

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My fellow Sportsmen,

It is a beautiful day weather wise and Veterans Day and a very important day for all of America. I know when you read this newsletter it will be December and Veterans Day will be behind us but I wanted to take this space to thank all veterans and especially BGSL vets for their service to our country. God bless you and yours. I know, for me, that the service gave me most of what I have today and made a man out of a knucklehead. The friends I made are life long and some of the best people in the world. Veterans are my brothers.

I hope your Thanksgiving was all you wanted it to be and that your Christmas holiday season is shaping up to be your best ever. At this month's meeting, Santa is supposed to arrive and

give us some early spirit and help us raise monies for needy Jessamine County families. This has become a tradition for Blue Grass and is a worthwhile effort on our part. Last year, we were able to help out a couple of families. We provided a new archery set and some fishing tackle, winter clothes and a fine meal for the holiday. These folks are our neighbors and some good people. Please come help us out.

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The main business of the night will be to read, discuss and vote on a proposed By-Laws change that affects the amount of dues we pay for membership with the finest facility and club in the state of KY. On the night of the October General Meeting, a motion from the floor was presented and passed to raise the yearly dues. It was read at the November meeting and has been posted in the newsletter and this night will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading which will open the floor to full discussion and a vote up or down. This is the time to show up and participate in the process. **It is "your" club folks; you make it what it is for you.** All members who would like can have the floor whether you are for it, against it or you are unsure. The BGSL Board will be presenting the clubs financial standing in a way that will allow

### Next Meeting

**Tuesday — Dec. 6, 7:30pm**

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you to make your decision based on the facts. It is very important that as many of the membership attend this meeting as possible. And you will see the clubs present and projected standing in real time. I think this is the first time the finances have been presented this way, with the next two years included.

We are very fortunate to have Ben and his staff; this is still a volunteer oriented club. If you would like to be more involved with the club please feel free to contact me or any board member and we will get you going.

**You are "BLUE GRASS"!**

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

At Your Service,  
Greg Delabar  
president@bgslinc.com

## SANTA IS COMING TO DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On December 6, 2005 at the General Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Santa Claus will be present to encourage members to donate money to the Christmas Fund. The BGSL sponsors a family from Jessamine County every year providing presents for the children and food baskets for the family. A collection was taken at the November meeting and another one will be taken at the December meeting. This year Santa will be available for you to bring your children or grandchildren. So bring your camera and have the children talk to Santa.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## BLUE GRASS SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

### Board of Directors

### Minutes

**Tuesday, October 25, 2005**

#### 1. ROLL CALL

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

#### 2. WILMORE POLICE CHIEF

Treasurer John Burke suggested that the agenda be changed to allow Chief Boven to speak. Chief Steve Boven stated that his department uses the ranges approximately 5 times a year for qualifying the officers. Chief Boven stated that the department pays for three memberships at the BGSL and a fourth officer pays for his own membership. Chief Boven stated that the present usage policy stipulates that his department be charged the fee of \$100 per visit for usage of the ranges. Chief Boven asked the Board if they would waive the \$100 for the fifth visit by his department. There was much discussion by the board on this topic. Ken Maness asked if the proposed Law Enforcement Usage Policy had been put in place. President Delabar stated that the Law Enforcement Usage Policy is not in place and the guidelines used by the Operations Manager is the Usage Policy adopted for usage by other organizations. **Motion #1 by Mulchay, second by Inman to waive the \$100 fee for the fifth visit to the ranges for the Wilmore Police Department. Motion #2 by Burke, second by Cox to table the issue and refer it back to the Training Committee that is dealing with the development of the Law Enforcement Usage Policy.** Motion #2 carried unanimously.

#### 3. READING OF MINUTES

Motion #3 by Mewhorter, second by Maness to dispense with reading the minutes and accept as written. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer John Burke presented the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Burke reported that reviewing the water indicates that there is a leak on the property and measures have been taken to correct it. Marvin Inman stated that in July he found that the water spigot at Archery running water wide open and it had been that way for several days. Treasurer Burke suggested that water meters be installed for all divisions. Dr. Blackburn stated that water meters for all divisions would be a good idea but should be postponed until it is determined that there is a water leak. **Motion #4 by Cox, second by Bowman to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Delabar reported that the committee assignments would take place later in the meeting. President Delabar asked each member to continue reviewing the constitution and by-laws so that any changes can be presented to the general membership for a by-laws change in January, 2006.

#### 6. OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Operations Manager Ben Riffell reported that the operations staff had been busy with repairs to some of the ranges, and mowing. Mr. Riffell also noted that the front shed and fence had been painted black. Mr. Riffell noted that he is looking into some type of uniform apparel so that the operations staff can be identified. Mr. Riffell recommended that the trees that have been identified be harvested for timber. Mr. Riffell stated that approximately \$1100 could be realized from harvesting this timber. **Motion #5 by Burke, second by Maness to harvest trees identified by the operation staff. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### 7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

President Delabar reviewed the attrition report.

#### 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Security.** Claude Jacobs stated that the Security Committee is working on the Front Gate Proposal which is proposed to be completed by December. Claude Jacobs reported on an incident involving juveniles on the range without the parents and without membership cards. Mr. Jacobs stated that the Security Committee would write the parents of the juveniles and let them know of the policy. Dr. Blackburn stated that this issue needs to be addressed in the bylaws revisions.

**Finance.** Treasurer Burke reported that a Treasurer's Meeting was held prior to the Board meeting and he is requesting that all Division Treasurer to use the automated monthly report that was provided last year at the Treasurers Meeting. Treasurer Burke that both the check register as well as the summary page need to be submitted.

**Farm.** Operations Manager Riffell reported on the farm activities. Mr. Riffell stated that 14 head of cattle was purchased on Monday for the start of a cow/calf operation. **Motion #6 by Burke, second by Blackburn to authorize the President to transfer up to \$6,000 from the Dupree account if necessary for the purpose of the cattle. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Riffell stated that all of the remaining goats have been sold due to a predator killing the goats. Mr. Riffell also reported on the income of \$2392.91 from the tobacco settlement from RJ Reynolds Company.

**Constitution and By-Laws.** Steve Cox stated that he is working on language to abolish the junior membership and changing the language relating to the trial committee.

**Clubhouse and Lodge.** Claude Jacobs stated no report but awaiting lease agreement for the rental of the white house and the trailer.

**Wildlife and Natural Resources.** Craig Phinney reported that seven deer had been harvested off the property and a total of \$2722 had been collected in hunt fees. Mr. Phinney stated the Wildlife Committee is developing a BGSL Hunting Handbook. Mr. Phinney also noted that the BGSL received a check for \$375 to stock the lake from the Handy's Bend Chapter of NWTF. Mr.

Phinney also stated that the lake is almost empty.

**Training Committee.** Brenn Combs stated that the training committee will be looking into sponsoring some Conceal and Carry Classes. Mr. Combs also stated that they are looking into the rules that govern what liability is necessary for individual instructors teaching classes at BGSL.

**Technology Committee.** John Burke stated that the Technology Committee has possibly worked out an agreement with a homeowner on Highway 29 to install and maintain a phone line in their residence for the purpose of obtaining DSL for the office. There was much discussion by the Board. **Motion #7 by Burke, second by Mewhorter to authorize the president to spend up to \$75 a month with Alltel and to enter into an agreement with a property owner for the purpose of obtaining access to DSL service. Motion carried 18-2 with Maness and Pinkston opposing.**

**Youth Committee.** No Report.

**OWL Committee.** President Delabar reported that the OWL calendar of events is on the table in the front lobby.

**Trails Committee** – No Report.

**Membership.** President Delabar reported no report.

**Member Services/Special Events.** No report.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

**1. Committee Assignments.** President Delabar reviewed each Committee's structure and duties and asked each Board member to sign the form for the Committee of their choice.

**2. Front Gate.** See discussion under Security Committee.

**3. Division Officer Reporting.** President Delabar asked the Rifle and Casting Divisions to submit their officer listing for 2005-2006.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

**1. Kitchen Division.** President Delabar stated that the Kitchen Division has been asked several times to change from a Division to Committee due to lack of representation at the Board meetings and other issues. **Motion #8 by Shaeffer, second by Sanders to change the Kitchen Division into the Kitchen Committee. Motion #9 by Jacobs, second by Kass to table motion #8 pending a report from the Kitchen Division at the November Board member. Motion carried unanimous.**

**2. December Board Meeting.** Motion #10 by Burke, second by Maness to reschedule the December Board Meeting to December 13, 2005. Motion carried unanimous.

**3. Sixth District Federation Meeting.** Motion #11 by Pinkston, second by Shaeffer to allow the Sixth District Federation the use of the clubhouse for their meeting on November 2, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Copier Lease.** President Delabar presented proposals obtained for the lease of a copier. Three bids had been obtained. **Motion #12 by Pinkston, second by Barnes to lease a copier with BlueGrass Office Systems for a monthly cost of approximately \$224 per month. Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. BGSL Window Decals.** President Delabar presented a proposal from Chapman printing for the purchase of BGSL window stickers. **Motion #13 by Burke, second by Morgan to purchase 2000 club decals (1/2 inside stickers and outside stickers with the elimination of Lexington, Kentucky on the sticker) for distribution to new members and to sell them to members for \$3.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

**6. Request from the State 4-H Competition for 2006 Dates – September 15<sup>th</sup> and September 16, 2006.** President Delabar presented a request from the 4-H for the 2006 dates of September 15<sup>th</sup> and September 16, 2006 for the use of the facility and requested ranges. **Motion #14 by Maness, second by Barnes to reserve the clubhouse and listed range facilities for the State 4-H Competition September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16, 2006 and that they be fee exempt. There was much discussion by the Board on whether it should be fee exempt. The fee exempt clause was withdrawn. Motion #14 by Maness, second by Barnes to reserve the clubhouse and listed range facilities on September 15<sup>th</sup> and September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 for the State 4-H Competition. Motion carried 19-1 with Kass opposing.**

## 7. Motions:

- **Motion #15 by Combs, second by Gehlbach, to allow Jeremy Kifer and his assistants to use a golf cart and a Kawasaki Mule on the road between the pistol range, pistol pits and the club house during the Glock Shooting Sports Foundation, Bluegrass Regional Classic VIII match on October 28<sup>th</sup> (set up) 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The golf cart and mule would be used for assisting in setup, administrative tasks during the match (such as collecting score sheets) and for tear down and clean-up after the match. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion #16 by Inman, second by McWhorter to approve the following “woods walk” shoot dates for the Muzzle Loader Division: October 30, 2005, January 29, 2006, April 30, 2006 and July 30, 2006. The above dates are pending a safety review by Operations Manager and Security Committee. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion #17 by Jacobs, second by Combs, to allow BGSL Hunter Education Instructors to bring in a guest that are not members to use the facility and ranges to obtain their orange card. This could help our recruitment effort by bring new people to the club. Also most of these people are youth. After much discussion by the Board, the motion was withdrawn.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



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## BASS DIVISION

The Bass Division would like to congratulate two of its members, Mike Tester and Eric Sanders, for qualifying for the Kentucky Bass Federation State Championship. Both of these guys fished in the championship tournament at Yatesville Lake on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. They both represented the BGSL and our division very well. Thanks guys for being a class act. I might mention that both of these fishermen had great observers.

Well October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> was the big one. The "2005 Classic". The one we have waited for all year. The club tournament that you have to qualify to fish, the one that puts you in the bragging seat for the next year.

This year it was a two-day tournament at Barren River Lake. A cold front moved in, of course, and it got a little cool but we ended up with pretty good fishing. We had sixteen qualified fisherman going for the big prize. Saturday, the fishing was a little tough for most of us (with a couple of exceptions). But, Saturday night, the chili king, Bob Walker, made chili for the guys that stayed in their cabins. Personally, I don't eat much chili, but to be polite I did what I could. It is A+ chili, and the fishing always gets better after we have eaten it.

Sunday, there were lots of fish caught, not all keepers, but big enough to be fun. Sunday brought bad weather, cold, rain and wind, but that didn't bother us, we're fishermen. It definitely didn't bother Mike Harbour. He won the whole thing; 1<sup>st</sup> place with 19  $\Omega$  lbs and big fish with a really big fish.

Second place went to Eric Sanders. Eric somehow found a special spot that seemed to be extremely good. Third place went to Bob Walker. I heard that Bob was stuffing tube baits with left-over chili. This is doubtful because, there is never any left-over chili. I am going to try it.

Congratulations to Mike Harbour for beating the tar out of the rest of us. Congratulations to Eric and Bob for a job well done, and to Mike and Rudy Tester for getting off Barren without hurting themselves.

It's also time to congratulate Irvine Shelton for being named, "Fisherman of Year". At the present time we are trying to find a way to honor Irv in the manner he deserves.

We are already looking forward to next year and anyone in the BGSL is invited to join us. All you need is the desire to fish or want to learn to fish and it might help if you don't take yourself too seriously.

Now we will get busy planning the banquet and setting up the schedule for next year. Why not think about giving us a try.

I must make a correction on last month's article. Irvine Shelton did not get Big Fish at Rough River. The Big Fish was actually caught by Bobby Brinegar.

Submitted by John Lingenfelter

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## BGSL HAT PINS / HATS

BGSL hat pins are now available at the main clubhouse in the office. The cost is \$5 for the pins and \$10 for the hats. The pins turned out very nice and the hats come in a variety of colors and styles. They are nice. We also still have some 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary items left, hats, t-shirts, pins and bandannas. These are a 1 time, never to be available again items and should be in your collection.

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## MUZZLELOADING DIVISION

The aggregate winner of our last open shoot was Tom Marsh. It was certainly his day, as he shot an aggregate score of 110xx. Great shooting. The rest of us lagged several points behind. But, we all had fun shooting those muzzle loaders!

The competition for the shooter of the year trophy is underway. The division member with the most aggregate points from the monthly shoots will be awarded a trophy. You will need to attend the monthly open shoots to accumulate your points, so keep this in mind. The competition period runs from September, 2005 through August, 2006. A trophy will also be awarded based on your handicap.

We will have our usual open shoot on November 27. We will not have an open shoot in December as the fourth Sunday falls on Christmas day. We will be back on schedule the month of January, 2006.

We normally shoot at 1:00 p.m on the fourth Sunday of each month. Any questions, or for further information, you can call Archie @859-748-0499 or Bruce Shaeffer at 859-259-1866.

Submitted by:

Jeanette Hillard, Division Secretary

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## NOTE FROM CLAUDE

*BGSL SECURITY CHAIRMAN*

- All guests must be accompanied by a current member (Maximum of 2 guests)
- Please do not shoot the target frames (Believe it, it is happening!)
- After using the ranges, please pick up your trash (brass, pop cans, etc).

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!!

CLAUDE JACOBS

BGSL SECURITY CHAIRMAN

859-608-1215

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## BGSL ELECTRONIC SECURITY GATE

The front electronic gate that has been waiting to be moved to the new entrance is in the works and will be in operation soon. It will be a process to get everyone on the new cards that will activate the gate. Look for more information in the near future and at the next general meeting. The new gate will operate a little differently than the old gate as it will open and close the actual gate itself. All members will need their gate cards when they arrive at the club. We will have to change out all the old cards that slide through the old reader to the new proximity card that you wave by the reader. We will publish this process in the next newsletter and hopefully have the gate up and operating by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and maybe sooner.

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## BY-LAWS CHANGE / MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

At the October general membership meeting, the members present approved a motion to change the By-Laws to increase the yearly membership dues. The motion came from the floor and was passed by a voice vote and it was unanimous. The motion was to raise the membership dues from \$100 per year to \$125 per year. At the December meeting the floor will be open for discussion and a final vote will take place. This is the time to be here and participate in the process.

## PISTOL DIVISION

The Bluegrass Pistol division hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual **Glock Sport Shooting Foundation Bluegrass Regional Classic Match** October 29 and 30 with 352 entries. This match historically is one of the largest Glock regional matches in the U.S. Thanks to Jeremy Kifer for his hard work and leadership for this event. Thanks also to all club members who worked hard to make this event a success. A special "thanks" to all the guys from Operations who helped make the club "shine" for our visitors. Congratulations to Lin Edwards for his first place finish in the Amateur Civilian Division.

Cold weather is just around the corner so **Bull's-eye** has suspended Wednesday night practices at the club. Practice sessions have moved indoors. Join us Friday nights from 6 – 7 p.m. at Buell Armory on the UK campus. Pistols are limited to .22 caliber. (Standard velocity ammunition only.) This year we are forming handicap league fun shoot for the Friday night sessions. See Glen Wood (**Glen Wood, (859) 492-4668 or [glenwood@clarkmhc.com](mailto:glenwood@clarkmhc.com)**) for details. After the shoot, all are invited to adjourn to the Tally Ho restaurant across the street. There will not be any Bulls-eye matches at BGSJ through March.

**Cowboy Action Shooting** at Fox Bend closed out the 2005 year with its October match with 20 shooters attending. Two BGSJ members experienced cowboy action shooting for the first time. Usually a match is held in November but was cancelled this year due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Join us in March for the first match of 2006. The new year will be our eighth year of hosting Cowboy matches. Matches are held the fourth Sunday from March through November, except July. Several special matches are held each year such as Burro Camp in May, Hawaiian Cowboy match in August, Wilderness Trail in September. A youth match is scheduled for April in conjunction with the Youth Division. Join us next year. For more information visit [www.foxbend.com](http://www.foxbend.com) or [www.sassnet.net](http://www.sassnet.net) or Tioga Kid, a.k.a. **Byron Daniel at 333-9838 or [byrondaniel@alltel.net](mailto:byrondaniel@alltel.net)**.

The November **USPSA/IPSC** match hosted 35 shooters. The next match will be Sunday, December 4. **Contact: Barry West, (859)-885-9710 or e-mail: [vikingtactical@alltel.net](mailto:vikingtactical@alltel.net)**. Congratulations to Mike Foley for his high overall tactical division win at the Kentucky State Three Gun Championship.

Fifty shooters attended the October **IDPA** match. The next match will be Saturday, December 17. **Contact: Lin Edwards, (859) 273-2768 or [rledwards@att.net](mailto:rledwards@att.net)**.

## E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

As we consider raising our dues, we are exploring ways to try and cut our expenses. One way to save some funds is to reduce the amount of mailings that take place. This newsletter is somewhat expensive to provide but remains the clubs main form of Communications. We currently are compiling a data base of our members email addresses and want to convert as many members to an email delivery of the newsletter as possible. This expense is about \$12,000 a year.

If you would consider email delivery of the Sportsman Trails newsletter, please email [membership@bgsjinc.com](mailto:membership@bgsjinc.com). **You will find this address on the website on the "Contacts" page. You may also, from the website, up date your membership information with your email address.**

## BGSJ YOUTH COMMITTEE (S.C.O.P.E.)

DECEMBER 2005

BRING-A-KID / TEACH-A-KID

### Wild Game Dinner

**12 Noon Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Delabar Lodge  
Dinner Served at 3 PM**

S.C.O.P.E.'s annual wild game dinner is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at the Stone Lodge. Once again the Youth Committee would like to invite all to an evening of wild game prepared with several recipes and some "secrets". As usual, we will serve a variety of game and will have some traditional turkey for the squeamish. Hope to see you at the club.

### Youth Mentor Deer Hunt & Deer Camp

**December 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday @ the Delabar Lodge**

This is a free hunt weekend for the states youth and we will support the weekend out of the stone lodge. This is for BGSJ members and includes all kids under 16 years old. For more information contact any Youth Committee member.

### KY Hunter Safety Education Instructor Course **January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (Friday evening and Saturday)**

You would be surprised how good it feels to mentor the youth of the shooting sports world! Come and join the BGSJ Instructor Corp and find out!



**BGSJ Flag Retirement  
Ceremony  
Homecoming August 2005**



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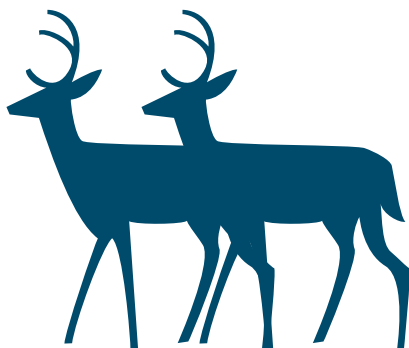
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*As always S.C.O.P.E. and BGSL youth events are open to you and any friends, families and groups that you want to bring or let know about our program. (Feel free to pass this flyer along to anyone you may feel is interested.) And there are usually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



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**BGSL TRAP DIVISION**

The trap division is open Thursday nights and has requested to be open the 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons for practice. Also, don't forget we have the token trap open for your convenience. We had a great year at the trap range, improving the water drainage and having someone hired to be there on Thursday evenings so the general membership can enjoy the range. Come to the Trap Range and learn how to "Smoke a bird, Trap Style".

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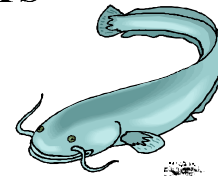
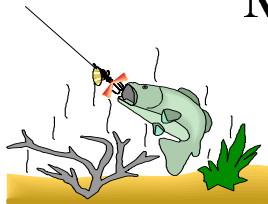
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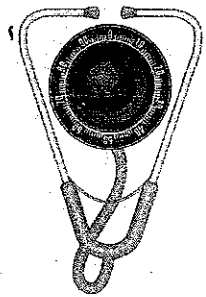
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