammunition. The ammo was resold to 10 members "at cost".

Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday December 3, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at NMDGF

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 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	11.13.26-11.15.26	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	