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My fellow Sportsmen,

Well winter did come and is still here. It does not seem to keep sportsmen from the club. I've seen the ranges and scheduled events full of members and guests doing their thing. Some of the winter projects are finished or are underway and will enhance the club in several ways. The guest pass "kiosk" is in place and an article is posted in this newsletter will educate you as to the new guest check-in procedure. The clubhouse is being painted where we had the moisture damage and is looking good. The roasting pit is now more secure with a new fence and the BGSL office is now wired and running smoothly. The member hand trap at the Trap Division is now updated and safer with a shooters box, new $\frac{3}{4}$ trap and safety fence.

Part of the delay to the front gate project is the weather and we hope that this will get going as time allows our volunteers to get it done. Look for the gate to be operational by the time the clocks change comes in April. As far as your gate cards are concerned, we will have a process in place for those members who this will affect. I think we are on top of the technical problems and should be able to swap out and get you the cards needed. We will announce the process at the March 7th General Meeting.

A project that I looked forward to this winter was the KY Sport, Boat & Recreation Show at Rupp Arena the 1st week of February. As some may know, BGSL purchased and setup a booth for the show. I asked the BGSL Divisions for some man power and they came through in a tremendous way. The club's intent was to recruit new members with exposure and I hoped to sign up a few. It seems that the club is a well kept secret and this project was to enlighten the central KY sportsmen. We were well received and signed up 25 new members! I was blown away by the response and want to thank all the volunteers who answered the call.

As tickled as I am with the results of the Boat Show, I'm just as disappointed with the condition of the General Purpose Range. This is the most heavily used range on the club and the most important service we can offer to our membership. I've

called a meeting of the Clubhouse & Lodge Committee (**tasked with this issue**) to try and get a handle on the problem and will report as soon as decisions are made. In this newsletter issue, an article will give you more insight into the issue, please take the time to read and understand the problem.

Today, (February 13th) it was reported in the news that, Vice-President Dick Cheney was involved in a hunting accident and that he shot a fellow hunter in the field. By the time you read this issue, I'm sure you will have heard every joke, every political angle and story, but the main thing we must realize is this could happen to anyone. The way I understand the accident, it should never have happened as this is basic gun & hunting safety. **Only the shooter can see and know the impact of the shot and he made a mistake.** The fellow sportsman is going to be all right and I hope they both will enjoy hunting for years to come. One of the frustrations for me of the reporting and discussions that are being aired is the obvious ignorance of the shooting sports by folks who are doing the reporting and discussion. The biggest obstacle to the bright future of the shooting sports is the education of the non-sportsman.

You are "BLUE GRASS"!

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

At Your Service,

Greg Delabar

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Next Meeting

Tuesday — March 7, 7:30pm

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

1. **ROLL CALL**

President Greg Delabar called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. President Delabar called the roll and a quorum was present.

2. **READING OF MINUTES**

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

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Delabar presented the Treasurer's Report. Dr. Blackburn asked when the KY Afield figure would be reduced. President Delabar stated that figure would not be reduced. **Motion #2 by Jacobs, second by Maness to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Delabar asked each member to continue reviewing the constitution and bylaws so that any changes can be presented to the general membership for a by-laws change in February, 2006. President Delabar expressed concern to the Board due to the amount of trash, damage of target frames, and misuse on the General Purpose Range. President Delabar stated that he would be assigning the maintenance and upkeep of the general purpose range to the Clubhouse and Lodge Committee and will have a report on the improvements needed within the next 10 days. President Delabar encouraged the board members to tour the range, check out the range, and educate the members of the proper use of the range.

6. **OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT**

Operations Manager Ben Riffell reported that his staff is installing a fence around the Pig Roast Area. Mr. Riffell stated that the Health Department will inspect the kitchen on Friday, February 3, 2006. Mr. Riffell also reported that Wendell Hatfield, Director of Jessamine County EMS, will be donating an electronic defibrillator to the BGSL. Mr. Hatfield will also be training the staff on the use of the defibrillator.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Clubhouse and Lodge. Claude Jacobs noted that the bathrooms at the clubhouse, the clubhouse and foyer are being painted.

Constitution and Bylaws Steve Cox stated no report.

Security. Claude Jacobs read a letter from the Wilmore Police Department thanking the Board for approval of the use of the facilities. Mr. Jacobs reported on 4 security issues that were reviewed by the security committee.

Steve Cox stated that with the By-laws change it was important to have a standard protocol for incident reports.

Division Safety Officer

Mike Kass reported that the Security Committee has recommended a Security Incident Report Box that will be included in the phone system instead of an individual designated a Divisional Safety Officer. The mail box will be checked each day by the BGSL Office Administrator and any feedback or reports of incidents will be e-mailed to the Security Committee as well as the President of the appropriate division. Dr. Blackburn stated that an initial article must be included in the Sportsmen's Trail as well as a monthly reminder about using the Incident Report Box in order for it to be successful. Dr. Blackburn stated that reporting to the division president formalizes a mechanism for reporting the incident as well as formalizing

a mechanism for a response.

Front Gate

Mike Kass reported that there is currently a problem with the numbering of the cards and the FOB's working. Mr. Kass stated that the exchange of the new cards should be at the March general membership meeting.

Finance. President Delabar reported that on March 21, 2006 at 7 p.m. there would be a 6-month review of the budget including the capital requests.

Farm. Operations Manager Ben Riffell noted that the yearly tobacco buy-out is forthcoming within the next few weeks. Mr. Riffell also stated that they have lumber for sale.

Wildlife and Natural Resources. Craig Phinney reported that the hunters logged approximately 894 hours in the woods. Mr. Phinney also reported that a member's hunter rights have been revoked after a hunting violation. Mr. Phinney also noted that tree stands left in the woods past 30 days would become the property of the BGSL. Mr. Phinney requested that the Board consider making the Wildlife and Natural Resources Committee a part of the Farm Committee with different chairpersons when the by-laws changes are made.

Youth. President Delabar reported that the Youth Committee has established a participation incentive for three age groups: 9 and under, 10 to 15 years and 16 to 20. President Delabar stated that Tuesday, February 7, 2006 the youth awards will be presented.

Membership. President Delabar stated that the membership committee is in need of members to assist with the newsletter and member orientation. **Motion #3 by Maness, second by Fister to approve a payment program for new members. Each new member will pay a minimum of \$150 at the time he/she joins and will pay the remaining \$150 in six monthly payments of \$25. The motion was disapproved.**

Training Committee. Brenn Combs presented the training rules for classes to be offered on BGSL property or using BGSL equipment or facilities. **Motion #4 by Combs, second by Gehlbach to adopt the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League Training Rules to govern training and education opportunities for members and non-members to be provided at BGSL. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion #5 by Combs, second by Gehlbach to authorize the following firearms training classes to be held at BGSL and to use the clubhouse and pistol pits: March 18, 2006 Kentucky Concealed Carry Deadly Weapons (CCDW); April 1, 2006 NRA Basic Pistol Course; April 8, 2006 Introduction to IDPA Competition; May 6, 2006 NRA Personal Protection course; June 11, 2006 NRA Basic Pistol course; June 29, 2006 Kentucky Concealed Carry Deadly Weapons (CCDW); July 1, 2006 NRA Personal Protection course. Motion carried unanimously.

Technology Committee. Richard Gehlbach reported on the DSL Service for the office and other computer updates.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Lexington Boat and Recreation Show. President Delabar asked if the Board wanted to offer a membership incentive for the Boat Show. **Motion #6 by Tester, second by Bowman, to allow a \$50 credit off the initiation fee with at least a \$50 non refundable deposit collected at the Lexington Boat and RV Show. The balance will be due at orientation - (\$75 initiation fee, \$125 dues and \$10 gate card). Motion passed by a vote of 14-4.**

2. Newsletter. President Delabar stated that John Rowland will be helping with the newsletter and

encouraged Board members to assist with the newsletter.

3. Shotgun Venue. President Delabar stated the Skeet and Sporting Clays Division has requested a change to the sporting clay course. Mr. Craig Phinney stated that extending the course to the proposed area will allow the division to install gravel cart paths. Mr. Phinney also stated that the skeet and sporting clays stations will not move again if the proposal is approved. Mr. Phinney stated that the shot fall zones will not vary. Mr. Phinney stated the Division will constantly monitor the PH levels in the area, maintain a log for lead abatement and insure compliance with outdoor shooting range lead best management practices. Additional expenses (incurred for environmental compliance) shall be absorbed by the Division. **Motion #7 by Mulchay, second by Barnes** to grant the Skeet and Sporting Clays Division approval to move the Sporting Clays Course back to it's original design area. **Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Phinney offered for the Board to have a meeting and view the new stations.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. July 4, 2006 - General Membership Meeting. President Delabar stated that the Fourth of July falls on an Orientation/General Membership Meeting night. President Delabar asked the Board if they would be interested in having an open house event similar to homecoming on that day or cancel and reschedule the general membership meeting. **Motion # 8 by Fister, second by Jacobs** to assign the July 4th celebration issue to the Special Events Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Blue Grass State Games - July 22 and 23, 2006. President Delabar stated that the Blue Grass State Games Chair has requested approval of the above mentioned dates. **Motion #9 by Fister, second by Blackburn** to host the Blue Grass State games on July 22 and 23 2006. This event will be fee exempt. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. MOTIONS:

Motion #10 by Barnes, second by Mulchay to approve a shoot date of April 7, 2006 for the Home Builders Association shoot at the Skeet and Sporting Clays Division. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion #11 by Mulchay, second by Barnes to approve the following dates as open events March 11, 2006, May 20, 2006, July 8, 2006 for NSSA (National Skeet Shooting Association Skeet Tournaments. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion #12 by Combs, second by Gehlbach to allow the Texas Defensive Shooting Academy to host an Advanced Pistol I class to be sponsored by the Pistol Division and held in the pistol pits on May 18th and 19th, 2006. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion #13 by Lyons, second by Mewhorter to allow the high-power group of the rifle division to conduct high-power rifle competition on the following dates: April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12, September 9th and October 14th. These are all second Saturdays of the month and all matches will be NRA registered matches. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion #14 by Martin, second by Jacobs to allow pointer and setter open events on the following dates: February 5th, February 18th, February 26th, and youth event February 19, 2006. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion #15 by Cox, second by Piotrowski to authorize an open event for the Air gun Division on September 8, 9 and 10th. Facilities to include air gun ranges, Delabar lodge and access to the kitchen for use of ice machine and refrigerator. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion #16 by Cox, second by Piotrowski to authorize the expenditure of \$630 from club funds for 9 cubic yards of concrete to construct a pad under the existing covered firing range at the air gun division. Division members will perform all the framing and finish work. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

The Blue Grass Booth at the 2006 KY Sport, Boat & Recreation Show



The show was a huge success for the club as we signed up 25 new members and meet a ton of sportsmen from Central KY and all over the place.

Thanks to all who volunteered and made this event a BGSL milestone!

Smoking in the Clubhouse

Fellow sportsmen, it is the law of the club that there is "no smoking" during both General and Board meetings held in the main clubhouse. I must apologize as I am a breaker of this law and am guilty of setting a bad and very poor example. To those whom I've offended, I promise to enforce the policy starting at the March Meeting and will continue to do so in the future.

We have purchased new butt cans and placed them outside in the front, back and side doors. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Greg Delabar
BGSL President

Archery Division

Again this year we are hosting the Rinehart R100 "THE GREATEST ARCHERY SHOOT IN THE WORLD". This is an open shoot. Open to BGSL members and nonmembers. We are proud to be one of the select venues on Rinehart's nationwide tour. Rinehart's goal is reintroduce pure fun into 3-d shoots and get away from the pro style competition that 3-d has gone in the past. Anyone that has participated in the past will gladly tell you this is a ball. Archers can determine their own distances, can use range finders, talk distance, go alone or in groups. Really up to you which makes it great for shooters of all ages and levels. Keep score if you want. Chances of winning door prizes have been tremendous, \$3000 in door prizes this year. Several division members have won Matthews bows in the past. Some of us have even paid twice to double the chance at a prize.

Two 50 target courses will be set up in the woods, usually a "North American" course and an "African" course. New this year is a 19 foot tall giraffe. Don't ask me how we will put it up!! The past shoots we shot the actual ALIEN prop from the alien movie. Some of the common targets are replicas of famous whitetails like the "Hole in the Horn Buck", Dinosaurs, zebra, gazelle, life-size polar and grizzly bear, caribou, water buffalo, moose and on and on. Come on down just to check it out. Food will be available. March 18, 19 are the shoot dates. Cost is \$30 for 50 targets & \$40 for 100, couples \$50 for 50 & \$70 for 100, youth (15-18) is \$15 for 50 & \$20 for 100, Kids under 14 are free with a paying adult. Pre-register at <http://www.rinehart3-d.com> and save \$5.

Joel McClintock
Archery division
859-257-1242

New BGSL Guest Check-in Policy

The new guest check-in kiosk is now operational and located in the foyer entrance of the main clubhouse. All BGSL members that bring a guest can now obtain their guest pass at this facility. The policy will be an honor system and will be in place when you get this newsletter. In addition to this kiosk you will now be able to pick up and pay for guest passes from "Open Division Events" as they are scheduled and convenient to you.

You will be able to fill out the guest pass, sign it, remove and keep your copy, stuff the original and your money (\$10 per guest) in a provided envelope and deposit it in a slot. At this point, you're covered and can go to the range and enjoy the facility. We feel this "Honor System" will enhance your membership and increase the productivity of our Operations staff. You still can contact the operations personnel if you would prefer or your situation requires their assistance.

Always remember, if you bring a non-member to the club, and you intend to shoot on the ranges or fish in our waters, you must obtain a guest pass. If you just want to show them around, hike or camp you do not need the guest pass. This new policy is a nice recruitment tool you now have at your disposal to start accumulating your sponsored recruits.

Outdoors Women's League (OWL)

The purpose of the Outdoors Women's League is to provide opportunities in outdoor activities for women while maintaining the honor, dignity, and ethics of good sportsmanship.

Calendar of Events for 2006:

April 1 NRA Basic Pistol Class For Women Only

8:30AM – 7:30PM Instructor Brenn Combs
\$25.00 BGSL Members / \$45.00 Non-BGSL Members
There will be an OWL representative at this event.
Interested participants need to register at the clubhouse.
Registration cards will be available.

May 6 NRA Personal Protection in the House

1:00PM – 9:00PM Instructor Brenn Combs
\$25.00 BGSL Members / \$45.00 Non-BGSL Members
There will be an OWL representative at this event.

May 20 Women on Target (WOT) All day event. Pre-registration is required

The cost is \$10.00 per participant. Sign-in begins at 8:30AM. Program at 9:00 AM. Venues include trap, black powder, archery, .22 rifle, and pistol. All equipment supplied. A light breakfast and full lunch will be provided. For questions, or to register, call the BGSL office or Amy Yeager at 859-936-6937; or email jayeager4@earthlink.net.

June 17	3D Archery 10:00AM – 12:00PM
July 22	Air Gun 10:00AM
August 12	Centerfire Rifle 10:00 AM
Sept. 30	Black Powder 10:00AM
Oct. 21	Cowboy Shoot 10:00 AM
Nov. 18	Sporting Clays 10:00 AM

Please note: All dates and events are subject to change. Please contact any OWL member or officer listed prior to attending an event.

Chair: Amy Yeager 859-936-6937 or jayeager4@earthlink.net
Treasurer: Margaret Barnett 859-269-2863 or MYB1228@aol.com
Secretary: Suzy Rupp 859-223-9811 or drmsrupp@hotmail.com

BGSL Youth Committee (S.C.O.P.E.)

March 2006

Bring-A-Kid / Teach-A-Kid

February 24th & 25th
KY Hunter Safety Education Class
Main Clubhouse Friday and Saturday
6:30 PM Friday for registration

March 4th
Reactive Targets
BGSL Pistol Division Saturday

Basic Rifle & Pistol and Reactive Targets

We'll do something everybody wants to do, shoot reactive targets, break things!

We will see if they are "just" 22's!

Lunch will start as usual at 12 Noon at the Delabar Lodge, we will move to the pits at Pistol Division and learn about the basics of rifle and pistol shooting as well as the pit pass required to shoot on this range. All current members will have the opportunity to acquire the pass.

March 11th
Shed Antler Hunt

April 1st and 2nd
Youth Turkey Hunt & Camp

April 22nd
Youth Cowboy Match

Contact the Youth Committee:

Sportsmen, Conservationist's & Outdoorsmen Pursuing Excellence

Don Young 859-608-7843 youth@bgslinc.com

Rebecca Young 859-887-3464 / Jim & Amy Yeager 859-936-6937

Greg Richardson 859-885-7471

S.C.O.P.E. Email Newsletter www.bgslinc.com / 859-858-4060

**As always S.C.O.P.E. and BGSL youth events are open to you and any friend's,
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

Pistol Division

Congratulations to Barry West for earning Master Classification in USPSA Limited!

Congratulations too, to John Moore for being awarded a scholarship to Camp Shoot-Out from the Brian Haas Memorial Foundation. Brian attended the first USPSA Junior Camp in 1998. He became a police officer and was killed while on duty in 2004.

Weather at winter **USPSA/IPSC** and **IDPA** matches has not been the best. But rain, snow and cold temperature haven't kept Pistol Club members from enjoying the sport. Snow and cold temperatures saw 17 hearty shooters at the February **USPSA/IPSC** match.



The next **USPSA/IPSC** match will take place March 5 followed by the first match of spring on April 2.

Contact: **Barry West, (859) 885-9710 or e-mail: vikingtactical@alltel.net.**

IDPA shooters had a great time at the February match although weather conditions could have been better. The next match will be held March 18. Contact **Lin Edwards, (859) 273-2768 or rledwards@att.net.**

Bull's-eye members traveled north February 12 to compete at the NRA indoor sectional match held at the Cincinnati Revolver Club. Tao Irtz began his "warm-up" with a fall on ice in the parking lot. I guess only a certain type of coordination is required to shoot Bull's-eye. Winter practice continues on Friday nights from 6 – 7 p.m. at **Buell Armory** on the UK campus. See **Glen Wood (Glen Wood, (859) 492-4668 or glenwood@clarkmhc.com)** for details.

Cowboy Action Shooting matches will begin again at **BGSL** with the first match on Sunday, March 26. For more information visit www.foxbend.com or www.sassnet.com or contact **Tioga Kid, (Byron Daniel) at 333-9838 or byrondaniel@alltel.net.**

John Moore is selling raffle tickets for the junior division of **USPSA**. There are lots of great prizes this year. Tickets are just \$5. Proceeds help support the **USPSA Junior Program**. Contact **John (277-9553)** to buy your tickets.

Carole Bryant
Pistol Secretary

Trail Committee:

The trail committee will be meeting on Saturday March 11th at the main club house. The meeting will start at 10:00 am. We will discuss new trails, rules and ways to make this "member service" as strong as possible. After the meeting we will gather for lunch provided by **BGSL** and the trail committee. After lunch the fun begins with a horse back ride on the river trail. All those who want to get involved please come and join us for a day at the club. Please RSVP for lunch. Questions and RSVP to Stephen Martin at 859-227-3756 or buckthornhollow1@aol.com.

Trap Division News

It is time for the registered trapshooting season to begin; I know I am getting anxious for the ATA events to begin. We have 6 trap machines and we are ready to throw some targets. We are still shooting on Thursday nights and would like to invite you to the trap range. Our registered dates are:

HERE ARE THE BLUEGRASS DATES:

MARCH 19, 26	AUGUST 27
APRIL 2, 9, 29, 30	SEPTEMBER 2-4,
MAY 20, 21	10, 17, 24
JUNE 11, 18	OCTOBER 1, 8, 15
JULY 9, 16, 30	

Come on down to the trap range, and smoke a bird
"Trap Style".

Charlie Becknell

Morgan's Meanderings

As a Director-At-Large (or as some have made the point; "A Large Director") I find it very difficult to not only "keep", but "get" my finger on the pulse of the membership. With close to 2500 members in this loose league of individuals that make up our Blue Grass Sportsman's League there is a very wide diversity of interests that are made evident and I am sure there are quite a few that are not made evident. When our esteemed leader, President Greg Delabar, made his wishes known that he wanted help in making our newsletter a worthy document dealing with communications between the Board of Directors, division representatives and advertisers on one side and the members on the other side it did not take long to see one big problem here. This line of communications is a one way situation and probably a frustration to a lot of people. Not that the Newsletter does not do a good job of what it does, but that it becomes a one way street which is as frustrating to the people on one end as it is the people on the other end.

Since there are relatively few people (compared to our total membership) that show up on Club Meeting Night and even fewer people available at any one moment in time when I might be at a venue or just out on the grounds, there becomes a limited ability to gain insight into what people want to see happen at the club; how they perceive certain procedures; questions they may have about things they have seen or heard and don't know what the facts are; what other opportunities might be available to them that they have overlooked; how to approach some of the venues they have heard about but are not familiar with and therefore timid about using them; etc. As a Director-At-Large I feel a responsibility to try to make this League something of value to everyone who has joined it. I am not so naïve to think that I can please everyone; in fact, I know there are some few that are not very reasonable and there are others who have absolutely no interest in the League other than it offers an opportunity to satisfy one particular need and the others can "go hang". I do feel that percentage of members is very small so I am primarily interested in trying to aide others get as much from their club affiliation as possible.

So! I am proposing a monthly column whereby I and other Directors-At-Large can try to be a sounding board and help broaden the knowledge and experience of a few to a larger audience. I will ask that you contact me by e-mail at tcmorgan1@alltel.net or you may snail mail me at Terry C. Morgan, 3145 High Bridge Road, Wilmore, KY 40390 or even call me at (859) 858-4360. If we get any response from this attempt, we will publish the information in the Newsletter as a monthly column (subject to the editor's space allocations) and try to build a better communicating tool into the Newsletter.

The General Purpose Range The Most Important Member Service at the BGS

The BGS would not be in business to the extent we are, without the General Purpose Range. This is the biggest income producer we have as it is the most used facility on Handy's Bend farm and a lot of the folks, who use it, use it exclusively. That means they pay their dues based on the value that this range provides them. Those paid dues, represent the majority of the revenue that the club takes in from active members. Therefore, it is the most important range on the club whether you use it or not. It is also one of the first impression chances that we have as far as prospective new members are concerned.

This is the one range that does not fall under the purview of our division volunteers and is left up to the general membership to maintain and police. Our operations staff is also charged with maintenance and security. But their job is not to pick up our trash and hope that we are doing the right thing while using this range. "We" must take care of this facility / take ownership / make it a great range.

This article stems from several personal inspections of this facility as I use this range when I can and visit it officially on a regular basis. I've noticed a steady decline in its appearance and function over the past several trips down. My last visit did it for me, as I was embarrassed for the club and as a sportsman and your elected leader will act to the best of my ability to correct the problem. I PROMISE to focus on this issue to get the problem fixed.

I know that we have some problems, that fall to me, with several aspects of the range i.e. signage, target frames, safety lights and maintenance equipment. The safety lights are fixed now; the signage problem is being addressed as quickly as we can. I have instructed operations to purchase brooms and cans for spent brass and increase the trash receptacles on the range. The target frames are now tracked for longevity. I've assigned this issue to the Clubhouse & Lodge Committee and I will give you a full report of actions taken at the next board meeting and in the next newsletter.

While I want everyone to understand what the problems are, I know that there are a few SLOBS who are creating the eye-sore and abusing the facility. Please disregard the term SLOB if it does not apply to you. As an entity, we will always have some folks who don't understand the term "sportsman" let alone understand the ethics involved with calling yourself a sportsman.

Some of the abuses:

Post only paper targets –

- no cans / bottles / skoal can lids / or anything but paper
- the metal spinning targets have been removed until further notice / shot to pieces & supports shot to pieces

Single projectile ammo only –

- no shotgun patterning allowed / the patterning boards are located at the Skeet & Sporting Clays and Trap facilities
- shot shell hulls all over the range

Police your spent brass & spent rounds–

- the clean up of the existing problem will take a huge effort
- the brass has value
- spent rounds will fall into our environmental stewardship policy

Shoot only your posted targets –

- the frames are being shot to pieces / the stands that hold the frames are being shot to pieces, some are unserviceable
- the use of FMJ ammo has caused great damage to the frames and facility the metal spinning targets have been removed until further notice / shot to pieces & supports shot to pieces
- a lot of folks that use this range need the practice but some are targeting the frames to drill wholes / "hey ya'll watch this!"

Place all waste in the containers provided –

- the range has trash all over it

Bullet holes in the roof –

- I hope this is accidental
- Rounds over the burm?

Blue Grass Sportsman Trails

Please check your mailing label for your membership expiration date.



**Blue Grass
Sportsmen's League**
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