

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My fellow Sportsmen,

Has it been a year? Time flies when your having fun? I think time flies when you get older! At any rate, the next BGSL General meeting brings with it a new election, a new page in our history book. 2004 / 05 has been a blur and as I look back I see this club with even more potential than when it started. All should consider this potential and where they fit in the future of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League. At a minimum, be at the September Membership Meeting with that consideration in mind.

Over the past several years, we have made great strides to modernize our operation and communication, streamline our farming operation and shore-up our standing in the community. These programs should continue as we go forward. Our duty as sportsmen should always come first in this organization and our Constitution spells out these duties. We should all be familiar with this document and practice its policies at all times. Our founders were very wise and provided the club with a road map to their future and "we are their future".

At the time of this writing we are between very special events here at Blue Grass, a media day on August 13th and the BGSL Homecoming the weekend of the 20th and 21st. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have had the Homecoming. I know it was a great weekend simply by the fact that an outstanding group of people worked very hard to see that it was great. I will take this space to thank them. The **Member Services & Special Events Committee** is an Ad-Hoc committee staffed by Carole Bryant, Byron Daniel, Clay Caudill, Russ Kennedy, John Vest, Rick Allen and chaired by Mike Foley. Please, when you see these folks around, give them a healthy pat on the back. While this event was planned and a lot of work put in by this group, it would not be possible without the whole of the BGSL, the best Sportsmen's club in the state.

I have waited to finish the months article until after the Media Day and Homecoming and I know this month's newsletter is late. My apologies. I have been trying to find the words to describe these events to you and the folks who were unable to attend. It would take several pages to do that justice but I will try.

The **Media Day** was a great event for the BGSL; while we had no control over the final products we did provide a fine facility and some great volunteers. Some of the participants bowed out late in the week, we had five representatives of TV and radio. We wound up with a great report on Channel 27 WKYT on Saturday night. They depicted a great club and sportsmen's tradition. We were also on Channel 18 WLEX live on Tuesday morning from the BGSL Homecoming Partner Classic Arms & Archery on Southland Dr. All in all, it was a good week for the club!

The **Homecoming**. It was HOT! The weather was not perfect but as sportsmen we don't let the weather stop much. It did seem to keep the crowd smaller than we expected. The pig roast was excellent; once again the skills of Rick Allen and the BGSL Roasting Pit served the club well. We orientated over 80 new members and will probably break 100 before the end of September. This is awesome and proves that this event was a huge success and we will do this again. The celebration of BGSL heritage and traditions will go on throughout our lives but to do it in this way once a year in this fashion is a great thing.

The **BGSL Education Foundation**, the club successfully launched the Education Foundation. We raised somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5000 for the Foundation and grossed for the club around \$22,000. It will be next month before we know the bottom line for the entire weekend. We are on a track to edu-

cate our future.

Last month, I talked to you about a celebration and the birth of the BGSL Education Foundation. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of some fine folks. Especially, your Operations Manager Ben Riffel and your Administrative Assistant Kathy O'Neil. These two have put in the hours and their dedication to the club is very evident. I don't have the words to thank them, so I need your help. Please give them an att'a' boy when you see them. You should know that the BGSL Divisions did you proud this weekend. They committed to this event and came through. I'm extremely proud of them and of the BGSL as a whole. I said we would shine and we did. Most everyone I spoke with was impressed with the club and the facility.

We are "Blue Grass" and we are a very special club and we are now acting like it! BGSL "is" looking **forward** to the bright future and keeping our heritage and traditions close to our hearts.

You are "BLUE GRASS"! Hope to see you at the club! (With a guest!)

At Your Service,
Greg Delabar
president@bgsline.com

TRAP DIVISION

It has been a while since I have put a column in the Trail; I will try to do better. The trap division has been busy this summer and we have been enjoying all the members from BGSL coming down on Thursday nights. If you were not aware, we have hired Jeremy to open at 6pm, and we have been running 2 or 3 fields. We have been getting new members from Thursday nights and from some of the special programs put on by BGSL (such as women on target). By the time you receive this column our target year will just about be over (from a registered standpoint), but I'm sure we will have a fall and winter schedule out for practice.

At the Grand American Trap shoot our own Kevin Parrott broke 100 in the Eric Munson Doubles winning AAA. Also, Tommy Nash broke his FIRST 200 straight and won Class B on class day. Way to go Kevin and Tommy!!!! We also want to thank Bill Blackburn and Bruce Sanders for their efforts in putting in sump pumps and drainage for the trap fields. Without the efforts of people like Bill, Bruce, Diana Crawford, Tim Ore, Terry Dean, and Tim Foley, our divi-

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Next Meeting

Tuesday — Oct. 4, 7:30pm

Please direct any membership concerns to the BGSL bookkeeper at **859-858-4060** or e-mail at **BGSLinc.com**

BLUE GRASS SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

Board of Directors - Minutes

July 26, 2005

1. ROLL CALL

President Delabar called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. at the Trap Division's Clubhouse. Secretary Caudill called the roll and a quorum was present.

2. READING OF MINUTES

Motion #1 by Shaeffer, second by Jacobs to dispense with reading the minutes and accept the minutes as written with one change noted. Motion carried unanimously.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Burke presented the Treasurer's Report. **Motion #2 by Burke, second by Maness to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. MEMBER'S REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

A member asked the to address the Board on a personal matter. **Motion #3 by Fister at 7:30 p.m., second by Jacobs to go into closed session to discuss a request by a member. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion #4 by Fister at 8:00 p.m., second by Shaeffer to come out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously. President Delabar informed the member that the Board would not take any action on his request at this time. The member thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to address them.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Delabar stated that the review of the Constitution and Bylaws should be completed in the next 2 months. President Delabar asked that the Board highlight what is antiquated and needs to be deleted and submit the changes to him. President Delabar stated he would then appoint Committee members to assist Steve Cox with producing a new Constitution and Bylaws. President Delabar reminded everyone of the Homecoming Celebration on August 20 and 21, 2005.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Caudill stated that Richard Gelbach repaired the website so that it will now accept on-line applications. Mr. Caudill also reported on the Member Attrition Report. Terry Morgan asked if the database can determine an old member vs. new member. Clay Caudill stated he did not think it could.

7. OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Operations Manager Ben Riffell reported that he had no report.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security. Mike Kass presented an estimate for the front gate system. **Motion #5 by Burke, second by Hager to table discussion of front gate estimate until the September meeting. Motion was withdrawn.** President Delabar asked the security committee to work on the proposal.

Finance. John Burke outlined the budget process for the 2005/2006 Budget. Dr. Blackburn stated that he was still opposed to presenting the budget for the first time at the September meeting and expecting the new Board members to vote on it. John Burke stated that the Board always had the option to vote against the Budget and ask for it to be resubmitted. Ralph Kern asked if the budget is rejected does it get resubmitted at the next Board meeting. John Burke stated it would be resubmitted at the October meeting.

Farm. Terry Hager reported that the first tobacco buyout check has been received in the amount of \$16,052.40. Mr. Hager stated there were several banks offering to purchase the lump sum buy-out but it was the consensus of the Farm Committee not to pursue the option of a lump sum buyout. John Burke stated the Farm Committee needs to look at the issue further and forward the issue to the Finance Committee. Mr. Burke stated that the Board could realize a greater return and receive \$133,000 immediately as opposed to \$161,000 over 10 years. Terry Hager stated the Farm Committee recommends that they pursue a cow/calf operation instead of buying all steers. Mr. Hager stated that they would need to have a commitment from the Board to keep the cows instead of selling them yearly. Mr. Hager reported all the goats have been sold except for 8. Mr. Hager stated that the hay sales have continued and there is still some lumber remaining. There was much discussion by the Board on the financial aspects of a cow/calf operation. **Motion #6 by Burke, second by Hager to move \$16,052.40 tobacco buy out money from the General Fund into the Dupree Investment Account and earmark said funds as "Restricted". Motion carried unanimously.**

Constitution and Bylaws. President Delabar stated this issue was covered in his report.

Wildlife and Natural Resources. Craig Phinney reported that the hunting season dates will be set at the August meeting. Mr. Phinney asked that the Board to adopt a motion to allow 7.5 acres of BGSL property in a 5-year WHIP Program. **Motion #7 by Maness, second by Hager to allow Operations Manager to enroll 7.5 acres of BGSL property in a 5-year WHIP Program to establish tree and shrub habitat for the benefit of game and non-game species. This is a cost share program. The BGSL will receive \$2352.00 through this program. The specific trees will be Silky Dogwood, Red Bud and Wild Plum. Motion carried unanimously.**

Youth Committee. President Delabar reported on the recent activities hosted by the Cowboys of the Pistol Division for the Youth.

Outdoor Women's League. President Delabar stated that the Outdoor Women's League calendar is available at the clubhouse.

Membership. President Delabar asked Board members to sign up if they were interested in working the Kenny Woods Gun Show on August 6 and 7 at Heritage Hall in Lexington. President Delabar also stated he would have a recommendation regarding BGSL apparel soon.

Member Services and Special Events. President Delabar reminded the Board that the amnesty program would only be during the Homecoming Weekend with orientation on August 20 and 21 at 1:00 p.m. both days.

Trails Committee. John Burke introduced members of the Trails Committee and stated that the committee had looked into the concerns expressed by the Board last month. Steve Martin met with the staff at Shakertown to determine what the type of damage and erosion to the land caused by their Horseback Program, bicyclists and hikers. Mr. Martin stated that

there are approximately 5000 horseback riders, bicyclists and hikers on their paths per year and the damage to the land is minimal. Mr. Martin stated that there are less than 5 incidents per year of leaving the gates open. John Burke stated that the river bottom gate is the only gate on the proposed trail. Ralph Kern asked about the liability of the Club if someone got injured. John Burke stated KRS.427 states that persons participating in agriculture activities do so at their own risk or assume all liability of said activities. Steve Martin also asked the staff at Shakertown about the liability. Mr. Martin stated that there have only been minor accidents and none of the horseback riders sued Shakertown. Dan Fister asked if the horses would be kept overnight. John Burke stated that if the horse back riders decided to camp overnight the horses must be kept in the trailer. Mike Kass asked if a sign indicating KRS.427 need to be posted. John Burke stated that a sign could be posted in the parking lot. Steve Sanson stated that if nothing has changed and horseback riding was approved 10 years ago why was it being voted on again. John Burke stated that is being presented to this Board of Directors for their approval. Clay Caudill stated he supported the issue but would rather see the Committee come back with a full proposal and rules and procedures. Dan Fister asked that a roll call vote be taken. **Motion #8 by Burke, second by Hager to designate a trail that may be used for horseback riding by members only starting at the Main Clubhouse parking lot to the "Camp Ground Road" culminating at the "Old Mule Trail" in the river bottom. The Main Clubhouse parking lot will be used for parking, loading and unloading members' horses. Voting for the motion were: Hager, Jacobs, Kass, Maness, Watner, Tester, Southerland, Merton, Sanson, Lyons, Kern, Morgan, Blackburn, and Burke. Voting against the motion were: Caudill, Fister and Shaeffer. Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

BGSL Printing Brochure/Handbook.

President Delabar asked if any Board member knew the location of the pictures used in the brochure to please let him know. John Burke stated that the same pictures were used on the website. President Delabar asked the Board to review the Handbook on the same time schedule as the Constitution and Bylaws.

Complimentary Membership for Dignitaries.

President Delabar stated that a list of dignitaries has been established. President Delabar stated it has not been determined if the dignitaries can accept a membership that would expire when their term expired.

NEW BUSINESS

Campground Incident. This issue has already been discussed.

Nomination Committee.

President Delabar reminded the Board that their Division Vice President's run the election and count the votes. President Delabar stated that he would be appointing a Nominating Committee soon.

Other Business:

Terry Hager asked who controlled the Blue Grass Foundation. President Delabar stated the BGSL Board of Directors.

John Burke asked Ben Riffell to report on the auction of the property on Handy's Bend Road. Ben Riffell stated that the farm was bought by one owner for approximately \$700,000.

MOTIONS:

Motion #9 by Fister, second by Jacobs, to approve the removal from Club grounds of 12 of the Casting Division casting targets. These targets will be taken to Toledo, Ohio by a Division Member for the National Tournament and returned to the BGSL at the end of the event. Mr. Patrick McFadden will be responsible for keeping tract of targets. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #10 by Maness, second by Shaeffer to approve the following dates for the 4-H Club to use the Archery range for August 6-Saturday 10-12 a.m., August 18-Thursday 6-8 p.m., August 27-Saturday 10-12 a.m., September 8 - Thursday, 6-8 p.m. September 10 - Saturday, 10-12 a.m. to get ready for the 4-H State Games on September 17-18. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #11 by Sanson, second by Lyons to change Rifle Division Open Centerfire Shoot from September 18 to September 25, 2005.

Motion by Fister, second by Maness to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

BGSL is a sportsmen's club and we will act like sportsmen. We will be as good a neighbor as can be expected to the fine folks on Handy's Bend Road.

We have received multiple reports from our neighbors of speeding on Handy's Bend Road and they are identifying club members as the perpetrators. Whether it is BGSL Members or not, we will alert our membership to the problem. These folks only ask that we obey the speed limits posted in their neighborhood.

I will ask the Jessamine County Sheriffs Office to address the problem. **Please be advised.**

Respectfully,
Greg Delabar

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sion would not be the smooth operation that you see. We would like to invite everyone to come on down to the trap range and "Smoke a Bird, trap Style".

Finally, if you have not introduced your son or daughter to trapshooting, you have missed a unique opportunity to have a hobby you can enjoy for many years with your children. (PS Guys don't forget to bring the missus).

Charlie Becknell
Vice President
cab4trap@alltel.net

PISTOL DIVISION NEWS

As part of the 60th Anniversary and Homecoming event, the pistol club members had the plate rack operational for visitors and members alike. About \$150 was raised for the BGSJ Education Foundation. Thanks to all that helped with the plate rack.

Don't miss the opportunity each week to participate in a Bullseye practice matches at the Pistol Range. You may use a rim fire or center fire pistol. Check it out weekly on Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come on down.

Future Match Dates

USPSA/IPSC: Matches held the first Sunday of each month. Contact: Barry West, (859) 885-9710 or e-mail: vikingtactical@alltel.net.

BULLSEYE: Matches are held the second Sunday of each month. **Contact:** Glen Wood, (859) 492-4688 or glenwood@clarkmhc.com.

IDPA: Matches held the Saturday before the third Sunday of each month. **Contact:** Lin Edwards, (859) 273-2768 or rledwards@att.net.

COWBOY: Matches held the fourth Sunday of September through November. **Contact:** Byron Daniel, (859) 333-9838 or byrondaniel@alltel.net.

GLOCK: The Glock Regional Match will be held October 29,30. **Contact:** Jeremy Kifer, (859) 271-2774. Jrkifer@msn.com

Respectfully Submitted
Byron Daniel, Secretary
byrondaniel@alltel.net

BGSJ YOUTH COMMITTEE (S.C.O.P.E.) Calendar – September 2005 Bring-A-Kid / Teach-A-Kid

September 9th & 10th
KY hunter Education Class Fri. Evening @ 6PM

September 17th
Youth Fishing Tournament with the
BGSJ Bass Division

September 24th & 25th
Primitive Camp & Night Hike and Fishing Derby

October 1st
Muzzle Loader And Black Powder
Deer hunt Qualifier

October 7th, 8th and 9th
Youth Deer Hunt and Camp

As always S.C.O.P.E. and BGSJ 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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Please help us support them.

Many thanks to all who participated.

!!! THANK YOU !!!

BGSJ HUNTING PROGRAM

The next Hunting Program Orientation will be held September 18 at the main clubhouse 10 AM. Qualifications will be held that afternoon. For more information please call: Ronnie Young 859.8873464

All Hunters on the BGSJ will be required to possess Hunter Safety Card!

BGSJ HUNTING DATES

SQUIRREL SEASON

Opens Aug. 22 thru Nov. 11
Reopens Nov. 28 thru Dec. 30

RABBIT SEASON

Opens Nov. 1 thru Nov. 11
Reopens Nov. 28 thru Dec. 30

DEER ARCHERY

Opens Sept. 3 Closed Oct. 8, 9
Reopens Oct. 10 thru Nov. 11

YOUTH DEER WEEKEND

Oct. 8, 9

DEER MUZZLE LOADER

Opens Oct. 15 thru Oct. 16

DEER MODERN GUN

Opens Nov. 12 thru Nov. 27

DEER FREE YOUTH WEEKEND

Dec. 31, Jan. 1, '06

Modern Gun Season will end whenever quota is met.

Archery Season will reopen if quota has not been met by the end of Modern Gun Season

The next hunt qualification will be Sept. 18th. Orientation will be 10:30 to 12:30 at the main clubhouse. Qualification will be 1:30 to 2:30 at archery and the GP range.

Contact Claude Jacobs for emergency hunter safety cards. Claude's phone number is in the Sportsman Trails under Director at Large.



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RIFLE DIVISION

NRA High Power

The Rifle Division held its fifth highpower competition of the year on 13 August. Overall winner was Bill Alverson with a 752-19. William Koenke was first Master/Expert with a 714-6 and Robert Hopkins was first Sharpshooter/Marksman with a 748-9 in addition to being match winner in the standing slow fire and sitting rapid-fire phases. The media guys (and girls) were in the background; I don't know whether they filmed us or not. Our next match will be on 10 September. Anyone who is interested is invited come out and shoot or just watch. Our web-site is: <http://home.earthlink.net/~bgsl.highpower>.

Thanks,
Bill Alverson



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