

# Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports

## Monthly Meeting

November 7, 2024 / 6:30 p.m. / NMDGF

### Attendees

*Phillip Pruett	-Karen Parmeter	-Fritz Lawrence	-Keith Brodd
*Jason Browning	-Tom Greenling	-Scott Gardenhire	
*Rick Richardson	-Preston Benfield	-Jim Ramsey	
*Randy Toepher	-Joe Pfeiffer	-Barry Papake	

### 1.0 Last Meeting Follow-up

#### 1.1 Minutes of 10/3/2024

### 2.0 Financial

**2.1 Financial.** "Statement of Financial Position" dated 11/4/24 showing a total bank account in the amount of \$84,426 and a "Statement of Activity" for 2024 showing a total income of \$51,292 and a total outgo of \$40,538 which equals a net operating revenue for the current year of \$10,754.

#### 2.2 Club House Fund Balance     \$28,186

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

1,841

(63) Tokens given out during Founders Day 10/5/24

168 Skeet, Preston, 10/9/24

15 Sporting clays 10/19/24 & 5 stand 11/2/24

125 Trap, Jim, 10/23/24

2086

### 3.0 Skeet

**3.1** Paul Giambrone 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.

**3.2** The Skeet Club Final, along with awards and lunch, was Sunday November 3, 2024. Brock was crowned club champion, Dorothy Proffitt won class B and Tom Greenling won Class C. Special thanks to Naomi Hammond for preparing the lunch and to Preston for keeping track of all the shooting and money this year!

**3.3** Our registered "Bag a Bird" event starts tomorrow and goes through Sunday.

**3.4** The Southwest Youth shoot is scheduled for December 7 and 8, 2024. Preston expects over 30 youth shooters to shoot both skeet and trap. The trap shoot is a registered event and adults are also welcome.

#### 4.0 Trap

4.1 The Cowboy Church trap shoot was 11/2/24. We threw 68 rounds to 34 shooters. Rick invoiced them \$680 and has already received payment. Rick and Jim said that all went smoothly and that the organizers were very pleased with the day and would definitely schedule with us again in 2025.

4.2 Rick purchased 4 new speakers and extra brakes for the trap machines.

4.3 There are a couple of guys that repair/maintain the trap and skeet machines for Tucson Trap & Skeet. They will be coming through Las Cruces this spring. Jim Ramsey will ask them if they can schedule a stop at our range and take a look at our traps. Jim will get a quote from them and discuss with us in the future.

#### 5.0 Sporting Clays / 5 Stand

5.1 Next 5 Stand - 12/7/24.

5.2 Next Sporting Clays - Possibly 11/16/24. An email will be sent out if we decide to have it.

6.0 **Current membership list.** 94 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 We have ordered 10 padlocks all keyed the same. They will replace the padlocks on the main gate, traps 1 through 4, the "P" trap and the west metal container.

7.3 Jim wants to put a small vacuum in each trap house #1 - 4. He also suggested that we put up a new bulletin board and dry erase board in the main storage room. Jim was authorized to purchase all items requested.

#### 8.0 Discussion

8.1 The City cleared the brush for the new fence. Our contractor has started the installation. They have all the "T" posts installed and today they concreted in the posts for the brace bays. Next week they should install the barbed wire. We then have to make sure the cattle are out of our area. If not, they will have to be pushed out through the new Northwest gate.

8.2 On 10/18/24 Phillip and Micheal Smelker met with the City and BLM to propose our Master Plan for the MVSS shotgun range. Mike did a great job with the Master Plan site drawing. They were very receptive to our plan and the City said they would review it further with various City departments. We emphasized to them that lead reclamation was necessary. Not only for the environment but also for the revenue it would generate to aid in the Master Plan implementation.

#### 8.3 Website

- Jason sent the drone video to Phillip, Joe and Preston. Joe will put it on our website.
- Joe Pfeiffer uploaded a new website design and shared it with Phillip, Jason and Preston. Preston reviewed it with Barry Papake. They both think it needs more fluff and striking images similar to the Dallas Gun Club (\$8,000 membership) and Pikes Peak Gun Club (\$275 membership). Phillip believed that the new website was more "user" friendly than the old one. Jason believes that there should be a middle ground between the fluff and the information necessary for an informative website. Joe thanked us for our review and will see what he can do.
- Upcoming Events - There should be an "Upcoming Events" tab. Preston agreed and noted this would be a good place to have the phone number of the person running the event to help cut down

on the confusion. It was suggested that each event should have a flier which would include the contact information. 10/3/24 still pending.

- Membership tab. Each member should be able to see their status. Paying for membership online should be an option. Joe will explore our options.

**8.4** Preston is concerned that spectators, members and nonmembers, are not wearing eye protection. It is a range rule that eye and ear protection must be worn at all times. To help reinforce and educate our members it was discussed to include on the membership form the range rules along with some liability waiver language. The subject was tabled for now and Rick said he would work on the liability waiver language. 10/3/24 still pending.

#### **8.5 Founders Day Shoot -**

Our Founders Day Shoot was on 10/5/24. We spent \$415 between food and tokens given away, and we took in \$218. Our net cost was \$197. The Mike Slugaj plaque has been ordered and Phillip will install it once it arrives. Special thanks to Melody Pruett, Stephanie Allison, Sheila Gardenhire and CeCe Hunter for cooking and prepping the food!

**8.6** We are completely out of MVSS caps. Jason will get us a quote for 100 caps of various colors and styles. Jason already has the MVSS digital logo.

**8.7** Mr. Rob Hoffman passed away last weekend. He was an original member of MVSS and a long time friend of our late John Moen and Joe Fries. Karen will send his family a sympathy card.

#### **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. October shoot canceled.
- 5 Bag-A-Bird Skeet Shoot - November 8 - 10, 2024
- 6 Southwest Youth Skeet Shoot & Adult and Youth Trap - December 7 & 8, 2024 (expect 40 kids)
- 7 NM Clay Target Association - Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays - Jan 31- Feb 2, 2025 (expect 100 kids)
- 8 Host Lions Club Trap Shoot - September 27, 2025 (21 teams in 2024)

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm