



HILL ROD AND GUN PRESENTS

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL

'Nimrod Classic'

This June 4th & 5th, 2011

Place: **Gallatin Sporting Clays**
Logan, Montana
(Between Bozeman and Three Forks, MT.)

Nim-rod (n.)

- 1. a person expert in or devoted to hunting.*
 - 2. A person regarded as silly*
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Howdy Folks,

I would like to welcome all of you back to Bozeman for what will be our 7th annual vintage clays shoot. We were very well received by the Gallatin Sporting Clays organization and they are pleased to have us back. I also would like to welcome Bob Decker and the Lefever Collectors Arms Association's participation in this years event. They will be embedded into the events we have come accustom to. They will also have plenty of show and tell. For information on how to join the Lefever organization and participate with them contact Bob at deckerr001@hawaii.rr.com. This year in addition to our standard shoot, we will have access to two five stand courses for practice and side competitions if you so choose. Finally, there is another clays course located near Bozeman – Rising Spirits Shooting School. Don't let the name throw you it is a clays course as well as a shooting school. For those of you arriving Thursday or midday Friday – here is the link to get all the info should you find an itch to lighten your shell bag - <http://docbradford.com/> - I recommend you call ahead.

You will find the Gallatin Sporting Clays course to be a beautiful setting if this is your first visit. However it lacks a club house and is located in a more primitive setting i.e. tents and port-a-potties. Again for a nominal fee, lunch will be available on site.

As for registration, we're again using this somewhat condensed mailer now that you know where to find all of our related Shoot information on the Web. Accordingly, those of you with friends wishing to attend for the first time, should advise them to call us at their earliest convenience so that we may get our registration information out to them ... (406) 585-2228. As with all previous shoots, priority status for vacancies will be given to those wishing to enter with "vintage" guns. The definition of what constitutes "vintage" is found here on Page 4, and in our Shoot rules section posted on the Web at:

www.hillrodandgun.com

It's also important to remember our 'first come, first served' policy is still in effect, and we are asking shooters to register for any of the week-end's scheduled events as early as possible in order to secure their squad preferences.

Further, any fees collected from an individual who must subsequently **cancel** will be '*refunded in full*' **IF** that is done 30 days prior to our shoot date of June 4th. A **cancellation** made less than 30 days prior will result in a 50% refund, with all fees being forfeited for **cancellations** made after Memorial Day.

Lastly, I look forward once again to seeing all the familiar faces along with new ones come June 4th and 5th – the official end of Montana winter.

Kind Regards,

Charlie Pflieger

Nimrod Classic 2011 Events

DAY ONE – Saturday, June 4th

Premiering, (albeit a short one), The 'Guv'nor's Cup'

(60 targets – over 8 select stations)

8:00 AM Sign-In, 9:15 AM Start Time; \$30.00 entry fee. Limited to first 30 shooters using vintage breech-loading SxS guns made prior to 1941. Keep in mind that we will be awarding an additional four (4) bird bonus or handicap to any shooter who chooses to enter with a vintage hammer gun made prior to 1941. Trophy to the 1st place shooter, and prizes for 2nd and 3rd places.

'Short-Shuckers' Sub-gauge Pump Event

(60 targets – over 8 select stations)

8:00AM Sign-In, 9:15 AM Start Time; **\$30.00** entry fee.

Note: *Be advised that any pump gun is eligible for this particular event if complying with Rules 2&3!!* Limited to first 30 shooters using a 16 gauge or smaller pump gun and their respective nominal loads... see 'Shoot Rules Section' on our web page for gauge 'handicap' details. Trophy goes to the high-scoring shooter only, with prizes to 2nd and 3rd places as well.

The 'Vintage Open'

(100 targets - over 15 stations)

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Sign-In over the lunch hour, 1:30 PM Start Time; **\$55.00** entry fee, Juniors 14 yrs. & under - \$35.00.

Limited to the first 75 shooters using either vintage pumps, side-by-sides, long-recoil autos, or over & under guns as defined in our Shoot Rules.

DAY TWO – Sunday, June 5th

The Nimrod 'SxS Classic '

(100 targets - over 15 stations)

8:00 AM Sign-In, 10:00 AM Start; **\$55.00** entry fee - Juniors 14 yrs. & under - \$35.00.

Limited to the first 75 'SxS' shooters to register. Most any SxS qualifies due to their basic (antiquated) design.

Reminder:

!! For SAFETY sake, we're again asking that all participants shoot with vetted (i.e. checked-out) guns known to be in good-working order !!

PUMP GUNNERS!!Please taken notice that last year the Rules Committee changed the vintage cut off (previously 1941) to '1950'.

The reason for the change is to include both the Remington M11-48, a long-recoil-action semi-auto, and the venerable Remington Model 870 that initially came out in 1950. Please note that this does not include the Remington 870 "Express" guns first issued in 1987. Those wishing to use either Remington models 11-48 or standard 870, may now do so for our 2009 Shoot provided the gun still complies with Rules 2 & 3.

What constitutes a vintage gun at the 'Nimrod'

1)ONLY breech-loading side-by-side, pump, and *long-recoil* semi-automatic shotguns whose makers and basic models were extant prior to 1951 will be eligible to enter on a competitive basis. *As such, gas-operated semi-auto shotguns are hereby excluded from competition. Over & under shotguns – generally coming in with the more modern era of manufacture – are herewith excluded competitively unless valid documentation is provided showing manufacture prior to 1941.* Further, a Winchester-designed Model 97, Model 12, or Model 42 pump shotgun must be of pre-1964 manufacture in order to be used competitively

(Exception 1: Note that there are NO 'vintage' gun requirements for the 'Short-Shuckers' subgauge pump event except Rules 2 & 3)

All shotguns will be limited to 10 gauge and smaller, throwing shot payloads of 1-1/8th ounce or lighter of American shot sizes #7-1/2 or smaller.

(Exception 2: Under our Short-Shuckers handicap system of bonus points, we require the use of industry-established, nominal charge weights for each particular sub-gauge...i.e., these are max. loads: .410 = 1/2 oz.; 28 ga. = 3/4oz.; 20 ga. = 7/8oz.; & 16 ga. = 1 oz.)
Further, a .410 bore must use the 2-1/2" length shell in this event.

All other makes and models not fitting this description of 'vintage' can certainly be used in an event, albeit non-competitively, ...given that they also comply with following rules (2) and (3).....which are:

2)NO gun having either ported barrel(s), an adjustable stock of any form, or sporting a stock made of synthetic materials is eligible to participate in a sanctioned event.

3)A gun having interchangeable (screw-in) choke tubes IS permissible to use provided that they are not of the extended variety, and that they not be changed for the duration of that event (i.e. make your selection(s) prior to the shoot and stick with them).

4) Vintage-era choke devices such as were fitted on the older, single-barreled shotguns (ex. Cutts Compensator, Poly-Choke, POWER-PAC, Weaver Choke, etc.) ARE permissible, and will be permitted their full range of use due to their vintage status.

5) 'Spreader' loads ARE permissible to use in any gun; and may prove advantageous for those older fowling pieces too tightly choked

Remember !! All events will be shot from the starting 'low-gun' position for those wishing to compete! See 'Rules' Section on the Web for further details.

Also, participants can again officially compete in both '100-target' events within the various categories listed below just as long as they do not compete in the same category, should they win it the previous day.

Example: A 'senior' shooter could win the 'Seniors' category for Saturday's '*Vintage Open*'and then compete again on Sunday, in say - the 'Sub-gauge' category or 'Hammer gun' category, but NOT within the 'Seniors' both days. The seven categories are as follows:

- 1) High Lady Shooter
- 2) High Senior “
- 3) High Junior “ **Note:** Vintage gun/low gun requirements are waived.
- 4) High Sub-gauge i.e. 16 bore & smaller, 7/8th oz. shot max.
- 5) High SxS Hammer gun (this subclass is open on Sunday only)
- 6) High Pump gun “ (this sub-class is open on Saturday only)
- 7) Best score shot with a light vintage field gun weighing no more than 6.5 pounds.....regardless of gun mechanism type.

These, in addition to: the trophies for Highest Score for Saturday's '*Vintage Open*'...or High score for Sunday's '*SxS Classic*'. To avoid any confusion, Please remember that this categorical awards system does NOT apply to either 60-target event held on Saturday morning.

Awards... Although the '*Nimrod Classic*' strives to place more emphasis on its camaraderie than competition, each 1st place winner *of their category* will receive a frame-able certificate and our small, golden target trophy; while 1st place juniors win a frame-able certificate and \$50. cash award.

The four 1st place winners of the '*Early-bird Warm-Up*', the '*Short-Shuckers*' *Sub-gauge*, the '*Vintage Open*', and the '*SxS Classic*' will receive frame-able certificates along with their respective Event Trophies.

Important Details: As in the past, only one ‘high-score’ Event Trophy may be claimed by any one shooter regardless of what other scores he or she may post over the weekend. In short, a second ‘high-score’ win will receive honorable mention at the Shoot and amount to ‘bragging rights’ only. **Note:** There will be an awards presentation at the conclusion of each day’s 100-target event to recognize our high shooters and various category winners that we’d encourage you to attend.

Displays... Many including myself look forward as much to the show pieces as the shoot itself so I encourage you to bring anything of interest.

Lunches... Lunch will be available at the course site and will be available for a nominal fee.

?VOLUNTEERS NEEDED? As always, volunteers play a big part in making this weekend possible. If you feel that you would have an hour to spare at our registration table either Saturday or Sunday, we could sure use you to cover a single task job. Ones such as handing out name tags, or in simply adding a shooter’s name to a score sheet. Just like at McDonald’s, we can have you fully trained in under five minutes for these low-stress jobs that afford outstanding career opportunity !!! Oh, I should also mention that non-shooting volunteers receive a free lunch for that day. If interested, please contact us at (406)585-2228...or you can volunteer the morning of the shoot.

Directions To find the Gallatin Sporting Clays Course turn off I-90 at Logan. Logan is situated approximately 5 miles East of Three Forks or 24 miles West of Bozeman. Go North off the interstate and turn left on the frontage road. Travel for 1/4mi turn right and cross the river and the rail road tracks - at the “T” turn left. Stay on this road for approximately 2mi. You will soon pass by the Logan gun range and the road will leave the river and meander to the North. At the end of 2mi., you will once again find yourself at a “T” the main road goes to the left you will go right and up a hill past some power lines – stay on this road approximately 0.9mi and turn left as the hill begins to flatten out. Follow this road for about a mile and you will find yourself at the Gallatin Sporting Clays gate. Through the gate, stay right and the parking lot will find you quickly.

Travel information A wealth of travel information has been compiled on the Gallatin Sporting Clays website should you find that useful – i.e. hotels car rentals etc. The link is

<http://www.gallatinclays.org/lodging.htm>

2010 Registration Form

Please complete this registration and sign the required **ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND ACCEPTANCE OF LIABILITY** form found on the reverse side *in full* at your earliest convenience. Return along with your money order or personal check made out to :
“Hill Rod and Gun Co.”..... to:

Hill Rod and Gun Co
321 East Main St. Ste 422
Bozeman Mt., 59715

(Also, be sure to review the stipulation on page (1) regarding the terms for ‘late’ **cancellations** before submitting this form.) Please print.....

Full Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____ E-mail (optional) _____

Shooting a ‘*vintage*’ gun (where applicable) ? _____ Yes _____ No

Events you wish to participate in:

Yes___ Saturday’s *The ‘Guv’nor’s Cup*’ \$30.00 entry.
Yes___ Saturday’s *‘Short Shuckers’ Sub-gauge Event* \$30.00 entry.
Yes___ Saturday’s *‘Vintage Open*’ \$55.00 entry; Juniors \$35.00.
Yes___ Sunday’s *‘SxS Classic*’ \$55.00 entry; Juniors \$35.00.

For full Shoot Details see: www.hillrodandgun.com

For any remaining questions about our Shoot, please call day 406 585 2228, or send an e-mail to: info@hillrodandgun.com

Lastly, please list here the names of any individuals attending that you’ll likely want to squad with: _____
_____.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND ACCEPTANCE OF LIABILITY

I wish to use property managed by Gallatin Sporting Clays, Inc., and intend to participate in activities in which I could be seriously injured, killed, or suffer property damage or loss. I acknowledge that the activities I wish to pursue, including shooting, are potentially or inherently dangerous, and I assume full responsibility for my conduct and for any injuries or property damage or loss I may sustain while engaging in these activities, regardless of cause. I may encounter other shooters, wild animals, falling clay targets, shot, barbed-wire or electrical fences, poisonous plants or animals, falling rocks, buildings, roads, clay target machinery, vehicles, trails, and other man made or natural hazards and conditions which are dangerous. I understand that Gallatin Sporting Clays has made no representation or guarantee regarding my safety or the safety of operations at the range. I also realize and accept that Gallatin Sporting Clays does not have the emergency medical capabilities to provide me with assistance if I am injured.

With this knowledge, I hereby accept full responsibility and assume the risk for harm or injury of any kind which I may cause, suffer, or experience while at Gallatin Sporting Clays, and I agree to conduct myself so as to prevent any harm or injury from occurring to me or anyone else. Further, to the fullest extent permitted by law, I release Gallatin Sporting Clays, its officers, directors owners, members, managers, employees, agents, guests, and the owners of the property upon which Gallatin Sporting Clays is situated, and the heirs, successors, and assigns of all the foregoing from any claim or cause of action which may arise, either directly or indirectly, from my visit to or use of Gallatin Sporting Clays property or facilities, including claims of NEGLIGENCE. I will look solely to my insurance to pay any and all expenses arising

from any injury or loss I sustain. I hereby waive all subrogation rights against Gallatin Sporting Clays and its insurance carrier(s), or its officers, directors, managers, owners, employees, agents, members, guests, and landlord.

I UNDERSTAND THAT EXECUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT MAY ALTER MY LEGAL RIGHTS IN THE EVENT I SUSTAIN INJURY OR LOSS. I FURTHER REPRESENT THAT I HAVE READ THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

(member address)

(Signature of visitor or member)

(member phone number)

(Printed name of visitor or member)

(Name of emergency contact)

(Phone number of emergency contact)

PARENTAL CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
(Must be signed for all visitors or members under the age of 18)

I am the parent or legal guardian of the visitor or member named above. I have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms above and hereby consent to those terms on behalf of the child/ward named above. In the event that my child/ward is injured, I hereby consent to any emergency medical care which may be required.

(Signature of parent or guardian)

(Phone number for emergencies)

(Printed name of parent or guardian)