

# GALLATIN SPORTING CLAYS SPRING NEWSLETTER

## **TOM AND HUCK DAY**

The Club will host its annual Tom and Huck/Opening day work and shoot fest on April 4. Objectives for this year are to finish the gravel on the upper trail, which should be minor compared to previous years. Also, we would like open the range, get the traps loaded, reseed areas disturbed by last year's dirt work, haul some trash to the dump and generally buff the place out. We could use a bobcat to move gravel if members have one available. Other than that, this year's Tom and Huck day will be more about general clean up than heavy lifting.

Lunch for the crew will be supplied free of charge by the Pickle Barrel, and there will be free shooting for working members/ volunteers after lunch. Start time is 9:00 am.

## **GUN RAFFLE AND MEMBER MEETING**

This year's gun raffle will be held at Mixers Bar, 515 West Aspen, on March 10. Socializing will begin at 5, with the drawing to occur at 7. This year we will merge the gun raffle with the members meeting which will occur at 6:30. We have three board members whose terms expire this year. They are Russ McElyea, Curt Kradolfer and Tom Grace. Russ and Tom are not running for reelection. Please let one of the current board members know if you are interested in running. A board term is 3 years.

## **HOURS OF OPERATION**

We will be open from 9-3 on Saturdays and 4-6:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We need marshals this year to help open and close the range. Those of you who have not historically volunteered for this job should step forward this year to help with this chore. If we do not have enough volunteers to marshal, then we will cut back on shooting hours.

## **DUES AND TARGET INCREASES**

Annual dues have been raised this year from \$50 to \$100. In addition, the price per round will increase from \$14 to \$15. These price increases are the first the club has made since we began operations in 1992.

The reason for the dues increase is to provide a more stable funding base for the club. AS most of you know, our price per round is extremely low and represents the best sporting clays value in the United States. Our revenue from round sales is used to pay operating expenses. All other funds are raised through new memberships, and special fund raisers such as the gun raffle and tournaments. The latter events have proven to be

effective, but are extremely labor intensive. Accordingly, the board felt the need to diversify and stabilize our revenue base by raising the annual dues.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

We will host 2 NSCA sanctioned events this year. The first will be the Montana Wyoming Club Challenge on June 6.

The second will be our annual /Kruger Western Challenge Aug 20-23. This event will include the Montana Sate FITASC Championship.

We also intend to resurrect Buddy Shoots this year. Dates and times will be announced.