

## GALLATIN SPORTING CLAYS SPRING 2005 NEWSLETTER

### Tom & Huck Day

Gallatin Sporting Clays will open with Tom & Huck Day on Saturday, April 2. Bring your grubby clothes, a shotgun and lots of shells.

For the benefit of new members, Tom & Huck Day occurs every year on the first day of operations. We use this day to clean the range, perform maintenance, and get the range ready for a year of shooting. Your help is appreciated and needed.

### Thursday Shooting

This year we will open Thursdays on a trial basis. The success of this experiment will depend on how many people volunteer to be course marshalls, and how many people show up to shoot.

### Course Marshalls

Like most things at our Club, the range is opened, closed, and staffed by volunteers called course marshalls. Last year, about ten people volunteered to be marshalls. If you have not served as a marshall, then your time has now arrived. It is a great way to meet members and we need your help.

Dave Carty is coordinating the marshall schedule. Please call Dave at 586-8203 to volunteer.

### Master Development Plan

Now that we own our land, we are free to make improvements to the property. Bill Hendricks, Dave Crawford, and Frank Stewart have been working on a long range plan to intelligently locate and budget for improvements such as roads, trails, stations, clubhouses, storage, power, well, and septic.

Bill and his team will make a presentation at the annual meeting with their recommendations. In the meantime, please feel free to call Bill at 586-6389 with any input you feel is important.

### Board of Director Elections

Three slots on the Board of Directors will come open in May. Elections will occur at the annual meeting.

Dan Marsh, Ken Eiden, and Ed Seth are eligible for retirement or re-election. All members are encouraged to consider running for a position on the Board.

Jack Neyses resigned his position as a director. The Board selected Dan Cook as his replacement.

Dan's term expires in two years. Thanks to Dan for volunteering to serve.

### Special Events

The gun raffle will take place on March 15 at the Comfort Inn on North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. As always, beer and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Even if you don't buy a raffle ticket, please plan on attending this fun evening.

We will be hosting two NSCA tournaments, as well as a variety of charity shoots this year. Please see the calendar for details. Please note that our marquee event, the Headwaters 300, will be held on July 16 and 17. The dates advertised in *Sporting Clays Magazine* are not correct. A schedule for the year is enclosed.

### Non-Member Shooting

Non-members can shoot for \$35 per round.

### Board of Directors

	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Dan Cook	388-9685	5/12/07
Dan Marsh	587-7578	5/12/05
Ken Eiden	585-2644	5/12/05
Ed Seth	763-5038	5/12/05
Frank Stewart	586-0790	5/12/06
Sam Robinson	388-1346	5/12/06
Russ McElyea	586-5098	5/12/06

Sincerely,

*Russ McElyea*, President  
Gallatin Sporting Clays

### **Wish You Had A Well-Trained Pointing Dog?**

I train just one or two dogs a summer in a five-month program, April through August. Whoa, come, heel, steady to wing and shot and force fetch. Most importantly – your dog will be exposed to birds on a daily basis.

If your dog is housebroken and around a year old or older, call Dave Carty at 586-8203. References provided.