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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My fellow Sportsmen,

As I write this months article for the BGSL, I'm torn between the happiness I've experienced with our level of sportsmanship and the sadness of bad news from the League of KY Sportsmen outside the club. The state has lost a true sportsman. Jim Thompson from down in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Federation has passed away this February. For those of us who knew him, we were aware of his health battles and hoped he would pull through. I met Jim several years ago and knew him as a **"pro-active"** sportsman. I worked for Jim as a Delegate from the 6<sup>th</sup> Federation and as a Squirrel Rifle Program Chairman when he was LKS President. He worked for me as a Squirrel Rifle Chairman from the 2<sup>nd</sup> for the last couple of years he was able. While being President of this or Chairman of that, are admirable positions and very important, it is all the little things, tough jobs and commitment that fellows like Jim do that smooth the path for the rest of us sportsmen. **Thank you Jim Thompson. Your selflessness, dedication and hard work will be greatly missed.** 

As I speak of "**pro-active**", I think about the way we sportsman operate. We are a content bunch of folks most of the time, and as long as we can go out and do what we like. When some negative issue rears it's ugly head we circle the wagons and are a formidable foe "**reactive**". But sometimes that can be late. My point is if we take for granted what we have, maybe that's all we'll have.

The Handy's Bend Farm and the club we have assembled on it, are an awesome facility. <u>We all know that</u>. But it's potential is, from my perspective, unlimited and as of yet untapped. As our facilities have grown we have opened our membership rolls to more folks. The value of membership in our club is by far the best value in sportsman's world. <u>We all know that</u>. If we were to reach a capacity at some venue we should be able to expand and do it with ease. If we want to build another venue, that should be doable also. We have resources other than our dues, (Division, farm, rental and other earned income) but over years we have not shown a profit that would allow any expansion with ease. As a matter of fact, we haven't shown a profit at all (mostly, large deficits). So I think it is time we get "**pro-active**"!

If we want to be able to provide the member services we now do and grow the way we need to without raising our dues, then we need to be creative and tap resources that are available to us. First and foremost we must recruit new members and fill the rolls to a waiting list. As you know we have been on a **"pro-active"** membership drive for a few months. This needs to be the priority. The one thing each of us can do is recruit. It is the one thing we each can do to keep the dues low and the value high. We have launched an advertisement campaign that will run through the end of March. It is some radio spots on 3 different stations out of Lexington, 1300 Sports Talk, 96.1 Super Talk and B92 Classic Hits. Our spots will run on the weekends February to the end of March. It is a one time discounted product from LM Communications. This



campaign is a way of testing these waters, as we have never done this before. If it proves fruitful we will continue as we can afford it.

One other tool we all have, is the "open shoots" that are weekly at the different Divisions. The primary purpose of "open shoots" is to recruit. So we have the opportunity to bring guests to the club without a guest fee. Do we take advantage of it or do the nonmembers take advantage of it?

We can use the facility itself to enhance our earned income. If we are "pro-active" in our thinking, the facility can produce revenue. The trick would be to realize revenue without affecting member service. There are opportunities that have presented themselves and that the board has moved to harness and realize. At the January Board meeting the group adopted a Law Enforcement Use Policy. This policy was researched extensively and hammered out over several weeks and a consensus was voted in. This policy would allow Law Enforcement agencies to inter into agreements with BGSL for training of personnel at an equitable price and schedule training at a facility that will provide them a quality-training venue. BGSL gets monies to cover our expenses that in the past we have forfeited and the agencies get quality facilities. To most BGSL members, the policy is transparent, as the agencies will train on the clock, typically some portion of Monday through Friday 8 to 5. The best part is we should not have to spend capital monies and we can invest any profits in the facility and enhance member service.

As we look forward into this new century and our next 60 years, BGSL will celebrate our  $60^{\text{th}}$  anniversary. Saturday August  $20^{\text{th}}$  will be an opportunity to be **"pro-active"** and showcase this awesome facility and we will. In the meantime, if you would like to participate in the planning, please don't hesitate to contact your officers. All idea's and input will be welcome.

### Hope to see you at the club! (With a guest)!

At Your Service and telling it straight, Greg Delabar president@bgslinc.com

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### **BLUE GRASS SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE Board of Directors** Minutes Tuesday January 25, 2005

### 1. ROLL CALL

President Delabar called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. President Delabar called the roll and a quorum was present.

#### 2. READING OF MINUTES

President Delabar distributed copies of the December 14, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion #1 by Fister, second by Maness to dispense with reading the minutes and to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

President Greg Delabar presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion #2 by Fister, second by Maness to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

### 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Delabar reported on the Attrition rate for the club. President Delabar also reported that 5 new members joined the club at the most recent Kenny Woods Gun and Knife Show held on January 8th and 9th, 2005. Several members made suggestions for setting up the booth for the next show. President Greg Delabar reported that Clay Caudill has resigned his position of Secretary. President Delabar requested that all articles submitted for the Sportsmen's Trail must be submitted to him or the Office Administrator by the 15th of the month.

#### 5. OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Operations Manager Ben Riffell gave an update of the facility. Mr. Riffell also stated that the gutter work for the clubhouse would start next week.

#### 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Security: Claude Jacobs reported that the shark teeth for the front gate would be installed soon. Some security concerns at the Skeet and Sporting Clay facility were discussed. Ralph Kern noted that there has been some damage to the 3 manual traps and an automatic thrower. It was decided that some bollards and a gate would be installed immediately.

Finance: President Delabar reported that any changes that the treasurer's checking account at National City Bank need to be made through the BGSL Main Office.

Farm: Terry Hager reported the Farm Committee met and decided that they will try to buy the same amount of cattle as before. Mr. Hager reported that some of the pastures would be revamped. Mr. Hager also reported that there are still roll bays of hay for sale and lumber for sale. Mr. Hager reported that they are working on wildlife plots for Youth Hunts as well. Constitution and By-Laws - Steve Cox stated that he is still working on the formation of the 501/3c Corporation. Greg Delabar requested that Mr. Cox also develop a by-laws change to make the membership committee a standing committee.

Wildlife and Natural Resources: Ben Riffell reported for Joel McClintock that the deer hunt harvested 19 deer.

Clubhouse and Lodge: Claude Jacobs commended the operations staff for the painting in the clubhouse.

Youth: Rebecca Young reported that on January 1, 2005 the Youth members participated in a Deer Hunt at the property. Ms. Young reported on the upcoming quail hunt and Hunter's Education Class in February.

#### Ad Hoc:

Women's Program Committee - Rebecca Young reported that the Outdoor Women's League (OWL) met in January for a fly-tying class. Rebecca Young reported that on March 5, 2005 a Carry and Conceal Weapons Class would be held at the clubhouse. Ms. Young introduced Mr. Mike Pinkston, instructor, for the Carry and Conceal Weapons Class. Mr. Pinkston stated that the fee for the class would be \$65 fee for BGSL club members and \$75 for non-members.

Membership Committee - President Greg Delabar reported that at the end of the meeting the Board would recess until Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss an advertising proposal.

Special Events: Rebecca Young reported that there would be a Turkey Shoot on Saturday, March 26, 2005.

### 7. OLD BUSINESS

1. Non-Member Use Policy - President Delabar stated that the non-member use policy did not accommodate the usage by the Law Enforcement Groups.

2. Law Enforcement Usage Policy - President Delabar stated that several BGSL Officers and members of the Board have been meeting with members of the Kentucky State Police, Woodford County Sheriff's Office and several other Law Enforcement Agencies to develop the proposed policy for the Use of the BGSL Facilities by Law Enforcement Agencies. There was much discussion by the Board. Bren Combs, attorney and BGSL member, discussed the issue with the Board. Motion #3 by Kass, second by Foley to approve the proposed policy for the use of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League Facilities by Law Enforcement Agencies so that further discussion with the agencies can be held for contract preparation, program development and fee structures. Motion carried unanimously.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

Closed Session/Member Request - Motion #4 by Cox, second by Fister to go into closed session to discuss a member request. Motion carried unanimously. Motion #5 by Fister, second by Maness to come out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously. BGSL Kitchen. President Delabar informed the Board that Kitchen Officer, Dale Richardson, resigned his position within the Division. President Delabar also reported that the club is in the process of obtaining a Sam's Club Membership.

Tobacco Buyout Motion. President Delabar presented a proposed Tobacco Buyout Motion for restriction on any funds received under the program. Motion #6 by Mike Foley, second by Kass to move that the Board of Directors restrict the use of any funds received from the "tobacco buy out program" to acquiring income-producing assets. Incomeproducing assets are defined as any business, enterprise, entity, equipment, or asset that will provide direct income to the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League General Fund

from sources other than membership dues. Equipment or assets that support the general operations or maintenance of Blue Grass Sportsmen's League or its property shall be specifically excluded from this definition. All funds received from the "tobacco buy out program" shall be deposited into an investment account and the principal, interest or dividend earnings accrued by said funds shall be accounted for as "Restricted." The motion carried unanimously.

Handicapped/Disabled Use of Facility Policy. Operations Manager, Ben Riffell, presented a proposed Handicapped/Disabled Use of the Facility Policy. There was much discussed by the Board. Motion #7 by Maness, second by Hager to accept the policy as written. Motion failed by a vote of 18-0. President Delabar asked Ben Riffell to re-work the policy for presentation at the next Board meeting.

Phone Service. President Delabar reported on the costs associated with adding DSL for faster Internet access and an extra phone line to the president's office.

#### Motions:

Motion #8 by Vest, second by Shaeffer to allow the use of the BGSL Lake for the purpose of Class A, non-motorized boats to be tested by event patrons under the conditions of the supporting documentation on September 24 and September 25, 2005. Motion #9 by Fister to table Motion #8 by Fister, second by Kass. Motion tabled unanimously.

Motion #10 by Vest, second by Shaeffer to authorize John Vest to act as event organizer for the Blue Grass Sportsmen's Show September 24 and 25, 2005. The event organizer shall have authority to communicate and invite vendors and the public to the event on behalf of the BGSL under the guidelines of the supporting documents. The event organizer shall have authority to hire temporary workers for the day of the event with the number of workers pre-approved by the Board of Directors. The event organizer shall control all areas of the event for security, safety and use according to the supporting documents. Motion #11 by Fister to table Motion #10, second by Kass. Motion tabled unanimously.

Motion #12 by Jacobs, second by Fister to allow the Trap Division Open Shoots for 2005 on the following dates: March 20, March 27, April 3, April 17, April 30, May 1, May 14, May 15, June 5, June 19, July 10, July 17, July 31, September 3, September 4, September 5, October 2, October 9, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #13 by Cox, second by Simpson to permit the airgun division to hold an open event September 9, 10, and 11, 2005. Facilities to be use for the event include the Airgun Range, the Delabar Lodge and access to the main clubhouse kitchen to use the refrigerator and ice machine. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #14 by Kern, second by Morgan to approve open shoot dates on May 14, 2005; July 9, 2005, August 27, 2005 and September 10, 2005 for National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) and National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) shoots by the Skeet and Sporting Clays Division. May and September are NSSA and July and August are NSCA. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 15 by Kern, second by Morgan to approve open shoot nights for every Tuesday in February, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September 2005 for skeet and Sporting Clays Division. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #16 by Young, second by Foley to approve the Women's League to hold a Carry and Concealed Weapons Class on March 5, 2005. Use of the main clubhouse for class and a pistol pit if there are no division events being held. Mike Pinkston is to be KY DOT CJT Certified. Youth conflict resolved by time of day and the pits will be used. A non-member fee waiver is also requested due to this being a non-revenue event for the Women's League. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #17 by Foley, second by Hager to approve an Open event in the action pistol pits including the plate rack pit for July 9-10, 2005. This event will be Advanced Pistol 1 Course given by The Defensive Shooting Academy of Tulsa. All instructors are CLEET & NRA Certified in pistol firearm instructions at a minimum. This is a fundamental course utilizing the same skills as IPSC and IDPA. The pistol club will charge a \$25 non-member range fee, making the course \$350 for BGSL members, and \$375 for non-members. Complete course description and instructor credentials attached. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

#### **RECONVENED SESSION OF JANUARY 25,2005 MEETING** FEBRUARY 1, 2005 6:30 PM

The January 25, 2005 Board meeting reconvened on February 1, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. A quo-

#### rum was present. ADVERTISING CONTRACT

President Delabar presented a proposal by L & M Communication for advertising the club. The contract was for 60 spots/weekend for a seven-week period. The cost was approximate- $1y\$  \$2100. Motion #18 by Burke, second by Young to enter into a contract with L & M Communication for advertising for the BGSL for an amount not to exceed \$2100 and for the president to sign the contract. Motion carried unanimously. Handicap/Disabled Policy

Ben Riffell, Operations Manager, distributed the latest version of the Handicap/Disabled policy. There was much discussion by the Board. A change for approval by Operations personnel instead of Board approval was made. Motion #19 by Burke, second by Young to approve the Handicap/Disabled Policy as amended. Motion carried with 1 dissension. Amnesty Program

President Delabar suggested that the Board consider a one-time amnesty program per year. There was much discussion by the Board. Motion #20 by Burke, second by Hager to table the consideration of an amnesty program until the April Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

## Record Attendance at February USPSA/IPSC Match!

Wow! Forty-seven shooters participated in the February 6 match including eleven members of the Lexington Police Department's S.W.A.T. team.

The match included four fast-paced pistol stages requiring accurate shooting at both point-blank and distance targets. Adding to the excitement was a 20-round shotgun stage with downed pepper-poppers launching clays, and steel plates flying off their stands. The rifle staged tested the shooter's accuracy and speed as participants moved quickly between shooting positions — there were a few "winded" participants, but no emergency medical runs.

Pistol, shotgun and rifle are scored as separate competitions. Take your pick or shoot all three. There is an overall winner too. Divisions and classifications make it a level playing field.

You **do not** need exotic high capacity "race" guns. There are divisions for "out of the box" production guns, and revolvers. A pistol, plus a suitable holster, with at least three magazines and pouches is all you need. Any pump or semi-automatic shotgun will do. The predominate rifle is the AR-15, but other center-fire rifles have their own divisions. A loaner AR-15 is available. Just bring .223 ammo.

**New shooters are welcome!** To make your experience a great and safe one, you will be placed in a squad of 8-10 shooters led by an experienced range officer who will offer instruction and coaching. There is no qualifying to shoot, but each new shooter is given a safety check to familiarize them with the rules and range commands. A classification system levels the playing field.

On a personal note: Don't be intimidated by fancy guns, large crowds or the presence of "men in black" with arrest powers. I kicked my butt for letting it happen to me.

Competitions are governed by the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA), representing the U.S. Region of the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC). You do not have to be a member of USPSA to shoot! BGSL members shoot at a discounted rate of \$15.00.

## Match Results and Future Match Dates

**USPSA/IPSC:** Next match is March 6. Contact: Barry West, (859) 885-9710 or e-mail: vikingtactical@alltel.net.

**BULLSEYE:** Outdoor matches start April 10. **Contact:** Glen Wood, (859) 492-4688 or glenwood@clarkmhc.com.

**IDPA:** Next match will be Saturday, March 19<sup>.</sup> **Contact:** Lin Edwards, (859) 273-2768 or rledwards@att.net.

**COWBOY:** March 20 will be the first match of the year as the Fox Bend Peacemakers begin their sixth year of Cowboy Action Shooting. **Contact:** Ted Enderle, (859) 263-1230 or foxbend@yahoo.com.

**GLOCK:** Glock practice matches are scheduled for the fifth Sunday in May and July. The official regional match will be October 29-30, 2005. **Contact:** Jeremy Kifer, (859) 271-2774 or jrkifer@msn.com.

Respectfully Submitted Byron Daniel, Secretary

# BASS DIVISION

The Bass Division held its annual banquet Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at Columbia's Steak House on Richmond Road. It was great to meet the wives and girlfriends of the guys you fish with all year. Everyone had a good time and good food, and there was a short trophy presentation. A trophy was given to Claude Jacobs for Big Fish. He caught it at the first tournament last year, and it stood all season. Guess he just set the

bar too high. The Classic trophy went to Dave Roberts. He looked it up in the rulebook to make sure it was proper for him to accept the trophy. Dave keeps us straight on the club rules and parliamentary procedures. The only problem of the night came when Irv Shelton was awarded Fisherman of The Year. His fan club kept screaming Irv, Irv, Irv, but after a brief autograph session, order was restored and the night ended with a giant chocolate brownie sundae.

By the end of the March meeting, the 2005 tournament schedule will be set. All members who have an opinion should be at the meeting March  $2^{nd}$ .

This year looks like it has the potential to be a great one. The only thing we would like to have is more fishermen. The more people that fish, the better the tournament. Any member of the BGSL that would like to give us a try is welcome. You do not need a boat and you do not need to be an experienced fisherman. You do need to have an interest, the ability to have fun with a great bunch of guys, and a sense of humor might help. Just contact any member of the Bass Division and they will get you where you need to be.

By the time you get the next bulletin we will have had the first tournament, so now is the time to get involved. We look forward to fishing with you.

Submitted by, John Lingenfelter, Secretary 859-455-9939

# **BGSL YOUTH COMMITTEE**

(S.C.O.P.E.) Calendar - March 2005

Hello everyone, Bring-A-Kid / Teach-A-Kid

The quail hunt was great. There were lots of shooters and we had a blast. We had spaghetti and a few sides for lunch. The weather was absolutely perfect and we couldn't have asked for a better day. Don't forget to thank the Pointer & Setter crew for helping us out and letting us use the fields and dogs. We had some of the best dog handlers out there and we need to make sure they see our appreciation.

We have a good amount of things coming up in the next month or so, so get ready! First, we have the Hunter Education Class Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>. It will start at 6:00 pm and end about 9:00 pm on Friday and will start on Saturday at 9:00 am and will end about 5:00 pm. This will be a great time to get your orange card just before turkey season. We will have a lunch break about 12:00 on Saturday and you are free to bring your lunch or go to Wilmore to get something but NO FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.

Next we will have the reactive target shoot on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will start at 12:00, and then we'll head down to the range. We'll shoot pistols and .22 rifles and it's lots of fun. We get to shoot things like fruits, bottles, and crackers, tons of stuff! It will be held at the pistol pit and it will be lots of fun!

Last thing we have coming up is the shed hunt. It'll be March 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. This is the one event you don't want to miss. We will be walking through the woods and fields looking for the sheds (antlers) of the deer that got away. You never know what you might find! We will have lunch first and then it's out to the great outdoors!

As always S.C.O.P.E. and BGSL youth events are open to you and any friends, families and groups that you want to bring or let know about our program. (Feel free to pass this flyer along to anyone you may feel is interested.) And there are usually no costs. Come on down to the club and let's have some fun!

Events may be changed or added as opportunities arise. To stay informed and up to date with the S.C.O.P.E. program, email for a monthly email newsletter.

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# TURKEY SHOOT/FUN SHOOT

## Saturday, March 26, 2005 @ 1:00PM At the Pistol Bulls-Eye Range

The turkey shoot is back! This is an Open event designed for shooters of all skill levels, ages, and equipment to come out and have some fun. What else are you going to do in March? The event will have categories for rim-fire rifles with iron sights, rim-fire pistols with iron sights, rim-fire pistols with acopes or red dots, and 12ga. shotguns of any type. There will be a pistol target, two different rifle targets, three different shotgun targets, and a shoot 'til you miss event with reactive targets. You can compete in one category or all of them, multiple entries allowed and encouraged! The cost is only \$1 per target! So raid your piggy bank and play all day. There will be a door-prize drawing and other prizes for class winners!

## **CCDW Class**

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 / 8 AM, at the BGSL Main Clubhouse \$10.00 Discount to BGSL Members Call Amy Yeager at 859.936.6937 or Rebecca Young 859.887.3464

# The 6<sup>th</sup> Federation of the LKS

The next 6th Federation meeting will be held at the Central KY Coonhunters Club in Clark County. Wed, March 2nd, 7:00 Drawing for gun will be that night. Everyone please bring his or her tickets and money.

## Get Your Food Handlers Permit May 5, 2005

