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President's Corner

My fellow Sportsmen,

This year has been a blur, a whirlwind and a pleasure to have been apart of. My term as BGS� President and service to you and the club is up as the next General Meeting will bring the election of officers. Tuesday September 5th 7:30 PM is a meeting that requires you to do your duty as a sportsmen and BGS� Members. The offices that are up include the President, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 Directors at Large. The nominating committee consists of the Division Vice – Presidents and the Committee Chairman is Robby Mulcahy. We all owe service to this great organization and I hope you will consider serving in this or any capacity.

I have been asked by many to serve again. I am honored that so many put their faith in me. The presidency of this organization is a big job and will only get bigger. There are but a few who really know what I'm saying and as this club grows that few gets fewer. The job is a huge commitment for anyone and takes personal sacrifice on their part. As I have learned to negotiate the commitment and sacrifice, I will accept a nomination from the floor Tuesday the 5th.

The heritage that we have been entrusted with by our forefathers should come to the surface for all of us. Teddy Roosevelt once said that "we did not inherit wildlife and habitat from our forefathers but we are borrowing them from our grandchildren". The same can be said about everything involving this club. We must understand we are stewards of this awesome facility and that includes the newest members. While we all joined the club for our own reasons and our own enjoyment, we all agreed to be sportsmen when we did.

I wrote that paragraph back in June for the July edition of the Sportsmen's Trail and I felt it needed repeating. I think in this day and age we need to realize what it is that we are responsible for. "We"! That 2 letter word is the most powerful word a sportsman can include in his vocabulary. It will always be "we" with whom the future will depend. We have some tough decisions to make TODAY that will determine the future of the BGS�. Not that we will parish, but that will we flourish? Will we grow, expand and stand as tall as we do and have for 61 years. The tough decisions we make TODAY will mostly determine how we will enter the future.

This "day and age" that we live in is fast and full of opportunities as well as pitfalls. I like to think that the pitfalls are obvious to all of us and we just need to watch where we step. Seizing opportunities is another matter that we as a club will need to focus. Recognizing an opportunity is the key, as they can sometimes be disguised. This club must fill our membership rolls and create a waiting list to enter. You have the biggest tool at your disposal with 365 day a year access to the

Next Meeting

Tuesday — September 5th, 7:30pm
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facility and the privilege of bringing guests. This is the most effective recruiting tool this club has. We should each dedicate to recruit 1 new member over the next year. And don't forget that the club offers an incentive for recruiting; you could pay your dues by recruiting new members.

This membership needs to realize that this club is its membership. In no way does the Board of Directors or any Committee or any individual own this facility. And this facility is not the club. We are first and foremost a "Social Club" and all the venues and services are secondary. If our membership does not realize this, then we are a YMCA. We must take ownership and work with each other or we will have to pay the YMCA fee to use our own club.

The New Year, starting this September, will bring opportunities to this club. Some will be presented to you; some will pop up and present themselves. Others will have to be recognized and seized. It is my job to do all 3 and your job to help me. Look for some very important issues to come from the next Board of Directors. We will be presenting some Constitution & By-Laws changes soon that will affect the efficiency of the Government of the club and the way we operate. It is important that you understand the need and the end result of these changes and the long term effect whether you pass or not.

The BGS� budget is about to be presented to the next board and will no doubt be controversial to some members. This is one of those ownership issues that I've talked about. I know that we have poor communication as a club, but all our members have to do is contact the office to get copies of any documents that pertain to the finances and your understanding of the finances is key to trusting the Board of Directors and our Officers. Take OWNERSHIP, PLEASE!

At your service,
Greg Delabar
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Pistol Division

Congratulations to Mike Foley for earning Master Classification in USPSA Limited.

Congratulations too, to John Moore for placing 2nd in D class Production at USPSA's Targeting Education match in Michigan July 28-30 where John squaded with the U.S. Army Pistol Team.

Bullseye: A Bullseye match will be held September 10. Sign ups begin at 9 – the match begins at 10 a.m. Practice sessions continue Wednesday nights (6 – 7 p.m.) at the Bull's-eye range. Contact Glen Wood (Glen Wood, (859) 492-4668 or glenwood@clarkmhc.com) for more information.

Cowboy: The next Cowboy match will be held September 24. A safety briefing starts at 9:30. The match begins at 10 a.m. for information contact byrondaniel@alltel.net or 859-333-9838.

IDPA: The July match saw 33 shooters with 4 new shooters. The August match hosted 37 shooters with 3 new shooters. The next match will be September 16. Sign-ups begin at 9:30. The match starts at 10. Contact: Lin Edwards, (859) 273-2768 or rledwards@att.net

Glock: Mark your calendars for the Bluegrass Regional Classic IX, October 28 and 29 at BGSL. For additional information contact Lin Edwards.

USPSA/IPSC: The August IPSC match was attended by 24 competitors including 7 new shooters. The next match will be September 3 at 10:30 a.m. Contact: Barry West, (859) 885-9710 or e-mail: vikingtactical@alltel.net.

Several club members will compete in the 2006 KY State Multi-Gun Championship and the USPSA Handgun Nationals in September. The Kentucky State Multi-Gun Championship is held Owensboro over Labor Day weekend. The USPSA Handgun Nationals will be held September 13 – 16 at Pasa Park in Barry, Illinois. This match consists of 18 stages and draws many of the world's top competitors.

Training Opportunities

Brenn Combs is instructing an NRA Basic Pistol class the first Saturday of each month September thru December. Please sign up 15 days in advance by calling Brenn (502) 875-0922.

Grady Whitelaw will be instructing a GSSF class at BGSL September 23. Contact Lin Edwards for more information.

New pit passes are now available. See Lin Edwards, Clay Caudill, Richard Gehlbach or Mike Foley to get your new pit pass.

Carole Bryant

ARCHERY DIVISION

Attention BGSL club members. A 3D range of fifteen targets has been set for all BGSL members. We are trying to provide more member services and promote archery and our division. The present course is in the woods behind archery. We call this "B" course. If you stand behind archery looking away from the parking lot towards the wood line off to your right will be markers orange and or pink visible from where you stand. The beginning and the end of the course will be marked. You can start at either entrance as the course is a simple loop through the woods. Please respect the targets and other people. Be careful and mindful of

others who may or may not be archers. Right now "A" course of 15 targets is also in place and is a little easier than B. A course is directly down the hill from the practice range with an "A" sign at the entrance/exit. Targets are down the trail a little farther so don't give up when you walk in. CHECK AT THE MAILBOX ON THE ARCHERY CLUBHOUSE FOR ANY RANGE CHANGES. Either A course and/or B course will be in place all year. ABSOLUTELY NO BROADHEADS.

DAILY FEE TO SHOOT THE 3D RANGE IS \$5, Archery division members \$3. New this month is an annual pass of a one time fee of \$40. This annual pass enables you to shoot the course anytime all year from August to August. With this pass you also join the Archery division. If you can't make one of our get-togethers simply drop the dough in the mailbox on the Archery clubhouse and INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, & PHONE. We will mail you your annual pass.

We are considering a 3D competition with you all, perhaps 12 weeks and take your 10 best scores. Entrant's scores kept by another entrant shooting together. Shooting anytime during a week with results dropped in the mailbox. Thinking of starting this late winter, early spring. Welcome any thoughts and are gauging interest right now.

Monthly meeting of Archery Division is the second Wednesday of the month. Next one is September 13; 6PM. bring your bow we will shoot.

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Russell Steel and Jim Galvin's Road kill café

Let's get ready to vote. Our September meeting is fast approaching and it's time to elect our new board members. This year will be extremely important to all of us. Our new board members will have a BIG job ahead of them. We can't send sportsmen or women out to do a big job without a big meal.

September menu:

Fried Chicken
Potato Salad
Rolls

Beer Cheese & Crackers

Hot Apple Cobbler & Ice Cream

All for the price of your membership!

Let's shoot off our mouths and fill up our stomachs it's time to elect new officers for our club.

See you at the club
DENNIS WEST

Youth Mentoring Opportunities

The BGSJ Youth Committee offers a first class program for the youth of Central KY and a first class opportunity for the members of the league. That opportunity is to be a part of the next level of sportsmanship, to participate with or direct youth and families to the program. We've been in the youth business for 10 years now and the club / shooting sports world have benefited from the Committee's hard work in the form of new members and educated youth.

As this group moves into the fall season and the schedule that they have put forward, the need for active assistance grows. If you have ever considered working to further the club / shooting sports world, this program would be a great place to get involved. Participation with this kind of activity is a solid step in the progression of the sportsman.



The committee is a small group of dedicated club members and while the make up of the committee has changed over the years, one thing has remained the same, the need for involvement from the members. Involvement in the form of manpower and input of all kinds, to show up at an event and pitch in. Whether you have expertise in the venue is not the issue, the issue is there is a lot of satisfaction in working with the kids and the more folks we have available the more satisfaction there is to be had.

The Committee is dedicated to as good of job as can be had. We train ourselves and seek training from all avenues including KY Hunter Safety Instructor Certification, NASP Certification and as much input from the experts of the BGSJ Divisions as we can get. In short, sportsmen that affiliate with the Youth Committee program have very much benefited from their involvement. One other aspect is very evident, we are a leader in KY in this area and are involved at all levels with all kinds of outside organizations. We have set the example and in some cases the policy. We have affected legislation in a pro-youth / pro-sportsman direction and caused the implementation of hunting privileges and seasons dedicated to youth. BGSJ can be very proud of its accomplishments.

Some of the participation that is needed involve just showing up on a regular basis and just pitching in. the program can use what ever it can get. Other things include representing the

group and the club outside the grounds and being involved at the different levels throughout the shooting sports world. Over the years, the program has grown and will continue to grow and that means more management of our time and the growing assets the program has accumulated. We have a first class clubhouse, a growing armory a calendar that needs expanding. We have needed to expand our communication, this has become a priority. An email newsletter and notification program is the goal and needs manpower to accomplish. The committee is always open for you to join in and would welcome your consideration and will reward your time.

Some of the upcoming events are:

September 8th & 9th

KY Hunter Safety Ed Class

September 16th

Youth Fishing Tournament

September 23rd

Trap Shoot / Primitive Camp and Star Party /

LKS Squirrel Rifle

September 30th

Muzzle Loader // LKS Squirrel Rifle

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Youth Committee

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Trap Division

We are near the end of the trapshooting season but still have several ATA registered shoot dates at Blue Grass. I have just returned from Sparta, IL, the new homegrounds for the Grand American Trapshoot. The state of Illinois has built the finest shooting complex in the world. The vastness is overwhelming, 27 banks, adequate parking, great shooting, and some of the most friendly people I have ever met. I believe that many different venues will be there, including skeet, sporting clays, pistol, cowboy, etc. If you get a chance to go, GO!!

Our own Wayne Hale broke 100 straight in the Doubles championship and wound up winning the Double AA class. Way to go Wayne. I saw several of the shooters that we see at BGSJ in Sparta & We had a blast at the Grand.

If you get a chance, come down to the trap range and "Smoke a bird, Trap Style". It is hard to believe to believe that we are not overloaded with new member requests, BGSJ membership in the stock market would be "BUY NOW category".

Charlie Becknell
Vice President

From the BGSJ Chaplain

Do you plan for the future? When preachers, like me, ask questions such as that you expect it to be about eternity, don't you? I will be happy to talk to you about that in person, but that's not what I am asking here. Do you plan for the things you want to happen? Like your children's college education? Or next year's vacation? How about for that new vehicle? Oh, and don't forget that Model 1911 .45 Auto you've had your eye on? Surely you do that sort of planning. But what about long term planning such as replacing the roof on the house? Or the refrigerator that wears out, or stuff that just gets too outdated to be of use, like computers. You know you should prepare for these, too, don't you? I hope you are doing so.

We need to be planning for the future of BGSJ, too. I don't believe we have done very well with that in the past. Our roads are in need of repair; we have farm equipment in need of replacement; the berms have never had the lead mined from them and now they are in need of some other repair as well. We don't have the funds in our budget to take care of all these. Plus, we should be thinking about how to make *improvements* to the club to carry it into the next generation of members (which includes our children and grandchildren.) The community that is BGSJ is *far too important* for us not to do what is needed to insure its well being and growth.

What am I asking you to do? For starters, participate in the club wide activities, and bring a guest. Serve as an officer or director in your division or in the club. Recruit new members. Attend monthly meetings and find where your talents and abilities can be used (and use them). And take an active part in the careful, thoughtful planning for the future of the club. Still sound like a preacher, don't I? So it is. See you at the club!

Updated Pit Rules Require Updated Pit Passes

New rules have been adopted and posted for shooting in the Practical Shooting Pits allowing, among other things, rifles and shotguns and some new target types. New rules are posted in the pits and are available on the web site

www.bgsjinc.com

All members having an existing pit pass will need to go through a new orientation to be issued a new pit pass. Shooting with existing pit passes (which are white in color) will be governed by the new rules, but will allow the shooting of handguns only.

**ALL EXISTING PASSES HAVING AN EXPIRATION
DATE AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2006 WILL EXPIRE ON
OCTOBER 1, 2006.**

New pit passes are a green color and are currently being issued. You may attend a new orientation and get a new pit pass at most events held in the pits or with special arrangements with several safety officers during the day. A list of safety officers willing to give the safety orientation at special times will be listed on the bulletin board in the main clubhouse. If you wish to shoot in the pits, make sure that you review the updated rules that are posted in the pits, go through the new orientation, and get your new pit pass by October 1, 2006.

Richard D. Gehlbach
Pistol Division Director

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Morgan's Meanderings

You may or may not know Byron Daniel. He is the honcho for the production of our impending video which will feature the BGS� live and in bloom so to speak. We will use this video as a promo device to win new members to BGS�. I bring all of this to your attention so you might better understand what follows.

A couple of weeks ago I got a call from Byron which alerted me to the fact that the Muzzle Loading crew were going to have one of their "Woods Walks", which they regularly have on the 5th Sunday of a month. After confirming that I had no other serious endeavors going on, I told Byron I would check out this crew. I loaded up my video camera, sunglasses and membership badge and headed out. There was a small amount of temerity involved because I had given some of these people a little bit of sandpaper in one of my earlier meanderings.

When I arrived at the Sam McMillan black powder range, I found a parking place in their roomy parking lot and after unloading my gear I made the short walk to the range shed where the participants were gathering. They did not show any signs of animosity so I hailed a greeting and got one in return. **So far, so good.** I must compliment the crew on the fact that they really looked good in their buckskins and period dress. I may have missed some of the detail but it looked to me like they all had early long rifles or replicas and were prepared for bear.

Now, I want you to understand that this is no child's play. Let me describe as best I can some of the targets they had chosen for this "Woods Walk". Most of the targets were quite small or presented in such a way that they were not easy to see in the darkened woods. A railroad spike hanging from a wire; a playing card edge on; a paint ball sitting atop a golf tee; a piece of what looked like small re-bar with a mid axel so that it would spin and more. Well, they decided that Marvin Inman should be the first man up and the target appeared to be a bear with a big red spot on his belly at about 40 yards. With his first shot old Marv dropped the entire red target area to the ground and we all cheered because we thought it to be a hit. Marvin was dispatched with tools to repair the target and he scampered across a ravine and up a slope to carry out the deed. Now Marvin is an honest guy and when he got back he reported that he had actually shot high, through the tree and had cut the wire that was holding the target area up off the ground so that it would swing. We had to take back his score on that target.

I don't want to take anything away from any of the participating shooters because there was some mighty fine shooting going on there and I was duly impressed. Take the paint ball target as an example. The paint ball is not a whole lot bigger than the lead ball being fired from the rifle. If you happen to nick the golf tee when you hit the paint ball you have a miss. These guys are tough. If you got the impression that I am picking on Marvin, you are wrong. He was not having his best day but when he got to the station where you have to cut a playing card in half by shooting at its thin edge, he did it with aplomb and took his accolades with modest affirmation.

Like I said, there was some mighty fine shootin' goin' on in those woods and I don't want to minimize the work being done by these participants but I would like to bring to your attention one shooter in particular. I have singled out this fellow because he is even older than I am and he displayed some remarkable eyesight and coolness during this shoot. In addition to his shooting prowess, I am told that Harrison McMillan can eat more food at one sitting than anyone half his age. He did not look like he was overweight so he probably works off his excess weight by sniffing that black powder smoke. I can tell you from personal experience that if you are in line with the blowing wind immediately after one of those guns goes off and that smoke blows back into your face, you better have taken a deep breath prior to that or you won't be breathing for a while. I have been told that Sam (McMillan) was very instrumental in getting the Muzzle Loading group formed and getting the range (which is named after him) designed and in place. Sam was a gun builder as well as a shooter. I am sure he and Harrison have formed the backbone of this division and I am certainly glad to see that to whatever degree they can still enjoy the fruits of their labor I would like to say that Harrison hit an exceptionally high percentage of the targets. I don't think I could even hold one of those long guns up on the target that long.

I certainly applaud this group for their imaginative use of targets and target presentations. If you are a rifle shooter or even a pistol shooter, try to imagine yourself having to aim at a spot that is probably no bigger than a half dollar or even a quarter that is 25 to 50 yards away (not so unusual to a lot of you), but then add to that the fact that you are shooting offhand and that there is a delay between the time you pull the trigger and the time that the powder goes off and see where you are. This game takes some serious attention.

Well, we all made our way back up to the range shed and people started attending to their guns and other duties. At one end of the shed I passed by and noticed a blanket that had quite a bit of money piled on it and I thought to myself: "How nice of these folks to take up a collection for the photographers trouble", so I immediately started scooping up the money in response to their kindness. As I looked up with a smile on my face and noticed about a dozen big old black holes looking at me it suddenly dawned on me that I may have committed a foxpaw. After making an abject apology I was ushered off the property in a pretty hasty manner with remarks such as "igrant Kaintuky hi _ _ b _ _ y" following close behind. And I thought they were such a hospitable bunch. It must be the black powder smoke.

In keeping with our club's tradition of installing new officers in September, the Skeet and Sporting Clays Division held their divisional elections last week and here are the new officers for the coming year. President, Fred Foster; Vice President, Robbie Mulcahy; Secretary, David Hollingsworth; Treasurer, Sam Brown; Director, Danny Barnes and Director, Craig Phinney. Many thanks to our outgoing officers; Don Kiser, Garry Lee and Jeff Cassidy for their fine service.

We are seeing a lot of new faces at the Skeet and Sporting Clays ranges and are very happy that a lot of you club members are starting to get involved in this venue. If you have not tried out the ranges yet, please plan to come and try out the exciting moving target games.

This page of miscellaneous ramblings should show up in your newsletter that is delivered the first week in September. The annual club elections will be held on the First Tuesday in September so please come out and vote. With the installation of new officers, this page might disappear so I will bid a tentative fond farewell.

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