

HILL ROD AND GUN PRESENTS



19th Annual **NIMROD CLASSIC** VINTAGE GUN SPORTING CLAYS EVENT June 15-16, 2024 Gallatin Sporting Clays – Logan, Montana

I'm happy to invite you to the 19th annual Nimrod Classic vintage gun sporting clays shoot near Logan.

The Gallatin Sporting Clays course is a beautiful setting with somewhat primitive amenities, i.e. porta-potties instead of indoor toilets. Lunch will be available on Saturday for a nominal fee.

We're using a condensed 'mailer' for registration. So those of you with friends wishing to attend for the first time should advise them to contact us early so we can get registration information to them, call (406) 585-2228 or email info@hillrodandgun.com

As with all previous shoots, priority for vacancies is given to those wishing to enter with 'vintage' guns defined on page 3. Also remember our first come, first served policy and we ask shooters to register for any of the events as early as possible to secure their squadding preferences. Cancellations will be refunded in full IF done by May 8, 50% after that until June 1 and thereafter no refunds.

I look forward seeing all the familiar faces along with new ones in June.

Best,
Charlie Pfleger

Nimrod Classic 2024 Events

DAY ONE – Saturday, June 15

The ‘Guv’nor’s Cup’

60 targets over 8 select stations. \$40.00.

Sign in 8:30-9:30 AM, 10 AM Start Time. Limited to first 30 shooters using vintage breech-loading SxS guns made before 1941. There is a four (4)-bird bonus or handicap to any shooter who uses a vintage hammer gun made prior to 1941. Trophy for first place and prizes for second and third places.

‘Short-Shuckers’ Sub-gauge Pump Event

60 targets over 8 select stations. \$40.00.

Sign in 8:30-9:30 AM, 10 AM Start Time. Any pump gun is eligible for this event (it does not have to be ‘Vintage’) if complying with Rules 2 and 3 below. Limited to first 30 shooters using a 16 gauge or smaller pump gun and their respective nominal loads. See ‘Rules of the Game’ section below for gauge ‘handicap’ details. Trophy for first place and prizes for second and third places.

The ‘Vintage Open’

100 targets over 15 stations. \$70.00 (\$45.00 for juniors 14 yrs. and under)

Sign in 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM over the lunch hour, 1:00 PM Start Time. Limited to the first 75 shooters using vintage pumps, side-by-sides, long-recoil autos, or over/unders as defined in the ‘Rules of the Game’ section below. Trophy for highest score and prizes for class winners.

DAY TWO – Sunday, June 16

The Nimrod ‘SxS Classic’

100 targets over 15 stations. \$70.00 (\$45.00 for juniors 14 yrs. and under)

Sign in 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM Start. Limited to the first 75 ‘SxS’ shooters to register. Most any SxS qualifies due to their basic antiquated design. Trophy for highest score and prizes for class winners.

Rules of the Game

Shotguns must be 10 gauge or smaller throwing 1 1/8 ounce or less of 7 1/2 shot or smaller. For SAFETY's sake all guns must be vetted (i.e. checked-out) and known to be in good-working order! All competitors will shoot starting with a 'low-gun' position.

What constitutes a vintage gun at the 'Nimrod'

1. ONLY breech-loading side-by-side guns made before 1941 or pump and long-recoil semi-automatic shotguns whose model was first made before 1951 are eligible in competition. Gas-operated semi-autos are excluded from competition. Over/under shotguns are generally considered more modern and excluded competitively unless documentation is provided showing manufacture prior to 1941. A Winchester-designed Model 97, Model 12, or Model 42 must be of pre-1964 manufacture to be used competitively. The Remington 870 "Express", first made in 1987, is not eligible.
2. Ported barrel(s) and adjustable or synthetic stocks of any type are not allowed.
3. Interchangeable screw-in choke tubes are allowed if they are not extended tubes and are not changed for the duration of an event (i.e. make your selection(s) prior to the shoot and stick with them).
4. Vintage-era choke devices such as Cutts Compensator, Poly-Choke, POWER-PAC, and Weaver Choke are allowed and may use their full range of settings.
5. 'Spreader' loads are allowed and may be useful in those older tightly choked fowling pieces.

Exceptions to the rules:

Exception 1: There are no 'vintage' gun requirements for the 'Short-Shuckers' subgauge pump event provided they follow rules 2 and 3 above.

Exception 2: Under the Short-Shuckers handicap system of bonus points, industry-standard nominal shot charges must be used. Max loads are: .410 (must use 2 1/2" shells) = 1/2 oz.; 28 ga. = 3/4 oz.; 20 ga. = 7/8 oz.; and 16 ga. = 1 oz.

Makes and models not fitting the above 'vintage' description can be used but not competitively and must still comply with rules 2 and 3.

Awards

There are seven awards classes for the 100-target 'Vintage Open' and 'Nimrod SxS Classic' events. There are no classes for the 60-target 'Guv'nor's Cup' or 'Short-Shuckers' events held on Saturday morning.

- 1) High Lady Shooter
- 2) High Senior (70 yrs or older)
- 3) High Junior (14 yrs or younger. Vintage gun and low gun requirements are waived)
- 4) High Sub-gauge - 16 bore & smaller, 1 oz. shot max.
- 5) High Side by Side Hammer gun (Sunday only)
- 6) High Pump gun (Saturday only)
- 7) Best score with a vintage field gun weighing no more than 6.5 pounds.

There are also trophies for Highest Score for Saturday's 'Vintage Open' or Sunday's 'SxS Classic'. Only one 'high-score' Trophy will be awarded to any one shooter regardless of other scores he or she may post over the weekend. A second high-score win will receive honorable mention at the Shoot and well-earned bragging rights.

Winners of a class on Saturday's 'Vintage Open' can again compete in Sunday's 'Nimrod SxS Classic' but cannot compete in the same class. For example, a 'Senior' could win the 'Seniors' class on Saturday and then compete again on Sunday in the 'Sub-gauge' or 'Hammer gun' class.

Although the 'Nimrod Classic' puts more emphasis on camaraderie and great old vintage shotguns than on competition, each first-place winner of their category will receive a frameable certificate and a golden target trophy. First place juniors get a frameable certificate and a \$50 cash award.

First place winners of the 'Guv'nor's Cup', the 'Short-Shuckers' Sub-gauge, the 'Vintage Open', and the 'SxS Classic' will receive frameable certificates along with their Event Trophies.

There will be an awards presentation at the conclusion of each day's event to recognize our high shooters and various category winners. We encourage you to attend.

Displays

Many of us look forward as much to the showpieces as the shoot itself so I encourage you to bring anything of interest for others to enjoy.

Lunch

Lunch will be available on Saturday only for a nominal price.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers make this weekend possible. If you feel that you have an hour to spare at our registration table either Saturday or Sunday, we could sure use you to cover a single task job like handing out name tags or simply adding a shooter's name to a score sheet. Just like McDonald's, we can have you fully trained in under five minutes for these low-stress jobs that afford outstanding career opportunity! Non-shooting volunteers receive a free lunch for that day. If interested, please contact us at (406) 585-2228 or volunteer the morning of the shoot.

Directions

To find the Gallatin Sporting Clays Course turn off I-90 at Logan 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 railroad 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 2 mi, 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.

Camping

Gallatin Sporting Clays Club allows camping on site for \$10/night payable to Gallatin Sporting Clays. There is no running water and open fires are prohibited.

Thank you to the Nimrod's sponsors!

I am grateful for your support and help to make the Nimrod such a good time for all of us.

Gallatin Sporting Clays Organization – especially the trappers and all the club volunteers who lend a hand during this busy weekend. The weekend simply could not go forward as it has without your help.

2024 Nimrod Classic Registration Form

Complete this registration and remember to sign the required ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND ACCEPTANCE OF LIABILITY form on the reverse side 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

Cancellations will be refunded in full until May 8, 50% after that until June 1, and thereafter no refunds.

Please print

Full Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Shooting a 'vintage' gun where applicable? _____ Yes _____ No

Events you wish to participate in:

Saturday's 'Guv'nor's Cup'\$40.00 _____

Saturday's 'Short-Shuckers' Sub-gauge Event\$40.00 _____

Saturday's 'Vintage Open'\$70.00 (Juniors \$45.00) _____

Sunday's 'SxS Classic'\$70.00 (Juniors \$45.00) _____

Total _____

List the names of any shooters attending that you'd like to squad with:

Please check if you plan on camping at the course _____

Please check if you plan on purchasing a lunch on Saturday _____
(No lunch/food available on Sunday)

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

It is important that you sign the waiver on the next page and return it with your registration form!

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

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