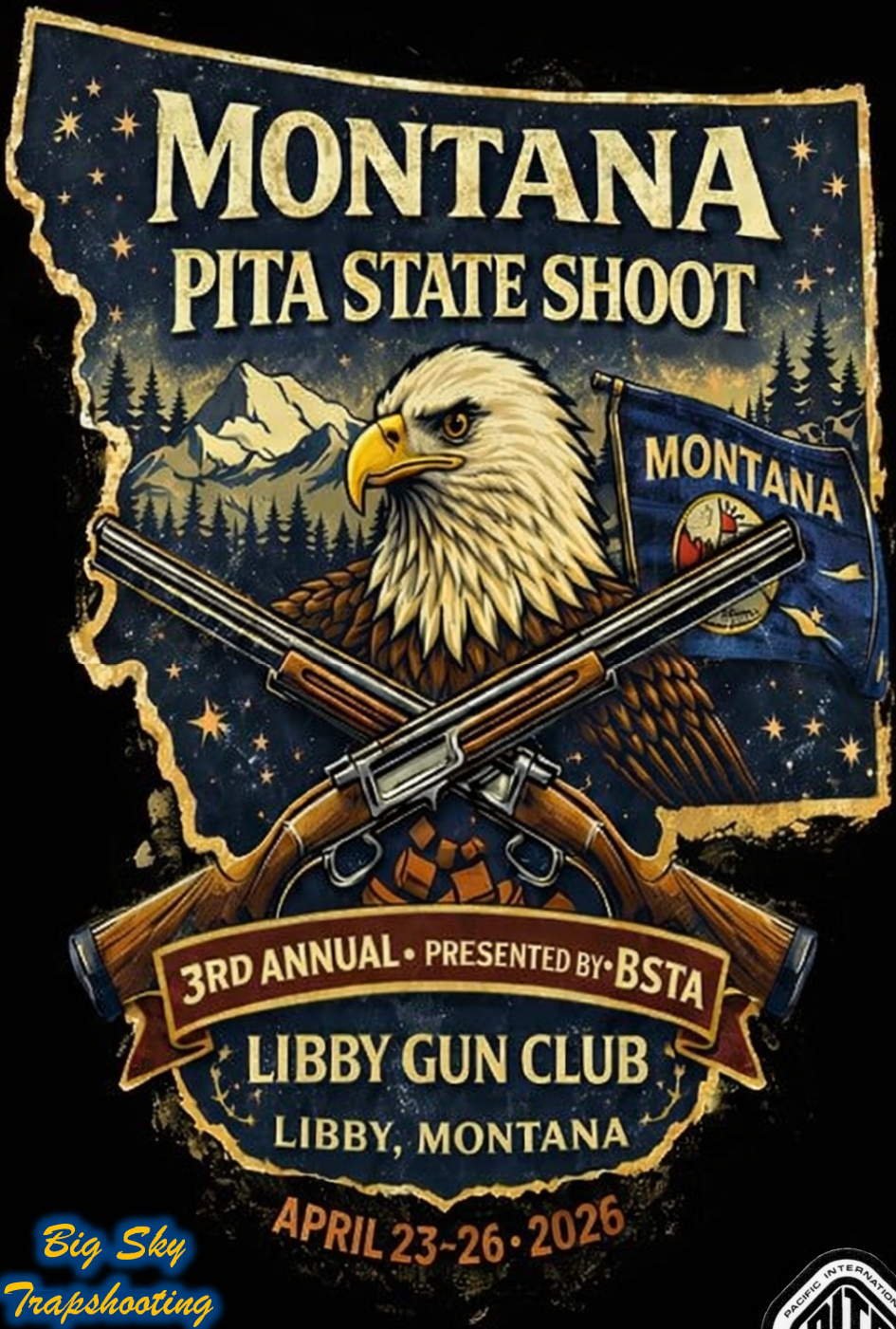

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Big Sky Trapshooting President's Welcome Letter

On behalf of the BSTA Board of Directors, we are pleased to welcome you to the 2026 Montana State Trapshooting Championships, April 23-26, 2026. We are excited to have you with us for another weekend of competition and camaraderie.

Last year marked a historic milestone-the first Montana State PITA Shoot in 78 years-and the turnout and support from shooters from Montana, California, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Canada exceeded all expectations. The energy and participation made it a truly memorable event. Take a moment to recognize last years winners and champions on page 4 & 5.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to our sponsors, advertisers, volunteers and the club, whose support makes this State shoot possible.

We listened closely to your feedback and have made several improvements to the 2026 program. Some of them include start times, options, and more Skrap.

I look forward to seeing you all at the shoot. Have fun and shoot well.

On behalf of the BSTA Board of Directors,

Jacob Ohonich, BSTA President

Libby President's Welcome Letter

Welcome fellow trap shooters and your families,

The Libby Scatterguns are excited and honored to be able to host the PITA State Shoot in Montana again this year.

We are working hard to put together a shoot that lives up to the caliber a state shoot should be. You will find we have a great bunch of volunteers that run our club with all donated time and money. We are all dedicated to the clay target sports and want to make this a successful endeavor. Our goal is to throw great targets and provide a welcoming atmosphere for all of the participants and their families. We hope you enjoy our facilities and help us make this a successful shoot.

There will be meals available all weekend long with a featured steak dinner Saturday night, please let us know in advance if you're interested in the dinner.

I would also like to thank all of those sponsors for their generous contributions to this shoot. Please thank them by visiting them and letting them know how much we appreciate their support.

We have a great facility with four registered trap fields and we use Pat Traps in each of them and offer dry camping to anyone participating in this event.

Good luck to all the shooters and enjoy our hospitality and all the beauty of the Libby area.

Sincerely,

Mike Cirian,
Libby Scatterguns Libby President & BSTA Board Member

MONTANA STATE CHAMPIONS

YEAR	SINGLES CHAMPION	SCORE	HANDICAP CHAMPION	SCORE	DOUBLES CHAMPION	SCORE
1938	Floyd Lewis	197	Bill Gleed	94	Unknown	-
1946	Unclear if a state Shoot happened in 1946/47 when MT rejoined PITA					
2025	Matt Schwisow (WA)	196	Kenneith Evans (CA)	94	Tom Olesen (WA)	95
2026						

2025 MONTANA STATE SHOOT

FRIDAY 4/25/2025			
EVENT 1	**CLASS**	**NAME**	**SCORE**
SINGLES (PRELIMINARY)	A TIE*	MATT SCHWISOW : **WSO 24-25**	99*
ENTRIES: **49**	A TIE*	TROY KIENITZ : SO 24-23	99*
	B WIN	BOB MCLENDON	98
*PRELIM TIES CARRY OVER	C WIN	HANNAH OHONICH	96
EVENT 2	**CLASS**	**NAME**	**SCORE**
HANDICAP (PRELIMINARY)	1ST	KENNETH EVANS	96
ENTRIES: **49**	2&3 SPLIT	JUSTIN SHANK	94
	2&3 SPLIT	BARRETT SNELL	94
EVENT 3	**CLASS**	**NAME**	**SCORE**
DOUBLES (PRELIMINARY)	A WIN	KENNETH EVANS	97
ENTRIES: 39	B WIN	KEITH EVANS	95
	C WIN	TROY KIENITZ	88
SATURDAY 4/26/2025			
EVENTS 4 & 5	**CLASS / CA1**	**NAME**	**SCORE**
200 CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES	CHAMPION	MATT SCHWISOW	196
ENTRIES: **60**	A WIN	MICHAEL RIGGS	195
	B WIN	LONNIE LEVI	192
	C WIN	DYLAN ERICKSON	191
	LADIES	BARBARA CAMPS	189
	VETERAN	JOHN MASHAK	194
	JUNIOR	BARRETT SNELL	192
SKRAP CHALLENGE	**WINNER**	**NAME**	**SCORE**
ENTRIES: **33**	HIGH SCORE	MICHAEL RIGGS	23

2025 MT STATE CONTINUED

SUNDAY 4/27/2025			
EVENT 6	**CLASS / CA1**	**NAME**	**SCORE**
CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES	CHAMPION	TOM OLESEN	95
ENTRIES: **41**	A WIN	BRIAN CORNEHL - **W (CARD CU**	94
	A WIN	JAMES PEERY	94
	A WIN	KENNETH EVANS	94
	B WIN	MATT SCHWISOW - **WSO 20**	92
	B WIN	KEITH EVANS - SO 18	92
	C WIN	ERIC OLSON	92
	LADIES	JULIE SPINDLER - **WSO 16**	84
	LADIES	MICHELLE SPENCER - SO 14	84
	LADIES	JENNIFER CARTER - FORFEIT	84
	LADIES	STACY PEERY - FORFEIT	84
	VETERAN	JOHN MASHAK	90
	JUNIOR	BARRETT SNELL	91
EVENT 7	**CLASS / CA1**	**NAME**	**SCORE**
HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP	CHAMPION	KENNETH EVANS	94
ENTRIES: **52**	CHAMPION	GERALD CAVANAUGH - FORFEI	94
	SHORT	DUSTIN MYERS - **WSO 24**	92
	SHORT	JOHN MCLENDON - SO 20	92
	MID	GERALD CAVANAUGH	94
	LONG	RICK KOBAYASHI	93
	LADIES	HANNAH OHONICH - **WSO 21**	90
	LADIES	JULIE SPINDLER - SO 20	90
	VETERAN	TOM OLESEN	92
	JUNIOR	BARRETT SNELL	92
HIGH ALL AROUND	**WINNERS**	**NAME**	**SCORE**
	CHAMPION	KENNETH EVANS	382
	A CLASS	MATT SCHWISOW	379
	B CLASS	TOM OLESEN	378
	C CLASS	HANNAH OHONICH	354
	LADIES	JULIE SPINDLER	360
	VETERAN	GORDON SHAW	369
	JUNIOR	BARRETT SNELL	375
HIGH OVERALL	**CHAMPION**	**NAME**	**SCORE**
	WINNER	KENNETH EVANS	670

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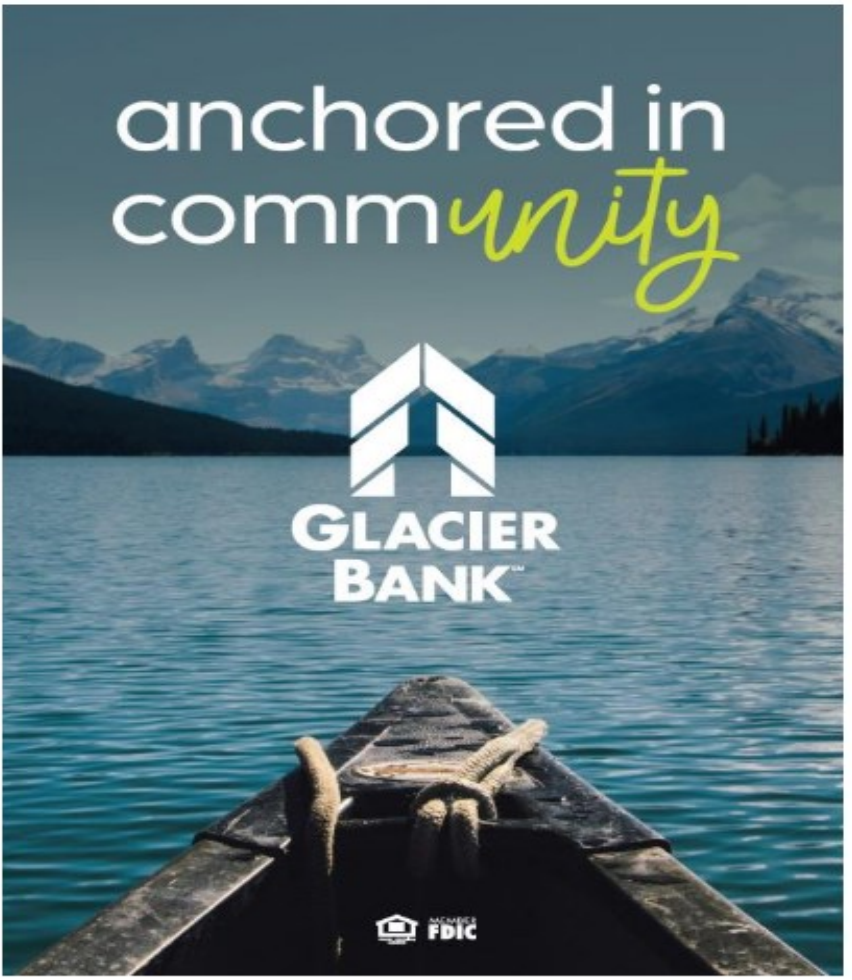

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PITA DOUBLES CHALLENGE (P.D.C.)

Arrive early for the PITA Doubles Challenge!

This is your opportunity to shoot 500 registered doubles as a warm-up for the State Shoot.

Your best 1,500 for the year is what counts. See the PITA website for more details.

Worried about affecting your average?

Don't be! Any targets shot in the PDC

this weekend won't affect your class

for the state shoot

Don't want to shoot 500 targets?

You don't have to.

You can shoot as few as 100 if you would prefer.

Thursday, April 23, 2026 - Starting at 1 p.m. *MST*

Targets per 100	**$ 32.00**
P.D.C. Trophies	**$ 4.00**
MT State Fee	**$ 2.00**
Daily Fees	**$ 6.00**

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"Libby SCTP Four Corners Purse"

Pays 50%, ties divide

Winner must break the following:

1st and 4th 25 in 100 Singles

AND

1st and 4th 25 in 100 Handicap

Purse Pot: $765.00

New to the PITA?

Have you been on the fence about shooting in the PITA or the Montana State Shoot?

Well, here is your chance to get your first year membership on the PITA!!

Anyone who hasn't registered PITA targets before and shoots the MT State shoot will get their first year membership to the PITA for free

Email the BSTA Secretary for more details

bstasecretary2024@gmail.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

PRE-SQUADDING

At app.sosclays.com or email Jacob Ohonich

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RV RESERVATIONS

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mcirian@msn.com

TARGETS

White Flyer Blackouts targets will be thrown.

RULES

By entering this competition, every shooter agrees to accept all official decisions and to abide by PITA rules. It is the responsibility of each shooter to know the rules governing this competition. The current PITA rules are available online at the PITA website: shootpita.com/rule-book

REGISTRATION AND CROSS-REGISTRATION

All targets in the program will be registered with the PITA. Targets may be cross-registered with the ATA, subject to all the fees, rules, and requirements. The shooter must be a current member of the ATA and pay all appropriate ATA daily fees and target fees. Earned yardage will be awarded according to the rules of PITA and will apply directly to all cross-registered targets. ATA & PITA average card will be punched.

ASSOCATION FEES:

PITA & ATA	**$ 4.00 Daily**
Big Sky (MT PITA)	**$ 2.00 per 100**
MSTA (MT ATA)	**$ 1.50 per 100**

HANDICAPPING & CLASSIFICATION

PITA rules will govern this shoot. It is the shooter's responsibility to show both PITA and ATA average cards to determine handicap yardage assignment.

This shoot is considered to be a **MAJOR** tournament, therefore penalty yardage and classification will be assessed per the 2025-2027 PITA rule book on pages 31-37.

In addition, the requirement of stated number of PITA registered targets may be satisfied by the substitution of like number of registered ATA targets per the PITA rule book on page 31.

Errors at the classification table <u>does not</u> relieve the shooter of this responsibility.

OFFICIAL CLASSIFICATION TABLES

16-Yard Classification

CLASS	(6 classes)	CLASS	(5 classes)
AAA	97.50% and above	AA	97.00% and above
AA	96.00% - 97.49%	A	94.50% - 96.99%
A	94.50% - 95.99%	B	91.50% - 94.49%
B	92.50% - 94.49%	C	88.50% - 91.49%
C	88.00% - 92.49%	D	Under 88.50%
D	Under 88.00%		
	(4 classes)		**(3 classes)**
A	96.00% and above	A	95.00% and above
B	92.50% - 95.99%	B	89.00% - 94.99%
C	88.50% - 92.49%	C	Under 89.00%
D	Under 88.50%		

Doubles Classification

CLASS	(6 classes)	CLASS	(5 classes)
AAA	95.00% and above	AA	93.00% and above
AA	92.00% - 94.99%	A	89.00% - 92.99%
A	89.00% - 91.99%	B	85.00% - 88.99%
B	86.00% - 89.99%	C	78.00% - 84.99%
C	80.00% - 85.99%	D	Under 78.000%
D	Under 80.00%		
	(4 classes)		**(3 classes)**
A	90.00% and above	A	89.00% and above
B	85.00% - 89.99%	B	83.00% - 88.99%
C	78.00% - 84.999%	C	Under 83.00%
D	Under 78.00%		

REFUNDS

No entry fees, purses, or options will be refunded after an event has started.

PAYOUT CHECKS

No payouts will be made during the shoot. The BSTA or the Libby Gun Club (Libby options) will mail all applicable payout checks within 10 business days of the conclusion of the shoot.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the BSTA will be held Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 7:45am, please plan to attend.

PROGRAM CHANGES

The Big Sky Trapshooting Association reserves the right to change this program in whole or in part as may become necessary.

TROPHIES

All events and HAA/HOA are OPEN.

Category trophies will vary by each event.

No shooter shall be eligible to win more than one trophy per event.

BSTA reserves the right to change the trophy package in whole or in part as may become necessary.

Please pick up your trophies as soon as possible following each event.

Delivery arrangements and any associated cost for trophies left behind after the shoot shall be the sole responsibility of the recipient.

FOOD

Lunch will be open Friday—Sunday for a reasonable cost

$25 steak dinner on Saturday night

Libby Scatterguns ATA Shoot

Libby has their annual Spring Break shoot May 30th and 31st offering 600 targets. Saturday & Sunday—100 each of Singles, Handicap, and Doubles

SOS CLAYS

Silver Option

At the conclusion of the event a number will be drawn and if your score ends in that number then you will get a ticket for the drawing at the end of the last event.

If no score matches the number then a new number will be drawn.

<u>3 winners will be drawn for a 2oz coin each</u>

EVENT 1

Preliminary Singles

Sponsored by Gordon & Susie Shaw

Friday, April 24, 2026 - Starting at 9:15 a.m. MST

100 - 16 yard targets

Four Classes: A-B-C-D

Category: Junior, Vet, Lady

Targets	**$ 42.00**
OPTIONS	
Long Run From Scratch	**$ 1.00**
Lewis Purse	**$ 15.00**
Lewis - 3 groups - 60/40	
SOS Clays Silver Option	**$ 10.00**
see page 16 for details	
Four Corners	**$ 5.00**
Combined with Event 2, see page 10 for details	

TROPHIES: AA Shells

All ties will carry over to Event 3

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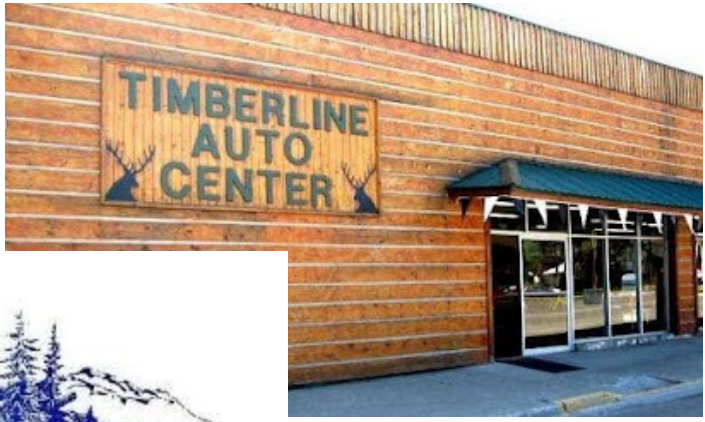

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EVENT 2

Preliminary Handicap

Sponsored by Friends of Montana

Friday, April 24, 2026 - Immediately following Event 1

100 - Handicap targets

Three yardage Groups (19-22 ½, 23-25 ½, 26-27)

Lady, Veteran, Junior

Targets	**$ 42.00**
OPTIONS	
Long Run From Scratch	**$ 1.00**
Scatterguns 50's Pot	**$ 18.00**
Lewis Purse	**$ 15.00**

Lewis - 3 groups - 60/40

SOS Clays Silver Option	**$ 10.00**

see page 16 for details

25's & 50's

$ 2.50 each 25 (100%) $ 10.00

$ 5.00 each 50 (60%/40%) $ 15.00

TROPHIES: Knife Belt Buckles

$3 from every entry returned as Trophy Money

1st: 50% , 2nd: 30%, 3rd: 20%

All ties will split cash.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Please remember that Libby is on *MST*

Thursday, April 23, 2026

1:00 p.m. PITA Doubles Challenge (Page 8)

5:00 p.m. Handicapping and Registration

Friday, April 24, 2026

7:00 a.m. Handicapping and Registration

9:00 a.m. BSTA President's Welcome and Announcements

National Anthem

9:15 a.m. **EVENT NO. 1 - Prelim SINGLES**

Sponsored by Gordon & Susie Shaw

EVENT NO. 2 - Prelim HANDICAP

Sponsored by Friends of Montana

EVENT NO. 3 - Prelim DOUBLES

Sponsored by Landstar

No shoot-offs; all ties carry over

Please remember that Libby is on *MST*

Saturday, April 25, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Handicapping and Registration
9:00 a.m.	Announcements and National Anthem
9:15 a.m.	**EVENT NO. 4 - MONTANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES - FIRST 100**
	EVENT NO. 5 - MONTANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES - SECOND 100 Shoot-offs
	FUN EVENT - SKRAP 25 trap targets from the skeet positions. See page 28 for details
2:00 p.m.	Deadline to enter the Special Event
5:00 p.m.	**Libby Gun Club Special Dinner—see Club for tickets for $25 each.**
	Special Event—following Meeting

Sunday, April 26, 2026

7:45 a.m.	Montana State General Meeting
8:30 a.m.	Handicapping and Registration
8:45 a.m.	Announcements and National Anthem
9:00 a.m.	**EVENT NO. 6 - MONTANA STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP** **Sponsored by Glacier Financial**
	EVENT NO. 7 - MONTANA STATE HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP **Sponsored by Evergreen Sportsman Club**

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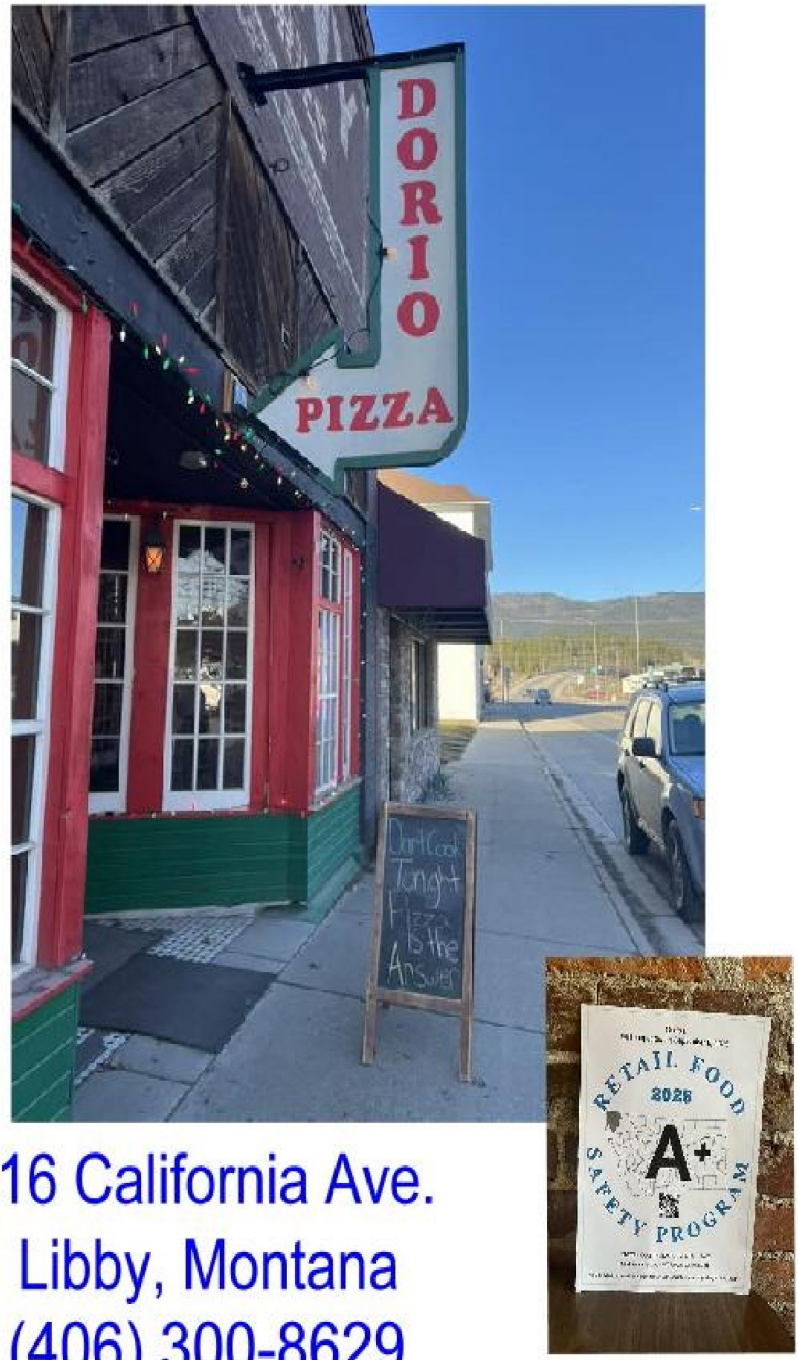

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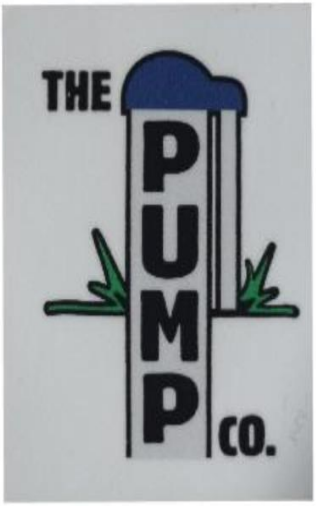

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EVENT 3

Preliminary Doubles

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Friday, April 24, 2026 Immediately Following Event 2

50 pair of doubles targets

Four Classes: A-B-C-D

Lady, Vet, Junior

Targets	**$ 42.00**
OPTIONS	
Long Run From Scratch	**$ 1.00**
Lewis Purse	**$ 10.00**
Lewis - 3 groups - 60/40	
SOS Clays Silver Option	**$ 10.00**
see page 16 for details	
50's	
$ 5.00 each 50 (60%/40%) $ 10.00	

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EVENT 4
Montana Singles Championship
First Half

Saturday, April 25, 2026 - Starting at 9:00 a.m. MST

100 - 16 yard targets

Four Classes: A-B-C-D

Lady, Vet, Junior

Targets	**$ 42.00**
OPTIONS	
Long Run From Scratch	**$ 1.00**
Lewis Purse - 1st 100	**$ 15.00**
Lewis - 3 groups - 60/40	
Lewis Purse on 200	**$ 20.00**
Lewis - 3 groups - 60/40	
Lewis Purse HAA	**$ 30.00**
Lewis - 3 groups - 60/40	
Four Corners	**$ 5.00**
Combined with Event 6, see page 10 for details	
SOS Clays Silver Option	**$ 10.00**
see page 16 for details	

EVENT 5
Montana Singles Championship
Second Half

Saturday, April 25, 2026 Immediately Following Event 4

100 - 16 yard targets

Targets	**$ 42.00**
OPTIONS	
Long Run From Scratch	**$ 1.00**
Lewis Purse - 2nd 100	**$ 15.00**
Lewis - 3 groups - 60/40	
SOS Clays Silver Option	**$ 10.00**
see page 16 for details	

TROPHIES: Glass Plaque
Awarded on the entire 200 targets

Champion, Class Winners
Lady, Veteran, and Junior

ADDED MONEY $ 400.00 *plus*

$3 from each entry returned

Added Money divided equally between the classes

Paid (60-40%) on Hi-Gun on the 200 total targets

Skrap Challenge Libby Gun Club

Sponsored by Jerry Gospodnetich

This is a well-known event at the annual Ironman Competition Libby holds in August of every year.

Saturday, April 25, 2026 Immediately Following Event 5

You shoot three trap targets from the eight skeet positions. The first time you miss you get a mulligan (do-over), for a total of 25 targets.

Targets & Lewis **$ 20.00**

Lewis - 4 groups - 100%

ADDED LEWIS MONEY $ 200.00

2024 Ironman Photos:

Left: Jerry Gospodnetich

Right: Hannah Ohonich

Bottom: Group Unknown

ADDITIONAL TROPHIES

Evergreen High Over All Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7

These trophies are open, based on Ev 1

Sheridan Buckle

Champion

Messineo High All Around - Events 4, 5, 6, & 7

These trophies are open, based on Ev 4

Medals Trophies:

Champion, Class Winners: A-B-C-D

Lady, Veteran, Junior

Clock Trophy: Two-in-a-Family*

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2025 HAA Medals

Sample HOA Buckle

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EVENT 6

Montana Doubles Championship

Sponsored by Glacier Financial

Sunday, April 26, 2026 - Starting at 9:00 a.m. MST

50 pair of doubles targets

Three Classes: A-B-C

Targets	**$ 42.00**
OPTIONS	
Long Run From Scratch	**$ 1.00**
Lewis Purse	**$ 15.00**

Lewis - 3 groups - 60/40

SOS Clays Silver Option	**$ 10.00**

see page 16 for details

50's

$ 5.00 each 50 (60%/40%) $ 10.00

TROPHIES: Cribbage Clay Target Boards

Champion, Class Winners, Lady, Veteran, and Junior

ADDED MONEY $ 400.00
plus

$3 from each entry returned

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 4 - SILVER SHOOT

MAY 23-24 - MEMORIAL DAY SHOOT

JUNE 20 - SILVER SHOOT

JULY 4-5 - STATE WARMUP (TENTATIVE)

JULY 8-12 - WSPITA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

JULY 18-19 - GRAND WARMUP

JULY 20-26 - GRAND PACIFIC

AUGUST 29-30 - SILVER SHOOT

SEPTEMBER 12 - SILVER SHOOT

EVENT 7
Montana Handicap Championship
Sponsored by Evergreen Sportsmen's Club

Sunday, April 26, 2026 Immediately Following Event 6

100 - Handicap Targets

Three yardage Groups (19-22 ½, 23-25 ½, 26-27)

Targets	**$ 42.00**

OPTIONS

Long Run From Scratch	**$ 1.00**
Scatterguns 50's Pot	**$ 18.00**
Lewis Purse	**$ 15.00**

Lewis - 3 groups - 60/40

SOS Clays Silver Option	**$ 10.00**

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25's & 50's

$ 2.50 each 25 (100%) $ 10.00

$ 5.00 each 50 (60%/40%) $ 15.00

Special Event: $ 20.00

Sold Individually - Pays Hi-Gun 1 in 7 entries: 70% to Buyer and 30% to Shooter

Special Event entry deadline is Saturday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m.

TROPHIES: Buckles

Champion, Yardage Winners,
Lady, Veteran, and Junior

ADDED MONEY $ 450.00 *plus*

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REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This certifies that the Montana State Trapshooting Association has been authorized to hold the PITA Montana State Championships at Libby Gun Club on April 23, 24, 25, and 26, 2026
The Pacific International Trapshooting Association rules will govern this tournament.
The scores will be included in the Official Records which will be published in the 2026 Yearbook.
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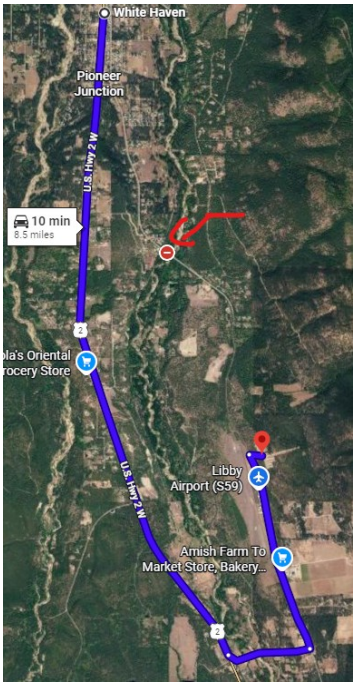


Libby Gun Club

4661 Farm to Market Road, Libby, MT 59923

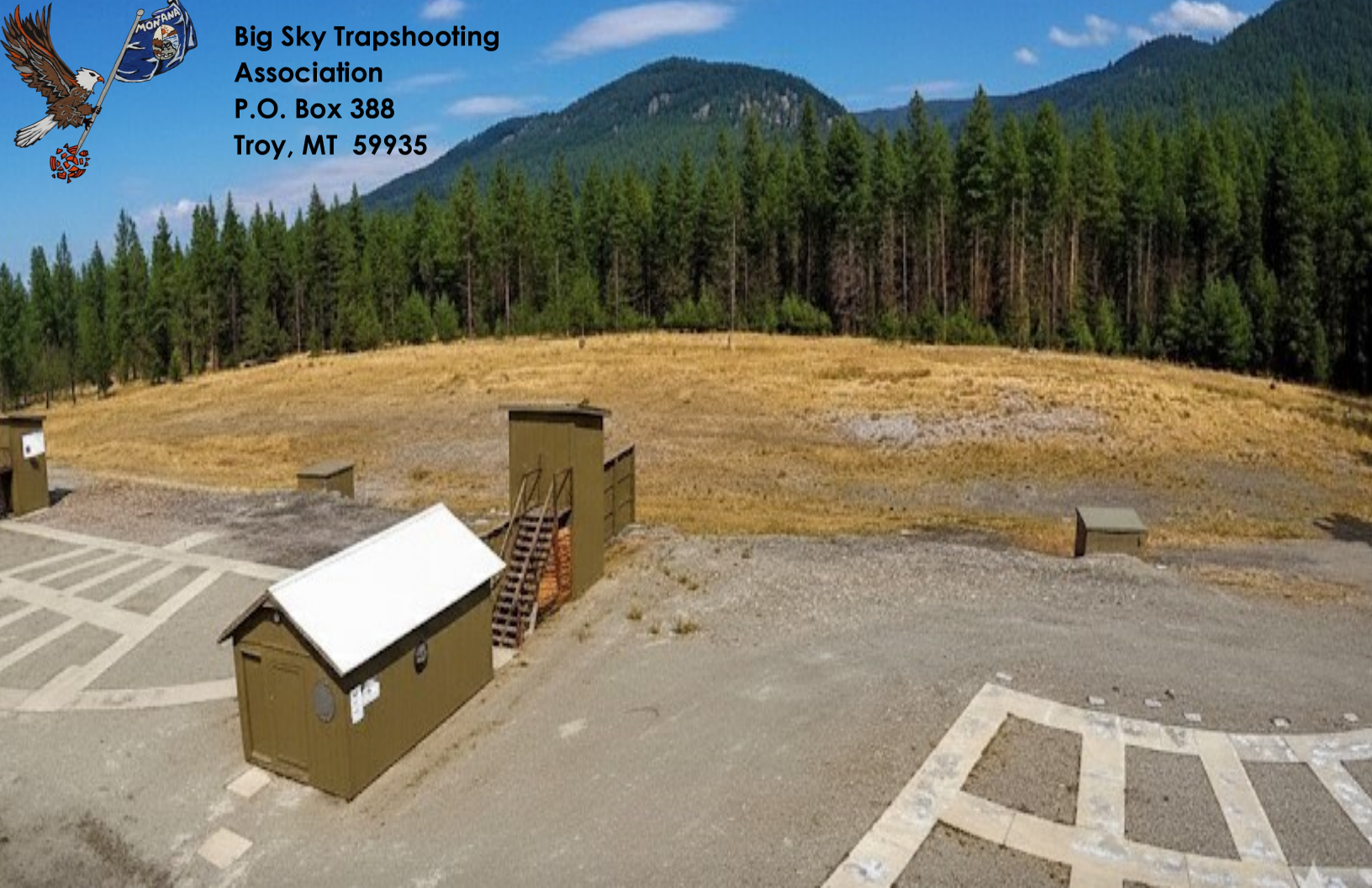
Directions:

<u>Due to the December 2025 flooding, the bridge over the river washed out.</u>

directions to the club have changed

From Libby: Head east go up the hill from **White Haven** like you're heading to Kalispell. After About 6 miles turn onto

Hammer Cut Off road, then left on **Farm to Market Road** the club will be on the right about 1.5 miles, past the Amish store.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